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HRS 16TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



AmeriCorps volunteer CJ makes Easter prize baskets

DATE: GOOD FRIDAY, April 14, 2017

See the Easter Bunny with lots of Easter candy!

Prize baskets! Something for all children!

Easter egg hunts for all Highlands Residential Services children ages birth to 11 years old are held at the former playground areas at the following sites.

CELINA - 9:00 a.m.

GAINESBORO - REEVES DR. DEVELOPMENT (All children) - 10:00 a.m.

BAXTER - 11:00 a.m.

MONTEREY - JACKSON STREET DEVELOPMENT - 12:00 a.m.
(All children who live on Poplar or Elm or Railroad may come to this site).

MONTEREY - STANDING STONE DRIVE DEVELOPMENT - 12:30 p.m.

ALGOOD - 2:00 p.m.

COOKEVILLE:

5th, 6th, 7th, 8th ST., PINE & CYPRESS AVENUE - 2:30 p.m.

BUFFALO VALLEY ROAD & COFFELT AVENUE - 3:00 p.m.

BOATMAN STREET & DARWIN STREET - 3:30 P.M. (Children who live on Willow Valley Ct & Newman Dr. may come to this site).

If you have any questions call Shaquawana, Youth Services Coordinator at 931-526-9793 ext. 213.

Kathy's CORNER



If you or someone you know would be interested in serving as an AmeriCorps volunteer

beginning later this year or our summer AmeriCorps Youth Program Assistant position, please call me at (931) 526-9793 Ext. 212. AmeriCorps provides a living allowance and money for education while not affecting any current benefits.

Please keep children and pets away from the mowers and move any items in the yard out of the path of the mowers. Drive carefully and obey the speed limits in all of HRS developments. Children will be playing and people are outside more. Parents, please teach your child about outdoor safety.

Kiddie pools are not allowed.

Do not leave containers outside that can collect water, even something as tiny as a bottle cap. These become breeding grounds for mosquitoes that carry disease.

We Gotta Eat Just a reminder the main office is closed for lunch from 12 – 1.

Facebook Don't forget to like our FB pages at Highlands Residential Services and Teens Need Training for updated or helpful information. HRS will not contact or Spam you through FB. You can also check us out on the web at www.highlandsrs.com.



TIMELY TIDBITS



Misty's MINUTES

Sun, Seed & Soil: The Community Garden is just getting started so there is still plenty of time to get in on this great opportunity. Spring crops are currently being planted and soon we'll be planting tomatoes, corn, okra, beans, squashes, pumpkins, herbs and much more. Not only do you get the benefit of the incredible tasting food but the satisfaction of seeing the fruits of your labor while getting to be around others and enjoying the outdoors.

The garden has been moved to the TTU Shipley Farm where it's super easy to get to and shelter and restrooms are available. Several HRS residents have worked at the garden the past 2 years. It's all free and supplies are furnished. For more information on days and times to work at the garden or transportation, call Misty at (931) 526-9793 Ext. 224.

"Stepping On" Falls Prevention Program

This free class begins April 6 (pre-registration day) from 1:30 – 3:30 every Thursday for 6 weeks at the Putnam Co. Senior Citizens Center at 186 South Walnut Ave., Cookeville. For more information call the Senior Center at (931) 526-9318.

Looking for a new job? Resource information?

Every Monday, an updated listing of current local jobs is posted in our main office lobby. I also have a listing of area community resources which 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.

Walnut Village/Willow Heights residents will meet Thursday, April 20th from 1 – 3pm at the Walnut Village manager's office # R-5 for an Easter luncheon. Everyone is invited to join in and bring your favorite covered dish. Meat, green beans, bread & drinks furnished. We hope you'll come – we'll have a great time! A special thank you goes to Food Lion, Jackson St. for donating flowers and balloons for the WV Valentine's Day social.



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

T.E.A.M. RESIDENT COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11th, from 10:00 – 12:00 at the HRS main office community room. Kelly Clarkson with the Senior Medicare Program will talk about Medicare benefits and answer your questions. Lunch will be served and the Bountiful Bread distribution. If you need transportation call Misty at 931-526-9793 Ext. 224 regarding availability.

Blue Ribbon Day will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 12:00 – 4:00pm at Dogwood Park in Cookeville. The event is free and open to the public. There will be entertainment, games, prizes, treats for kids, child safety demonstrations, music and Dancing in the Park. Make plans now to come for the entire event.

Drug Take Back Day

The spring drug take back day will be held Saturday, April 29, 10am – 2pm at both Cookeville Walgreens, Andy's Pharmacy on the corner of Willow and Spring St. and at the Algood Police Dept. It's easy! Curb side drop off and no questions asked. Please leave medications in original container with the name of the drug visible. You can remove or mark over your name. Items not accepted: liquids, syringes, ointments, lotions, inhalers.

