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UT gives back to community through Big Event

By Christine Long

Hundreds of students along with faculty and staff from The University of Toledo lent a hand and did some good throughout the city Sunday.

The volunteers spread out across the community and spent the day raking, pulling weeds, painting, picking up garbage, washing windows and more at parks, residential homes, businesses and UT’s campuses.

The annual Big Event is the largest single-day community service event completed by UT students in the Toledo area.

“The Big Event is a great way to give back to Toledoans and businesses who do so much to support us throughout the year,” Joseph Leech, UT engineering student and director of this year’s event, said. “As we start our fall semester, we are enthusiastic to do something special and show we intend to make positive contributions to the city.”

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UT community invited to President’s Backyard Barbecue Sept. 1

Get ready to hang loose! The 10th annual President’s Backyard Barbecue will bring a taste of the island life to Centennial Mall Thursday, Sept. 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to the luau, which will feature a pig roast, teriyaki pulled beef, pulled chicken marinated in island spices, coconut rice, chips and vegan sandwiches. Mocktails, including berry daiquiris and margaritas, will be served, along with water and snow cones.

How low can you go? Find out at the limbo competition! Or rock a grass skirt and take part in the hula contest. There’ll be inflatable games, a rock wall and pedal cars, as well as air brush tattoos and caricature artists.

Giveaways will include leis, grass skirts, sunglasses, pineapple cups, T-shirts and selfie sticks.

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Smile

Neil Anthony, a sophomore majoring in accounting, took a selfie with President Sharon L. Gaber, center, and Senior Vice President for Student Affairs Kaye M. Patten on the first day of classes last week. Students stopped by for some ice cream on Centennial Mall, and the first 500 in line received a free selfie stick and a photo op with the UT leaders.

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UT recognized for its support of Navy Reserve

The University of Toledo was one of 37 employers from across the nation honored by the chief of Navy Reserve for exceptional support of America’s Navy Reserve sailors.

During the Chief of Navy Reserve Navy Employer Recognition Event this summer in Norfolk, Va., Dr. Barbara Kopp Miller, dean of University College, accepted a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the University for UT’s dedication and support of employees who serve in the Navy Reserve.

“Employer support is absolutely critical to the Navy Reserve’s mission," said Vice Adm. Robin R. Braun, chief of Navy Reserve. “We currently have 2,100 reserve sailors deployed around the world. Making sure those reserve sailors have a job when they come back from that yearlong mobilization is critical, and that’s why this event is wonderful. We’re recognizing employers who have given outstanding support to their Navy Reserve sailor. In fact, many of the employers here have sailors who are deployed right now overseas. So this is a great opportunity for us to recognize them for the outstanding support they give.”

“The University of Toledo is committed to making sure all men and women who serve our great nation have everything they need to succeed, and that includes flexibility,” Kopp Miller said.

The June 24 event also was a Navy familiarization day and provided employers an opportunity to see firsthand what reserve sailors do every day. Selected employers are chosen from nominations submitted by their reserve sailor employees.

Throughout the one-day recognition event, Kopp Miller and the other employers had the opportunity to get an up-close and personal look at the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, tour the multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan at Naval Station Norfolk, view a static display of aircraft from Naval Air Force Reserve, and witness a demonstration by Reserve SEAL Team 18.

“It was an honor to have this behind-the-scenes look at the Navy,” Kopp Miller said.

“Our hope is that the employers gain a better understanding of what their Navy Reserve sailors are doing when they leave to support Navy missions around the world,” Braun said. “In many cases, their sailors are deploying and leaving their company for a year at a time to mobilize, so today gives them a better picture of the capabilities the Navy brings to our nation, and also the type of support our reserve sailors provide to the Navy.”

Mid-American Conference honors UT men’s sports for highest GPA rank

By Paul Helgren

UT male student-athletes have been named the recipients of the 2015-16 Mid-American Conference Faculty Athletics Representative Academic Achievement Award.

The awards recognize the conference institution with the highest overall grade point average rank for both men’s and women’s student-athletes. This is the third time the UT men have won the award and the first time since 2010-11.

The MAC Institutional Achievement Award, which honors the school with the best overall GPA rank for all men’s and women’s sports, will be announced Aug. 30.

