

March 2011 - December 2011

BROWN COUNTY  
Community Activity  
Guide

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# Welcome to Brown County

**Brown County**, Illinois is a small, agricultural community that is home to nearly 5,000 residents. Our population, however, nearly doubles during the week day as many people commute from surrounding communities to work at some of the major employers in Brown County.

Brown County has numerous small town businesses, stores, restaurants, churches and community organizations. Some of the major events within the county include: Brown County Fair, Versailles Fall Festival, 4th of July Celebration, United Way Kickoff, and St. Mary's Deer Classic. Brown County is known nationally for its white-tail deer hunting and other hunting activities.

We are unique in the fact that we have one school district for the whole county, along with a faith based school. The school systems are rapidly improving student performances and raising academic expectations. Brown County is home to the Hornets! Enthusiasm for school spirit prevails here whether we are striving for smarter Hornets in our classrooms or stronger Hornets on our playing fields.



The Brown County Activity Guide will outline some of the wonderful features that this community has to offer to its residents and visitors. It will be a resource of information that can be used to promote the Brown County community, while keeping its residents up-to-date with information and events. The guide includes community events, information on community organizations, schools, churches, parks, recreation, and camping. If you have information to be included in the next issue, see back cover for details.

**For more information about Brown County, you can visit [www.browncountyil.com](http://www.browncountyil.com)**

# Calendar of Events

Fairs, Festivals and Special Events

## March

### 4 BC United Way Family Movie Night

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Where:** Brown County High School Auditorium

**Description:** A movie will be shown on a big screen for the whole family. Children 12 and under need to be accompanied by an adult.

### 5 Versailles Lions Club Pancake Sausage & Egg Breakfast

Proceeds to benefit: Versailles Swimming Pool

**Time:** 6:30am-noon

**Where:** Old Versailles School Cafeteria

**Contact Info:** David Hoelscher 217-225-9046

### 5 Ridge View Winery-4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Party

**Time:** 7:30pm-12:00am

**Description:** Music provided by Sally Weisenberg & The Famous Sideman

**Contact Info:** Winery 217-289-3300 or [www.ridgeviewwinery.com](http://www.ridgeviewwinery.com)

### 12 St. Mary School Trivia Night and Meal

**Time:** Meal-5-7pm / Trivia 7pm

**Where:** St. Mary School Gym and Cafeteria

**Description:** Trivia Night – 10 Categories/10 Questions, Teams of no more than 8 players that are high school or older, \$120 per team, prizes, raffle, food and drinks provided. Meal open to public. Will be serving brisket, potato bar, soup, salad, dessert, and drinks, \$10 per adult/\$5 per child.

**Contact Info and Trivia Team Form:** St. Mary School 217-773-2825 or [www.smseagle.org](http://www.smseagle.org)

*Volunteers welcome*

### 12 Mt. Sterling United Methodist Church Soup Supper

**Time:** 5-7pm

**Where:** Mt. Sterling United Methodist Church, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Oyster, broccoli and cheese, chili and chicken noodle soups, sandwiches, desserts, and drinks

**Contact Info:** Church 217-773-2027/2047

### 18,19,20 Brown County High School Play-Arsenic and Old Lace

**Time:**

**Where:** Brown County High School Auditorium

**Contact Info:** BCHS 217-773-3345

### 19 Wild Game Cook Off

Sponsored by Quanada

**Time:** 6-11pm

**Where:** Ridge View Winery, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Wild game recipe judging. \$25 entry fee. 1st place winner will receive \$250. \$10 donation at the door. Live music, prizes and raffles also.

**Contact Info:** Megan Dueterhaus at 217-222-3069 or [www.ridgeviewwinery.com](http://www.ridgeviewwinery.com) or [www.quanada.org](http://www.quanada.org)

*Volunteers welcome*

### 25 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

**Time:** 4:30pm-7pm

**Where:** KC Hall

**Description:** Fish, potato salad, baked beans and applesauce. Carry out and dine in.

**Contact Info:** Mike Boylen 217-773-2674

*Volunteers welcome*

### 26 Brown County Little League Tryouts

**Time:** 1pm

**Where:** Mt. Sterling Marley Park

**Description:** Little League registration will be on February 19 and 26 at Mt. Sterling YMCA and can be done up until tryouts by contacting Steve.

**Contact Info:** Steve Passmore-President 217-770-0815 [cobra4@casscomm.com](mailto:cobra4@casscomm.com)

### 26 Chicken Dinner

**Sponsored by and proceeds to benefit:** Versailles Fall Festival

**Time:** 4:00 - 7:00pm

**Where:** Versailles Community Building

**Description:** Free will donation

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## March

### **30 Breakfast of Champions / School Tours**

**Sponsored by:** Brown County Education Community Advisory Committee

**Time:** 7:30am-9am

**Where:** Mt. Sterling YMCA and local schools

**Description:** Community members are invited to breakfast at the YMCA, learn more about what's going on in our schools, and then take a tour of the school of their choice. The school tours will be given by students.

**Contact Info:** Schools 217-773-2624 or 217-773-2825

## April

### **4-9 Brown County Public Library District Spring Book Sale**

**Time:** During normal Library hours

**Where:** Brown County Public Library, Mt. Sterling

**Contact Info:** Sharon Hillyer 217-773-2013 or browncty@adams.net

### **12 St. Mary School Kindergarten Roundup**

**Time:** 1:15-2:30pm

**Where:** St. Mary School – Mrs. Weronko's Room, 408 W. Washington Mt. Sterling

**Description:** All perspective 2011/2012 Kindergarten students should attend. Students will read a story, play games, meet new friends and tour the school. Parents meet with faculty and administration for questions and tour the school.

**Contact Info:** School 217-773-2825

### **15 St. Mary School Fish Fry**

**Sponsored by and proceeds to benefit:** St. Mary School

**Time:** 5-7pm

**Where:** KC Hall in Mt. Sterling

**Contact info:** School 217-773-2825

*Volunteers welcome*

### **16 Mt. Sterling YMCA Healthy Kids Day**

**Time:** 9-11:30am

**Where:** Mt. Sterling YMCA

**Description:** Games, activities, and health promotion for children

**Contact Info:** Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-773-2230

*Volunteers welcome*

### **16 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

**Sponsored by and proceeds to benefit:** Brown County Children's Activity Group

**Time:** 4-6pm

**Where:** Versailles Community Building

**Description:** Free will donation meal

**Contact Info:** Randy Hester at 217-225-9021 or kb9jvu@adams.net

*Volunteers welcome*

### **16 WWII Veterans Honor Flight Fundraiser**

**Sponsored by:** Mt. Sterling American Legion Post #374

**Time:** Fish Fry 4-7pm / Band 8pm-12am

**Where:** American Legion Building in Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Fish fry, Band - Madd Hoss Jackson, drawings and door prizes. Fish fry will be available for donations and dance admission will be \$5 per person.

