Satellite campus survey under way

by Tom Tozer

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Official in Continuing Education and Distance Learning want to know what college courses residents in Bedford and surrounding counties would take if courses were offered at the proposed new MTSU South Higher Education Facility in Shelbyville.

Residents can reply by filling out a survey available online at www.mtsusouth.com.

Some MTSU graduate classes in education already will be offered next summer at an off-campus site in Shelbyville. With the appropriate approvals, a full-blown program could be established by the fall of next year.

The goal is to receive approval from the Tennessee Board of Regents and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission for the Medical Arts Building in Shelbyville to become an off-campus center and offer additional classes.

"Right now we need people to go See ‘Survey’ page 5

MTSU aims to ease 'new kids' transition

by Sydney Hester

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On Friday Aug. 22, thousands of new Raiders cruised onto the Middle Tennessee State University campus. As the new kids piled out of cars and into dorms and apartments, they took their first steps toward the MTSU lifestyle.

We-Hand made some of the first contacts that day to help integrate the students into campus life. When the hauling was done, students were left with a newfound independence—and more than a small dose of loneliness.

To help ease the awkward transition period, MTSU developed the CUSTOMS and Week of Welcome programs to guide students through the first few uneasy days to becoming involved with life on campus. For many, the required CUSTOMS session is a grueling and intense two days filled with facts—names of buildings, campus organizations and the all-important class registration—that also provides a sense of belonging in a new home. Between CUSTOMS-scheduled appointments, connections are made and friendships are developed.

“CUSTOMS introduced me to one of my best friends,” said freshman Chelsea Case. “We bonded over our time getting lost all over campus.”

See ‘Transition’ page 5
Adjust employee benefits by Nov. 14

The annual enrollment transfer period for 2008 benefits for MTSU employees is under way now through Friday, Nov. 14. During this period, employees may:

• transfer health coverage, if currently enrolled;
• add or increase optional life insurance coverage amounts;
• add optional special accident and dismemberment insurance;
• add, change or cancel dental plans; and
• enroll for flexible benefits for the calendar year 2009.

"Please read all materials you receive from vendors as well as the State of Tennessee Division of Insurance Administration," said Lisa Batey, director of employee benefits for Human Resource Services.

"During October, you will receive a member handbook and provider directory for your current health care option. The handbook will outline the benefits for 2009, and the provider directory has information concerning hospital and physician network participation. You will also receive a benefits comparison brochure from the Division of Insurance Administration, which outlines the major characteristics of each of the health and dental options for 2009."

Batey said the HRS office will send out the 2009 fringe-benefits enrollment packets to employees as soon as the packages are received.

"Please read the material carefully," Batey added. "Unless you file an election not to participate, any premium you pay for state group medical insurance and dental insurance in 2009 will automatically be paid with tax-free salary through flexible benefits. In addition, employees must enroll in the medical spending and dependent day care accounts every enrollment period in order to participate in the upcoming calendar year."

All information related to annual enrollment, including premiums and 2009 benefit changes, is available at the annual enrollment link at MTSU’s Human Resource Services Web site at http://hrs.web.mtsu.edu.

The deadline to submit completed forms is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14. HRS is located on the second floor of the Sam Ingram Building. For more information, call 615-898-2929.
Environmental ed partnership focus is rivers, water quality

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In conjunction with the Oct. 3 opening of “The River Inside” exhibit at the Tennessee State Museum in Nashville, the MTSU Center for Environmental Education partnered with other groups to develop a 12-page, full-color tabloid newspaper by the same name to reach educators and citizens across the state.

The latest special publication, which has been included in The Tennessean for its readers this month and will be mailed to approximately 15,000 Middle Tennessee educators for classrooms that participate in the Newspaper in Education project, focuses on rivers and water quality, said Dr. Cindi Smith-Walters, co-director of the MTSU center.

