A $3.6 million bequest left by MTSU alumnus Emmett Kennon, who passed away last October at the age of 94, will benefit the university in the form of student scholarships and enhancements to MTSU athletics.

“Of the total $3.6 million, about $3 million was earmarked for scholarships, and $600,000 was given to the athletic department to use at their discretion to meet program needs,” said Joe Bales, vice president for development and university relations.

“Since we have actually received part of this settlement of the Kennon estate, we have already made plans on how we would utilize the funds. We’re looking forward to fulfilling the vision that Mr. Kennon had for the university.”

“This is a transformational gift,” Bales added. “This will provide opportunities for literally thousands upon thousands of students for generations to come.”

Kennon’s vision came into focus early on, Bales said, recalling the time two years ago when the Class of 1938 baseball and football letterman met Bales for breakfast and reflected on his beloved alma mater.

“He was really struck by the fact that we had moved up in stature, that we had risen to a whole new level of excellence,” Bales noted. “That excited him. As Mr. Kennon was one of the first ones in his family to attend college, he understood that many students needed some help. Helping others was Mr. Kennon’s vision came into focus early on, Bales said, recalling the time two years ago when the Class of 1938 baseball and football letterman met Bales for breakfast and reflected on his beloved alma mater.

“It’s important for students to participate in democracy, and it’s important for people to be engaged in society in order for democracy to work,” says Dr. Stephen Morris, department chair.

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“Visiting Cuban scholar Rodrigo González will tackle a timely topic on Monday, Sept. 27, with a special MTSU lecture, “Cuba at a Crossroads,” aimed at sparking interest in Cuba within our Caribbean neighbor.

“The next day, González will kick off the first of several planned meetings on educational exchanges between MTSU and the University of Havana with discussions planned especially for students and faculty.

“Formerly the director of Cuba programs for Global Exchange Inc. and the current Cuba program director for Girosal, a nonprofit study-abroad project based in San Francisco, González will speak Sept. 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Cantrell Hall in the Tom H. Jackson Building. That lecture and discussion, which is open to the campus community and the public, will be followed by a catered reception.

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“He will also address the challenges Cuba faces in the 52nd year of its Marxist revolution. We hope that his talk will spark interest in Cuba within the MTSU community in a spirit of congenial, forward-minded discussion.”
Travel abroad widens Honors dean’s perspective

by Dr. John R. Vile
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When I chaired the Department of Political Science, I was consistently able to report in our newsletters that my faculty members had made trips to Europe, Asia, Africa and South America at a time when my own out-of-state trips were typically confined to visits to my parents in Shenandoah Valley. As dean of the University Honors College, I now frequently encourage our students to travel and study abroad.

This summer, my wife and I were privileged to make our first trip abroad in more than 20 years when we joined a group, largely from MTSU’s Blue Raider Battalion, on a trip to Turkey. We began the visits in Turkey in Istanbul (the old city of Constantinople) and made sightseeing forays into Ephesus, Ismer ( Smyrna), Kaiseri, Konya and the Cappadocia area. We visited two Turkish universities, two high schools, a hospital and media outlets (where we appeared briefly on a cooking show), many supported by M. Fetullah Gülen, about whom I am writing a paper.

It was amazing to visit a land where history is often measured in millennia rather than in decades and centuries. The mosques and churches of Istanbul were phenomenal. I was especially fascinated by the ruins of Ephesus, where the Apostle Paul once preached, and by the unusual rock formations and early churches of Cappadocia, built deep into rocks and filled with beautiful murals of the life of Jesus and the early disciples.

I may have had the most fun visiting a host family and talking with a ninth-grade boy and his younger sister. Living a world away, he knew more about the Boston Celtics, the Houston Rockets and the Simpsons than I did. I tried to help his sister, who wants one day to become a psychiatrist, hypnotize him to obey her, with little apparent success but with more than enough mirth for both of us.

