

RSVP

October 2011

Lead With Experience



Hot to Cold
and not that I
mind so much. I
am grateful for
a change in the



temperature. The 159 degree days seem to have broken, and cooler temperatures have finally graced us. Seeing 70 and 80 degrees on the weather forecast each week is welcomed with my own personal parade inside my happy heart. School "homecomings" are in full swing and fall decorations are found in the isles of my favorite stores. September, as always, is prematurely over. Like February, September is incorrectly labeled each year. I swear those two months are only composed of two weeks, but every year the calendar predicts September will be thirty days long. Maybe it's just me, but September has NEVER felt like a full month. two weeks of September and then October is here. Then fall's comfortable hug of brisk temperatures finds us as we watch football in the stadiums and rake up the leaves from the naked trees. Halloween brings in the holiday season with kids tearing up the isles of Wal-Mart as they carefully pick the costume that is sure to get them the most candy. Hello and welcome October, it's so good to have you here.



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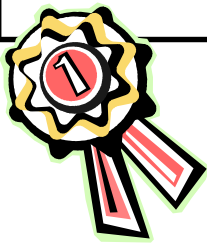
We would like to welcome

The ARC of Butler County to RSVP

The ARC of Butler County is an organization of parents and advocates who are working together to make a difference for those with developmental and/or related disabilities. The ARC of Butler County was established in 1954 and is a member of the ARC of the United States. Because there is so much to know and learn about services and activities to assist those with disabilities, becoming a part of ARC can be very beneficial to families, caretakers and professionals who work with those with special needs. The ARC of Butler County offers competitive tennis and other Special Olympic teams. They also offer the "Circle of Friends" club, made up of those with disabilities and their non disabled peers. Seasonal parties and fundraising events along with group meetings for dispersing information on disability topics and camaraderie. If you would be interested in volunteering for The ARC of Butler County, please let me know. Call 775-0500.



Not collecting
mileage reimburse-
ment? you can call-in
or email your hours
and save a stamp!
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You Matter! You Matter!

Volunteer Spotlight

Michael Clark

of El Dorado, volunteers for the El Dorado Commodities located at the El Dorado Senior Center. Michael has been with Butler County RSVP since July of 2007. He has dedicated more than 30 hours this year in helping distribute commodities to the needy. Along with helping those in need, he is an asset to the commodities team of volunteers that prepares the boxes of food. Thank you Michael!!!



Workstation Spotlight

Pregnancy Care Center of Augusta

The Pregnancy Care Center of Augusta has been helping moms and moms –to– be, since 1998. Offering services such as counseling, adoption referral assistance, baby necessities, pregnancy testing and the education program “Earn and Learn”. The Pregnancy Care Center is currently trying to raise funds for a sonogram machine so that expectant moms can see their babies, helping them as they make important decisions of the futures of their lives and the lives of their unborn baby. If you are interested in volunteering, please give us a call for opportunities. 775-0500



Joe Kochecko	10/2
Richard Albright	10/5
Connie Darnell	10/6
Keith Hanshaw	10/12
Doug Stanley	10/16
Joe Philipi	10/17
Warren Barber	10/18
Thelma Havice	10/20
Judy Dryden	10/21
Rick Riley	10/21
Emma Elliott	10/22
Gladys Peterson	10/22
Gerald Schuetz	10/22
Margaret Austin	10/23

Happy Birthday!!!!!!

Volunteers like you are people who reach out to others and, in doing so, become extraordinary! Always caring, always sharing, you represent our country at it's best!

You bring sunshine, and set an example, wherever you go.

Your contribution of time, talent and compassion make a valuable difference.



Mary Morgan
170 hours
This Year!

Mary Morgan of El Dorado

has been volunteering since 2006. Mary started volunteering with **The Family Life Center** and now continues with her volunteering with the additions of Birthline in El Dorado, Bethlehem House in El Dorado, and Butler County Extension Office. Mary offers her help by assisting staff, counseling, helping with food preparations and working as a phone clerk. Thank you Mary for your on-going commitment to make a difference in our community!



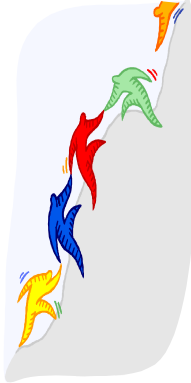
Butler County RSVP Volunteer Recognition Event 2011/2012

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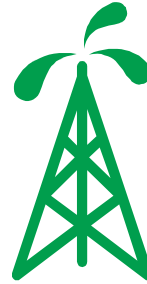
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World War II History Center

In El Dorado is needing some volunteers on a regular basis for **Museum Assistants**. This is an educational and entertaining position for a WWII buff!



El Dorado and Kansas History Buffs Wanted!!! If you have a love of El Dorado's History, the Oil Boom, and Kansas in General, you may enjoy Volunteering at **Butler County's Oil Museum and History Center**



Mileage

Mileage incurred by RSVP volunteers on volunteer assignment will be reimbursed if the following are performed in their entirety..

The volunteer must be an active volunteer with RSVP.

Volunteer hours must accompany and correspond with mileage request.

