# Rown County Community Activity GUIDE

March - December 2019





# Welcome to Brown County

Brown County became a county in 1839. While in the past the people of Brown County made their living in the merchant and trade business, today it is a small community built around agriculture!

Brown County is prime hunting ground for deer and turkey and brings people from afar. Community is the heart and soul of Brown County, where people call each other neighbor and friend. That community bond forms early as Brown County has just one school district for the entire county and one parochial school. School sports are well supported as well. There is a great group of volunteers that keep the football field in tip top shape, but the fan support reaches beyond football and high school sports.

Brown County is also home to several large employers and small businesses. Residents hope to see this community continue to grow and prosper for our youth and future residents and businesses. That is why many are taking it upon themselves to volunteer and be active in the community, working on special projects and plans for the betterment of the community.

# Restaurants/Food & Hotel/Overnight Accommodations

# Unique to Brown County The Corn Dog Stand

Open year round 10:30AM until 7PM weather permitting. Gone for 3 fairs starting in June and ending in August. Also gone for Rushville Smiles Day and Versailles Fall Festival



# **Hagel 1891**

115 E Main St 217-773-7038

Hagel 1891 is a neighborhood casual restaurant featuring an upscale American menu and full bar. It is named after the historic building it is housed in built by the Hagel Brothers in 1891.

### **IGA Deli**

200 Pittsfield Road 217-773-2213 Hot and Cold Deli with Fried Chicken offered daily. Housed inside the Mt Sterling IGA Store.

### Renee's Place

200 E Main St 217-773-9000

Renee's Place offers both breakfast and lunch all day long. Dinner is served Fridays and Saturdays and the menu features dishes named after some well-known places in Brown County.

### Pizza Plus

408 Quincy Road 217-773-2558 A Brown County favorite is open again with the old Station menu and a throw-back name from the past!

### **Tastee Treet**

423 E Main St 217-773-2543

Tastee Treet is most famous in town for its soft serve ice cream. Handmade shakes and chillers, and of course the signature lemon flavor ice cream!

# **South Street Barbeque**

217-248-8595

South Street Barbeque Seasonal concession trailer serving smoked meats and homemade sides. Specialty items such as tacos and nachos also available. Visit during business hours, let them cater your next event, or rent the whole operation!

### **Cadillac Smoke Shack**

217-653-4055

Cadillac Smoke Shack Variety of smoked meats and sides. Events by request such as festivals, benefits, and catering. 'Pop up' BBQ concessions throughout the year. Full buffet menu upon request.

# Brown County Chain Offerings Casey's Convenience Store

217 E Main St 217-773-2321

# **McDonalds**

418 US 24 217-773-4727

### **Fuel 24 FS Fast Stop**

632 E Main St 217-773-3947

### Subway

104 Pittsfield Rd 217-773-2036

# Overnight Accommodations Irish House Hotel

883 850 E St 217-773-4100



Fairs, Festivals and Special Events

# **MARCH**

# 1 - Active Older Adult Friday Night Bingo

5:30-7pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

### 2 – Middle School Madness

7-10pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

### 4 - School Out Day

7:30am - 5:30pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 8 – St. Mary School Fish Fry

Carry outs available

For more information: 217-773-2825

# 9 - Shop Local Saturday

Shop at participating businesses for sales and specials. For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

# 14 - Casino Night Fundraiser to benefit Park District

\$25 includes meal

For more information: Chris Kassina 217-653-3338

# 14 - Action Brown County's Ladies Night

For more information:

actionbrowncounty@gmail.com

# 16 - St. Mary School Trivia Night

Register early for free mulligans, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, free popcorn, tea, and lemonade For more information: 217-773-2825

# 20 & 21 – St. Mary School

# **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

For more information: 217-773-2825

# 23- April 7 – Itty Bitty Soccer

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 23- April 7 – 6-8 year-olds Soccer

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 23 – Spring Fling Vendor Show

Fundraiser for Brown County Against Cancer American Legion 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

For more information: 217-617-7762 or

dawnw19741@amail.com

# 23 - All About Dance M Students Works Concert

7pm, Brown County High School Auditorium For more information: Sara Hoots 217-473-2970 or allaboutdancemore@yahoo.com

# 29 - Fish Fry, KC Hall

5:00 – 7:00 pm

For more information: 217-430-1133 or

irischar@fsb-tc.com

# 30 - Chicken & Noodle Dinner

4:00-7:00 pm

Versailles Community Building

Free will offering benefitting Versailles Fall Festival For more information: Kim Eichelberger 217-653-6684 or ikes66@live.com

# 30 - Treasure Hunt

Shop businesses in Historic Uptown Mt. Sterling for sales and specials. For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

## 30 - Annual Fireman's Ball

8:00 pm - 12:00 am

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Tickets \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door

For more information: Brian Gallaher 217-773-3031



Fairs, Festivals and Special Events

# **APRIL**

# ${f 5}$ - Active Older Adult Friday Night Bingo

5:30-7pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

### 6 - Middle School Madness

7-10pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 6-All School Mass

St. Mary School

For more information: 217-773-2825

# 7-13 - Celebrate National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is a time for organizations across the country to honor volunteers and recognize the irreplaceable impact of their time and energy all year round. Show how much you appreciate your local volunteers by thanking them for all they do!

