



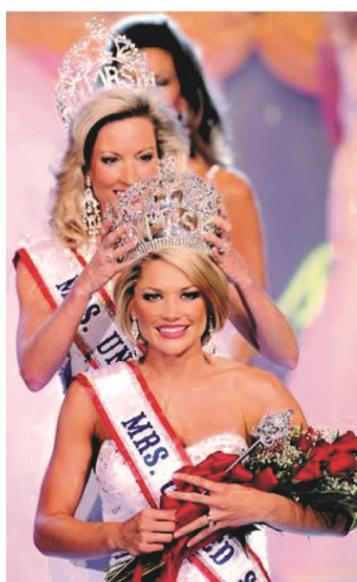
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# WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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## Rachel Juillerat Mrs. United States 2010 to be Grand Marshal for A Storybook Christmas Parade on Dec. 5

Our Grand Marshal for the 2015 White House Christmas Parade has been a part of the White House Community all of her life. Rachel Juillerat is the former Mrs. United States 2010, as well as, Mrs. Mississippi United States 2010 and Mrs. Alabama United States 2008. She is also a two time national fitness winner in both 2008 and 2010. Currently, Rachel is an elementary school teacher, coach, trainer and Director In Qualification for Mary Kay. She has been in education for over 11 years, where she not only instructs in the classroom, but also coaches running clubs as well. During her career as an educator, Rachel has been recognized as a Who's Who Among American Educators recipient every year. Mrs. Juillerat has been featured in several news articles and segments highlighting her creative

teaching methods. She and her husband, Jarod, were also published in a medical journal for their work establishing and running two diabetes clinics in southern Alabama. At those settings, the Juillerat's educated families of the devastating effects of diabetes, and provided counseling on measures to prevent disease progression.

During her reign as Mrs. United States, she devoted her time to raising money and awareness for organizations such as the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Racing For a Cure, Firefighters' Christmas For Kids, The American Heart Association, the Humane Society and assisted with tornado relief efforts in Joplin, Missouri. Rachel used her year as Mrs. United States to be an Ambassador for H.O.P.E., which simply stands for Helping

Other People Excel. Mrs. Juillerat believes that the most important thing we can do with our lives is to love and serve others.

Rachel has a passion for health and fitness and is currently a trainer for pageant contestants, and individuals wishing to transform their lives and bodies. She has been active in sports her entire life, playing basketball and running track, and eventually playing soccer on the collegiate level. Mrs. Juillerat was even a receiver on a women's professional football team for a brief time!

Rachel has been married to her high school sweetheart, Jarod, for eleven years. They have two wonderful son's whom they both consider their greatest blessings and most amazing adventures yet!

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### CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY

November 26th - Thanksgiving Day  
 December 22nd - Close at 11:00 am  
 December 23rd & 24th - Closed  
 December 31st - Closed  
 January 18th - Closed



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## CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE



Gerald O. Herman  
City Administrator

*Greetings,*

We are now entering the season of many celebrations. First we give thanks for the many blessings of food, clothing, shelter, and safety bestowed upon our family, our community, our nation, and the world in which we live. Second we celebrate the season of giving, joy, and peace. And lastly (of course before the next newsletter) we will celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of another.

As all of you scurry about to plan, prepare, and execute for these many celebration we hope that you will take some time to join in by either participating in or coming as an observer/shopper to our annual Miracle of Main Street event at City Hall. We kick off with a parade and planned entertainment and fun events within the new library and City Hall. Our planning committee has been working very hard these past few months to help make this event special for all of you.

Mayor Arnold in his State of the City challenged staff to develop an App that you (our citizens) can use on your smart phones and tablets that would make it easier for you to connect and communicate with us. After several months of research we have decided to partner with PublicStuff, a digital communications company, to develop our App. We plan to introduce the product to the Mayor and the Board of Alderman at their December meeting and roll out to you by the end of this year. Our January newsletter will highlight the new App.

Here is an update on a couple of projects you may be interested in knowing. The materials for phase one of the splash pads for the Civic Center Park has arrived. Installation is to be complete by the end of December. The new restroom/changing stalls/pavilion building for the Civic Center Park and the additional restroom facilities for the Jr. Pro Football field are out to bid for construction. If all goes well all these facilities should be ready to enjoy by the summer season.

## PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

PROPERTY TAXES DUE  
OCTOBER 1, 2015—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2016  
**EFFECTIVE MARCH 1**  
**PENALTIES ACCRUE AT 1.5% MONTHLY**

**YOU CAN CHECK OR PAY ONLINE AT**  
[www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com)  
Go to - I Want To – Pay – City Property Taxes

***NOT RECEIVING A TAX NOTICE  
WILL NOT RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYING YOUR PROPERTY  
TAXES ON TIME.***

***IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE AREA, YOU SHOULD  
HAVE TWO TAX NOTICES; ONE FROM THE CITY  
OF WHITE HOUSE AND ONE FROM THE COUNTY  
YOU ARE LOCATED IN.***

**We still have a lot of 2014 taxes unpaid.**



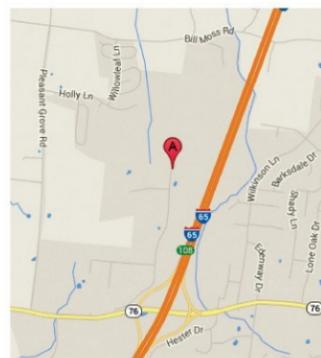
## EMISSIONS TESTING

**Monday, Dec. 7th  
& Monday, January 11th  
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**427 INDUSTRIAL DR.  
BEHIND PUBLIC WORKS BLD.**

### 2016 TESTING DATES:

<b>FEB 8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>MAR 14<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>APR 11<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>MAY 9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>JUN 13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>JUL 11<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>AUG 8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>SEP 12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>OCT 3<sup>RD</sup></b>
<b>NOV 14<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>DEC 12<sup>TH</sup></b>	



## WHPD Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

The rush and good will that surround the holidays can increase the opportunities for criminal activity. The White House Police Department suggests these simple tips to assist you in having a safe and happy holiday season.

### When Shopping:

**Be ALERT and AWARE of your surroundings.** Pay attention to who is around you and what activities are happening. Don't leave the safety of a building or your vehicle until you have ensured all is secure and safe. Trust your instincts; if you feel uncomfortable with a place or person(s), get away.

### **Park in well-lit areas.**

**Remember to lock your vehicle!!** Keep vehicle doors and windows locked while you are in it and especially when you are not! Use anti-theft steering wheel clubs or locks as well. A thief is looking for easy targets & anything you can do to deter them from choosing your car, the better.

**Minimize the number of valuables left in your vehicle** and keep valuables, electronics (including cell phones and DVDs), gifts and other "theft attractors" out of sight.

**Protect your purse or wallet** and clean out any unnecessary items before leaving home. Don't carry large amounts of cash or extra credit cards. Carry only those cards that you will need to use that day. Keep a master list of all cards so if your wallet is stolen, they can be reported promptly to the appropriate banking facility.

**Never leave your purse, wallet or cell phone unattended** in a public place.

**Shop with a buddy** - there is safety in numbers.

**Role-play with children** about what should happen in the event you are separated.

**Have your keys out and ready** when you return to your vehicle.

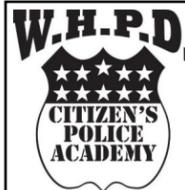
**Do not leave your car unattended** with the motor running or with the keys in the ignition – even for the very short time needed to do a quick errand or pay for fuel.

**Only make online purchases from trusted, secure websites.** Look for "https" in the web address to verify security.

Contact the White House Police Department to report criminal activity:

**Emergency: 911, Non-Emergency: 615.672.4903,**

**WHPD Central Dispatch Center: 615.382.6863**



WHITE HOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITIZEN'S ACADEMY 2016  
ANNOUNCEMENT



In February 2016, the White House Police Department will host its Fifteenth Annual Citizen's Police Academy. The purpose of the academy is to give citizens the opportunity to learn about police work in general and also gain insight into the White House Police Department's daily operations and programs. The Academy will be held on Monday nights from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for ten weeks and is open to citizens 18 years of age and older, and will meet at the White House Police Department at 303 North Palmers Chapel Rd. White House, Tennessee, 37188. Class size is limited to 25 participants. Applications being accepted.

The Academy is not designed to make participants certified police officers, nor does it give the graduates authority to act as police officers. The focus of the curriculum is to provide an informative overview of the fundamentals of police operations and crime prevention. This two-way communication will certainly be an effective and successful way to build a partnership between the community and the police department.