**Contact Info:** Terry Dillard 217-773-2460

*Volunteers welcome*

### **20 Blood Drive**

**Sponsored by:** American Legion Auxiliary #374

**Time:** 12-6pm

**Where:** KC Hall in Mt. Sterling

**Contact Info:** Mary Kassing at 217-773-2611

*Volunteers welcome*

### **23 Versailles Easter Egg Hunt**

**Sponsored by:** Idelle Rebekah Lodge

**Time:** 1pm

**Where:** Versailles Park

**Description:** Free Easter egg hunt for children up to eighth grade

**Contact Info:** Linda Fanshier 217-225-3237

*Volunteers Welcome*

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## April

### **23 Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois Easter Egg Hunt**

**Sponsored by:** Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois

**Time:** 2pm

**Where:** 700 SE Cross Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Free Easter egg hunt for children up to age 10

**Contact Info:** Donna Bemis at 217-773-3325 or dbemis@mhcwi.org

*Volunteers welcome*

### **30 Poker Run/Scavenger Hunt with ATV Safety Education**

**Sponsored by:** Big Brothers Big Sisters and Pathfinders A.B.A.T.E.

**Time:** 11am

**Where:** Brown County Fairgrounds

**Description:** Teams of motorcyclist will be lead by Road Captains of ABATE to begin their out-of-town scavenger hunt/poker run, while their corresponding in-town children's teams will start their scavengers hunt throughout Mt. Sterling to various local businesses. Will meet back and whoever has best poker hand, wins. Children must be accompanied by an adult for transportation. ATV Safety Education provided to children, 2 hours before. Various games will also be provided.

**Contact Info:** Anita Barnes 217-248-2989 or abarnes@dotfoods.com

*Volunteers welcome*

## May

### **TBD Brown County Farmers Market**

**Sponsored by:** Brown County Community Betterment Action Team

**Time:** 8am-12pm

**Where:** KC Hall, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Vendors carrying locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, nuts, crafts, flowers, homemade goodies, etc. Vendors must live within 100 miles of Mt. Sterling.

**Contact Info:** U of I Extension Office 217-773-3013

### **7 Second Annual Strong Kids Martial Arts Open**

**Sponsored by:** Mt. Sterling YMCA and proceeds to benefit Strong Kids Campaign

**Time:** Registration at 8am / Tournament 10:30am

**Where:** Mt. Sterling YMCA

**Description:** Martial arts schools competition

**Contact Info:** Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-773-2230

### **7 & 8 Heather's Tumble-N-Tap Spring Recital**

**Time:** 7th at 7pm and 8th at 2pm

**Where:** Brown County High School Auditorium

**Description:** Admission is \$5 at the door

**Contact Info:** Heather at 217-773-4478

### **14 Mt. Sterling United Methodist Church White Elephant Garage Sale**

**Proceeds to benefit:** Church

**Time:** 9am-3pm

**Where:** United Methodist Church, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Items for sale such as clothing, furniture, books, kitchen supplies, and etc.

**Contact Info:** Church 217-773-2027/2047

### **17 Cub Scouts Pack 11 Registration**

**Time:** 5:30-6:30pm

**Where:** Rotary Park, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Boys interested in signing up for Scouts and will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall. Cook out and year end celebration.

**Contact Info:** Chad Kunkel 217-289-3438

### **21 & 22 All About Dance and More Recital 2011 "Tour de Dance"**

**Time:** 21st at 2pm & 7pm and 22nd at 2pm

**Where:** Brown County High School Auditorium

**Description:** Tickets sold in advance or minimal tickets sold at door for \$5

**Contact Info:** Sara at 217-473-3970

### **21 & 22 Ridge View Winery Shrimp Fest**

**Time:** Sat 12-10pm/Sun 12-6pm, Bands from 2-5pm and 6-9pm

**Where:** Ridge View Winery, Mt. Sterling

**Contact Info:** Winery 217-289-3300

[www.ridgeviewwinery.com](http://www.ridgeviewwinery.com)

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## May

### **25 St. Mary School 8th Grade Promotion and Mass**

**Time:** 7pm

**Where:** Holy Family Catholic Church

**Contact Info:** School – 217-773-2825

### **26 Brown County Middle School 8th Grade Promotion**

**Time:** 7pm

**Where:** Brown County High School Gym

**Contact Info:** School at 217-773-9152

### **27 Brown County High School Graduation**

**Time:** 7pm

**Where:** Brown County High School Gym

**Contact Info:** School at 217-773-3345

### **30 Brown County Little League Memorial Day Activities**

**Time:** 8am-8pm

**Where:** Mt. Sterling Marley Park

T-ball Junior baseball. Girls and boys playing all day. Food, raffles

## June

### **4 Brown County Car Show and Cruise Night**

**Time:** Car Show-10am-4pm/Cruise Night 5-9pm

**Where:** Downtown Mt. Sterling

**Contact Info:** Brandon Gallaher - bgallaher@cass-comm.com or 217-257-0414

*Volunteers Welcome*

### **11 Brown County Against Cancer Benefit**

**Time:** All day

**Where:** KC Hall in Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Benefit to raise funds for Brown County residents battling cancer. The day will consist of food, raffles, silent and live auctions, kids activities, and entertainment

**Contact Info:** U of I Extension 217-773-3013

*Volunteers welcome*

### **11 Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf for Kids Sake Tournament**

**Sponsored by and proceeds to benefit:** Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central IL

**Time:** Registration at 8am, Tee off at 9am

**Where:** Rolling Greens Golf Course in Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Four person scramble. Lunch provided.

**Contact Info:** Tanya Boyd at 217-248-6811 or tanyaab@bbbswci.org

*Volunteers welcome*

### **15 First Lutheran Church Ice Cream Social**

**Time:** 4-7pm

**Where:** First Lutheran Church in Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Ice cream, sloppy joes, hot dogs, desserts (&diabetic), and drinks

**Contact info:** Judith Ransom at 217-773-3564

### **18 Mt. Sterling YMCA Heart & Sole 5K Run/Walk**

**Proceeds to benefit:** YMCA Endowment Fund

**Time:** Race will start at 8am

**Where:** Start and Finish will be at Brown County Fairgrounds

**Description:** 3.1 mile course can be ran or walked. Awards and refreshments will be given

**Contact Info:** Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-773-2230

### **26 Timewell Toy Show**

**Time:** 9am-3pm

**Where:** Timewell School Gym

**Description:** Free admission, vendors with toy and antique tractors, raffle, food

**Contact Info:** Jim Rischar 217-430-1133 jim.rischar@bcsb.com

*Volunteers welcome*

### **18 Pathfinders A.B.A.T.E Mounted Angels Bike Run**

Hosted by Brown Chapter to benefit Mounted Angels Therapeutic Horsemanship

**Time:** 10am

**Where:** TBD

**Description:** Bike run to local communities

**Contact Info:** Bobby Lung 217-248-7980

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### **30 Little Brindle Golf Outing**

**Time:** TBD

**Where:** Rolling Greens Golf Course, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** 4 man scramble, \$200 entry fee per team, drinks, food, and prizes provided

**Contact info:** Casey Scranton at 217-653-5346 or cmscran@hotmail.com

### **June-July (dates to be determined) Brown County Public Library Summer Reading Program**

**Time:** TBD

**Where:** Brown County Library, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Six week reading program for Brown County children completing grades Pre-K through 6th.

