

# ODDO GAZETTE

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## Competing in the Beautiful Winter Wonderland: Special Olympics Snowshoeing

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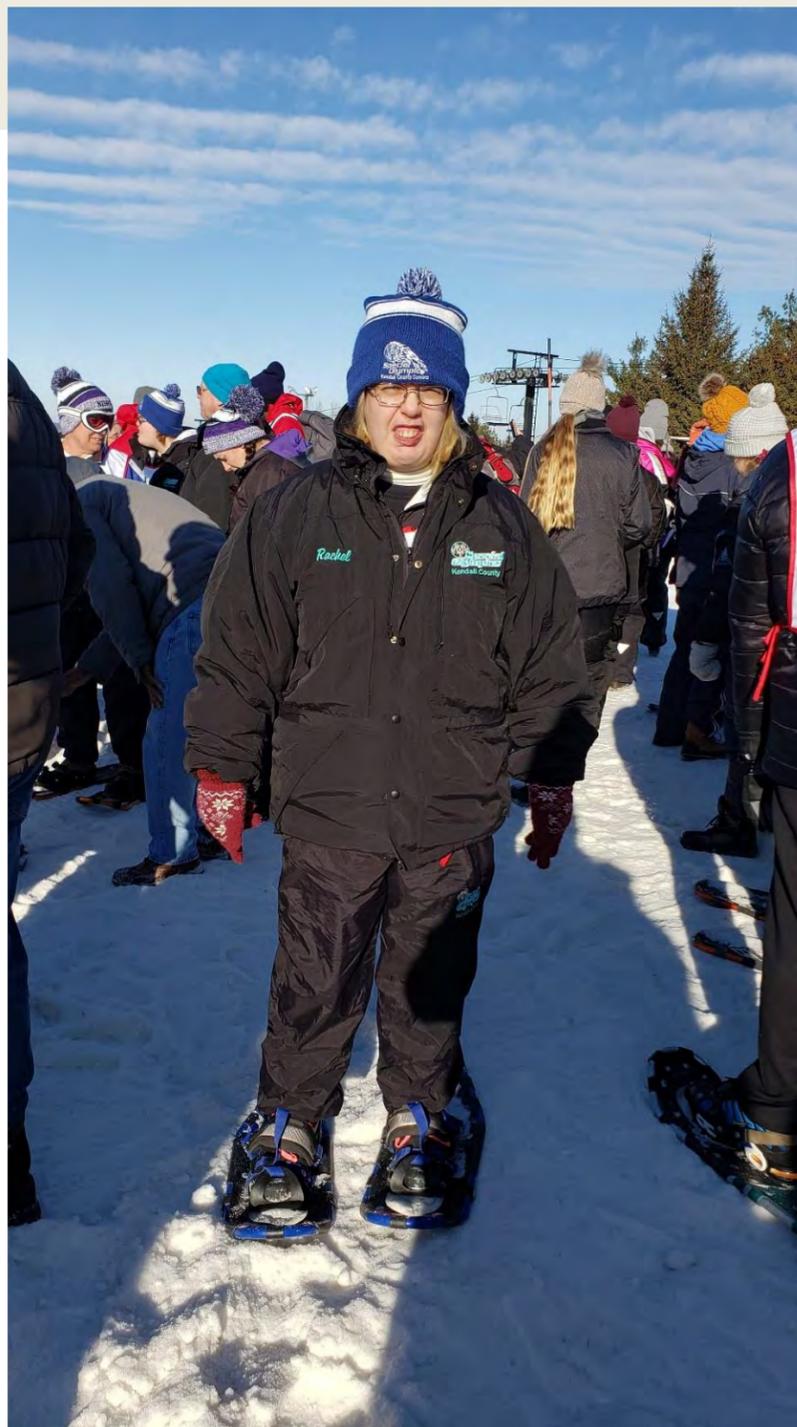
In the beginning of January, I went to compete at Hoffman Estates High School for Special Olympics Snowshoeing competition.

I ran a 50 meter race and I got a bronze medal. I also ran a 100 meter race and I got a gold medal. My last race was a relay my team got a fourth place ribbon.

