



STROM CENTER NEWS



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WARREN COUNTY TRIAD

The January 13th TRIAD speaker was Kelli Winbigler-Kinzer, Executive Director of the Monmouth Chamber of Commerce.

Kelli opened the meeting by introducing herself and her assistant Edith Davies. She gave a brief history of her achievements and current plans for Monmouth. She has worked both as an administrative assistant and interim director before being named Executive Director. Kelli lives with her husband and son and shared that she is from Monmouth and has many relatives in the area.



Pictured: Kelli Winbigler-Kinzer

As part of her presentation, Kelli shared the upcoming years plans and events. Just a few of those events include continuation of the Bacon Fest which will be held on a Saturday in July. Also, plans for enhancing the Industrial Tent at the Prime Beef Festival in September. Kelli is excited about the possibilities for the area. In addition working with local businesses and foundations are priorities in her position. Questions and answers followed her very informative program and she stated that she welcomes questions and / or concerns; she may be reached by her office phone number: 309 734 3181.

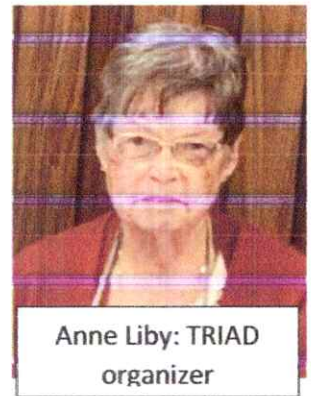
The TRIAD meeting ended with the discussion of local scams. Refreshments were served. Marilyn Perrin's name was drawn for the Door Prize. Dottie Ferrenburg's name was drawn for the Maple City Crock which was donated by Kelli Winbigler-Kinzer.

The TRIAD speaker for the February 10th meeting will be Stephanie Reading. She will present the program "Welcome to the World of **ZOOM!**" Zoom is here to stay. It has become a way of communicating with neighbors, relatives, friends, and business associates without leaving the comfort on one's home. But to many Zoom is an unknown topic of which they know very little about. Stephanie is going to share how Zoom can be for anybody and everybody. For homebound persons it can be a connection to the world, to families it is a way to stay in touch in real time. Stephanie will show how to participate in Zoom...and prove that it is much, much easier than you could imagine. She will set up an actual Zoom presentation in which all attendees may participate. No need for high tech to get involved...one's own landline or

cellphone can be your way of participating. You DO NOT want to miss this presentation! As with all TRIAD meetings, prior sign-up and /or registration is not required. Refreshments are served following the meetings...

See you on Thursday, February 10th at 1 PM !!

Thank you to Anne Liby who organizes, plans, and does an outstanding job of reporting information concerning the monthly Triad meetings!!



ZOOM IT ALL CLASSES...COMING TO STROM CENTER!



Stephanie Reading
getting ready for a
Zoom Class

Coming in our March, 2022 Strom Center News, Stephanie Reading will be introducing a series of possible Zoom Classes and their upcoming dates . Class ideas may include: Cooking, planting, woodworking, crafting, informational meetings.

Once a month we will have a fun Zoom class. This class will be a "how to" or informational meeting that will be conducted on Zoom. We will highlight the class in our monthly **Strom Center News** and interested persons can call in to receive the log in code to join by phone or they can be added to a signup sheet and receive an email with the link to join live.

Example: Cooking 101

- The guest (local) presenter will provide a copy of the recipe they are wanting to prepare ahead of time.
- I will schedule the Zoom.
- (The Zoom program(s) will have been highlighted in the **Strom Center News**)
- Persons will call in to be added to the class list.
- We then will mail, email or they can pick up the zoom log in info along with recipe and ingredients list in case they want to follow along as the speaker presents the step-by-step cooking instructions.

Zoom Continued

- The day of the Zoom Class I will have all the ingredients measured out so the presenter will be able to instruct all the steps of their recipe live on Zoom. The presenter will bring a completed sample of their recipe to show. This will be followed by a short Q & A following the presentation.

This is a GREAT opportunity to learn about a whole host of topics!