**Contact Info:** Sharon Hillyer 217-773-2013 or browncty@adams.net

## July

### **TBD Back to School Fair**

**Sponsored by:** Brown County Health and Social Services Team

**Time:** TBD

**Where:** Brown County Middle School

**Description:** Immunizations, school physicals, Two Rivers Regional Council school supplies application, free haircuts, free finger painting and videotaping, breakfast, fun and interactive booths, entertainment, door prizes, etc

**Contact Info:** U of I Extension 217-773-3013

### **2 4th of July Celebration**

**Sponsored by:** Brown County Fire District

**Where:** Mt. Sterling Lake

**Description:** Mud Volleyball, Firework display, etc

### **17 Ridge View Winery Sweet Corn Festival**

**Time:** 12-5pm, Band 2-5pm

**Where:** Ridge View Winery, Mt. Sterling

**Contact Info:** Winery 217-289-3300  
www.ridgeviewwinery.com

## August

### **2-6 Brown County Fair**

**Time:** See website for times

**Where:** Brown County Fairgrounds, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Fun and entertainment for all. Events include Little Mr. & Miss & Queen Pageants, Horse Races, Tractor Pull, Demo Derby, Food, Carnival Rides, Livestock, and Expo Building Displays. The Whistle Stop Depot Museum and Ferguson School open each evening.

**Contact Info:** www.browncofair.com or Ruth McCaskill at 217-894-6269 or Fairgrounds at 217-773-3939

*Volunteers welcome*

### **13 National Wildlife Turkey Federation Hunting Heritage Banquet**

**Sponsored by:** Brown County Boss Gobbler and proceeds to benefit local Hunter Safety Course, Annual Food Basket, NWTF Superfund

**Time:** Doors open at 5:30pm, Meal at 6:30pm, Raffle and Auction to proceed

**Where:** KC Hall, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Entertainment for young and old, fun for the whole family. Silent and live auctions, kid's/women/general raffle, card games, meal and drinks provided.

**Contact info:** www.mwtf.org or Brad Kassing at 217-773-3851 or bbkassing@yahoo.com

*Volunteers and Committee members welcome*

### **14 Ridge View Winery Outdoor Fish Fry**

**Time:** 12-6pm, Band 2-5pm

**Where:** Ridge View Winery, Mt. Sterling

**Contact Info:** 217-289-3300 www.ridgeviewwinery.com

### **16 Cub Scouts Pack 11 Fall Kickoff/Registration**

**Time:** 5:30-6:30pm

**Where:** Clark Park, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Any boy up to age 12 interested in joining Scouts can sign up. There will be a cookout as well.

**Contact Info:** Chad Kunkel 217-289-3438

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## August

### 19 Brown County United Way Kickoff (and BCHS Gatorade Scrimmage)

**Sponsored by:** Brown County United Way and proceeds to benefit Brown County Community Organizations

**Time:** TBD

**Where:** Brown County High School Football Field

**Description:** Food, drinks, kids activities, and movie on the field

**Contact Info:** [www.browncountyuw.org](http://www.browncountyuw.org) or any board member

*Volunteers welcome*

### 21 Ridge View Winery 2nd Amendment Day

**Time:** 12-6pm

**Where:** Ridge View Winery, Mt. Sterling

**Contact Info:** 217-289-3300 [www.ridgeviewwinery.com](http://www.ridgeviewwinery.com)

### 27 St. Mary School Chicken Fry

**Sponsored by and proceeds to benefit:** St. Mary School

**Time:** 4pm-12am / Meal 4-7pm

**Where:** KC Hall, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Eat in and carry out meal, rock climbing wall, kids games, 50/50 raffle and entertainment

**Contact info:** St. Mary School 217-773-2825

*Volunteers welcome*

## September

### 6,7,8 Hunter's Safety Course

**Time:** 6-9:30pm

**Where:** KC Hall, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Teaching and discussions on hunting safety. Open to all ages (young children should be accompanied by an adult). Must attend all three classes to be certified.

**Contact Info and Registration:** Alan Koch 217-773-3877

### 10 175th Annual Versailles Fall Festival

**Time:** Parade at 11am, Chicken dinner immediately following parade, Baby Contest, Little Mr. & Miss, Lip Sync, Live Entertainment, Food, Kids Activities and Raffles from 1-10pm

**Where:** Versailles Community Building & Versailles Park

**Contact Info:** John and Kim Eichelberger 217-225-1601  
*Volunteers welcome*

### 10 Rolling Greens Ladies League Scramble Golf Tournament

**Sponsored by and proceeds to benefit:** Rolling Greens Golf Course

**Time:** 8:30am

**Where:** Rolling Greens Golf Course, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Ladies four person scramble

**Contact Info:** Janet Fernandez 217-773-2108 [jfernandez@dotfoods.com](mailto:jfernandez@dotfoods.com)

### 10 & 11 Ridge View Winery Grape Stomp

**Time:** Sat- 12-10pm, Bands 2-5pm & 6-9pm/Sun 12-6pm, Bands 2-5pm

**Where:** Ridge View Winery, Mt. Sterling

**Contact Info:** 217-289-3300 [www.ridgeviewwinery.com](http://www.ridgeviewwinery.com)



### 11 Fifth Annual Brown County Cemetery Walk – featuring Versailles

**Sponsored by:** Brown County Historical Society and proceeds to benefit Whistle Stop Museum

**Time:** 1-4pm

**Where:** Versailles Cemetery, East of Versailles

**Description:** Pioneers of Versailles area will be portrayed

**Contact Info:** David and Marianne Slocum 217-289-3277 or [frogmore@adams.net](mailto:frogmore@adams.net)



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## September

### 13 Timewell Lions Fish Fry

**Sponsored by and proceeds to benefit:** Timewell Lions Club and community projects

**Time:** 5-7pm

**Where:** Old Timewell School Gym

**Contact Info:** Mike Pritchard 217-773-3700



### 23 Brown County High School Homecoming

**Description:** Homecoming Parade at 4pm and football game that evening

### 23 Annual BC Alumni Block Party

**Proceeds to benefit:** Sting Squad

**Time:** Following football game

**Where:** Outside Sportsman's, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Band, food and drinks

**Contact Info:** Rob Logsdon 217-861-4163

*Volunteers welcome*

## October

### TBD Brown County Action Teams Annual Celebration

**Sponsored by:** Brown County Action Teams

**Description:** A night of entertainment and fun to celebrate Brown County Action and all that is happening in Brown County.

