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From left, TNT member MacKenzie, Putnam County Veteran's Service Officer Mike Glass and Woodmen Life Field Representative David Bussell. The Woodmen Lodge #879 donated the flag, and Officer Glass taught flag etiquette to TNT summer day camp participants.

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EVERYONE WELCOME at the **Back to School Bash**
NOW HIRING – **AmeriCorps volunteer**
RESIDENT COUNCIL HOSTS **Heart of the Cumberland** this month

We hope you have a safe and happy Independence Day!



The City of Cookeville is planning to have the second largest fireworks display in all of Tennessee at the Putnam County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, July 4. This is a great way to celebrate safely with free fireworks!

Please remember the Highlands Residential Services fireworks policy: "Not to use fireworks in any manner on HRS property and/or premises." This policy is not just for Independence Day, but year round. You are responsible for children or non-resident visitors, who are also not allowed to use fireworks on HRS property. *All types of fireworks are included, such as: Bottle rockets, Firecrackers, Sparklers, Poppers, etc.*

In 2011, HRS experienced a fire that started from fireworks, which resulted in three homes being burned, residents displaced and belongings lost. Fire safety is important year round. HRS has had several home fires over the years, and we want you, your family, your belongings and your home to be safe.

Some everyday fire safety tips are...

- ★ If your smoke alarm starts to "chirp" this means the battery is going dead. You must call the office, regardless of the day or time, to have it replaced by our maintenance department. Our after-hours maintenance emergency phone number is (931) 260-6080.
- ★ Do not cover, disconnect, cut off at the panel box or disable your smoke alarm or the battery in any way.
- ★ The storage or use of kerosene, gasoline or other flammable or explosive materials is prohibited.
- ★ Avoid using candles or, if you do, only use jar-type candles and never leave them unattended.
- ★ Do not put anything within three feet of your heat source or your air return system.
- ★ Never overload electrical outlets or extension cords. Do not place cords and wires under rugs or in high traffic areas.
- ★ Never leave food cooking unattended, especially frying. Never leave items sitting on stove burners or stored in the oven. These could accidentally be turned on and ignite items sitting on or in them.



Melinda's MEMOS



If you live in Gainesboro or on Boatman and Darwin streets and missed your recertification interview, please contact me as soon as possible at (931) 526-9793, ext. 220, to reschedule.

Kathy's CORNER



JOB OPENING: Applications are being accepted at the main office for an Ameri-Corps member to work with HRS residents beginning late summer through next year. You will receive a living allowance (money deposited into your bank account to spend as you choose) and money for education while not affecting any current assistance. If you have questions, call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 212.



TIMELY TIDBITS

The main office will be closed for Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4.

Remember to "like us"  on our Facebook pages at Teens Need Training and Highlands Residential Services to check out all the great things happening.



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

T.E.A.M. RESIDENT COUNCIL

wants to invite all HRS residents to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, July 11, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the HRS main office community room. This month, Heart of the Cumberland will present "How to be anchored in hope." This is a great resource to learn about ways to recover from any loss in your life – a loved one, pet, health, job, marriage or relationship, and more. All HRS residents are invited and welcome to attend. Lunch is provided. If you need transportation, please call Misty at (931) 526-9793, ext. 224, regarding availability.

Walnut Village/ Willow Heights

residents will meet Thursday, July 20, from 1-3 p.m. at Walnut Village manager's office #R-5. This month, there will be a free clothing and household item distribution on a first-come, first-served basis. We'll have a light lunch, so invite your neighbor and come on over. Hope to see you there.

LIHEAP applications for winter energy assistance will begin at all UCHRA offices on July 3. Please contact your local UCHRA office to apply, or you can get an application in the HRS main office lobby.



Misty's MINUTES



Congratulations go out to HRS Housing Manager Brenda Hutchinson, who recently won the Upper Cumberland Hero award at the UC Adult Abuse Coalition Summit for her work with residents at Walnut Village and Willow Heights.

Incredibly delicious fresh food

is available for free at the Sun, Seed & Soil Community Garden. HRS residents are welcome to work at the garden every Friday around 9 a.m. through the growing season. The premise is simple: You work at the garden – you take home the food. Adaptive tools, shelter, water and sunscreen are provided. Please wear garden clothes and sturdy shoes. Questions regarding transportation? Please call me at (931) 529-9793, ext. 224.