# 11 – Adult Easter Egg Hunt

Shop businesses in Historic Uptown Mt. Sterling for sales and specials. For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

### 13 - Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt

(Time TBD; early afternoon)

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

### 13 – Shop Local Saturday

Shop at participating businesses for sales and specials For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

# 19 - Ministerial Alliance Good Friday Service

Holy Family Catholic Church; 12:00 pm

For more information: pastor@fccmtsterling.com

# 20 – Easter Egg Hunt

Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois 700 SE Cross, Mt. Sterling 2:30 pm For children 0-9 years old For more information: 217-773-3325 or dbemis@mhcwi.org





# 27 - BCHS Prom

Pointe D'Vine, Quincy

For more information: 217-773-7500

# 27 - Healthy Kids Day

(Time TBD; late morning)

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 28 - Versailles Lions Club Chicken Fry

Old Versailles School 11:00 am – 2:00 pm For more information:

Versailles City Hall 217-225-3411

# **MAY**

Thursdays in May – Farmers Market, Gordley Memorial Park (behind courthouse); 10am - 2pm

# 3 - Grandparents' Day

St. Mary School

For more information: 217-773-2825

# 3 - Active Older Adult Friday Night Bingo

5:30-7pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA: 217-2230

# 6-10 - Celebrate Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

Your teachers and staff go above to help our youth go beyond. Thank them for making a positive difference every day at Brown County schools.

## 11-"Legends"

Heather's Tumble & Tap Spring Recital 2:00 & 6:00 pm; BCHS For more information: 217-248-8790 or

heather@heatherstumblentap.com

# 11 - Shop Local Saturday

Shop at participating businesses for sales and specials. For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

Fairs, Festivals and Special Events

# 17 – Middle School Madness End of Year Lock-In

10pm – 6am

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 21 -Awards Night

St. Mary School

For more information: 217-773-2825

# 22 - Graduation Mass

St. Mary School

For more information: 217-773-2825

### 24 - BCMS 8th Grade Promotion

7:00 pm

For more information: 217-773-7500

### 24 – BCHS Graduation

7:00 pm

For more information: 217-773-7500



# **JUNE**

Thursdays in June – Farmers Market, Gordley Memorial Park (behind courthouse); 10am - 2pm

# TBD - St. Mary School Golf Fundraiser

For more information: 217-773-2825

# 1 - "Lights. Camera. AADM!"

AADM Recital
2pm & 7pm
Jacksonville High School Auditorium
For more information: Sara Hoots 217-473-2970 or allaboutdancemore@yahoo.com

# 2 - Versailles Lions Club Fish Fry

Old Versailles School 11:00 am – 2:00 pm For more information: Versailles City Hall 217-225-3411

# 3 - First Day of Summer Day Camp!

Monday – Friday for 11 weeks

7:30am - 5:30pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 7 - Active Older Adult Friday Night Bingo

5:30-7pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 8 – Fundraiser for Brown County Against Cancer

details TBD

For more information: Pamela Hannant 217-242-5344

### 8 – Shop Local Saturday

Shop at participating businesses for sales and specials. For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

# 8 - Cruise Night

For more information: 217-440-6646 or tparsano@yahoo.com

# 14 - Celebrate the Flag

Shop businesses in Historic Uptown Mt. Sterling for sales and specials. For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

# 22 - Timewell Lions Toy Show

Timewell School 4:00 – 8:00 pm

For more information: 217-430-1133 or

irischar@fsb-tc.com

# 23 - Timewell Lions Toy Show

Timewell School

9:00 am – 3:00 pm, tractor drive at 12:00 pm

For more information: 217-430-1133 or

irischar@fsb-tc.com



Fairs, Festivals and Special Events

# 23 - First Christian Church Concert Series:

The Wanda Mountain Boys
117 W. Washington, Mt. Sterling
6:00 pm, meal served from 4:30 – 5:45 pm
Love offering taken for the groups, suppers will
be free will offering with proceeds going to FCC
Outreach Ministry

For more information: pastor@fccmtsterling.com

# **JULY**

Thursdays in July (except the 4th) – Farmers Market, Gordley Memorial Park (behind courthouse); 10am-2pm

# 5 - Active Older Adult Friday Night Bingo

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 5 – 4th of July Celebration

Sponsored by Brown County Fire District and City of Mt. Sterling. Mt. Sterling Lake, food and entertainment with fireworks once dark

# 13 - Shop Local Saturday

Shop at participating businesses for sales and specials For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

# 19 – 4-Person Golf Scramble to benefit Park District

Rolling Hills; \$240 per team, includes meal For more information: Chris Kassing 217-653-3338

### 30 - Brown County Fair

through August 4

Fairgrounds, N. Jefferson Street, Mt. Sterling For more information: 217-773-3939

www.browncofair.com



# **AUGUST**

Thursdays in August – Farmers Market, Gordley Memorial Park (behind courthouse); 10am-2pm

# 2 - Active Older Adult Friday Night Bingo

5:30-7pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 10 – Shop Local Saturday

Shop at participating businesses for sales and specials For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

### 18 - First Christian Church Concert Series:

The Redemptions

117 W. Washington, Mt. Sterling 6:00 pm, meal served from 4:30 – 5:45 pm Love offering taken for the groups, suppers will be free will offering with proceeds going to FCC Outreach Ministry

For more information: pastor@fccmtsterling.com

# 24 – Flag Football

Skills clinic (only for 6-8 and 9-11 year olds)
For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# **SEPTEMBER**

