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Luscombe to perform at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will host the Concert Series performance by Greg Luscombe at 7:30 p.m., April 18, at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Luscombe has served as the principal trombonist with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra since the 1989-90 season. Luscombe has a Master of Arts degree in music from the University of Akron.

As a performer, Luscombe has been featured various times as a soloist with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. He has also soloed with other orchestras and various concert bands. He has been a member of the Ohio Chamber Orchestra, the Canton Symphony Orchestra, the Civic Orchestra of Chicago and the Elgin Symphony Orchestra. Luscombe is also active in freelance work outside of the orchestral world and performs on the euphonium and the bass trumpet. He will be performing works by Martin, Reiche, Bessozzi, Castorede and others.

For more information, contact Dr. Bradley Coker, assistant professor of music, at 731-881-7401 or becker@utm.edu.

Artists of the 21st Century Exhibition opening April 8

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts and the West Tennessee Regional Art Center in Humboldt will present the 10th annual “Artists of the 21st Century” exhibition of college artists from all southeastern states.

The opening ceremony will be from 5-7 p.m., April 8, at the West Tennessee Regional Art Center and will run through May 7.

This year’s juror was Harvey Sadow, director of the Paducah School of Art. Sadow selected 35 works of art that will be on display in the exhibition that range from painting, photography and various three-dimensional media.

Artists from seven states submitted works for the competition, with 17 students chosen from UT Martin. The event is free and open to the public.

UT Martin students in the exhibition include: Olivia Odle, Hendersonville; Ron Peckham, Martin; Bryce Appleton, Milan; Brad Henderson, Union City; Josh Wilson, Arlington; Kelli Hytinen, Ripley; Adam Franklin, Goodletsville; Stephanie Sandoval, Martin; Melissa Michel, two pieces; Trenton; Terran Qualls, Savannah; David Frazier, Martin; Monika Stuard, two pieces; Pleasant View; Jordan Phillips, Jackson; Landon Blakeley, Paris; Matt Garrett, Parsons; Jacob Bloodworth, Hornbeck; and Elizabeth Williams, Martin.

For more information, contact Bill Hickerson, WTRAC director, at 731-784-1787 or lane last, UT Martin associate professor of art, at 731-881-7489 or lane last @utm.edu.
Shortly after winning, the Stanton-Weirsdale Elementary music teacher spoke to Ocala Style about his love for music and for teaching.

Were you surprised when they called your name?
I was humbled by the fact that there are so many great teachers in this county and they chose to put their faith and trust in me. I was overwhelmed and overjoyed.

How have your colleagues responded?
Everybody's so excited. I was the first person to ever win a Golden Apple at my school [Stanton-Weirsdale]. It's fairly small, 500 or so kids, in a rural countryside. East of the school, there are rolling hills and cattle all around. One thing that I have just been in awe of about the school—and almost everybody who visits there says this—is how nice everybody is, how well-behaved the kids are, and how warm the faculty is. The people care a lot about education and the kids, and I want to come to work each and every day. It's a family.

You went to the University of Tennessee, but you're originally from up north, right?
New Jersey. I have a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin, a master's degree from the University of Miami in music, and then additional graduate studies at The Juilliard School in piano accompanying. Then I did some graduate education studies at Florida State.

Why the University of Tennessee?
I was supposed to be going into the Marine Corps, but I broke my leg. My piano teacher called up and said, "There's this assistantship open at the University of Tennessee and they need somebody's that's a good pianist." I called the person up and said I could be there tomorrow for an audition. I drove 14 hours with my father-in-law, played for them, and got the position. Then Juilliard—I went there right after that.

That's the ultimate school for many musicians.
It was a dream of mine. As a kid, I'd always heard of The Juilliard School, of course, and here I was auditioning. You walked down the hallways and there were people preparing for auditions, and the caliber was stunning.

Do you only play the piano?
I play the piano, the saxophone, and recently the drums at church. I was in the marching band in high school. In fact, my band teacher actually said once, "Maybe one day you could be a band director." I said, "No, no, no." I was bent on being a concert pianist.

When did you first discover, though, that you had musical talent?
My dad played accordion and piano, so I was always around music. At three, I started plucking some things out on the piano. I'd sit in the dark at night and turn on the florescent piano lamp and just grab books to the left of me and read. They were tremendously hard, but I didn't care. I played them slow, pecked through them, whatever I had to do. That propelled my love of sight-reading. I realized that I wanted to do music for a living, in some capacity, when I was sixteen.

So growing up, were you pretty disciplined about your music?
I was one of the unusual ones. If you said I had to practice for 20 minutes, I'd practice for two hours. I just loved it.

Are you still diligent about practicing?
I do a little bit every day. In the summers, I practice more.

Have you felt the effects of the budget cuts?
Last year, I had a letter saying that I didn't have a job next year—so I went from that to being Marion County's Teacher of the Year. But when the school board had to make a decision to cut teachers, I could see that it was a painful decision. [Superintendent] Mr. [Jim] Yancey was very upset about it. They did everything they could to bring everybody back. I've worked for several school districts, and I think this is a tremendous one.

In that same vein, why is music class important for kids?
Music, art, P.E., any of these special areas can give kids self-esteem that they may not garner from another area. Music can really help to reinforce other subjects. Interdisciplinary work helps a child to grasp a concept more fully. There are multiple intelligences and music is one of them. It's important for us to touch upon all of these to make sure that a child has a chance to show what he can do. Then there's simply the aesthetic beauty of music and the fact that music is important and something to be treasured and cherished on its own.
You must see first-hand the positive effects music has on kids’ learning.

Just last week, the kids were playing a piece, and one kid couldn’t get the rhythm. A child who could asked, “Mr. LeTellier, can I please help him?” And I said, “Absolutely.” So he began to teach him how to do it from a kid’s perspective, and the student started to get it. I absolutely believe that music touches kids, helps them to learn, and is integral to our education system.

What’s the most rewarding aspect of your job?

Just seeing those kids’ eyes light up when they get it. I have so many kids who come up to me in the halls and say, “Mr. LeTellier, on Thursday I’m coming to music!” If my kids have a memorable experience in my class, then I’ve had a great day.

Head Of The Class

At a special award ceremony in late February, the Public Education Foundation of Marion County named John LeTellier Jr. its Golden Apple Teacher of the Year for his outstanding efforts in the classroom.
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Professor receives award

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GREEN CHEMISTRY SPEAKER – Dr. Robert “Bob” Peoples, director of the American Chemical Society’s Green Chemistry Institute, spoke on “Sustainability and Innovation in the Carpet Industry” at the University of Tennessee at Martin. In addition to being a part of the university’s Academic Speaker Series, Peoples was the Sigma Xi banquet speaker and a special guest of the UT Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society. Among those attending an honors seminar program with Peoples, right, was Alex Verdell, a Gleason freshman engineering major.

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Titans Caravan heading to UTM

The Tennessee Titans have announced the complete itinerary for Titans Caravan XIII, a regional series of school visits and free, public autograph signings beginning Monday, April 12.

In partnership with Titans Radio affiliates across the Mid-South, a total of 42 Caravan stops in Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama have been scheduled over a span of nearly two weeks, concluding just hours before the start of the 2010 NFL Draft on Thursday, April 22.

"It's hard to believe this is our 13th Titans Caravan," said Titans Senior Executive Vice President Steve Underwood. "We've committed to it every year because there's no better way to experience the special bond that exists between this team and its fans. The Caravan allows us an opportunity to thank our supporters face to face over a large geographical area and also to touch a new generation of fans in the schools we visit."

Each day different players headline Titans Caravan, joined by Titans mascot 'T-Rac, the "Voice of the Titans" Mike Keith, Titans Radio Gameday Host Larry Stone and other Titans staff members. The vast majority of Caravan visits are presented by one of nearly 70 affiliates of the Titans Radio Network, the exclusive radio home of the Titans.

Quarterback Vince Young was selected to lead the first day of the Caravan, traveling with the group south of Nashville to Lew- isburg (school visit; closed to public), Chapel Hill (school visit; closed to public), Lawrenceburg, Florence and Decatur. Second-year defensive tackle Sen'Derrick Marks will attend the final two stops of the day as well. The remaining players aboard Titans Caravan XIII will be announced in the near future.

During the school visits, the Titans player, T-Rac and Stone will deliver a presentation about the Titans Cheerleaders. Later that evening, Titans decision-makers will gather at the club's home facility in Nashville for the first round of the NFL Draft.

Over the last 12 years, Titans Caravan has made over 600 stops and allowed the team to interact directly with an estimated audience well in excess of 100,000 fans.

Since its beginning in 1998 as a small effort to spread goodwill through the region, the Caravan has evolved to include six full-time staffers who travel with Titans players, broadcasters and T-Rac throughout the Mid-South on a specially-decorated motor coach from Premiere Transportation.

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message to students about developing study habits, making good choices and setting goals. Also, the NFL's "Play 60" theme will be emphasized, encouraging children to stay healthy by getting daily exercise.

The school program will be presented a total of 15 times to thousands of children, primarily in grades 3-5.

That includes a first-of-its-kind Caravan stop at the University of Tennessee-Martin on April 21. Students from Obion and Henry Counties will converge at the university for what is expected to be one of the largest school program audiences in the history of the Caravan.

Public Caravan stops give all fans the chance to collect autographs and take pictures with the Titans. There is no charge to attend any of the 22 Titans Caravan XIII public events, and each stop lasts approximately one hour.

According to Keith, however, Titans Caravan stops are not limited to just autographs and photos. Fans get a chance to catch up on the team's progress as the Titans move towards 2010.

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"I am extremely appreciative of the opportunity which UT Martin gave me to come here and teach," said Koch.

"There is a direct relationship between what I am trying to do in the classroom and the activities and programs of the Center for International Education. This position at the center seemed to be a good fit for me, and I look at this as a further opportunity to be of service to the university and our wider community."
Milan Chamber of Commerce to get new director

A Milan native is headed back home to become the new face of the chamber of commerce.

