



TRACY SPACE & SUSAN MYERS—ACTIVITY DEPARTMENT

As we head towards fall, we can reflect on a summer well spent!!

July brought us many opportunities to be outside and to enjoy summertime treats, most especially lemonade, popsicles, and ice cream. Our Fourth of July party included poppers, which made everyone jump at first...but once they realized what poppers could do, they got busy popping each other. We also had our Christmas in July party which has become a yearly tradition.

August followed at a hectic pace, starting with our Annual Cream Can Supper and Barn Dance. Our environmental services dept does the hard work of cooking the meal in cans buried underground. They serve it up in hog troughs. All the departments pitch in to help put on a party for our elders. Sharon & Garry Spady provide the upbeat music for the dance and we are grateful that they do this year after year. The following week included a trip to the Christian Show at the Fair and trips to play Lions Bingo. This year our float won Second place in the Business category and we were thrilled.

September's weather has allowed us to have one more outdoor picnic. YEA!!!! The elders enjoy the hot dogs and hamburgers and the fresh air. They especially like the good homemade food that the staff brings to the picnic. Come October, we will be moving the picnic indoors and calling it Potluck. We have this every 3rd Friday of the month at noon. Please feel free to join us and your loved one. We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

We will be having several parties in the upcoming months. October will bring our Halloween party, November will be our Thanksgiving party, and December will, of course, bring our Christmas party. Look for invitations in your mailbox and we hope that you will be joining us for these special occasions.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let us know. We are always looking forward to seeing you.

Billie Hayes—Environmental Services

As you can see when you come to visit, we are still working on our painting and redecorating of the facility. The Chapel, bath houses, and front offices have been completed. We have a few more small rooms to go and then several of the resident room are left. We will be painting all winter and then some.

We are doing some updating as we paint the residents rooms. They are getting some new lighting fixtures. We feel that they will be far nicer to look at and are putting out a lot better light. We have changed out all soap dispensers in the facilities. The old ones were not put in to be resident accessible. We have many residents who like to wash their

hands with soap and felt that needed to change. We are also using a foaming soap that is much easier on their skin. You may see where there has been some wall patching in doing this process—bear with me, I will get the paint touched up!

Just a reminder that winter will be coming sooner than we want. We are starting our fall work for the outside. The holidays will be here before we put out another newsletter so I have a couple reminders from the Fire Marshall's office for everyone:

*No live greenery—real Christmas trees or evergreen wreaths. Little trees that are potted are okay. When they begin to dry up and die, we will have to dispose of them.

*No Christmas lights hung on the curtains or stapled to the walls.

*No candles or electric candle warmers

*Any fiber optic tree is fine as long as it has been UL approved.

When you bring up clothing please be sure it is marked or have our laundry ladies mark it. We have several items that are not marked so if you are missing an item visit with our laundry ladies.

As always, if we can be of any assistance please let us know. We are here to make our residents lives more comfortable and their environment more like home.