“The exhibit and publication tell the story of Tennessee photographer John Guider, who paddled his 16-foot canoe on Spencer Creek in Williamson County and began an incredible journey paddling down the Harpeth, Cumberland, Tennessee and Ohio rivers, to the Mississippi (River) and finally arriving in New Orleans,” Smith-Walters said in an on-campus memo.

The memo was sent to Drs. Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost; Tom Cheatham, dean for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences; and George Murphy, chair of the biology department.

The exhibit will be on display at the state museum through Nov. 30, said Karen Hargrove, a former center coordinator who wrote the copy for the publication.

Hargrove said the message encourages students to be aware of their environmental resources, especially water.

“Whatever their habits are affects a watershed,” she said, referring to a cartoon (“Can you find these animals?”) on page seven of the publication that “shows animals as well as people, using water in all kinds of ways.”

In addition to the Center for Environmental Education, program sponsors also included The Tennessean NIE project, Tennessee Valley Authority, Dragonfly Enterprises and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Used Oil Program.

A Web site, www.reflectionsontheirover.org, “will act as a portal to resources available from a variety of agencies and programs in Tennessee for teachers, students and community members interested in using rivers and the environment as an exciting classroom,” said site coordinator Judy Butler of Dragonfly Enterprises.

For more information, call 615-904-8875.

Prepare nominations now for annual Pleas Faculty Award

Faculty, staff and administration: Submit your nominations for the 2009 John Pleas Faculty Award by Friday, Nov. 14.

The John Pleas Faculty Award, established in 1997 to honor now-retired psychology professor Dr. John Pleas, is presented annually to a minority faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in teaching, research and service.

The formal presentation ceremony of the Pleas Award is a major event of Black History Month.

Nominees should have completed five or more years of service at MTSU and have a record of outstanding service. Candidates must have three letters of support.

An electronic copy of the candidate’s curriculum vitae/resume’ and the justification for nomination should be submitted to Marva S. Lucas at mlucas@mtsu.edu.

Questions may be directed to Lucas via e-mail or by calling 615-898-2927.

Art Scholarship Seasonal Sale slated for Thursday, Oct. 23

by Lisa L. Rollins
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The MTSU Department of Art will sponsor its first Scholarship Seasonal Sale, an art extravaganza of work collected from the department’s faculty, staff, students, alumni and community friends, in October.

The one-day sale, which organizers say they plan to make an annual event, will be held Thursday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Todd Gallery in MTSU’s Todd Building. A pre-sale reception showcasing the department’s facilities will be held Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. and will include tours of the department’s facilities.

“The sale is designed so that the donor decides which scholarship should benefit,” said Dr. Jean Nagy, art department chairwoman. “For example, if a student group sells artwork, half of the sale price goes to the student organization and the other half goes to the scholarship fund designated by the student group.”

Nagy said the department hopes this year’s sale will be a success and increase in size next year.

“Proceeds from the sale of items donated to this event will go to the Department of Art and to the respective donor’s choice of one or more of our scholarships among the list,” Eric V. Snyder, gallery curator, said. “The scholarships were begun with the creation of a scholarship in honor of Hester Rogers Ray, who was the department’s first art education faculty member, with the others following since Rogers Ray.”

The current scholarships, along with who will benefit from each, include:

• Hester Rogers Ray Scholarship for incoming freshmen art majors;
• Jill Montgomery Scholarship for art-education students;
• Charles Massey Scholarship for second-semester studio-art majors;
• Dr. Charles Brandon Scholarship for studio-art majors;
• John and Elva Griffin Scholarship for incoming freshmen art majors;
• Haggerty Scholarship for art-history majors;
• David Ledoux Scholarship for studio-art majors;
• Ollie Fancher Scholarship for graphic-design majors;
• Lon Nuell Scholarship for incoming freshmen art majors; and
• Department of Art Scholarships for art majors.

The Todd Gallery’s regular hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call Snyder at 615-898-5633.

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Please note:
Event dates, times and locations may change after press time. Please verify specifics when making plans.