My trip helped confirm the truism that the world is getting smaller, and it reinforced my desire to see that the Honors College both prepares students to understand and to interact with other cultures and to send more to study abroad. Our trip took place during the Fourth of July holiday, and I was fascinated when a higher-education administrator reported that his university did not like to send its graduate students to the United States because they tended to stay there. It is amazing to think that with its freedoms and opportunities, the United States continues to serve as a magnet for the best and brightest students throughout the world. I hope that the Honors College will serve as a similar beacon to lure the best students from throughout the state, region, nation and, ultimately, even from foreign nations.

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Cadets will help ‘map’ girls’ futures at EYH

by Randy Weller
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Courtney Fultz has a longstanding fondness and passion for MTSU’s Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics.

She attended with a Girl Scout group as a sixth-grader in 2000, and her association with EYH did not end there. For the past four years, she has helped girls map out their futures.

The Murfreesboro native, who is a senior recreational-therapy major and ROTC minor, will supervise a team of Blue Raider Battalion cadet presenters who will lead the workshops, said Cadets will help ‘map’ girls’ futures at EYH.

Fultz, who plans to graduate in August 2011 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, has devised “a list of topics for each class, which we do several times in the spring and fall.”

Several of the classes are taught in the classroom, but using a magnetic compass, Fultz said, “can assist the girls at the different stations we have set up for map reading and compass. Also, they volunteer to get experience teaching a class, which we do several times in ROTC.”

Fultz said her presentation has so many participants because “they can assist the girls at the different stations we have set up for map reading and compass. Also, they volunteer to get experience teaching a class, which we do several times in ROTC.”

The presentation consists of teaching young ladies how to read a topographic map and how to use a magnetic compass,” said Fultz, who will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, has devised “a list of topics for each class, which we do several times in the spring and fall.”

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The fifth annual “Evening of Swing” gala, a fundraising dinner/dance event, will get under way at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at a new location—the Stones River Country Club.

MTSU’s Friends of Music committee members said the evening’s entertainment will feature the big-band music of the 1930s and ’40s, as performed by MTSU’s two jazz ensembles with MTSU music faculty members Don Aliquo and Jamey Simmons directing.

“The Friends’ annual “Evening of Swing” galas have drawn large numbers of community members to enjoy the pre-reception, dinner, dancing and fellowship,” said Dr. George T. Riordan, director of the MTSU School of Music.

“We have a number of big-band music scores for our ensembles that will be familiar to everyone who enjoys swing music, including hits by the likes of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and Tommy Dorsey, so bring your dancing shoes.

“The Stones River Country Club is a great place for dancing and enjoying music,” he added. “People have been very impressed with the authentic and danceable swing provided by our students in the MTSU jazz ensembles … (so) this is a wonderful forum to introduce the high quality of our musicians to people who haven’t yet enjoyed concerts at the School of Music.”

Riordan said the Friends of Music was designed to encourage community members to take advantage of more than 200 concerts presented annually at MTSU and to enable the school to better provide services and opportunities to community members as well as provide guidance to the school with a community perspective.

“Proceeds from last year’s ‘Evening of Swing’ made it possible for some 40 or 50 of our students to take advantage of professional opportunities that they otherwise would have to miss. We’re grateful for the foundation that our patrons provide to help for us in our mission of serving students, MTSU and state and local communities.”

MTSU’s “Evening of Swing” organizing committee members include Liz Rhea, Shirley LaRoche, Martha Curl, Bobbie and John Duke, Brenda McFarlin, Margie Spangler, Veronica Milnar, Linda Palmer, Robbie Hooper and Aimee Holt. Representing MTSU on the committee are Riordan, Aliquo, Connie Huddleston, Robyn Kilpatrick, Deanna Hahn and Claudette Northcutt.

Individual tickets for “Evening of Swing,” which includes dinner and a gala evening of music and dancing, are $100 per person; $50 is tax-deductible. Tables seating eight are available for $800 ($400 is tax-deductible), and patron and major sponsor tables are available for $1,000, $2,500 and $5,000.

