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The Highlands Residential Services Newsletter

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KIDS Matter member Kaitlyn tells Santa what she wants for Christmas.



The Board of Commissioners and staff of Highlands Residential Services would like to wish each of you Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year



TOYS FOR TOTS

Putnam County Highlands Residential Services residents who completed and returned the Toys for Tots Christmas Assistance Application that was in the November newsletter may pick up their children's gifts on Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the following locations:

- Putnam and Algood HRS residents: Main office community room, 235 West Jackson Street
- Monterey HRS residents: Monterey community room, 819 Jackson Street
- Baxter HRS residents: Baxter community room, 318 Alexander Street

Monterey Toys for Children

Monterey residents 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 Monday, Dec. 12, to apply for Toys for Children ages birth to 14. Please bring proof of address (such as utility bill in your name) and proof of all household income.

Christmas Parades

- Baxter, Friday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m.
- Gainesboro, Saturday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m.
- Algood, Saturday, Dec. 3, 5 p.m.
- Monterey, Saturday, Dec. 3, 6 p.m.
- Cookeville, Sunday, Dec. 4, 3 p.m., with tree lighting ceremony in Dogwood Park at 6 p.m.
- Celina, Saturday, Dec. 10, 6:00pm

Walnut Village & Willow Heights Christmas Social

will be Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 12-2 p.m. at the Walnut Village manager's office, 201 South Walnut Avenue # R-5. We will have our traditional Christmas luncheon followed by bingo, door prizes and lots of fun. Meet your neighbors and make new friends all while enjoying a Christmas meal together!

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

Melinda's MEMOS



If you live in Baxter or Celina and missed your recertification interview, please contact me as soon as possible at (931) 526-9793, ext. 220, to schedule an appointment.

Kathy's CORNER



HRS has a limited number of clean, used chests of drawers. If any resident is in need of something to store clothing in, please call Misty at (931) 526-9793, ext. 224. Limit one per person with no current clothing storage drawers.



TIMELY TIDBITS

The main office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of Christmas and on Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of New Year's Day.



RESIDENT COUNCIL T.E.A.M.
TOGETHER EVERYONE CAN ACCOMPLISH MORE

T.E.A.M. RESIDENT COUNCIL

will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the main office community room, 235 West Jackson Street. This month, we will celebrate Christmas with a luncheon, games, door prizes, photo booth and lots of great fun. All residents are welcome to come. Need transportation? Call Misty at (931) 526-9793, ext. 224, regarding availability.

We want to thank the Resident Council for all their hard work. Officers B.J. Thurman, David Palmer and Carrie Webb helped tremendously with Quawana's Coats and Hunger and Homeless in October. The council also sponsored the Halloween Spooktacular Party in Monterey with council secretary Kara Cannady organizing and hosting the party. Please thank your resident council officers and show your support by participating in council events.

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 not freeze. Walnut Village and Willow Heights residents need to be sure outside water hoses have been disconnected and stored for the winter.

Misty's MINUTES



Resident Spotlight This month we want to recognize HRS resident Jennifer Brown, who has lived with us almost five years.

Jennifer grew up in Jackson County, then moved away for several years and started her own family, but about five years ago, she decided to move back to the area. With her children growing up, Jennifer knew she needed not just a better job, but a career. And an education was the way to that. So, for the past four years, with her kids hitting the books (now grades 7, 5 and Pre-K), Jennifer did, too.



Jennifer with her daughter, Destiny.

Jennifer graduated this year from Nashville State Community College with an associate's degree in social work. She has started TTU to complete a dual-enrollment BS degree in sociology and criminal justice. Plans are to then pursue a master's degree in social work. Long-term plans are to work with children. On top of being a mom and student, she recently began volunteer work with CASA. Jennifer says, "People often say, 'If I can do it, anyone can,' but I really mean that. I was not always a good student in school, and it's been tough, but it's so worth it." Way to go, Jennifer! An education is a great gift to give yourself and your children!

Homeless and Hunger, held in October as part of Make a Difference Day, was a great success. Volunteers helped prepare 20 backpacks, which were distributed that day along with 97 additional backpacks filled with basic necessities being distributed through four area homeless outreach programs. I want to thank numerous donors, supporters and volunteers who made this event a success, allowing me to reach out to so many people. A big thank you goes out to Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ for the use of their facility on Make a Difference Day.

Senior Expo Congratulations to Gloria Miller of Cookeville, who won our Senior Expo door prize, a beautiful three-piece lighted candle set. Approximately 500 visitors stopped by the HRS booth at the Expo. What a great day!