Thursdays in September – Farmers Market, Gordley Memorial Park (behind courthouse); 10am-2pm

# 6 - Active Older Adult Friday Night Bingo

5:30-7pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

### 7 - Middle School Madness

7-10pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 7 – Flag Football

Itty Bitty – goes through October 12 6-8 year-olds – goes through October 12 9-11 year-olds – goes through October 12 For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 14 – Versailles Fall Festival

11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Parade at 11 with chicken dinner immediately following. Events in park begin at 12:30 and continue until 9:00 pm

For more information:

Kim Eichelberger

217-653-6684 or ikes66@live.com

Fairs, Festivals and Special Events



# Fall Festival

September 20 - 22

# 14 - Shop Local Saturday

Shop at participating businesses for sales and specials. For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

# 20 - BCHS Homecoming Parade

4:00 pm

For more information: 217-773-7500



# 20 - Alumni Homecoming Block Party

Kickoff event of the Mt. Sterling Fall Festival N. Capitol Avenue, Mt. Sterling 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm; live music and food for adults 21+ For more information: actionbrowncounty@gmail.com

# 21 – BCHS Homecoming Dance

For more information: 217-773-7500

# 21 -Mt. Sterling Fall Festival

N. Capitol Avenue and American Legion, Mt. Sterling; all day; food, vendors, activities for kids For more information: actionbrowncounty@gmail.com

# 21 - Car Show & Cruise Night

For more information: 217-440-6646; tparsano@yahoo.com

# 22 – Ministerial Alliance Community Church Service

American Legion 10:00 am

For more information: pastor@fccmtsterling.com

# **OCTOBER**

# TBD -Crops for Kids

St. Mary School

For more information: 217-773-2825

### 4 - Ravenscroft Haunted House

212 N. Main Street, Versailles open Fridays and Saturdays in October (4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26) and on Halloween 7:30 – 10:30 pm

For more information: 217-257-0531



# 4 - Active Older Adult Friday Night Bingo

5:30-7pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 12 - Shop Local Saturday

Shop at participating businesses for sales and specials. For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

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# 12 - Mother & Son Harvest Ball

6-8pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 20 - First Christian Church Concert Series

Anticipation; 117 W. Washington, Mt. Sterling 6:00 pm, meal served from 4:30 – 5:45 pm Love offering taken for the groups, suppers will be free will offering with proceeds going to FCC **Outreach Ministry** 

For more information: pastor@fccmtsterling.com

# 25 - Middle School Madness Fright Night Lock-In

10pm - 6am

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

### 26 -Halloween Carnival

Sponsored by Action Brown County Old Versailles School For more information: actionbrowncounty@gmail.com

### 27 – Trunk or Treat

First Christian Church 117 W. Washington, Mt. Sterling 2:00 - 4:00 pm

For more information: pastor@fccmtsterling.com

# **NOVEMBER**

### TBD - Deer Classic

Proceeds benefit St. Mary School; live and silent auctions, raffles, games, meal, and beverages For more information: 217-773-2825

# 1 - Active Older Adult Friday Night Bingo

5:30-7pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA; 217-2230

# 2 - Middle School Madness

7-10pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 2 – Holiday Season Kickoff

Shop businesses in Historic Uptown Mt. Sterling for sales and specials. For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

# 9 - Shop Local Saturday

Shop at participating businesses for sales and specials. For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

# 9 - Kids' Night Out

5:15-8:00 pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230

# 23 – Soup & Sandwich Lunch

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Versailles Community Building

Free will offering benefitting Versailles Fall Festival For more information: Kim Eichelberger 217-653-6684 or ikes66@live.com

# DECEMBER

# TBD - Brown County Christmas Basket

Sponsored by Brown County Ministerial Alliance and Two Rivers Regional Council. Food baskts and personal care bags provided to Brown County families in need of these items.

For more information: 217-773-3141 or

c14.chaney@trrcopo.org

# TBD - Christmas Program and Happy Birthday Jesus Party

St. Mary School

For more information: 217-773-2825

Fairs, Festivals and Special Events

### TBD - "Not So Nutcracker"

AADM Recital

For more information: Sara Hoots, 217-473-2970, allaboutdancemore@yahoo.com

# 1 - First Christian Church Concert Series:

Christmas With the Goulds
117 W. Washington, Mt. Sterling
6:00 pm, meal served from 4:30 – 5:45 pm
Love offering taken for the groups, suppers will
be free will offering with proceeds going to FCC
Outreach Ministry.

For more information: pastor@fccmtsterling.com

# 6 – Winter Festival

Sponsored by Action Brown County Family fun activities and contests for residents and businesses. Santa coming to town. For more information: actionbrowncounty@gmail.com

# **6 - Active Older Adult Friday Night Bingo** 5:30-7pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230



# 7 - Middle School Madness

7:00 – 10:00 pm

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230



# 7 - Breakfast with Santa

Versailles Lions Club Old Versailles School 6:00 am – 12:00 pm For more information: Versailles City Hall 217-225-3411

# 12 - Ugly Sweater Contest

Shop businesses in Historic Uptown Mt. Sterling for sales and specials. For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

### 14 - Shop Local Saturday

Shop at participating businesses for sales and specials. For more information: shoplocalbrowncounty@gmail.com

# 14 - Heather's Tumble & Tap Winter Recital

2:00 & 6:00 pm; BCHS

For more information: 217-248-8790 or heather@heatherstumblentap.com

# 14 - Saturday with Santa

time TBD

For more information: Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-2230



# Join Action Brown County!



# It all starts with you!

Action Brown County is successful, in part. due to support from community members and local businesses. Our partners are so important and we accomplish much together.