**Contact Info:** U of I Extension 217-773-3013

### 1 Cannon Pottery Show and Sale

**Sponsored by:** Jack and Hildegard Cannon

**Time:** 8-9am

**Where:** West edge of Ripley, IL at Red Barn

**Description:** Viewing of wheel-thrown pottery made from local clay, followed by sale of pieces until all have sold.

### 15 Rolling Greens 1-Man Scramble Golf Tournament

**Sponsored by and proceeds to benefit:** Rolling Greens Golf Course

**Time:** 10am

**Where:** Rolling Greens Golf Course, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** 1 man best ball golf scramble

**Contact Info:** Kyle Long 217-773-3085 or golfrollinggreens.com

### 19 First Lutheran Church Soup Supper

**Time:** 4-7pm

**Where:** First Lutheran Church in Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Soup, sandwiches, desserts (&diabetic), and drinks

**Contact Info:** Judith Ransom 217-773-3564

### 22 & 23 Ridge View Winery Octoberfest

**Time:** Sat 12-11pm, Bands 2-5pm & 6-9pm/Sun 12-6pm, Bands 2-5pm

**Where:** Ridge View Winery, Mt. Sterling

**Contact Info:** 217-289-3300 [www.ridgeviewwinery.com](http://www.ridgeviewwinery.com)

### 29 Versailles Halloween Carnival

**Sponsored by and proceeds to benefit:** Brown County Children's Activity Group

**Time:** 5-8pm

**Where:** Old Versailles School Gym

**Description:** Free admission and games. Costume judging starting at 5pm followed by carnival games. Food available for small fee.

**Contact Info:** Randall Hester 217-225-9021 or [kb9jvu@adams.net](mailto:kb9jvu@adams.net)

*Volunteers welcome*

### 29 Ridge View Winery Masquerade Ball

**Time:** 7-11pm

**Where:** Ridge View Winery, Mt. Sterling

**Contact Info:** 217-289-3300 [www.ridgeviewwinery.com](http://www.ridgeviewwinery.com)

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### 30 Mt. Sterling United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Where:** United Methodist Church, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** This is an alternative to trick or treating. Church members will have their trunks decorated and have treats for children

**Contact Info:** Church 217-773-2027/2047

## November

### 5 Versailles Annual Craft Show

**Sponsored by and proceeds to benefit:** Main Street Beautification Committee and Idelle Rebekah Lodge #17

**Where:** Old Versailles School Gym

**Description:** Vendors offering booths of crafts, gifts, food items, candles, Christmas items, and much more. Food will be served.

**Contact Info:** Connie Cooley at 217-225-3140

### 5 Fifth Annual Holiday Open House

**Time:** 9am-2pm

**Where:** Heather's Tumble-N-Tap (101 N. Capitol Mt. Sterling)

**Description:** Several vendor booths offering crafts, gifts, food, candles, dishes, jewelry, bags, and much more.

**Contact info:** Nicki Ussery at 217-289-3365 or nussery91@hotmail.com

### 6 Holy Family Turkey Dinner

**Sponsored by and proceeds to benefit:** Holy Family Church

**Time:** 11am-1:30pm

**Where:** Eat in at St. Mary School Gym/Carry outs at KC Hall

**Description:** Meal, general raffle, quilt raffle, country store, and homemade goodies

**Contact Info:** Nancy at 217-773-3233

*Volunteers welcome*

### 10 Mt. Sterling First Baptist Church Annual Soup Supper

**Time:** 4-7pm

**Where:** First Baptist Church in Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Free soup, sandwiches, desserts and drinks

**Contact Info:** Church at 217-773-3562

### 11 Veteran's Day Program

**Sponsored by:** Mt. Sterling American Legion Post #374 and Auxiliary Unit #374

**Time:** 10:30am

**Where:** American Legion Building (119 N. Capitol Mt. Sterling)

**Description:** Honoring living and deceased veterans for their service to our country. Patriotic music and speaker, followed by light lunch.

*Volunteers welcome*



### 12 Brown County Deer Classic

**Proceeds to benefit:** St. Mary School

**Time:** Doors open at 5:30pm

**Where:** St. Mary School Gym (408 W. Washington Mt. Sterling)

**Description:** Live and silent auction, raffles, games, meal and beverages. Tickets and special package tickets can be bought in advance from Committee member.

**Contact Info:** <http://bcdeerclassic.com> or David Ferrill at 217-257-7508 or dferrill@dotfoods.com

*Volunteers welcome*

### 19 Versailles Soup Dinner

**Sponsored by and proceeds to benefit:** Versailles Fall Festival

**Time:** 11-2pm

**Where:** Versailles Community Building

**Contact Info:** Patty Kallenbach at 217-225-3574

*Volunteers welcome*

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### 19 Hats off to Women

**Sponsored by:** Brown County Health & Social Services Action Team and Mt. Sterling YMCA

**Time:** TBD

**Where:** Mt. Sterling YCMA

**Description:** Food, activities, and information promoting women and a healthy life.

**Contact Info:** U of I Extension at 217-773-3013 or Mt. Sterling YMCA 217-773-2230

*Volunteers welcome*

### 24 Mt. Sterling United Methodist Church Thanksgiving Meal

**Time:** 11:30 Carry-outs/12:00 Meal

**Where:** United Methodist Church, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Thanksgiving meal provided to community for free. Carry outs and transportation can be provided, contact church for details.

**Contact Info:** Church 217-773-2027/2047

## December

### 1, 8, 15 Timewell Christmas Fun Nights

**Sponsored by:** Timewell Lions Club

**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm

**Where:** Old Timewell School Gym

**Description:** Christmas celebrations, crafts, play time and refreshments. Santa will visit on the 15th.

**Contact Info:** Linda Pritchard at 217-773-3700

*Volunteers welcome*

### 3 Christmas in Versailles

**Sponsored by:** Versailles Lions Club

**Time:** 10am-2pm

**Where:** Old Versailles School

**Description:** Lunch, kids booths, movies and Santa arrives at 1pm

**Contact Info:** Dave Hoelscher 217-225-9046

### 10 Brown County Christmas Food Basket

**Sponsored by:** Brown County Ministerium and Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials

**Where:** KC Hall

**Description:** Christmas food baskets and personal care bags are provided to Brown County families who are in need of these items

**Contact Info:** Father Tom Hensler 217-773-3233/  
Carolyn Chaney 217-773-3141 c14.chaney@trrcopo.org /Becky Pruden 217-224-8171  
b14.pruden@trrcopo.org

*Volunteers welcome week of and day of event*

### 10 National T.T.T Adopt-A-Family Pick Up

**Time:** 8am

**Where:** Union Hall, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Families who have signed up to receive donated Christmas gifts, can pick them up at this time. Community members can donate money, time, and adopt a family starting in October.