If you are interested in attending a future Citizen's Police Academy and would like an application, they are available for pick-up at the White House Police Department, or for an online application, go to [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) and click on Citizen Police Academy Application. If you would like more information on this program, please contact Sergeant Eric M Enck at 616-1075 at the White House Police Department.



## DID YOU GET THE CALL?

On the night of October 28, 2015, our small quiet city was disrupted by a frenzy of police activity in the area of the Interstate 65 / Hwy. 76 interchange. Initial reports suggested that a wanted fugitive was in the area and had been involved in a pursuit situation that resulted in a wreck and the fugitive fleeing on foot from police. Shortly after the situation began, a decision was made to initiate the CodeRed warning system to notify area residents of the situation. As it turns out, the fugitive suspected of being in the vehicle was not, but two associates of the fugitive were. After several hours both of the suspects were in custody without incident. Our residents did an excellent job in assisting law enforcement with information and staying indoors allowing the police to do their job.

The initial call to residents went to a small area that law enforcement originally felt contained the suspects. After a short period the area was enlarged to encompass a larger number of homes in the area as information about the suspects and their movements became available and a second call was placed. A third call was initiated informing the same residents that one of the suspects was in custody, but that another was still being sought and to remain indoors and call 911 with any suspicious activity. At approximately 2:22 a.m. on the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup>, a final call was placed to notify residents that the situation had been resolved and that the suspects were both in custody. Not every resident of the city received notification and an explanation for that follows.

## HOW IT WORKS

The CodeRed system allows the City to place multiple calls, emails, texts, and TDD calls to residents in a very short period of time. The administrators of the system can select the area that needs to be notified of an emergency situation. After the map selection is made the details of the call can be input into the system and the call can be launched. This recent situation that required the use of the system allowed the City to select that area where the suspects were likely to be. Law enforcement quickly secured a perimeter

and calls were placed in that area, while avoiding sending needless notifications to residents that were not likely to encounter the suspects. The suspects were confined to the area in which the calls were made; another success of the system and the coordinated efforts of all those involved.

The system allow the City to warn residents of any situation that may impact their daily life. Not only is the system ideal for emergency situations, but the system was also used in May as preparations were made for Clark Beckham's visit to the city during his *American Idol* hometown visit. Emergencies, significant traffic impacts, and other important message can be relayed quickly and efficiently by the use of the CodeRed system.

The CodeRed system also automatically generates weather warnings based upon the National Weather Service. These warning are not initiated by the City and we do not control when these warning go out. The National Weather Service sends out the information and CodeRed notifies residents only when that warning involves our city, not our respective counties. This year has been relatively quiet regarding weather so the number of calls have been small. This past spring revealed yet another unique circumstance; a storm developed just north of our city moving to the south. As the storm passed over the City of White House it reached the National Weather Service severe threshold. Some residents felt there was a delay in the warning, due to the nature of the storm, but the Weather Service's criteria for a severe storm had not been reached as the storm was over the City. By the time the National Weather Service did issue the warning, the storm was leaving our area, but the notification was still issued.



## BY THE NUMBERS

During this most recent use of the system, the following statistics have been generated to show how effective the system is working:

Call # 1 – 10/28/15 @ 8:01:41 PM  
Calls attempted – 876  
Numbers reached – 663  
Numbers not reached – 213

Call # 2 – 10/28/15 @ 8:31:42 PM  
Calls attempted – 1683  
Numbers reached – 1271  
Numbers not reached – 412

Call # 3 – 10/28/15 @ 10:31:42 PM  
Calls attempted – 564  
Numbers reached – 416  
Numbers not reached – 148  
Emails sent – 118  
Texts – 165  
TDD – 3

Call # 4 – 10/29/15 @ 2:22:46 AM  
Calls attempted – 1424  
Numbers reached – 1100  
Number not reached – 324  
Emails sent – 297  
Texts – 412  
TDD – 9

The statistics show us that the system was able to complete 76% of the attempted calls. While this number is good, we would like to encourage everyone to make sure that they have updated their information in the CodeRed system. A link to do so can be found on the City's website at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com). Unfortunately the area that had the least number of completed calls was in the Indian Ridge Subdivision where the suspects were apprehended. Please make sure your information is accurate and encourage friends and family to use the system as well.



## SEWER ALERT!! SEWER ALERT!!

Our crews are repairing/replacing *grinder pumps* during normal working hours and during the middle of the night. The amount of *grinder pumps* being replaced is about 30 each month. Look at the following cost associated with the work.

