Hello!

Welcome to 2021! I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and staying healthy. As I am working on the newsletter the high today is – 4 and it has made me overly excited for spring and summer to arrive!

First off, thank you to everyone that attended the Black Hills RSVP+ recognition event on January 22nd. We served over 100 meals ‘drive thru’ style. It worked so well we might do something similar next year!

One of the downsides to not hosting a large sit down event was not being able recognizing our volunteers of the quarter and our volunteer of the year. Our volunteers of the quarters that would have been recognized at the event this year are Bev Paschke, Selina Gasseling, Tim French, Wayne Herreman and Andrea and Larry James. Thank you for all that you have done for our community!

The 2020 volunteer of the year is... drum roll please... WANDA KELLY! Wanda has been named Black Hills RSVP+ 2020 Volunteer of the Year! Over the last 24 years Wanda has contributed over 14,000 hours of service through Black Hills Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She has been a volunteer at Canyon Lake Activity Center assisting with meals, working in the office, helping with numerous rummage sales, working in their thrift store and other activities at the center. Wanda has volunteered at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission and Elevate Rapid City (RC Chamber of Commerce) helping with their monthly mailings. She has also volunteered with the American Red Cross, Dahl Arts Center, Feeding South Dakota, Rapid City Public Library and multiple fundraising activities. I am sure I missed a few volunteer activities, because Wanda is always on the go helping others. Wanda is an outstanding example of volunteerism in our community, and we are beyond honored to name her as our 2020 Volunteer of the Year!

With the Black Hills RSVP recognition event complete, it’s now time to focus on the Northern Hills RSVP recognition event! The NH recognition event will take place on Friday, March 26th in the morning (time TBD). We will be offering a ‘drive thru’ breakfast to go bags. I do know that Friday is a food pantry day, so it will be hard for you folks to make it. We are anticipating that we will have a pick up location in Sturgis, so people in Sturgis can pick up in town. By the time you receive your invitation, I am hoping to have something in place for people working at the Spearfish Food Pantry that day. Invitations will be going out the first part of March with all of the details. You will need to make a reservation. We will only have to go bags ready for volunteers with a confirmed reservation. We will allow people to pick up for others, as long as a reservation is made. All invitations will be mailed. So if you have moved recently, please give the office a call and get your address updated.

As always thank you for all that you do to make your community a better place through volunteering. I appreciate each and every one of you. – All the best, Ann
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY: Shirley Aman, Bonnie Bertsch, Dee Bevers, Jon Boone, Lila Bredberg, Ciara Breen, Pete Brown Eyes, Myron Buchli, Monique Bunkers, Susan Chaplin, Marsha Colling, Mark Crosswait, Demetrius Duncan, Beverley Espeland, Pat Fallbeck, Sheila Fenner, Edward Fitzgerald, Grace Fodness, Patricia Forrer, Jill Gearhart, Robert Grimm, Sandy Gullings, Harold Haivala, Irene Haivala, Connie Hanson, Lila Harrington, Dan Herman, Donald Hotz, Andrea James, Mary Jones, Jenson Keller, Barb Layton, James Leon, Carolyn Littel, Shirley Lock, Kelley Maguire, Alyssala Malik, Asea Malik, Bonnie Manning, Mary Mead, Mary Ann Murphree, Larry Oswald, Don Paklin, Lea Patterson, Diane Pawelski, Sharon Powers, Marcile Pustejovsky, Janece Rieman, Joan Robinson, Ruby Rodocker, Demetrius Ross, Frances Sanders, Myrna Schamber, Kathleen Schneider, Loren Seegrist, Lawrence Tesch, Dorothy D. Thompson, Alwyn Thoreson, Tom Tolman, Diane Ward, Evelyn Weaver, Jack Welker