The conference faculty athletics representatives worked with the MAC athletic academic advisors to compute an award that best represents the academic achievement of student-athletes in a competitive setting. Using the same ranking method as the longtime Reese and Jacoby trophies (traditionally awarded to the best overall male and female athletic programs in the MAC), the Faculty Athletics Representative Academic Achievement Awards are given to those institutions’ male and female programs with the highest overall GPA rank points within the conference. Only MAC-sponsored sports are used.

Toledo had the highest GPA rank average as the Rocket men carried the highest league GPA in two MAC-sponsored sports — baseball and men’s basketball — while also posting the second-highest GPA in men’s golf and the third-best mark in men’s cross country and football during the 2015-16 academic season.

“We want to extend our congratulations to all our men’s sports for earning the Faculty Athletics Representative Academic Achievement Award,” Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O’Brien said. “We take great pride in the academic success of our student-athletes. An achievement like this is a testimony to their hard work and dedication, as well as the tremendous support of coaches, administrators and faculty.”
Participants, input sought to salute diversity

Students, faculty and staff: Your assistance is requested to help the University celebrate diversity.

The Office of Multicultural Student Success welcomes anyone interested in participating on its 2016-17 Heritage and History Month committees.

“We want to help UT showcase its diversity and ensure inclusiveness,” Henderson Hill III, assistant dean of multicultural student success, said. “That means more input and additional viewpoints will increase the success of our events.”

He said anyone wishing to join one or more of the committees should contact the chair.

Contacts for Heritage and History Month committees are:

- National Hispanic Heritage Month — Sept. 15 to Oct. 15
  Arturo Ordonez at arturo.ordonez@rockets.utoledo.edu
- LBGTQA History Month — October
  Danielle Stamper at danielle.stamper@rockets.utoledo.edu
- Filipino American Heritage Month — October
  Belinda Wheeler at belinda.wheeler@utoledo.edu
- Native American Heritage Month — November
  Dan McGuire at daniel.mcguire@utoledo.edu
- Black History Month — February
  Marjory Goodloe at marjory.turner@rockets.utoledo.edu
- Women’s History Month — March
  Alisha Durham at alisha.durham@utoledo.edu
- Asian American and Pacific Islander Month — April
  Shawanna LaVoy at shawanna.lavoy@utoledo.edu
- Jewish American Heritage Month — April
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- Diversity Month — April
  Henderson Hill III at henderson.hill@utoledo.edu

In memoriam

Charles G. “Chuck” Beaver, Toledo, who taught CPR classes at MCO and the University, died Aug. 19 at age 74.

Willie Riggs, Toledo, who worked in the UT Maintenance Department from 1986 to 2013, died Aug. 3 at age 76.

Dr. DeForest L. “Woody” Trautman, Lambertville, Mich., died Aug. 18 at age 96. In 1976, he joined the UT staff as chief of management information systems, which was his title when he later retired.

President’s Backyard Barbecue

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The Office of the President and the Division of Student Affairs sponsor this annual event.

“Students and employees are invited to come out and have some fun on our own piece of paradise,” Dr. Phillip “Flapp” Cockrell, associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students, said.

“Celebrate the start of the semester, wear your midnight blue and gold for Rocket Thursdays, and have a good time with some good food and good friends.”

If a tropical depression affects the weather, the event will take place in the Student Union Auditorium.

Get involved

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This year’s Big Event featured a new kickoff called Paint Your Pride. Students met at the Student Recreation Center on Main Campus and used stencils to paint the Rocket insignia across campus.

“We are creating a new tradition,” Dr. Phillip “Flapp” Cockrell, associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students, said.

The Big Event project locations across the city included Bancroft Hills, the neighborhood just east of the UT Main Campus between Bancroft Street and Dorr Street; the neighborhood between St. Francis de Sales High School and Westwood Avenue; Wildwood Preserve Metropark; and along the Ottawa River on Main Campus.

The next Big Event is scheduled for March 25, 2017, when students will again give back to UT’s neighbors.

“We will also be doing several Service Saturdays throughout school year,” Leech said.

Navy Reserve

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Employers invited to this year’s event were nominated by their employees who are also Navy Reserve sailors. Guests included CEOs, company owners and senior executives from small, medium and large companies.

“It’s important that we recognize these employers from across our nation who have given their Navy Reserve sailors the time they need to fulfill their military duties,” Braun said. “These employers have gone above and beyond to support their sailors. In many cases, they’re also helping out families while their sailor is deployed. We appreciate the outstanding support that’s being provided, not only to individual sailors and families, but to the Navy and the nation.”

