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HRS PROPERTY OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to Donna McDaniel of Cookeville, who received the HRS Property of the Year award in December. Donna has lived with HRS for 10 years. She has four children, six grandchildren and one fur baby – Sparky. One of Donna's daughters recently graduated college with a psychology degree and is working with children.

Donna sets a great example for other residents and the community by having a very neat, clean and nicely decorated home – both inside and out. Donna enjoys using her creative talents to decorate on a budget and loves to hunt for sale, clearance or dollar items. She enjoys painting artwork, doing crafts (especially knitting), reading about science and going antiquing. She loves to work in the yard by planting flowers along with herbs and vegetables to eat. Donna also grows houseplants, saying, "They will make any house look more like a home." She states, "This has been a great place to raise my kids. The property is well taken care of by housing, and the employees are very nice." We greatly appreciate Donna's efforts to maintain her home and be an example to others.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, LT. MIKE SMITH

This month, we say goodbye or perhaps a "see you later" to Lt. Mike Smith of the Cookeville Police Department, who retires January 31, 2016. Lt. Mike began his career in law enforcement on October 1, 1981. In May of 1999, he began working with the Teens Need Training program, and without him, the program would not be what it is today. Mike has shaped and changed the lives of countless youth, not just in TNT, but in the school system and our community, with his guidance and mentoring. He will be greatly missed, and we hope he will still have time to visit with our programs.



Lt. Mike Smith

Melinda's MEMOS



Happy Valentine's Day! If you live on West 5th street or Pine Avenue and missed your recertification in January, please contact me to schedule a make-up appointment at (931) 526-9793, ext. 220. The office will be closed Monday, February 15, for Presidents Day.

Kathy's CORNER



Bountiful Bread distribution will be Tuesday, February 9, from 10 a.m.-noon at the HRS main office community room.
Need a new or better job? Current area job postings are available weekly in the HRS main office lobby.



TIMELY TIDBITS

Are you in need of area resources? A listing of area resources is available in the HRS Main office lobby. It contains information on food and clothing banks, utility or rental assistance, and much more. If you have specific questions or needs, call Misty at (931) 526-9793, ext. 224.



ANNOUNCE MENTS

Don't Quit, Just Come!
tobacco cessation classes. All classes are free and open to anyone, including non-tobacco users who may want to help someone they know quit or are concerned about their child being targeted to use tobacco products. Each class stands alone, so you can attend one time or regularly. February classes will be on the 9th and 23rd from 2 p.m.- 3p.m. at the HRS Main Office, 235 West Jackson St. Classes may cancel in bad weather conditions. Please call Misty at (931) 526-9793, ext. 224, with any questions.

Doctors with a ♥
free dental clinic will be Friday, February 12th, beginning at 8 a.m. at the office of Drs. Hintz & Oakley, 120 West Jackson St., or the office of Dr. Johns at 121 S. Washington Ave., both in Cookeville. You can either choose to have one filling **OR** one extraction **OR** a cleaning at no cost. These services are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so get in line early.

HRS Pet Policy reminders:

All residents who have a permitted pet on the premises must comply with the following rules:

- When taken outside, dogs and cats must be kept on a leash controlled by an adult.
- Properly dispose of pet waste in a container outside the home.

A \$50 fee may be charged by HRS for any rules not followed. HRS pet policies are available in the resident handbook, which is available in the main office lobby.

Misty's MINUTES



T.E.A.M. Resident Council Many New Year's resolutions are to lose weight or get in shape. What better way to do

so than by having fun?! Staff of the Putnam County Health Department – Betty, Angie, Katie and Ruth, along with volunteer Johnny – taught the latest country line dance moves, bull frog on a log and wagon wheel, and refreshed us on the electric slide and the tush push.



The next meeting is Tuesday, February 9, from 10 a.m.-noon at the HRS main office community room, 235 West Jackson Street. This month, the council will be making homemade Valentine's Day cards with a brief meeting to follow. Lunch will be served, so feel free to bring your favorite dish. All residents are very welcome to attend. In the event of bad weather, the meeting will be moved to Tuesday, February 16, in conjunction with the resident council planning meeting.

Resident council will have a planning meeting on Tuesday, February 16, from 10 a.m.-noon. The council will be hearing ideas and setting plans/goals for 2016. Everyone is welcome to come. In the event of bad weather on the 16th, the meeting will be cancelled.

The Time is Now to Complete your H.S. Education

Now is as good a time as ever to earn your high school equivalency diploma. There are many reasons to complete your high school education. More and more jobs that are coming to the area require high school diploma. Higher education programs and scholarships are available to learn new job skills, however a diploma must come first. Not to mention, you will get a sense of pride and accomplishment when your done. Our local adult learning schools are great, with a very caring and helpful staff that has assisted students ranging in age from 18 to 70.

