

The River Bend

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Mentoring: A Valuable Lifeline

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July has the honor of being called the “Purposeful Parenting” month. It is interesting that we would need a month to remind us that parenting is a very real, very serious, and sometimes very difficult life-changing responsibility. Parenting truly is a blessing if rooted on a solid foundation of love, faith, hope and dedication. An attentive and able parent provides for a child’s total need which means nurturing his/her heart, mind, emotions, thoughts, values, self-esteem, communication/speech and yes, even appearance. In today’s society high tech devices such as, iPhone, tablets, iPods, computer games, Facebook, twitter, instant-gram,

etc., are a part of our everyday lives. These things were not made as a substitute for parental guidance, nurturing, mentoring, caring, and building the character and personal values of a child.



It is critical today more than ever that we as parents, friends, uncles, nephews, cousins, and grandparents prepare ourselves for someday, becoming a mentor to a generation of socially and emotionally deprived children and teens. As a mentor we can bridge that gap between depravity and

hope. I personally and professionally believe that mentoring is a life game-changer. It is an inexpensive tool known for highly impressive results. We can no longer live our lives on a foundation of excuses. Proactive involvement with the goal of motivating, educating, and stimulating the hearts and minds of our children is a glorious and rewarding job.

I have been a mentor for my younger brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces from the time I was a teenager and to even most of my adult life. These mentees of my life gave me a different perspective of the world; simply put: that if you want positive changes in this world it starts with the unselfish act of helping others. God bless us all each and every day.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Rent Due ,Bug Man 1,2,4,5b	2	3	4 Office Closed	5
6	7	8 Late Fee 10%,Bug Day 3,5a & 14 *	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Bug Man 11 *	16	17	18 Office Closed @noon	19
20	21	22 Last Day to Pay Rent Bug Man Carthage and S. Carthage *	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 *	30	31		

July 1st– Nurturing Parenting Class

July 4th– Office will be closed to observe Independence Day

* July 8th-29th Tuesdays Nurturing Parenting Class

Attention:

The Gallatin Housing Authority would like to make everyone aware that Carrie Cook will no longer be working as a housing manager. Mrs. Cook is moving into another position effective July 3rd, 2014 within our agency. Housing managed by Mrs. Cook will temporarily handled by our Kelly Hennessy-Pierce.

Happy Independence Day from Gallatin, Carthage &
South Carthage Housing Authorities

