



Can Do Crew News

Employee Appreciation Day

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Can Do Crew Bowling Night

Tuesday, April 19th.

Murfreesboro Strike and
Spare

5:30 to 7:30 pm

Make your reservations
by Monday, April 4th

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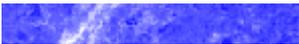
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(a deposit is required)

Come pick up your new **Can Do Crew** shirt and join us for a Picnic in the Walnut Grove (area between Peck Hall and Cope) on Wednesday, May 4th. We will be eating from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Also, there will be music performed by several members of the Crew.

We will have 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 8:00 am on Wednesday, May 4th.

The rain location for the Picnic is the Tennessee Room of the James Union building.



Message from the VP John W. Cothern

Spring is here and we will soon be mowing grass and deeply involved in all those other wonderful outside chores. That means our academic year is nearly over and we can start anew with summer classes and preparation for the fall. There is, however, many more tasks and events to handle. At least TSSAA has come and gone.

In all seriousness this has been a good year for MTSU in many regards including increased enrollment. Our continuous growth has benefited the University in many respects but also brought many challenges. The Can Do Crew as usual has and will continue to handle well our part of those growing pains.

As you know, Governor Bredesen has proposed a 1% salary increase and 1% bonus for all state employees including higher education. Hopefully there will be no budget problems to affect them. We are not sure at this point if the University will be able to enhance those salary items but let's keep our fingers crossed.

The Business and Finance Employee Appreciation Day will be on May 4th. Be sure to attend and make sure there are no leftovers. The Image Committee is also working on other events for our Crew.

As part of our commitment to continuous quality service, we need to hear about any concerns or recommendations that you have. Therefore, your support of the Image Committee and the Business and Finance Council is vital by providing input.

Lastly, as always, you being a Business and Finance employee and everything that you do for MTSU is most appreciated.

Whether you think you can or think you can't- you are right.
Henry Ford

<http://www.heartsandminds.org/quotes/quotes.htm>



Franklin Press Complete

Can Do Crew members **Ronnie Cook, Jeff Henderson** and **Keith Jenkins** have completed construction of the replica of the Ben Franklin Press and it has printed it's first copy. The press was built based on plans from the book "The Common Press: Being a Record, Description, and Delineation of the Early Eighteenth-Century Handpress in the Smithsonian Institution" written by Elizabeth M. Harris and Clinton Sisson. The project was funded by a grant from the Special Projects Committee of the MTSU Foundation. Several groups worked together to see the completion of the project. They are Audio Visual Services, Book Arts program, Engineering Technology and Industrial Studies Department, Facilities Services and the Library.

The press is made of cured chestnut and oak which was obtained from a company in Virginia. The chestnut timbers had evidence of being worked on by hand tools and probably came from the early to mid nineteenth century. The press also contains forged metal pieces that had to be hand made.

Currently the press is being housed in the Art Annex. But, it will be taken to the Discovery House in Murfreesboro and it will travel around to local schools where students can learn about printing. In the future, the press will be displayed in the Walker Library.

Sources: Journal of the MTSU Printing Press Project, <http://pressproject.mtsu.edu/index.html>

Keith Jenkins

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Crew Members in the News

Dean Comeaux, Building Maintenance Services, has been promoted to Lead Electrician.

Forrest Higginbotham, Building Maintenance Services, has received his certification in Back Flow Preventors.

Patrick Isbell, Building Maintenance Services, has received his certification in Back Flow Preventors.

Libby Patty, Post Office, attended the United States Postal Forum in March and earned the following certificates: College and University Mailing Professional, Mail Center Professional, and Professional Mail Service Provider.

Nancy Weatherly, Parking Services, has been promoted to Manager of Parking and Transportation Services. She has 25 years of service with Parking Services.

Crew Members in the Community

The **Can Do Crew** sponsored a blood drive in January during which the Red Cross received 60 good pints.

The annual Gospel Music Extravaganza raised over \$1,200.00 for the benefit's recipients. **Mary Glass**, Business Office, was the Chairman of the event. She also has available DVD's of the program. Proceeds from the sale of the DVD's will go to the benefit's recipients.

James Luter's (Grounds Services and Motor Pool) son **Stephen** is Captain of the football team at Oakland High School where he was voted Most Athletic Superlative. He also has been voted all Rutherford County Defensive MVP. He is a National Football Hall of Fame Scholarship winner.