


Volunteer Voice

Brown & Pike County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

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Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids

RSVP in Brown County now has a box in the office to drop off eyeglasses and hearing aids. This is furnished by the Timewell Lions Club.

Please feel free to drop off your older items. They will be put to very good use!



JWCC and JWCC will be closed on November 24 & 25 and on December 22—January 3 for the Holidays!

Message from Heath Richmond

Daylight Savings time change, Election Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and, then, 2022 will almost be over. Where has the year gone? As we bundle up for the cooler weather and look back on this whirlwind of a year, I am reminded that November is a month for thanks and December is a month for giving. I hope you all find the time to be thankful for all the good in your lives and, yes, for all the good you are able to give to the lives of others. We should all be thankful that we live in a country that allows us to participate in Election Day, thankful for the Veterans who sacrificed to give us that freedom, and thankful for all the things we are blessed with, whether they are big or small.

I know from conversations with our stations and with some of the clients they serve that a great many people in our communities are truly thankful to you, our RSVP Volunteers. You provide such a special service to individuals and to agencies in the towns and communities we all call home. So, from the staff at RSVP and the JWCC Community as well, let me add our thanks for the wonderful gifts you all give with your Service. THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Heath



In the Spotlight with Melissa Sevier of Liberty Village



Liberty Village activities director, Melissa Sevier, has implemented a great initiative to encourage participation in the daily activities for the residents. Each resident who participates in various activities will earn "Santa Bucks." Ms. Sevier said that there are many residents participating in activities who haven't done so before, and there are also many who are doing things they have never done before. The plan is to hold a craft fair closer to Christmas which will allow the residents to use their "Santa

Bucks" to buy donated arts and crafts like blankets, wreaths, or other items that they can give to their families and friends. Donations of craft and other appropriate items for the residents to buy with their "Santa Bucks" will be much appreciated.

Brown County RSVP Puts First Responders FIRST!



Brown County Sheriff's Department

(L-R) Phil Crary, Chief Sheriff Deputy, Kelly and Bobby Blackwell, RSVP volunteers



Brown County Public Health Department

(L-R) Bobby Blackwell, RSVP volunteer, Kathy Ebbing, RSVP Program Assistant, and Lori McClenning, Rhonda Bean, and Regina Bradley, Brown County Health Department



Mt. Sterling Police Department

Mt. Sterling Police Department with Kelly and Bobby Blackwell, volunteers, with Jess Bond, Mt. Sterling Police Officer

911 "Thank You Boxes" were packed by Julia Veith



Brown County Ambulance and Mt. Sterling Fire Department
Brian Gallaher, Fire Chief, with Bobby and Kelly Blackwell

First Responders Come FIRST in Pike County!



Pat Brown, Richard Michel, Master Sgt. Andy Stanbaugh—State Police Dist. 20, and Lloyd Lawber



Pat Brown, Bill Irwin—Pittsfield Fire Dept., and Richard Michel



Richard Michel, Mike Gangloff—Pittsfield City Police, and Pat Brown



Pat Brown, Kasey Kendall, Kristen Pine—Pike County EMS, and Richard Michel



Pat Brown, Paula Dean—Pike Co. Health Dept., and Richard Michel



Richard Michel, Sheriff Greenwood, Pat Brown, and Kayla Rouse Dispatcher—Sheriff's Office Pike County

Yvonne DePrizio & Karen Martin packed the 911 "Thank You" Boxes

Volunteer Opportunities—Pike County

Barry Food Pantry - Volunteers and food donations needed. Volunteers may show up on either Tuesdays from 4:30—7:00p.m. or on Fridays from 8:30 to Noon and you will be given a task. Please contact Kathy Young at **217-257-0004** with any questions.

Barry Community Care Center - Volunteers wanted to provide music on one or two Saturdays each month. Please contact Hailey Hinch at **217-335-2326** for further details.

Eastside Health & Rehab - Volunteers wanted to assist with weekly Bingo on Mondays and Thursdays at 2pm. They also would like help with the monthly birthday parties held for the residents. Contact Teresa Shanks at **217-285-4491** to volunteer or for more information.



