

CAN DO NEWS

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Employee Appreciation Day and Food Drive May 20, 2008



Join us for a Picnic in the Walnut Grove (area between Peck Hall and Cope) on Tuesday , May 20th. We will be eating from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Also, we will be having Badminton , Horse Shoes, Bingo, and music performed by MTSU Crew members.

We will be having a breakfast in the Hazelwood Dining Room of the James Union Building for those Crew members who work the night shift. The breakfast will be from 6:00 am to 7:30 am on Tuesday, May 20th.

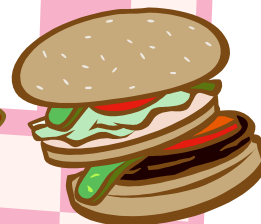
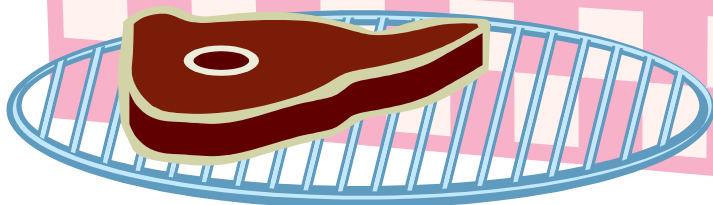
The rain location for the Picnic is the Tennessee Room in the James Union Building.



MENU FOR PICNIC

BREAKFAST: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Sausage, Home fried Potatoes, Grits, Fresh Fruit, Biscuits & Muffins, Buttermilk Pancakes, Battered French Toast, Coffee & Juice.

LUNCH: 1/4 BBQ Chicken, Pork BBQ Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit, Corn Muffins, Cookie Bars, Lemonade, and Iced Tea.



FOOD DRIVE AT PICNIC

Belle Air Baptist Church food ministry will rejoice in our campaign to feed the hungry. As you know, Tennessee food banks are experiencing a food drought and our national food banks are as well. Our food banks continues to meet the high demands in our community and it helps ease the burden of some local ministries and food banks. We would like to ask everyone that can bring at least one of these items listed below to the picnic. There will be several boxes on Campus to put them in. Together we can make a difference.

Here are some (non-perishable) food items :

Peanut Butter, Canned fruits, soups, and vegetables, Canned meats, Spaghetti & Sauce, Marconi dinners, Rice, Beans, Cereals, Dry Milk, Instant Potatoes, Crackers, Jell-O-Pudding

New Members

Stephen Harley Peterson - Energy Services

Amie Louise Chandler - Ground Services

Kenneth Robinson - Murphy Center Custodial

Jonthan D. Leverette - Public Safety

Jeffrey Clay Martinez - Public Safety

Daniel L. Walters - Receiving & Moving Service

2008 Employee Recognition Award Reception

Karen Milstead won the 2008 Administrative Employee of the Year Award. **Lisa Batey**, **Nina Lee**, and **Nancy Weatherly** were also recognized for their outstanding work in administration.

Rodney Clinton won the 2008 Technical/Service Employee of the Year Award. **Forrest Higginbotham** was also recognized for his exemplary service.

Craig McDaniel won the 2008 Classified Employee of the Year Award. **Betty Dunn** and **Charles Fitch** were also recognized for their hard work and diligent effort.

Karen Burks, **Mary Glass**, **Rachel Huggins**, **Lori Pugh**, and **Donna Reed** were also recognized for their outstanding service in secretarial/clerical work.

Each person was nominated by his or her fellow employees for their outstanding contributions and excellent performance in fulfilling their roles at Middle Tennessee State University.

Message from the VP, John W. Cothorn

As we begin our summer on campus and wherever you may plan for a vacation or other activities, I sincerely hope that you take time to reflect on all of the blessing that we have. With the current economy many of our friends have been confronted with new challenges that no one welcomes. My sincere desire is that the bumps in the road ahead are few for all of us and MTSU.

I believe though that we had very good fall and spring semesters especially since MTSU continues to grow. Growth as I have said many times is good but creates many opportunities and challenges that we must meet head-on in order to keep MTSU at the forefront of being the largest undergraduate university in the state.

Concerning budgets and a possible salary increase, it is beginning to not look very promising. Even though Governor Bredesen included a 2% salary increase in his January 2008 budget proposal, we have been advised that salary increases will most likely not be included in his revised budget that he will soon be submitting to the legislature.

Equally disheartening is the news of possible base budget cuts for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. MTSU had no new operating funds in Governor Bredesen's January proposed budget but to now have cuts will cause some issues for us. We will not, however, just sit down and complain. That would not help anything. We just may need to work a little harder.

Obviously academics and student support programs will have to be the least affected but we will still do our best to accomplish the mission and goals of MTSU. So please keep a positive attitude.

President McPhee should send out a campus wide e-mail advising on the budget once approved by the legislature and final approval is made by the Tennessee Board of Regents at the end of June.

Now on a more positive note, please be sure to attend the Business and Finance Employee Appreciation Day breakfast or picnic on May 20th as applicable to your work schedule. Also, your support of the food donation project would be appreciated.

Further, I do want to thank this year's retirees (Charles Cantrell, Fannie Carney, John Downs, James Mason, and Dottie McCallie) for their more than 115 years of service to our division and MTSU. We wish them the best in their retirement.

As always, if you have any issues or concerns, please feel free to talk to your supervisor, department head or myself as needed and appropriate.

I personally appreciate your commitment and loyalty to MTSU. You should know too that Dr. McPhee had many good words of praise for the Can Do Crew during our recent budget hearing. He and his cabinet all appreciate your efforts to make MTSU a great place to work.

Phillips Bookstore and Lightning's Locker Room would like to **THANK** everyone for coming to our April Fool's Day Sale. We appreciate all your business and support.

Welcome



Bethany Arnold, ([Parking Services](#)) and her husband Jeramy welcome daughter Ella Jean Arnold born February 19, 2008.

Li Liu, ([Business Office](#)) and her husband Weiguo Chen welcome son Bill Zexi Chen born February 19, 2008.

Ben Jones, ([Business Office](#)) and his wife Helen are expecting their first child in October.

Kristi Haney, ([Business Office](#)) and her husband David welcome their daughter Chloe Madison Haney born April 9, 2008.

Tracy Read, ([Parking Services](#)) and her husband Jack welcome their daughter Chelsea Elizabeth Read born March 26, 2008.

Congratulations



Vicki Mooneyham , ([Phillips Bookstore](#)) and Johnny Pitts were married February 15, 2008. Congratulation Johnny & Vicki Pitts.

Crew Members in the News

- **Emma Haynes**, ([Business Office](#)) was promoted to Financial Analyst II.
- **Ben Jones**, ([Business Office](#)) attended a workshop in Atlanta, Ga.
- **Earl Harris**, ([Phillips Bookstore](#)) attended CAMEX- College Association Meeting Expo 2008 Annual meeting in SanAntonio, Tx.
- **Jeff Whitwell**, **Melisa Warner**, and **Sara Hamlett**, ([Phillips Bookstore](#)) also attended ICBA - Independent College Bookstore Association in Destin, Florida.
- **Kathy Jones**, ([Phillips Bookstore](#)) her daughter Jenifer Jones , Senior Education and Behavioral Science Major, received both the Buleah Davis Scholarship and the Glen Reeder Scholarship.
- **Jack Stevens**, ([Livestock Center](#)) is now the Tennessee Livestock Center's new Assistant Manager.
- **Jim Roland**, ([Miller Coliseum](#)) is now the new Assistant Manager.
- **Scott Whaley**, ([Parking Services](#)) congratulations on his new position as Raider Xpress Supervisor.