Station supervisors must sign form and form must include Social Security number or number must be on file with our office. Mileage request must be received by the 5th of every month.

Reimbursement will only be available while there are funds in the budget (current cap of \$100.00 applies each month). Mileage is paid at .35 cents per mileage with minimum of \$25.00 payment. The Accounting Department will hold voucher until \$25.00 has accumulated.



RSVP Program

Funded by:
Corporation for National & Community Service, Local match dollars, and the United Way of El Dorado

Freezer Meals and

Shopping 4 Seniors could sure use some back up delivery people. If you don't mind delivering meals or groceries once in a while, we would love for you to call us and let us know that you'd be happy to help us in a pinch. We will do our very best to give 24 hour notice. Typically we are aware that we need back up delivery people several days in advance. Or if you want to be a regular volunteer we can arrange that too. Please call me if you are interested.



LakePoint Meals on Wheels of Augusta

Thank you for all that pitched in to help with the weekend routes for Augusta Meals on Wheels! You guys are a Huge help!!!

If anyone would be willing,

Augusta Meals on Wheels is looking for Fill-Ins to take on the "On-Call" routes. Please, call me here at the office 775-0500 if you would be willing to help out in a pinch.

I'd like to thank everybody for their help. Thank You.



The fragrance of flowers spreads only in the direction of the wind. But the goodness of a person spreads in all directions.



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**OPERATION
HONOR CARDS**

9/11 Service Project

The 9/11 Service Projects held in Andover and El Dorado were successful. We sent nearly 60 Operation Honor Cards overseas to our troops. Notes of support and prayer were sent to soldiers, military families, and veterans. Folks from all over Butler County participated in our 9/11 Service Project. As they filtered in to write their thoughts and wishes of safe return, chatter of “Where were you when....” could be heard as we reminisced the tragedy of the September 11 event that happened 10 years ago.



So, a thank you is in order for all that supported our RSVP 40th anniversary 9/11 Service Project. We also would like to thank these workstations for participating in our El Dorado event:

- AseraCare Hospice**
- Butler County Extension**
- Butler County Emergency Management**
- Butler County Historical Society**
- Butler County Homeless Initiative**
- Butler County Dept. on Aging**
- Butler County RSVP**
- Coutts Museum**
- Family Life Center**



These RSVP volunteers sent Operation Honor Cards:

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| Connie Darnell | Dorothy Vogts | Theresa Fagg |
| Sharon Patton | Candice Taft | John Cox |
| Pat Houchin | Leota Albright | Richard Albright |
| Ann Fankhauser | Debbie Keplar | Brenda Streif |

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible. We couldn't have done it without you. We appreciate you and those who received cards appreciate you too.

Fun Size

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Roasting Pumpkin Seeds

1. Rinse pumpkin seeds under cold water and pick out the pulp and strings. (This is easiest just after you've removed the seeds from the pumpkin, before the pulp has dried.)
2. Place the pumpkin seeds in a single layer on an oiled baking sheet, stirring to coat. If you prefer, omit the oil and coat with non-stick cooking spray.
3. Sprinkle with salt and bake at 325 degrees F until toasted, about 25 minutes, checking and stirring after 10 minutes.
4. Let cool and store in an air-tight container.



Creepy Tidbits

Worldwide, bats are vital natural enemies of night-flying insects.

Many people still believe that gargoyles were created by medieval architects and stone carvers to ward off evil spirits.

Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.

Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers #1.



El Dorado Main Street Inc. is hosting this year's **Trick-or-Treat Down the Street** in El Dorado. *If you would like to volunteer and help out with this fun children's event, please give Lindsay Baines at El Dorado Main Street Inc. a call at 321-3088 or myself at 775-0500. This event encourages parents to bring their children to a fun and safe atmosphere for their annual Trick-or-Treating, where local businesses provide candy and treats to all that participate.*

Even if you choose not to volunteer, I encourage you to go down and watch the kido's as they enjoy this festive afternoon of "make believe" and quest to fill their bags with sweets.

October 31st from 4-7pm



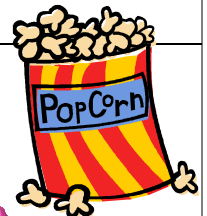
The **Marigold** is the official flower for the month of October

October Birthstone:

The Opal which stand for hope

October is

Popcorn poppin month



& Breast Cancer awareness month



Do you know of anyone who has babies???

I bet they have diapers that are too small
for their little bundle of joy.

This is a perfect opportunity to put those
unwanted diapers to a good cause.

(Purchased donations are also welcomed)

Birthline of El Dorado and **Pregnancy Care Center** of Augusta
are Butler County's Non-Profit pregnancy care organizations.

These organizations are always appreciative of any donations.
Whether it be a couple of left over diapers or a brand new bag of them,
these centers have plenty of needy mommas and babies
that would be grateful for your generosity.



Appreciated Donation Items Include:

- Diapers
- Formula
- Wipes
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Baby Wash
- Baby Lotion
- Bottles
- Pacifiers
- Baby Blankets
- Bibs
- Burp Towels
- And anything else baby related

Birthline 226 W. Central, El Dorado 316-650-2544

Pregnancy Care Center 415 State St., Augusta 316-775-9372