If you want to know if you have a *grinder pump* look outside of your house on either side, or in the back, you will see an electrical control panel with a **red light** on top. On the ground directly adjacent to that panel you will see a round, green tank lid, which may protrude out of the ground a few inches. If you see those two (2) items, then you have a *grinder pump*.

**Cost of a new grinder pump = \$1,200.00 per pump**  
**Cost of 30 grinder pumps = \$36,000.00 per month**  
**Cost of overtime for night work = \$30,000.00 per year**

We budget approximately \$300,000.00 per year for pump replacement.

You can't throw baby wipes, shop towels or rags down the toilet, the *grinder pump* works on about the same principle as your garbage disposal in your kitchen. If you want to test the object to see if our grinder will handle it, first try throwing a baby wipe or rag down the drain in your kitchen sink and turn on the garbage disposal and see what happens! If it isn't food wastes, it will most likely bind up and stop working.

So please ...

### **DO NOT FLUSH BABY WIPES**

**Or anything else larger than 1/2 inch in diameter down the sewer system.**

## 2016 Garbage & Recycling Calendars Coming Soon!

Garbage holiday and recycling calendars will be mailed soon. The calendars will be county specific, so go by the calendar that is mailed to your home.



**We Recycle:**

- Milk Jugs
- Soda & Water Bottles
- Laundry Soap Jugs
- Aluminum Cans
- Tin & Steel Cans
- Cardboard Boxes
- Newspaper
- Junk Mail
- Magazines
- Phone Books
- Office Paper
- Food Boxes

\*All plastic and metal containers should be rinsed with water. Food & cardboard boxes should be free of liners, styrofoam, or any other packing material.

\* PLEASE NO GLASS \*

### Robertson County Garbage Holiday & Recycling Schedule 2016

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■ Recycling Day      ■ Holiday Non-Service Days  
(Service Moved to Following Day)

## Yard Waste Curbside Collection Program

The City has a curbside collection program for tree limbs, yard waste and leaves.

This program is designed to remove **small amounts** of tree trimmings per collection period. It is not designed to allow you to clear your property of trees.

Our truck runs through the city on a predetermined schedule as follows:

- Zone #1 - 1st Week** of the month - North of Hwy 76 & West of 31W
- Zone #2 - 2nd Week** of the month - North of Raymond Hirsch/Meadows Road and East of 31W
- Zone #3 - 3rd Week** of the month - South of Raymond Hirsch/Meadows Road and East of 31W
- Zone #4 - 4th Week** of the month - South of Hwy 76 and West of 31W

You should place your material at the curb the weekend **BEFORE** your scheduled zone collection week.

Please note the following program restrictions:

1. Limbs cut no longer than **6 feet** in length;
2. Tree trucks **6 inches** or more shall be cut into lengths of no more than **2 feet** and weight of no more than **50 pounds**.
3. **Do not** mix bagged leaves with limbs, place in a separate area;
4. The City **does not** collect yard waste that is trimmed by a nurseryman or independent contractor. They must haul the trimmings away.

Should you have any questions or receive a violation tag, please call the Public Service Department at 615-672-3654.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**YOUR GARBAGE & RECYCLING CANS MUST BE MOVED TOWARD THE REAR OF HOUSE AFTER COLLECTION PER CITY ORDINANCE.**

**Service will be discontinued for non-compliance.**

**Title 17, Section 17-105** of the City's ordinance which is entitled, "Location of Containers" states in part that, "As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied they shall be removed by the owner or occupant to within, or to the rear, of his premises and away from the street line until the next scheduled time for collection."

**PARADE BEGINS  
@1:00 PM**

## Miracle on Main Street Festival

December 5 • Begins @ Noon

**COME  
HUNGRY!**  
The Firemen are cooking!



### **Santa's Marketplace**

Full of Crafts, Merchandise, Food & Fun

Lots of Sweet Treats, Tasty Drinks & Firemen's Chili

### **Free Pictures with Santa - After Parade**

Courtesy of Subway & The Credit Union of Robertson County

### **Gingerbread Decorating Contest**

Prizes Courtesy of Misty Hargis, Exit Realty Elite



### **Live Entertainment**

Enjoy a variety of great holiday entertainment that begins at 2:10 in the Auditorium with special guest Emcee Bill Petty

