





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 will be closed on
Monday, September 5th,
for Labor Day.***

Message from Heath Richmond

Time. Lately, I find I never seem to have enough of it. I remember shortly after I got married that my mother and I were having a conversation, and she said something about making the most of our time while we were young because, as we get older, time seems to move faster. I told her that was crazy. She has the same 24 hours in a day and 365 days in a year that I did. Well, guess what? Thirty plus years later, I can tell you that my mother was right— time certainly seems to go by faster and faster with each passing year. It seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating the New Year, then, we were anxiously waiting for Spring, and, now, the year is two-thirds over and Fall is right around the corner.

Time is one of those precious things that, once it is gone, we can never get it back. That is why people who volunteer to help others are so special. You choose to give your time to help make our communities a better place, not just for ourselves and for our neighbors, but for individuals and families we may never meet.

So, thank you so much for the gift of your time and for making the choice to share it with others.

Heath



"Never Forget"

People walk across the Brooklyn Bridge as they flee Lower Manhattan on September 11.

"Time stood still as the crowd turned their attention back towards Lower Manhattan and witnessed (the collapse) in disbelief and horror," the photographer, Daniel Shanken, said. "After the building collapsed, the crowd urgently resumed the evacuation with an escalated sense of alarm. Lower Manhattan disappeared from view in a cloud of dark smoke."

Shanken was drawn to the scene because of its irony: a welcome sign during an evacuation. But it has become much more to him.

"To me, this image represents a moment when our country, in the aftermath of an attack on our soil, literally came through the darkness to find a renewed sense of common ground and patriotism," he said.

Editor's Note: Somehow, it is symbolic that, while the crowd is moving *en masse* toward the light, there is a lone ambulance in the background heading into the dark unknown.



"When Americans lend a hand to one another, nothing is impossible. We're not about what happened on 9/11. We're about what happened on 9/12." — Jeff Parness

"Now, we have inscribed a new memory alongside those others. It's a memory of tragedy and shock, of loss and mourning. But not only of loss and mourning. It's also a memory of bravery and self-sacrifice, and the love that lays down its life for a friend—even a friend whose name it never knew." — George W. Bush

"With almost no time to decide, [your loved ones] gave the entire country an incalculable gift. They saved the Capitol from attack. They saved God knows how many lives. They saved the terrorists from claiming the symbolic victory of smashing the center of American government. ... They allowed us to survive as a country that could fight terror and still maintain liberty and still welcome people from all over the world from every religion and race and culture as long as they shared our values because ordinary people given no time at all to decide did the right thing."

— President Bill Clinton in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in 2011

"Next to creating a life, the finest thing a man can do is save one." — Abraham Lincoln

Volunteer Opportunities—Pike County

Barry Food Pantry - Volunteers needed to help push groceries out to the vehicles and to help stock shelves on Fridays from 8:30 to Noon. 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. They would also like someone to come in over the weekends to run Bingo games. 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

Jensen Woods Camp at Timewell, IL - Volunteers are needed to mow, trim, pick up sticks, clean landscape, put labels on jars, etc. They have a work-day the second Saturday of the month in September and October. If that time does not work, please call **217-939-9706** (new number).

DAT (Disaster Activation Team) - Need volunteers to attend meetings, help with the annual Brown County Fair, help with the drive-thru flu clinics, and be prepared to help our community when an emergency happens. Call Kathy Ebbing at **217-641-4146** or Robin Northup at **217-773-2714** for more information.

Brown County Public Library - Volunteers are needed at Noon on Wednesday, October 5, to set up for the October Book Sale. No need to call ahead.

The Crossing Thrift Store in Mt. Sterling - Volunteers **badly needed** to help hang up clothing and other items. The schedule is very flexible—it's just whenever the time works for you. You may contact Wanda Robertson at **217-773-3888** or Kathy at **217-641-4146**.

Donations for September Day of Remembrance Being Taken

We are collecting donations for the 9/11 Day of Caring through September 8. You may drop off monetary donations or items such as snacks, soft drinks, and any other non-perishables to the Brown County or Pike County RSVP offices, and we will make sure they get delivered to area first responders on 9/9/22.

Save the Date - Pike County

September 8th & October 13th - Pike County Senior Center - Monthly fundraiser fish fry from 4:30-6:30pm. \$10 per person (this is subject to change).

September 9th, 16th, and 23rd - Pike County Senior Services - Two Rivers will be at Findley Place for enrollment in the LIHEAP energy assistance program. Call Connie at **217-285-6150** for an appointment. Med-D enrollment begins October 15th. Please call the number above for an appointment.

All Wars Museum - The Pike County All Wars Museum's hours are Saturday and Sunday 12-4 pm. "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.

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 hours 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

September 10 & 11 - Versailles Fall Festival - Action Brown County will be involved with the Versailles Fall Festival. (Due to the street renovations in Mt. Sterling, there will be no Mt. Sterling Fall Festival this year.)

September 16 & October 21 - Brown County Food Basket - Old Versailles Gym—1:30 - 4:30P.M.

The Winner Is . . . Winners for May are **Randy Hester (Brown Co)** and **Susan Anderson (Pike Co)** and for June **Julia Veith (Brown Co)** and **Catherine Feil (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.

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