

# TTU-VISTA NEWS

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## DAVIDSON COMMUNITY

There will be a chicken bar-b-que at the Davidson Community Center this Sat., June 5, from 3-7 p.m. The charge will be \$1.00 per plate, and a country music band will provide entertainment.

## POOR SOULS

The POOR SOULS, a local rock band working as VISTA summer associates with the TTU-VISTA project, will appear at the following places in this area:

Fri. July 4, Veterans Bldg. Cookeville, 8-11:30 p.m.

Thurs July 10, West End Community Center, Cookeville, free of charge, 8-?

Sat. July 12, Father Ryan High School, Nashville, 8-11 p.m.

## RENT-A-KID

Want your lawn mowed, windows washed, clothes ironed, baby sat? Don't do it yourself! RENT-A-KID Call 526-1411 and arrange to have a local youngster do the things you'd like to get done but can't get around to. RENT-A-KID is a program sponsored by TTU-VISTA to provide jobs for young people during the long summer months. All work contracted with RENT-A-KID is guaranteed and reasonable rates are charged. So, if you have some work to be done around your house and would like to see a youngster putting his time to good use, call 526-1411 and RENT-A-KID!

## DAY CARE CENTER OPENS IN BUFFALO VALLEY

A day care center will open Mon. July 7 at the Buffalo Valley Community Center (the old schoolhouse). This center will be sponsored by the local community organization in cooperation with TTU-VISTA. The center will be open to children from 3 yrs. on up. Plans are for the center to be open from 8 a.m. until noon. All residents of Buffalo Valley and the surrounding area are asked to come and support the center.

## RED BOILING SPRINGS

Forty TTU-VISTA members were among the hundreds of volunteers who aided the citizens of Red Boiling Springs during the recent floods there. The VISTA volunteers helped in the search for flood victims, and they cleaned mud and flood debris from a nursing home. The following day, the volunteers cleaned private homes, a grocery store, a gas station, laundromat and a flower shop. Working side by side with county and state officials and Civil Defense workers, the volunteers were a great help to flood-stricken Red Boiling Springs.

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

The members of TTU-VISTA were recently commended for their efforts by the Tennessee State Legislature. Due to the interest of Senator Vernon Neal, Senate Joint Resolution No. 65 was passed and approved by Gov. Ellington. It reads in part: ". . . we do hereby commend the director and all members of the TTU-VISTA of Tennessee Tech University at Cookeville for the invaluable and humanitarian service which they have rendered to the Cookeville area, to the state of Tennessee and to the entire nation and we further express our thanks for their dedication and their service to our country and to our fellow man." Everyone connected with TTU-VISTA is justifiably proud of this recognition from the Tennessee State Legislature.

## 4th OF JULY CELEBRATION

TTU-VISTA will present a 4th of July celebration from 11:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. this Fri. It will be held near the Royal Cream Drive-In on E. Spring St., featuring live music, carnival and side shows. Every one is urged to attend.

## TTU-VISTA

The TTU-VISTA project has been in existence on a part time basis since Fall of 1968. The program, aimed at alleviating poverty in the Cookeville area, is under the direction of Ray Rogers and Earl Dotter who are full-time VISTA volunteers. This summer 50 students from Tennessee Tech, Middle Tennessee State and Carson-Newman College, along with several area residents are enrolled in the TTU-project as VISTA summer associates. They are paid \$50 per month and a small living allowance. Chosen for their ability and their commitment to doing something about poverty in America, the associates have high hopes for their summer-long project. The TTU-VISTA Newsletter will appear every two weeks as a means of informing residents of Cookeville and the surrounding communities of the activities of TTU-VISTA.

## CONSTRUCTION CREW

The TTU-VISTA construction crew, an important part of the program, has been hard at work on a variety of projects since the beginning of summer. They have received approximately \$3000 worth of construction tools and equipment from local businessmen and residents. They have repaired the West Cookeville Community Center and are adding a room to a crowded home in Algood. They have repaired homes in Monterey and Hanging Limb, and recently the construction crew aided the Hanging Limb Community Center with the preparation for their Fourth of July Horse Show.

## TTU-VISTA DIRECTOR IN WASHINGTON

Ray Rogers, local VISTA volunteer and director of the TTU-VISTA organization, was in Washington D.C. earlier this week. He and 12 other VISTA volunteers attended a conference concerning VISTA'S role on the college campus and the involvement of college students in VISTA work. Ray was also looking into the possibility of obtaining government grants for the continuation of TTU-VISTA work.