Will you join us?
The purpose of Action Brown County is to work for the economic well being and the health of our community. It really capitalizes on work that's been done so far over the last few years, and there are various projects and various activities that have happened thanks to volunteers."

- Suzy Parn. ABC Past President

# What We've Achieved

- Annual appreciation dinner for Brown County school district employees
- Alumni Block Party, Harvest Festival, and **Scarecrow Contest**
- Halloween in Versailles
- Winter Festival, including the decorations of houses and buildings
- **Ladies Night Out**
- **County Activity Guide**
- Brown County Public School Education Fund

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These organizations provide great services and activities to the Brown County community. They also offer excellent opportunities for community members to get involved within their community.



# **Action Brown County**

Contact Info: actionbrowncounty@gmail.com

Action Brown County (ABC) works to promote the community and develop the economy throughout the county. ABC sponsors several events during the year and has begun working with local businesses to work collaboratively and encourage Brown County residents to shop local.

Volunteers welcome for committees, events, and projects

# **American Legion Post 374**

Contact Info: Dave Newell 217-225-3438

Promotes patriotism and provides reminders to all citizens to remember and acknowledge those who are serving and have served for our country and provide assistance to veterans.

Provides American Legion Awards to students, assistance to handicapped citizens, education to youth on patriotism and military, and recognition of veterans at Memorial Day celebrations. Meets monthly with Auxiliary every third Monday at 6:30pm for meal and meeting at 7pm

Volunteers welcome for some events

# American Legion Auxiliary Unit #374

Contact Info: Nancy Jo Mitchell 217-289-3428

Supports and assists in the work of the American Legion Post #374.

Poppy Poster Contest for students grades 4-12, scholarships for college, donations for books to schools, distributing poppies, sponsoring monthly blood mobiles, flowers at the courthouse and memorial, and Father's Day Picnic at Illinois Veteran's Home in Quincy.

Joiners Info: Membership is based on previous or current military service to our country. Members can be mothers, wives, daughters, and granddaughters, of servicemen.

Volunteers welcome for some projects.

# **Brown & Pike RSVP**

(Retired Senior Volunteer Program)

Contact Info: Kathy Ebbing, 217-641-4146

Barb Casady, 217-641-4960

Engages persons 55 and older in volunteer service to meet critical community needs and to provide a quality experience that will enrich the lives of the volunteers and those they serve.

Volunteers welcome.

# **Brown County Against Cancer**

Contact Info: Karla Metz 217-773-3327, karla.metz@bcsb.com, 217-370-8184

Community members working together to help provide financial support to Brown County residents that are battling cancer.

To receive financial assistance, cancer patients are to fill out application. One annual event to raise funds with all money collected staying in Brown County to help Brown County residents.

Volunteers welcome



# **Brown County Boss Gobblers**

(Local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation)

Contact Info: Justin Oliver; 217-653-6112; deputyoliver@yahoo.com

Website: www.nwtf.org

Nonprofit conservation and hunting organization that, along with its volunteers, partners, and sponsors, works for the conservation of the wild turkey and preservation of our hunting heritage.

Provides financial assistance to local programs such as Hunter Safety Course for aspiring hunters, Annual Food Basket.

Volunteers welcome to help with annual banquet and currently seeking motivated committee members.

# **Brown County Development Corporation**

Contact Info: Philip Krupps; 217-257-1583; philip. krupps@bcsb.com

Not for profit organization that works to achieve through networking with local businesses and municipalities, loaned executive support, and volunteer time to financially support the means to enhance the economic climate of Brown County.

Volunteers welcome



# **Brown County Fair Association**

Contact Info: Ruth McCaskill; 217-894-6269; rmc@adams.net

Website: www.browncofair.com

Provides a fun week of entertainment for people of all ages in Brown County and surrounding communities

Volunteers welcome to prepare for the fair each year



# **Brown County Farm Bureau**

Contact: Kathy Knight 217-773-2634 or brcofb@adams.net

Dedicated to improving the economic well-being of agriculture and enriching the quality of farm family life.

# **Brown County Food Basket**

Contact Info: Laura Simmons; 217-773-3668; gmas1935@frontier.com; or Doris Todd; 217-773-3773

Provides supplemental food to families in need in Brown County

Every Third Friday of the Month food will be given out at the Old Versailles School

Volunteers are welcome

# **Brown County Historical Society**

Contact Info: Bill and Margaret Scranton; 217-289-3480; scranton@adams.net

Preserve artifacts and folklore indigenous to Brown County, Illinois

Tours of historical buildings and artifacts. Whistle Stop Depot Museum and restored Ferguson School are open during Brown County Fair and set open house dates or by appointment.

# **Brown County Ministerial Alliance**

Contact Info: Steve Surratt; 217-740-9234; steve@hopethroughfaithministries.com

Assists with annual Christmas Food Basket and families in need with food, gas, electric, or emergency needs. Spread the word of God to the community with Stations of the Cross and baccalaureate for Brown County High School Seniors.

# **Brown County Public Library District**

Contact Info: Richard Young; 217-773-2013; browncty@adams.net

Website: www.bcpubliclibrary.org

Provides materials for adults, young adults, and children.