On June 1, Julie Allen Burke will become the new executive director of the Milan Chamber of Commerce. The 37-year-old said her background in sales and marketing is important in being successful in the position.

Currently, Burke is a consultant for a fashion design company and does marketing for a department at a Knoxville church.

After having lived away from Milan for more than a decade, Burke said she was attracted by the chance to return.

"I really do think it takes a person in this job that loves the town," she said. "It's definitely a sales job, and it's a people-person job, too."

Three years after graduating from Milan High School in 1990, Burke received a degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee Martin.

A search committee selected Burke for the position. Linda West held the interim position as executive director after Tara Bradford took over as director of The Greater Gibson Chamber of Commerce in May 2009.

Before officially starting, Burke will be in Milan for the annual banquet April 8 and the golf scramble May 12. She’ll play a key part in planning special events for the chamber and with industrial recruitment, said chamber president Victor Parkins.

"We thought her experience in sales and marketing fell right in line with what we were looking for," he said. "We really wanted to concentrate on membership service, and she just has a great deal of enthusiasm and experience. It's kind of a cliché, but she’s a people person. We feel like she'll be a perfect fit."

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DIS student Ubaid Aslam enjoys writing at a recent Young Writer's Clubhouse.

Young Writers' Clubhouse offered April 17 in Ripley

West Tennessee Writing Project will sponsor a Young Writer's Clubhouse at 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 17 at Ripley Elementary School, 100 Hwy. 19 E. in Ripley. The fee is $30 and includes writing notebook and pen.

A Saturday where children write creatively, work with Writing Project teachers and share with their friends. Activities include writing workshops, writing response groups, mini-lessons on content and editing strategies, and one-to-one conferences with West Tennessee Writing Project Teachers. The theme is "Food for Thought and Writing." Every child receives a notebook and pen at each session. Each child needs to bring their lunch or purchase pizza by the slice. Register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecee/youthwriting/writingreg.php.

Leading this session in Ripley are Jennifer Brandon and Becky Hasselle. Brandon has taught for 18 years at Ripley Primary and is also the Technology and Writing teacher at Project LEAD at Lauderdale Middle School. She is an avid blogger and loves writing with students.

Hasselle has taught for 18 years, nine of which have been at Dyersburg Middle School. Teacher of the year for her district in 2005, she is a gifted enrichment teacher and enjoys providing additional opportunities for children to learn outside of school. "The Young Writers' Clubhouse experience develops a joy for writing in a fun, non-threatening atmosphere," says Hasselle.

Madison Co. has WestStar graduates

Keith Absher, Robert Davis, Ginger French, Julie Griggs, Jef- fery Head, Sylvia Palmer, Vanessa Parker, Doug Roth and Alan Turner, all of Madison County, are among 32 members of the 2010 WestStar class.

WestStar was created in 1989, at the University of Ten- nessee Martin to serve the multi-county area by providing leadership development and training. Representing 17 counties in the 21-county region, class members have a diverse range of occupations and volunteer leadership experiences.

Absher is the dean and professor of business administration for the Union University School of Business Administration. Davis is the regional director at Manpower Professional and is also a special deputy with the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

French is an architect at TLM Associates in Jackson. Griggs is the director of the Gibson County Center of Dyersburg State Community College in Trenton. Head is the vice president of commercial lending at BancorpSouth in Jackson. Palmer is the community development administrator for the Southwest Tennessee Development District. Parker is the regional economic development specialist for the state Department of Economic and Community Development.

Roth is the vice president and regional division manager for BancorpSouth in Jackson. Turner is the president and CEO of United Way of West Tennessee.
UT Martin named safest four-year university in Tenn.

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By Heartland News

MARTIN, TN (KFVS) - The University of Tennessee Martin has been voted as the safest four-year institution in Tennessee in the most recent statewide crime statistics released.

Also in the report, the UT Martin Department of Public Safety has one of the highest rates for solved cases for committed crimes.

"UT Martin students continue to learn and grow in one of the safest environments in the South," said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes in a press release to Heartland News. "Our staff continues to work hard adjusting and improving public safety to ensure we are prepared for a variety of potential situations."

According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's crime statistics for 2009, UT Martin had the least amount of reported offenses per 1,000 people and the number of cases solved was almost double the statewide average of 28 percent.

"The greatest decrease was in the theft of property category, which was almost cut in half," UT Martin Director of Public Safety Scott Robbins said in a press release.

Robbins attributes the drop to the "campus community taking pro-active steps to secure and/or maintain control of their property and watching out for each other." He also noted that a Security Mindset awareness program adopted by many campus departments also produced positive results.

For the last decade, the crime rate at UT Martin has consistently been lower than the national and state averages for college campuses.
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Senior Percussion Recital slated for April 13

Andrew Lynn, senior music education major from Gibson, will perform his senior percussion recital at 7:30 p.m., April 13, at Campbell Auditorium in Holt Humanities Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

He will perform works for marimba, vibraphone, clay pots, drum set, multiple percussion and more. Composers include Ben Wahlund, Frederick Rzewski, Kazunori Miyake, Casey Cangelosi and one of Lynn's original compositions for marimba. Lynn will be assisted by members of the UT Martin percussion ensemble under the direction of Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music. The concert is free and open to the public.

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UT Alliance of Women Philanthropists Giving Circle Grant Program announces 2010 recipients

A University of Tennessee at Martin Growing Garden Project, sponsored by UTM Recycles!, recently received an $8,500 grant from the University of Tennessee Alliance of Women Philanthropists Giving Circle Grant Program. Now in its third year of existence, the group has awarded a total of $126,775 to 15 UT programs.

As part of their mission to educate, empower and inspire women to be philanthropic leaders, the board members of the Alliance of Women Philanthropists established and funded an annual giving circle to support the instruction, research, outreach and fundraising initiatives of UT students, faculty and alumni.

Participants who receive grant funding develop a new project or program, or they expand substantially upon an existing project or program. Grant-funded projects and programs promote the spirit of the alliance by providing opportunities that inspire leadership among the UT community.

Grants range from $5,000 to $25,000 and are awarded annually to the most innovative and deserving applicants.

Grant recipients submit a midyear and final progress report of their project or program to the Alliance of Women Philanthropists board of directors.

The next Giving Circle grant cycle will begin June 1, 2010. The deadline is December 31. Students, faculty, staff, departmental units and student organizations from all UT campuses are eligible to apply for grants. For an application or more information about the Alliance of Women Philanthropists or the giving circle, visit alliance.tennessee.edu.
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UT MARTIN PREVIEW DAY - Humboldt High School student, Donyell Hess (center), along with her mother, Vireace Hess, recently attended UT Martin Preview Day. More than 500 people were in attendance and received information about a variety of topics, including scholarships and financial aid, college and housing costs and various university academic programs. Also pictured is Miyoshi Brooks of Trenton, admissions counselor.
Curtis Mansfield promoted to captain of THP-Jackson division

The Tennessee Department of Safety today announced the promotion of Curtis F. Mansfield Jr. as the new captain commanding the Jackson District.


"It is an honor to be promoted to captain in an area where I have lived and worked all my life," said Mansfield.

"Nobody can possibly fill the shoes of retired Capt. Robert Melton who was so highly respected by Troopers and the communities we serve in the Jackson District.

"I appreciate the opportunity to work in a leadership capacity toward furthering the mission of the Department of Safety."

"Captain Mansfield has provided years of solid service to the Highway Patrol in the 11-county Jackson District," stated Col. Mike Walker.

"His administrative skills have already been demonstrated in his capacity as an Administrative Lieutenant and acting Captain. I'm confident his valuable experience will serve the district and the THP in superb fashion."

A native of Medina, Mansfield, 45, has served as acting captain of the Jackson District since March 1, 2010, and previously served as acting Captain of the Jackson District in 2003-04.

For more than seven years, Mansfield has served as the administrative lieutenant in the Jackson District, beginning in July 2002 until his appointment to acting captain in March of this year.

Commissioned as a trooper in November 1988, Mansfield first worked as a road trooper in Decatur and Madison counties within the Jackson District.

In May 1993, he was promoted to Sergeant in Madison County and then to lieutenant in November 1999, serving as safety education lieutenant until July 2002.

Mansfield is an August 1987 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Mansfield, his wife, Kim and two daughters reside in Jackson.

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Percussion recital, senior recital at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin percussion ensemble will perform its spring concert at 3 p.m., April 18, in the Percussion Rehearsal Room (formerly the Fitness Center) of Boling University Center.

Special guest artist is Dr. Miles Osland, director of jazz and saxophone studies at the University of Kentucky.

Osland will perform two works with the ensemble, one for jazz flute and another for saxophone.

Additional works include pieces to be featured at the ensemble's concert at the All-State Tennessee Music Educators Association convention on April 16, in Nashville.

The UT Martin Steel Band will also be performing. The ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music.

For more information, contact Hill at 731-881-7418 or jhill@utm.edu.

Andrew Lynn, senior music education major from Gibson, will perform his senior percussion recital at 7:30 p.m., April 13, at Campbell Auditorium in Holt Humanities Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

He will perform works for marimba, vibraphone, clay pots, drum set, multiple percussion and more.

Composers include Ben Wahlund, Frederick Rzewski, Kazumori Miyake, Casey Cangelosi and one of Lynn's original compositions for marimba. Lynn will be assisted by members of the UT Martin percussion ensemble under the direction of Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music. The concert is free and open to the public.

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Musician to perform

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will host the Concert Series performance by Greg Luscombe at 7:30 p.m. April 18 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.

Luscombe has served as assistant professor of music at the University of Mississippi since 2008 and has served as the principal trombonist with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra since the 1989-90 season.

He has been featured various times as a soloist with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. He also has soloed with other orchestras and various concert bands.

He performs on euphonium and bass trumpet.

