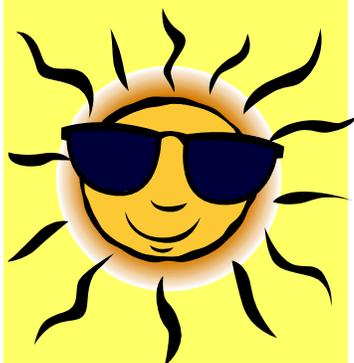


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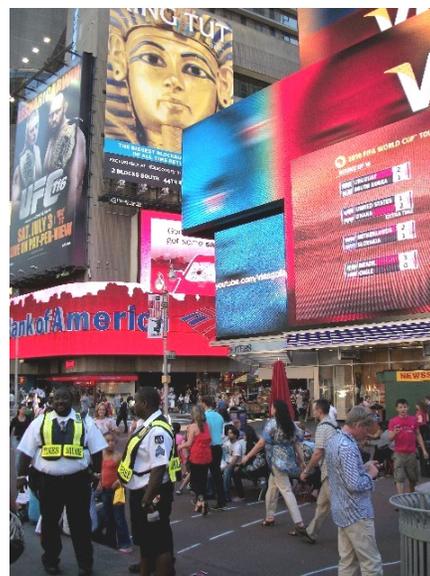
Work sessions utilized multimedia presentations in addition to live speakers

I would like to thank everyone who has made me feel welcome as I begin serving you and our community as the new RSVP director of Venango County. Over the years, I have worked with volunteers in various capacities while employed and have also served as a volunteer for organizations.

One of my first official duties as RSVP director was to attend the National Conference on Volunteering and Service organized by the parent Corporation for National and Community Service. The conference's theme, IT'S UP TO YOU, reminded us in attendance that the participation of each volunteer affects our community and residents. The multitude of conference sessions provided information to help us focus our attention on fulfilling the mission and goals of our organization.

We will be facing recompetition in 2013 for our RSVP grant and conferences such as this are designed to answer questions and equip us with the tools we need to compete. Conference speakers stressed the importance of measuring the impact of your volunteer efforts, so I am asking each of you to think about what you do and how it affects those around you. What stories do you have to tell about the community that you serve? What effects have your volunteer efforts had on participants? Would your efforts also serve a larger community facing similar difficulties? Share your stories by sending them to me at the RSVP office or by emailing me at mkelley@co.venango.pa.us.

I am looking forward to working with all the RSVP Volunteers in Venango County. My door is always open and I encourage you to stop by and introduce yourself. The work you do enhances our community and makes Venango County a great place to live and work. I'm looking forward to meeting you!



Conference attendees easily blended in on the busy NYC streets

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



REACH

Monica Kelley

Congratulations!

Creekside Center Members Honored for Their Volunteerism

Ray Lauer and Jane Myers of Creekside Center were honored in April 2010 for their dedication to volunteering at Golden Living Center in Oil City. Vickie Atkinson, Recreation Services Director, presented Ray and Jane with a plaque and special gift basket. The plaque honoring Ray and Jane now proudly hangs in the Creekside Center. Volunteers from Creekside Center began volunteering at the Golden Living Center by joining the residents in the dining room monthly to enjoy dominoes, cards, and friendship. Both the Golden Living Center and Creekside members enjoyed it so much they quickly chose to add an additional day each month. Ray and Jane oversee the other Creekside volunteers while they are at Golden Living. Creekside manager, Pam Moon, stated, "Ray and Jane always just jump right in when there is a need. I've never had to ask for help when the two of them are here at Creekside. They have such a passion for what they do at Golden Living and I am so pleased that others have been touched by it. I cannot think of two people who deserve this honor more".

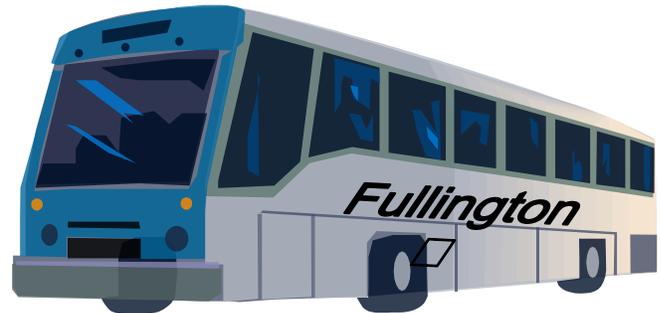
Bus Trip Planned to Hartville Marketplace Arts & Craft Show

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Saturday, October 2, 2010

COST

\$21.00 per person (payment is due at the time of reservation. Full refunds available if the trip is cancelled or if you can find a replacement for yourself.) Transportation is provided by Fullington Bus Line.