To help people polish their moves, as well as learn the basics, a free group swing-dance lesson session will be led by Becky and Justin Ward at the Dance Learning Resources Center. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information on “Evening of Swing” or the Friends of Music, including ticket inquiries, please contact Claudette Northcutt at 615-898-5924.
Monday, Sept. 20
Guest Bassoon Recital: Amy Marinello
6 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
Faculty Flute Recital: Deanna Little
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2493.

MTSU Wind Ensemble
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsumusic.com.

Tuesday, Sept. 21
TIAA-CREF Meetings
8 a.m.-5 p.m. (appointment only), Room 313, Keathley University Center
To schedule appointments, contact: 666-842-2336.

Faculty Recital:
Tanya Lawson, clarinet; Jessica Dunnavant, flute
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsumusic.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 22
MTeach Center Open House
3-4:30 p.m., Room 123, Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building
For information, see page 7 or contact: 615-898-5786.

NPR’s Nina Totenberg, “Establishing Justice: The New Supreme Court”
4:30 p.m., Tucker Theatre
No admission charge
For information, see page 6 or contact: 615-904-8241.

Thursday, Sept. 23
School of Agribusiness and Agriscience Ag Field Day
4-7 p.m., Ag Lab Farm, 3001 Guy James Road
For information, see page 7 or contact: 615-898-2523.

Free Legal Clinic
sponsored by the June Anderson Center for Nontraditional Students 3:30-8 p.m., KUC 320
Open to all MTSU personnel; appointments required
For information, contact: 615-898-2193.

Friday, Sept. 24
18th Annual Economic Outlook Conference
8:15 a.m., Embassy Suites Conference Center
Admission: $50, MTSU faculty attend free; register by Sept. 17
For information, contact: 615-898-2764.

Fall Preview Day
for new and transfer students and parents
9 a.m., Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center
For information, see page 6 or contact: 615-898-2111.

Saturday, Sept. 25
Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics Conference
For information, see page 2, visit www.mtsu.edu/lath
or contact: 615-904-8253.

Sunday, Sept. 26
MTSU Wind Ensemble
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsumusic.com.

Monday, Sept. 27
Fall Honors Lecture Series: Dr. Yuan-ling Chao, “Confucianism and the Scientific Tradition in China”
3-5:30 p.m., Honors Center Open House
For information, contact: 615-898-2130.

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Wednesday, Sept. 22, for the Oct. 4 edition of The Record or 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, for the Oct. 18 Record. Thanks!
The Kennons donated $1.5 million to construct the building adjacent to Murphy Center that bears their names.

Finally, $100,000 of the amount designated for athletics will go toward a student-athlete scholarship.

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Morris says the Department of Political Science has an excellent record of placing students in internships with public defenders’ offices, district attorneys’ offices and political campaigns and with legislative bodies in Nashville and in Washington, D.C. He says the experience can help lead to permanent positions after graduation.

“The job opportunities that are going to be out there, the new jobs that have to be created to replace the ones that are being lost in the near future, coalesce with the types of changes that we make in terms of public policy,” Morris says.

The professor notes, however, that communication, managerial, planning and analytical skills learned via the minor apply to a wide range of professions, not just those directly involved with shaping public policy.

“Every field that you go into has some type of political dimension to it,” Morris adds.

Merely voting in elections is not a sufficient definition of good citizenship, the chairman notes, admitting that higher education hasn’t done an adequate job of communicating that fact over the years.

The professor notes that he’s learned via the minor that the degree of polarization that we’ve reached in this country has indicated to people that if you just leave it for others to resolve these political problems, they probably won’t be resolved in a way that’s satisfactory to oneself,” Morris says.

For more information about the Political and Civic Engagement minor, contact the MTSU Department of Political Science at 615-898-2708.

