Celebrate Community: Nancy Brown

‘LOVES CHURCH’ — Nancy Brown, left, volunteers at a Shiloh United Methodist Church food drive. She also directs the choir, is responsible for church communications and is the church historian.

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LIBERTY — Northeastern Randolph Middle School has had a fairy godmother visit campus every few weeks for approximately the past 17 years.

Nancy Brown, a volunteer with Shiloh United Methodist Church in Liberty and a retired resident of Climax, finds ways to sprinkle fairy dust on an entire school community.

Thanks to Brown, “wishing wells” have been set up throughout the school campus so that teachers and other personnel may request items needed for specific projects in a classroom. Teachers have requested classroom standards such as notebooks and glue sticks along with more unusual items.

The resourceful Brown works in conjunction with Shiloh to fulfill those wishes and enrich the classroom experience for hundreds of children.

“I don’t think a teacher’s request has ever been turned down,” Northeastern student advocate Donna Wood noted.

Managing the wishes of a sizable faculty could be a full-time job, but Brown serves on community committees and is an active member in several groups.

Her pastor, James Groome III, describes Nancy Brown as a woman who “loves community, loves church, loves families … she’s noble.”

Nancy Brown is unassuming and her notepad is her wand. Her extensive list includes things to do to enhance the lives of others as she works magic on a school community and inspires everyone within it.

‘FAIRY GODMOTHER’ — Volunteer Nancy Brown, left, drops off supplies with Northeastern Randolph Middle School’s student advocate, Donna Wood.

REFRESHMENTS will follow.

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