




Volunteer Voice

Brown & Pike County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

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Message from Heath Richmond

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Things to Remember

- Summer hours for JWCC and RSVP ended on July 28 and regular hours resumed on July 31. Brown County RSVP hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Pike County RSVP hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Monday through Friday.
- JWCC and RSVP are closed on Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.



I am happy to announce that I am once again a grandpa. McKinley Quinn Richmond was born July 17 in Lakenheath, England. My son, daughter-in law, and oldest granddaughter are all excited for her to finally be here. Kathy and I are anxiously awaiting our trip to see all of them at the end of this month. Having another grandchild has more and more made me try to remind myself to not get lost in the commotion of things happening so fast. I think we all need to take time to remember, appreciate, and be present for the small moments that we will never get back. Taking the time to call my WOW (MOM spelled upside down), checking in with a friend we may not have seen for a while, or even just sitting alone watching the sun set—we sometimes get so wrapped up in the “Big Picture” that we forget all the little brush strokes that make it up.



This month, we have a special day that, as an organization, RSVP will be taking some time to remember. September 11, 2001, was a day I am sure none of us will ever forget but, sometimes, with the passage of so many years, the event itself becomes less sharp—less real. In fact, we have an entire generation of young people who were not even born when that awful day happened. To help us all to recognize what this day meant and what it means, 9/11 was designated as a National Day of Service for all Americans. Adams, Brown, and Pike County RSVP will be doing “Care Boxes” to commemorate this day. These boxes will then be presented to area first responders in all three counties. If you are not able to take part in this project, I hope you will take some extra time to remember those who gave everything on that tragic day. One of the things I remember most about the days, weeks, and months following 9/11/01 was how the country came together. It didn’t matter what our political beliefs were, what our ethnicity was, or what our age or social standing was—we came together as Americans and helped one another. As a RSVP program, we try each day to continue to do that, and I want to say thanks to all of you for the time and effort you expend to improve this wonderful community we call home.

Heath



UNTIL IT WASN'T . . .

An ordinary day—a beautiful day. . . until it wasn't. Some got up that morning and routinely put on their uniforms and went to work just as they had done yesterday and thought they would do again tomorrow. Some were probably joking around with colleagues as they checked their official vehicles to make sure all were in good, running order. Checking in . . . checking out . . . just an ordinary day—until it wasn't.

Not one of us knows what is coming our way and first responders are no different. At any given moment at any given place, tragedy can and does strike. We want to acknowledge, celebrate, and remember our first responders because we know that each day can turn into disaster in the blink of an eye. These men and women are ready to risk their lives for our safety. On this day of remembrance, we say thank you.

Brown and Pike County RSVP volunteers will deliver "Care Boxes" to our first responders on **Friday, September 8**, and we need your help!

- We will need volunteers to help deliver these boxes to Brown and Pike County First Responders Units. Please call the RSVP office in Brown County at **217-641-4146** or Pike County at **217-641-4273** to sign up. It will take about an hour of your time.
- We will need contributions of healthy snacks such as snack crackers, energy drinks, bottled water, snack-packs, etc. to fill up the boxes. You may drop off your items at the RSVP Office in Mt. Sterling or in Pittsfield by **Thursday, September 7** (locations listed on page 4). If you would like to write thank-you notes to our first responders, please drop them off at either RSVP Office by **Thursday, September 7**, and we will gladly add them to the boxes.

This is definitely a team effort and we appreciate whatever contribution you are able to make.

And please remember that each day is an ordinary day—until it isn't . . .



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 Lloyd Lawber at **217-242-4253** 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 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**.

Illini Community Hospital - Seeking volunteers for the following roles:

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

DAT (Disaster Activation Team) - Need volunteers to attend meetings, help with the annual Brown County Fair, help with drive-thru flu clinics, and be prepared to help our community when an emergency happens. Call the RSVP office at **217-641-4146** or Katie Houser at **217-773-2714**.

The Crossing Thrift Store - Volunteers are badly needed to hang clothing and other items. You may work hours that suit your needs. Contact Wanda at the Thrift Store at **217-773-3888** or Kathy at **217-641-4146**.

Save the Date - Brown County

September 9-10: Versailles Fall Festival

September 15 & October 20: Brown County Food Basket at Old Versailles Gym from 1:30—4:30

Each Tuesday: Two Rivers Food Pantry, 206 SW Cross, Mt. Sterling, IL 9:00 —4:00

October 15: Med-D enrollment begins. Please call Laura at **217-773-3241** for an appointment.

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 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. 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 September 14th and October 12th from 4:30-6:30 (subject to change). They are holding a Rules of the Road class on September 13th at 1:00. 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 May are **Doris Todd (Brown Co)** and **Sara McDaniel (Pike Co)** and for June are **Marie Smith (Brown Co)** and **Brenda Leonard (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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