**Contact Info:** Tracy Hendricker 217-773-3362

### 10 Heather's Tumble-N-Tap Christmas Recital

**Time:** 2pm

**Where:** Cornerstone Christian Church, Rte 24 East Mt. Sterling

**Contact Info:** Heather Henry 217-773-4478 or heather@heatherstumblentap.com

### 10 Ridge View Winery Christmas by Candlelight Dinner

**Time:** 6-10pm

**Where:** Ridge View Winery, Mt. Sterling

**Contact Info:** 217-289-3300

[www.ridgeviewwinery.com](http://www.ridgeviewwinery.com)

### 10&11 Mt. Sterling First Baptist Church Live Nativity

**Time:** 5-7pm

**Where:** First Baptist Church Southeast Parking Lot, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Live portrayal of Christ's birth with live animals. Free hot chocolate, coffee and cookies.

**Contact Info:** Church at 217-773-3562

### 25 Mt. Sterling United Methodist Church Christmas Meal

**Time:** 11:30 Carry-outs/12:00 Meal

**Where:** United Methodist Church, Mt. Sterling

**Description:** Christmas meal provided to community for free. Carry outs and transportation can be provided, contact church for details.

**Contact Info:** Church 217-773-2027/2047

# Brown County Community Organizations

*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.*



## American Legion Post 374

**Contact Info:** Terry Dillard 217-773-2460

**Purpose:** To promote patriotism and provide reminders to all citizens to remember and acknowledge those who are serving and have served for our country and provide assistance to veterans.

**Offering:** 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.

*Volunteers welcome for blood mobile and assistance with handicapped vets*



## Brown County Action Teams

**Website:** <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/adams-brown/action/index.html>; [www.browncountyil.com](http://www.browncountyil.com)

**Purpose:** Community members working together to find ways to implement the recommendations of the 2005 Brown County Needs Assessment Report and then continue to build on those efforts to keep Brown County a

great place for people to live, work and play.

**Offering:** Five different teams/area of focus for all ages— Community Betterment, Education, Health & Social Services, Housing & Economic Development and Youth Involvement. Meet every first Monday of the month at 5:15pm at the Brown County Middle School Cafeteria.

*Volunteers welcome and anyone can join at any time*



## Brown County Against Cancer

**Contact Info:** [bcagainstcancer@yahoo.com](mailto:bcagainstcancer@yahoo.com)

**Website:** <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/adamsbrown/action/index.html>;

[www.browncountyil.com](http://www.browncountyil.com)

**Purpose:** Community members working together to help provide financial support to Brown County residents that are battling cancer. A subcommittee of Brown County Health and Social Services Action Team and Brown County United Way.

**Offering:** To receive financial assistance, cancer patients are to fill out application. One big event will be held every year to raise funds. All money collected will stay in Brown County to help Brown County residents.

*Volunteers welcome and are able to join at any time*

**Brown County Boss Gobblers** (Local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation)

**Contact Info:** Brad Kassing 217-773-3851

[bbkassing@yahoo.com](mailto:bbkassing@yahoo.com)

**Website:** [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org)

**Purpose:** Nonprofit conservation and hunting organization that, along with its volunteers, partners, and sponsors, has worked for the conservation of the wild turkey and preservation of our hunting heritage.

**Offering:** Provides financial assistance to local programs such as Hunter Safety Course for aspiring hunters, Annual Food Basket, The NWTF Superfund which donates to local organizations in the past years to purchase equipment and tools to maintain and improve our Counties' natural resources.

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

# Brown County Community Organizations

## Brown County Development Corporation

**Contact Info:** Philip Krupps, President 217-773-2149  
philip.krupps@bcsb.com

**Purpose:** Not for profit organization that works to achieve through loaned executive support and volunteer time and financially support the means to enhance the economic climate of Brown County.

**Offering:** Networking with local businesses and municipalities to objectively enhance Brown County's economic climate.

*Volunteers welcome*



## Brown County Fair Association

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

**Website:** [www.browncofair.com](http://www.browncofair.com)

**Purpose:** Provide 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 Food Basket

**Contact Info:** Jim Jones 217-773-2325 or Laura Simmons 217-773-3668  
gmas1935@frontier.com

**Purpose:** To provide supplemental food to families in need in Brown County

**Offering:** 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:** David Slocum 217-289-3277  
frogmore@adams.net

**Purpose:** To preserve both artifacts and folklore indigenous to Brown County, Illinois

**Offering:** Tours of historical buildings and artifacts and cemetery walks/tours. Whistle Stop Depot Museum and Ferguson School are open to public from 5:00-7:30pm during the Brown County Fair or by appointment.

*Volunteers welcome during tours, cleaning and arranging exhibits and creating files for photos and documents.*

## Brown County Ministerial Alliance

**Contact Info:** Father Tom Henseler 217-773-3233  
holy.family@frontier.com

**Purpose:** Assist with annual Christmas Food Basket and families in need with food, gas, electric, or emergency needs. They also help in spreading the word of God to the community with Stations of the Cross and baccalaureate for Brown County High School graduating Seniors.



## Brown County Public Library District

**Contact Info:** Sharon Hillyer 217-773-2013  
browncty@adams.net

**Website:** [www.browncountyil.com](http://www.browncountyil.com)

**Purpose:** Provides materials for adults, young adults, and children.

**Offering:** Reading material, audio books, online book access, DVDs, videos, computer access, local area newspapers, magazines, microfilm, copier, fax machine and printer access. Homebound delivery provided each Wednesday afternoon. Libraries located in Mt. Sterling and Versailles and book centers in Timewell and Ripley. Also, offers six week summer reading program for Pre-K through sixth grade, Weekly Reader after school in October through March.

# Brown County Community Organizations

## **Brown County Senior Citizens Center**

**Contact Info:** Janet Welty - Mt. Sterling 217-773-3241 / Charlotte Haning - Versailles 217-225-3256

**Offering:** Free tax return service (March 3), Illinois Cares RX/Circuit Breaker forms prepared, assistance with other agency forms and health care needs, Meals Plus Program (hot meal Monday-Friday at centers) and activities such as Exercise Class (Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am), Card playing (Thursdays and Saturdays 1pm), Free Bingo (3rd Wednesday of month at 12:45pm), and Free blood pressure screenings (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month 10am-12pm).

