

Volunteer Voice

Brown & Pike County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

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Message from Heath Richmond

It is hard to believe that 2023 is almost over but we are in the middle of my favorite season. Fall is the best time of the year. I love watching the leaves change, being able to turn off the air conditioning, and getting ready for the approaching holidays. I really enjoy the cooler weather, warm soup, marching bands, evenings around a bonfire, and watching football games with friends. Fall is also a time when the needs of our communities are highlighted. We see increased traffic at our food banks, we notice kids who might not have enough warm clothes to wear, and we become more aware of families who need help with heating bills or transportation because it is no longer warm enough for them to walk to where they need to go.

Another thing we tend to notice more in the Fall is why your efforts as RSVP volunteers make such an impact on the communities you serve each and every day. So, as 2023 winds down, let's try to make an even bigger impact than we already do. Call and check on your friends and neighbors a little more, ask a friend to join you as an RSVP volunteer and make a difference together, or just talk to people about the places at which you volunteer. Share all the good things going on in our communities. Thanks for all you do and have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Heath

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Things to Remember

- JWCC and RSVP are closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th, for the Thanksgiving holidays.



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(Left to right) Yvonne DiPrizio, Karen Martin, Ann Ferguson, and Janet Daniels prepare 911 "Boxes of Thanks."



(Left to right) Mark Winner, Candace Evans (Illinois State Police Dist. 20), Lloyd Lawber, and Richard Michel



(Left to right) Lloyd Lawber, Chief Kasey Kendall (Pike County Ambulance Service), Richard Michel, and Mark Winner



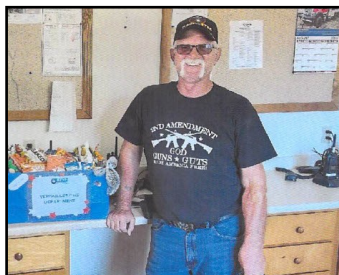
(Left to right) Mark Winner, Shane Ruble (Pittsfield Fire Department), Clint Weir (Pittsfield Police Department), Richard Michel, and Lloyd Lawber



(Left to right) Lauren Kennedy (Pike County Sheriff's Officer), Lloyd Lawber, Mark Winner, and Richard Michel

RSVP Volunteers Deliver "Boxes of Thanks" to Pike County First Responders on 9/8/23

RSVP Volunteers Deliver "Boxes of Thanks" to Brown County First Responders on 9/8/23



Versailles Fire Department
Chuck Northcutt



Mt. Sterling Police Department

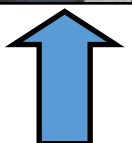
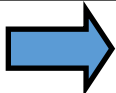


Mt. Sterling Fire Dept and Brown County Ambulance



Brown County
Health Department

Mt. Sterling Sheriff Department



Volunteer Opportunities—Pike County

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 Richard Michel at **217-248-2094** or Bob Norris at **217-491-5146**.

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. On the second Monday of every month, they could use men to help unload a trailer around 12:30 or 1:00. 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. Please give John Toumbs, 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**.

Illini Community Hospital - Seeking volunteers for the following roles:

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| • Runner—escort patients to departments | • Events Assistance |
| • Outdoor Landscaping/Beautification/Clean Up | • Food Pantries |
| • Water/Care for indoor plants | • Hostess in waiting room on MRI and Ortho days |
| • Cleaning (high touch surfaces at hospital & fitness) | • Make blankets for Oncology dept. |

To be a volunteer at Illini there are some requirements before becoming a volunteer. If interested please contact Shelly Martin at **217-285-2113 ext. 3800**.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities—Brown County

The Crossing Thrift Store - Volunteers are badly needed to hang clothing and other items. You may work hours that suit your needs. Contact the Thrift Store at **217-773-3888**.

Brown County Food Basket - Volunteers are needed to set up on Thursday and distribute food on Friday. It is held the third Friday of each month at the Old Versailles School Gym. Contact Doris at **217-773-3773**.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Quilts of Valor - Both these organizations need volunteers who love to sew. Contact Kathy at the RSVP office at **217-641-4146**.

Action Brown County - Needs volunteers to help with the Ice Skating Rink from 11/22/2023 through 1/7/2024. Contact Katie @ Action Brown County or Kathy at RSVP if you would like to help.

RSVP Office in Mt. Sterling - We are collecting clean plastic bags to make mats for sleeping bags for the homeless. We have ladies that cut them into strips, roll into balls, and then crochet or knit them into mats. This helps to keep the sleeping bags dry. You may bring them to the Mt. Sterling office any day from 8:00—5:00.

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 closing for the season on Saturday, November 11th. They will be open to private tours upon request. "Morning at the Mess Hall" meets the first 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. They are now closed for the season and will re-open in April of 2024. 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.

October 15th through December 7th - Pike County Senior Services - Medicare Part D open enrollment began October 15th and goes through December 7th. Call Connie for an appointment at **217-285-6150**.

November 9th and December 14th - Pike County Senior Center - The center will be holding their fish fry starting at 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.

Save the Date - Brown County

October 15th - December 7th - Med-D sign up . Call Laura at the Mt. Sterling Senior Center for an appointment

November 4th - Idelle Rebekkah Lodge #17 - Christmas Craft Show from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Old Versailles School Gym. Soup and sandwiches will be served.

Week-ends November 22nd - January 7th - The RINK - Uptown Mt. Sterling - Seasonal ice-skating rink

December 1, 2023 - Action Brown County - The annual Winter Festival will be held uptown. Santa will arrive after the Christmas parade. On **December 8th**, the Grinch will appear 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On **December 12th**, Santa arrives again 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 2nd - Versailles Lions Club - Santa is Coming to Town and Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 9th and Saturday, December 16th - Versailles Fire Department - Soup Supper to be held at the firehouse. Funds being raised for equipment.

Tuesdays from 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Two Rivers Food Pantry, 206 SW Cross in Mt. Sterling

The Winner Is . . . Winners for July are **Gladys Reese (Brown Co)** and **David Iftner (Pike Co)** and for August are **Tammy Behymer (Brown Co)** and **Karen Martin (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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