Reading material, audio books, online book access, DVDs, videos, computer access, local area newspapers, magazines, micro film, copier, fax machine and printer access. Homebound delivery provided each week in the towns of Timewell, Ripley, Versailles, and Mt. Sterling. Also, offers an eight-week summer reading program for Pre-K through sixth grade.

# **Brown County Senior Citizens Center**

Contact Info: Mt. Sterling, 217-773-3241; Versailles, 217-225-3256

Free tax return service, assistance with other agency forms and health care needs, medicare Part D assistance, amplified telephones, and license plate discount. Activities include; Exercise Class, Free Bingo, free blood pressure screenings, pot luck dinners, and playing cards.

Volunteers welcome

# Brown County Soil and Water Conservation District

Contact Info: Charla Meyers 217-773-3993 charla. meyers@il.nacdnet.net

Cost-share program for the construction of conservation practices aimed at reducing soil erosion and improving water quality, farm equipment rental, and agriculture/conservation education programs.





# **Brown County United Way**

Contact Info: Tricia Baker; tbaker@dotfoods.com

Website: www.browncountyuw.org

A volunteer organization supported by local funding offering charitable support for local nonprofit organizations, local programming to benefit those in need, support of Action Brown County initiative, and collaborative efforts to enhance Brown County. Provides opportunities to make a positive impact in the community that benefits all ages within the community.

Volunteers welcome

# Friends of St. Mary School

Contact Info: Beth Boylen; 217-242-1237

Provides support to SMS teachers by providing funds for classroom supplies and fees for field trips for the students. Also, provides Family Fun Nights, helps with Catholic Schools week activities, and Teacher Appreciation Week. Meetings are held in the St. Mary School cafeteria on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm.

Volunteers Welcome

# Hardin Lodge #44 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Contact Info: Michael Parks, 217-621-5555

Website: www.ilmason.org

A fraternal organization that serves our communities with various acts of beneficence, primarily focusing on children and seniors. Meetings are second Tuesday of every month at 104 W. South Mt. Sterling at 7:30pm with a meal at 6:30pm.

# Hope Through Faith Ministries, Inc.

Contact Info: Steve Surratt; 217-740-9234; steve@hopethroughfaithministries.com

Website: www.hopethroughfaithministries.com Facilitates the development of "Healthy People, Healthy Churches, and Healthy Communities" through Christian-based assistance called Pastoral Care.

# Idelle Rebekah Lodge #17

Contact Info: Charlotte Scott; charlyscott@gmail. com; or Mildean DeWitt; 217-225-3290

Fraternal organization providing community services to Brown County.

Volunteers welcome

# **Knights of Columbus**

Contact Info: Jim Rischar; 217-430-1133; jrischar@fsb-tc.com

Fraternal organization that provides opportunities for men of all ages to advance in their faith mission of service through community. Supports Holy Family Church, St. Mary's School, and the community. Provides service opportunities through either the use of their facility located on Rte 24 West in Mt. Sterling, fundraising opportunities, nocturnal adoration at Holy Family Church or volunteering at local schools.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed.



# Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois

Contact Info: Jessica Boyle; jboyle@mhcwi.org

Website: www.mhcwi.org

Helps individuals achieve personal wellness through the provision of cost-effective, person-

centered services by qualified and caring staff.
Offers outpatient mental health counseling and
psychiatric services, Crisis Intervention Services,
Supervised Residential Program, Case Management,
Community Support Services, Outpatient Substance
Abuse Counseling, DUI Evaluations, Driver Risk
Education



# Mt. Sterling Community Center YMCA

Contact Info: Jeff Summers; 217-773-2230; ymcasummers@casscomm.com

Website: www.mtsterlingymca.net

Non-profit, charitable Christian based organization; providing programs that build healthy mind, body, and spirit for all. Offers various programs year-round for people of all ages including fitness programs, athletic programs, child care, exercising, and much more

Volunteers welcome for various programs and events

# Mt. Sterling Park District/Friends of the Park

Contact Info: Chris Kassing; 217-653-3338

Provides recreational opportunities for Brown County. Offers swimming lessons at Joel Oliver Memorial Pool, tennis courts, sand volleyball court, basketball court, disc golf, swimming pool, parks, and playground equipment.

Volunteers welcome





# National T.T.T. Society Illinois Chapter AI

Contact Info: Sandy Quinn; 217-773-2400; sandyq2@adams.net

Non-profit organization of volunteers working together on two programs: 1) Adopt-A-Family, providing clothing and toys to Brown County children ages birth thru 8th grade; and 2) sends a few girls who have finished 4th grade to a girls camp.

Volunteers welcome

# Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc.

Contact Info: Cheri Triplett; 217-322-2700; carenet1@ casscomm.com

Website: www.mypregnancyoptions.com

Provides free and confidential pregnancy options and support to men and women.

Volunteers welcome

# Quanada

Contact Info: Jennifer Vancil; 217- 222-0069; Megan Stephenson; 217-242-3889; brownschuyler@ quanada.org

Website: www.quanada.org

Provides counseling and advocacy with law enforcement and court system to Brown County residents victimized by violent crime. Services are free and confidential.

Volunteers are welcome

# The Sting Squad

Contact Info: Rick Kunkel; 217-617-1907, Facebook and Twitter

A football support group with a mission of filling

the financial and manpower needs required by a growing, improving and exciting program. Works closely with Coaching Staff, Athletic Director and BCHS Administration to assist in the advancement of the football program – equipment purchase and upkeep, field maintenance and support, weight room improvements, and player recognition.

