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## ***DIRECTOR'S CORNER***

What a long, strange trip it's been! Summer is here in full force now - normally a time to slow down, sit a spell and fan yourself on the front porch. Of course, we have all been forced to slow down since March!

Lately, there has been much to worry about. Our government, our country, the whole world seems to be in turmoil. But then I remember all of our agencies and volunteers who are helping people and not worried about what the future may bring. They're so involved in this minute that there is no time for worry. And that is what everyone should be doing.

If you're busy doing something useful, you won't have time to worry about the future or what may or may not happen.

May this summer season bring you no worries, only joy and happiness and the knowledge that we all are changing the world for the better!

### **STATISTICS**

**New Volunteers: 10**

**Total Volunteers:272**

**Total Stations:58**

**Volunteer Hours: 3,313**

**Value of Hours:\$69,053.34**

**(According to federal guidelines, the value of a volunteer's time \$21.92 per hour.)**

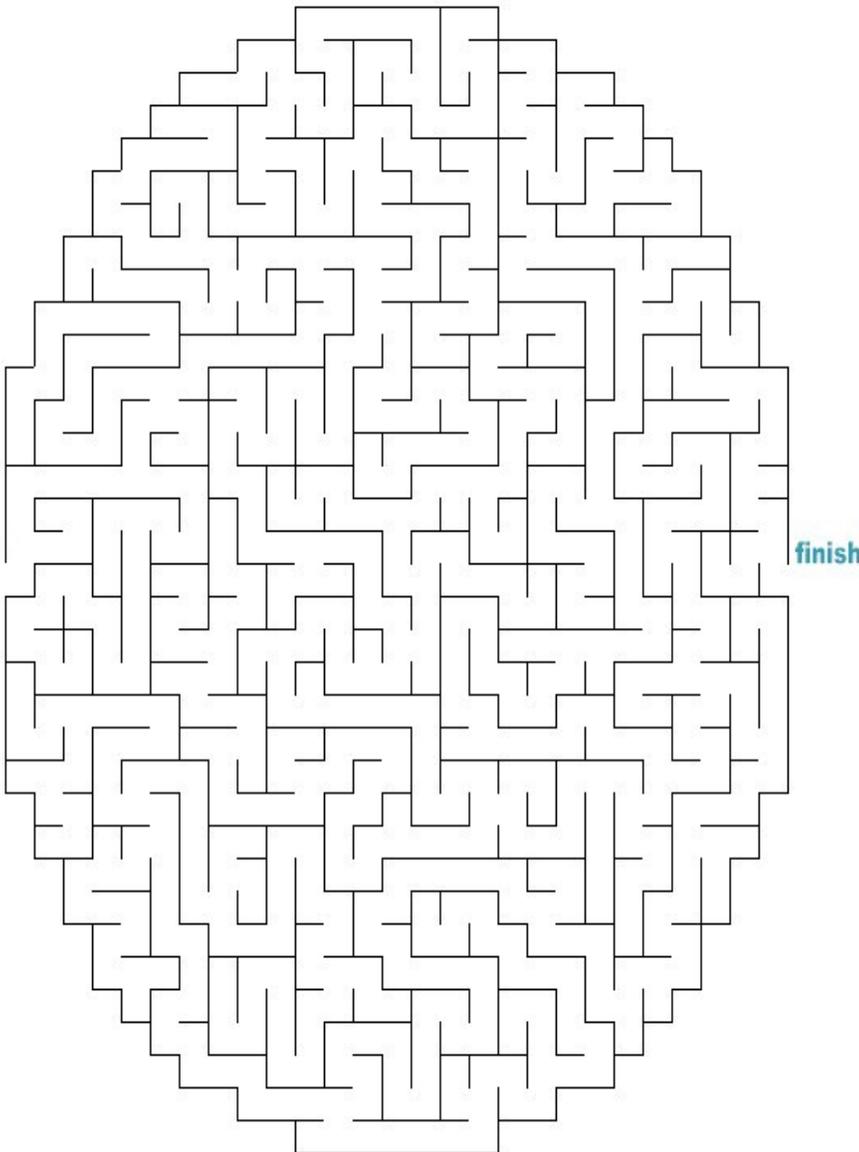
# NEWS

Normally in this newsletter we would tell you about how tax season finished and talk about our recognition luncheon. But this year, tax season is still going on and we haven't had a recognition luncheon - yet.  
(We are still hoping to have one this year!).

