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# RSVP Newsletter

Your Initiation to Make a Difference **Spring/Summer 2024** MAY | JUNE | JULY

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## Dear Volunteers, Supporters, and Friends:

**You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream.** – C. S. Lewis

Thank you for being a part of RSVP and all the good work you are doing in your community helping those in need. RSVP Volunteers Recognition event held in March was a fun event. Chairman Daly and Mayor Marks were our featured speakers this year. Both did a fantastic job recognizing each of you and sharing the growth of our City and County. Food was deliciously presented by Whitt's Barbecue #1 on Elm Street. Event pianist was RSVP Volunteer David Kobeck accompanied by Jennifer Kobeck. Music was outstanding and enjoyed by all. I would like to say thank you to all of our Luncheon partners including: First Methodist Church and Perry Crawford, Limestone County Sheriff's Department, Connie's Candies, and Viva Health – Ashley Collier. The RSVP Board of Directors assisted with the program, floral arrangements, helped decorate, and were ecstatic to see everyone. Decorating Committee did a beautiful job. The event was most successful and

appreciated all attending.

If you happened to have missed the Scam Luncheon, you missed a very informative event. The event was hosted by Better Business Bureau and my go to person was Tricia Pruitt at BBB. Food was delicious and was hosted by Whitt's Barbecue #1. Speakers were from the State of Alabama, Chief Anthony Pressnell and Lt. Caldwell, First National Bank, and Better Business Bureau. We were updated on today's senior scams and how to avoid getting into the wrong situation. The presentations were followed by a Q/A session that provided great insight as to what you should do when you receive a phone call, computer scam and how to be on guard when you know a situation is too good to be true. Always be alert and do not get scammed.

April 15th was a sweet day. The income tax season was over. We had 26 professional volunteers involved in the tax program this year and an overwhelming success. Volunteers worked over 4000 hours this year during the tax season and prepared 2331 tax returns with a return of spendable income in the amount of \$3,233,500.00. All are fantastic volunteers serving the people of North Alabama and giving back to

assist our senior citizens and low-income families. A very valuable service provided to this community. Thank you for your service.

Enjoy the beautiful springtime and all the colorful iris now in bloom. When you are driving around the square take note of all the gorgeous pots, planned by Beautification Board members. Those pots are for your enjoyable when cruise downtown. Be healthy, be safe, and remember to call the office reporting your volunteer hours each month to Dean. We are so thankful; Dean is back in the office and doing much better after her fall and fractured back. I know everyone missed her and Dean appreciated all the calls, cards and get well wishes.

Take care of yourself, be safe, and continue to help the needy of our community. Thank you, RSVP VOLUNTEERS!

Happy Days of Summer,



*Betty M. Ruth*

**Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.**

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

## RSVP VOLUNTEERS GET THINGS DONE!

- **School Tutors will be needed in the City/County for School Year 2024-2025.** Start thinking about this needed service for this fall and let RSVP know if you think this would be a good project for you.
- **Meals on Wheels:** Volunteers needed to deliver meals to Home-bound Clients one day a week/month, or as often as you like.
- **Income Tax Volunteers:** If you are interested in training to prepare taxes for the low income and elderly for the next tax season, please call RSVP for more details.

**FOR THESE AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES  
or for more details**

**CALL RSVP 256-232-7207**

MAY 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Mother's Day</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28	29	30	31	

JUNE 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 <i>National Children's Day</i>	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15
16 <i>Father's Day</i>	17	18	19 <i>Juneteenth</i>	20 <i>First Day of Summer</i>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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JULY 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Register Now!

### Fiddlers 5K and Kids Fun Run

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024

5K – \$25 • 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM  
(Price increases June 1, 2024)

Kids Fun Run – FREE

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

(Registration ends Sept. 25, 2024 at 8 am.)

Scan the code to register online.



Plan ahead!

### 57th Annual Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention

October 2-5, 2024

CONCERTS, CONTESTS, CRAFTS, FOOD & FUN

Billy Adams  
Brenda Arnold  
Mattie Blakely  
Bobbie Brooks  
Shirley Clinard  
Martha Colgan

Josephine David  
Emma Dobbins  
June Elmore  
Edna Hicks  
Eddie Hill  
Jo Holt  
Frances Jones

Nancy Lovell  
Cozie Maxwell  
Robert Melvin  
Janice Miller  
Alice Moore  
Barbara Steck

Deaths:

Betty Cartwright  
02-05-2024

Mildred Johnston  
04-12-2024



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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Melanie Bodiford – Tutor/MOW/CS       | Randy Foster – TCE/CS   |
| Linda Brandon – Tutor/CS              | Faye Harris – Tutor/CS  |
| Lynn Bucher – Tutor/Transportation/CS | Frank Melton – Tutor/CS |
| Melanie Delap – TCE/CS                | Phyllis Turney – TCE/CS |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all of our May, June and July Volunteers celebrating birthdays this year; RSVP wishes each of you many more Healthy and Happy Birthdays!

### Thank You Notes

On behalf of the Empty Bowls Steering Committee, thanks to all of our RSVP Members who volunteered to help out on the day of the event. Thanks to Henry and Marsha White, Pam Dolan and Betty Ruth who worked for RSVP that day. Thanks to those who did not work but helped to raise almost \$10,000 for the hungry in our community.

I want to thank all of you that have called me, sent get-well cards and visited me over the past 2 months. I fell at home on March 16th and again on March 18th. The first fall fractured my spine and I had to have surgery; the second fall knocked a hole in my head that required 6 clamps. I had problems moving around for about a month, but I am getting better now. I am still weak, but I am back at work. I go back to the doctor in 3 months, so hopefully, he will release me! Thanks for all of your prayers.

Dean Morgan