TV Schedule

“Middle Tennessee Record” Cable Channel 9:
Monday-Sunday—7 a.m., 5 p.m.
NewsChannel 5+:
Sundays—1:30 p.m.

Through Oct. 30
Early Voting for Nov. 4 Federal Election
For information, visit www.rutherfordcountytn.gov/ election or contact: 615-898-7743.

Through Nov. 13
“4 Women 4 Views with Text” BookArts exhibit
Library Special Collection Room
For information, contact: 615-904-8503.

Oct. 20
Monday, Oct. 20
Fall Honors Lecture Series:
Dr. Sekou Franklin, “Between Jesse Jackson and Barack Obama: Race Management, Electoral Populism and Presidential Politics”
3-3:55 p.m., HONR 106
For information, visit http://honors.web.mtsu.edu/lecture_series.htm or contact: 615-898-2152.

MT Baseball “Grand Slam Fish Fry” Fundraiser
6 p.m., Tenn. Livestock Center
Cost: $20; 6 and under free
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

MT Volleyball vs. Western Kentucky
7 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

Oct. 21
Tuesday, Oct. 21
Breast Cancer Keychain/ Education Awareness Workshop
Noon-1 p.m., JUB Hazelwood Dining Room
For information, contact: 615-898-2193.

MTSU Jazz Combos
Thursday, Oct. 23
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

MT Volleyball vs. Louisiana-Lafayette
7 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

Oct. 22
Oct. 22-25
MTSU Theatre and Dance:
“Seussical the Musical”
7:30 p.m., Tucker Theatre
Cost: $10 general admission, $5 MTSU staff and K-12 students; MT students free with ID
For information, contact: 615-494-8810.

MTU vs. Louisiana-Monroe
7 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

Oct. 23
Thursday, Oct. 23
MTSU Jazz Combos
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Oct. 24
Friday, Oct. 24
MT Volleyball vs. Louisiana-Lafayette
7 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

Oct. 25
Saturday, Oct. 25
47th Annual Contest of Champions
Floyd Stadium
For tickets and information, contact: 615-898-2103.

MT Volleyball vs. Louisiana-Monroe
7 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

Oct. 26
Sunday, Oct. 26
“MTSU On the Record—Students for Autism Awareness”
Students for Autism Awareness president and founder Ed Evans discusses the project.
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM

MT Volleyball vs. New Orleans
2 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

Oct. 27
Monday, Oct. 27
“Gender, Race and Politics”
Sponsored by MTSU Women’s Studies Program
12:30-2:30 p.m., Keathley University Center Theater
For information, contact: 615-898-2705.

Fall Honors Lecture Series:
Dr. Mark Byrnes, “Politics, the Presidency and Film”
3-3:55 p.m., HONR 106
For information, visit http://honors.web.mtsu.edu/lecture_series.htm or contact: 615-898-2152.

Oct. 28
Tuesday, Oct. 28
Faculty Piano Recital:
Dr. Lynn Rice-See
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Oct. 29
Wednesday, Oct. 29
Jesse Jackson and Barack Obama: Race Management, Electoral Populism and Presidential Politics:
Tuesday afternoon panel
3-4 p.m., Keathley University Center Theater
For information, contact: 615-898-2450.

Oct. 30
Saturday, Oct. 30
MTSU Opera: “Sweeney Todd”
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
Admission: $10 at the door
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Oct. 31
Friday, Oct. 31
MT Soccer vs. Western Kentucky
6 p.m., Blue Raider Field
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

Nov. 1
Saturday, Nov. 1
MTSU Opera: “Sweeney Todd”
2 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
Admission: $10 at the door
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

“Evening of Swing”
6:30 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room
Tickets: $75 per person
For information, contact: 615-898-5924.

Nov. 2
Sunday, Nov. 2
Daylight Savings Time ends

“MTSU On the Record—Election 2008”
Dr. Robb McDaniel, associate professor of political science, analyzes the campaign’s one more time before Election Day.
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM

Election Day.
“Evening of Swing”
6:30 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room
Tickets: $75 per person
For information, contact: 615-898-5924.

