

November/December 2022

RSVP Helping Hands

A time to celebrate!

Over ninety volunteers turned out for the volunteer luncheon at the end of October and it was great to see you all. We've heard many comments about the tasty, tender roast beef and the delicious, homemade ice cream sandwich dessert-hats off the crew at the Country Kitchen!

A special thanks to our wonderful Advisory Committee- Ladelle Earney, Joni King, Aubrey Metz, Barb Olson, Fran Saunders, and Phaedra Victory in the planning, preparation and implementation of the luncheon. I would not want to do it without you!

It was great to take time to celebrate your service and highlight the accomplishments of the past year. Your service has impacted the lives of so many and we had the pictures and stats to prove it!! We also celebrated milestone anniversaries for seven 25-year volunteers, one 20-year volunteer, and two 15-year volunteers. That's 225 years of service — Wow! Check out the pictures later in this newsletter. And while your at it, check out all the opportunities coming up in November and December—there is definitely something for everyone!

~ Yours in service, Rachel



Coffee Socials

Fun gift bags given for door prizes, birthdays & hours.



CHADRON COFFEE

Fri., Nov 18th & Dec 16th

10 am - Chadron RSVP office

CRAWFORD COFFEE

Tues., Nov 15th & Dec 20th

2 pm - Crawford RSVP office



Be a kid at heart...
celebrate Fall in your own way.

Ready OR NOT... time to sign up to Ring Bells!

Call 432-3393 and say

I want to be a bell ringer!

Or go to www.ncap.info & click on **News & Events** to register online.



Here's to our 25 year volunteers! Shirley Roberts, Alice Browning, June Schott, Ted Kienitz and, not pictured, Judy Hawthorne and Del & Aletta Hussey. Together, they have given over 22,000 hours to the community. We also celebrated our 20 year volunteer, Mardra Horse and 15 year volunteers Jan Storjahn and Roger Wess.





Great volunteers, delicious lunch and a chance to celebrate all the accomplishments of the past year. Thank you all for coming. A good time was had by all!



Thank you Cleo and Fran for the beautiful Fall decorations - you do amazing work! Then you hustled over to join Barb greeting all the guests. And thanks to Fran G. for staffing the t-shirt table and Ladelle for helping with awards.

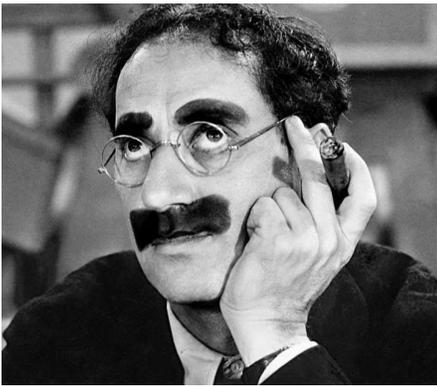


Did you know we have...

22 Veterans in our program
(5 women, 17 men)

22,638 RSVP hours served by vets
Including 6,475 by Glen Kotschwar
And 4,828 by Ted Kienitz)

Thank you for your service and for continuing to serve.



*body turns on the set I go in-
to the other room and read a
book."*

*"Those are my principles,
and if you don't like them...
well, I have others."*

*"Learn from the mistakes of
others. You can never live
long enough to make them
all yourself."*

*"Blessed are the cracked, for
they shall let in the light."*

*"I never forget a face, but in
your case I'll be glad to make
an exception."*

*"While money can't buy hap-
piness, it certainly lets you
choose your own form of
misery."*

**Julius Henry "Groucho"
Marx** would have turned
132 this year. Were he still
living, and surely would
have had something to say
about lasting that long.
Here are a **baker's dozen** of
his quotable quotes, which
ended in 1977:

*"The secret of life is honesty
and fair dealing. If you can
fake that, you've got it
made."*

*"I have nothing but respect
for you...and not much of
that."*

*"I don't want to belong to
any club that will accept me
as a member."*

*"Marriage is a wonderful in-
stitution. But who wants to
live in an institution?"*

*"I find television very edu-
cating. Every time some-*

*"I've had a perfectly wonder-
ful evening, but this wasn't
it."*

*"If you find it hard to laugh
at yourself, I'd be happy to
do it for you."*





A smile doesn't guarantee long life. But it could help.