*Volunteers welcome.*

## **Brown County Soil and Water Conservation District**

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

**Offering:** 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:** Philip Krupps 217-773-3327  
philip.krupps@bcsb.com

**Website:** www.browncountyuw.org

**Purpose:** A volunteer organization that is supported by local funding offering Charitable support of local 501(c)(3) organizations, local programming to benefit those in need, support of Brown County Action initiative, and collaborative efforts to enhance Brown County.

**Offering:** Provides opportunities to make a positive impact in the community that benefits all ages within the community. Provides organizational support to Brown County Action Teams, Brown County Against Cancer, and the pursuit of Sterling Vilas, a Mt. Sterling Senior Housing Development.

*Volunteers welcome*

## **Hardin Lodge #44 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons**

**Contact Info:** Michael Myers, Secretary 217-773-2040

**Website:** www.ilmason.org

**Purpose:** A fraternity organization that serves our communities with various acts of beneficence, primarily focusing on children and seniors.

## **Idelle Rebekah Lodge #17**

**Contact Info:** Linda Fanshier 217-225-3237 or Mary Logsdon 217-225-3434 rlogsdon@casscomm.com

**Purpose:** Fraternal organization providing community services to Brown County.

*Volunteers welcome*

## **Knights of Columbus**

**Contact Info:** Chad Kunkel 217-289-3438

**Purpose:** Fraternal organization that provides opportunities for men of all ages to advance in their faith mission of service through community. They support the Holy Family Church, St. Mary's School, and the community.

**Offering:** Provides service opportunities through either the use of their facility located on Rte 24 West 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:** Sandra Ham - Associate Director 217-773-3325 sham@mhcwi.org

**Website:** www.mhcwi.org

**Purpose:** MHCWI provides an array of services which promote the mental health and well-being of individuals and families in Brown County and surrounding communities.

**Offering:** Outpatient mental health counseling and psychiatric services, Crisis Intervention Services, Supervised Residential Program, Case Management, Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Substance Abuse Counseling, DUI Evaluations, Driver Risk Education, and Screening Assessment and Support Services.

# Brown County Community Organizations

## **Mt. Sterling American Legion Auxiliary Unit #374**

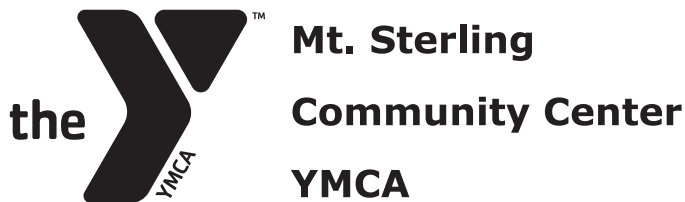
**Contact Info:** Nancy Jo Mitchell 217-289-3428  
njm79grn@hotmail.com

**Purpose:** To support and assist in the work of the Mt. Sterling American Legion Post #374. Promoting patriotism, education, pride in our community and country and community service projects.

**Offering:** Poppy Poster Contest for students grades 4-12, scholarships for college, donations for books to schools, selling poppies, placing flowers at the courthouse and memorial, and assisting with Father's Day Picnic at Illinois Veteran's Home in Quincy, IL.

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

*Volunteers welcome for some projects.*



**Mt. Sterling  
Community Center  
YMCA**

## **Mt. Sterling Community Center YMCA**

**Contact Info:** Suzanne Woodward 217-773-2230  
ymcawoodward@casscomm.com

**Website:** [www.mtsterlingymca.net](http://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

Registration Info: Contact YMCA at 217-773-2230

*Volunteers welcome for various programs and events*

## **Mt. Sterling Park District**

**Contact Info:** Chris Kassing 217-653-3338

**Purpose:** To provide recreational opportunities for BC

**Offering:** Swimming lessons at Joel Oliver Memorial Pool, flag football, tennis courts, sand volleyball court, basketball court, swimming pool, skateboard park, parks and playground equipment.

*Volunteers welcome*

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

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

**Purpose:** Non-profit organization of volunteers working together on two programs; Adopt-A-Family – that provides clothing and toys to children in Brown County for ages birth thru 8th grade. This starts in September and ends in December. T.T.T. also sends a few girls who have finished 4th grade to a girls camp, where all expenses are paid for. This beings in May and attend camp in August.

*Volunteers welcome during Adopt-A-Family weekend on December 3rd & 4th.*

## **Pathfinders A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Incorporated/Brown County Chapter**

**Contact Info:** Bobby Lung 217-248-7980

**Website:** [www.pathfindersabate.org](http://www.pathfindersabate.org)

**Purpose:** To provide education to the public on motorcycle safety and awareness.

*Volunteers welcome*

## **Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc.**

**Contact Info:** Annette Cooley 217-322-2700  
carenet1@casscomm.com

**Website:** [www.mypregnancyoptions.com](http://www.mypregnancyoptions.com)

**Purpose:** Provides free and confidential pregnancy options and support to men and women.

*Volunteers welcome*

## **Quanada**

**Contact Info:** Marilena Frier (Director) 217-222-3069 mfrier@quanada.org / Brooke Robinson (BC Advocate) at 217-242-3889 sbquanada@yahoo.com

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

*Volunteers welcome*

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## The Sting Squad

**Contact Info:** Eric Ebbing 217-899-4468

**Website:** thestingsquad.com

**Purpose:** A football support group with a mission of filling the financial and manpower needs required by a growing, improving and exciting program.

**Offering:** To work closely with Coaching Staff, Athletic Director and the BCHS Administration in creating a favorable environment for the advancement of our football program. From assistance in equipment purchase and upkeep, field maintenance and support, weight room improvements to player recognition programs.



## Timewell Lions Club

**Contact Info:** Jim Rischar 217-430-1133

[jim.rischar@bcsb.com](mailto:jim.rischar@bcsb.com)

**Purpose:** To provide assistance to community members with eye and

hearing care, maintain Timewell school, gym, park and baseball field for community members to use for activities, meetings and gatherings.

**Offering:** Goodwill and community activities and services

*Volunteers welcome for various activities*

## Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials

**Contact Info:** Becky Pruden 217-224-8171

[b14.pruden@trrcopo.org](mailto:b14.pruden@trrcopo.org); Carolyn Chaney

217-773-3141 [c14.chaney@trrcopo.org](mailto:c14.chaney@trrcopo.org) or Alissa

Stults [a14.stults@trrcopo.org](mailto:a14.stults@trrcopo.org)

**Website:** [www.trrcopo.org](http://www.trrcopo.org)

**Purpose:** To develop and administer programs and policies which further the efforts of local governments and

aid the economically disadvantaged throughout the four county region.

**Offering:** Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Weatherization and several Community Services for all ages. Food Pantry, Emergency Assistance Programs, Job Training, Youth Programs, Computer Lab - open to public, and Grant Writing. The Thrift Store is located at 115 S. Capitol in Mt. Sterling and provides a low cost alternative for household items and clothing. Items can be purchased and donated.