Tax volunteers are continuing to file returns until mid-June, and the filing deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>, so we are not quite at that finish line. There are not many special events being planned or carried out at this time since everything is still in limbo, and volunteer opportunities are at a standstill until places can reopen more fully and people can safely return to normal activities.

We have tried to keep in touch with volunteers through mailings, phone calls, and Facebook - but we yearn for the day when we can talk to people face-to-face instead of mask-to-mask and get some good hugs!

Our Success Story continues to be our volunteers and nonprofits who are continuing to do everything they possibly can to help everyone else through this pandemic .



## MAZE

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Ashley Baccus, from the Etowah Baptist Mission Center, would like to recognize Vicky Griffin for all the hard work she does for the Mission Center. She has been so faithful to show up and help others who are suffering through this Pandemic. She is self-less and has a heart of gold. Vicky does not meet a stranger and loves people. Her heart belongs to Jesus and her life proves it. Keep up the good work Vicky!

The winner of our on-time time sheet drawing is Ms. Marie Cylar. Ms. Cylar is a caller for the Etowah Historical Society. She has been an RSVP volunteer for 14 years and counting. She has a total of 2,017 hours on record! Thank you Ms. Cylar!

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# BIRTHDAYS

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Hope Craft 07/03  
Larry "Pat" Griffith 07/03  
Jean Pierini 07/04  
Pearl Spanks 07/04  
Coy Davis 07/05  
Donna Wrenn 07/05  
Nettie Hooks 07/06  
Kathy Snyder 07/08  
Dorothy "Dot" Bentley 07/09  
Mattie Eubanks Bolden 07/09  
Anthony Sturdivant 07/09  
Shirley Hufstetler 07/12  
Dianne Knowles 07/14  
Johnny Farmer 07/16

Theresa Frye 07/16  
Vivian Johns 07/16  
Deborah Lankford 07/18  
Billy Vance 07/18  
Norman Hindman 07/20  
Carolyn Speigner 07/23  
Jane Bishop 07/24  
Bonnie Hilley 07/25  
Lurene Kerley 07/25  
Alan Scott 07/25  
Sedalia Sealy 07/26  
Maxine Mintz 07/27  
Julie Foster 07/29

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Peggy Kilgo 08/02  
Iva Patty 08/02  
Dianne Treadwell 08/03  
Ray Woodard 08/03  
Jill Moran 08/04  
Vicky Griffin 08/06  
Ruby Ness 08/07  
Nancy Bolton 08/09  
Annie Dixon 08/09  
Mary Jackson 08/09  
Sheila Billingsley 08/10  
Shirley Dupont 08/10  
Frances Bearden 08/11  
Mary Cooper 08/12  
Rhonda Jones 08/12  
Larry Williams 08/13  
Emma Crayton 08/14  
Johnnie Harris 08/15  
Willie Mae Jordan 08/15

Faye Shelton 08/15  
Alexcia Hembree 08/16  
Towanna Wilson 08/16  
Gail Reeves 08/17  
Mary Owensby 08/19  
Joanna Ross 08/19  
Jennifer Long 08/21  
Sandy Grant 08/22  
David Coffey 08/23  
Spence Adcock 08/24  
Roselene Jenkins 08/24  
Angela Wappelhorst-Hicks 08/24  
Dot Phipps 08/25  
Patsy Duck 08/27  
Beatrice Oliver 08/28  
Donna Patterson 08/28  
Betsy Norton 08/29  
Larry Reeves 08/29

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Barbara Kines 09/01  
Jill Vincent 09/02  
Carolyn Nichols 09/04  
Valerie Reynolds 09/04  
Wayne Rhodes 09/06  
Jeannette Allen 09/07  
Taylor Knowles III 09/07  
Louise Blackwell 09/08  
Ruth Mims 09/09  
Thomas Page 09/10  
Vivian Burnett 09/11  
Mary Ann Baird 09/12

Patsy Lee 09/12  
Betty Sue Nelson 09/13  
Durwood Jones 09/15  
Gertie Lowe 09/17  
Dale Penn 09/17  
Phillip Scott 09/20  
John Bentley 09/25  
Tony Brothers 09/26  
Lana Champagne 09/26  
Joy Ann Smith 09/26  
Adelle Morris 09/27

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