The Sting Squad has received 10 national awards from Pioneer Athletics for their work on Hornet Field.

# **Timewell Lions Club**

Contact Info: Jim Rischar; 217-430-1133; jrischar@fsb-tc.com

Provides assistance to community members with eye and hearing care, maintains Timewell school and gym for community members to use for activities, meetings and gatherings.

Volunteers welcome for various activities



# Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials

Contact Info: Becky Pruden; 217-221-6204/217-224-8171, b14.pruden@trrcopo.org; or Carolyn Chaney; 217-773-3141, c14.chaney@trrcopo.org; or Stephanie Dehart, s14.dehart@trrcopo.org

Website: www.trrcopo.org

Develops and administers programs and policies which further the efforts of local governments and aids the economically disadvantaged. Offers low income home energy assistance, weatherization, food pantry, emergency assistance, job training, public computer lab, and grant writing.

# University of Illinois Extension - Unit 14

Contact Info: Shelby Crow; 217-223-8380,

sschoon@illinois.edu

Website: http://web.extension.illinois.edu/abhps/

Purpose: To deliver educational programs drawing on unbiased, research-based information. Extension's goal is to help people develop skills, solve important problems, improve their families, farms, businesses, and communities and to do so in a fiscally responsible manner

Offering: Programs in agriculture, natural resources, horticulture, nutrition and wellness, family life issues, community development and youth programming are all offered in Brown County.

Volunteers welcome

# Versailles Area Genealogical and **Historical Society**

Contact Info: William Logsdon; 217-225-3434

Preserves local history and aiding in genealogical research while maintaining the museum, log cabin, blacksmith shop and antique machinery on

Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30-5:00pm. Winter Hours are Wednesday and Friday 1:30-5:00pm.

Volunteers welcome

# Versailles Lions Club

Contact Info: Jerry White, 217-779-3167

Raises money for various local needs and projects.

Volunteers are welcome to help with frequent cook-outs at local events and labor on various projects.

# Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Contact Info: Jim Duvendack: 217-773-4141

Organization for veterans who have served overseas during a declared war to help other veterans in the community. Assists and donates to community organizations, provides support to veterans, and developed Veterans Grove in Mt. Sterling

# West Central Illinois Health Corporation / Cass-Schuyler Area **Hospice**

Contact Info: 217-452-3057

Provides hospice care to terminally ill patients and

their families within Brown County. Medicines and equipment are provided at no cost to the families within their homes according to the patient's diagnosis.

Hospice volunteers are welcome

# West Central Mass Transit District

Contact Info: Ed Parker: 217-773-3025: eparkerwcmtd@frontier.com

Website: www.wcmtd.org

Provides Brown County with safe, reliable and timely means of Public Transportation for people of all ages. Monthly passes, student passes, discounts for persons with disabilities.

Volunteers welcome

# YMCA Community Band

Contact Info: Jeff Summers; 217-773-2230; vmcasummers@casscomm.com

Rehearsals are every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the BCHS Band and Choir room with performances twice a year under the direction of Wyatt Gard. Anyone is able to join, with all ability levels welcome. Must be at least 14 years of age to participate.

# YMCA Community Choir

Contact Info: Jeff Summers: 217-773-2230: ymcasummers@casscomm.com

Rehearsals are every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the BCHS Band and Choir room and performances are twice a year under the direction of BCHS Choral instructor, Lori Berguist... Anyone is able to join, all ability levels welcome. Must be at least 14 years of age to participate



# **Youth Organizations**



# 4-H / University of Illinois Extension

Contact Info: Jennifer Shelts; 217-322-3381,

jshelts@illinois.edu

Website: http://web.extension.illinois.edu/abhps/

Voluntary, informal education program for youth ages 8-18; Cloverbuds is a program for children 5-7

years old.

Volunteers welcome

# All About Dance & More

Contact Info: Sara Hoots, 217-473-2970, allaboutdancemore@yahoo.com

Dance and Tumbling Education instills your child with the love for dance, building self-esteem and self-discipline and nurturing minds to be the best dancers they can be.

Offers ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, poms, cheerleading, pointe, modern, salsa and yogalaties, ballroom, kickboxing, tumbling, and trampoline for all ages

# Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Illinois

Contact Info: Cindy Denby, 217-223-5452, cdenby@bbbswci.org; Judy Shearon, jshearon@bbbswci.org

Website: www.bigbrothersbigsisterswci.org

Helps children reach their full potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships. Community, site-based and lunch buddy programs providing one-to-one mentoring programs to at-risk youth.

Volunteers welcome for mentors and assistance with fundraising events.

# **Boy Scout Troop 11**

Contact Info: Chad Kunkel; kunkelchadm@gmail.

com

Website: www.mississippivalleybsa.org

Provides a fun, youth-driven, outdoor program for young people that builds character development, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. For boys Grade 5 to 18 years

Volunteers welcome

# **Brown County Little League**

Contact Info: Mike Boylen at 217-779-8915

Provides organized baseball and softball programs

for Brown County children ages 4-16.

Volunteers welcome

### Cub Scout Pack 11

Contact Info: Alex Jennings; 217-779-4483

Website: www.mississippivalleybsa.org

Promotes the development of leadership skills and confidence within each boy while enhancing their ability to constructively work in a group setting. For boys in Grades 1-5.