HRS Smoking Policy

is now in effect for the following developments:

- All of Monterey – Nov. 1, 2016
- All of Baxter and Celina – Jan. 1, 2017
- All of Algood and the 10(2) area of West 5th Street and Pine Avenue – March 1, 2017
- Buffalo Valley Road and Coffelt Street, Willow Valley Court (public housing homes) and Newman Street – May 1, 2017
- West 6th, 7th, 8th, Cypress, the remainder of Pine streets, all of Walnut Village and Willow Heights – July 1, 2017
- Boatman and Darwin and all of Gainesboro will take effect Sept. 1, 2017. At that time, all HRS homes will be under the Smoke-Free Policy. A copy of the Smoke Free Policy has been mailed to all residents. Additional copies are in the HRS main office lobby.
- More fire safety tips: Never leave a lit cigarette unattended anywhere. Do not empty cigarettes that have just been extinguished into your trash. Keep matches, lighters and any other flammable device away from a child of any age.

With the new smoking policy, you are not to smoke inside or on porches (see policy for complete details). Many fires occur while smoking in bed or while using oxygen, which will explode if near a lit flame. Just a reminder: Quit 4 Life Tobacco Cessation classes are free and open to anyone. A new class starts every Thursday, from 6-7 p.m. at the Cookeville Regional Medical Center Cafeteria Algood Room. For more information, call Randy Todd at (931) 261-4305.



YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

Quawana's Closet, located at 706B Pine Avenue, will have a grand opening on August 3 and 4 for all HRS residents. Free clothing of various sizes for children and adults. Must bring identification. Details will be in the August newsletter.

New Faces We want to welcome Chris Meness and Christina Motley, both college students, who are serving as AmeriCorps volunteers with our summer youth programs. We also welcome Dominik Hinkleman, a TTU student intern who has been working with several of our HRS resident programs.



Dominik Hinkleman



Christina Motley



Chris Meness

HRS After-School program enrollments will begin in late July/early August. This year, we are trying something different. The TNT program will be for HRS youth in the Cookeville area who are in grades 7-12 (previously grades 5-12). Our KIDS Matter after-school reading program will now be for youth in grades K-6. If you would like to know more about either program, please call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213.

The Free Summer Lunch program will continue through July 28 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4). Any Putnam County child age 4-18 is welcome at the TNT Center located at the 706 Pine Avenue Police Substation. Numerous area churches, civic clubs and community organizations are providing free, fun activities and fellowship programs to the kids each day. You do not have to be a HRS resident, and you do not have to attend every day. Any questions, please call Kathy at (931) 526-9793, ext. 212.



TEENS NEED TRAINING

WISH LIST

- Back-to-school supplies
- Packaged snack items
- Bottled water
- Hand sanitizer
- Disposable plates, cups, napkins, spoons, forks

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

The Back to School Bash

will be held on Friday, July 21, from 4-8 p.m. at the Putnam County Fairgrounds. Free food and school supplies (while they last). Music, entertainment, Christian wrestling and more! Open to anyone. Sponsored by Life Church.

Parents! The Jackson County Health Department wants to make it easy for you to get your child ready for school. They are hosting immunization and well-child exam days on July 13, July 18 and August 3. Call today at (931) 268-0218 for easy appointment scheduling.

West View Baptist Church, 427 Laurel Avenue, Cookeville, will have their Vacation Bible School Arctic Adventure and God's Word on Sunday, July 9, through Friday, July 14, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. There will be classes and a light meal for ages 3 (must be potty trained) through 18. You may show up any night or pre-register on July 5 at their Community Cookout at 6 p.m. For transportation in the Cookeville area, please call (931) 526-7220 and leave your name, address and phone number. Everyone welcome!

Heart of the Cumberland is sponsoring a free summer adult support service on grief and loss recovery. They will meet on Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25, from 10-11 a.m. at Stevens Street Church Building G, 304 Short Street, Cookeville. This is an open, drop-in group for anyone on a journey of grief due to any type of loss. Questions? Call (931) 525-2600.

Pre-K applications are available in the HRS main office lobby for Putnam County children who will be 4 years old by August 15. This is a great, free program to help your children get started on their education. Pre-K is available at all elementary schools from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., with some having after-school care available at a very, very low cost. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are included. You do have to drop off and pick up your child. For more information, call (931) 526-9777, ext. 1218.

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

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POLICY REMINDERS



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