All Activities  
Indoors @ White  
House City Hall



## Miracle on Main Street Festival

December 5 • Begins @ Noon

## Schedule of Events

**Let the Shopping, Food & Fun Begin!**

**12:00 - Santa's Marketplace Opens in Gym**  
**Free Photos with Santa after the parade**

**1:00 - Parade Begins**

**2:00 - Gingerbread Contest Winners Announced in the Library**

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT held in the Auditorium

**2:10 - Ethan Escue**

**2:30 - CCS Chorale**

**2:50 - White House Dulcimer Players**

**3:20 - ENCORE Community Choir**

**3:40 - Stacy Saunders**

**4:00 - HB Williams Sound Effects**

**4:20 - White House Methodist Handbell Choir**

**4:50 - Regional Valley Theater**

**5:10 - White House Community Choir**

**5:30 - "Twas the Night Before Christmas"**

**read by Vice-Mayor Farris Bibb**



Parade Theme  
Storybook Christmas

Grand Marshal  
Mrs. United States 2010  
Rachel Juillerat



**For more information call the White House Chamber of Commerce at 615-672-3937**

**The Leaves Have Fallen and the Winter Holidays are Here!**

Our Seniors are making plans for the holidays. Join us December 8th at 6:00 pm for a Christmas Dance with Casey and the Cowboys. A \$5.00 fee per person must be paid by November 25th. A sign up sheet is in the Senior Center and for payment see Linda Brooks in the Parks and Recreation Department. We are going to start the evening at 5:00 pm with a Cake Walk and Photo Booth.

With the cooler days ahead don't forget our hot meal every Wednesday. This includes meat, vegetables, dessert, and a drink for \$2.50. This is a great time to make new friends and catch up with old friends. Call Billie at 615-672-4350 ext 2116 by Monday at noon for reservations. Twice a month a game of Bingo follows lunch. Bring a \$3.00 wrapped gift marked male or female.

Weather permitting we will go to the movies, visit the Frist Center, and enjoy a surprise trip!

Since we may enjoy a few extra calories we will continue our exercise programs with weekly trips to Gallatin Civic Center for water aerobics and sit-tercise class every Tuesday and Thursday morning, and the gym is available Monday-Thursday for a walk. The charge for Water Aerobics is \$3.00 per class with no charge for Silver Sneakers members.

Our Craft Corner will continue to work on our Christmas projects that include poinsettia candle holders, Christmas placemats-napkins, and snowmen wreaths for our front doors. January we will start new projects. Book Club will enjoy a Christmas movie at the Center in December and start a new book in January. Missy Eagle-Kelton is volunteering her art skills for an Art Class. Come play/learn Bunco! We play once a month. These are great ways to make new friends. The center is available for cards, pool, dominoes, puzzles and, games daily.

A special thanks to the Robertson County Community Band and Chris Kramer that performed in October for us!

We have a lot planned so come join us at the Center!

**The Senior Center is located in the White House Civic Center, 105 College Street, White House, TN.**

**Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.**

**The coordinator hours are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

**Stop by the center for our calendar and a tour or visit the City of White House website**

**<http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/government/senior-center>**

Billie Hyndman  
Senior Center Coordinator

**Thank You to Our Sponsors**

**A special thanks to Farmers Bank who is treating us with breakfast in December!**

**Thank you Kroger and White House Foodland for providing gift certificates**

**The Dollar General for providing hams for our potluck lunches.**





Congratulations to the White House Children's Clinic for winning the award for "Best Decorated Booth" at Trail of Treats.

### Adult Co-ed Kickball

**Ages:** 16+

**Registration:** January 25th - March 7th

**Fees:** \$350 per team

(non-resident fees may apply)

Monday and/or Friday games



### Men's Softball Spring League

**Ages:** 16+

**Registration:** January 25th - March 7th

**Fees:** \$450 per team

(non-resident fees may apply)

Tuesday and Thursday games.



### White House Parks & Recreation Adopt - A - Trail

- ⇒ Help preserve the beauty of White House
- ⇒ Reduce City spending by volunteering your labor
- ⇒ Assist park maintenance crews in litter control along the greenway system
- ⇒ An organization or group can adopt a section of trail for a period of 1 year
- ⇒ Volunteers are recognized by a sign at each end of their section
- ⇒ Adopters are responsible for litter control along their section of trail (usually 1 mile or less) at least twice per month

For policies & program applications visit [www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks) or call 615-672-4350 ext 2114 for more info.



The Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 5th at 1:00 pm. The theme is "A Storybook Christmas" and the Grand Marshal is Rachel Juillerat. Anyone wishing to participate must register before December 3rd at 5:15 pm at the Park Department.

### Adult Co-ed Volleyball



**Registration:** January 4th - February 15th

**Fees:** \$250 per team

(non-resident fees may apply)

Tuesday/Thursday games

Games begin in March

### Girls Volleyball Spring League

**Ages:** 3rd - 8th grade

**Registration:** January 5th -

February 15th

**Fees:** \$50 for City residents/\$62 for non-residents

Practice begins in March

Games begin in April



### Little League Challenger Baseball

\*This little league baseball program is for any boy or girl between the ages of 4 and 18 that faces a mental or physical challenge.\*

**Registration:** January 4th -

February 29th

**Fees:** \$35 for City residents/\$47 for non-residents

(fee includes full uniform)

- Practices will begin in March and Saturday games start in April
- Everyone bats each inning and plays defensively
- 1 or 2 innings will be played per game (about 1 hour)
- "Buddies" can be used to assist as needed
- 6 game season



# Gingerbread House Contest



Hosted by the  **WHITE HOUSE LIBRARY**

## Gingerbread House CONTEST

**Sat., December 5**  
Registration Deadline November 30, 2015

Prizes provided by  **EXIT REALTY ELITE**

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST ENTRY FORM

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name (for Child Entry) \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Name (for Businesses) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Category  Child (12 and under)  Family  Teen (13-18)  Adult or Businesses

Description and Size of Entry :

By signing this form I agree to follow all entry and contest rules.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions please contact the White House Library at 615-672-0239.

### ENTRY AND CONTEST RULES

#### RULES

- All entry forms must be turned in at the White House Library by Monday, November 30th by 8:00 pm.
- All houses need to be dropped off at the White House Library on Thursday, December 3rd by 5:00 pm.
- Winners of the competition will be announced at the White House Library on Saturday, December 5th at 2:00 pm.
- Items will remain on display at the White House Library through Thursday, December 11th.
- Contestants may pick up their houses on Saturday, December 12th or later. All houses not picked up by Saturday, December 19th will be discarded.
- This contest is FREE to enter and open to the general public.
- All contestants agree that a photo of their entry may be used for promotion, publicity or advertising without compensation.
- The White House Library & sponsors are not responsible for theft, damage, acts of nature or destruction of entries, & the White House Library reserves the right to refuse any entries that are deemed inappropriate.
- Construct and decorate a visibly edible house, structure or scene. Any architectural structure - real or imaginary - is eligible for entry (i.e. farmhouse, train station, bridge, toy shop, mushroom cottage).
- This structure does not have to be made of gingerbread, but must be visibly edible. (Meaning graham cracker walls, and other creative uses of food are acceptable). Non-edible materials may be used inside to stabilize the structure as long as they are not visible. Non-edible materials that are visible in your entry will affect judging, but may still be displayed. Electricity will not be provided for any gingerbread structure.
- BASE (All categories): The structure should be placed on a sturdy decorated base no larger than 18" x 18". A suggested base material is either 1/2" plywood or 1" foam board.
- HEIGHT: Structures must not exceed 4 feet in height or extend over the base in any one direction.
- Provide two (2) 3" x 5" cards listing your name, phone number, e-mail, and title and category you have entered. Both cards must be handed to the White House Library staff upon registration of your gingerbread house on Mon., Nov. 30th.

#### AWARDS

- Winners of the competition will be announced at the White House Library on Saturday, December 5th at 2:00 pm. If a winner is not present they will be notified by telephone the following Monday.
- Prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd places in each category. In addition, there will be a People's Choice Award.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

- Gingerbread houses will be judged on the overall appearance, originality/creativity, theme, and decoration details.
  - The panel will be made up of the Mayor of White House, White House Library Director, White House Library Children's Librarian, and 2 sponsor representatives.
- Questions? Please contact the White House Library at 615-672-0239.