The major league baseball playoffs are underway. Skill, focus, luck, team depth and coaching decisions will determine who lifts the World Series trophy in a few weeks. But what will determine how long those elite players *live*? How much they smile might have something to do with it.

In 2010, researchers at Wayne State looked at a wide selection of 1952 baseball cards. (Brief digression, especially for guys reading this who are older...does that memory of Topps bubble gum smell make you smile right now?) The researchers found that grim-faced players lived to an average age of just under 73 years, but the ones who looked like they just smacked a game-winning hit lived seven years longer than that. **Shown here is Hall of Famer Willie Mays a few days ago**, watching his old team the San Francisco Giants. The "Say Hey Kid" and that

incandescent smile have made it to age 91.

A study out of the University of California at Berkeley correlated the smiles of students in a 30-year-old yearbook with what happened later in those students' lives. Those with wide, friendly, "Duchenne" smiles tended to score higher later, on standardized tests measuring happiness (including in their marriages), and were said to be more likeable and inspiring, by those who knew them, than were the Mona Lisa smilers or those who looked like they hadn't studied for that exam.

Smiling produces neuropeptides that reduce stress.



Diapers and bags and pretzels and pie...Oh My!



You never know what you might be asked to package when you show up to volunteer!



NO WAY... YES WAY!

we STILL need clean plastic bags!

We have used all the ones that have been donated and MORE are needed.

Walmart bags, Safeway bags, etc. Please drop them at the RSVP office & we will make sure they get delivered! Thank you!

Lost your newsletter?

We publish it online! Go to ncap.info

select ABOUT RSVP and then select newsletters on the right

Or www.ncap.info/programs-and-services/volunteer/newsletter.html



I'M NOT
MUCH ON
SEIZING
THE DAY. I
JUST KINDA
POKE IT
WITH A STICK.

Now this is more like it! Remember the mobile earlier in the year? High wind, freezing temps-it was nasty. This one was PERFECT weather & great volunteers. We served 100 families and had a lot of fun in the process.



Are you a little dingy? Use that skill to ring bells for the Salvation Army!

Please sign up today! Two easy ways: go to our website www.ncap.info, go to the bottom of the page and click on **the penguin** to sign up online

OR

call us at 432-3393 and we will find a time for you! We ring from the Monday before Thanksgiving until December 24th.

Why ring bells? Because 90% of the money raised stays in Dawes County to help our neighbors in times of emergency. It provides emergency housing assistance, utility help for those who are about to have their services shut off, emergency food and help in special circumstances.



You packed 700+ food bags to supplement the Kiwanis Weekend Backpack Program for chronically hungry children.



This program serves children Kindergarten to 4th grade who may not get enough to eat when they go home for the weekends. Many of these children are receiving free or reduced breakfast and lunch while they are in school but when the weekend hits and those meals aren't available they are stuck in a gap where there is not enough food available to them. This program serves an average of 50-60 children per week.

Every pack RSVP made contained an assortment of non-perishable food and a hand written note of encouragement from our RSVP volunteers. Thank you!



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Sharon Bartlett and Francine Dolezal are serving up a tasty lunch for Closer to Home.

The Mission of the Chadron Caring & Sharing is to serve the Chadron Community in a charitable manner by collecting donations from the public and redistributing them to those in need.

Chadron Caring & Sharing serves those ages 55+ in the Chadron community.

Applications accepted: Oct. 24th - Nov. 18th.

Delivery Dates: December 15th & 16th.

Forms may be picked up and dropped off at the Chadron Senior Center, 251 Pine Street, Northwest Community Action Partnership RSVP Hours drop box, 270 Pine Street or mailed to: Caring & Sharing, Box 231, Chadron, NE 69337.