Don't know anything about Zoom or you want to learn more??? Attend the TRIAD Meeting here at Strom Center on February 10th at 1 PM. EVERYONE is welcome!!

THRIFT SHOP CORNER...

... **Crystal Vanskike, Thrift Shop Manager**

Come check us out.....!! We have Valentines Day Clothing, decorations, and gifts and knick-knacks out priced to please during the month of February !!!



We will be adding Sat. Patrick's Day Items this month.



25 % OFF DAYS !!!!!

- **Friday February 4th and Saturday February 5th &**
- **Friday February 18th and Saturday February 19th**

(Including the seasonal & sale items)

February SALES:

- ❖ Men & Women's T-Shirts \$1.50 ea.
- ❖ Greeting Cards 5/\$1.00



All clothing is washed and ready to wear!!! Items added daily

Manager Sales will be posted on our **Strom Thrift Shop Facebook Page..**

Please Like, Follow and Share. We also post weather related closings for the Strom Thrift Shop and the Strom Senior Center



***Our location** is on 2nd Floor of Strom Center

211 South A Monmouth, IL

* **Hours of Operation:** Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm
Saturday 8am-2:30pm

Ph. #309-224-8657



HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FREEZE FORMS

Many persons are bringing in their PTAX340 2022 SENIOR CITIZENS ASSESSMENT FREEZE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS to be completed. However, there may be persons who are eligible for this program who are unaware of what the form is and who is eligible.

(The following is taken in part from the PTAX-340 Form...)

The Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption allows you, as a qualified senior citizen to have your home's equalized assessed value "frozen" at a base year value and prevent or limit any increase due to inflation. The base year generally is the year before the year you first qualify and apply for the exemption.

For example, if you first qualify and apply in 2022, your property's equalized assessed value (EAV) will be frozen at the 2021 EAV. **Freezing your property's equalized assessed value does NOT mean that your property taxes will not go up. It DOES mean that your assessed value will not raise.** There are some circumstances which may influence whether your tax bill will go up; such as improvements on your property. However, if you home's EAV decreases over time you will likewise benefit from any reduction.

The Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption qualification for the 2022 tax year (for property taxes due in 2023) are as follows:

- You will be 65 or older in 2022
- Your total household income in 2021 was \$65,000 or less
- On January 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022 you
 - Used the property as your principal place of residence
 - Owned the property, or had a legal or equitable interest in the property as evidenced by a written instrument, or had a leasehold interest in the property used as a single-family residence, and
 - Were liable for the payment of property taxes.

There may be other circumstances which may effect your eligibility . For assistance in completing the PTAX-340 Homestead Exemption Freeze application, call Strom Center for an appointment (309 734 5677). A staff member will be happy to assist you. The Supervisor of Assessment Office phone # is 309 734 8561.

Just a Note: Strom Center staff both in Warren and Henderson Counties will be unavailable on Thursday, February 10th for Staff Training.

Strom Center will be closed on February 21st in observance of Presidents Day.

POWER FOR SENIORS 2021

On behalf of Strom Center as well as area Seniors...we want to thank the **FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 265**, who yet again provided the **POWER FOR SENIORS Program** in 2021. Each year this dedicated group provides the funding for the meal, \$100 Gift Checks for (Ameren Illinois Power) to many, and a huge number of gift cards, hams with winning names drawn prior to the event.

Prior to year 2020, seniors congregated inside Strom's Main Area to enjoy a meal (which the police would serve) and drawings were held. Because of Covid-19, in 2020...much to police's credit, it was decided that since we could not have persons in close proximity (how do you require 170 persons to social distance in one area??)...we would host a drive-through and delivery.

Strom Center staff prepared lunches which persons picked up in their cars, and a lot of very lucky individuals, received with their lunches the winnings from the drawings. If a person couldn't drive through...volunteers and the police officers made delivered to their homes.

In year 2021, both the Police and Strom Staff decided we would replicate the 2020 way of providing the program.