Christmas Caroling Calvary Christian Church will do strolling Christmas carols at Walnut Village on Saturday, December 3, beginning at 5 p.m. Be watching and listening for the sweet sounds of Christmas in the air!



YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

The 5th Annual Quawana's Coats was a huge success. An estimated 2,000 coats and jackets of all sizes were donated, with approximately 400 families served. There were 100 volunteers from several clubs, groups, churches and resource organizations who registered to help that day. There were numerous vendor booths, lots of refreshments, music and games. Remaining coats were distributed to other area coat drives or clothing shelters. A big thank you goes out to Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ for the use of their building on Make a Difference Day.

Christmas Toys We are currently accepting donations of Christmas gifts for our TNT and KIDS Matter programs. Suggested items are new chapter books for teens, puzzle books, nail or hair products for girls, all kinds of balls, adult or youth coloring books, felt-tip markers or crayons, and wrapping paper. Any donations can be dropped off at the HRS main office, 235 West Jackson Street, or you may call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213.



* HELLO OUT THERE TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS *

Remember when you were a child, and the sheer delight you had in waking up on Christmas morning to find presents under the tree? And even better, when at least one of the presents was exactly what you wanted? Or the joy that filled your heart watching your child tear into a present and hold it tightly while shouting with excitement? We want to encourage our communities to support your local toy drives, angel trees and Toys for Tots. Without your help, many children may not receive anything at all for Christmas. Thank you in advance.



- New kids' toys, games, books
- Christmas wrapping paper
- Packaged snack items
- Hand sanitizer
- Bottled water

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



HRS Smoking Policy

will take effect for the following developments on Sunday, January 1, 2017:

- All of Baxter – North 3rd Avenue, Maxwell Street, and Alexander Street
- All of Celina – Green Street, River Avenue, Cordell Hull Drive
- All of Monterey took effect on Nov. 1, 2016.

A copy of the Smoke-Free Policy has been mailed to all residents. A copy is also available in the HRS main office lobby.

Everyone is welcome to participate in our free Don't Quit, Just Come tobacco cessation classes. This month's class is Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 2-3 p.m. at the HRS Main Office, 235 West Jackson Street. With HRS' new smoking policy, now is a great time to get motivated to quit, plus it makes a great New Year's resolution! For more information, call Kathy at 526-9793, ext. 212.

Angel's Attic Christmas distribution will be Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking garage of First United Methodist Church at 165 E. Broad Street, Cookeville. Everyone is invited and everything is free – clothing, shoes, home goods, toys, Christmas shop, refreshments and Santa! No questions asked.

New Beginning Fellowship Church Food Pantry

at 775 West Cemetery Rd., Cookeville, will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, from 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Open to anyone; just bring a photo ID.

Free Ride home for impaired drivers

is being sponsored again this year by Bradford Health Services and Power of Putnam. Free rides are offered from Dec. 23 to Jan. 1 for adults ages 21 and up. Staff and patrons at restaurants, bars and lounges may call for free ride home for anyone too impaired to drive. Free Ride is provided within a 30-mile radius of Cookeville.

Free Ride Home for Impaired Drivers In Cookeville

Dec. 23 - Jan. 1 • Call (931) 528-6803

 **DECEMBER 2016**

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2 MARK IT: 1/2 Office closed for New Year's Day Monday, Jan. 2, 2017				1 RENT DUE!	2	3 Christmas Caroling at Walnut Village 5 p.m.
4	5 WALNUT VILLAGE RENT COLLECTION tnt TNT: After-School Program	6 Team Resident Council 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. KIDS Matter Reading Program	7 tnt TNT: After-School Program	8 WILLOW HEIGHTS RENT COLLECTION	9	10 Angel's Attic 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
11	12 tnt TNT: After-School Program LATE FEES ADDED TOMORROW	13 Toys for Tots Distribution for HRS 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. Tobacco Cessation Class: 2 p.m.-3 p.m. KIDS Matter Reading Program	14 Walnut Village/ Willow Heights Christmas Social 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. tnt TNT: After-School Program	15 Board Meeting NON-PAY EVICTION NOTICES GO OUT	16 PEST CONTROL TREATMENT DAY	17 New Beginning Fellowship Church Food Pantry 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
18	19 tnt TNT: After-School Program	20 KIDS Matter Reading Program	21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE
25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 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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POLICY REMINDERS



The HRS Smoking Policy began taking effect for certain developments on Nov. 1, 2016. A copy of the Smoke-Free Policy was mailed to all residents. A copy is also available in the HRS main office lobby.

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.

