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Hero's Corner



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Welcome to a new, occasional column in which we'll chronicle the latest adventures in Monroe County community building and volunteerism, celebrate success, and spotlight future opportunities.

A phrase often heard around town is "stronger together," and it's certainly true. Beyond that, volunteering and helping out is guaranteed not just to help the

community, but to leave you with a warm and wonderful feeling of inclusion and more than likely some new friends. Don't sit on the couch wondering what on earth there is to do around here; take a look at what your neighbors are up to, and jump on in!

From Extension Agent Susan B. Turner:

"During the Monroe County Home Fire Campaign 120 volunteers visited 188 homes installing 178 alarms and replaced batteries in twenty-four alarms. As a result of this program, 108 homes were made safer where 450 people live. Seven of the homes receiving smoke detectors were Spanish speaking homes where thirty-eight people live.

This was a successful program that helped the people of Monroe County. We want to specifically recognize the members of our county and city fire departments who volunteered their time by going out and installing alarms, as well as the other local volunteers who made this program happen. Also, we want to recognize the homemakers and 4-H members who helped in providing lunch for the volunteers. Monroe County was very fortunate to have been selected for this program by the American Red

From BackPack Program Coordinator Carolyn Jo Emmert:

"We have a total raised at the (Pullin' to Feed the Kids) truck and tractor pull Saturday night! ARE YOU READY? \$9,654.00, YES DOLLARS! How do we thank all of you, I honestly do not know. To all you PULLERS, you are truly amazing. All the volunteers and the businesses that have always supported the program and of course the Dallas Carnahan family, all of you can rest easy at night because you cared and you did something!'

The BackPack Program ensures, at a cost of just \$120 per child, that Monroe County youngsters who might otherwise go hungry get a weekend's worth of non-perishable food every week. The program needs

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to feed 197 students this year. Further funds were raised in a photo auction held by Gary Walker Pho-

From Monroe Crafters member Margie Bartley:

"Our Monroe Crafters Club had a silent auction and gave the proceeds to the Monroe County High School Art Department to use as they wish, kinda like a scholarship." A check for \$120 was presented to art teacher Jogeana Jones. "Mrs Jones was very excited! She didn't believe it was actually for her," says Crafter Stacy Walden Watson.

Upcoming Opportunities

Ideas and help are needed for the upcoming Monroe County Bicentennial Celebration. For information, contact the Historical Society at (270) 427-6161.

Zombie Nerf War to be held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, October 28. A new unwrapped toy worth at least \$5.00 gets you in on the fun; proceeds benefit Children Without Christmas fund.



Pullin' to Feed the Kids truck and tractor pull.



Monroe Crafters presenting a check to art teacher Jogeana Jones.







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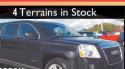


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