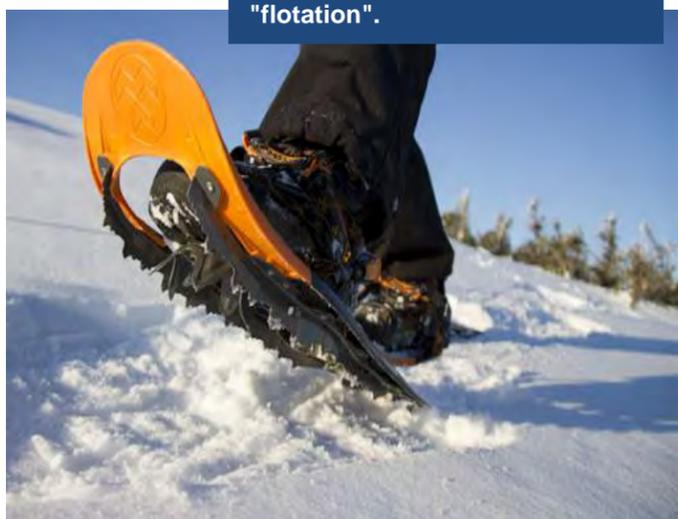
So, in February I get go to Winter Games next month at Chestnut Mountain in Galena all because I got a gold medal in my 100 meter race!!!!

Snowshoeing has been a staple winter sport for area Special Olympians for nearly 15 years. Formerly, the regional event took place at Bartlett Hills Golf Course, before it moved to Lambs Farm. Hoffman Estates High School has hosted it the last two years, where athletes race in a large loop.

Snowshoes work by distributing the weight of the person over a larger area so that the person's foot does not sink completely into the snow, a quality called "flotation".



Rachel in all of her gear, ready for the competition and ready to win gold!



This year, it was incredibly slippery and muddy, which made for a messy and interesting competition.

Athletes began training in 10 weeks before the competition, and in all types of weather conditions.

Beyond exercise and fresh air, snowshoeing, teaches sportsmanship, camaraderie/social skills, and confidence for the athletes.

It takes a strong person to train for Special Olympics, and an even stronger person to do it outdoors in the dead of winter.

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**...And there's mom stories too!**

**KEYWORD**

# Why I Named My Doll ‘Robert Gottlieb Heileman’

**Rob Henning**

*Contributing writer*

When I used to watch the Heileman’s Old Style beer ads on TV and listen to them on the radio as well, I heard these familiar slogans as “Pure brewed from God’s Country,” followed by, “Taste the difference Kraeusening makes.” Since 1853 until 1998, the G Heileman Brewing Company was there up in La Crosse, Wisconsin City Brewery, where they make it now, Lacrosse beer, making Old Style move down to Milwaukee, after 20 years.

Back when Heileman first opened up in La Crosse in 1853, it was named for Gottlieb Heileman. The bad news, he never came to La Crosse to see the brewery, in which it was named for him because he was on a two year mission to find water to make that beer as we know now as Old Style. He ran the brewery until his passing in 1878.

Since then, until 1917, the same year we entered the first World War, his late wife Johanna, (Mrs. Gottlieb) Heileman, ran the brewery until her death. Now after the past generations of the Heileman family from the past.

Now since July 21 in 1985 prior to my 20th birthday, I have my Cabbage Patch doll, who was born in the same hometown, Lacrosse, Wisconsin where his parents, way back from the past left off.

His name, “Robert Gottlieb Heileman. That’s his name, really, and we honor that name. He likes sports, like the badgers, Brewers, Bucks, Cubs, and the Packers. And when I die, and go to heaven, I’ll take my little Heileman doll with me, and give my little one, as a swap to the Heileman family and they can thank me too, when I get up there.



**Rob showing love for Robert G Heileman the Cabbage Patch Doll. Rob often brings R.G.H. on his activities and with him to work when he needs.**

