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HOLIDAY GIVING

Santa Claus Is Coming to Town ...

Toy pickup for those who preregistered for **Toys for Tots in Cookeville** will be on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 25 N. Washington Ave.

Body of Christ Church in Baxter is distributing Christmas toys and clothes on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up now by calling Crystal Redmon at 931-644-1358. You will need to give the child's name, age, size, gender, address and phone number.

The Monterey Police Department is taking applications until Dec. 17 for toys for Monterey children up to age 14. To

register, go by the police department from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday at 711 E. Commercial Ave. You will need to give name, age and relationship to child. Distribution will be Monday, Dec. 22, to those who preregistered. For more information call 931-839-2323.

Angels Attic at First United Methodist Church, 165 E. Broad St., Cookeville, will have their Christmas distribution on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church parking garage. Free clothes and shoes for everyone, household items, Christmas décor, toy and gift shop, and refreshments.



Melinda's MEMOS



If you live in Celina or Baxter and missed your re-certifica-

tion appointment, please contact me at 931-526-9793 ext. 220 as soon as possible to reschedule.

Kathy's CORNER



Senior Expo was another success this year.

The win-

ner of the HRS prize drawing was Tina Turner of Smithville. Thanks to all who stopped by our booth.

Sammie's SECTION



Resident Programs would like to encourage all residents

to attend any programs or events we offer. Much thought and effort go into planning these things, and we want to see you there!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

T.E.A.M. Resident

Council: We had an awesome November meeting celebrating and honoring our veterans. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the HRS main office, 235 W. Jackson St.

This month, we will have a Christmas social, complete with games, prizes, lunch and lots of fun!

Resident Council is for all residents, and everyone is welcome to come. Attendance counts as four hours of community service.

T.E.A.M. Resident Council Business

Meeting will be Monday, Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the main office, 235 W. Jackson St. Agenda: Looking ahead to the new year.

Bountiful Bread:

Bread distribution will be Tuesday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. during the council meeting. You do not have to attend the meeting to pick up bread, but we would welcome you to stay.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: Let's Read!

READING PROGRAM: University Heights Baptist Church, along with HRS, has begun an after-school reading program for kids in grades K-4 who live in the 7th and Pine Street area. The group is led by Mrs. Lisa and Ms. Janie with University Heights Baptist Church. The program meets every Tuesday as soon as the kids get home from school until 4:45 p.m. at the TNT Center in the Police Substation, 706 Pine Ave. The children have a snack, fun reading games or story time and get to check out books to read at home. The program will not meet if school is closed or bad weather is approaching. We are planning to start a second location after the first of the year at the main office.



Please consider bringing your child to these reading programs. Studies show that children who read perform much better in school, with higher grades and improved learning ability, and graduate with plans for further education. For more information, please call Mrs. Lisa at 931-261-9486 or Kathy at 931-526-9793 ext. 212.



AMERICORPS COMMUNITY CARES: HRS Resident Programs will be working with AmeriCorps to hire a part-time person for the summer of 2015. Duties will include working with youth and other HRS programs. AmeriCorps members serve as volunteers in their community while receiving a monthly living allowance and an educational award. For more information or to apply, please call Kathy at 931-526-9793 ext. 212 or email: ksmith@highlandsrs.com.



YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

TNT Volunteers, Scholarships and More

TNT VOLUNTEERING

This month, Teens Need Training will have two community volunteer projects. They will help sort and package items for Toys for Tots. On Monday, Dec. 22, they plan to sing Christmas carols at a local nursing home. Later that day, the teens will be treated to lunch and a Christmas party at the TNT Center. After Christmas, the teens will have a fun day, which is still a surprise.



A WARM WELCOME

We want to welcome TTU student Ben Townsend, who will be completing his college internship with Highlands Residential beginning in January. Ben has been a TNT tutor for some time. He will continue with that but will also be networking with other residents.

SCHOLARSHIP!

Public Housing Authorities Directors Association has announced 2015 college scholarship applications are due Jan. 30, 2015. For more information, go to www.phada.org or call Kathy at 931-526-9793 ext. 212.



TEENS NEED TRAINING

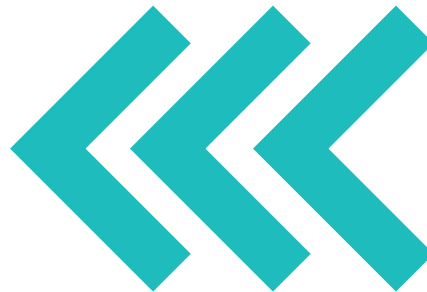
WISH LIST

- Chips, snack cakes, crackers, fruit or granola bars (individual packages)
- Story/reading books for kids up to age 18 (new or gently used)

TNT operates under Highlands Residential Resources, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

RESOURCE CENTER:

Resolutions and Resources



DON'T QUIT, JUST COME

We're counting down the days to a new year. Why not make this year about you and start now by taking the steps necessary to quit smoking or using any tobacco products. We will meet on Dec. 9 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the HRS main office, 235 W. Jackson St. Our Dec. 23 meeting will be cancelled due to the Christmas holiday. Attendance counts as two hours of community service. Please call Kathy at 931-526-9793 ext. 212 with any questions.

RESOURCE INFORMATION

We have lots of great information in our main office lobby from local area resources, including emergency assistance lists, low-income home energy

assistance applications and weekly area job announcements. Also, please like us on Facebook at Teens Need Training and Highlands Residential Services. We often receive last minute resource information and will post it there and in the main office lobby. We hope you will take advantage of this resource information.



TIMELY TIDBITS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

HRS would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Don't forget the office will be closed both of these days. Enjoy the holidays, and stay safe!

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.



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	1 RENT DUE! <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program Cookeville Christmas Parade	2 <i>TNT Center</i> After-School Reading Program	3 <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program	4 WALNUT VILLAGE: Rent Collection from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Algood Christmas Parade	5	6 Monterey and Gainesboro Christmas Parades
7	8 WILLOW HEIGHTS: Rent Collection from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program	9 <i>"Bountiful Bread" and TEAM Resident Council Christmas Social</i> 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. <i>TNT Center</i> After-School Reading Program Tobacco Cessation 4 to 5 p.m.	10 COMMUNITY SERVICE: Due Date <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program	11 LATE FEES ADDED	12	13 Toys for Tots Pick Up Day Angel's Attic 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
14	15 EVICTION NOTICES FOR NON-PAY/COMMUNITY SERVICE <i>TEAM Resident Council Business Meeting</i> 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program	16 WALNUT VILLAGE: Christmas Party <i>TNT Center</i> After-School Reading Program	17 <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program	18 <i>BOARD MEETING</i>	19	20
21	 <i>TNT:</i> Volunteer Project and Christmas Party	23 <i>TNT Center</i> After-School Reading Program	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Office Closed	26	27
28	29	30 <i>TNT Center</i> After-School Reading Program	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE LAST DAY TO CALL FOR PEST CONTROL	 MARK IT: 1/1 Closed for New Year's Day		



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



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



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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.