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Team player

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GREAT WORK!—Colleagues in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures join the celebration as Executive Aide Ruth Watson, CPS, center front, accepts a plaque as the latest quarterly Secretarial/Clerical Award winner from department chair Dr. Joan McBae, left; and Michelle Blackwell, right, director of Transfer Student Services and chair of MTSU’s Employee Recognition Committee. MTSU’s Employee Recognition Committee salutes staffers who make outstanding contributions and demonstrate excellence in their roles. To nominate an administrative, secretarial/clerical, classified or technical/service co-worker for the award program, go to www.mtsu.edu/hr/relations/recog.shtml.

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engagement and exchange.”

González, a native of Cuba who lives in Havana, has been active in research, consulting and coordinating exchange programs in Cuba for 18 years and also is now a researcher for Proyecto Espiral, a youth organization affiliated with the Cuban Ministry of Culture. Since 2000, his research has focused primarily on U.S.-Cuba relations, social and environmental development in Cuba and coordinating academic and educational programs for U.S. universities and colleges.

On Tuesday, Sept. 28, González will lead a pair of “Study Abroad in Cuba” meetings in Room 5-128 of the Business and Aerospace Building. The first session, scheduled for 4:15 to 5 p.m., is especially for students, while the 5-5:30 p.m. meeting is geared toward faculty.

“Mr. González will be speaking to faculty and students about what programs are currently possible and what programs may be possible in the near future, if certain political changes initiated under the Obama administration continue,” said Morris. “Bring your questions and get the scoop on some exciting opportunities. Graduate students are especially encouraged to attend.”

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NPR’s Totenberg plans Sept. 22 lecture on ‘New Supreme Court’ to cap Constitution Week events

To celebrate Constitution Week, the MTSU Department of History and Political Science is bringing NPR’s Nina Totenberg to campus for a lecture on the U.S. Constitution.

The legal-affairs correspondent has won every major journalism award in broadcasting and was the first radio broadcaster of the Year. Her most recent accolade was the 2010 Edward R. Murrow Award from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Totenberg’s lecture caps a week of events at MTSU celebrating the 223rd anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

On Thursday, Sept. 16, MTSU planned to celebrate with screen-printing demonstrations by Printer’s Proof, a student printing association; a voter-registration booth; and public signings of a reproduction of the Constitution from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Keathley University Center Knoll.

The university’s Franklin replica press was to print copies of the Constitution at the James E. Walker Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that same day.

And on Friday, Sept. 17, the actual signing date of the document, MTSU community members planned to read the Constitution aloud at 10 a.m. on the KUC Knoll.

For more information, e-mail amerdem@mtsu.edu or visit www.mtsu.edu/admisson.

Audiences to join webcasts

This fall’s Satellite and Webcasting Center at MTSU’s series of television programs for kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers has a new side benefit: MTSU students, faculty and staff are invited to attend as part of the live studio audience.

All of the one-hour programs, which will air at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, will be presented in McWherter Learning Resources Center Room 101T, which is located on the mezzanine level above the LRC Computer Lab.

The extremely popular programs for K-12 students resume Tuesday, Sept. 21, with “The Birth of Impressionism: Masterpieces from the Musée d’Orsay.” Andrea Steele, educator for teacher and school programs for the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, will be the presenter.

Other student program dates include prerecorded shows on Oct. 19 and Nov. 2 and live shows on Tuesdays, Oct. 12 and 26, Nov. 9 and 16 and on Thursdays, Oct. 14, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. All live shows start at 9 a.m.

The Oct. 14, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 shows are Colonial Williamsburg electronic field trips, which are live, interactive programs produced by Colonial Williamsburg.

The first tour will depart the building upon arrival in the Rec Center lobby. Special guests should come to the center to check in for their tour, which generally includes stops at Walker Library, the John Bragg Mass Communication Building, Business and Aerospace Building, Keathley University Center and one of the residence halls.

After the tour, visitors will return to the Rec Center and participate in an academic open house, where representatives from the Admissions Office, the academic colleges, Financial Aid, Housing and Residential Life, Transfer Student Services and Student Programming will be available to answer questions and provide insight about all that MTSU has to offer, Arnold said.

