

Christmas reminds us we are not alone. We are a part of something, which holds and sustains us. As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December's bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same. Christmas shows us the ties that bind us together, threads of love and caring, woven in the simplest and strongest way within the family.

~ Donald Westlake

Thank you for being a part of our family!



Sometimes it takes a while to get into the Christmas spirit, and then Christmas is over. That can be a lesson that we should keep the Christmas spirit all year long, so we're never too early or too late. Volunteers do that because they always have a giving spirit; volunteers think of others and how

they can help all year long. How can we all keep this happy, giving spirit all the time? Maybe it isn't possible, but we have to try! Whatever it takes – exercise, eat right, drink plenty of water, get outside, take time off from all of your activities, daydream, practice your religion, take care of

yourself so you can help others.

So my wish for you this holiday season is: May you be blessed with the spirit of the season, which is peace; the gladness of the season, which is hope; and the heart of the season, which is love. All. Year. Long.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **MANNA** – volunteers are needed to deliver hot, nutritious meals to homebound seniors.
- **ETOWAH BAPTIST MISSION CENTER** – is looking for volunteers with a heart to serve their community.
- **READING BUDDIES** – volunteers are needed in local elementary schools to help children with reading and comprehension.
- **CHEROKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM** – volunteers are always welcome. Donations are appreciated for renovation efforts to get her ready for her 100th birthday in 2020!
- **RED CROSS** – volunteers are needed to answer the phone at the Red Cross in downtown Gadsden. M-Th 8-12 or 12-4.
- **For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, call RSVP at (256)549-8147.**

“In seed-time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy.”

~William Blake

Volunteer Recognition

I have an outstanding volunteer here at the ROC I would like to recognize. Willie Mae Jordan turned 90 this year and volunteers 4 days a week somewhere in our community! She volunteers here at the ROC every Wednesday; 3 hours each week. You can always depend on her to be here; she is so faithful

to her commitments. Every one that comes in the front door looks forward to talking with Willie Mae. The ROC has a jewel and we love her!!! A big Thank You goes out to Willie Mae Jordan.

The winner of our on time – time sheet drawing is Ms. Frances Lipscomb. Ms. Lipscomb has only been a volunteer with RSVP since 2016 at the Pregnancy Testing Center in Gadsden. Frances has 321 hours on record! Thank you Ms. Lipscomb for all of your volunteer service!