Earth Week activities planned

Dr. Mireya Mayor, a two-time Emmy Award-nominated National Geographic Channel field correspondent, will be the featured speaker at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Earth Week events April 19-22.

The Earth Week Film Festival and Events will present four movies and Mayor, an anthropologist and wildlife expert.

The events coincide with the 40th anniversary of the Earth Day observance.

Mayor, who has reported on wildlife and habitat issues, will speak at 7 p.m. April 20 in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center. Serving as a National Geographic Emerging Explorer, she will talk about the importance of conservation.

Her current ongoing study focuses on a newfound species of mouse lemur, which she discovered on a 2000 field expedition in Madagascar. As a result of her discovery, a national park was established in the area to protect the rare species.

The film festival will begin with “Dirt, The Movie,” at 7 p.m. April 19 in Watkins Auditorium of the university center. Two films are planned for April 21 — “The Story of Stuff” at noon in Room 229 of the university center and “Food, Inc.” at 7 p.m. in the ballroom of the university center.

Completing the series will be “Kilowatt Ours” at 7 p.m. April 22 in Room 206 of the university center.

The UT Martin Institute for Civic Engagement is sponsoring the events, which are free of charge and open to the public.

Hatley receives scholarships to attend UT Martin

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Kelly Hatley, daughter of Jeff and Marsh Hatley of Gleason, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship and the Leaders-in-Residence Award.

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Music Blog

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Making music

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April 9th, 2010

U.S. Army Cadet Command

Official News & Information from Army ROTC

Seven NCOs sought induction into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. Selection was based on demonstrated individual valor, sense of sacrifice, leadership philosophy and NCO knowledge.

Inducted were Staff Sgt. John Russell, University of Houston; Sgt. 1st Class Kerri Minor, Mississippi State University; Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Spaulding, University of Tennessee at Martin; and Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Brown, Stetson University.
MAKING MUSIC — Jill Ferre of Sigma Alpha Iota ladies' fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin recently showed Community Development Services client Kelly Titcomb (seated left) of Union City how to play a percussion instrument while CDS clients Darconia Wyatt (center) of Union City and Author Davis of Dresden waited their turns. Ms. Ferre and other members of UT Martin's SAI coordinated a music workshop for individuals served by CDS. The activity was held at the Boling University Center on campus, where more than 80 individuals from CDS attended. The group from CDS heard musical demonstrations on the clarinet, saxophone and oboe, then divided into three groups to try out the percussion, woodwind and brass instruments for themselves. CDS is a community-based nonprofit organization in Martin that provides services and support to adults with developmental disabilities from Obion, Weakley, Henry, Carroll and Lake counties. 

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Dr. Carey Bates has been the senior pastor at Downtown Baptist Church for approximately six months. Previously, he was the Associate Pastor at First Baptist Winter Park for six years. He has been in the ministry for over 35 years; much of that time in foreign missions work.

Pastor Bates is the son of a minister, and, as a result, spent his early years in various places, including California, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Tennessee. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee — Martin, and of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

He and his wife, Lynne, have three grown children.
PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP – New Salem FCE Club met for their March meeting and to present their annual scholarship. The New Salem Community Scholarship was established in 1999 at UT-Martin. It is awarded to a Weakley County student enrolled in the School of Agriculture and Human Environment who shows academic merit and leadership qualities. It helps fund their education and remember the community for which the scholarship is named. This is the second year Kenra Caldwell, daughter of Kenny and Pam Caldwell, has been awarded this scholarship. She met with the Club to express her appreciation for the scholarship. Those present for the scholarship presentation (seated, from left) are: Frances Clark, Mary Hazel Adams, Sara Simmons, Mary Elizabeth Bell, (standing) Kathy Simmons, Sylvia Simmons, Beverly Shelby, Aileen Edwards, Evonne Shopher, Kenra Caldwell, Ruby Rogers, Lillian Stoker, Deanna Higgs, Marjorie Simmons and Bettie Higgs.

WHAM! – Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity member Matt Hewett of Dresden takes a shot at Alpha Tau Omega member Jonathan Mitchell during the annual "Pike Fights" held on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus Friday evening. The event helps raise money for the Weakley County Reading Railroad. Reading Railroad places a free book in the hands of a child each month from birth until five years of age. Photo by Stephanie Sturgis.
**John Orr at Caldwell Banker**

**Written by Press Release | 13 April 2010**

Beth O'Brien, Managing Broker at Caldwell Banker Snow and Wolf has announced that John Orr has joined the firm as a broker associate. Formerly the Manager for Caldwell Banker Real Estate Now in Jackson, Tenn., John brings more than 27 years of accomplished industry experience in real estate throughout the state of Tennessee.

Orr began in the real estate industry in 1983, when he obtained his license after graduating from the University of Tennessee at Martin. In 1997 he received his MBA from Middle Tennessee State University.

Orr has been associated with Lewis & Orr, Realtors as a former owner and agent in Tullahoma and as manager for Crye-Leake, Realtors in Murfreesboro before transferring to Jackson in 1999.

While in Jackson he managed one of the top 100 Caldwell Banker offices in the country and was consistently in the top two offices in Tennessee, with average sales in excess of $100 million annually and total sales in excess of $100 million annually.

Orr was awarded the 2008 Manager of the Year award for the Caldwell Banker Barnes family of companies, and the 2007 Most Improved Office. Prior to relocating to Jackson, TN, Orr was named at Realtor of the Year in 1992, and served two terms as President of the Coffee/ Franklin County Association of Realtors. He was also active in the Tullahoma Downtown Lions Club and served as President.

Orr is a certified instructor and has taught classes in Principals of Real Estate, Code of Ethics, Contracts, and State of TN mandated CORE courses, and previously was an adjunct professor for Metro State Community College in Tullahoma, TN.

Orr holds the following designations: Accredited Buyer Representative and Manager (ABR & ABRM), Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), Graduate of Realtors Institute (GRI), and Certification for Internet Professionalism (e-PRO).

"We are excited to have John join our team of agents at Caldwell Banker Snow and Wolf. His experience and expertise in the real estate industry will be a benefit to both buyers and sellers in the area. His commitment to professionalism and education in the real estate industry is always a welcomed attribute," stated O'Brien.

John and his wife, Karin reside in Tullahoma, and have three children, Erin Schwartz Johnson, Seattle, WA; Jon Gantos, Tullahoma; and Sarah Orr, Windchester.

If you are interested in buying or selling real estate information, contact John at JohnWOR.com or call him at 931-434-0242.

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**Cole awarded UTM scholarship**

A Gibson County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Catherine Cole, daughter of Gerad and Cheryl Cole of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the UTM McWhorter Scholarship.

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**UTM named safest institution**

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"UT Martin students continue to learn and grow in one of the safest environments in the South," said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes. "Our staff continues to work hard adjusting and improving public safety to ensure we are prepared for a variety of potential situations."

According to crime statistics for 2009 released by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, UT Martin ranked as the safest campus in the state among Tennessee Board of Regents and UT institutions, with the least amount of reported offenses per 1,000 in population. UT Martin's clearance rate (cases solved) was almost double the statewide average of 28 percent for those same institutions.

"The greatest decrease was in the theft of property category, which was almost cut in half," added Robbins.

"Our greatest asset toward maintaining a low crime rate, however, continues to be the great folks who attend and work at UT Martin and their genuine concern for the safety and welfare of others."

During the last decade, the UT Martin crime rate consistently has been lower than the national and statewide averages for college campuses, and the index crime clearance rate consistently has been higher.
Chancellor finalists determined

By: Alicia Lebens

Posted: 4/14/10

Dr. Lendley C. Black, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Kennesaw State University Kennesaw, Georgia

Dr. Lendley "Lynn" Black began his term at KSU as vice president of Academic Affairs in August 2002, adding the job of Provost in the summer of 2006. Before his position at KSU, Black served as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Science at Emporia State University in Kansas.

As the university's chief academic officer, Black integrated strategic planning and institutional effectiveness initiatives for the University. Since his arrival at KSU, capital projects added to the university, which include new academic and student buildings, are valued at $120 million. Another $60 million Health Science building is under construction.

Black has also led the academic transition of KSU into a doctoral granting university, which currently has three available. During his term, 10 new undergrad programs were added and 13 graduate programs.

Black is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, the Cobb County United Way, Kiwanis, the NAACP and other community organizations.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., Black holds a B.A. in English from the University of Tennessee at Martin, a M.A. in theatre from the University of Connecticut. He received Ph.D. in theatre is from the University of Kansas, where he focused on Russian theatre.

Black is scheduled to speak at a Campus Public Forum on April 15 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Chemistry 200.
UCHS receives grant proceeds

Union City High School is going the distance with great success.

School officials said equipment awarded in the 2009-10 CTE Reserve Grant “Learning From Afar — Endless Opportunities With Distance Learning” is fully operational. (See related photo, Page 18.)

The Union City School System was notified in April 2009 that it had been awarded a Carl Perkins Reserve Grant totaling $87,681.

After being awarded the grant, school officials consulted experts as to the equipment, software and room specifications needed to implement the program. An invitation to bid was issued, bids were awarded and equipment was ordered and received. Once the equipment was installed, training began.

A summary of the equipment received from the grant and placed at UCHS includes Tandberg Codec C90, HD 1090p cameras, microphones, two 60-inch and one 50-inch plasma widescreen HD monitors, an Elmo document camera, two laptop computers, cables and connectors with installation, Tandberg Management Multi-Site Suite software and the Presenter’s Package for Codec C90. Training expenses and money for virtual field trips was included.

The primary vision of the grant project was to ensure that learning is the chief priority for the school and that every career-technical student has the opportunity to develop his or her potential to the fullest, complete all graduation requirements and obtain post-secondary skills necessary to hold the high-skill, high-wage, high-demand jobs in the 21st Century, according to Billie Rich, the school system’s vocational director and supervisor of food service.