Volunteers are welcome with minimal training.

# Girl Scouts - Brown County

Contact Info: Shirlene Garrison, springrose 17@ hotmail.com or 217-490-3250

Website: www.getyourgirlpower.org

Builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Open to all girls in grades Kindergarten – 12th grades. Offers girls the opportunity to become leaders by learning new skills, participating in community service, and having fun!



# Youth Organizations



# Heather's Tumble-N-Tap

Contact Info: Heather Henry; 217-248-8790; heather@heatherstumblentap.com

Website: www.heatherstumblentap.com

Dance and Tumbling Education. Offering tap, tumbling, jazz/poms for girls, and tumbling classes for boys for ages 3 and up.

# JUMP (Jesus Uniting Mini People)

Contact Info: Mt. Sterling First Baptist Church 217-773-3562

A weekly program to get kids excited for Jesus. For children Pre-K -6th grade. A light supper is provided. Free to attend.

Volunteers Welcome

# Special Olympics Illinois, West Central Region H

Contact Info: Heather Davis; 217-322-7451 (no texts); hdavis@soill.org

Website: www.soill.org

Provides year-round sports training and competition in Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Young Athletes Program (motor activity training and completion for children ages 2-8, those with special needs and without), sports competitions and training for individuals with special needs ages 8-108, public speaking and leadership training for individuals with special needs ages 8-108.

Volunteers welcome for variety of areas such as coaching, agency direction, fundraising, committee participation, sports events, etc.



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- Strengthen your local economy
- Reduce energy consumption.
- **Support community groups.**
- Keep community **Unique**.
- Create more quality jobs.
- Get better service.
- Invest in your community.
  - Encourage **local** prosperity.
    - Put your taxes to good use.
      - Buy what you need. Don't buy the hype.

# School/Education Information

Brown County Schools are working tirelessly to provide for measurable, lasting improvements in student performance, high quality school leadership, and professional development of the staff. Raising expectations and academic performance for all students is being done through a collaborative effort between the schools and the community. Every Student. Every Level. To get a better understanding of the hard work taking place in the schools, community members are encouraged to volunteer and tour the schools. Please see the school websites for additional information on the tours and volunteer program.

# **Brown County Schools**

Brown County School District Superintendent – Ms. Vicki Phillips 503 N.W. Cross Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-7500 www.bchornets.com



# Brown County Elementary School

Grades – Pre-K – 4th Principal – Ms. Shelley Sheffler 501 N.W. Cross Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-7500 http://bces.bchornets.com



# **Brown County Middle School**

Grades – 5th-8th Principal- Ms. Karen Jirjis 504 E. Main Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-7500 http://bcms.bchornets.com



# **Brown County High School**

Grades – 9th-12th

Principal – Ms. Pollee Craven
500 E. Main
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353
217-773-7500

http://bchs.bchornets.com



# St. Mary School

Grades- Pre-K-8th
Principal – Ms. Melissa Obert
408 W. Washington
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353
217-773-2825
www.smseagle.org

# Four Rivers Special Education District

Director – Chris Pennell 936 W. Michigan Street Jacksonville, IL 62650 217-245-7174 cpennell@frsed.org www.frsed.org Provides services to the school district with programs for students with severe emotional and behavior disorders, multiple disabilities, vision and hard of hearing services, developmentally delayed/ special needs services to 3-5 year old children and Child Connection Coordinator for children 0-3.



# Parent and Child Together (PACT) for West Central Illinois

Executive Director - Shanna Edison 300 S. Capitol Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-3903 sedison@pactheadstart.com www.pactheadstart.com Provides Home Based Head Start and Early Head Start services to families in Brown County who meet income guidelines. 10% of enrollment is reserved for children with disabilities. PACT provides comprehensive services which include education, health, nutrition, social services and parent involvement.



# John Wood Community College/Dot Foods Learning Center

108 N. Capitol Mt. Sterling, IL 217-773-2002 Jeanne Yingling jyingling@jwcc.edu www.jwcc.edu

# Brown County Schools Volunteer Program

Do you believe strongly in education? Are you interested in supporting students in learning? If so, the Brown County School District and St. Mary School want you to join the volunteer program.

To sign up contact St. Mary School at 217-773-2825 or BCSD at 217-773-2624. For more information on the program visit www.bchornets.net.

# Church Information

# Benville Church

Pastor Laura Simmons 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship RR#4 Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-3668

# First Christian Church

Pastor Steve Surratt 8:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 117 West Washington Mt. Sterling IL 62353 217-773-3247 fccmtst@adams.net www.fccmtsterling.com

### First Lutheran Church

10:30 am Sunday Worship 111 W. South Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-322-4237

# First United Methodist Church

Pastor Angel Rosales 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Sunday Worship 120 S. Capital Mt Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-2047 msumc1@frontier.com

# Holy Family Catholic Church

Father Steve Thompson 5:30 pm Saturday Mass 8:00 am Sunday Mass 7 am Daily Mass Tues-Thurs 8:30 am School Mass Fridays 5:30pm vigil/8:30am Holy Days 401 W North; PO Box 252 Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-3233 holy.family@frontier.com

# LaGrange Chapel

Reverend Matt Haberman 9:30 am Sunday Worship 11 am Sunday School RR#1 (by lock and damn) Versailles, IL 62378

# Mt. Sterling Church of Nazarene

Pastor Bob Willis 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 Sunday Worship 6:30 pm Wednesday Service 400 East Franklin Mt. Sterling, IL 62353

