

## Delaney Volunteer of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Ardyth Delaney of Keytesville is the Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Quarter.

Ardyth Huckabey was born and raised in Keytesville and graduated from KHS with the class of 1954. She married Dennis Delaney in 1957. She jokingly said, "A river rate married a hillbilly."

Since Dennis worked for Safeway, they lived many different places but came back home in 1987. She went to work for Barry Orscheln, president of the Orscheln Company as his administrative assistant. She then worked for Chase which sold out to GE and she stayed there until her retirement.

Ardyth and her husband had four children: Teresa who lives in Sullivan, MO, Dennis from Lake Ozark, James who resides in Fayette and Joel who lives in Keytesville. She is the grandmother of six and a great grandmother for eight great grandchildren.

She has always been an active member of whatever community she has lived in. People can find Ardyth helping out where ever there is a need. While living in Moberly she was a member of the St. Pius Catholic Church and currently is a member St. Joseph Catholic Church in Salisbury. She works as a Mass usher, fixes and helps serve funeral dinners and any and all fund raisers the parishes may have a need for.

She currently volunteers at the Senior Center in Salisbury and teaches an exercise class twice a week for those suffering for arthritis. She can be found volunteering her time and services at the Keytesville City Hall. Mrs. Delaney is the secretary of the Keytesville Library Board of Directors. With a chuckle she said that since she is not afraid to drive in Columbia, she volunteers to drive those who have medical appointments in Columbia. "I just get in the car and go."

When she gets a chance for free time Ardyth enjoys two of her favorite hobbies. She collects "Mother" plaques (plaques, plates, etc. that say MOTHER on them) and collects salt and pepper shakers. Her late husband Dennis (2011) had a vast collection of tin boxes of all kinds and toy airplanes. She enjoys playing cars especially pitch and sometime canasta.

"Keytesville is my home and this is the place I belong. We keep coming home and here I am." The Chamber of Commerce congratulates Ardyth Delaney as Volunteer of the Quarter.