She said the primary focus of the grant project is to provide new learning opportunities for students, professional development for faculty and staff and career-tech training for both students and adults in the community using distance learning.

Not only are the career-technical students at the high school benefiting from the technology, but all students and staff in the Union City School System have opportunities to use the equipment to enhance learning. The students have an opportunity to discuss any topics of interest with experts in that field.

“This lab gives our students the capability to learn with students anywhere in the world,” Billie Rich, vocational director.

UCHS...

(Continued from Page 1) received from the Tennessee Technology Center at Memphis, Dyersburg State Community College, University of Tennessee at Martin, Discovery Park of America, First Citizens National Bank, Northwestern Tennessee P-16 Council, Union City Rotary Club and the Union City Schools Career and Technical Advisory Board.

As part of the grant, Dyersburg State Community College received a mobile distance learning lab. The purpose for this equipment at DSCC is to allow for more collaboration between UCHS and the college.

A summary of the equipment on the mobile cart includes a Tandberg Edge 95 MXP mobile VTC system, a Codec 95 MXP, a camera, a plasma monitor, microphones and cables and connections.

Up and running

Students at UCHS in the Lifetime Connections class attended the first video conference offered in the new distance learning lab Feb. 18. The class delivered by the Virtual School at Vanderbilt University was entitled, “Social Media and You.”

Students, teachers and administrators were excited upon entering the room and anxious for the session to begin, according to Ms. Rich. The excitement continued throughout the presentation and into the next day when there was follow-up discussion during class.

“The students were interested in the subject matter and the fact that they were online with students from across the United States,” she said. “Social networking is so relevant to high school students because the majority of them spend time on Facebook, e-mail and other chats.”

Since this first conference, there have been three additional video conferences on a wide range of careers and subjects, with two more currently scheduled. The topics of these conferences have included “Career in Engineering,” “Career as a Web Designer,” “Shooting and Sharing Great Video,” “Career as a Dietitian” and “Nanotechnology, Nanomedicine and Nanobiotechnology.”

“All presentations have been met with the same enthusiasm as the first class,” Ms. Rich said.

The classes have been attended by high school students from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Texas and other students from Tennessee. All groups have been allowed to ask questions when the presentations ended.

“What a great way for our students to share in question-and-answer sessions and to see that the concerns they have are much the same as other students throughout the United States,” Ms. Rich said.

All the video conferences attended so far have been through the Vanderbilt Virtual School at Vanderbilt University. Plans are being made to attend sessions from other locations as well.

Union City Elementary and Union City Middle School students are also looking forward to the opportunity to attend a virtual conference or a virtual field trip soon.

“We in the Union City School System consider this new distance learning lab to be a wonderful opportunity for our students,” Ms. Rich said. “We understand that what we have done thus far is just the beginning. This new lab promises to open the world to us.”
Green Chemistry speaker

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Among those attending an honors seminar program with Peoples, right, was Alex Verdell, a Gleason freshman engineering major.

Dr. Michael Gibson receives Distinguished Service Award

Award recognized Gibson for his 25 years of service to the national, regional and state Paleontological Society. Special mention was made of Gibson’s educational outreach work on behalf of the Paleontological Society efforts in the southeastern region. Gibson has served as Paleontological Society national chair of education and outreach, as a Harrell Strimple Outstanding Amateur Paleontologist Award Committee member, Paleontological Society southeastern section president and secretary and “Short Course Notes in Paleontology” editorial associate. Additionally, Gibson organized or co-organized 15 field trips and special sessions at professional meetings in the southeast. “He is continuing to function as one of the main sources of institutional memory as we pursue our rebuilding efforts. I see this award as one given from time to time, not necessarily every year,” said Ron Lewis, Paleontological Society chair.

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Dr. Michael Gibson

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Over 80 individuals from CDS heard musical demonstrations on the clarinet, saxophone and oboe - then divided into three groups to try the instruments out for themselves, including percussion, woodwind and brass.

The music workshop grew out of one SAI's excitement about the individuals served by CDS.

Lori Davis, an undergraduate social work student at UT Martin, who is also a volunteer intern at CDS Industries this semester, brought the idea of doing a music workshop back to her ladies' fraternity. Davis and the other SAI members worked together to plan and put on the event. They also made souvenir shakers for each individual who attended to take home with them.

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Sigma Alpha Iota member Lori Davis (left) instructs Maxine Matthews on how to play a drum. Matthews is a resident of a CDS supported-living home in Martin.

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Tennessee State Rodeo Queens attend UTM Rodeo

Amber Dell

Miss Rodeo Tennessee, Amber Dell of Franklin, Tennessee, and Miss Teen Rodeo Tennessee, Katie McKenzie of Martin, will be attending the UTM Spring Rodeo April 15-17. Amber represented Tennessee at various PRCA Rodeos across the country this past year and made Tennessee proud by placing 4th runner-up in the Miss Rodeo America pageant held in Las Vegas this past November. Katie McKenzie represented her state and Martin by attending many regional and local events. Both queens will be passing their crowns to the 2010 Queens May 15 at the final night of the Franklin PRCA Rodeo.

Katie McKenzie

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**UTM Lyric Opera Theatre on stage April 23-24**


The cast features students from the Department of Music including Elizabeth Baucke, of Memphis; Jusinda Broughton, of Delavan, Wis.; Gina Cherry, of Ripley; Te’Rell Douglas, of Jackson; Julia Ellegood, of Roseburg, Ore.; Josh Gatlin, of Union City; Nick Gatlin, of Union City; Aaron Hand, of Fairview; Rachel Lemonds, of Dyersburg; Brittany Thompson, of Memphis; and Hoi-Yan Vivian Mak, of Hong Kong.

Dr. Amy Yeung, associate professor of music, and Dr. Roberto Mancusi, assistant professor of music, serve as stage and music co-directors for this production. Dr. Scott Roberts, associate professor of music, will provide the accompaniment. Admission for adults is $5. Students with UT Martin ID and children under 12 will be admitted free.

For more information, contact the Department of Music at 731-881-7402.
University of Tennessee at Martin among safest four-year institutions

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"Statewide, college campuses have experienced significant decreases in incidents since the last report, but we show a significant decrease," said Scott Robbins, UT Martin director of public safety.

"The greatest decrease was in the theft of property category, which was almost cut in half," added Robbins, who attributes the drop to the "campus community taking pro-active steps to secure and/or maintain control of their property and watching out for each other."

He noted that a "Security Mindset" awareness program adopted by numerous campus departments also produced positive results. "We want to build on this momentum and, hopefully, have further reductions in the number of 'opportunity crimes,'" he said.

"Our greatest asset toward maintaining a low crime rate, however, continues to be the great folks who attend and work at UT Martin and their genuine concern for the safety and welfare of others."

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UTM piano ensemble to stage concert

The University of Tennessee at Martin piano ensemble will present a spring concert at 7:30 p.m., April 20, at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

A wide variety of musical selections for four hands at one and two pianos will be presented. Included on the program are two well-known works for piano ensemble, "Petite Suite," by Claude Debussy and "Scaramouche," by Darius Milhaud.

Several pieces celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederic Chopin and Robert Schumann will be presented. Works by Chopin include "Variations in D Major" and "Rondo, Op. 73;" Selections from "12 Klavier-Stücke, Op. 85," by Schumann will also be performed. In addition, Michael Yandell, of Union City, will perform the second movement from Mozart's "Concerto No. 21 in C Major."

Other UT Martin students performing include Andrew Moore, of South Fulton; Harold Johnson, of Memphis; Brandon Whaley, of Dresden; Victoria Morgan, of Cordova; Kelsey Currie, of Brownsville; Kyle Carter, of Troy; Michael Singleton, of Dyersburg; and Vivian Mak, of Hong Kong.

The UT Martin piano ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music. The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Harriss at 731-881-7411 or elaineh@utm.edu.
Temple to speak at CRD Banquet Saturday

State Gazette

Andre Temple will serve as the featured speaker at the 36th annual CRD Awards and Scholarship Banquet, scheduled at Dyersburg Middle School, at 6 p.m. this Saturday, April 17.

Temple serves as an economic development specialist for the University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service. In addition to his role with UT, he teaches Organizational Research and Strategic Planning for Union University; serves as a doctoral mentor for the University of Phoenix; and is the co-owner of Temple Technologies, a small, home-based computer business.

Prior to his current position, Temple worked for the state of Tennessee as a community planner for municipalities like Dyersburg, Covington, Trenton, Halls, Henderson, Ripley and both Lauderdale and Gibson counties.

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He is a member of the American Planning Association, Tennessee Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Tennessee Economic Development Council, and the International Economic Development Council.

Temple received a doctorate in Higher Education Administration and a graduate certificate in Community College Teaching and Leadership from the University of Memphis, a BS in Public Administration and a Master's of Business Administration degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He is also a certified member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

He serves the West Tennessee community through WestStar Alumni, the American Red Cross Board of Directors, Leadership Jackson Board of Directors, Leadership University Board of Directors, Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, Kiwanis, Affordable Housing CDC Board of Directors and UT Martin’s Regional Economic Entrepreneurship Development Center.

Advisory Board.

Temple and his wife, Andrea, are members of North Side Assembly Church of God in Christ. They currently reside in Jackson, with their daughter, Paige.

The event will include performances by the top three winners of Dyersburg High School's recent talent show and a presentation by featured speaker Andre Temple of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Tickets are currently available at the CRD office, located in the Everette Ave. Ticket prices are $20 for adults and $10 for children under 12 years old.

Those interested in more information may call the CRD office at 286-7821.

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The University of Tennessee at Martin Institute of Civic Engagement recently sponsored its annual ICE-Sculpting Summit.

In addition to reviewing last year's successes and lessons, the group planned activities and programs for 2010-11 in the areas of civic engagement, leadership, community service and service learning.

Nine awards were presented, including the Spirit of Community Award, given to Dr. Jim Byford, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences dean emeritus. The award will be presented each year to a faculty member or administrator who serves the UT Martin community with a generous spirit and is known as the Byford Spirit of Community Award.

