Saddle up to HELP the children

from Staff Reports

Yee-haw! More than 300 cowpokes will be dusting off their o’l Western duds to “Saddle Up for Project HELP!” at the 2007 fundraiser, set for Thursday, July 26, at the Tennessee Golf Course in Murfreesboro.

The fun gets under way at 6:30 p.m., with live music and dancing. Silent auction bidding will close at 8:15 p.m., and auction checkout will be at 8:30 p.m. Last year’s fundraiser collected $25,792, said Project HELP Director Susan Waldrop, who added that she’s confident that community support for this year’s benefit will just be as strong.

“Although my tenure at Project Help has been brief, the gratifying experiences have been extensive,” Waldrop said. “From those experiences I have repeatedly observed the unique connection of Project HELP with the Rutherford County community. MTSU has provided an excellent forum for children and families to be united with the kinds of services and support that make a difference in their lives.”

“With the additional contributions, we hope to continue to provide pre-ventions, as well as inter-ventions, for families who have children with dis-abilities or delays. The other outcome of this Tornado drill: What did we learn?

by Tom Tozer

T he tornado drill on Friday, June 26, was, by most accounts, a success. Most reports indicated that people followed directions, took it seriously and went to the prescribed “safe place” in their building. There were a few glitches, and they will be addressed.

First, a big thank-you to the building runners for the great job they did in carrying out their responsibilities. There were no additional dollars in their June paycheck for serving in this role. But their job is a noble one and, in the event of an actual tornado, could indeed save lives. We could not conduct this tornado-alert plan without them.

“The tornado drill helped us explain all we need to adjust and what works,” said Chief Buddy Peaster of MTSU’s Department of Public Safety. “The success of our first tornado drill has to be credited to the campus community. Anyone can talk about the importance of safety, but individual participation matters, too.”

A few post-drill reports, however, indicated that not everyone took it seriously. Some folks, knowing that “it’s just a drill,” stayed put. Others went to their “safe area” and returned to their offices after just 10 minutes instead of the recommended minimum of 20 minutes. There also were a few people who weren’t sure what to do or where to go.

It’s imperative that everyone visit MTSU’s tornado Web site, www.mtsu.edu/alert4u, then click on “Tornado Information” and read through the list of “safe places” in every building on campus. You will find a wealth of information. If you found yourself not knowing what you should do during the June 26 drill, you will know after scanning the “safe places” list and finding your building.

When a tornado warning is sounded, go calmly to that area in your building. If you can help someone with a disability, please do so.

Some “safe areas” should be labeled “safest areas,” because some buildings on campus do not have interior walls or areas away from windows. The “safe places” list includes what is deemed to be the safest area in each building.

The Web site also includes a list of the building runners. Find out who those people are in the building.
MT softball, men's golf leadership in transition

Podlesny leaves after best-ever season

from MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee softball coach Leigh Podlesny announced her resignation June 29 after three seasons leading the Blue Raider program. Podlesny said she made the decision because of other interests, mainly raising her eight-month-old daughter, Soren Elle Iverson.

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Podlesny compiled a 57-115 mark in three seasons at the helm of the program but made significant progress over the last two years. The Blue Raiders improved by 11 games in the win column in 2006 and 2007, going from eight victories in her first season to 19 in 2006 and 30 this year. This year’s club had just three seniors, three of whom (Vander Lugt, Corrie Ricketts and Caitlyn McIre) saw significant playing time.

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Turnbow takes helm as head coach

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The national search for Middle Tennessee’s next head men’s golf coach ended in its back- yard.

Director of Athletics Chris Massaro has named Middle Tennessee alum Whit Turnbow as the sixth head men’s golf coach in program’s history, electing to pro- mote from within and elevate Turnbow from assistant to head coach.

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Creating dreams for the new generation

by Rometrius North

Lynnette Cole, Miss USA 2000, flies from Minnesota every year to attend Murfreesboro children's talent show. The attraction: Generation for Creation, a nonprofit organization that allows any Rutherford County child from age 7 to 17 to cultivate their artistic gifts.

The organization, founded in 2001, is currently directed by Monica Johnson, who holds a degree in psychology from MTSU and minored in speech and theatre, said she created the organization to give back to the community. In the program, students learn about acting, performing, singing, dancing, community-building and self-esteem.