Navy Reserve Lt. Haraz N. Ghanbari, director of military and veteran affairs, nominated the University for the honor.

“There are a lot of service members and veterans who are employed in a variety of positions across our campuses,” Ghanbari said. “Collectively, these employees bring with them a wealth of knowledge gathered through years of military service, and I am honored to work alongside them.”
New Student Convocation

President Sharon L. Gaber spoke at the New Student Convocation Aug. 19 in the Glass Bowl. Seated behind her are Provost Andrew Hsu and Senior Vice President for Student Affairs Kaye M. Patten.

Students were treated to a barbecue after the convocation.

Members of the Blue Crew added even more spirit to the event.

The UT Marching Band played "U of Toledo," the Rockets' fight song, and the alma mater, "Fair Toledo."

New Faculty Orientation

UT alumnus Donovan Nichols, assistant dean for student involvement and leadership, talked about the University's traditions and the importance of faculty engagement with students outside of the classroom at the New Faculty Orientation earlier this month. The event welcomed new faculty members and provided information on research and campus resources, preparing for promotion and tenure, and more.
Submissions sought for Lake Erie Center photo contest

By Josephine Schreiber

The Lake Erie Center is accepting submissions for its seventh annual photo contest, “The Nature of Our Region: From Oak Openings to Maumee Bay,” through Friday, Oct. 21.

Photographers are encouraged to take shots of their favorite nature topics anywhere in the Toledo area. Both color and black-and-white photos will be accepted. All photographers are allowed up to three submissions.

“What better way to showcase the amazing wonderment of nature that surrounds us,” Kathy Sullivan, communication and technology specialist at the Lake Erie Center, said of the contest.

“The Toledo area is part of the world’s largest freshwater ecosystem rich with diversity.”

Entries will be divided into the following age groups:

- Junior youth (6 years and younger);
- Youth (7 to 12 years of age);
- Teens (13 to 18 years of age);
- Adults; and
- Special needs adults.

Entries can be submitted in jpeg, tiff or png format on the Lake Erie Center website at http://www.utoledo.edu/nsm/lec/events/LEC-photo-contest.html or sent to lakeeriecenter@utoledo.edu with the following information:

- Full name;
- Age and age category;
- Email address;
- Phone number;
- Number of photos submitted;
- Photograph locations; and
- Additional information about the photos the judges should know.

Contest rules can be found at http://www.utoledo.edu/nsm/lec/events/photo-rules.html.

Sullivan said people should enter the contest so they can share their unique view of nature.

“What I like the most about the photo contest is that it provides a forum where individuals can share their love of nature in an expressive way,” she said.

The first-place winner in every age group will win a $25 prize.

Gary Bending won first place in the adult category with this shot last year.

Quentin Francis-Emonds took top honors in the teen category in 2015.

Dakota Crick placed first in the youth category last year.

Shanna Richie’s “Sylvania Rain” won first place in the adult special needs category in 2015.

This photograph by Eric Harteis won the People’s Choice Award last year.
Auditions set for new singing group Sept. 9

By Angela Riddle

The UT Department of Music will hold auditions Friday, Sept. 9, from 3 to 9 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts for a new choral ensemble, The Glass City Singers.

This group will be made up of singers between the ages of 16 and 30. Members will be selected from the highest quality high school, collegiate and young professional singers in the Toledo area.

Interested singers must register for an audition at http://j.mp/2989RBZ. Time slots will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Singers will be expected to:
• Perform two pieces in contrasting styles. Music may be used or a cappella is acceptable. Singers must provide their own accompanist.
• Sight read in major and minor keys.
• Demonstrate rhythmic proficiency.

Singers who are selected for the ensemble will be asked to pay a $100 fee to cover costs of the accompanist and music purchases.

Rehearsals will be held weekly on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Choral Rehearsal Room 2016. Singers who are not able to attend all rehearsals may be subject to removal from the ensemble. Absences will be excused on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the director.

The Glass City Singers will be directed by Dr. Brad Pierson, assistant professor and director of choral activities in the UT Music Department.

The ensemble will provide a choral experience of the highest quality to all singers, according to Pierson. He added the group will offer innovative performances to engage and involve the Toledo community.

Read more about The Glass City Singers and Pierson at j.mp/2913wVw.

For more information, contact Pierson at bradley.pierson2@utoledo.edu or 419.530.4558.