Also, Martin Housing Authority was recognized as the Community Partner of the Year.

Two students — Mary Jean Hall of Covington and Sequana Hamer of Memphis — were honored for their outstanding community service. They were chosen based on community service hours and service impact.

Ms. Hall worked with UT Martin Recycles, while Hamer worked with Greenbrier Meadows in Martin.

Five students were honored for their First-Year Initiative Reflection papers written following community service work. Receiving those awards were Tyler Price of Martin, Ken Cox of Troy, Blythe Stetler of Leonia, Tom Depert of Greenfield and Jordan Brown of Arlington.

For more information, visit the ICE Web link at: www.utm.edu/ice.
Dr. Sue Byrd receives Friend Of 4-H Award

Dr. Sue Byrd, University of Tennessee at Martin professor of family and consumer sciences, received the Friend of 4-H Award at the recent statewide 4-H Congress.

This honor is awarded to an individual for his or her significant contribution and dedication to 4-H in Tennessee.

Early in her career, Byrd worked as a family and consumer sciences agent in Sequatchie County.

Since leaving extension services, she has continued working relationships with UT Extension.

She has been an advocate for the 4-H Clothing Project and has judged 4-H record books for round-up competition.

Byrd, state 4-H specialists, agents and other staff members are working to revive the 4-H Clothing Project.

The first Line and Design Camp for youth was one effort to help increase interest in the clothing project.

Byrd and the UT Martin Department of Family and Consumer Sciences partnered with 4-H to allow the use of the department’s laboratories for implementation of the camp’s daily activities.

Byrd has written 4-H publication activity sheets in the area of apparel and textiles. Also, she has presented at 4-H in-service, “Activities, Projects and Life Skills for 4-H Clothing Project.”

In addition, she has presented topics at numerous Tennessee Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences conferences and has showcased programs at several poster sessions.
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Abell, one of four children, was in charge of getting her dad, P.D., to radiation this past year.

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GORDON UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS – Several students talked to Arthur Culvahouse, Washington, D.C. attorney and native of West Tennessee, following his presentation at the University of Tennessee at Martin Institute for Civic Engagement recent sculpting summit. ICE is an academic affairs effort with advisory ties to student affairs, alumni, community partners and the student body. The annual meeting is used to reflect on the past year, discuss future ICE efforts, including a new leadership initiative and expansion of community service at UT Martin, and award civic engagement efforts. Pictured with Culvahouse, right, and J. Houston Gordon, an ICE donor, are, from left, Erin Coates, Arlington senior psychology major; Sarah Appleton, Jackson freshman political science major; and Amber Watson, Paris junior chemistry major. The students are Gordon University Scholars. The Gordon Family University Scholar Scholarship Endowment was established in 1993 by Houston and Debbie Gordon. It was one of the first endowed scholarships for the University Scholars program. There are 60 UT Martin University Scholars; all scholarship are funded through private dollars.

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SPRING CLEANING – Martin Beautiful Committee members (from left) Carolyn Deck, Audrey Roberts, Led Symmes and Bob Smith get an early jump on cleanup days in Martin as they work to refresh the flower beds at Festival Park in downtown Martin. Planting trees and beautifying the community seem to be a very “green” trend. This year’s annual Martin citywide cleanup event will be no exception.

The City of Martin will host its annual City Clean-Up Days beginning Monday, April 19 and continue throughout the week until Friday April, 23.

As an advocate for recycling, Mayor Randy Brundige added a new feature to this year’s event encouraging community members to join him on the “green” bandwagon.

“Let’s recycle, too, as we clean the yard, the garage, the porch and our neighborhoods,” Brundige commented. This is an opportunity for residents to get free assistance in hauling off debris and waste that accumulated throughout the fall and winter months.

On each ward’s usual brush pick-up day, the public works department will collect at curbside, items that can be recycled at the UTM Recycles! center or that go to the city’s landfill.

“Materials must be separated into two piles; otherwise, they will all go to the landfill,” Martin Public Works Director Billy Wagster reminded Martin residents.

Wagster noted that the city’s street sweeper will also be out in full force and will begin its cycle with Martin’s main streets.

RESIDENTS CAN IMPROVE THE LANDSCAPE BY CLEANING UP THEIR LOT, THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD OR A PUBLIC PLACE. GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS WANTING TO KNOW WHERE TO PICK UP LITTER MAY CALL THE MARTIN BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE CHAIR MARVIN DOWNING AT 587-6054 FOR SUGGESTIONS. THAT COMMITTEE IS HELPING COORDINATE CLEAN UP DURING THE WEEK. BRUNDTIE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A CLEAN CITY.

“Please take advantage of these designated days to do their part to make the city attractive,” Brundige asked.

Likewise, Martin Codes Enforcement Officer Kenny Edwards said that residents need to be aware that it is unfair to their neighbors when they do not keep their lawns mowed and property picked up.

“Together, we can achieve the goal of keeping Martin beautiful and clean,” Downing added.

To kick off the citywide cleanup event, the Martin Tree Board in celebration of Arbor Day will host a tree planting ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Martin Recreation Complex on Saturday. Following the street planting, the MTB will give away several varieties of oak trees, bald cypress, poplar trees and white pine trees until noon that day.

The event is open to everyone in Weakley County.
UT Martin student is hoping to be top model

A UT Martin student is hoping to be "America's Next Top Model."

Holley Stearnes of Martin is also a Henry County native.

Stearnes is a 2009 graduate of Henry County High School. She is currently enrolled at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The local beauty was recently named a finalist as a candidate for the television show, "America's Next Top Model." Stearnes needs the support of community members, friends and family to get to the next level.

People are encouraged to visit the Web at www.kpirfl.com/shows/cw/amriasnexttopmodel/vote to cast their vote in favor of Stearnes.

Visitors will have through today to cast their vote.

Stearnes was named second maid in the 2009 Fish Fry Hostess Princess Court. She is the daughter of Mike and Pam Stearnes of Buchanan.

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SPOTLIGHT

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Mimms awarded UTM scholarship

Mary Mimms has been awarded the University of Tennessee at Martin McWhorter Scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year. She is the daughter of Bobby and Cathy Mimms of Clarksville.
UT Martin celebrates Earth Week

Dr. Mireya Mayor, a two-time Emmy Award-nominated National Geographic Channel field correspondent, is the featured speaker at the University of Tennessee at Martin Earth Week events.

Slated for April 19-22, the Earth Week Film Festival and Events will present four movies and Mayor, an anthropologist and wildlife expert. The events coincide with the 40th anniversary of the Earth Day observance. Mayor, who has reported on wildlife and habitat issues, will speak at 7 p.m., April 20, in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center. Serving as a National Geographic Emerging Explorer, Mayor will talk about the importance of conservation.

Her current ongoing study focuses on a newfound species of mouse lemur, which she discovered on a 2000 field expedition in Madagascar.

As a result of her discovery, a national park was established in the area to protect the rare species.

The film festival will begin with “Dirt, The Movie,” at 7 p.m., April 19, in Watkins Auditorium of the university center. Two films are planned April 21, “The Story of Stuff,” at noon, in Room 229, university center, and “Food, Inc.,” at 7 p.m., ballroom, university center.

Completing the series will be “Kilowatt Ours,” at 7 p.m., April 22, in Room 206, university center. The UT Martin Institute for Civic Engagement is sponsoring the events that are free and open to the public. For more information, contact ICE at 731-881-7325.

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Two students from Hampton High School were chosen to be a part of the Governor's School that will be held at East Tennessee State University this summer from May 31 to July 2.

Juniors Kayla Lambert and Ali Williams will be two of 30 students from across the state to take part in the Governor's School experience.

The Governor’s School is a series of 12 summer school programs on different topics for gifted and talented high school students that is held at different universities across the state.

Host sites this year are University of Tennessee Martin, Middle Tennessee State University, Austin Peay State University, Tennessee Technological University Cookeville, University of Tennessee Knoxville, University of Memphis, University of Tennessee Chattanooga and East Tennessee State University.

Topics for the school include arts, humanities, international studies, engineering, sciences, prospective teachers, scientific exploration of Tennessee heritage, agricultural sciences, computational physics, emerging technologies, information technology leadership and scientific models and data analysis.

During the five-week experience, the students will take trips to the ETSU Medical School labs, Eastman Chemical Company, Oak Ridge National Laboratories, Roan Mountain State Park, the ETSU and General Shale Brook Natural History Museum, Hiwassee Mountain Park, Warren's Path State Park, Jonesborough Live Music on the Square and The Carter Fold.

The program is funded by a $1.7 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute which means it is free to the students who attend.

Lambert and Williams will be attending the Governor’s School on scientific models and data analysis that is being held at ETSU and are looking forward to the experience. Williams plans to pursue the medical field after high school graduation while Lambert is considering both radiology and education.

They said they decided to try for the Governor’s School because it would be a good opportunity that would set them apart from other college applicants and would give them college credits before graduating high school.

“I wanted to do it so we can get ahead by the time we are in college and so we will have an edge over other competitors,” Williams said. “It looks prestigious on a college application.”

“I thought it would be a cool opportunity,” Lambert stated. “We can experience what college will be like so we won’t be so nervous when we do start.”

The pair is looking forward to participating in the college classes and their chance to work in the science labs at the school. The trip to the medical school lab facilities will likely be their first trip with the school.

Guidance Counselor Joana Orr, who has been at HHS since 1991, believes Lambert and Williams are the first two students from HHS to be accepted to the Governor’s School during her tenure. They could also possibly be the only two students in the school’s history to attend the school.

“It is definitely an elite enrichment opportunity,” Orr said. “It is a big deal. The exposure to all the careers in the medical field is probably what I want the most for them so they can figure out where to start straight out of high school and they can know what is the best fit for them when they graduate. Only 30 students from across the state were chosen and Hampton has two of these.”
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The University of Tennessee Martin percussion ensemble will perform its spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the percussion rehearsal room (formerly the fitness center) of Boling University Center. The event is free.