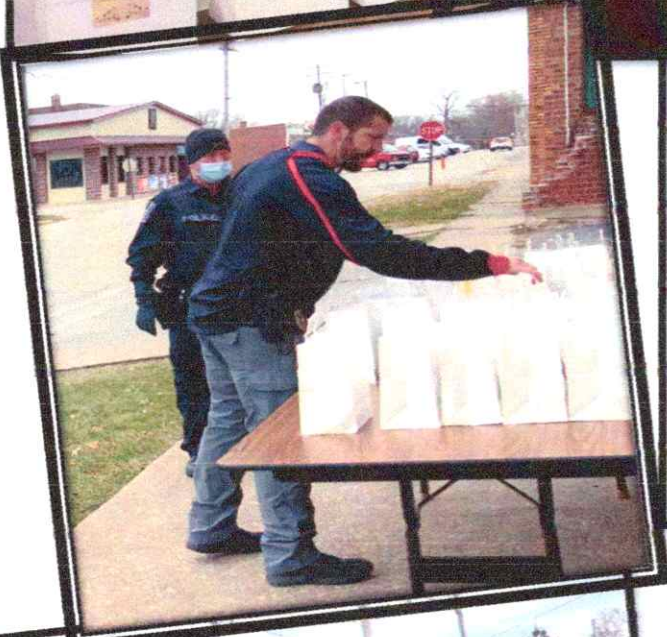
On December 9th, a number of Police officers came early to carry large tables holding the meal bags, out to the front of Strom Center with each bag showing the name of the recipient. The police, Strom Staff, and Volunteers ran the bags (and winnings) to the steady stream of cars...Many meals were delivered by volunteers and police officers.

There are SO MANY to thank for making this years **POWER FOR SENIORS** yet another great one! The Fraternal Order of the Police Lodge 265, Officer Bill Benson, Power for Seniors organizer, Monmouth Police Officers for helping to host, serve and deliver, Strom Center's Lisa Ray for taking reservations, ensuring all food and winnings went into the decorated and individualized



“Meal Bags”, Strom Volunteers for assisting in preparing lunches and deliveries, and Strom Staff for assisting in all areas...and of course all seniors who participated in the event.

We look forward to this great POWER FOR SENIORS event again in 2022!!!



RECOGNITIONS...

V.O.P.A. WINNERS FOR DECEMBER, 2021

Week#	Winner	Answer
#1	BEV VANRIPER	SONG
#2	DONNA SMOCK	SOAP
#3	TERESA PRIEN	SHEEP
#4	ANNE LIBY	BRICK

GRAND FINALE WINNER: BEV VANRIPER



MIND EXPLORER WINNER:

Warren County: CINDY DIXON
Henderson County: DEBBIE GILLAM



MONDAY BRIDGE WINNERS:

N/A FOR DECEMBER DUE TO HOLIDAYS



SHANGHI RUMMY FOR JANUARY

Low: BARB NICHOLS 2ND: ANNE LIBY

TRIAD MONTHLY DRAWING: MARILYN PERRIN

NEWSLETTER ASSISTANT: JACKIE LEMLEY



BINGO DATES FOR FEBRUARY:

REGULAR BINGO will be played at Strom Center on the following dates/ times:

Tuesday, February 8th at 1 PM and Tuesday February 22nd at 1 PM.

Refreshments and drink are available. Cost is only 25cents per card.

ZOOOOOOOOOOM BINGO

Yes!! we are resuming **ZOOM BINGO AGAIN!!!** ZOOM BINGO will be held on February 15th at 1 pm. Please call Lisa (309 734 5677) by February 10th if you would like to participate...this will give staff enough time to prepare **ZOOM Bingo** packets (including Bingo cards, markers, etc) for each person for either delivery or pick up.

If you haven't played **ZOOM Bingo** before...or participated in any **ZOOM** programs PLEASE attend our monthly TRIAD meeting on Thursday, February 10th....Staff member Stephanie Reading will go over how to participate in **ZOOM** activities ...step by step. It is **SOOOO** much Fun!!! Call 309 734 5677 for more information!! (Oh, and by the way...did we mention that it is **FREE** ??)

DELICIOUS POTLUCK COMING UP....

Strom Center will host a potluck lunch on Saturday, February 19th at noon. Plates, silverware, cups/glasses will be furnished. Just bring what-ever food dish you wish to share. After enjoying the meal we will play bingo.