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change are three main concerns among many new students at the beginning of the school year. Johnson says he believes that participating in the CUSTOMS orientation program is the most effective way to become acquainted and comfortable with MTSU and the atmosphere of college life.

During CUSTOMS, Counseling Services meets with parents of incoming freshmen to discuss the “empty nest” syndrome and ways that they can help their child learn to live independently. Students can participate in workshops, tours and scheduling sessions to help prepare them for their new chapter in life.

New students also are encouraged to enroll in University 1010 Seminar, which is designed to familiarize students with the university and ease the transition from high school to college. “On the first day, I had no idea where my classes were,” freshman Jenny Grissom recalls. “I was so nervous about being late.”

During the first few weeks of class, Grissom spent most of her time finding her way around campus and soaking up all the information she could. She found that it took about three weeks to get really acquainted with her new lifestyle. “I almost forgot about my social life at first,” she says now, “but study groups help a lot. That’s how I met some of my friends.”

New students learn quickly that studying is crucial. The office helps students develop their focus, which can often lead to better study habits. Counseling Services works closely with Academic Support Services, Student Health Services and the Career Development Center to ensure a multifaceted support system for each student.

“Being the biggest concern. Finishing school amid the changes by comedian Mike Birbiglia, were exciting and seemingly endless. Not only did the Week of Welcome give newcomers a place to meet and greet, its events helped to show the spirit that MTSU throws into every- thing. “Cloved going to the outdoor movie and meeting all the sorori- ties,” freshman Meghan Kelley said. “The event helped me feel comfort- able on campus and influenced my decision to go Greek.”

The annual Student Organization Fair was yet another chance for freshmen and transfer students to find their comfort zone somewhere among the information tables, busi- ness associations and community service organizations.

Whichever you choose, a RaiderBlue card will provide access to one of the many businesses and services on campus. “We do want people to understand that the initial course work offered in the Bedford County location will be for the Master of Education degree with additional offerings planned,” Foster said. “The online survey will help us to determine other courses and possibilities.”

Added Boyle: “Everyone is agreeing that this is a great partnership. MTSU and President McPhee are committed to this. The benefits of a program like this will affect the entire state of Tennessee in a positive way. If everything is approved as we hope, there will be a grand-opening celebration at the appro- priate time.”

For more information, contact MTSU’s Student Health Services at 615-898-2988.
A
s the financial crisis worsens, college students are finding it more diffi-
cult to see the light at the end of the tunnel and, instead, are seeing a
train rushing toward them. At MTSU’s 16th annual Economic Outlook
Conference at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro on Friday, Sept. 26, speakers
provided a window into the upcoming year in U.S. economics and finance.

The good news: the situation isn’t as bad as students think it is; the bad
news is that the current severe financial cri-
sis will affect student loans, tuition and
finding jobs, both during college and after
graduation.

Dr. Donald Ratafjaczk, Regent’s
Professor of Economics at Georgia
State University, founder of the Economic
Forecasting Center and one of the nation’s
leading economic forecasters, says student-
loan companies could face the same prob-
lems as troubled mortgage lenders Freddie
Mac and Fannie Mae.

According to Ratafjaczk, it is becoming harder for banks to find student-
loan guarantees and, as a result, they’re backing away from student loans and
making it harder for students to acquire them.

And, he warned, don’t think that just because a lending company goes
down, you’d become free of any obligation to your student loans. Those loans,
like home mortgages, auto and other personal notes, will be transferred to
whomever takes over the lending company, so you don’t get a bail-out.
When it comes to tuition, forecasters have more bad news: costs likely will
never come down, regardless of the state of the economy.

“The cost of education has been growing 3 percent faster per year than
government inflation,” says Ratafjaczk. “If colleges and universities refuse to use cost-
cutting innovations, tuition costs will continue to rise.”