Join Us!!

For reservations and additional information, please contact:

Pam Moon at 814-676-1710

IF YOU CAN WALK IN THE WOODS, YOU CAN HUNT OIL WELLS!

If you are looking for a way to exercise your mind as well as your body, and are interested in spending some quality time outdoors, consider volunteering with the Senior Environmental Corps. You will team up with other senior volunteers to monitor streams and locate orphan wells in Venango County. Volunteers should be able to walk over uneven terrain and be willing to learn monitoring methods. Training is provided.

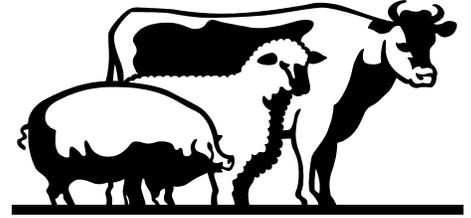
Volunteers typically spend from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. outdoors once or twice a month during the Spring and Fall testing stream samples or searching for orphan wells.

For further information, call the
RSVP office at 814-432-9723
or 814-432-9706.



Upcoming Community Events

August 2-7—
Venango County
Fair



August 4, 11, &
18—Concerts, Noon-1 p.m., Pipeline Alley,
Seneca Street, Oil City



August 6 & 7—St. Joseph
Church Festival, Oil City, 6-11
p.m., food booths, baked
goods, games & other activi-
ties.

August 7—Kennerdell Music &
Arts Festival, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Wilson Park,
Kennerdell. (Rain date August 8).

August 10—Mostly Brass Concert, Sugar-
creek Station, 7 p.m.

August 26—Concert: Fountain Park Gazebo,
Franklin; Dempseytown Ramblers; Noon.

August 28—
Rock In River
Festival, 11
a.m.-4 p.m.,
Riverfront
Park, Frank-
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Volunteer Opportunities . . . Volunteer Opportunities . . .

“YOU GO” Project—VARHA/Community Youth Volunteer Program/RSVP

Volunteers needed during the months of July & August, every Tuesday and Thursday, from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. RSVP volunteers are needed to mentor our local youth (approx. 12 children) for a job readiness program. Volunteers will ride on the bus, which starts at the Oil City YMCA and travels to the VARHA grounds.

Polk Quilt Raffle



Volunteers needed to sell raffle tickets at local banks on Fridays during the months of July, August, & September.

Out of County Transportation

RSVP is always in need of drivers to transport consumers to out of county medical appointments.

Apprise Counselors

Volunteers needed to counsel consumers on Medicare, Medicaid, supplemental insurance, long term care insurance, and other public and private insurance options. Training provided.



Barrow Civic Theatre

Volunteers needed at the Box Office to work 3 1/2 hours one day a week (Thursday thru Saturday). Volunteer must be computer literate (the basics).



DeBence Antique Music World Museum

Do you like to see things sparkle & shine? Become a volunteer dustologist and learn the care of antiques. Volunteers also needed for hospitality and tour guides.

UPMC

Volunteers needed for clerical, Liaison Volunteer, emergency room attendants (assists E.R. staff with communication between doctor, staff, patients, & family members), and The Cuddler Program (training required).

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Sugar Creek Station

Volunteers needed to escort visitors, help with activities, and friendly visits.



Social Security Office

Volunteers needed to make phone contact to encourage people to fill out applications online.

Red Cross

Volunteers needed for blood drives, school awareness programs (water safety & fire safety), and disaster relief.

Venango County Fair, Inc.

Volunteers needed for clerical and maintenance work.

Tax & Rent Rebate Preparers Needed

It is hard to believe...tax season is just around the corner. As you all may know, Bill Elliot has retired from doing tax aid. He has been a dedicated volunteer to tax aid since 1998. To be a volunteer tax preparer you must be familiar with the computer, or willing to learn. It is also helpful to be comfortable dealing with the public. All volunteer tax preparers will be trained the second week in January. Tax preparation at our local churches will start February 3, 2011 and continue thru April 15, 2011. The hours are 7am until 3pm, every Thursday and Friday.



Local Thrift Stores

There is a great need for volunteers in our local thrift stores in Venango County. The volunteer would be responsible for sorting items that have been donated. The thrift stores also need people to tag and stock donated items in the store.

Please contact Karen Cramer at 814-432-9706 if you are interested in any of these opportunities!!!!

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