

## Mayor presents proclamations for Mental Health Awareness

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Last Wednesday, Boone Mayor Loretta Clawson presented two proclamations regarding mental illness awareness to Steve Moeller.

Moeller is on the Board of Directors for the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Clawson declared the week of October 7-13 "Mental Awareness Week" in the town of Boone. Additionally, Clawson declared Thursday, October 11 as "Bipolar Disorder Awareness Day." As part of the events scheduled to promote mental health awareness, a depression screening clinic will be held a week from Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The screening is for adults only and consists of a simple screening tool developed by the Harvard Department of Psychiatry. A movie presentation on mental illness will round out the week on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Boone Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. October 7-13 is national Mental Illness Awareness Week. The week was established in 1990 by Congress in recognition of NAMI's efforts to raise mental illness awareness. New River Behavioral Healthcare is a cosponsor of the week.