Sign-up is not required...just come and have a GREAT time with us!!

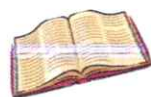


MEDICARE D...PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN REMINDERS....

It is a common occurrence at the first of each year for there be some 'wrinkles' in new Prescription Drug plans...due to deductibles, pharmacy choices, dosage changes,etc. etc. However, 99% of these situations can be resolved....If you are having any issues at all with your plan, please do not hesitate to give us a call (309 734 5677).



CONGRATULATIONS NANCY STEVENS!!!



One of Strom's Center's most delightful friends, **NANCY STEVENS**, has launched her new book "Nancy's Journeys". Illustrations in the book are by Christopher



Durdle. Nancy will have a book signing from

- 11 AM - 1 PM on Wednesday, February 2nd at the Buchanan Center, 64 Public Square, Monmouth and
- 10 AM - Noon at the Warren County Public Library, 62 Public Square, Monmouth.

Annnd....Nancy will allow Strom Center to host a Book Signing here at Strom Center on March 9th from 11 AM - 1 PM....which we are very much looking forward to hosting! Again, Congratulations Nancy!!

HENDERSON COUNTY SENIORS



Reminder....If you have any events, joys, congrats, etc. which you would like to have included in the Strom Center News, please email it to Carol McCrery (StromSeniors@gmail.com) by the 20th of the month prior or drop it off in our Oquawka Senior Center or mail to Strom Center, 211 South A Street,

Monmouth, IL 61462 Attention: Carol.

February Events:

Saturday, February 26th: 4:30 – 7:00 PM:

Stronghurst / Carman United Methodist Churches will be having their Chicken Noodle Supper at the Stronghurst United Methodist Church.

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FEBRUARY BINGO DATES IN OUR OQUAWKA SENIOR CENTER:

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9TH FROM 1 - 3 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD FROM 1 - 3 PM

ALSO....ZOOM BINGO ON FEBRUARY 15TH...SEE PAGE 1-3 of this newsletter.



Both Warren and Henderson County residents are encouraged to attend the ZOOM Instructional Program in Monmouth. Plans are to also host a Bingo Instructional program in our Oquawka Senior Center in the near future.








TELEPHONE ASSURANCE PROGRAM



Strom Center's Telephone Assurance Program can be a great asset and comfort to persons in Henderson County. Due to these past months and years of Covid-19, many persons are feeling alone and or disconnected from friends and relatives. Through the Telephone Assurance Program volunteers call participants as often as the participants requests...daily, every other day, weekly...it is entirely up to the person being called. These calls are meant to be friendly calls to ensure persons know they are being thought of and to enjoy visits with other seniors. If you are interested in this program and / or would like to volunteer as a caller, please call Anne Liby at Strom Center 309 734 5677.

Strom Center in our Monmouth site is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM – 4 PM (except holidays)
 Strom Center in our Oquawka Senior Center is open 9 AM – 4 PM Monday – Thursday (except holidays)
 Persons may chose either site for appointments and events. Call 309 734 5677

 **FEBRUARY 2022 Events** 

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		Kathy in Oquawka 9:00 AM: Wood Carvers 9:00 AM: Crafters	Stephanie in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise class	Erica in Oquawka	9:30 AM: Exercise Class	
		8	9	10	11	12
	Lynda in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise Class	Kathy in Oquawka 9:00 AM: Wood Carvers 9:00 AM: Crafters 1:00 PM: Bingo at Strom	Stephanie in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise class 1 pm Bingo at Oquawka	1 PM: TRIAD Erica in Oquawka	9:30 AM: Exercise Class	CPR Class 10am – 12:30 PM Call 309 734 5677
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Lynda in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise Class 	Kathy in Oquawka 9 AM: Wood Carvers 9 AM: Crafters Noon: O.D.O. 1 pm: Zoom Bingo	Stephanie in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise Class	Erica in Oquawka 1 PM: Board Meeting	9:30 AM: Exercise Class	Noon: Potluck
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	PRESIDENTS DAY  Strom closed	Kathy in Oquawka 9:00 AM: Wood Carvers 9:00 AM: Crafters 1:00 PM: Bingo at Strom Mind Explorer Due	Stephanie in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise Class 1 pm Bingo at Oquawka	Erica in Oquawka	9:30 AM: Exercise Class	
27	28	 Thrift Shop Open: Mon – Fri 8:00 AM. – 4:00 PM Saturday: 8:00 – 2:30 PM 		 		
	Lynda in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise Class					

MIND EXPLORER



'Mind Explorers' is a monthly feature of **STROM CENTER NEWS**.

