



# community TIMES



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TNT kids at Cedar Lake Camp during fall break.

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## HOMEBUYER'S CLASS

Everyone is welcome to attend our 11th Annual Homebuyers Class on Thursday, Nov. 8, from 5-7 p.m. in the HRS main office community room at 235 West Jackson Street. Quite often, it seems that owning your own home is out of reach or will never happen. But it can, and this class can teach you how to get started! Make plans now to attend our **free and open-to-the-public homebuyers class** to learn how to get your credit in order, the loan process, selecting the right home for you and financial management for a home. Dinner is provided.

Call Kathy at (931) 526-9793, ext. 212, to reserve your seat. This no-obligation class is a community outreach program sponsored by US Bank and Highlands Residential Services.

## PUTNAM COUNTY TOYS FOR TOTS



Toys for Tots will be done a little differently this year. Anyone wishing to get assistance will need to go to Life Church at 2223 North Washington Avenue, Cookeville, TN, on Tuesday, Dec. 11, anytime between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to get a ticket and an appointment time to "shop" for toys. Then you will need to return with your ticket at your appointment time, which will be either Dec. 13, 14 or 15, with the following information:

- Proof of Putnam County residency (utility bill, lease agreement, etc.)
- Legal guardian must be present (photo ID required)
- Proof of assistance, such as TennCare card, EBT/Food Stamp card, receipt for housing assistance, etc.
- Must show Social Security card or birth certificate for each child
- For Putnam County youth ages 0-17 only

Once you have completed these steps, you will be able to "shop" for Christmas gifts for your child/children. Please do not miss getting the ticket and appointment time.

As of this writing, there is no official word yet on Christmas assistance in Jackson or Clay County, but we will pass the information to you if it is received. You may also check with your local school system or Head Start program for any up-to-date information.

## Melinda's MEMOS



If you live in Baxter or Celina and missed your recertification appointment, please contact me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 220, to schedule a make-up interview as soon as possible! Halloween is Wednesday, Oct. 31. Please be careful trick or treating and watch for children while driving.

## Kathy's CORNER



Daylight Savings time is November 4. Clocks "fall back" one hour. Reminder: The office closes from 12:00 – 1:00pm each day for lunch break. As of Nov. 1, only 55 days left until Christmas!!

## Chelsea's CHAPTER



Beginning in November, rent collection times at both Walnut Village and Willow Heights will permanently change. Walnut Village will be on the fourth day of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. Willow Heights will be on the eighth day of the month from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## Walnut Village/ Willow Heights

Residents are invited to a Thanksgiving luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 1-3 p.m. at the Walnut Village manager's office #R-5. Jim Smyth with Employee Benefit Specialists will be speaking on "Is Medicare Leaving You Confused?"

Mr. Smyth can answer your questions about Medicare, Medicaid and other health insurances and let you know about programs to help with the costs of Medicare Part B and prescriptions. He will also share information about insurance plans that offer dental, vision and transportation. Employee Benefit Specialists is sponsoring part of the meal, so everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Maintenance Tips

When the temperature drops below 32 degrees outside, please leave kitchen cabinet doors open to allow warm air to circulate around the pipes. Also let faucets drip to help keep water moving so that it doesn't freeze. Walnut Village, Willow Heights and Algood residents need to have outside water hoses disconnected and stored for the winter.

## OFFICE CLOSED

**DATES:**  
**MONDAY, NOV. 12**  
**IN OBSERVANCE OF**  
**VETERAN'S DAY**

**TUESDAY AND**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13 & 14**  
**FOR STAFF TRAINING**

**THURSDAY, NOV. 22 FOR**  
**THANKSGIVING DAY.**

## RESOURCE CENTER

### Trinity Assembly Church

931 Ignite Class would like to share Thanksgiving food boxes with our Algood residents only. If you would like to receive a Thanksgiving box this year, you must call Trinity's Outreach Center to let them know at (931) 537-9814 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday no later than Thursday, Nov. 1. Food boxes will be delivered to you at your scheduled delivery time on Sunday, Nov. 11.

### Thanksgiving Meal

The Cookeville Rescue Mission will serve hot lunches on Thanksgiving Day at the mission, 1331 South Jefferson Avenue, Cookeville. Everyone is welcome. They also plan to deliver lunches between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to Cookeville city residents who are elderly or disabled shut-ins. Please call Luke at (931) 528-5819 or email [leldridge@cookevillerescuemission.org](mailto:leldridge@cookevillerescuemission.org) with your name, address and phone number to inquire about meal delivery or for more information.

