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Veteran's Honor Guard member,  
HRS resident Charlie McCoy

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# RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

The Fourth of July is the day our country celebrates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and we became the United States of America. In addition to celebrating with cookouts and fireworks, we must recognize and remember the men and women who have fought for the freedoms our country enjoys.

This month we salute Charlie McCoy, who has lived with us since August, 2017. As a young man, Charlie served our country in the Army National Guard for 3 years as a mortar tank driver. He then spent his career working as a chef until he retired a few years ago. Charlie's father served in Vietnam but passed away in March 2014. With the loss of his father, Charlie felt empty, but also felt a calling to do something for other veterans. In November of 2014, he met a member of the local Veteran's Honor Guard, which is an organization of Veterans who honor fellow Veterans by providing Military Funeral Honors to those who served honorably in our armed forces. Charlie expressed his desire to help and became a full-fledged Honor Guard member in December 2014. Since then, he himself has helped the team conduct approximately 600 funerals. A team consists of up to 9 men and women who present the rifles, flags and bugle call at a funeral service. There are currently 12 total Honor Guard members with the oldest being a 98 year old WWII Veteran. The Honor Guard would welcome new members. You simply need to be an active member of the military or honorably discharged and have a desire to provide a final demonstration from a grateful nation to the veteran and his/her family. Charlie encourages others to consider joining the Veterans Honor Guard. For more information call Commander Dr. Jim McAfee at 931-516-3207 or 931-528-1333 or email: Vet\_Honor\_Guard@hotmail.com.

## Melinda's MEMOS



If you live on Boatman and Darwin Streets or in

Gainesboro and missed your recertification interview, please contact me as soon as possible to reschedule at 931-526-9793 ext. 220.

## Kathy's CORNER



The annual Resident Advisory Board meeting will

be held Tuesday, July 17 at 10:00am at the HRS main office community room. All residents are welcome to attend and learn the upcoming plans for housing. Refreshments served.



## TIMELY TIDBITS

*The office will be closed in observance of Independence Day, July 4th.*

We hope you have a safe and happy holiday. July 4.

**Tennessee's sales-tax holiday** weekend this year begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 27 and ends Sunday, July 29 at 11:59 p.m. Shop sales tax free on most clothing, school supplies and computers. Plus stores will offer lots of great sale prices. For more information visit: [www.tntaxholiday.com](http://www.tntaxholiday.com).

**LIHEAP** applications for winter energy assistance will begin at all UCHRA offices on July 1st. Please contact your local UCHRA office to apply or applications are available in the HRS main office lobby.

**Job Listings** HRS is now maintaining an area listing of job search locations which includes websites, mass media, employment agencies, career centers and more! Pick up your copy today in the main office lobby.

**Quawana's Closet** located at 706 Pine Ave. will be open to ALL HRS residents every Tuesday in July from 1:30 - 3:00. The closet has free clothing of various sizes for children and adults. No questions asked except to bring identification. Please note the closet may close for scheduling conflicts.

**The City of Cookeville** is planning once again to have one of the largest fireworks displays in all of Tennessee at the Putnam Co. Fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 4th at 8:45pm. 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 and resulted in three homes being burned. Fire safety is important year round. HRS has had several home fires over the years, with 3 fires in the past year. 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 dept. 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 3 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 them.



House fire in Gainesboro this past year.

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



# YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA



The **Summer Lunch program** located in the TNT Center at the 706 Pine Ave. Police Substation will continue Mondays through Fridays until July 27th from 10:00am - 1:00pm (closed July 4th) for any Putnam Co. child age 4 - 18. A light breakfast is served at 10:00am, then we have activities and lunch is served at noon. Whitney Nielsen, our AmeriCorps volunteer is there daily along with area churches and community organizations that are providing some really fun activities and fellowship programs. You do not have to be a HRS resident and you do not have to attend every day. Any questions, please call (931) 526-9793. Shaquawana ext. 213 or Kathy ext. 212.

**Free cold sack lunches** provided by the Putnam Co. School Nutrition program for children ages 0 - 18 will continue to be delivered on-site by buses at the following HRS locations and general times in July:

- Algood: Lane and Warren St. - 11:50
- Baxter: N. 3rd, Maxwell & Alexander St. area - 10:30 to 10:45
- Cookeville: Boatman/Darwin - 11:15
- Cookeville: Buffalo Valley/Coffelt - 11:55
- Monterey: N. Elm St. & Standing Stone Dr. Area - 11:30
- Monterey: Poplar St. - 1:20
- Monterey: Jackson St. area - 2:00

Our TNT summer day camp continues into July and the teens are having a great summer! They have learned how to do a cookout, gone exploring in the wilderness, spent a day at Lake Winnie, and got some hands on job experience with much more to come. The camp is free to TNT members who successfully participate in the after-school program.