Answer the questions and turn them in or mail them in by the 20th of the month.

The person with the highest number of correct answers will be recognized in our next Monthly Newsletter.! (The winners will be drawn). This month's quiz is "It Must be February!" with a difficult-o-meter rating of 8.0...!!

1. According to the Greeting Card Association, approximately what percent of Valentine's Day cards are purchased by women? A) 25, B) 45, C) 65, or D) 85 _____

2. When is the next year in which February will have 29 days? _____

3. What professional football team has won the most Super Bowl championships?

4. Which U.S. President who was born in February 2011 had the nickname, "Dutch"?

5. "whistle-pig" is one of the names of this rodent, but we commonly call it a _____

6. In the Victorian era, mean-spirited Valentine's Day cards were called "___ Valentines."

7. What do yellow roses symbolize? _____

8. What are the three months that always start on the same day of the week unless it is a leap year? _____

9. In February 1964 which popular band made their first American television appearance on the "Ed Sullivan Show"? _____

10. Unscramble the letters to find something some people fear while others look for on Valentine's Day: (2 words) URCROPWASID : _____

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Answers to the Previous Mind Explorer (Winner is named on Recognition Page!)

1. From 1956 through 1970, David Brinkley co-anchored NBC's top-rated nightly news program with co-host: CHET HUNTLEY

2. In the "Mary Tyler Moore Show" who played the role of the boss, Lou Grant? ED ASNER

3. "Alittle dab will do ya" was the tune used in ads for this men's hair styling product: BRYLCREEM

4. In the "Perry Mason" show, what actor played Perry's often called on detective? WILLIAM HOPPER

5. This set of books, published from 1766-2010 and found in many homes, became obsolete with the growing rise of the internet: ENCYCLOPEDIA

6. First opening in 1879 and offering items for 5 to 10 cents, this chain of stores eventually closed in the 1960's as Walmart, Kmart, and Target came on the scene: WOOLWORTH

7. In "The Lone Ranger" tv series, what was the name of Tonto's horse? SCOUT

8. In the 1950's, what was the name of the headwear boys wanted after the Davy Crockett series became popular? COONSKIN CAP

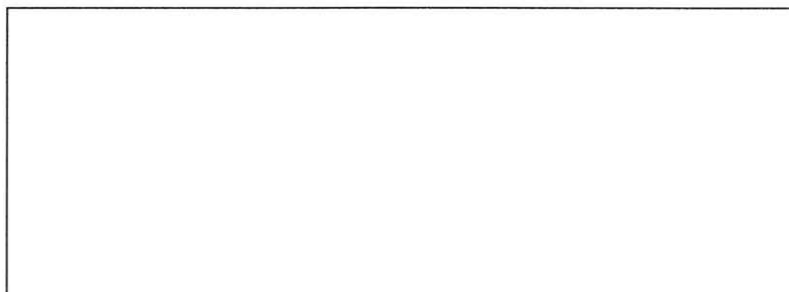
9. In 1959, after a long battle in court, the name of "Carter's Little Liver Pills" was changed to: CARTER'S LITTLE PILLS

10. His name at birth was Archibald Alec Leach, but his movie fans knew his as: CARY GRANT

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Carol Neal McCrery, Director

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Strom Center does not discriminate in admission to programs or treatment of employment in programs or activities in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act; the U.S. Civil Rights Act; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Employment Act; and the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions. If you feel you have been discriminated against, you have a right to file a complaint with the Illinois Department on Aging. For information call 800-252-8966 (Voice and TDD) or contact Programs and Services Manager at Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging at 800-322-1051.

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