Johnson, who specializes in children's theatre, said her mother's love for children is their creative outlet; it encourages them to be highly creative in their particular art ... and not always in front of the television and video games.

Cole, a Columbia, Tenn., native, has become great friends with Johnson over the past several years and agreed to encce her annual talent show. The former Miss USA, now an actress and business owner, indeed has a busy schedule, but she said she always finds time to give back to the children.

"This is a great program," said Cole, describing Generation for Creation, or GFC, as "one of Murfreesboro's hidden secrets."

"There are so many broken homes these days, and having GFC helps (some of its participants) fill voids in their lives," Cole continued. "It is their creative outlet; it encourages them to be highly creative in their particular art ... and not always in front of the television and video games."

During her study at MTSU, Johnson said she was especially inspired by Dr. Jette Halladay, professor of speech and theatre, who always and encouraged Johnson to cultivate her own artistic talents and love for the arts.

Johnson's volunteer work with children and the arts via GFC is a great contribution to the community, as well as a genuine labor of love.

"Monica is tireless, (and) her optimism is contagious," Halladay observed. "Everywhere I go in Murfreesboro, I see her handiwork, improving lives, creating opportunities where none existed before and generally spreading a deep sense of joy with life.

"She is not discouraged by the skepticism of others or their disorganization and pessimism. She just plows through and does what everyone told her would be impossible to do. She is a woman with a great deal of integrity and enthusiasm."

The work Johnson accomplishes via GFC is even more important for today's young people, Scott noted, because of the ever-increasing funding cuts that arts-related curricula have received within public school systems locally and nationwide.

The arts are slowly drifting away from school programs," Scott said, "and I think (GFC) emphasizes how important the arts are to the kids."

In addition to offering drama and art classes two Saturdays each month, GFC players present performances, history plays and holiday concerts several times per year in local theatrical stages. The organization's annual talent event showcases children in the categories of art, dance, drama and music. Modeling also has been added for 2007.

Children audition to perform in the benefit show, Johnson said, and all selected performers receive a certificate of participation. The top three winners in each category receive trophies. A volunteer panel of judges with arts experience and backgrounds determines the event's overall prize winners.

Johnson said that each year, after they perform in the talent show, children tell her that this was the best thing they have ever done, and it was so much fun. After aging out of the program, she said, many students go on to college or into the workforce, but some come back to volunteer.

Johnson and private donors provide the primary funding for Generation for Creation. The organization also is partially funded by corporate sponsors Walmart, Customer's Care, Pinnacle Bank and the City of Murfreesboro.

Tickets to the Children's Benefit Talent Show are $10 each, with discounts available for groups. For more information, please call GFC at 615-890-7116. For more information on the organization, visit www.gfckids.org.

8th McNair Symposium slated from Staff Reports

Fifteen McNair Scholars will make presentations Tuesday, July 31, during the eighth annual research symposium, program coordinator Steve Saunders said. The symposium will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tom H. Jackson Building.

This summer's McNair researchers will have both poster and oral presentations, which usually are a PowerPoint presentation, Saunders said.

The McNair scholars include Dean Andrews, political science; Jessica Beard, geology; Eternal Burrell, Sade Dunn and Leona Carrido, biology; Angelica Crawford, Danielle Ross and Jeremy Minton, psychology; Sarafina Croft, electronic media journalism and Spanish; Sierra Douglas, recreation; Logan Grant, political science; Dione Johnson, voice performance; Ryne Joyner, computer information systems; Stephanie Mills, music performance (vocal); and Drew Moncks, accounting.

The McNair Scholars office has invited President Sidney A. McPhee, all of the deans from the various colleges and the researchers' mentors, Saunders said, adding that other administrators, friends and family members of the McNair Scholars may be in attendance. University faculty and administrators will judge the posters. First- and second-place awards will be presented to the first- and second-year scholars.

Research papers presented this year will be published in 2008 in the McNair Research Review.

Memphis fellowships honor former MTSU president Smith from Staff Reports

Former MTSU president Dr. R. Eugene Smith has been honored with the establishment of a program of endowed professorships at the Herff College of Engineering at the University of Memphis.

The Smith Professorships will help the Herff College attract and retain outstanding faculty members and help UM reach its goal of becoming one of nation's great metropolitan research institutions, officials said. The program was announced by the board of trustees of the Herff Trust, a private endowment that helps support Memphis' engineering college and law school.