You can call any time to find out class registration and orientation schedules.

- Putnam County Adult Learning Center, 286 E. Main St., Algood, (931) 528-8685
- Jackson County, 744 School Drive, Gainesboro, (931) 268-9840 or (931) 879-3802
- Clay County, 520 Brown St., Celina, (931) 243-5516.



YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

Hey Kids: Before you know it, our annual "What Home Means to Me" poster contest will begin so be thinking about your poster idea. We now have a gallery of state and national winning posters on display in our main office. You, too, could win!

The Tennessee Association of Housing and Redevelopment is once again sponsoring higher education scholarships of up to \$1,500 per academic year for **full-time students**. The scholarships are renewable each semester, contingent upon full-time enrollment with a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

ELIGIBILITY for recent high school graduates or adults entering or currently enrolled:

- Resident of a public housing authority or assisted housing for a minimum of 12 months prior to January 1, 2016, and must reside in public or Section 8 housing to continue receiving the scholarship.
- High school graduate, GED graduate or student expecting to graduate by June 2016.
- Entering college, regardless of age
- Planning to enroll in an accredited college as a first-time freshman in the 2016 fall semester. This includes any accredited university, college, community college or vocational, technical or business school. Adults already enrolled can also apply.
- Application must be completed and postmarked by the due date of **April 8, 2016**.

These applications require time to complete, so don't delay. Call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213, or Kathy at ext. 212 for more details or an application.

TNT and KIDS Matter will not meet if school is closed for bad weather or if bad weather is approaching. If unsure, please call me.

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



- **Packaged snack items**
- **Basic calculators**
- **Chapter books for kids**
- **Individually wrapped Valentine or Easter candy**
- **Valentine or Easter party favors or small toys**

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

Our Resident Services Department is blessed to have numerous community supporters who make possible all of the programs, activities and events we host, and we are so very thankful for them. **In December, the following were recognized for their contributions to Highlands Residential Services.** If you would like to volunteer or help, please contact Kathy in Resident Services at (931) 526-9793, ext. 212.

Quawana's Coats Volunteer of the Year Award went to Sarah Winfree, who has volunteered with Quawana's Coats for the past three years. Sarah has done everything from hosting coat drives and moving and sorting coats to helping on the day of the event. She has even helped to obtain clothing and hygiene items for TNT and Quawana's Closet.



Teens Need Training Tutor of the Year Award went to Bennett Henderson, who began working with our Resident Services Department this summer as an AmeriCorps volunteer. Bennett continued to volunteer to tutor TNT youth and help with Resident Services.



HRS Volunteer of the Year Award went to Dawn Kupferer of Kwill Consultants who has been working with Resident Services for the past two years by volunteering her talents as a grant writer. But in addition to that, she has helped with numerous other Resident Services events and programs, from stuffing Easter eggs to taking nature hikes with TNT to manning the popcorn machine at Quawana's Coats.



HRS Supporter of the Year Award went to our local Walgreens Stores and managers Mike Montandan, Mike McCollum and Joel Underwood. These managers have



worked with our youth for learning workplace skills and job placement. They have donated many items and contacted Resident Services when needed items are being discounted. Joel, Mike and Mike have also been leaders in the community by supporting Power of Putnam, hosting drug take-back days and much more.

 **FEBRUARY 2016**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1  TNT: After-School Program RENT DUE!	2 KIDS Matter Reading Program	3  TNT: After-School Program	4 WALNUT VILLAGE: Rent Collection 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	5	6
7	8  TNT: After-School Program WILLOW HEIGHTS: Rent Collection 10 a.m.-11 a.m.	9 <i>Bountiful Bread & TEAM Resident Council Meeting</i> 10 a.m.-12 p.m. <i>Tobacco Cessation Class:</i> 2 p.m.-3 p.m. KIDS Matter Reading Program	10  TNT: After-School Program	11 LATE FEES ADDED Walnut Village Valentine's Game Day 1:30 p.m.	12 Doctors With a ♥ Dental clinics 8 a.m.	13
14  VALENTINE'S DAY	15  PRESIDENT'S DAY Office Closed NON-PAY EVICTION NOTICES GO OUT	16 <i>TEAM Resident Council Planning Meeting</i> 10 a.m.-12 p.m. KIDS Matter Reading Program	17  TNT: After-School Program	18 BOARD MEETING	19	20 New Beginning Fellowship Church Food Pantry 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
21	22  TNT: After-School Program	23 <i>Tobacco Cessation Class:</i> 2 p.m.-3 p.m. KIDS Matter Reading Program	24  TNT: After-School Program	25	26	27
28	29  TNT: After-School Program LAST DAY TO CALL IN FOR PEST CONTROL					



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

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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.

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