### Harvest of Blessings

soup, sides and dessert fundraiser hosted by the First United Methodist Church will be Friday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Church's Christian Life Center at 165 East Broad Street, Cookeville. The lunch cost is just \$7 for eat in or take out. There will also be a cookbook and bake sale. All proceeds go to local missions, including HRS' Teens Need Training after-school program. No reservation necessary – just show up.

### The Great American Smokeout

is Nov. 15. This annual event challenges people to stop smoking cigarettes for 24 hours in hopes their one-day decision will last forever. Need a little help making the decision to quit? Quit 4 Life Tobacco Cessation classes are free and open to anyone. A new class starts every Thursday, from 6-7 p.m. at the Cookeville Regional Medical Center Cafeteria Algood room. For more information, call Randy Todd at (931) 261-4305.

### We all love a parade!

The Veteran's Day parade is Monday, Nov. 12, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Courthouse along Broad Street in Cookeville. We are thankful for our veterans and their service to our country.



# YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

**Great News!!** US Bank has recently approved a grant that will be used to support our TNT and KIDS Matter after-school programs for the upcoming year. With that, we are able to provide an additional one day per week for KIDS Matter activities, which will begin on Thursday, Nov. 8. We are very excited about this opportunity, which is making it possible for us to serve approximately 30 children after school each week. Many thanks go out to US Bank and numerous volunteers, donors and sponsors that make all of our programs possible.

If your child lives with us and you would like more information about our Teens Need Training (TNT) or KIDS Matter programs, please give me a call at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213.



**Quawana's Closet,** located at 706 Pine Avenue, is open to ALL HRS residents on Tuesdays from 1:30-3:00 p.m. The closet has free clothing of various sizes for children and adults, with new seasonal items arriving weekly. No questions are asked except to bring identification. Please note the closet may close for scheduling conflicts and will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 6.



**Suggested teen Christmas gifts:**

- **Chapter books**
- **Guys: body spray/ bath wash, wallets**
- **Girls: perfumes, lotions, bath sets**
- **Suggested kids Christmas gifts: toys, books, gadgets, socks, gloves, etc. for ages 5-12**



## Santa's Workshop

Make plans now to visit the Cookeville Junior Woman's Club annual Santa's Workshop on Nov. 16 and 17 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Nov. 18 from 1-5 p.m. at the Hyder Burks Pavilion, 2390 Gainesboro Grade, Cookeville. Admission is \$3 per person; children 12 and under free. There will be more than 160 vendors with items to sell, Christmas caroling and visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Proceeds go to support several area nonprofits. The sights, smells and sounds are just awesome and perfect for the holiday season! For more information, check out the Cookeville Junior Woman's Club online or Santa's Workshop on Facebook.

**Cool Contest!!!** How would you like to win this brand-new Star Shower Slide Show projection light just in time for the holidays? It projects Christmas images onto your home. Includes six Christmas designs and six other holiday designs, including birthday and patriotic.

Here's all you have to do: Answer the following questions correctly based upon information in this newsletter, then complete the entry form and drop it off at the HRS main office or mail to Kathy Smith, Highlands Residential Services, 235 West Jackson St., Cookeville, TN 38501. Entries must be received or postmarked by Nov. 9. One winner will be drawn from correct, completed entries on Nov. 13. Only one entry per household and for HRS residents only. Be watching and reading your monthly newsletters for more great contests. You never know which month they may appear.



1. Who is the speaker or sponsor at the Walnut Village Thanksgiving luncheon? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the name of the bank teaching the Homebuyers Class? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name one of the holidays the main office is closed for this month. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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It is the policy of HRS to ensure that no citizen shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

**POLICY REMINDERS**



The HRS Smoking Policy is now in effect for all HRS homes. A copy of the Smoke-Free Policy was mailed to all residents and is available at the HRS main office.

**NO FIREWORKS AT ANY TIME ON ANY HRS PROPERTY BY ANYONE.**

Please remember the HRS fireworks policy: "Not to use fireworks in any manner on HRS property and/or premises." This is any type of fireworks and includes bottle rockets, firecrackers, sparklers, poppers, etc.

