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Great fun & food at the summer lunch program.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES:

Richard Ortega joined TNT in 2013 while in the sixth grade and this year became a Cookeville High School graduate. He joined TNT initially to get help with homework but also found it was a good way to meet people he could learn from. Richard's favorite TNT memory has been going to Lake Winnie; the trip there and back is something he will never forget. Richard has been accepted to TTU to study mechanical engineering and is looking for an engineering apprentice type job. His advice for others thinking about joining TNT is to have fun and enjoy it. Richard wants to thank everyone he has met through TNT, including the tutors, Ms. Shaquawana, Ms. Kathy, Sgt. Mike Herrick, Lt. Anthony Leonard and retired Lt. Mike Smith. We wish Richard a great future ahead.



Jennifer Brown graduated from TTU last month with a bachelor of science dual degree in sociology and criminal justice. Jennifer started college in August 2013 when she was 28 years old, first at the (now) Cookeville Higher Ed Campus, then she transferred to TTU. Jennifer is a single mom, and even though it took a little longer than most to get through school, she knew she needed to do something for herself and her children. She sees education as job and personal security. Jennifer has volunteered with and participated in numerous HRS Resident Services activities, and her daughter has been part of our youth programs. Jennifer is now actively applying for and interviewing for jobs in her field.



The Captain Ralph Walker memorial scholarship is offered through the Cookeville Police Athletic League for eligible persons who reside with Highlands Residential and are full-time TTU students. If you would like more information about this college scholarship, please contact Kathy at (931) 526-9793, ext. 212.

Melinda's MEMOS



It's recertification time for ALL Gainesboro residents

and Boatman Street and Darwin Street residents. Be on the lookout for your letter with your appointment date and time. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 220.

Kathy's CORNER



Our monthly Lunch & Learn meetings will be cancelled for

June and July due to our summer lunch program. If your 2018 winter LI-HEAP assistance is gone, you are eligible to reapply NOW! Please call your local UCHRA office or the Cookeville location at (931) 528-1127 with questions or to make an appointment. Don't forget dad - Father's Day is Sunday, June 16.

Chelsea's CHAPTER



Due to the construction going on at the Walnut

Village office, rent collection and recertification appointment locations may be moved or otherwise affected. Be sure to keep an eye out for flyers or notices regarding any changes.

This month, we welcome two AmeriCorps volunteers, who will be working primarily with our summer lunch and TNT summer day camp programs. Both have been volunteering with our after-school programs.



Wolfgang Bronner is a TTU student majoring in political science and wants to pursue a law degree.



Maggie Jackson is also a TTU student and is majoring in sociology with plans to work with children as a social worker.

Safety Tips Please keep children and pets away from the lawn mowers and move any items in the yard out of the path of the mowers. Remember, kiddie pools are not allowed for various reasons on any HRS property. Please drive carefully and obey the speed limits in all HRS developments. Children as well as adults will be outside playing and moving about. Parents, please watch your children and teach them about outdoor safety.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



Mr. Jimmy Gentry of Cookeville may be our longest-term resident, as he's been with us since before the age of computers for record keeping! Mr. Jimmy first lived with his parents on Boatman Street in the late 1950s. After graduating high school in 1960, he joined the Army for three years. Upon his discharge, he moved to Atlanta and worked in the grocery business for a few years, then he returned to Baxter and continued working in the grocery business.

By 1970, Mr. Jimmy's father had passed away, and his mother needed someone to help care for her, so he moved back into his mother's home, which was also more affordable for both. Mr. Jimmy continued working in the grocery business until he retired in 1998 due to his own health problems. Mr. Jimmy states he likes living with HRS: "It's affordable, and it feels like home. I like all of the people who work there, especially Matt (maintenance). He stays until he gets things fixed."

Mr. Jimmy never married, but he has five sisters, one (deceased) brother and numerous nieces and nephews. He enjoys doing word search and sudoku puzzles. All total, Mr. Jimmy has lived with HRS approximately 52 years! We certainly appreciate Mr. Jimmy choosing HRS as his home.

The Walnut Village/Willow Heights

afternoon social will be Thursday, June 13, from 1-3 p.m. at Walnut Village manager's office #R-5. This month, Ruth Dyal with the UC Tourism Association will share information on great things to do and places to go in the Upper Cumberland area - many of which are free or inexpensive. Ms. Dyal presented this same program at our Lunch & Learn last month, and it was so awesome that we are doing it again! We are fortunate to have lots of activities that appeal to all age groups and make for super-fun day trips. Our AmeriCorps volunteer, Kathy Garcia, will prepare lunch and have door prizes and a bountiful bread distribution.