Ashley McGlown of Bartlett has been awarded a dean’s scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she will be a freshman. She is the daughter of Derrick and Alicia McGlown.

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CITYWIDE CLEANUP BEGINS

Keep Martin Beautiful - The City of Martin kicked off Citywide Cleanup Days on Monday with an effort to use the spring weather as a good reason to clean up debris and recycle. Brush truck operator Stan Lee removes debris from a home on Meadowbrook Drive while UTM Recycles volunteers Callie Wagner and Jenny Opiela sort through newspapers at the recycle barn located on Moody Street in Martin.

It’s out with the cold and in with the new as City of Martin residents are encouraged to take advantage of Citywide Cleanup Days this week. Throughout the week, community members can take advantage of free debris pick-up offered by the city’s public works department. The department will also collect bagged and sorted recyclables and carry them to the UTM Recycles barn located off of Moody Street.

Recyclables include paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum cans, metal cans, plastics and old computers. The department asks that residents sort the items into separate bags so they do not end up in the city’s landfill.

UTM Recycles is open to the public from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Monday through Friday. On Saturday, there are several events planned geared toward celebrating Earth Day and spreading awareness about what is available for all community members as well as businesses at the recycle barn.

During Citywide Cleanup Days, on each ward’s usual brush pickup day, the city public works department will collect at curbside recyclable items or brush that for the city’s landfill.

Landfill items are construction material, brush and limbs, wood, furniture, metal windows, metal doors, old lumber and carpet. Tires will not be accepted at the landfill.

5K Walk/Run April 24 will benefit We Care Ministries

A 5K Walk/Run-A-Thon to benefit We Care Ministries of Martin will be held 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 24, at UT Martin.

The university’s Women in Communications will sponsor the event. Registration will begin at 9:45 in front of Gooch Hall.

"We Care Ministries is a non-profit organization that helps the community in times of need," said Benita Evans, a UT Martin student and the group’s president. "We Care is important to Martin and the surrounding area, and the members of Women in Communications hope the community will come out and support this worthy cause."

UT Martin Greek organizations can earn points for participating. Call 571-5604 for additional information.
AFRICAN-AMERICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS - Weakley County residents, Natalie Dickerson-Boyd, left, and Deborah Williams-Boyd, were among participants at the recent 12th annual WestStar African-American Leadership Conference in Jackson. This year's keynote speaker was D’Army Bailey, retired judge, native of Memphis and a founder of the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. Other conference topics included: "Regional Initiatives: STEP Program/REDI/Mega Site," "Social Networking/Security/Avoiding Identity Theft using Technology," "The Facts about Domestic Abuse (and What to do When you Know the Facts)" and "Healthcare." The conference is one of several sponsored by WestStar in its 21-county region. WestStar is the state's oldest regional leadership program. WestStar was created in 1989 at the University of Tennessee at Martin to serve the multi-county area by providing leadership development and training.

PLAY BALL - West TN Diamond Jaxx's Kurt Brown was presented with a Weakley County Chamber plaque by Executive Director Barbara Virgin. On April 23 at 6 p.m., the Diamond Jaxx's will be hosting Weakley County/UT Martin Night at Pringles Park in Jackson, where the West Tenn Diamond Jaxx vs. Huntsville Stars. Discount general admission tickets are available for $3.50 at the UTM University Center Information Desk. Discount tickets are available until noon, Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Reserved seating will be $5.50 and are available at the stadium box office or by phone at 731-988-5299. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. with a fireworks show following. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Weakley County/UT Martin Night. It will be a night of fun, fellowship, fireworks, and most of all Diamond Jaxx baseball!

Diamond Jaxx UTM/Weakley County Night is April 23 in Jackson

April 23 will be UT Martin Night as the West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx will host the Huntsville Stars at 7:05 p.m. at Pringles Park in Jackson.

All UT Martin students, staff, alumni and friends are invited to see the West Tenn Diamond Jaxx minor league baseball team of the Southern League and Double-A affiliate of the Seattle Mariners. The Huntsville Stars are the Double-A affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Advanced general admission tickets are $3.50 and are available at the University Center Information Desk.

All women can receive a free general admission ticket that must be picked up at the box office the day of the game.

UTM/Weakley County Night begins with the first pitch by university and county officials, the national anthem and special entertainment and events throughout the evening. The night will be capped with a post-game fireworks show.

For more information, contact Steve Ventrease at 731-881-7735.
'The Curious Savage' set for April 29-May 2

The University of Tennessee at Martin Vanguard Theatre will present its opening performance of "The Curious Savage," at 8 p.m., April 29, on the stage in the Student Life Center. Additional performances will be at 8 p.m., April 30, May 1, and 3 p.m., May 2.

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Tickets, only available at the door, will be on sale two hours before each performance begins. Tickets are $5 for students and children and $10 for adults. For more information, contact the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7090.

Small business seminar offered

Budding entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to attend a free seminar especially at the Pontotoc Building in Fulton. Set for 10 a.m.-noon, May 4, "How to Start A Small Business" will be sponsored by the UT Martin Tennessee Small Business Development Center and Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center.

This small business seminar is interactive and will provide with information on starting a small business. Subject areas to be discussed include: how to evaluate yourself as a potential business owner, how to examine the potential market for your business idea, the basics of starting a business, including the requirements of the loan process, and writing the business plan.

Hollie Holt, UT Martin Tennessee Small Business Development Center and REED Center director, will present the seminar. For additional information or to register, call 731-587-7333 or register online at www.utm.edu/reed or call the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce at 731-479-7029.
OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES — University of Tennessee at Martin employees, Lana Ferrell, left, Department of Chemistry and Physics administrative assistant, and Shannon Deal, Student Health and Counseling Services director, received the non-exempt and exempt Spring 2010 Outstanding Employee Awards recently presented by Chancellor Tom Rakes. The awards, which recognize outstanding service to the university, are presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of Ferrell’s nomination were comments such as, "She has a vast knowledge of university policies and procedures and her professional competence has contributed tremendously to the functioning of departmental operations, even with the merger of another department...." and "...our entire department and all of our students have benefited from Lana’s care and her genuine desire and willingness to help and can-do attitude." Included as part of Deal’s nomination were comments such as, "Shannon ... is keenly aware of the health needs and requirements of our students and staff ..." and "... in recent weeks, we have witnessed Shannon juggle her primary role of nurse-practitioner for the ... student body with her role as director and now the merger with counseling services and noted that she has made the transition with the positive attitude that this combination of services will result in a much more efficient and effective delivery of health services for our students and staff."

The Daily Herald.

Rachel G. Hayes of Columbia recently received the Information Systems Award during the 46th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The award is given to a student in information systems chosen by the faculty of the Department of Management, Marketing, Computer Science and Information Systems. Rachel was selected as the outstanding senior in information systems.
Ag in the Classroom teacher workshop set

A one-day, informal training seminar will be held June 9 at the University of Tennessee Martin. Sponsored by the Tennessee Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and the Tennessee Farm Bureau, this workshop is open to any Obion County or Union City teacher PreK-12th grades. The aim of the workshop is to introduce teachers to Tennessee agriculture and demonstrate how easy it is to incorporate the information into existing classroom curriculums.

There is no registration or application fee. Each participant will receive a resource kit with approximately $200 in educational resource material free as well as a light continental breakfast and lunch at no cost. There will also be instructions on how each teacher’s school can apply for an outdoor classroom garden grant worth up to $500.

The materials are interdisciplinary. While they highlight Tennessee agriculture, they encompass math, science, social studies, health and nutrition, language arts, music, art, etc. The materials are available for preschool through 12th grade. They meet Terra Nova/Achievement and end of course teaching objectives and are correlated with Tennessee Department of Education teaching standards. The materials include not only teacher’s manuals, but CD-ROMs, videos, posters, student materials, maps, lab guides, etc.

The deadline for registration is May 14.

For more information regarding the workshop or the Ag in the Classroom program, contact the Obion County Farm Bureau office at 885-9303; AITC consultants Linda Fowler at (731) 587-3659 or Amy Tuck at (731) 588-0652; or Obion County Farm Bureau Women’s chairman Brenda Baker at 536-5442.

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Ken Zimmerman, lecturer of visual and theatre arts, will direct the production.

Tickets, only available at the door, will be on sale two hours before each performance begins. Tickets are $5 for students and children and $10 for adults.

For more information, contact the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at (731) 881-7090.

ROTC Hall of Fame inductees to be honored Thursday night

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This year’s inductees include Maj. Gen. Mike Malon, UT Martin Class of ’72; Col. James W. Adams, ROTC Class of ’84; Col. Leith A. Benedict, ROTC Class of ’85; retired Col.
Sammie Linton named SGA President at UTM

On Monday, April 12th, Sammie Linton, a native of Burnsville, Ms. and 2006 Graduate of Adamsville High School, was sworn in as SGA President for the University of Tennessee at Martin. Sammie is the son of the late Debbie Linton of Burnsville, Ms. and the grandson of Travis and Linda Brewer of Burnsville, Ms. Sammie will graduate in 2011 with a B.S. in Integrated Studies with an emphasis in Math. On Friday, April 23rd, the West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx will host College Night, where Sammie will be throwing out the first pitch as SGA President. As a student at UT Martin, Sammie has had the opportunity to hold many student-related positions. He worked as a resident assistant from 2007-2009 and in January 2009 was promoted to Student Assistant for Residence Life of UTM Housing. At the annual meeting of TARH (Tennessee Association of Residence Halls) in February, he was nominated and elected as Assistant Director of Finance. Sammie has held the SGA Campus Observation Chair and served as SGA senator for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences for 2009 and was chosen as the Most Outstanding SGA Senator for the year 2009-2010. As a student at UT Martin, Sammie has had the opportunity to learn a lot about the community in Martin as well as the student's lives and their wants. He has plans to continue leadership roles within the community and University.