Congratulations one more time to our poster contest winners at the State competition: Heather Alyea placed 2nd in the K - 5th grade category, Richard Ortega placed 3rd in the 9th - 12th grade category and (drumroll!!!) Kaia Harvell has won 1st place in the 6th - 8th grade category. Kaia's poster has now advanced to the Regional poster contest level. Let's hope she wins!!



HRS After-School program enrollments begin in late July/early August. The TNT program is for HRS youth in grades 7 - 12 in the Cookeville area. Our KIDS Matter after-school reading program is for youth in grades K - 6. For more information about either program please call me at (931) 526-9793 Ext. 213.



# RESOURCE CENTER

The **Jackson County UT Extension** office is hosting "Tasty Days" for elementary school age children at the HRS Gainesboro old manager's office located at 509 N. Murray St.

The dates are: Thursdays and Fridays, July 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th from 1:00 - 2:00pm Kids will have great fun learning how fruits and vegetables are grown and free food tastings! All kids welcome!

**Life Church** is once again sponsoring the **Back to School Bash** on Saturday, July 28 from 8am - 11am at their main church campus located at 2223 N. Washington Ave., Cookeville and their campus in Celina at 601 Brown St. Free school supplies (while they last), music, entertainment and prize drawings! Everyone welcome.

West View Baptist Church, 427 Laurel Ave., Cookeville will have their Vacation Bible School "Shipwrecked" on Sunday, July 8th through Friday July 13th from 6:00 - 8:30 pm with classes for 3 yrs old to 12th graders. Need a ride? Call 931-526-7220 and leave your name, address and phone number. You may show up any night or pre-register at [myvbs.org/westview](http://myvbs.org/westview) or join them at the church July 4th for a FREE Cookout and VBS sign-up. Everyone Welcome!!

First Christian Church is hosting a free hamburger and hotdog cookout with all the fixins' on Wednesday, July 18 at 6:00pm at the grassy parking area on Darwin Street. All HRS residents are welcome!

Congratulations to the winner of the June Cool Contest - Jennifer Brown of Cookeville, who is enjoying a delicious 2 pound box of Russell Stover chocolates with her family and friends!



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1 <b>RENT DUE!</b>	2 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	3 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	4 <b>Independence Day</b> Office Closed <b>HAPPY 4TH OF JULY</b> 	5 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. "Tasty Days" - Gainesboro 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. <b>WALNUT VILLAGE RENT COLLECTION</b>	6 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. "Tasty Days" - Gainesboro 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	7
8	9 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. <b>tnt</b> TNT: Summer Day Camp <b>WILLOW HEIGHTS RENT COLLECTION</b>	10 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. <b>tnt</b> TNT: Summer Day Camp <b>LATE FEES ADDED TOMORROW</b>	11 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. <b>tnt</b> TNT: Summer Day Camp <b>PEST CONTROL TREATMENT DAY</b>	12 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. <b>tnt</b> Summer Day Camp "Tasty Days" - Gainesboro 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	13 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. "Tasty Days" - Gainesboro 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	14
15	16 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. <b>NON-PAY EVICTION NOTICES GO OUT</b>	17 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Resident Advisory Board meeting 10 a.m.	18 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Boatman/Darwin St. Cookout 6 p.m.	19 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. "Tasty Days" - Gainesboro 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Board Meeting	20 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. "Tasty Days" - Gainesboro 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	21
22	23 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	24 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	25 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	26 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	27 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sales Tax Holiday starts today	28 Back to School Bash - Cookeville & Celina 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
29	30	31 <b>LAST DAY CALL IN FOR PEST CONTROL</b>	<b>REMINDER:</b>  No Fireworks/Kidde/Swimming Pools Allowed			



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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.

**POLICY REMINDERS**



The HRS Smoking Policy is now in effect for all HRS homes. A copy of the Smoke-Free Policy was mailed to all residents and is available at the HRS main office.

**NO FIREWORKS AT ANY TIME ON ANY HRS PROPERTY BY ANYONE.**

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.



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