In April, Sara Martin of Home Instead Senior Care shared tips on "Spring Cleaning for Home Safety."



We will have free blood pressure checks at Walnut Village manager's office #R-5 on Tuesday, June 4, from 10-11 a.m.



YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

For more information about any of the following, please contact me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213.



Another TNT after-school program year is behind us, and it's been a great one. In April, Randy Todd of Quit 4 Life talked with our teens about health risks associated with nicotine products such as cigarettes and vaping. One thing the teens learned is that it's way easier to never start these things than to try to quit later.

The TNT Summer Day Camp begins June 3, and we have 23 days of fun-filled learning and teen-oriented activities planned. The summer day camp is free to TNT members who were enrolled in and successfully completed the TNT After-School Program. The teens will be headed to Lake Winnie and go swimming on Mondays. Tuesdays are filled with our culinary classes taught by guest chefs. We will learn about banking and money management, visit a buffalo ranch, tour a sprout farm, go inside Dale Hollow Dam, and so much more. If you are interested in being part of our awesome youth programs, call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213.

Quawana's Closet will be closed in June. However, if you need assistance from the closet, please contact me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213, and leave a message.

Lighthouse Christian Camp in Smithville, Tennessee, is once again offering free camps for kids ages 9-11. Applications are available now at the HRS main office, and transportation is provided by the camp, which suggests you register soon and reserve your transportation. Dates are:

- June 24 - 28: Putnam and Jackson Co. girls
- July 15 - 19: Jackson Co. boys
- July 22-26: Putnam Co. boys

All of our youth programs are free to the participants and are only made possible with the support of our great communities. No government funds are received for KIDS Matter or TNT, so your help is very much appreciated.



RESOURCE CENTER

THE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

is just beginning, and we've got loads of fun planned. Any Putnam County child age 4-18 is welcome to come to the TNT Center, located at the 706 Pine Ave. Police Substation, Mondays through Fridays, May 28-July 26, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed July 4). At 10 a.m., we will serve a light breakfast, and lunch will be served at noon.

Whitney Nielsen, our AmeriCorps volunteer, will be there daily, along with area churches and community organizations, which will provide fun activities and fellowship programs. You do not have to be an 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, or see Whitney at the summer lunch program.

FREE COLD SACK LUNCHES

for children ages 2-8 will also be delivered on-site by buses or a personal vehicle (marked by signage and logo of a cow surfing a wave of milk) at the following HRS locations and general times beginning May 28 and ending July 19 (closed July 4):

- Algood: Lane & Warren streets - 10:30-11 a.m.
- Baxter: North 3rd St., Maxwell & Alexander St. - 11-11:30 a.m.
- Cookeville:
 - Boatman/Darwin -11-11:30 a.m.
 - Buffalo Valley/Coffelt - 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Monterey:
 - Poplar Street - 12:00-12:15 p.m.
 - Jackson Street - 1:45-2 p.m.
- Gainesboro: Murray & Reeves - 11-11:45 a.m.



A HUGE Summer Lunch Party will be held on May 31 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Dogwood Park in Cookeville. Free lunch meal for ages 18 and under, bounce houses, games and much more. Summer lunch programs are provided through the Putnam County School Nutrition Program.

No Fireworks at any time on any HRS property by anyone.

Fireworks stands will be going up soon. 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.

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<p>4 MARK IT: 7/4 Office closed July 4 for Independence Day</p> <p>REMINDER:  No Fireworks Allowed</p>						<p>MAY 31</p> <p>Party in the Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>RENT DUE!</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p> <p>WALNUT VILLAGE RENT COLLECTION</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>WILLOW HEIGHTS RENT COLLECTION</p>	<p>8</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p> <p>LATE FEES ADDED</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p> <p>PEST CONTROL TREATMENT DAY</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> Summer Day Camp</p> <p>Walnut Village/ Willow Heights Social 1-3 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p>	
<p>16</p> <p>HAPPY FATHERS DAY </p>	<p>17</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p> <p>NON-PAY EVICTION NOTICES GO OUT</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p> <p>Board Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p>	
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>	
<p>30</p> <p>LAST DAY CALL IN FOR PEST CONTROL</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	



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

All Resident Services activities operate 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 policy is available at the HRS main office.

NO FIREWORKS AT ANY TIME ON ANY HRS PROPERTY BY ANYONE.
No fireworks (includes bottle rockets, firecrackers, sparkers, poppers, etc.) at any time on any HRS property by anyone.



ADDRESSES: ONLY residents listed on the current lease can receive mail at one of our addresses and no one else.