Students, just like other consumers, still can take certain measures to pro-
vide themselves with some financial security. The most important task is to
include savings as a part of a basic budget, along with rent and food, Ratafjaczk
says.

“Savings is critical!” he emphasizes, advising that consumers immediately
put a portion of each paycheck into a readily available account. Once you’ve
set aside six months’ worth of income, Ratafjaczk says, “you’ll know how is to
invest. According to Ratafjaczk, investment opportunities are good now because stock
prices are low.”

“These cycles happen,” he explains. “It’s not as damaging and critical as students
think. It happens and it will go away. Don’t sit and wait for this to end. Do what you can in this environment.”

When asked what students can do to help the economy, Ratafjaczk is quick
to answer.

“Study hard. Increase your human capital, and then, when the economy improves, find the best way to use it. If students can do those three things
(save, invest and study), then the long run of this economy is assured. That’s
how we get our future.”

CONSIDER THE ALTERNATIVES—Agribusiness professor Dr. Cliff Ricketts,
center right, explains the workings of an SUV modified to run on alternative-energy sources to U.S. Sen.
Bob Corker, center left, and state Sen. Jim Tracy, center, as MTSU students and staff look on.

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Don’t sit and wait for this to end. Do what you can.
Dr. Donald Ratafjaczk, economic forecaster

Consider the alternatives—Dr. Cliff Ricketts, center right, explains the workings of an SUV modified to run on alternative energy sources to U.S. Sen. Bob Corker, center left, and state Sen. Jim Tracy, center, as MTSU students and staff look on.

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**Choirs needed for professor’s new indie film**

by Gina K. Logue

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Local gospel choirs who want to reach a wider audience are invited to try out for a new independent movie, “The New, True Charlie Wu,” written and directed by Dr. Bob Pondillo, electronic media communication professor.

Auditions are slated for Monday, Oct. 20, Wednesday, Oct. 22, and Friday, Oct. 24 from 6 to 10 p.m. in Studio C on the first floor of the John Bragg Mass Communication Building.

Pondillo is the creative force behind three independent films—“Would You Cry If I Died?” “My Name is Wallace,” and “Wait……” “Wallace” and “Wait……” were accepted at the Cannes Film Festival in France.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity for your group to get more exposure,” says Pondillo. “We’re looking for exciting, up-tempo, soulful singers who can project a lot of positive energy.”

Each choir will have about 15 minutes to perform, and choirs may choose their own audition material.

To make an appointment for an audition, or for more information, contact Veronica Privett at 615-898-7024.

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**Students can get free rides to early-voting site downtown**

MTSU students who want to participate in early voting in the 2008 election can get free transportation to the Rutherford County Election Commission Office on Murfreesboro’s Public Square via Raider Express this month.

Early voting in Tennessee began Oct. 15 and continues through Friday, Oct. 30.

The schedule for the rides, provided by the American Democracy Project, is:
- **Tuesday, Oct. 21** —5 p.m. pick-up in front of James Union Building; pick-up at the square at 6:15 p.m. to return to campus.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 22**—8:30 a.m. pick-up in front of the JUB; pick-up at the square at 9:45 a.m. to return to campus.
- **Monday, Oct. 27** —10 a.m. pick-up in front of the JUB; pick-up at the square at 11:15 a.m. to return to campus.
- **Thursday, Oct. 30**—3 p.m. pick-up in front of the JUB; pick-up at the square at 4:15 p.m. to return to campus.

For more information, contact ADP coordinator Dr. Jim Williams at 615-898-2632 or jwilliams@mtsu.edu. The ADP Web site is www.mtsu.edu/ademocracy.

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**Human-rights scholar to deliver Strickland lecture**

by Lisa L. Rollins

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Dr. Carol Anderson, an author and human-rights scholar, will deliver the 2008 Strickland Visiting Scholar Lecture in History at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 in the State Farm Lecture Hall of the Business and Aerospace Building.

