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Billie at home
in Monterey

HRS PROPERTY OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Ms. Billie Sidwell of Monterey for receiving the HRS Property of the Year award. Billie is originally from Monterey and decided to move to HRS 14 years ago because of the location and affordability.

Billie likes to keep her home neat, clean and organized. She enjoys looking at store clearance sales and thrift shops for household needs and for decorating in her favorite colors of teal and taupe. For hobbies, Billie enjoys 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzles and adult art books. She has one daughter, 2 granddaughters and a cat. Billie previously worked at Red Kap in Cookeville.

Billie tells us, "HRS has been really good to me. I have rented from other places in the past, but they did not fix things like HRS does. I try to follow the (housing) rules, and HRS appreciates that. And I really like my neighbors."

HRS thanks Billie for taking pride in her home as an example for others to follow.

A great way to start the New Year is with a new job. The *SNAP EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING* program teaches participants job readiness skills to help them reach their full employment potential and become self-sufficient. You will receive employment preparation, help with goal setting, support for job searches and, if needed, educational training. To participate, you must receive SNAP (food stamps) benefits and have a desire to work.

We've already had four residents to complete the class. The Putnam County UT Extension Service and HRS will host an informational meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9 (snow date is Tuesday, Jan. 23), from 10-11 a.m. in the TNT Center at 706 Pine Avenue. Classes will begin in February. Any Putnam County residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Need more information? Call Shaquawana or Kathy at (931) 526-9793.

Melinda's MEMOS



Happy New Year! If you live in Algood or on 5th Street or

parts of Pine Avenue and missed your recertification interview, please contact me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 220, as soon as possible to schedule a make-up interview. New Flat Rent rates will take effect March 1, 2018

Kathy's CORNER



The HRS 2018 calendar was hand delivered to

each home in December. If you did not receive one, please let me know or ask for one at the main office.



TIMELY TIDBITS

The main office will be closed January 1 for New Year's Day and again January 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Remember our **NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED** policy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOB OPENINGS

We are currently accepting applications for the following AmeriCorps program positions:

- A part-time, year-round position is open now to work primarily with youth.
- A part-time, position beginning around March 20 to work primarily with adults. This position will become full-time, year-round in August.
- Two part-time summer positions to work primarily with youth. This will be an average of 30 hours a week for 10 weeks.

As an AmeriCorps volunteer, you receive a living allowance (money deposited into your bank account to spend as you choose), which does not affect any current assistance or money for education. This is a great opportunity to learn while serving others. A complete job description and applications are available at the main office, or you can call Kathy at (931) 526-9793, ext. 212.

Maintenance Tips:

On nights the temperature is below 32 degrees outside, please open kitchen cabinets under your sinks to allow warm air to get to your pipes and allow faucets to drip, which helps keep water moving and keeps it from freezing.



Misty's MINUTES

Walnut Village/Willow Heights

residents will meet Thursday, Jan. 11, from 1-3 p.m. at the Walnut Village manager's office # R-5. All Walnut Village and Willow Heights residents are welcome to attend. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 22. Please call me if you have any questions.



Mrs. Darlene of WV loves to entertain the group.

A big thank you goes out to First Christian Church, which generously donated Thanksgiving food boxes to HRS residents living in our Boatman/Darwin Street area and the Willow Heights development. They also donated Christmas food boxes to Walnut Village residents.

Adult Education Now is a great time to complete your education! TN Adult Education is now enrolling. There are free day or evening classes available which are centrally located in Cookeville and Algood. The process is easy to get started. Simply call 1-855-516-0160 to register. You will need a valid state ID and Social Security card.

Foster Grandparent/ Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Would you like to earn some extra money? Bored sitting at home? Have an interest in helping others? The Foster Grandparent program is looking for Putnam County volunteers who are at least 55 years old and can commit to at least 15 hours a week to work with children. You will receive a tax-exempt stipend (which does not count against any benefits), one to two meals per day, help with transportation and more. Interested or want to know more? Call Cheryl Pack at (931) 528-6488 or (931) 529-0663. There are at least three HRS residents who have been in this program for years, and they love it!

New Medicare Cards will be mailed to every person on Medicare between April 2018 and April 2019. Some things to know:

- All cards will have new numbers to protect your identity (it will no longer be a Social Security number).
- Your Medicare benefits will stay the same.
- Check now to be sure your address is current with Social Security.
- You may receive your card at a different time than family, friends or neighbors.
- Beware of Scammers - Medicare cards are FREE. If someone calls and asks you for money in exchange for a Medicare card, this is a SCAM! Medicare will NEVER call to ask for personal information.

For more information or to report suspicious callers, contact TN Senior Medicare Patrol at 1-866-836-7677.



YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

CRAFTERS: Do you know how to do hand or machine sewing, crocheting, knitting, painting pictures, etc.? If so, we have a great opportunity for volunteers to work with our Teens Need Training youth to teach these basic skills. TNT meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from about 4:15-5:15 p.m. in the Pine Avenue area. You can decide the day(s) you are available. If you are interested, please call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213.



Christmas Thanks We want to thank the numerous community supporters who donated food, clothing, toys, financial resources and more to our TNT and KIDS Matter youth and families. There were also numerous donors who helped with Putnam County Toys for Tots for several of our residents and other donors who helped several of our Gainesboro and Celina residents with Christmas. Our KIDS Matter after-school reading program celebrated Christmas with a visit from Santa as he read "Twas the Night before Christmas" to them. They enjoyed a super snack and opening presents. Teens Need Training celebrated Christmas by shopping for winter school clothes. The teens also had dinner complete with gift bags, fun and games.

We are excited to begin a new year! Applications are being accepted for KIDS Matter after-school program, which meets on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. at 706 Pine Avenue. You must apply, be enrolled and follow program guidelines to participate. Transportation is not provided at this time. Contact Shaquawana at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213 today for details!

TNT and KIDS Matter will not meet if school is closed for snow or if bad weather is approaching.



TEENS NEED TRAINING

WISH LIST

- Valentine's Day candy & party favors
- Bottled water
- Individually wrapped snacks
- Paper goods
- Cleaning supplies

TNT operates 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.

RESOURCE CENTER

Quawana's Closet located at 706B Pine Avenue, will be open on Tuesdays, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 1:30-3 p.m. for **ALL** HRS residents; other times are possible by appointment. Free clothing of various sizes for children and adults. Bring identification. Please note the closet may close for scheduling conflicts or bad weather. For more information, call Shaquawana at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213.

COOL CONTEST!!! How you would like to win this awesome gift set - a plush sherpa blanket, Bath & Body Works Cashmere Glow lotion, body spray and perfume and a Sweet Citrus candle? Guys - think Valentine's Day. Ladies - think "pamper yourself." 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 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 Jan. 10. One winner will be drawn from correct, completed entries on Jan. 12. 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. What is the date for the SNAP informational meeting? _____

2. What program do we currently have job openings for? _____

3. Where is Quawana's Closet located? _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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

Remember to "like us"  on our Facebook pages at Teens Need Training and Highlands Residential Services to check out all the great things happening.

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.

