

## Fall Clean up

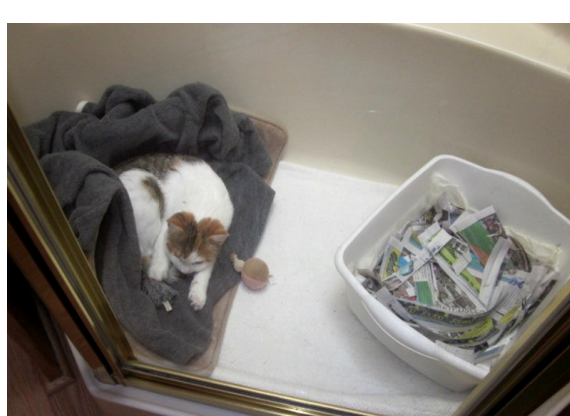
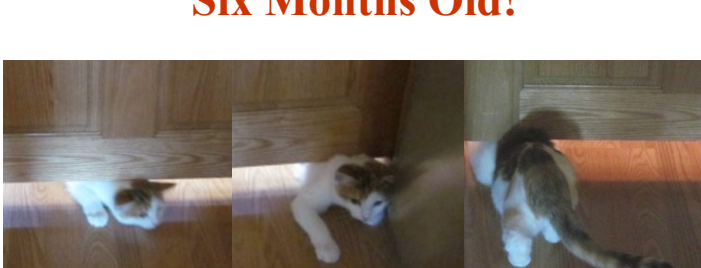
As you can see, October has been a busy month here in Chuckey, TN. I was probably the only one without a *big to do list!*

Henry had some fairly big jobs to take care of their properties. Bob worked side by side with Henry, giving him another pair of hands. The two seemed to work well together when they were not mimicking a comedy team. Anne was working hard finishing up their year with Trailer Life (paper and phone work). I got caught up on my newsletters, working with my pictures, etc. Breakfast was a daily routine at 'Connie's', where *'Frick & Frack'* got the entire staff involved in a \$\$ contest. The one with the smallest food tab each morning was the winner! I frequently threw a curve ball in the contest when I deviated from my \$1.75 bowl of oatmeal and ordered something more expensive! One morning Henry threatened to eat cereal too. See picture below where he showed off his own bag of 'craisins'. When they finished for the day, we all went out to dinner at one of the local eateries and taking the time to socialize together for a couple of hours. Sometimes one of their tenants, Sandy & Bobby would join us, who Henry & Anne have know for many years. Our location also gave Anne an opportunity to visit with her sister and family, which was a bonus for her.

The weather has been perfect, with chilly nights and pleasant sunny days, and only a few rainy days. We are located on Robertson Road, seen in the pictures to the right where the guys are working and Henry can be seen walking Bandit one very chilly morning! Even Bandit had a coat on that morning. Two of the pictures were taken right from our windshield. Neighbors would wave or toot their horns going by on a daily basis, acknowledging our presence. Bob & I watched the cows across the street each morning, as they actually galloped up the hill to the farmer's barn for their daily feeding of grain, 'mooing' to each other the whole way. There were many babies in the herd. The farmer would drive up the road, blowing a horn, which was their breakfast bell!



## Six Months Old!



Since Minnie has had a difficult month, I will bring you up to date. She is still recovering from her surgery and doesn't feel much like talking right now. The pictures on the top demonstrate how much she has grown since we have had her. She used to be able to slip under the sliding door with little effort. Now, she has to move slowly and think about how she is going to do it. She ends up flattening out by spreading her back feet apart while squeezing under! She is so cute to watch! Then, when things were going just perfect from her point of view, we scheduled her for surgery to be spayed and declawed. Her nails were like needles. This was done in Tennessee, where Henry & Anne are very familiar with the local veterinary clinics. and took us to Dr. Doug Woolsey and son. This is a family run business. We have been very lucky to have found good care. Minnie had been here twice for booster shots prior to her surgery. For the surgeries, she was kept over night and released the next morning. See picture above in her bed, with potty box nearby. She is recovering quite well and is scheduled to have her stitches removed in a few days. Needless to say, the first couple of days she was not a happy camper. The second day home, she tried to get some comfort from Whiskers, but when he got a "sniff" of the medication on her front feet, he hissed and backed off. She was in shock, not understanding his reaction. She must have figured it out however, because the next couple of day she gave her feet a thorough cleaning and tried again with success. See picture on top, right taking in some morning sun and sights on the steps of the motorhome. The biggest challenge for me was keeping her out of the sand box, without denying Whiskers access. We had to keep her feet clean.

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In between projects, we found the time to visit the National Historic Site of President Andrew Johnston, the 17th president of the United States. We walked around the cemetery where he is buried, which is a very lovely and peaceful place. The burial site and memorial was located on top of a hill in Greeneville. Most of the tombstones in the cemetery were on hillsides, making for a beautiful landscape. See below.

By November 9th we expect to be leaving TN and moving south, before it gets any colder. We expect to be heading for Northern Florida and will spend the Christmas Holidays there before heading to Myrtle Beach, SC.