Those interested in attending a Fall Preview Day must register online at www.mtsu.edu/admissions, then click on “Special Events.”

Tours and Fall Preview Days, please call 615-898-2111. 
A n update on the new dairy and other livestock projects will help jump-start the MTSU School of Agribusiness and Agriscience’s third annual Ag Field Day.

The event, which will be held at the university’s agricultural laboratory farm at 3001 Guy James Road, is set for Thursday, Sept. 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. A meal will be served at 6 p.m. The MTSU community and general public are invited, but reservations are required so event planners can have a head count for the meal.

Please call 615-898-2523 to register or for more information.

“It’s an exciting time in the life of the MTSU ag program,” said Dr. Warren Gill, the school’s director. “We want to share what’s happening with as many of our supporters and area farmers as we can.”

The new dairy and livestock projects update by Gill and Tim Redd, Farm Lab manager, will be followed by a report on what’s taking place with student gardens, nursery, farmer’s market and new strawberry project, Gill said.

John Hood, director of community relations and government for MTSU’s Division of Development and University Relations and a former state representative, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Commissioner Ken Givens of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture plans to attend, Gill said, adding that state support for the program—nearly $70,000 to date—is expected to increase by nearly $40,000 next year. The state department’s Tennessee Ag Enhancement Program will be featured at the event, Gill said.

Beginning at 5 p.m., tours will include:
• garden, nursery and compost sites, led by Drs. Nate Phillips and Warren Anderson and MTSU students;
• switchgrass, bluestem and alfalfa fields, led by Dr. Patrick Keyser of the University of Tennessee’s Institute of Agriculture and Agriculture Extension Agent Mitchell Mote, along with Redd, Danny Troup and their farm equipment; and
• beehives, led by Ed Holcombe.

As of press time, event sponsors include Rutherford Farm Bureau, Farm Credit Services, CPC Commodities, Cargill/Nutrena, Boehringer Ingelheim, TriGreen Equipment (John Deere), Rutherford Farmers Co-Op, Precision Air Inc., Intervet Schering-Plough and Hooper Supply.

AROTC adds to ranks with new cadets

by Randy Weiler
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S everal new cadets recently were sworn in to the MTSU Army ROTC program’s Blue Raider Battalion, bringing the total number of cadets to about 170, said Department of Military Science officials.

During the short ceremony, held just outside Forrest Hall, Lt. Col. T.K. Kast, professor of military science, encouraged the seven to “stick with it.”

“We give them a lot of challenges,” Kast said. “A lot of them are freshmen. A lot of them are new to college. They have the challenge of college; now they have the challenge of ROTC, plus, they have to bring something to the table.”

The new group, which had to pass the Army Physical Fitness Test, includes cadets:
• Brandon Pearson, a junior from Manchester, Tenn., majoring in construction management, who said, “I’ve always wanted to be in the Army because it is the best place for me to develop as an engineer”;
• Austin Blanchard, a junior electro-mechanical engineering-technology major from Franklin, Tenn., who said, “I joined Army ROTC because the educational benefits are great and there is no better place to develop myself as a leader”;
• Jared Blanchett, a sophomore French major from Chapel Hill, Tenn., who said, “I am in ROTC because I feel it’s the best place to further my education and opportunities”;
• Wesley Smitty, a freshman exercise-science major from Smyrna, Tenn., who said, “I joined Army ROTC because being a soldier has always been an aspiration of mine”;
• Caleb Jennings, a freshman criminal-justice major from Smyrna, who said, “The Army is another challenge mine”;
• Jared Marlett, a junior business major from Jonesboro, Tenn., who said, “I joined Army ROTC because becoming an Army officer is a challenge I’d like to conquer”;
• Jeremy Blattler, a junior history major from Henderson, Tenn., who said, “I joined Army ROTC because becoming an Army officer is a challenge I’d like to take on”; and
• Michael Graham, a sophomore history major from Centerville, Tenn., who said, “I am here because I want to share my enlisted experiences with the officer corps.”