Pike County Senior Services - Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels. **They also need someone to deliver homebound frozen meals, weekly.** Please contact Connie Lerch at **217-285-6150** for more information.

All Wars Museum - Volunteers wanted to clean, help set up displays, and sort items that are loaned or donated. They have work nights three or four times a month. They are also seeking someone to take video interviews of veterans. Please contact Lloyd Lawber at **217-242-4253** for more information.

Griggsville Estates - Seeking volunteers to visit with residents, play games, and/or provide music. Contact Lori Bradshaw with any questions at **217-833-2369**.

Liberty Village - Looking for volunteers for all types of activities as well as Bingo prizes of all kinds (no glass items, please). Please call Melissa Sevier at **217-285-5200** for more information.

Pike County Military Heritage Museum "Where history comes alive." - Looking for anyone interested in participating in living history events, working on military vehicles, or presenting first or second-hand military stories to schools or civic organizations. Please contact Denny Dodd **217-242-1706**, Jeff Snyder **573-406-2510**, or Richard Stickman **217-248-1856**.

Volunteer Opportunities—Brown County

DAT (Disaster Activation Team) - Need volunteers to attend meetings and trainings, to help with flu vaccine clinics, and be prepared to help our community when a disaster strikes. Call Kathy Ebbing at **217-641-4146** or Robin Northup at **217-773-2714** for more information.

Mt. Sterling Senior Center - Drivers are needed for the Meals-on-Wheels program. Contact Barb at the Center at **217-773-3241**.



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Brown County RSVP has collected nine new items for our Sleep in Heavenly Peace project. Thank you for your donations—they were greatly appreciated!

Save the Date - Pike County

November 10 and December 8 - Pike County Senior Center - Monthly fundraiser fish fry from 4:30-6:30pm. \$10 per person (this is subject to change).

October 15 - December 8 - Pike County Senior Services - Med-D enrollment began on October 15th and runs through December 7th. Call Connie at **217-285-6150** for an appointment.

All Wars Museum - The Pike County All Wars Museum will be closing after November 13th. Their hours are Saturday and Sunday 12-4 pm. They will be open to private tours upon request. "Morning at the Mess Hall" meets the 1st Friday of each month from 9-11am and all are welcome to join them for coffee and donuts. The museum also supports the Quilts of Valor presentations each month. Check local newspaper for dates and times of their monthly Speaker series.

Pike County Military Heritage Museum - This group of volunteers does living history presentations to schools and civic organizations. They utilize clothing and equipment from the time of the Revolutionary War to present day. If you would like to tour the museum, it is open Saturday and Sunday from 12-4pm and will close on October 30. Please contact Jeff Snyder at **573-406-2510**, Denny Dodd at **217-242-1706**, or Richard Stickman at **217-248-1856** if you would like a private tour.

Save the Date - Brown County

October 15 - December 7 - Med D sign-up - Contact Laura at **217-0773-3241** for an appointment.

Saturday, November 5, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. Brown County Comedy Night will be held at the High School Auditorium. You may purchase tickets at the Mt. Sterling YMCA. More information is on the Action Brown County Facebook page.

Friday, December 2, 2022 - ABC Winter Festival

Saturday, December 3, 2022 - Versailles Lions Club Breakfast with Santa.

The Winner Is . . . Winners for July are Dana Briggs (Brown Co) and Yvonne DiPrizio (Pike Co) and for August Kathy Cramblit (Brown Co) and Sharon Van Dyne (Pike Co). RSVP staff draw a name from all the pink timesheets submitted by the 15th of each month. **Remember—if you turn your pink sheets in by the 15th of the month, you may be a winner!**

Winners, please stop by the Brown or Pike RSVP office to pick up your \$20.00 gift card during the hours listed below:

- ♦ Brown County RSVP is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.
- ♦ Pike County RSVP is open 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Monday through Friday.
- ♦ We encourage RSVP volunteers to call the RSVP Office in your county when you plan to drop by. We love to see you and spend time visiting, however, there are times when staff are out of the office and we don't want you to be disappointed. Phone numbers are listed below.

Brown & Pike Counties

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