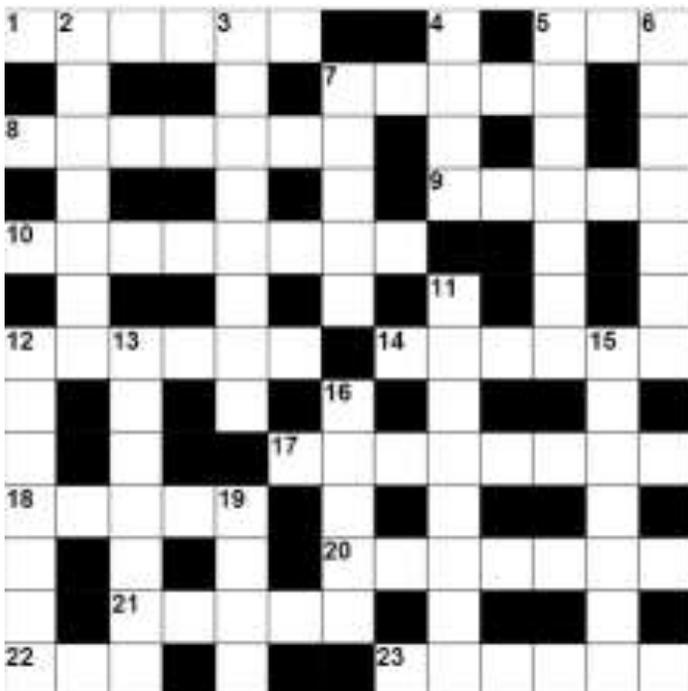


Upcoming Events

- **January is National Mentoring Month for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NEAL.**
- **January 1** – New Year’s Day; Etowah County Courthouse closed
- **January 10** - Seniors Outfitted for Defense meeting. Call RSVP @ 256-549-8147 by 1/09/19 to reserve a seat.
- **January 20** – Sanctity of Life Sunday. Call the Etowah Pregnancy Testing Center @ 256-442-6101 to schedule a speaker or get bulletin inserts for your place of worship.
- **January 21** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Etowah County Courthouse closed
- **January 28** – Free Income Tax Program begins. Call RSVP @ 256-549-8147 for schedule.
- **February 1** – Tickets go on sale for the 2019 Choose Life Banquet to be held April 25th. Please call the Etowah Pregnancy Testing Center @ 256-442-6101 for more information.
- **February 2** – “Back In Time” Tea from 11-2; Call Cherokee County Historical Society @ 256-927-7835 for details.
- **February 14** – Happy Valentine’s Day!
- **March 10** – Daylight Saving Time begins, don’t forget to move your clocks up one hour!
- **March 17** – St. Patrick’s Day
- **March 20** – 1st day of Spring!
- **March 20, 21** – BB/BS Bowl for Kids’ Sake @ Paradise Lanes in Rainbow City. Call for more information. 256-546-5079



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. Steep rock faces (6)
5. Willy (3)
7. Indifferent to emotions (5)
8. Terse (7)
9. Incantation (5)
10. Almond paste (8)
12. Irritable (6)
14. Hurting (6)
17. Carve words on something (8)
18. Plaintain lily (5)
20. Green gemstone (7)
21. Authoritative proclamation (5)
22. Bite sharply (3)
23. Measure of electrical current (6)

DOWN

2. Foliage (7)
3. Small window (8)
4. Canines (4)
5. Playful musical compositions (7)
6. Screaming (7)
7. Dispose of (5)
11. Frozen dessert (3.5)
12. Tropical cyclone (7)
13. Type of dance (3-4)
15. One who eats a bit at a time (7)
16. Tines (nag) (5)
19. Eager; keen (4)

VOLUNTEER BIRTHDAYS

Vickie Dobbins	01/02	Rebecca Tillery	01/27	Jean James	03/06
Poland, Cathea	01/02	Judy Christian	01/29	Hagedorn, Donna	03/08
Kellye McDowell	01/04	Sammye Hill	01/29	Linda Smith	03/08
Doris Jelks	01/05	Joan Grove	01/30	Janice Winger	03/08
Thomas Mintz	01/06	Sharon Wappelhorst	01/30	Mary Jane Quinn	03/09
Shirley Ward	01/06	Lucille Marbury	01/31	Doris Cash	03/10
Carol Hudson	01/08	Nelson, Fiona	02/01	Clara Hoyt	03/10
Marcia Kendrick	01/09	James Lee	02/02	Bud Utter	03/10
Betty Chestnut	01/10	Judy Clontz	02/06	Page, Jerolyn	03/11
Bobby Hinkle	01/10	Alice Neal	02/06	Doyle Spinks	03/12
Judy Oxley	01/10	Virginia Stanfield	02/07	Dewayne Long	03/14
Frances Ramey	01/10	Ruby George	02/09	Bottoms, Barry	03/21
Dannie Box	01/11	Tolbert, Ekra	02/09	Joseph Chestnut	03/18
Georgia Ann Grimes	01/11	Frances Core	02/10	Betty Crowe	03/21
Delma Smith	01/13	Poland, Jeffery	02/10	Margaret Knight	03/21
JL Bellamy	01/14	Peggy Ballenger	02/14	V.V. Davis	03/24
Shirley Williams	01/16	Melba Lories	02/21	Wagar, Stan	03/24
Judith Crane	01/18	Jane Brittain	02/24	Moeller, Christi	03/25
Dennis Nunnally	01/22	Wagar, Genelle	02/26	Tommie, Cheryl	03/25
Nadine Smith	01/22	Jimmie Bailey	02/27	Jack Fuller	03/26
Ledbetter, Joann	01/24	Margie Chapman	02/27	Jennie Amos	03/27
Kenneth Hudson	01/26	Venice Spears	02/28	David Gober	03/27
Edna Cole	01/27	Gloria Smith	03/02	April Breland	03/28
Lois King	01/27	Agnes Skinner	03/04	Sarah Chapman	03/28
Smith, Carolyn	01/27	Linda Godsey	03/05	Wetzel, Peggy	03/30
		Melisa Guinn	03/05		