



# community TIMES



The Highlands Residential Services Newsletter

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TNT youth enjoyed the 2019 Christmas season.

*The Board of Commissioners and staff of Highlands Residential Services would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.*

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP KIDS WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS? HERE IS OUR WISH LIST:

To donate, call Shaquawana at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213, or Kathy at ext. 212, or drop off items at our main office, 235 W. Jackson St., Cookeville, TN.

- Art/craft kits for youth and teens
- Science or activity kits or puzzles
- New books for youth or teens
- Teen to adult puzzles or coloring books
- Felt-tip markers or coloring pencils
- Nail or hair products for girls and teens
- Teen hygiene products such as body spray or bath wash



### OUR NEW OAK TREE TOWERS HOMES

are changing rapidly each day, with a projected completion date of June 2021. All three floors are up, windows are in and the brick siding has begun. This 50-unit complex will house low-income (rent based on income) seniors age 62 and up. An announcement will be made when applications are being taken.

### \*\*\* HELLO COMMUNITY PARTNERS \*\*\*

Remember when you were a child and the sheer delight of waking up on Christmas morning to find presents under the tree? We want to encourage our communities to support your local toy drives, angel trees and Toys for Tots. Your help is needed to bring the joy of Christmas to children of all ages.

Please note – any of our programs or community programs could change without notice due to COVID-19 restrictions.

# Melinda's MEMOS



As a reminder, you should be receiving letters soon notifying you

of your new 2021 income/benefit amounts. Please keep all Social Security/SSI award letters, W-2 forms or other proof of income (veteran's or retirement benefits, etc.) where you can find them. These will be necessary for recertifying benefits or filing taxes next year. You will be REQUIRED to provide HRS with the new letter(s) at your 2021 recertification time!!

# Kathy's CORNER



The office will be closed Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1.

The main office is now closed at noon on the last business day of the month.

We have free Panera bread and Food Lion deli bread and produce in our main office lobby on Mondays and Wednesdays after 10 a.m., as available, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Our 2021 calendars have arrived, so watch for yours to be hand delivered to your home. They look awesome this year!

# Chelsea's CHAPTER



To our Walnut Village and Willow Heights residents, we would like to thank you for your

patience and understanding during this less than normal year. We are missing our get-togethers with you and remain hopeful we will be together soon. However, spread of the COVID-19 virus is still a serious concern for elderly and disabled individuals. Please know that you are all in our thoughts, especially during this holiday season.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOVEMBER COOL CONTEST WINNERS:

Sally Lewis of Baxter and Paula Weatherholt of Cookeville.



# KATHY G'S NEWS & VIEWS

## \*\*\* FREE FOOD \*\*\* GOD'S GRACE FOOD PANTRY

through Cookeville First United Methodist Church, 165 E. Broad St. (enter from the Spring Street side), will host their last drive-thru food distribution on Dec. 15, from 2-6 p.m. Please have your car trunk cleaned out and remain inside your vehicle. No animals allowed in the vehicle, and no more than two households per vehicle.

**TRINITY ASSEMBLY CHURCH** would like to share Christmas food boxes with our Algood residents only. If you would like to receive a box, you must call Trinity's Outreach Center at (931) 537-9814 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and call no later than Thursday, Dec. 3, to let them know you would like a box. Food boxes will be delivered to you at your scheduled delivery time on Sunday, Dec. 20.

## MONTEREY TOYS FOR CHILDREN

Monterey residents (must live within city limits) who missed the Toys for Tots deadline and are not receiving Christmas toy help elsewhere, please call (931) 839-2323 or go by the Monterey Police Department no later than Friday, Dec. 11, to apply for Toys for Children ages birth to 13. Please bring a photo ID, proof that your child lives with you, and proof of all household income.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

Just a reminder to any of our Putnam, Jackson or Clay county residents wishing to get Toys for Tots this year – you will need to go to Life Church at 2223 N. Washington Ave., Cookeville, on Thursday, Dec. 10, anytime between 4 and 6:30 p.m. to get a ticket and an appointment time to "shop" for toys. A limited number of tickets will be given out, so get there early.