Performance planned at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Lyric Opera Theatre will present “The Language of Love” at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Watkins Auditorium of Bolding University Center. Selections will include scenes from “The Secret Marriage” by Cimarosa; “Semiramide” by Handel; “Le nozze di Figaro” and “Cosi fan tutte” by Mozart; “La Boheme” by Puccini; “Rigoletto” by Verdi; “Orpheus in the Underworld” by Offenbach; “The Merry Widow” by Lehár; “Oklahoma” by Rodgers & Hammerstein; “Show Boat” by Kern; and “Romulus Hunt” by Simon. The cast will feature students from the Department of Music, including Josh Gatlin and Nick Gatlin, both of Union City; Elizabeth Bautke and Brittany Thompson, both of Memphis; Jusinda Broughtin of Delavan, Wis.; Ginny Cherry of Ripley; Te’rell Douglas of Jackson; Julia Ellegood of Roseburg, Ore.; Aaron Hand of Fairview; Rachel Lemonds of Dyersburg; and Hoi-Yan Vivian Mak of Hong Kong.

Admission will be $5 for adults. Students with UT Martin ID and children under age 12 will be admitted free of charge, according to a spokesman.
Tennessee Scholars named for 2010

By GLENDA CAUDLE
Special Features Editor

It's an "opportunity to stretch one's self to be prepared for an unknown future."

The Tennessee Scholars program, which is in its seventh year locally, is sponsored by donations from corporations, foundations, grants and gifts through Giving Matters at www.givingmatters.com under the Tennessee Association of Business Foundation.

Locally, 100 students from South Fulton (nine), Union City (45) and Obion County Central (46) high schools have made it their business to complete the requirement for the program which was begun by the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry to help build a quality workforce through encouraging students, early on, to prepare for a changing economy.

The awards and recognition program depends on local business leaders to motivate students to complete the rigorous course of study that will give them a boost in college and careers. That encouragement comes from interested business men and business women begins before the students even plan their high school careers, so the young men and women can take into account the academic future they need to chart for success after high school.

Students are encouraged throughout their high school careers and those who complete the program are given special recognition at a pre-graduation celebration each year.

To take part in that event, students must have successfully completed during their high school career four English courses; four math courses (Algebra I and II, geometry and a higher level course), three lab science courses (biology and two other lab sciences), three social studies courses, a health and physical education unit, a fine arts course, two foreign language courses in the same language, two career technical education courses (one in computer applications) and a business/computer course.

In addition, students must complete 20 hours of community service and must have a C average or higher with an attendance record of at least 95 percent and no out-of-school suspensions. And, finally, graduates must successfully pass all Gateway and exit exams.

In reviewing the history of the program, sponsors point with pride to the fact that Tennessee Scholars are better prepared to go to college, technical schools or the military, with most of them by-passing college remedial classes and completing four years of college without losing their Hope scholarships. Their adherence to the more rigorous standards set by the program means they have high school backgrounds that point them toward success in college.

The nation's military has also taken note of the quality of students identified as Tennessee Scholars and seeks out such graduates as officer material.

Tennessee Scholars are better prepared for the current job market and, in these challenging economic times, students who have completed the program can move to the front of the hiring line, in the view of many companies in Tennessee and the other 22 states that have their own such programs.

A quality workforce attracts quality jobs, according to the program's sponsors, who say Tennessee Scholars are an economic asset for their communities.

Scholars can expect to see an increased number of scholarships coming their way as businesses give support to the program both monetarily and as mentors and incentive-providers.

Schools profit from the program because attendance rates increase and disciplinary problems decline as students invest in the program.

These same students who learn and establish good "working" habits in school to comply with the program tend to carry over their practices in the workforce, benefitting their employers and earning dividends as valued employees for themselves.

Tennessee Scholars consistently score higher on ACT and college entrance exams. To qualify for the state's Hope scholarship, students must complete their high school careers with at least a B average or a 21 on the ACT.

Tennessee Scholars from Obion County were honored Tuesday night with a special program at Obion County Central High School in Troy.

A reception followed for the students, their families and teachers and their guests.

Brothers Kurt Baggett from Commercial Bank and Trust Co. and Kyle Baggett at First State Bank are co-chairmen of Obion County's Tennessee Scholars program.

Kurt Baggett offered the welcome at the program and introduced the director of the state program and Sarah Gammon of SFHS led the Pledge of Allegiance. UCHS scholars Sarah Triplett and Rebecca Easley provided musical entertainment.

The state's director, Ruth Ann Woodall, presented medallions and certificates to the upcoming high school graduates and Kurt Baggett and Kyle Baggett made special presentations. All graduates received special gifts for the evening and a lucky student from each school walked away with special prizes from a drawing. The grand prize winner also took home a gift that will be of benefit throughout their college career. (See related photo on Page Two.)

Members of the Obion County board of Tennessee Scholars also include events coordinator Beverly Gidecumb from CBK, who was in charge of the reception, among several other duties; industry representatives Treesa Hundley of CBK, Brenda Coleman from Manpower, Felicia Lightner from Goodyear and Community Development Coordinator Lindsay Flrill of the Obion County Chamber of Commerce; UCHS guidance counselor Winnie Logan, SFHS guidance counselor Pam Burrow and OCCHS guidance counselors Kay Cooper and Sally Wharton; Obion County School System supervisors of instruction Nancy Hamilton and Lesa Secillion; Union City School...
System Director of Schools Gary Houston, UCHS principal Wes Kennedy, and Union City Classroom/curriculum Coordinator Vicki Wilkinson, and the University of Tennessee at Martin's Dr. Tom Rakes and UTM librarian Mary Carpenter.

"The four years of hard work these students have completed provides benefits not only in the academic world but also in the business world. We applaud their effort and celebrate their success," Kurt Baggett said.

**OC STUDENTS INDUCTED** — Several Obion County students were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee at Martin. They included (from left) Adam Michael Gammons, Andrew H. Moore, Andrew Scott Keathley, James William Stewart, Kyle David Greer and Tandil Vincent Harris. Not pictured are Jaymimi Dave, Jonathan Lee Byrd, Kimberly L. Batts and Tyler Wayne Baker, also all of Obion County. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include graduate students in the upper 10 percent of their class, seniors in the upper 10 percent and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent. Also eligible are faculty members who possess outstanding academic, research, creative and service achievements. An internationally respected honor society, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and most selective organization that recognizes and promotes academic excellence in all fields of higher education. The society was founded at the University of Maine in 1897 and currently has chapters on the campuses of 282 colleges and universities in the United States, the Philippines and Puerto Rico, a spokesman said.

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**COLLEGIATE CHEMISTRY MEETING** — The 33rd Annual Area Collegiate Chemistry Meeting hosted by Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) was held at the University of Tennessee at Martin on April 10. American Chemical Society president-elect and manager of the International Chemical Threat Reduction Department in the Global Security Center at Sandia National Laboratories, Dr. Nancy B. Jackson, was the keynote speaker on the topic "Chemistry in the Global Context." Pictured are, from left, seated, Dr. Cahit Erkal, Elizabeth A. Abernathy, Ashish J. Patel, of Columbia; Dr. S.K. Aine; Dr. Nancy B. Jackson; Adam R. Travis, of Woodlawn; Dr. Charles "Rick" Thomas; Dr. Robbie Montgomery; and Dr. Richard J. Helgeson; second row, Kayla M. Baker, of Troy; Dahlia Hadaid, of Martin; Sarah Griffin, of Lebanon; Kayla A. Poindexter, of Murfreesboro; Pranav Patel, of Martin; Marcelina Glover, of Bartlett; and Dr. Nancy Hinds; third row, Lee Blount, of Martin; Thomas Hester, of Martin; Robert Mitchell, of Martin; Gilbert Forgy, of Clarksville; Dr. Robert L. Hartshorn; Dr. Isaac Stayton; Corey Jones, of Linden; Joe Cook, of Cordova; and James Griffin, of Lexington.
Titans tandem ready to defend starting roles

By STEPHANIE STURGIS
Sports Editor

When the Titans Caravan rolled into Martin Wednesday morning carrying two members of the Tennessee Titans secondary, questions about Thursday night’s NFL draft were at the forefront of those posed to the two former Pro Bowl performers.

Cornerback Cortland Finnegan and safety Michael Griffin both admitted no matter which players the Titans drafted, they would be looking over the shoulders and preparing to defend their starting jobs.

“They have a draft every year and they’re always trying to replace you,” Finnegan said.

Griffin admitted he would select defensive players if he were in charge of choosing picks for the Titans, who have the 16th overall selection.

“I’m a defensive player and defense wins football games. Offense sells tickets,” the former University of Texas Longhorn noted.

SHARE A LAUGH — The Titans Caravan brought two of Tennessee’s premier secondary players to Weakley County on Wednesday. Safety Michael Griffin (left) and cornerback Cortland Finnegan (right) share a laugh with Titans mascot T-Rac during a presentation for elementary students in UT Martin’s Elm Center. Photo by Stephanie Sturgis

While the players were willing to talk about the upcoming draft and potential trades, they were also eager to speak about their roles in encouraging youth to be active outdoors and attentive in the classrooms.

“You want kids to be active and get out and play and have a healthy life,” Finnegan said. “If we can ingrain that in them some way by having fun, we’re going to do that.”

Students from schools in both Henry and Obion counties were all ears during the Titans Caravan presentation which, in addition to the two star players, included the team’s mascot T-Rac and Titans Radio Gameday host Larry Stone. Stone and the players emphasized to the attentive students that the majority of the Titans’ game preparation came in the classroom, not on the field, during the season. The revelation surprised many in attendance.

“Just to hear a positive message come from us players. We were all kids at one point in time. All we can do is share our wisdom with the younger ones,” Griffin said.