MTeach Center sets open house to greet campus

L eaders of the first-year MTeach program want to introduce themselves to campus and plan to do so with an open house.

The MTeach Center open house will be held Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Room 123 of the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, said Program Coordinator Leigh Gostowski. The event is open to the MTSU community.

“The open house is intended to introduce the university community, including students, to the MTeach program, let them see where we are located and meet the staff,” Gostowski said. “We will have MTeach students on hand, demonstrating science and math activities that represent best practices in inquiry education.”

Master Teacher Sally Millsap joined the MTeach staff during the summer. Dr. Amy Phelps, a professor in the chemistry department, serves as director.

Last fall, the university received a five-year, $1.925 million grant to launch MTeach, a replicate of the nationally recognized UTeach program started at the University of Texas at Austin in 1997.

When the program was announced, Dr. Tom Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, said UTeach “fundamentally changes the way high-school math and science teachers are trained.”

UTeach recruits strong math and science majors with a chance to try out teaching for free through a pair of one-credit freshman courses that help prepare and deliver an active-learning lesson for elementary- and middle-school students. UTeach supports content knowledge and early engagement of future kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers.

MTeach is a partnership between the Colleges of Education and Basic and Applied Sciences.
Petersen to ‘challenge’ Buchanan Fellows Oct. 1

by Randy Weiler
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D r. Karen Petersen, an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science, will deliver the Challenge to the Buchanan Fellows’ Class of 2010. Petersen’s remarks will come during the Buchanan Fellows’ Inauguration, which will be held beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, in the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building.

Twenty freshmen Fellows will be recognized during the invitation-only formal ceremony, said Dr. John Vile, dean of the University Honors College.

“This is the most formal event we hold for the incoming class of Buchanan Fellows,” Vile said. “The Buchanan is the most prestigious academic scholarship given on campus. This is the formal way to emphasize the meaning of the scholarship.”

Vile added that President Sidney A. McPhee and his wife, Liz, usually host the Buchanan Fellows with a dinner in their home. No date has been set for this event.

Collectively, the students, who represent three states and 11 cities in Tennessee, have an average score of 32.9 on their ACT exam and a high-school GPA of 3.918, Vile said.

The Buchanan Fellows is named in honor of Dr. James M. Buchanan, an MTSU alumnus and Nobel Prize recipient.

First-year Provost Dr. Brad Bartel plans to attend, along with McPhee; both will offer a welcome. Honors students Kaileen Beck and Leland Waite will share their MTSU experiences with the new Buchanan Fellows.

Dr. Scott Carnicom, Honors College associate dean, will provide the introduction of the Book of Town and Gown and then have the freshmen participate in the ceremonial signing.

Honor faculty member Dr. Angela Hague will lead the recitation of the Honors Creed.

The 2010-11 freshman class of Buchanan Fellows includes Emilie Ann Aslinger of Kingston, Tenn.; Joe Scott Ballard of Columbia, Tenn.; Patrick Daniels of Knoxville; John Michael Griner of Kingston; Ashlin Powell Harris of Morristown, Tenn.; Lorel Joy Holsinger of Summertown, Tenn.; Meredith Lynn Holt of Collinwood, Tenn.; Greta Louise Jochmann of Oak Ridge; Cory Matthew Long of Franklin, Tenn.; Tyler Brooke Louchy of Murfreesboro; Cedar Nathaniel Mittig of Franklin; Robert Daniel Murphy of Murfreesboro; Tyler Patrick Phillips of Knoxville; Courtney Anne Rodman of Jackson, Mo.; Amanda Patrice Scott of Brentwood; Lauren Janelle Smith of Waynesboro, Tenn.; Joshua Timothy Stein of Dover, Del.; Zach Bevins Stevens of Murfreesboro; Katelyn Meredith Stringer of Smyrna; and Victoria Elizabeth Worrell of Murfreesboro.