The program will fund professorships annually in the various specialties of engineering offered by the college. The professorships will be awarded for three years, with renewal based on performance review.

Recipients will be eligible to receive stipends of $15,000 to $15,000 per year. A native of the Walter Hall community in Rutherford County, Smith joined the Memphis State University administration in 1963. By 1968 he was business manager, and in 1971 he was named vice president of business and finance, a position he held until his retirement from the university in 2000. He was named interim president in 2000 and in 2003 took the reins at the university until MTSU's current president, Dr. Sidney A. McPhee, took the reins in August 2001.
TV Schedule

“Middle Tennessee Record”
Cable Channel 9:
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July 16

July 16-20
Tennessee Career & Technical Education Conference:
“Building Academic and Technical Skills of Students Through CTE”
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~cte/ or contact: 615-898-2031.

MTSU “Scoring and Goalkeeping” Soccer Camp
for athletes ages 10 to 18
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-5316.

July 19

July 19-20
CUSTOMS Orientation
Liberal Arts, Education and Behavioral Science, Business and undeclared majors
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~customs or contact: 615-898-5533.

July 20

July 20-21
Blue Raider Volleyball General and Elite Hitters/Setter Camps
General camp for girls grades seven through 12; Elite camp for girls grades nine through 12
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2230.

July 21

Saturday, July 21
Byron M. Motley Hero Golf Tournament
1 p.m., Indian Hills Golf Course
Fee: $100 per player or $380 per foursome (includes meal and greens fees)
All proceeds benefit the Motley Endowed Scholarship Fund
For information, visit www.jpjfoundation.com or contact: 1-800-800-7150, pin 9178.

July 22

Blue Raider Volleyball Team Camp II
for girls’ varsity, junior-varsity and junior-high teams
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2230.

Girls’ Team Soccer Camp
for athletes ages 10 to 18
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-5316.

July 24

July 24-25
CUSTOMS Orientation
Colleges of Basic & Applied Science, Mass Comm and undeclared majors
7:30 a.m., campuswide
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~customs or contact: 615-898-5533.

July 26

Rick Insell Women’s Basketball Team Camp I
for high-school teams
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-5356.

Tell us about it!

Calendar Items Welcomed
Submit your campus events (at least three weeks in advance if possible, please) to gfann@mtsu.edu.

OK, what’s next?

CUSTOM INFORMATION—Janeé Proffitt, left, a sophomore marketing major transferring from Tennessee Tech, looks over her CUSTOMS information packet as Dr. Virginia Donnell, interim director of Transfer Student Services, and Lorrie Hall, a senior family and consumer sciences education major, await her questions in the Business and Aerospace Building July 6. Transferring undergraduates attended a one-day CUSTOMS session to aid their transition to the university. Two-day CUSTOMS sessions are scheduled July 19-20 for new Jennings A. Jones College of Business, College of Education and Behavioral Science, and College of Liberal Arts majors; July 24-25 for College of Basic and Applied Sciences and College of Mass Communication majors; and one final session open to all majors July 30-31. Undeclared majors can attend any session. For more information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~customs.

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where you spend the most time, thank them for their service and look to them for leadership.

Building leaders in each building know where people should head during a tornado warning. Everyone—faculty, staff and students—should allow themselves to be in charge during that period of time.

If building runners interrupt your class or ask you to remain indoors and follow the others, it is because they want everyone in their building to remain safe and unharmed. If they make these requests during a test drill, please understand that thinking it’s just a “drill” and ignoring them is a surefire recipe for disaster. Football players and pianists practice to get better. Why should we do less with our health and welfare?

And now it’s time to go shopping. If your department can afford a weather-alert radio, that may be the best way to receive a warning alert and also an all-clear. (We will be sending the building runners information about weather-alert radios.) If you don’t have flashlights in your office, buy one or two and take them with you to the “safe area.” If you don’t have a TV or radio in your area, consider adding one to your office or classroom. The more communication devices you have in your work area, the better.

If a tornado warning has been issued but have not heard the campus siren, or the designated building runner has not yet knocked on your door, you should remain deputized yourself as a building runner and ...do the drill!

Q: What should we do about shuttle drivers, ground crews and others who are working outside?

A: In a real tornado warning, we hope that employees who work outside will realize the potential for severe weather and not remain outside. If they are outside and hear the siren, they should stop what they’re doing and head inside the nearest building. They may have to ask others inside where the “safe place” is.