*Volunteers welcome within agency and for Thrift Store in Mt. Sterling (217-773-2151).*

## University of Illinois Extension

**Contact Info:** Mt. Sterling Office 217-773-3013; Quincy Office 217-223-8380

**Website:** <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/adams-brown>

**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:** Fred DeWitt 217-225-3602 or Mary Logsdon 217-225-3434 [vaghs83@yahoo.com](mailto:vaghs83@yahoo.com)

**Purpose:** Preserving local history and aiding in genealogical research while maintaining the museum, log cabin, Black Smith shop and antique machinery on site. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30-5:00pm. Winter Hours are Wednesday and Friday 1:30-5:00pm.

*Volunteers welcome*



# Brown County Community Organizations



## Versailles Lions Club

**Contact Info:** Dave Hoelscher  
217-242-1247

**Purpose:** To raise 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

**Purpose:** Organization for veterans who have served overseas during a declared war to help other veterans in the community.

**Offering:** 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:** Nancy Anderson 217-452-3057  
nanderson@casscohealth.org

**Purpose:** Provide 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 Illinois RSVP-Brown County

**Contact Info:** Roberta Young 217-773-4889  
rayoung15@frontier.com

**Purpose:** To recruit and place individuals age 55+ in volunteer assignments with local nonprofit agencies and organizations

*Volunteer opportunities are available by contacting Roberta.*



Knights of Columbus



## West Central Mass Transit District

**Contact Info:** Jeanne Klingler 217-773-3025  
jklinglerwcmtd@frontier.com

**Website:** www.wcmtd.com

**Purpose:** Providing Brown County with safe, reliable and timely means of Public Transportation for people of all ages

**Offering:** Monthly passes, student passes, group passes, YMCA membership discounts, discounts for persons with disabilities.

**Registration Info:** Contact office at 217-773-3025 or stop by at 206 SW Cross Mt. Sterling for more information on schedules and fares.

*Volunteers welcome*



PACT Headstart



Mason's Hardin Lodge

# Youth Organizations

## All About Dance & More

**Contact Info:** Sara Hoots 217-473-3970  
allaboutdancemore@yahoo.com

**Purpose:** 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.

**Offering:** Ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, poms, cheerleading, pointe, modern, salsa and yagalaties, ballroom, kickboxing, tumbling, and trampoline for all ages

**Registration Info:** Contact Sara Hoots



## Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Illinois and Advisory Board

**Contact Info:** Tanya Boyd 217-248-6811 tanyab@bbbswci.org or Jacksonville Office at 217-243-3821/ Advisory Board - Georgia Kassing 217-257-9709 gkassing@dotfoods.com or Renee Childers 217-248-9545 reneechilders@dotfoods.com

**Website:** www.bbbswci.org

**Purpose:** To help children reach their full potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships. The advisory board funding, organize events for Bigs & Littles and make the community more aware of the opportunities the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization has to offer.

**Offering:** Community, site-based (Mt. Sterling YMCA) and lunch buddy programs providing one-to-one mentoring programs to the at-risk youth in Brown County.

**Registration Info:** Contact BBBS office or visit website  
*Volunteers welcome for mentors and assistance with fundraising events.*

## Boy Scouts Troop 11

**Contact Info:** Tad Sorrells 217-242-5379  
tad.sorrells@gmail.com

**Website:** www.mississippivalleybsa.org

**Purpose:** Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent value-based youth development organizations. It 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 5th Grade to 18 years of age

**Registration Info:** Contact Tad Sorrells or visit website  
*Volunteers welcome*

## Brown County 4-H / University of Illinois Extension

**Contact Info:** Mt. Sterling Office 217-773-3013 or Quincy Office 217-223-8380

**Website:** <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/adams-brown>

**Purpose:** Voluntary, informal education program for youth ages 8-18 and Cloverbuds is a program for children 5-7 years old.

**Offering:** 4-H Member can enroll in over 200 various projects

**Registration Info:** Contact Christine prior to September 1st of each year

*Volunteers welcome*

## Brown County Children's Activity Group

**Contact Info:** Randall Hester 217-225-9021  
kb9jvu@adams.net

**Purpose:** To provide activities and fun for latch-key and at-risk children between the ages of 4 and 16.

**Offering:** Activities include sports, games, educational activities, and special presentations. Held on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:00pm at the Old School in Versailles and on Tuesday nights in Ripley from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

*Volunteers welcome*

# Youth Organizations

## Brown County Little League

**Contact Info:** Steve Passmore - President 217-770-0815 cobra4@casscomm.com

**Website:** <http://www.eteamz.com/browncountyll/>

**Purpose:** To provide organized baseball and softball programs for Brown County children ages 4-16.

*Volunteers welcome.*



## Cub Scouts Pack 11

**Contact Info:** Chad or Kim Kunkel 217-289-3438 kunkels@adams.net

**Website:** [www.mississippivalleybsa.org](http://www.mississippivalleybsa.org)

**Purpose:** Promotes the development of leadership skills and confidence within each boy while at the same time enhancing their ability to constructively work in a group setting.

**Offering:** For boys in Grades 1-5.

**Registration Info:** Contact Chad or Kim. Sign up nights will be in May and September of each year or anytime for new members to community.

*Volunteers are welcome with minimal training.*

## Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

**Contact Info:** Jessica Foster 217-222-1030 ext. 1504 jfoster@girlscouts-gsci.org

**Website:** [www.girlscouts-gsci.org](http://www.girlscouts-gsci.org)

**Purpose:** To build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Open to all girls in grades Kindergarten – 12th grades.

**Offering:** Offers six membership pathways and girls can choose one or more to participate in. They include; Camp, Events, Special Interest, Travel, Troops,

and Virtual (available in 2012).

**Registration Info:** Can register any time of year by contacting Jessica. Membership year runs October 1st-September 30th.

