Hello!

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and staying healthy! It is crazy to think that it is already mid May, and before we know it July 4th will be here. Summer is my favorite time of year, and I can’t wait to enjoy all things summer!

First off I would like to thank everyone who attended our recognition events in Rapid City and Spearfish. We served over 170 meals between both locations. I look forward to seeing what we can plan for next year.

The 2021 volunteer of the year is…drum roll please… PENNY DAWSON! Penny has been named our West River RSVP 2021 Volunteer of the Year! Over the last 22 years Penny has contributed over 6,000 hours of service through West River Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and she has volunteered at 23 volunteer stations during her 22+ years of service. She has volunteered at the Black Hills Regional Job Fair, Feeding South Dakota, Pennington County Emergency Management, Rapid City Club for Boys, SD Masons Program, and Youth and Family Services. Penny has helped serve meals and assisted with rummage sales at Canyon Lake Activity Center, and in the thrift room at the Minneluzahan Senior Center. She has also volunteered with Meals on Wheels, and has served meals at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Penny has been an active volunteer with West River RSVP helping the program with numerous fundraising activities and even starred in our recent RSVP commercial! I know I haven’t mentioned everything Penny has helped with over the year, but this gives you a good idea of how active she has been in our community. Penny is an outstanding example of volunteerism in our community, and we are beyond honored to name her as our 2021 Volunteer of the Year.

In April we completed our annual federal reports for our last fiscal year (April 2021 - March 2022). Your joint efforts provided over 99,800 hours of volunteer service! I am in awe each year when I do our reports with how much time and energy you all put in to providing service to our non-profit organizations. You are all truly making a difference in your community. Keep up the good work!!

Since we now have a much larger office space in Rapid City, I am planning to start a monthly volunteer get together for anyone who is interested in meeting other RSVP volunteers. The first one will be June 15th from 8:00-10:00 a.m. I am not sure who will all be there, it might be just me, but feel free to stop by and say hi!

As always thank you for all that you do to make your community a better place through volunteering.

Welcome New Volunteers

Renee Bisgaard, Dale Donat, Janene Donat, Linda Durbin, Ricky Eckhart, Barry Furze, Hao Fong+, Jennifer Heidepriem+, Lyle Heinrich, Sharon Herr, Vickie Kaiser, John Kieffer, Stacey Kuczaj+, Katherine Laughton, Jeannie Lining, Carol Lundberg, William Maley, Sally Monroe, Darleen Plunkett, Todd Smith, Fanqin Zeng+ (+ indicates under 55)
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!


Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities please give me a call at 394-2507, or email me at ann.hines@rcgov.org.

Meals on Wheels: Rapid City and Spearfish Meals on Wheels are looking for volunteers to deliver meals. Rapid City is looking for help Monday-Friday, and Spearfish is looking for volunteers to help on a substitute/on call basis.

I am working with a local non profit that will be looking for help assembling bags of items to hand out to different communities throughout western SD. I do not have the details at the moment, but if you would like to be on the contact list to help please call the office or email Ann.
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

Sandy Dallago, Arnett Dennis, Vern Johnson, Mildred Kirschenmann, Alice Lascelles, Theola Stetson

VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER!

Delphine and Raymond Maier have been named our OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER!

Delphine and Raymond have been with West River RSVP+ since October 2020, but I do know they have been volunteering for much longer. Collectively they have contributed over 1,000 hours of service to the Spearfish community in the last 2 1/2 years.

This dynamic duo are always on the go helping their neighbors providing transportation, delivering meals and commodities, and lending a listening ear when needed.

Delphine and Raymond also volunteer with Western SD Community Action picking up and delivering food, the Salvation Army and Spearfish Food Pantry.

I am sure I am missing some of the many activities both Delphine and Raymond do for their community, but this gives you an idea.

We are honored to recognize Delphine and Raymond Maier 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:

NAME___________________________________________
ADDRESS_________________________________________
CITY____________________ STATE_______ ZIP _______

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