If you want to help support this outreach, stop by Walmart and pick a tag off the tree, buy a gift card and give it to Customer Service for Caring & Sharing.

Choose the gift of giving this Christmas Season! **REVIEW THE DATES for Trees of Love**

A puppy calendar, ribbon candy, a fuzzing lap blanket...just a few of the simple wishes you will find on ornaments on the gift trees around Chadron and Crawford. These trees bring joy to the lives of seniors, as well as residents at Crestview and Ponderosa Villa. Gift suggestions will be on the tags.

can also make donations to Feed a Senior to provide Meals on Wheels to a senior who can't afford it on their own and Caring and Sharing for seniors. Thank you!

Stop by after Thanksgiving and pick up a tag from:

Gift Trees	Benefits	Tree Location	Drop off Gifts by:
Tree of Love-Crawford	Ponderosa Villa Residents	Crawford Dollar General	Dec. 16th-Wrapped Gift to Ponderosa Villa
Tree of Love-Chadron	Crestview Residents	Bank of the West	Dec. 16th-Wrapped Gift to Crestview
Caring & Sharing	Seniors	Walmart	Dec. 2nd-Gift Card
Feed a Hungry Senior	Seniors who can't afford Meals On Wheels or Sr Ctr meal	Farmers State Bank	Dec. 24th-Financial Donation



Trees are sponsored by the Ponderosa Villa Auxiliary, RSVP & Northwest Community Action Partnership, Caring & Sharing, and Feed a Hungry Senior. Drop gifts back at Tree Location unless otherwise noted.



"I intend to live forever, or die trying."
~Groucho Marx

CHADRON

Ken Maika	11/8	Bruce Dolezal	12/12
Sally Katen	11/17	Cindy Acedo	12/15
Loretta Brickner	11/19	Alice Browning	12/23
Barb Kreitman-McCartney	11/21	Aletta Hussey	12/25
Tony Cisneros	11/26	Diane Fuller	12/28
Rolland Sayer	11/29	Wendy Fairchild	12/29
Connie Kolling	12/3	Pam Leonard	12/29
Frances Gonzalez	12/4	Junice Dagen	12/31
Sharon Davis	12/6	Duane Sams	11/13
Bill Kohler	12/7	Kim McCroden	11/25
Dana Haug	12/8	Alan Connell	12/8
Lee Branson	12/11	Floyd Counts	12/12

Hay Springs

Phyllis Carlson 12/3

Whitney

Sharon Cripps 11/17

Ladell Earney 11/19



Nutcracker Ballet

PERFORMANCE SUNDAY
DEC. 18, 2022
2:00 P.M.

Chadron State College
Memorial Hall Auditorium/stage
Tickets at the door and
the Consuming Fire Office
308-430-0788



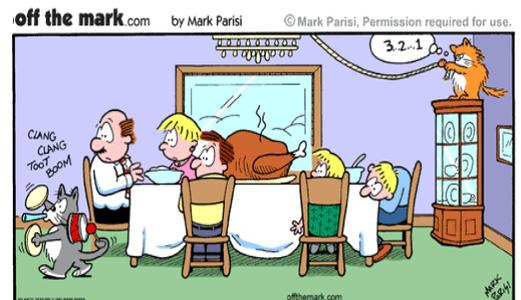
Dear Pie Bakers,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, I wish to thank you for sharing your time and talent with us at History in Action Day. Your pies are always so popular.

Without people like you, we would be unable to keep our doors open.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Carlson,
Curator, Dawes County Museum

On HGTV, people can flip a whole house in a month. Meanwhile, I've been "getting ready to vacuum" for a week now.



GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE



Next Blood Drives:

Chadron—Dec 12th at United Methodist Church 11:15 - 5:00

Crawford—Dec 13th at Crawford Community Bldg 12:15 - 5:45

Blood supplies continue to be critically low - we hope you can donate!