# Mt. Sterling First Baptist Church

6:30 pm Encounter Thursdays 9:30 am Sunday Worship 11:00 am Sunday School 140 E. Main Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-3562 msfbchurch@casscomm.com

# Presbyterian Church of Christ

Pastor Richard Young 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Sunday Worship 101 E North Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-3876 info@pccms.org www.pccms.org



# The Crossing - Mt. Sterling Ethan Sefton – Campus Pastor

6 pm Thurs & 10 am Sun Worship 979 895 East Street Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-3404 ethans@thecrossina.net www.thecrossing.net/mtsterling



# The Ripley Church of God

Elder Robert Laning 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship RR#3 Box 88 Mt Sterling, IL 62353 217-322-6161 (Church) 217-257-3331 (Cell)

# Timewell Baptist Church

Pastor Dale Gadberry 109 North Main / PO Box 26 Timewell, IL 62375 217-430-7157 dgadberry@dotfoods.com

# **Timewell Christian Church**

Pastor Dr. Stephen Griffin 5 pm Saturday Bible Study 6 pm Saturday Evening Worship RR#1 Timewell, IL 62375

# Versailles Christian Church

Pastor Mark Bledsoe 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 Sunday Worship 3rd and Maple Versailles, IL 62378 217-225-3549

# Versailles First Baptist Church

Pastor Greg Hill 111 E. First Versailles, IL 62378 217-225-3555

# Parks/Camping/Recreation

# **PARKS**

### Clark Memorial Park

Damon Road, Mt. Sterling, IL

Includes: Playground equipment, pavilion, sand volleyball court, disc golf course, basketball court, tennis courts, and restrooms

Pavilion reservation for \$10 - contact Chris Kassing; 217-653-3338

# **Gordley Memorial Park**

Behind Brown County Courthouse, Mt. Sterling, IL Includes: Playground equipment and picnic tables

# **Kassing Park**

Chestnut Street, Mt. Sterling, IL

### Moore Memorial Park

Rt. 107, 7 miles South of Mt. Sterling, IL

Includes: Rustic setting with trails, pavilion, restrooms,

and large grass area

Contact Charla Meyers at 217-773-3993 ext. 3 to reserve

# **Quinn Memorial Park**

Cooperstown, IL

Includes: Shelter house and playground equipment

### Ripley Park

Ripley, IL

Includes: Shelter house and playground equipment

# **Rotary Park**

Corner of 600 N. Maple & Grove Streets, Mt. Sterling Includes: Playground equipment, pavilion, and

Pavilion reservation for \$10 - Contact Chris Kassing 217-653-3338

# Timewell Park

Timewell. IL

Included: Shelter house, picnic tables, updated playground equipment, tennis courts, and baseball field

Contact Mayor Janet Brake 217-440-5305 to reserve

### Versailles Park

West Cherry Street, Versailles, IL

Includes: Playground equipment, pavilion,

basketball court, baseball field

# Nature Conservancy (Spunky Bottoms)

LaGrange Locks Road, Versailles, IL 62378 Includes: fishing, canoeing, water fowl hunting, hiking, bird watching



# **CAMPING**

# Mt. Sterling Lake

RR#1 Rte. 99 North Mt. Sterling, IL 62353

217-773-2513 (Mt. Sterling City Hall)

Campsite host is available during "prime season"otherwise money can be deposited at drop box or City Hall

Campina info:

Tent-\$10 per day

Campers-\$15 per day

Camper parking per day (not occupied)-\$2 per day

Pavilion Rentals: Nicholas - \$30

Renneker-\$20

# **Brown County Fairgrounds**

North Jefferson and Fairground Street Mt. Sterling, IL

\$15 per night. Mail check to BC Fair c/o Ruth Mc-Caskill at 1597 E. 3050th Street Clayton, IL 62324



# Parks/Camping/Recreation



# **SWIMMING POOLS**

# McDaniel Municipal Swimming Pool West Cherry Street

Versailles, IL 62378 217-225-3623

# Joel Oliver Swimming Pool

501 N. Damon Road Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-3767

# RECREATION

# Rolling Greens Golf Club

Rt. 99 North Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-3085 ww.golfrollinggreens.com Open March - October 18 hole golf course

# Mt. Sterling Community Center YMCA

Rte 99 South; PO Box 247 Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-2230

www.mtsterlingymca.net

Purpose: Non-profit, charitable Christian based organizations; providing programs that build healthy

mind, body, and spirit for all

Offering: Offers various programs year round for people of all ages including fitness programs, athletic programs, child care, exercising and much more



# BASEBALL/SOFTBALL DIAMONDS

# McPhail Ball Park

Timewell, IL 62375

# Versailles Ball Park

West Cherry St. Versailles, IL 62378

# Mt. Sterling Marley Park

W. Washington Street /Damon Road Mt. Sterling, IL 62353



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# We heard you, Brown County!

Use the findings of the 2018 Brown County Community Survey to guide the work of your community or organization!

The 2018 Brown County Survey Report is a tool for community stakeholders to help them make informed decisions about future work. The information available in the full report online includes current demographic and survey data to better understand what Brown County residents think about life, work, play, and progress in Brown County.

# We heard you, Brown County!

# By the numbers:

- 541 completed community surveys
- 65 completed high school surveys
- · 8 steering committee members
- · 3 community focus groups with 24 participants
- 2 high school focus groups with 20 participants

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