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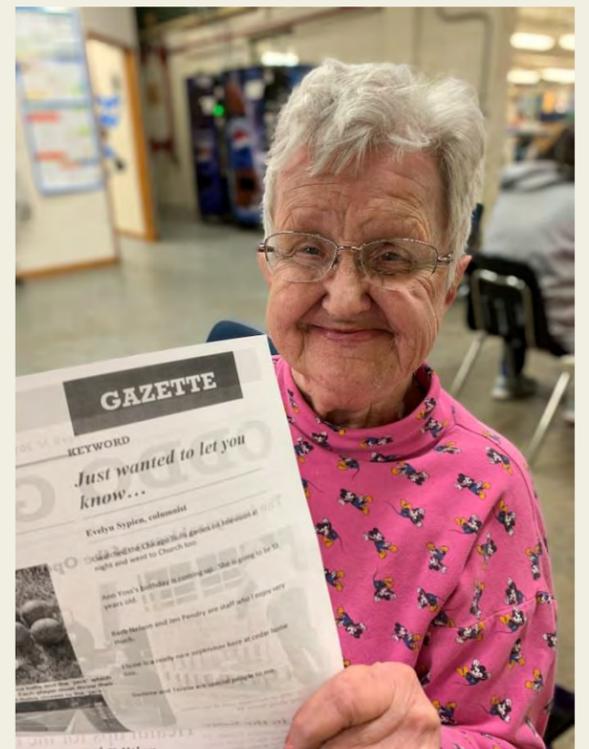
## *Just wanted to let you know...*

**Evelyn Sypien**

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I celebrated my birthday on February 10<sup>th</sup> and they had a birthday party for me at the Senior Center. It was a great experience and I loved every moment of it.

I love all the staff in the Senior Center.



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## **A letter to my mother**

**Josh Beamish**

*Contributing writer*

Dear mom,

You are the best and always give me love. You give with your heart and I want you to be happy. I want you to be blessed and I want to show you how much I love you.

We go out to eat to restaurants because I am your only son. My favorite place to go with you is Olive Garden. I know your favorite it Chilis.

You always take me on my appointments and I like that. You give me love and support and I love you.

Love,  
Josh

# UFOs: The Mystery of the Sky

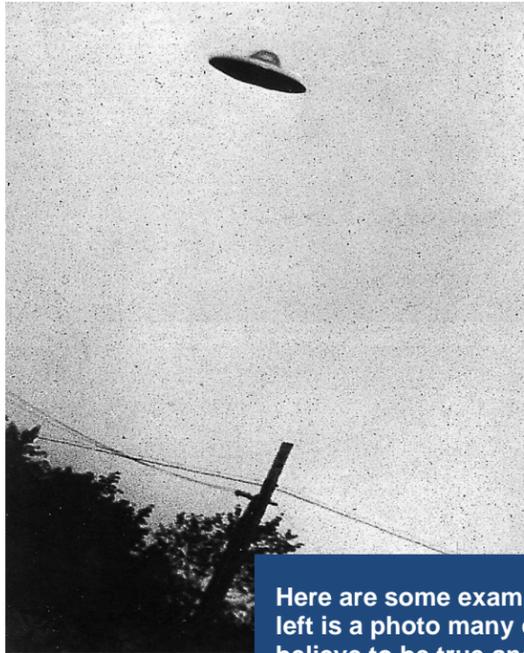
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UFOs are aerial phenomenon that cannot immediately be identified. Most objects are identified upon investigation as conventional objects or phenomena.

The term is widely used for claimed observations of extraterrestrial spacecrafts. Some reports of a UFO can be considered a hoax, possibly a sky lantern, satellites, meteors, bright stars or planets mistaken for something more.

Many movies have been based on the UFO phenomenon such and the Men in Black series, The Man Who Fell to Earth, The War of the Worlds, Invasion of the body Snatchers, The Thing, etc.



Here are some examples of UFOs. On the left is a photo many conspiracy theorists believe to be true and on the right is a computer rendering from someone's recollections.

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## Random Acts of Kindness

*What the group is all about*

**Susan Way**

*Contributing writer*

What is a random act of kindness? It is more than giving something to somebody. It may just be as simple as saying nice words realizing everybody has feelings some people forget, I forget myself sometimes.

We have a group here at Open Door who does Random Acts of Kindness; we call them "RAK". I am a part of that group. We come up with ideas every month. One time I donated food to the church across the street from the Open Door workshop to help a family in need. Another time, I gave my friend a ticket so that he could get a snack at work. Random Acts of Kindness can be big or small.

# The Royal Open Door Wedding

**Brian Hensley**

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On October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 I started dating a client at one of the Open Door houses. Then on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 it marked 1 year since we have been dating. Now on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 we became engaged at our big Special Touch meeting at Harvest Chapel Church here in Sandwich, Illinois with all of our friends and this person's family by our side to witness this royal occasion.

Now we are both in a year planning the royal wedding. It will take a whole year to plan for all of our families involved.



*She Said*  
**YES**



Thanks for your cooperation with this transition during our planning stage. Stay tuned for further updates as the year progresses.