Then you will need to return with your ticket at your "shopping" appointment time, which will be the following week, and bring the following information:

- Proof of residence (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 only, ages 0-18

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

## LUNCH & LEARN

continues to be on hold due to the COVID-19 virus and social distancing. We have really missed our groups, but we remain hopeful we will be together soon.

## WALNUT VILLAGE SMOKING POLICY REMINDER

NO SMOKING of anything anywhere at Walnut Village – which includes in your home, on the porch, in the drive-through, in the yards, on the grounds, on sidewalks, etc.

## 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 it will not freeze. Walnut Village, Willow Heights and Algood residents need to have outside water hoses disconnected and stored for the winter.



# YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

For more information about any of the following, please contact me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213.

**Our 9th Annual Quawana's Coats** was a success, even though it was done differently this year due to the COVID-19 virus and social distancing. Approximately 750 coats were donated, and we then took "orders" for persons needing coats. Our resident services staff filled the coat requests, and patrons picked them up. We distributed approximately 300 coats, jackets and hoodies plus gloves, scarves and hats to approximately 234 people. Remaining coats were distributed through the Cookeville Rescue Mission and Cash Express, which donates coats to other local agencies to distribute. We are very hopeful our 2021 10th Annual Quawana's Coats will be the biggest and best yet. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021.

We want to give a big shout out to our friends and their customers at **John White State Farm Insurance Agency** for helping support our TNT winter clothes shopping.



**Our KIDS Matter** will have a special Christmas celebration with lots of great surprises! KIDS Matter meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. We have special guest readers, art and craft projects, fun learning games, a super snack and much more!

**Our TNT group** will also have a special Christmas celebration with fun, games and food! TNT meets on Mondays and Wednesdays after school. Our teens can work on homework, receive free tutoring assistance, use the computer lab, play games, do arts and crafts, learn life skills, and so much more!

If you have any questions about our youth programs, please call Shaquawana at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213. To see more great pictures of our TNT & KIDS Matter programs, like our page "Teens Need Training"

Reminder: TNT & KIDS Matter are closed if Putnam County schools are closed, or either program may close if bad weather is approaching.

## RESOURCE CENTER

**Quawana's Closet** will be open for all HRS residents on Tuesday, Dec. 1 and 8, from 1:30-3 p.m. at 706 Pine Ave. If you have a need and cannot make it to the closet, please call Shaquawana at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213. Please note, the closet may close for scheduling conflicts or bad weather.

**First Christian Church** at 780 Fairground St., Cookeville, will have their annual Road to Bethlehem live nativity scene as a drive-by only on Dec. 11, 12 and 13 from 6-8 p.m.

**COOL CONTEST!!!** Enter now to win this super cute box of nine Christmas ornaments filled with individually wrapped candy just in time for the holidays! Simply drop off this entry form at the HRS main office or mail to: Kathy Smith, Highlands Residential Services, 235 W. Jackson St., Cookeville, TN 38501. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 7 and received by Dec. 10. One winner will be drawn from correct, completed entries on Dec. 11. Only one entry per household; contest is for HRS residents only.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>BOUNTIFUL BREAD</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Quawana's Closet</b>  <b>CLOSED TODAY</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>BOUNTIFUL BREAD</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>  <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>  <b>MAIN OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON</b>  <b>LAST DAY CALL IN FOR PEST CONTROL</b></p>	<p> <b>MARK IT: 1/1</b>                  Main Office closed                  Friday, Jan. 1, 2021                  Happy New Year!!!</p>	



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All Resident Services activities operate under Highlands Residential Resources, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

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 policy is available at the HRS main office.

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

No fireworks (includes bottle rockets, firecrackers, sparkers, poppers, etc.) at any time on any HRS property by anyone.



**ADDRESSES:** ONLY residents listed on the current lease can receive mail at one of our addresses and no one else.

»»» The office is closed for lunch from 12-1 p.m.