By: Museum Board Member, Terry Palmer

### **More About Confederate Capt. Ellis Harper**

If you recall, in the paper's last edition, we revisited a bit of the Civil War in the White House area, namely some exploits of the guerilla Capt. Ellis Harper of the late Confederate States Army, as told to me many years ago by a kindly gentleman named Mr. L.D., as told to him by his father. Now, on with the story. In January of 1865, Capt. Harper and his men came upon six Yankee soldiers somewhere on the road near Tyree Springs. They captured these men and took them as prisoners, then proceeded to march them to a secluded area that was atop a high bluff. This bluff was almost straight down.

Harper put the soldiers in a line on top of the bluff and told one of his men to shoot them. His man dismounted and pointed his revolver at the first Yankee, then looked up at Capt. Harper and told him he could not do it. Harper then did the deed himself. He did spare one of these men and gave him instructions to "go and tell the tale." I have heard other accounts of this event. Some say Harper did this deed as repayment to the Yankees for their murdering of three Rebel soldiers a few days earlier, also near Tyree Springs.

The bodies of the murdered Yankee soldiers were kicked off the bluff and fell by the creek below. The one spared Yankee did go tell of the deed. It was recorded in Nashville newspapers of the time. It is also mentioned in Mr. Walter Durham's book, "Rebellion Revisited."

The place of this event came to be known to the locals as Yankee Point. According to Mr. L.D., the men of the community came and buried the victims on one large grave by the creek where they laid. As late as the year 1925, souvenir hunters would come to Yankee Point in search of proof of the

massacre. The owner of the land at that time, Mr. John finally had enough and proceeded to haul rock and disguise the spot so it could never be found again.

I have been to Yankee Point. I have seen the bluff and the creek and the old grown up path that once was an actual road. I did not find any evidence of the deed, but I did get an eerie feeling as I looked upon the spot that Mr. L.D. described.

Capt. Ellis Harper survived the Civil War. After peace was declared, he laid low because he was afraid of being arrested and tried for war crimes. He had heard of the fate of his counterpart in the eastern area of the state, Champ Ferguson. Ferguson was tried and found guilty as was the infamous Jerome Clarke aka Sue Mundy in Kentucky. Both paid with their lives as did other partisans.

Finally though, Capt. Harper did receive amnesty and lived until he was in his mid seventies as a productive member of society. He did not reside in Sumner County, but moved to Wilson County. He married and had a daughter. The Captain's end came in Lebanon. It seems he and another man of the community there had a very bad disagreement about politics. Their disagreement finally came to a gun fight from which Ellis Harper was not the victor. So ended the life of a former Southern soldier.

Now, for the next issue of White House History. Did you know that a WORLD renowned singer once performed in White House? Well, it is true and we will tell you who in the next edition.

Remember, the White House Museum is closed presently, but will reopen bigger and better than ever.



There will be no story time the last three weeks in December on Toddler Tuesday and Preschool Wednesday. The story times will resume as normal on January 6th.

There will be a special movie day showing of the Minions on December 17th at 2:00 pm for ages 0-12.

Homeschool group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. This program provides homeschool students ages 5-12 with extracurricular activities that expand creativity, learning, & social skills.



The library will hold family movie night on Monday, December 14th at 5:30 pm (Disney's live action Cinderella). On December 16th at 9 am, the library will show 1954 Classic, White Christmas for adults.

Tuesday Teens will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Teens between the ages of 12 and 17 can join us for fun and games, crafts, food, and more. Visit or call the library for a list of events each month. We will have a special movie night on December 15th and show Jurassic World at 5:30 pm.



The library will have a special kids program on December 7th at 5:30 pm in which children can come and write a letter to send to Santa.

On December 8th at 5:30 pm the library will have a special gift box making class.



The library will have its Christmas Open House on December 10th from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. The event is free and open to all ages.



The Bookworms book club will meet on December 3rd and January 28th at 10:00 am. Contact the library to learn the title of the book for each month.

\*\* The library will have extended hours on Saturday, December 5th due to the City's Miracle on Main Street event. We will be open from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm that Saturday on-



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- Serenity Massage & Wellness**
- Soteria**
- Totally Tan & It's A Girl Thing**
- White House Gold & Diamond Outlet**

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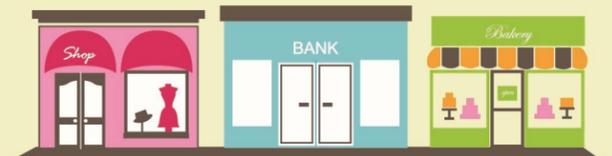
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