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Foster Grandparents Find Joy in Helping Children

Hi, My name is Pam Clutter & I am a Foster Grandparent volunteer at Webster Springs Elementary in Webster County. As a retiree, the MOVRC Foster Grandparent Program means so much to me. It gives me a sense of fulfillment to be able to impact the lives of the children I serve. I work in first grade where I am able to work one-on-one with children who need a little extra help. Each day I work, I find joy & feel happy that I may make a difference. I have made so many new friends whom have become like family. I feel needed and that is so important as I grow older. This program lets me enjoy being productive again.



RSVP Volunteers Collect for Local Hospitals



RSVP volunteers have continued to work through the challenging weather and the widespread cold and flu season.

These volunteers continue to work hard at meeting the needs of their communities no matter the obstacles. They recently collected books and reading materials for local hospitals. These donations were distributed to the hostal auxiliaries of Jackson, Mason and Roane counties. Coloring books, crayons and colored pencils were also provided for the hospital waiting rooms. This picture shows a few of the items collected at the Ravenswood Senior Center.



James Persinger, senior volunteer, holding a workshop on Driver Safety at the Ravenswood Senior Center. Volunteers like James, provide educational work-shops and seminars on such topics as: Driver Safety, Medicare/Medicaid, Prescription Information and Consumer Awareness against scams targeting seniors.

Workforce Updates

It was another eventful month for the Workforce Development Board. Our website is expanding, as we have added a new page titled 'Job Listings'. On this page we have job listings that are frequently updated to give job seekers the most up to date job opportunities. Career fairs are also listed on this page for youth to attend and get an idea on what they would want to do in their future. The Workforce Development Board was also this month's Chamber Spotlight. The Parkersburg Chamber of Commerce has a page on their website recognizing the WDB as a chamber member since 2002 and highlights all of our services that we provide. We have approved 6 apprenticeships through the Laborers union that began in the beginning of January, we will have 2 through the Millwright's and they will begin towards March. We began a new On The Job Training with Randolph construction this month and we have another customer scheduled to begin an OJT in February with Chemours.

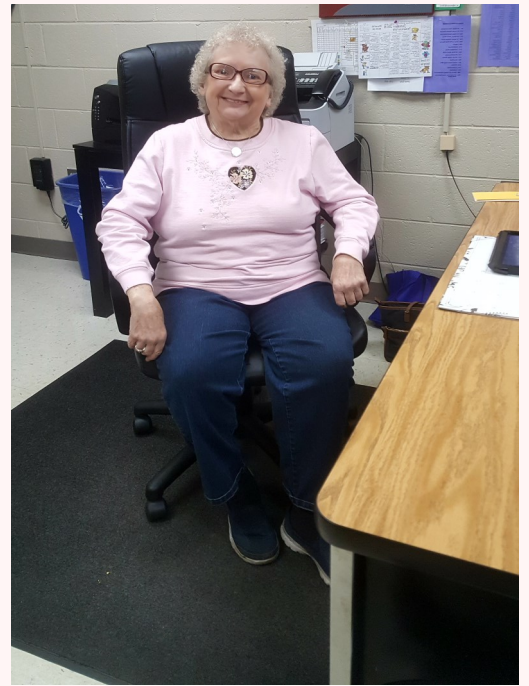
Senior Companion Program Attends Mental Health First Aid Training



The Senior Companion Program attended a training on February 16, 2018 on Mental Health First Aid at WVUP. Rod Poling SCP Project Director and Mike Livsey SCP Coordinator along with 3 SCP Team Leaders-Nola Herndon, Jan Glessner and Sharon Ball. The training was to teach how to deal with Mental Health First Aid issues such as substance abuse and veteran's issues. Although the issues were related to working with Veterans the information can also be used to help the general public. The class was very well taught and informational and lasted 8 hours and certificates of completion were issued at the end of the day. If you find yourself in need of getting connected with substance abuse and treatment and behavioral health service near you Please Call 1-844-HELP4WV or visit HELP4WV.com

Making a Difference with the Foster Grandparent Program

Hi, I'm Norma Keith, a Foster Grandparent volunteer at Zela Elementary in Nicholas County. I've been a Foster Grandparent for 15 years. I served at Dixie Elementary for several years until it closed in 2016. Being a Foster Grandparent volunteer makes my life rewarding knowing that I have helped a lot of kids learn to read better. I love that they enjoy spending time with me just as much as I enjoy them. The hugs are the best!



Hello, My name is Kathy Minigh and I am a Foster Grandparent volunteer at Gilmer County Elementary in Glenville, WV. I am a mother of three and a grandmother of seven. I retired teaching in June of 2014 and was fortunate to have a Foster Grandparent in my classroom during the last few years of my career. I decided then, that when I retired, the Foster Grandparent Program was something that I would pursue. The Foster Grandparent Program has given me the opportunity to continue to work with the children. It has allowed me to stay active outside of the home and continue to be a productive member in my community. I am proud to represent the MOVRC Foster Grandparent Program at my school and blessed when the children give me hugs and call me "Miss Kathy".

This month brings the start of the tax season upon us. RSVP volunteers are once again stepping up to help meet the needs of seniors with tax preparation services. Volunteers in Jackson, Roane and Wetzel counties are assisting seniors with tax advice and preparation.



Grant Awards for Community Development



Tyler County Commission receives \$30,000

The Tyler County Commission has identified broadband internet service as the county's top non-water and -sewer utility project. The growth of Tyler County and its potential for further success through educational and economic avenues is very dependent on broadband internet service. This broadband study will map the direction the county needs to take to achieve these goals.



Tyler County Commission receives \$1,066,000

This project will provide new water service to 43 households & impact service for Boreman Elementary School & the Tyler County 4-H Camp. The BPH reports the area suffers erratic water supply, including dry wells during summer months and wells with poor water quality. The engineer advises the preliminary design is complete. USDA has approved their funding in the project and the completed environmental report.



Jackson County Commission receives \$125,000

The Jackson County Commission will use this grant to implement infrastructure improvements & equipment installation to serve the Sandyville area with broadband internet connectivity. One key factor for this initiative is public safety, as there is little to no cell connectivity in this area to serve residents, businesses, an elementary school and a senior center.