Friday night movie

The Marx Brothers star in “Duck Soup,” which will be projected from 16mm film by the UT Department of Theatre and Film Friday, Sept. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Room 1039. Directed by Leo McCarey, the 68-minute movie is about a small state called Freedonia that is in economic distress and borrows money from a wealthy widow who insists on replacing the president. The 1933 comedy is No. 5 on the American Film Institute’s 100 Years… 100 Laughs list. Tickets are $10 for general admission and $5 for students, UT employees and alumni, military members, and seniors 60 and older. Classic movies will be projected from film in October, November, December, February, March and April. Passes for the Classic Film Series are available for $65 for general admission and $35 for students, UT employees and alumni, military members, and seniors 60 and older. For more information, call 419.530.ARTS (2787) or go to utoledo.tix.com.
PRESIDENT’S BACKYARD BBQ

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Rockets ready to battle for MAC title

By Paul Helgren

When The University of Toledo football team met the local media for the first time earlier this month, it was clear that first-year Head Coach Jason Candle has the Rockets focused and united in a single purpose — a Mid-American Conference Championship.

Candle said he is pleased with what he has seen in training camp.

“We’ve seen great attitude, good attention to detail, and a lot of spirited work,” Candle said. “One thing that is really neat about our team is there is a spirit to compete every day.”

The Rockets return 48 letterwinners, including 15 starters and six All-MAC players. Among the eight players on official watch lists for national honors are running back Kareem Hunt, a two-time All-MAC pick; first-team All-MAC offensive tackle Storm Norton; All-MAC wide receiver and return man Corey Jones; two-time All-MAC defensive tackle Treyvon Hester; and All-MAC safety DeJuan Rogers.

“We have a lot of great competition at every position,” Norton said. “This is the best depth we’ve had since I’ve been here. That gives us an edge to have so much competition.”

“Our team has a lot of heart,” Hunt said. “We always play hard and always play for each other.”

The Rockets are preparing for their season opener at Arkansas State Friday, Sept. 2.

UT will host Maine in its home opener Saturday, Sept. 10.

Among the Rockets’ six home games this season are a Sept. 17 non-conference battle with Fresno State of the Mountain West Conference and a Homecoming clash with arch-rival Bowling Green Oct. 15. Toledo also will travel to Provo, Utah for a Friday night tilt at Brigham Young Sept. 30.

The Rockets are scheduled to be on national television for the final five MAC games of the season, and more TV games may be announced later.

Season tickets are still available. Tickets are half-off for UT employees and retirees, and UT students are admitted free to home games with ID. Go to utrockets.com or call 419.530.GOLD (4653) for more information.

Senior running back Kareem Hunt has rushed for more than 100 yards in 20 games during his collegiate career, the second-best mark in UT history. He ranks fourth in career rushing at the University with 3,470 yards.

Senior defensive end John Stepec racked up 24 tackles, three sacks and one pass breakup while playing in 12 games last season.

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT:
Wear Midnight Blue and Gold on Rocket Thursdays!
Rockets share joy of victory with area special needs students

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo football program recently hosted its third annual Victory Day for cognitively and physically impaired students from Toledo area schools.

Rain forced the Rockets to move the event indoors to the Fetterman Training Center, but it did not dampen the excitement and fun as about 40 students met UT football players, ran drills, and heard their names announced over the public address system as they scored a touchdown.

Victory Day is an opportunity for special needs students to have their moment in the sun on the football field. Each student was partnered with a UT football player who served as his or her mentor for the day.

Victory Day athletes wore Rocket team jerseys and were presented with medals at the end of the day to commemorate their victories. Toledo football players, cheerleaders, Rocky the Rocket and UT Marching Band members also were on hand to cheer on the participants.

“This is what it’s all about — a chance to give back and be a part of something bigger than us,” UT Head Coach Jason Candle said. “It’s just a tremendous day for our guys and for the kids. Sometimes I think our guys get more out of this than the kids do.”

Victory Day was started in 2010 by Aaron Segedi, a teacher and football coach from Trenton, Mich., a cancer survivor whose life was saved thanks to a liver donation from his sister, Rhonda. Since then, the program has been adopted by high schools and universities in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. The Rockets first celebrated Victory Day in 2014.
Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016 | 4:30-6:30 p.m.
FREE FOOD, GAMES, AND PRIZES!

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Look for our tent near the University Parks Trail just outside Rocket Hall.
Freshman project leads engineering students to El Salvador

Four students from UT’s College of Engineering traveled with Dr. Glenn Lipscomb to El Salvador this summer to install a water treatment unit they built earlier in the year.