The topic of Anderson’s talk will be “Race(e)ing Human Rights: The Role of Jim Crow in Shaping the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights.”

“Dr. Anderson’s scholarship on the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights is part of an important and growing body of literature that places the American Civil Rights movement in the context of international politics at that time,” said Dr. Pippa Holloway, MTSU assistant professor of history.

“Defenders of racism in the United States resisted efforts to strengthen the U.N. Declaration,” Anderson added, “while the NAACP pushed the United Nations investigate segregation and lynchings in the U.S.”


In Anderson’s upcoming book, *Bourgeois Radicals: The NAACP and the Struggle for Colonial Liberation, 1941-1960*, she reportedly will uncover the long-hidden role of the national most powerful civil rights organization in fighting for the liberation of people of color in Africa and Asia.”

Aside from her free public Strickland lecture at MTSU, Anderson also will meet for formal and informal classes and workshops with undergraduates, graduates and faculty.

MPS students interested in participating in the Strickland Visiting Scholar Program can fill out the sign-up sheet available at the Business and Aerospace Building. An email address is required for the Strickland Visiting Scholar Program.

For more information, contact Dr. Anderson at rollins@mtsu.edu.
I n early September, MTSU was activated to serve as an American Red Cross emergency shelter for the first time to serve Hurricane Gustav evacuees. The Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center was converted into an emergency shelter to house the 450 evacuees, and the entire MTSU community pitched in to help.

Ray Wiley, associate director for campus recreation and a 21-year volunteer with the American Red Cross, says he’s pleased with the way things turned out, especially since there was no time to perform a disaster simulation before the shelter was used. During the evacuees’ stay at MTSU, they received three meals a day; medical attention; basic amenities such as toothbrushes and clothes; access to bathroom facilities; Internet access; cots, blankets and pillows; laundry facilities; entertainment; and as much information that was known to the Red Cross and the shelter volunteers.

“We couldn’t have done it without the help and support from local businesses, churches, medical personnel, MTSU, and all of the volunteers,” Wiley says.

The overwhelming response from the surrounding community made it possible for children to play games, watch movies and enjoy bedtime stories, he says. People received medication, basic medical treatment and transportation to and from medical facilities. Hospitals even donated beds to the shelter for those who needed them. Volunteers from First Baptist Church and Adams Place took care of evacuees’ laundry with donated washers and dryers, while Aramark provided enough food to serve 1,500 meals daily to the evacuees.

After six days at MTSU, Wiley says, evacuees enjoyed a hot breakfast at 2 a.m. Sept. 6 and received boxed lunches at 4 a.m. They boarded nine buses and headed home. By Sept. 7, the Recreation Center was cleaned and back in full swing.

More than 10 different agencies and around 100 spontaneous volunteers were able to pull together and coordinate their services to make the first-time shelter a success. According to Wiley, it will be a long time before MTSU will be used as a shelter again, enabling other communities to take their turn during disasters and giving the university time to evaluate its performance and make necessary changes to the emergency shelter plan. Volunteers also need time to be trained and even become certified by the American Red Cross.

Wiley says he’d like to offer “a tremendous thanks” to:

• the American Red Cross and its Tennessee chapter;
• the American Red Cross and its Tennessee chapter;
• Rutherford County and Tennessee Emergency Management teams and Rutherford County Emergency Medical Services;
• local hospitals and personnel;
• state and local police officers;
• Aramark Custodial and Food Services;
• Best Buy, Walgreen’s, Wal-Mart and Target; and
• the MTSU community and all the volunteers.

The Red Cross Heart of Tennessee Chapter needs to replenish resources, he adds, and no donation is too small. Donating blood, writing a check or getting certified as a disaster-relief volunteer are significant ways to help friends and neighbors in need.

If you would like to become a volunteer, contact Ray Wiley at 615-898-2104 or raywiley@mtsu.edu. You also may contact the local Red Cross chapter at 615-893-4272.