FEBRUARY: Marcia Aiken, Tami Applegarth, Nila Boone, Jerry Brown, Paige Cadotte, Marleen Caffee, Rita Conklin, Patty Creek, Terry Davies, Karol Dodson, Mary Doescher, Marvin Espeland, Geanie Gardiner, Kathleen Gibbs, Karen Gravenish, Mary Gummo, Sarah Hart, Dolores Holt, Jim Jeffries, Colin Killpack, Evelyn Knapp, Dorothy Larsh, Alice Lascelles, Millie Laue, Candace Laursen, Regina Lewis, Genevieve Liebig, Georgianna Little Bull, Joann Lux, Christine MacDonald, Marjo Maple, Jane Mattson, Ellen McKnight, Donna McLaughlin, Marty Miracle, Lisa Moran, Vera Morgan, Marilyn Mulz, Shirley Myers, Virginia Nelson, Jay Pearson, Letty Penaloza, Heidi Pistor, Sandy Prante, Goldie Prestjohn, Michael Reade, Ralph Reimer, Anne Rohluff, Larry Romano, Albert Setera, Diane Stadel, Emily Swanson, Jose Trinidad, Lorna Walgren, Joyce Walsh, Rosella Waltman, Donna Weeks, Joann Wilkins,


Welcome New Volunteers

Volunteer Opportunities
With many organizations still not utilizing volunteers we do not have many new opportunities. If you would like information on organizations looking for help please give us a call at 394-2507 or email lorann.berg@rcgov.org.

What's cookin'??
Blueberry Crumble Bars
Ingredients
- 1 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 c. quick cooking oats
- 1 1/2 c. white sugar, divided
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 3/4 c. cold butter
- 2 c. blueberries
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp. cornstarch

Directions
Preheat oven to 375 degrees
Grease a 9 X 13 baking pan
1. Combine flour, oats, 1 cup sugar, cinnamon and baking soda in large bowl. Cut butter into flour mixture until it resembles coarse crumbs. Reserve about 2 cups flour-butter mixture. Press remaining mixture into baking pan to form a crust.
2. Bring blueberries, remaining 1/2 cup sugar, cornstarch and lemon juice to a boil in a saucepan, stirring constantly, until mixture is thickened, about 2 minutes. Spread blueberry mixture over crust and sprinkle with reserved oat mixture.
3. Bake in preheated oven until topping is just browned, about 25 minutes. Cool before cutting and serving.

In Loving memory of:
May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rains fall soft upon your fields. Until we meeting again,
- Unknown Author

Janet Bangs, Ken Burnham, Sally Griggs, Sister Marmion How, Doris Hume, Charles Hyland, Kay Ingalls, Angie Jangula, Todd Pond, Eldonna Ryan, William Scanlon, Patricia Schwartz, Shirley Sjomeling, Merle Swenson, Gordon Vercoe

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!

Lee Willier has been named our OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER!

Lee first joined RSVP+ in 2008. During her 13 years of service, she has provided more than 3,000 hours of volunteer service to our community. Lee has volunteered at West Park Apartment assisting with cleaning, clerical tasks, evening & weekend meals and many other various activities that take place at West Park. She has also volunteered with the SD Masons helping with the Child ID program, Meals on Wheels, mailings and fundraising activities for RSVP. Lee provides rides multiple times a week to fellow West Park residents who need a ride. She also provides a helping hand to her neighbors when they need a little extra help.

I am sure I am missing some of her volunteer activities, but this gives you a small glimpse at what Lee does for our community.

We are honored to recognize Lee Willier as our VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER! Thank you for all that you do for our community!

DON’T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR TIMESHEET BY THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH.
MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

Donations to assist in maintaining RSVP+ are very important and appreciated. Please consider a gift to help sustain RSVP+ in our community by clipping the form below and mail to: RSVP+, 333 6th Street, Rapid City, SD 57701

My gift of $________ to the Black Hills Retired Senior Volunteer Program is enclosed. Please provide the following information:

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ADDRESS____________________________________________

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Thank you for supporting the endeavors of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program+