*Volunteers welcome and must be at least 18 years of age, pass a background check, be or willing to become registered member of Girl Scouts, and be a great role model for the girls.*

## Heather's Tumble-N-Tap

**Contact Info:** Heather Henry 217-773-4478 or 217-248-8790 heather@heatherstumblentap.com

**Website:** [www.heatherstumblentap.com](http://www.heatherstumblentap.com)

**Purpose:** Dance and Tumbling Education

**Offering:** Tap, tumbling, jazz/poms for girls and tumbling classes for boys for ages 3 and up.

**Registration Info:** Contact Heather Henry



## Special Olympics Illinois, West Central Area 11

**Contact Info:** Jill Reffett 217-223-3862

jreffett@soill.org

**Website:** [www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org); Event Listing: <http://www.soill.org/area/index.php?area=11>

**Purpose:** Provides year round sports training and competition in Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

**Offering:** 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.

**Registration Info:** Call 217-223-3862

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

# 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 –  
 Mr. Merle Kenady/Mr. Stan Adcock  
 503 N.W. Cross  
 Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
 217-773-3359  
[www.bchornets.com](http://www.bchornets.com)



## Brown County Elementary School

Grades – Pre-K – 4th  
 Principal – Mr. Merle Kenady/Mr. Stan Adcock  
 501 N.W. Cross  
 Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
 217-773-3903  
<http://bc.es.bchornets.com>



## Brown County Middle School

Grades – 5th-8th  
 Principal- Mr. Ben Ellefritz  
 504 E. Main  
 Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
 217-773-9152  
<http://bc.ms.bchornets.com>



## Brown County High School

Grades – 9th-12th  
 Principal – Mr. Van Wilson  
 500 E. Main  
 Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
 217-773-3345  
<http://bc.hs.bchornets.com>



## St. Mary's School

Grades- Pre-K-8th  
 Principal – Mrs. Ann Williamson  
 408 W. Washington  
 Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
 217-773-2825  
[www.smseagle.org](http://www.smseagle.org)

## Special Education Services/ Early Educational Intervention

## Four Rivers Special Education District

Director – Gina Eckhouse  
 936 W. Michigan Street  
 Jacksonville, IL 62650  
 217-245-7174  
[geckhouse@frsed.org](mailto:geckhouse@frsed.org)  
[www.frsed.org](http://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 - Denise Conkright  
 300 S. Capitol  
 Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
 217-773-3903  
[dconkright@pactheadstart.com](mailto:dconkright@pactheadstart.com)  
[www.pactheadstart.com](http://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.

## College John Wood Community College/ Dot Foods Learning Center

Buckhorn Road  
 Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
 217-641-4144

School Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities

Activity	Middle School	High School
Girls & Boys Basketball	X	X
Football		X
Boys Baseball		X
Girls Softball		X
Girls Volleyball	X	X
Girls & Boys Track	X	X
Girls & Boys Golf		X
Cheerleading	X	X
Drama Club		X
Student Council	X	X
Art Club		X
FCCLA (Family Career & Community Leaders of America)		X
FFA (Future Farmers of America)		X
Enrichment		X
NHS (National Honor Society)		X
Media		X
Band	X	X
Principal's Advisory Committee		X
Scholastic Bowl		X
Science Club		X
TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use)		X
WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering)		X
Caught in the Act		X

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# Church Information

## **Benville Church**

Laura Simmons  
RR#4  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
217-773-3668



## **Cornerstone Christian Church**

Keith Kepley  
RR#1 (Rte 24 East)  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
217-773-3404  
Email - c\_stoncc@yahoo.com

## **First Christian Church**

Lee Reffett  
117 W. Washington  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
217-773-3247

## **First Lutheran Church**

Joseph Eckman  
111 W. South  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
217-322-4237



## **First United Methodist Church**

Connie Jenkins  
120 S. Capitol  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
217-773-2027  
Email- msumc1@frontier.com

## **Holy Family Catholic Church**

Father Tom Henseler  
401 W. North  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
217-773-3233  
Email-holy.family@frontier.com

## **LaGrange Chapel**

Matt Haberman  
RR#1 (By LaGrange Lock and Dam)  
Versailles, IL 62378

## **Morrellville Community Church**

Wayne Sutton/Clifford Phillips  
RR#4  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353



## **Mt. Sterling Church of Nazarene**

Steve Boze  
400 E. Franklin  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
217-773-2569



## **Mt. Sterling First Baptist Church**

Aaron Foster  
140 E. Main  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
217-773-3562

## **Presbyterian Church of Christ**

Richard Young  
101 E. North  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
217-773-3876  
Email -info@pccms.org  
www.pccms.org



## **Poe Baptist Church**

RR# 1  
Clayton, IL 62324

## **Ripley Church of God**

Sherwin Williams/Robert Laning  
RR#3 Box 88  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
217-322-6161

## **Timewell Baptist Church**

Dale Gadberry  
RR# 1  
Timewell, IL 62375  
217-773-3157

## **Timewell Christian Church**

Dr. Stephen Griffin  
RR#1  
Timewell, IL 62375

## **Versailles Christian Church**

Gary Hinegardner  
3rd and Maple  
Versailles, IL 62378  
309-838-4165

## **Versailles First Baptist Church**

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, basketball court, tennis courts, and restrooms

Pavilion reservation for \$10 - contact Jessica Mathewson at 217-779-2069

### Butch Bowen Skate Park

Next to Swimming Pool and Clark Park  
Mt. Sterling, IL

### Gordley Memorial Park

Behind Brown County Courthouse  
Mt. Sterling, IL

Includes: Playground equipment and picnic tables

### Rotary Park

Corner of 600 N. Maple & Grove Streets  
Mt. Sterling, IL

Includes: Playground equipment, pavilion, and restrooms

Pavilion reservation for \$10 – Contact Jessica Mathewson at 217-779-2069

### Versailles Park

West Cherry Street  
Versailles, IL

Includes: Playground equipment, pavilion, basketball court, baseball field



### Moore Memorial Park

Rt. 107, 7 miles South of Mt. Sterling  
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

### Timewell Park

Timewell, IL

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

Contact Mike Pritchard to reserve shelter house at 217-773-3700

### Ripley Park

Ripley, IL

Includes: Shelter house and playground equipment

### Nature Conservancy (Spunky Bottoms)

LaGrange Locks Road  
Versailles, IL 62378

Contact: Tharran Hobson – 217-225-1120

Includes: fishing, canoeing, water fowl hunting, hiking, bird watching

## Camping

### Jensen Woods Camp

RR#1

Timewell, IL 62378

Contact: Ron Cox at 217-773-2491 or 217-257-1258

Includes camping RV sites, retreat house, lodge and bunk house. Contact Ron for fee information.

# Parks/Camping/Recreation



## **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”-other-  
wise money can be deposited at drop box or City Hall  
Camping info:  
Tent-\$5.00 per day  
Campers-\$10.00 per day  
Camper parking per day (not occupied)-\$2.00  
per day

## **Brown County Fairgrounds**

North Jefferson and Fairground Street  
Mt. Sterling, IL  
\$15 per night. Mail check to BC Fair c/o Ruth McCaskill  
at 1597 E. 3050th Street Clayton, IL 62324

## **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

## **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



## **Rolling Greens Golf Club**

Rt. 99 North  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
217-773-3085  
[www.golfrollinggreens.com](http://www.golfrollinggreens.com)  
Open 7:00am-9:00pm March – November  
Newly opened 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](http://www.mtsterlingymca.net)  
Purpose: Non-profit, charitable Christian based organiza-  
tions; 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





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Any 2012 events to be included in the next issue, email [brown.county@yahoo.com](mailto:brown.county@yahoo.com)



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