

Volunteer Voice

Brown & Pike County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

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Did You Know? All offices are closed on Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4, for the Fourth of July.



Ann Wiese receives 30-year Recognition Award at Brown/Pike Counties Recognition Luncheon. Manager of Volunteer Services, Heath Richmond, happily congratulates her.

Message from Heath Richmond

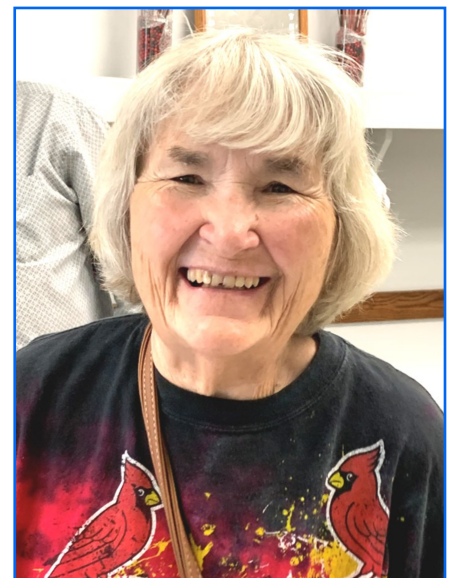
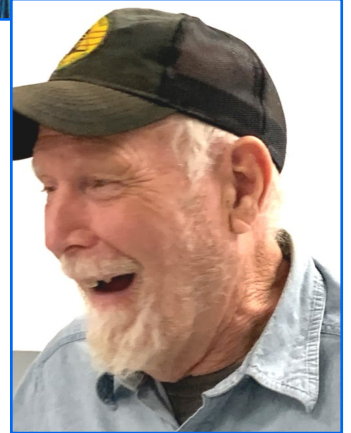
Summertime is here and, after months of complaining about the cold and the wind, we will soon be complaining about the heat and humidity. What would we do if we didn't have something to complain about? The human condition is one of always looking for something different and better instead of taking the time to appreciate all the good things we have. And while having millions of dollars in the bank or living in a tropical paradise would be nice, most of us are happy just the way we are.

As volunteers with RSVP, you all demonstrate this concept by your willingness to give back to our communities all year long. Reaching out, lending a hand, giving of yourselves—these things are what brings you joy. As 2023 nears its mid-point, I would like you all to consider how recruiting someone to join you as a RSVP volunteer can multiply the positive impact you are already making. I am sure you all know someone who would make a wonderful volunteer or even someone who is already volunteering but is not yet registered with RSVP. If so, reach out and ask them to join us or simply pass their contact info on to us and we will reach out for you. Thanks again for all you do and, hopefully, we will soon have some more registered volunteers out there helping with your favorite projects as well.

Heath



Brown and Pike Counties Recognition Luncheon on May 17, 2023



We would like to thank everyone who attended our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in May. We were so glad to see all of you! Please let us know if you have any questions regarding RSVP.

Volunteer Opportunities—Pike County

Barry Food Pantry - Volunteers and food donations needed. Volunteers should show up on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. or on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to Noon and you will be given a task. Please contact Kathy Young at **217-257-0004** with any questions.

Barry Healthcare & Senior Living - Looking for music entertainment on the weekends, BINGO prizes of all kinds (no breakables, please), or any other kind of entertainment. This could be anything from dancers to singers to magicians. The residents at Barry are wanting some weekend fun! Please give Kim Harris, the activity director, a call at **217-335-2326**.

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 Gabby Buffington, activity director, at **217-285-4491** to volunteer or 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). Suggestions are costume jewelry, body spray for women and men, shampoos, conditioners, lotion, Word Search, books for all ages, notebooks, craft supplies. Please call Melissa Sevier at **217-285-5200**.

Pike County Military Heritage Museum "Where history comes alive." - Located at 340 N. Illinois St. in Pittsfield. 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**.

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

All Wars Museum - Volunteers wanted to clean, help set up displays, and sort items that are loaned or donated. They have work days/nights each month. They are also seeking someone to take video interviews of veterans. Contact Lloyd Lawber at **217-242-4253** or Bob Norris at **217-491-5146**.

Volunteer Opportunities—Brown County

Heritage Health Nursing Home in Mt. Sterling - Needs donations of ink pens, stationery, LARGE PRINT Word Search Books (Dollar General), and body wash for sensitive skin. Items may be taken to the facility or dropped by the RSVP office in Mt. Sterling.

Jensen Woods Camp at Timewell, IL - Volunteers are needed to mow, trim, clean up the landscaping, etc. The work day is the second Saturday of the month in August, September, and October. Please call **217-773-2491** for more information.

Mt. Sterling Crossing Thrift Store - Volunteers are still needed to hang clothing. You may work hours to suit your needs. Contact Wanda at the Thrift Store at **217-773-3888**.

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

Save the Date - Brown County

First Wednesday of the Month at Noon - "Community Connection" hosted by The Mt. Sterling Senior Center. Local leaders will discuss topics of interest.

Friday, July 7 (10:30-11:30a.m.) and Tuesday, July 11 (10:30-Noon) - Fresh produce, baked goods, and bread! Sponsored by Quincy Catholic Charities and held at the Ripley Park in Brown County. Must be a resident of Brown County. Please bring a container for your groceries. Free to everyone.

Third Monday of the Month - Heritage Health Community Coffee Hour starting at 9:30 a.m. Come and meet some of the residents and enjoy some baked goods.

August 1st - August 8 - Brown County Fair - you may want to visit the one-room Ferguson School and the Depot Museum while you are at the fair. It will take you "back in time."

Save the Date - Pike County

All Wars Museum - The Pike County All Wars Museum is open for normal hours, noon to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. 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 newspapers 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, they are open for the season Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Their season will end on October 30th. 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.

Pike County Senior Center - The center will be holding their fish fry July 13th and August 10th from 4:30-6:30 (subject to change). They also would like to remind everyone that they are a storage place for used medical equipment. If anyone is in need, call **217-285-4969** M-Th.

The Winner Is . . . Winners for March are **Rita Kitchell (Brown Co)** and **Faith Skirvin (Pike Co)** and for April are **Mary Kassing (Brown Co)** and **Pat Casteel (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 4:00 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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