

# Across the Greenfield

## Greenfield Awards



## Congratulations, Greenfield!

This month was the month for awards. Greenfield was blessed with multiple awards. Some of those awards included: 2021 Readers' Choice Awards from the Bureau County Republican, Princeton Chamber of Commerce's

9th Annual Scarecrow Contest: Mayor's Choice and People's Choice and the Illinois Centennial Award for being an Illinois Centennial Business. Thanks to all of those who made these awards possible!





**Doris H.**



**Pat P.**



**Ruth D. & Doris B.**



**Halloween Party - Emagene, Jane, Fr. Ed**



**Marge & Ruth E.**



**Margaret**



**Danny**



**Pat A.**

## Across Lynn's Desk

It's hard to believe we are already heading into the holiday season! We've been talking about different ways we can celebrate.

Unfortunately, we won't be able to host our Christmas Buffet celebration this year. Hopefully, next year will be back to "normal".

Regardless, we will deck the halls and bring Christmas joy to our seniors at Greenfield!

This has always been my favorite time of year. I love the focus it gives society on family, gratitude, and giving. I love celebrating the birth of Jesus. But, I also, love singing Christmas carols, watching Christmas movies, and finding that perfect gift for a loved one. Somehow, the world feels kinder and more forgiving during the holidays.

Unfortunately, the holidays don't bring warmth and joy

to everyone. For some, it brings sadness because of memories of times past. For people with no family close to them, it heightens their loneliness. I have a request for each of you. Please think about the people in your life; neighbors, acquaintances from clubs and organizations, people from work, etc. Is there anyone who doesn't have family or close friends to be surrounded with during this time of year? If you know anyone, please try to do something to help them feel loved. It doesn't have to be anything extravagant. This is where "it's the thought that counts" really hits home. You could bake them some cookies, send them a Christmas card with a handwritten note, invite them to your holiday celebration, or even make a plate from your holiday dinner and deliver it to them. No matter what your gesture is,

they will appreciate it more than you will ever know!

On another note, the weather is starting to turn. Please make sure to check on your elderly neighbors during dangerous cold spells and snow storms.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving surrounded by those you love!

*Lynn Olds*

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## Boost Your Brain

Boost your Brain is a new group that Kate will be leading to help us understand how the brain works, how our brains best learn, and to work on different ways to improve how our brain functions. Anyone can come to the group even if you have a diagnosis of dementia or are in your 90's there are

still ways that you can improve your mind. We all need this help even the staff and those that think their memory is fine. The brain is a muscle and benefits from exercise.

For our first meeting, we just discussed memory, answered some questions

to better understand how our own minds worked, and learned a little about the brain. We will be loosely using the book, "The Memory Bible." There is still time to join. Please see Kate with any questions.

*Kate Webster, SSD*

## Happy Retirement, Pam

After 16 years of service as our Social Services Designee, Pam Kaufmann was honored with a retirement party where both staff and residents enjoyed sending her off in style.

Congratulations and happy retirement, Pam!



Pam

## Happy Halloween Party

We entered Greenfield in all kinds of fun costumes, from Curious George and the Yellow man, a hamburger, construction worker, baseball players and other fun characters. Even the residents wore orange,

black and witches hats to celebrate the holiday. We had apple cider, donuts and popcorn with candy corn to snack on while playing trivia, Halloween reminisce and ghoulish

games of guess how many spiders and what's in the pumpkin.

## Tech Class

In our first computer class, we started with the basics: the different technology that is available, how to turn on and off a lap top computer, what a tool bar is, an icon or even what Wi-Fi means, etc. Those that attended were excited to learn more about using a computer. We even had several participants bring their iPads, which we will

address in our next class. Watch your calendar for the next class date and bring your iPads or just come, watch and learn something new!



Computer Class

## Yoga Balls, Plant Containers & Mason Jars

We have some upcoming projects, so if you have gently used yoga balls (the large circular-type), various sizes of plant containers, and quart sized mason jars with lids to donate, we will put them to good use. We would like to start a drum circle, using the yoga balls,

and a repotting plant party planned for November where the residents will have the opportunity to repot any house plants in their rooms. The mason jars, well, that's a secret project. If you have any questions or would like to donate items, please

contact Chris at 815-872-2261. Thank you!

## Witches Day In

Princeton Chamber of Commerce hosted Witches Night Out where people dressed up in their best witches' costumes and patronized the local business. Since we were

unable to attend, we decided to host our own Witches Day In party where we decorated our own witch hats, played toss the ring around the witches' hat, special

snacks and even a Witches On Parade. There was a whole lot of cackling going on at the party!

# Contact Free Trick or Treat

We may not have been able to touch or get up close to the trick or treaters, but we were able to watch them and see their costumes. On

Halloween night, we set up one of our scarecrows with treats next to him for the children to take. We encouraged the trick or

treaters to go close to the window and show off their costumes. The residents enjoyed seeing them! Happy Halloween!

# Spooky Crafts and Cooking Classes

Remember how much fun it was to carve a pumpkin and scoop out the guts? Well, we visited those fun days of past and carved our pumpkins, while taking the pumpkin seeds and roasting

them in the oven with a little bit of Mrs. Dash for flavor. Another craft was making our own miniature scarecrows out of yarn, those that participated gave them names, too! We also

decorated our tables with Jack-O-Lanterns out of painted paper plates with flameless tea lights and of course, our witches hats for Witches Day In party.



**Shirley & Glenn - Happy 64th!**



**Christy**



**Craft Time - Decorating Hats**



**Staff with the Reader's Choice Award**



**Gratice**



**Marlene**



**Anita**



**Jeanne**



**Mary M.**



**Glenn**



**Nancy**

## Covid Booster Clinic

I am very excited and relieved to let you know we were able to have our COVID-19 booster clinic on Wednesday, November 3rd for our seniors and employees. We worked very hard to get it scheduled at least two weeks before Thanksgiving. We understand how important it

is for families to spend the holidays together. IDPH does still have regulations for keeping people safe when they are away from the building. Seniors should keep their masks on unless they are eating or drinking. In addition, they should physically distance from any unvaccinated people. While this isn't ideal, we are

thankful everyone has the opportunity to spend the holidays together. Thank you for your support and cooperation as we continue to navigate through the pandemic. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

*Shelly Davis, DCN*



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