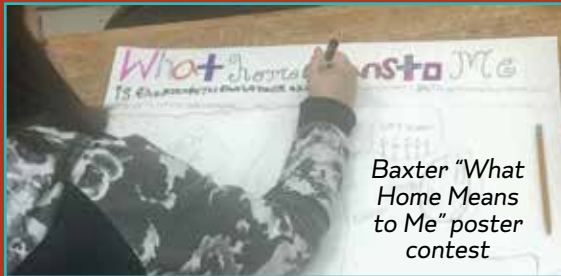


YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

9th Annual What Home Means to Me Poster contest

Gainesboro – 11am – 1pm, Thursday, April 13 at 509 N. Murray St., the old manager's office.

Boatman/Darwin (make up day) – 3pm – 4pm, Thursday, April 13 in the open grassy area on Darwin (times may vary according to participation – Resident Services discretion).



Baxter "What Home Means to Me" poster contest

The poster contest is open to all public housing youth in grades K-12. To receive a cash prize, you must be present and work on your poster at the local contest. Participants must make their own posters. A complete list of rules is available in the main office lobby. Missed your local poster contest? You can still enter to try to advance to the state competition to win prizes! Simply make a poster at home and bring it to the main office by April 19. If you have any questions please call Shaquawana, at 931-526-9793 ext. 213 or Kathy, ext. 212.

Prom Dresses Quawana's Closet has received a lot of beautiful formal dresses in various styles, colors and sizes that would be great for proms or other special events. If you would like to borrow one, please contact me.

Summer Programs HRS plans to provide summer lunches again this year at the TNT Center in the Police Substation at 706 Pine Ave. Lunches will begin May 30 – July 28th from 10:00am – 1:00pm, closed July 4th. More details in the May newsletter.

TNT summer day camp begins in June and lasts for 6 weeks. Some of the awesome fun things TNT kids do during summer day camp are: swimming, cooking and culinary skills, hiking, life skills, movie day, fun parks, community citizenship, job training and much more! And it's all free! How can you get in on this? Youth are selected from being enrolled in the Teens Need Training (TNT) after school program. TNT is for youth in grades 5 – 12 who live in or around HRS in Cookeville. If you would like more information about this or any of our youth programs call me at call me at 526-9793 Ext. 213 or email: swester@highlandsrs.com.

tnt TEENS NEED TRAINING WISH LIST

- Packaged snack items
- Disposable plates, cups, napkins, spoons, forks
- Sunscreen & 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 takes effect for the following developments as of May 1, 2017:

Buffalo Valley Rd & Coffelt St., Willow Valley Ct. (public housing homes) and Newman St.

The policy has taken effect for the following:

- All of Monterey – Nov. 1, 2016
- All of Baxter & Celina – Jan. 1, 2017
- All of Algood and the 10(2) area of West 5th St. & Pine Ave. – March 1, 2017

A copy of the Smoke Free Policy has been mailed to all residents. A copy is also available in the HRS main office lobby. Did you know? Tennessee State law: It is unlawful for a person who has not attained eighteen (18) years of age to possess a tobacco product, to purchase or accept receipt of a tobacco product, or to present or offer to any person any purported proof of age which is false, fraudulent, or not actually that person's own for the purpose of purchasing or receiving any tobacco product.

Free Summer Camp Mark your calendars now! Lighthouse Christian Camp in Smithville, TN is once again offering the following weeks of camps for kids ages 9 – 11. Transportation is provided. Applications will be available at the HRS Main office closer to time.

June 12 – 16: Jackson Co. girls

July 10 – 14: Putnam Co. boys

June 26 – 30: Putnam Co. girls

July 17 – 21: Jackson Co. boys

Thank you to Russell Stover candies in Algood, TN for donating 312 brand new teddy bears and some sweet treats from their internet sales warehouse to HRS. These were shared with our community partners who will distribute them to children in need. Pictured L - R, front row: Kathy Smith, HRS, Nadine Shera, Cookeville Police Dept., Danny Holmes, Baxter Police Chief, Carolyn Scott, Executive Director Heart of the Cumberland and Sara Ogilvie, Dept. of Children's Services. Back row: Sgt. Anthony Leonard, Cookeville Police Dept., Shaquawana Wester, HRS Youth Programs Coordinator, Lt. Michael Phillips, Monterey Police Dept. and Chris Cassetty, HRS Director of Operations. Not pictured: Cindy Putman, WCTE's Ready to Learn, Shavonda Jones, Genesis House, Melissa Allison, Relative Caregiver UCDD/AAAD, Gainesboro & Celina Police Depts., Clay Co. Sheriff Dept. and Russell Stover.



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



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To download a digital version of our calendar, please visit HighlandsRS.com.



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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.