If your department can afford a shuttle, driver, ground crew or others who work outside your building, allow them to be in charge during that period of time.

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Middle-schoolers ‘build a bridge’ to college learning

by Randy Weiler

Fifteen students from Chattanooga’s Dalewood Middle School gained a glimpse into college and university life during the four-day “Building a Bridge to College” visit to MTSU June 19-22.

Led by Dalewood faculty members Buddy Sullivan and Danni Morris, the students, all of whom will be high-school freshmen this fall, took part in math- and science-related activities, toured three Nashville-area college campuses, visited the Tennessee State Museum, enjoyed dinner at Nashville’s Hard Rock Café and attended a Nashville Sounds baseball game.

“The class activities have been great,” said Quiana Roberson, who will be a ninth-grader at Brainerd High School this fall and said she wants to be an attorney some day. “The teachers are cool. They’re good teachers.”

Roberson, who said she is an A student with three sisters and two brothers, said she most enjoyed “living on my own for four days. I liked the road trips, going back and forth to Nashville.”

Incoming Brainerd freshman Terrance Sturdavant said what he found “exciting” about the trip was that he “got to live in a dorm like a college student. I really enjoyed it.”

Sturdavant said he also enjoyed the egg-drop class session. “You build a house for an egg and you drop it to see if it (the egg) would break,” he said, adding that he would like to be a music producer or an automobile engineer one day.

This marks the ninth year Sullivan and Morris have brought students to MTSU. They said more than 150 students have participated in Building a Bridge to College.

“We try to plant the seed (for college),” Sullivan said. “We want to get them excited and show them it is doable.”

“We’ve got a good group of students,” Morris added. “It’s a new experience and growing-up time for them.”

Other trip attendees included Starlewis Belcher, Chelsea Greene, Robert Kelley, Joshua lyn Woods, Derrick Butts, Jalisa Jones, Quintana Nance, April Cross, Danielle Jackson, Autumn Smith, Cameron Walton, Michael Greene and Brishayla Greene.

Participating MTSU faculty included Dr. Sid Sridhara, engineering technology and industrial studies; Angela Golden, information technology; Dr. Daniel Erenso, physics and astronomy; and LauraClipbard, Student Support Services.

Towe touted as new Murphy Center chief

by Randy Weiler

In his new job at MTSU, Darrell Towe may be one of the busiest people at the university.

The job title says “director of the Murphy Center athletic complex,” but his duties also will include overseeing Floyd Stadium, Alumni Memorial Gym, baseball’s Reese Smith Field, the Blue Raider Softball Field, the new track and field and soccer complex and the Kenonn Sports Hall of Fame building.

Towe, a Western Kentucky University alumnus, knew what he was getting into when he interviewed for the job.

“I was expecting to have to juggle multiple projects, and that’s certainly the case,” the former Tennessee Miller Coliseum manager said. “We may have as many as three or four activities going on at the same time on a given day.”

Ron Malone, assistant vice president for events and transportation, who also is adept at juggling multiple projects, had scheduled a lunch appointment to talk Towe he had been hired for the job, but he had to relay the message by phone when their plans changed.

Towe said his initial reaction was “one of being very excited, and then becoming very nervous about my ability to provide the leadership this job requires. The staff is very capable and very experienced. Most of them have been here for many years. This keeps the pressure on me to stay on top of my game to provide the leadership they need.”

Malone said the hiring committee made an excellent choice.

“We are very excited about Darrell’s move to the director’s position at the Murphy Center Complex,” he said. “We had several strong candidates in the applicant pool, but in the end, Darrell’s 17 years of event venue experience, his overall knowledge of university policy gained from his four years at Miller Coliseum and his love of athletics and physical activity made him the clear choice for me and the committee.”

“Darrell’s very personable demeanor, combined with his ‘Can Do—Customer Service’ attitude, will be a great addition to a already great group of Murphy Center Complex staff members. He’s going to do a great job.”

Towe, an avid hiker, said he believes the 34-year-old Murphy Center “remains a functional facility. It has a rich history and a bright future.” He added that he intends “to get the right people in the right place and get organized,” although he said he does not anticipate any changes, just “minor tweaking of the system.”

Towe began his new duties June 11 and leads a staff of 22 people. He served as director of WKU’s Brown Agricultural Exposition Center in Bowling Green from July 1995 until December 2002. He was assistant manager of MTSU’s Tennessee Livestock Center from September 1990 until June 1995.

