



Neighbors

Happy New Year

It's 2012

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK.....

A new year has begun. We'll all have to get used to writing 2012 on our papers.

We hope your Holidays were happy ones. Now it's time to put away the decorations and wait for spring. Christmas trees, lights and outside decorations (including those pumpkins we've seen here and there) should be removed from outside of the apartments by January 10 or the Housing Authority will remove them and charge you. Thanks for everyone's cooperation.

If you haven't disconnected your hose from the outside water faucet **DO IT NOW**. Leaving it connected can cause damage to the water line; repairs will be charged to the resident.

There will be a resident meeting in February to discuss resident activities for this year. Date, time and place will be in the February newsletter. Stay Warm!



*Out with the old,
in with the new*

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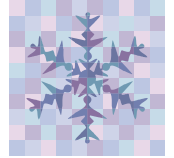
Thought For The Month:

“I don't know how man will fight WW III,
but I do know how they will fight WW IV;
With sticks and stones.”

Albert Einstein



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!!



IN PALMYRA—Eddie Perkins, Mary Ann Perkins and Lisa Tweedy.

IN MT. OLIVE—Aurianna Henke.

IN BUNKER HILL—Ashley Wilkerson and Dorothy Whitworth.



IN GILLESPIE—Raymond Clark, Edward Davis, Shirley Schwappach, Norma Zelenka, Carrie Hollander, Karletta Williams, Marion Petty, Rubi Jackson, Inez Hull, Ember Schlecte, Brandon Pitchford, Daniel Manar, Emily Manar and Kari Miller.

IN GIRARD—Jazzmine Spoor, Alicia Pedigo, Treva Jaure, Emily Thomas, Analise Frederick,

IN STAUNON— Ethel Kieffer, Ashli Pernicka, Josette Zahnle, Jennifer Boyer, Kathryn Easley, Lee Struebig, Kelsi Tillman and Cristopher Mitchell.

IN VIRDEN—Jo Ann Jones, Rebecca Illsley and Zoe Woosley.



IN CARLINVILLE—Sharon Clevenger, Samantha Bomkamp, Parker Cummings, Alexander Johnston, Margaret Bloome, Pam Russell, Kirstie Brown, Angel Wiseman, Cynthia Gray, Kenneth Lott and Lakotah Daniels.

January Calendar

- Jan. 2 MCHA office closed for New Year's Holiday
- Jan. 3 MCHA office closes at 3:30 p.m. for Staff/Safety Meeting
- Jan. 16 MCHA office closed for Martin Luther King's Birthday
- Jan. 17 Taste of Wellness 10 AM at Carlinville Rec Hall
- Jan. 25 Eagle Watching trip for those who signed up—you will receive a letter about pick-up times.

RESIDENT CORNER—

FOR SALE; Two bird feeders and a bird bath—\$30.00

Patio table with four chairs and an umbrella—\$100.00 or best offer.

See these at 732 DeArbee Drive in Carlinville



If you've received an increase from Social Security for 2012, you do not need to call the office. Just mail a copy of the letter you got from Social Security to the office at MCHA, P.O. Box 226, Carlinville, IL 62626.

BUS TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

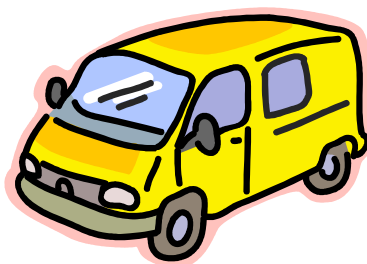
The resident bus trip to Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in Belleville proved we all need to take a trip to a farm some time. Residents and Housing Staff had difficulty distinguishing between donkeys, deer and camels as we passed those lighted decorations on our drive through the Way of Lights.

The trip included residents from Virden, Girard, Carlinville, Gillespie, Bunker Hill and Staunton. Snacks and bottled water were served on the bus. When we arrived at the Shrine we took a few minutes to check out the gift shop and scenery before settling down to the buffet. There was more than enough food and everyone left satisfied.

There were carolers in the main lobby, Christmas wreaths along the hallway walls and a place to have your picture taken dressed as an angel. We climbed aboard the bus after everyone had seen all the indoor sights, then drove along a winding path through the lighted displays. Everyone agreed it put them in the Christmas spirit.

On the way home, the movie “Elf” played on the bus monitors, entertaining the tired travelers. Ethel Kieffer of Staunton won the drawing for the Christmas goat (at least we think it’s a goat) that was given for our donation to the Way of Lights fund. Congratulations, Ethel! Check out our pictures on the next page.

If money is available, this trip could be repeated next year. There will be a resident meeting at the Carlinville Rec Hall in February to plan resident activities for 2012. Date and time will be in next month’s newsletter. If you have ideas for activities you can e-mail or write us at the office.



Note: If you take Macoupin County Public Transportation to attend a Housing Authority meeting or event, the Authority will pay for your ride. Keep in mind that you have to make arrangements for your ride in advance; don’t wait until the last minute. This should save everyone a little money and be a pleasant way to travel.