Kylee Kramer, Alison Haas and Lisa Young, chemical engineering majors, and Kayla Piezer, environmental engineering major, turned their freshman design project into a real-world solution.

Students in the Chemical Engineering Department’s fall 2015 orientation class manufactured water treatment units as part of their freshman design experience. They also were tasked with identifying possible improvements to their design and comparing it to alternatives. This design opportunity arose after another engineering student, Lucy Hosenfeld, approached the department about working with the nonprofit Clean Water for the World to produce the treatment units. Hosenfeld previously had worked with the organization and installed a treatment unit.

Following the completion of their freshman design experience and orientation class, Kramer, Haas, Young and Piezer sought funding for a trip to install their treatment unit in El Salvador, where contamination makes access to clean drinking water an increasingly urgent issue. The students collaborated with the Centro de Intercambio y Solidaridad (Center for Exchange and Solidarity) to plan their trip, seeking donations from external donors and obtaining partial support from The University of Toledo.

“This trip provided the real-world experience that is needed to understand the impact of engineering design on the adoption and use of technology to improve the human condition,” Lipscomb, professor and chair of chemical and environmental engineering, said.

In El Salvador, contamination arises from inadequate wastewater treatment facilities, especially in rural areas where the majority of the population lives. Addressing this crisis, the students’ water treatment unit has two elements: a micron filter for removal of large particulate matter and a UV light chamber that sterilizes bacteria and other pathogens to prevent proliferation and ability to cause illness.

The team also inspected previously installed water treatment units while in the Central American country.

As part of the trip, the student team learned about efforts by the Center for Exchange and Solidarity to support local economic development, create businesses led by women, provide high school and university scholarships, and spread awareness of proper hygiene practices. The team also spent time with local families in Comasagua.

“It was incredible to expand our freshman design project to make a global impact while connecting with the community in El Salvador,” Piezer said. “It gave us the opportunity to examine the specific needs of a different environment, which led to an understanding of the community’s way of life and allowed us to build relationships on a personal level.”

“The journey from design project to real-world application was worth every minute. And seeing the effect our unit had on the communities in El Salvador had a great impact on me,” Haas said. “Though the design project itself had significance, interacting with the people of El Salvador and experiencing their way of living gave me a new outlook on the value of our unit and clean water in general. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity.”

Incoming students in the freshman orientation course will continue to build water treatment units as part of the freshman design experience, according to Lipscomb. They will explore improvements to installation, maintenance and performance. The department intends to facilitate future trips to deliver the water treatment units to communities in need.

“I’ve never really been a person who likes to travel, but this trip was one of the most gratifying experiences of my life,” Young said. “It helped broaden my views of different cultures and expand my abilities as an engineer.”

“This trip allowed me to use the skills that I learned in the classroom and put them to use in the real world,” Kramer said. “It was also an amazing experience to see the culture and people of El Salvador while helping them receive a vital aspect of life.”

The purification unit was installed at the San Pablo Tacachico health clinic and provides clean water.
The College of Nursing welcomed visitors from Hungkuang University in Taichung, Taiwan, who spent 10 days on campus in July. This was the fourth year the Taiwanese nursing students traveled to Toledo through the College of Nursing’s International Nursing Visitor Program, which promotes excellence in education through global cooperation, worldwide network development, and the recruitment of minority and international students. The program provides student nurses with a global view to understand health-care delivery systems and cultures. The visiting students attended classes, received hands-on training in the Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center, and worked with UT nursing students. Shown in the photo with the students are, from left, Ching Fong (David) Dong, interim director of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago; Tsui Sui Kao, associate professor of nursing; Huey-Shys Chen, associate dean of research and scholarship; Gracie Brown, interim business manager; Dr. Kelly Phillips, interim dean of the College of Nursing; Heidi Shank, director of the Bachelor of Science Nursing Program; Ashley Edwards, secretary; Dr. Sammy Spann, assistant vice provost for international studies and programs; and Chi-Sheng Yang, associate professor of nursing.

Sept. 2 deadline to register for Wound and Hyperbaric Symposium

By Carly Wiegand

Members of the medical community are invited to participate in this year’s Wound and Hyperbaric Symposium Friday, Sept. 16, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Kalahari NIA Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio.