John Jewell was the previous Murphy Center director; interim director Rita Whitaker will remain as assistant manager.

In addition to hiking, Towe said he enjoys fishing for bass and trout and spending time on Tennessee and Kentucky lakes with his wife, Melissa, who works as a counselor with the WKU Upward Bound program.
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POSTERS PROGRAM HONORED
— MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, left, and Dr. Tom Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, accept the Tennessee Board of Regents’ Academic Excellence Award for MTSU’s work in the Posters in the Capitol program. Presenting the award at the TBR’s recent meeting in Jackson are Fran Marcum, center, board vice chair, and board member Howard W. Roddy. TBR Chancellor Charles Manning is shown behind the group.

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Middle Tennessee golfer Taryn Durham made her mark on the 2007 U.S. Women’s Open in Southern Pines, N.C., whipping through the first and much of the second rounds of play before bumping into some bogeys and finally finishing her trip with a 19-over par score.

That was enough to get her bumped from the tournament, but she was still thinking positively, writing in her U.S. Women’s Open diary in the Daily News Journal that “it’s been fun, but I don’t expect this to be the only time I play in this tournament.”

“Getting here is such an accomplishment and I’ve realized that. I definitely feel I belong out here with these great players,” she wrote in the DNJ diary.

Durham, a rising senior at MTSU, shot rounds of 73 and 75 in sectional qualifying in Glen Ellyn, Ill., June 11. That made her one of only 21 players to earn a spot in the 156-player field for the U.S. Women’s Open, which was played June 28-July 1 at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club.

The three-time All-Sun Belt MT golfer was two-over through nine holes when play was halted during the first round of the U.S. Open June 28, and she had to complete that round early the next morning before starting her second round at Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club.

She was 10-over through 12 holes of the second round and 16-over for the tournament when weather once again halted play June 29.

Durham was one-over through the first five holes of the front nine Friday morning and stood three-over with four holes remaining to complete the first round. However, Durham bogeyed three of the last four holes and played the front nine at four-over. She finished the first round at six-over.

“I was moving along pretty well on the front and was still right there, but I missed some puts down the stretch and that hurt,” Durham said.

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Durham continued to drive the ball well and hit seven of 10 fairways in the first 12 holes of the second round, but greens in regulation was a different story as she was two-of-12.

Durham is the first Middle Tennessee golfer to play in the U.S. Women’s Open and is the 2006 Sun Belt Conference Medalist.

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Presents PROGRAM HONORED— MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, left, and Dr. Tom Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, accept the Tennessee Board of Regents’ Academic Excellence Award for MTSU’s work in the Posters in the Capitol program. Presenting the award at the TBR’s recent meeting in Jackson are Fran Marcum, center, board vice chair, and board member Howard W. Roddy. TBR Chancellor Charles Manning is shown behind the group. MTSU students honored for their poster presentations include senior English major Collin Davey for “Morphology, Matteire & Marie”; senior anthropology majors Lacey Fleming for “The Role of the Domesticated Dog in Prehistoric Middle Tennessee” and Brandy Dacus for “Lithic Analysis from Castalian Springs Mound Site”; senior psychology major Teri Proctor for “College Adjustment & Retention in First-Semester Traditional Students”; Adam Shulman, a May 2007 physics graduate, for “Stretching of an Equine Red Blood Cell Using Optical Tweezers”; and Richard Sharpe, a genetics and biotechnology graduate student from Antioch, for “Preparatory Steps for Daucus carota Transformation with an O-Antigen Gene from Shigella sonnei for Possible Vaccine Use.”

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Digging up the truth

PAINSTAKING WORK—The July edition of MTSU’s video magazine, “Middle Tennessee Record,” digs deep into the work of the Forensic Anthropology Search and Research team as they learn how to help solve crimes in a special crime-scene school. In the photo above, Sgt. Raymond Sides of the Memphis Sheriff’s Department, left, and MTSU Officer Robert J. Welford work with MTSU students Jennifer Ledford and Robin Bombardi, members of the Forensic Anthropology Search and Research crew, to oversee the recovery of a crime “victim” as part of their hands-on training. Learn more on “MT Record,” which airs at 5 p.m. weekdays on Cable Channel 9; see page 4 for more airdates and times.

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