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Volunteer Opportunities! Call 432-3393

<p>Volunteers Needed for the Nutcracker</p>	<p>We need Bell Ringers!!</p> <p>Nov. 21– Dec. 24</p> <p>Call 432-3393 and say</p> <p><i>I want to be a bell ringer!</i></p> <p>Or go to www.ncap.info & click on News & Events to register online.</p> 	<p>Blood Drives</p> <p>Dec. 12th in Chadron & Dec. 13th in Crawford</p> <p>Volunteers, Callers & Treat Bakers and DONORS Needed!</p>  <p>Give blood. Give life. ♥</p>	<p>RSVP is serving at Closer to Home</p> <p>We need cooks & servers</p> 
<p>Ticket Takers & Reception (Dessert) Table</p> <p>Dec 18th 1:30-4:00</p> <p>Memorial Hall</p>	<p>Pine Bough Bazaar Book Booth & Bake Sale</p> <p>Friday, Nov. 11th from 4-7pm & Saturday, Nov. 12th 9-4pm</p> <p>WE NEED BAKERS! Call 432-3393 or bring your goodies directly to the Bazaar. Please package them for sale—we recommend ziplock bags or plastic wrap. THANK YOU!</p>		
<p>Kris Kringle Boutique</p>			
<p>Volunteers Needed at Consuming Fire Cookie Fundraiser Booth</p> <p>Sat. Dec 3</p> <p>Shifts available from 9-4</p>			



RSVP VOLUNTEERS

November 2022



RSVP Staff _____
Date _____

Chuckles

Q: What is a turkey's favorite dessert?

A: Peach Gobbler

Q: Why did the cranberries turn red?

A: Because they saw the turkey dressing

If you can't bring in your time sheet to the office, please call in your hours. Thanks!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
To sign up for bell ringing visit: https:// slotted.co/2022bellringing		Produce Distribution Crawford 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	RSVP serves at Closer to Home 10	Pine Bough Bazaar & RSVP Book Booth and Bake Sale 4-7 Veteran's Day- RSVP Office Closed 11	Pine Bough Bazaar & RSVP Book Booth and Bake Sale 9-4 12
13	14	Produce Distribution Chadron AND Crawford Coffee Social 2pm 15	16	17	Coffee Social 10:00 am @ Chadron 18	19
20	First Day of Bell Ringing! 21	22	23	24	25	Shop Small Saturday—support your local businesses 26
27	RSVP serves at Closer to Home 28	29	Crawford Christmas Tree Lighting & Parade of Lights 30	Happy Thanksgiving	Caring & Sharing apps accepted until Nov. 18	

Name of Volunteer Station ?
(Where you volunteered)

Volunteer service performed:
(What you did)

How many hours?

Your Name (Please Print)

1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____

Your Name (Please Sign)



RSVP VOLUNTEERS

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**Northwest
Community
Action
Partnership**

RSVP Staff _____
Date _____

Chuckles

Help one another; there's no time like the present and no present like the time. ~James Durst

I noticed the squirrels are beginning to gather nuts for winter. A couple of my friends have gone missing...Are you in a safe place?
~Unknown

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Merry Christmas				Chadron Christmas Tree Lighting & Parade of Lights 1	Mari Sandoz Art Show & Sale 2	Kris Kringle Boutique 3 @ Fairgrounds 9-4 & Circle of Light, Chadron Arts Ctr 5:30-8 & Light up Ft Rob & Historic Christmas Dinner Off-Busy Day!
4	5	Produce Distribution Crawford 6	7	RSVP serves at Closer to Home 8	9	10
11	Chadron Blood Drive 11:15-4:45pm 12	Crawford Blood Drive 12:15-5:30 13	14	15	Coffee Social 10:00 am @ Chadron 16	17
Consuming Fire Nutcracker Ballet, 2 pm @Memorial Hall 18	19	Community Cares Produce Distribution Chadron AND Crawford Coffee Social 2pm 20	21	22	RSVP Office Closed 23	Last Day of Bell Ringing! 24
RSVP Office Closed 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	RSVP serves at Closer to Home 26	27	28	29	30	31

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