Presented by the UT Division of Vascular/Endovascular and Wound Surgery, the symposium will emphasize the new advances in wound healing and management of biofilm. It will provide health-care professionals the opportunity to advance their knowledge on comprehensive wound assessment and documentation, the economic impact of lower extremity wounds, the role of a physical therapist in wound care, and designing a wound team. There also will be several panel discussions with question-and-answer sessions.

The cost to attend the symposium for health-care providers is $90, which includes registration, breakfast/lunch and credit.

The deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 2; there will be no guarantee of availability after that date. Online registration is encouraged at cme.utoledo.edu.

No syllabus will be provided at the event, but it will be available to view or print online one week prior to the symposium.

For more information, call the UT Center for Continuing Medical Education at 419.383.4237.

Shoe biz

Steve Nemzek of Outside the Box Shoes talked to Kristina Verne, a nurse in the Cardiovascular Unit at UT Medical Center, who stopped by the Satellites Auxiliary’s recent 43-hour shoe sale in the Four Seasons Bistro Atrium. More than $2,800 was raised for the scholarship fund established by the volunteer organization and the UT Retirees Association, according to Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites Auxiliary.
Fraternity to raise funds for Toledo Fire & Rescue Foundation

By Carly Wiegand

The Pi Kappa Alpha Annual Fireman’s Challenge will take place Saturday, Sept. 3, at noon at The University of Toledo in parking area 6 east of the Health Education Building on Main Campus.

This is a philanthropic event that was created to raise funds and awareness for the Toledo Fire & Rescue Foundation.

Jason Wanamaker, student and member of Pi Kappa Alpha, is planning the fundraiser this year.

“This event started here at The University of Toledo in fall of 2014, and each year it has been growing,” Wanamaker said.

Activities will include the fire truck pull, bucket brigade, uniform relay and a tug-of-war contest.

The proceeds from this event go directly to the families of local firemen who have recently lost their loved ones.

“We think that this is a great idea,” Toledo Fire Lt. Matthew Hertzfeld said. “It is an opportunity for us to immerse ourselves in the community in a different way, in other words, not in the scene of an emergency.”

Throughout the week, Pi Kappa Alpha will hold different fundraisers leading up to the Fireman’s Challenge. There will be Pie-a-Pike, powder-puff football, dunk-a-pike and more near the Student Union.

“We hope this year to get even more community and campus involvement from the Toledo area and campus.” Wanamaker said.

If it rains, the Fireman’s Challenge will be held in the Health Education Building Auxiliary Gym.

To register for the event as an individual or as a team, go to eventbrite.com and search Pi Kappa Alpha Fireman’s Challenge. The cost to register is $8.58.

Roll up

Transit Services added another eco-conscious bus to its fleet this summer. According to Diana Watts, transit service coordinator; the new vehicle is green fleets-friendly and up to code with new emissions standards. In 2011, Transit Services began replacing buses with more efficient vehicles to reduce UT’s carbon footprint. Find bus schedules at u Toledo.edu/facilities/transit and track your ride with the free app TransLoc Rider or go to http://utoledo.transloc.com.

Meals on wheels

A student placed an order at Rosie’s Italian Grille, which was among the food trucks that were on campus by Savage Arena Aug. 23 for UT Athletics’ kickoff celebration. Fans checked out the sale at Roddy’s Locker; received free football posters and more.
That was then...

Tyler Mattson, a graduate student in the Master of Higher Education Program, delivered UT News last month with some help from Marv, his 2-year-old blue merle Great Dane. Mattson and Marv started making the rounds together in 2014. A UT alumnus, Mattson received a bachelor of science degree in pharmaceutical sciences in 2014 and a bachelor of arts degree in communication in 2016.

This is now

Bird watching

Photography intern Rachel Nearhoof took this shot of a sparrow sitting in the shade on the Fountain of Excellence.
THANKS TO SUPPORT FROM MY FAMILY AND UT FACULTY, I’M ABLE TO STUDY ABROAD AND PURSUE MY GOAL OF BECOMING A DOCTOR.

Alondra has learned that persistence pays off. A pre-med student, Alondra dreams of participating in a competitive education abroad program for biological sciences students and becoming a pediatrician. At The University of Toledo, she’s building her academic resume with challenging classroom curriculum, learning about career paths by shadowing physicians at UT’s Medical Center and engaging with fellow students by volunteering with campus organizations. She’s determined to achieve her goals through hard work and with the encouragement of her UT faculty advisors and family.

Learn more about how UT students are rewarded for persistence at utoledo.edu/greaterdegree