For Finnegan, the trip to Martin was not his first. The standout cornerback made tackles in Hardy M. Graham Stadium when his college alma mater Samford University played the UT Martin Skyhawks.

“I felt some kind of way when I pulled up,” the three-time All-Ohio Valley Conference player admitted.

Both players hoped to build on the Titans’ strong finish to their 2009 season which ended with an 8-8 record after an 0-6 start.

“I see us starting off a little faster than last season,” Griffin forecast.
"You have to step you game up every year. Competition brings out the best of everybody, I love it," Finnegan said of preparing to take on the newest Titans. "If they bring in five corners, I've got to be better than all of them. I've got to out work them and that's something I'll continue to do until I'm done playing."

TITANIC TACKLE — Tennessee Titans football players (from left) Michael Griffin and Cortland Finnegan check on Titans mascot T-Rac after a tackle during a Titans Caravan stop Wednesday morning in the Elam Center on the UT Martin campus. Griffin, who tackled the mascot, and Finnegan reinforced to grade school students in attendance that paying attention in class and staying active outside class are the keys to making their dreams come true. For more from Griffin and Finnegan, see Page 12.

Photo by Stephanie Sturgis

LOCAL FACULTY INDUCTED INTO PHI KAPPA PHI — Sherry Denise Jones, lecturer of psychology, and Dr. Eric Ray Walker, assistant professor of plant science, were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include graduate students in the upper 10 percent of their class, seniors in the upper 10 percent, and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent. Also eligible are faculty members who possess outstanding academic, research, creative and service achievements. An internationally respected honor society, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and most selective organization that recognizes and promotes academic excellence in all fields of higher education.

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LOCAL STUDENT INDUCTED INTO PHI KAPPA PHI — Gayle A. McFarland, Jennifer DeYeso, Matthew A. Thomas, Ronald Charles Peckham, Staci Hazelwood Fuqua, Suzanne Marie Peckham, Sylvester Boyd II and Tonia Lofton Cox, all of Weakley County, were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include graduate students in the upper 10 percent of their class, seniors in the upper 10 percent, and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent. Also eligible are faculty members who possess outstanding academic, research, creative and service achievements. An internationally respected honor society, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and most selective organization that recognizes and promotes academic excellence in all fields of higher education. The society was founded at the University of Maine in 1897 and currently has chapters on the campuses of 282 colleges and universities in the United States, the Philippines and Puerto Rico. Not pictured are Hunter

Mullinax inducted into Honor Society
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Victim’s family honored by UT’s Phi Beta Sigmas

Two years ago on Tuesday was the anniversary of the burial of April Kayser of Sidonia.

April Kayser’s life was cut short in April 2008 after her husband Jason, beat her so severely she suffered brain injuries and internal bleeding.

Jason Kayser pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 17 years in prison for the death of his wife.

“I wish someone would have spoke up, but God knew what he was doing and he took care of her. Her life is not taken in vain,” April Kayser’s mother said to the crowd of students and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity members on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin Tuesday afternoon.

She told the crowd it was two years ago that day when she buried her daughter.

“Our goal in doing this was to make sure that UT is aware, and the community is aware as well, of the effects of abuse, physical and sexual,” Natalie Boyd, an organizer of Tuesday’s event, said.

At the request of Boyd and the fraternity, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige proclaimed the month of April as sexual assault awareness month. In light of a recent scare and threat to the community when law enforcement agencies searched for a serial rapist allegedly targeting college students, UTM Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes said while UTM’s campus is a safe place, outside events impact everyone.

“We always tout how safe our campus is and we are, but what happens around us, impacts us all. Where you live has a direct impact on us all,” Rakes shared.

“We are a changing culture and the culture of peace is the toughest to obtain. You can’t turn your back on abuse. Silence is the worst thing you can do for someone,” Rakes said.

“Abuse is not acceptable at all and if this happens, know that you will be in jail,” Rakes added.

Students and faculty then took a walk of hope around the campus in memory and honor of victims of sexual and domestic abuse.
Morrell Named Fellow of American College of Trial Lawyers

MARK SULLIVAN / Special to The Daily News
Gary Morrell's parents stressed several important values as he grew up—education, hard work, preparation and professionalism.

During his 39-year career as a lawyer, these traits have served him well. And now he has been named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers—the 40th Fellow from Memphis.

"Because of my parents' upbringing and my respect for the field of law, I decided early on I wanted to be a lawyer," Morrell said. "When I started my career nearly three decades ago, a mentor of mine, James Cox, had a plaque on the wall signifying he was a Fellow.

"He was very proud of the honor and told me that being a Fellow was one of the greatest achievements of his professional life," Morrell said. "Today, I feel the same way."

The American College of Trial Lawyers, founded in 1947, consists of the best of the trial bar from the U.S. and Canada.

Fellowship in the College is by invitation only to the experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality.

Lawyers must have at least 15 years of trial experience to be considered for Fellowship.

Membership is limited to a maximum of 1 percent of the total lawyer population for any state. There are more than 3,700 lawyers considered Fellows in the U.S. and Canada.

At The Butwell Firm, Morrell focuses on plaintiff medical malpractice cases and is very successful in recoveries, settlements and jury verdicts.

"I entered this particular field because it is an area where a lawyer can really help people and make a difference in their lives," Morrell said. "Victims of medical negligence have their lives destroyed. I help people get their lives back together financially, but nothing can reverse a death or a catastrophic injury.

"One of the biggest obstacles in my field is the magnitude of my opponent," Morrell said. "The multi-billion-dollar medical malpractice and the multi-billion-dollar insurance industry have unlimited resources and finances."

Morrell compared it to battling Goliath in every case.

"However, juries are the equalizers—they usually do the right thing, despite the odds," he said.

Morrell is highly critical of tort reform: "Tort Reform is not reforming anything; it is tort restriction.

"Morrell, a member of the Memphis Bar Association, began his education with a degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin and earned his law degree from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.

"Memphis is a community with an extremely high-quality group of judges and lawyers," Morrell teacher makes a difference in people's lives; that is an attraction for me."

Morrell said his job serves as one of his hobbies as he works 50 to 60 hours a week. He also loves calling Memphis and the Mid-South home.

"The keys to my success have been hard work and preparation," Morrell said. "Being prepared and organized will take you far in life.

"I take a lot of pride in my work, standing up for the rights of ordinary citizens."
Outdoorsman Moody enters Hall of Fame
By TOMMY PRIDDY, P-I Sports Editor
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Being inside a building is not where William E. "Bill" Moody wants to be, although he doesn't mind selling you one.

Widely known for his longtime association with the family-owned business, Moody Realty, Bill has also been an athlete, coach and woodsman throughout his life. It is that love of sports and outdoors that has made him an inductee to the Paris-Henry County Sports Hall of Fame.

Moody will be enshrined into the Hall of Fame along with Angie McGrew Oliver, Rob Hessing, Earl Kendall and the late Don Sutton. The Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Jim Farmer.

Tickets for the May 6 induction dinner are $25. The tickets can be purchased at the law office of William T. Looney at 127 N. Poplar St., at Paris Insurance Agency at 203 W. Wood St. and from any Hall of Fame committee member.

Tennessee Titans' play-by-play announcer Mike Keith will be the guest speaker.

Moody is the son of Elliott "Eddie" and Betty Moody of Paris. He and his wife, Linda, have two children: Candise Farmer and Jon Paul Moody, both of Paris.

He began his athletic career playing baseball in the Paris Little League under the coaching of his father. He moved on to Babe Ruth and American Legion baseball.

Moody attended Grove High School and played all sports that were available to him. He played baseball, basketball, football and ran track. He was captain of the football team in 1963.

He was a member of the G-Club for participating in the required number of quarters while earning Most Valuable Player, Best Spirit, Best Tackler and Best Blocker honors while playing for the Blue Devils. He was chosen as the Most Athletic Boy by his senior class.

Several colleges recruited Moody who chose to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin. Moody left UTM at the end of his sophomore year to enlist in a four-year tour with the Navy during the Vietnam War. He participated in intramural sports while in the Navy.
Moody received his military discharge in 1970 and returned to Paris to work in the family business. He also began coaching in Pop Warner football and in the Henry County Little League where he coached his son's teams.

He has kept up his support of youth sports for more than 40 years. He has been a supporter of church youth groups and still is a member of the Henry County High School football booster club. He has served on the Lions Club's football banquet committee.

Moody is active with the ministry of Covenant Ranch which is a local outreach for youth sportsmen. He is an adviser to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes throughout West Tennessee.

He is an avid hunter. In 2003, Moody and his son achieved a first by completing a grand slam in turkey hunting. They traveled to Florida, Texas, South Dakota and in Tennessee to kill the four different species of wild turkey in North America. This feat placed them in the National Wild Turkey Federation's world book of records as the only father-son team to complete the single-season grand slam.

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**Union, UTM have chemistry**

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WestStar African-American Leadership Conference
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Charley Deal, WestStar Leadership Program executive director, welcomes participants to the recent 12th annual WestStar African-American Leadership Conference in Jackson. The conference is one of several sponsored by WestStar in its 21-county region. WestStar is the state's oldest regional leadership program. Conferences have focused on presentations related to economic development, education, business initiatives, healthcare and technology, among others, with input about future topics provided by conference participants each year. WestStar was created in 1989 at the University of Tennessee at Martin to serve the multi-county area by providing leadership development and training. Representing 15 counties in the 21-county region, the 2010 class members have a diverse range of occupations and volunteer leadership experiences.

Wardell Seals Jr., left, president and CEO of HeartBeat CPR, Inc., of Cordova, talks with Evelyn Robertson, of Hardeman County, a past conference chair and member of the WestStar Class of 1997, and current conference chair, Anne Banks, of Haywood County, a member of the WestStar Class of 1997 and Board of Trustees.

Stanton Mayor Allen Sterbinsky, left, talks with Cyronose Spicer, of Lauderdale County, at the conference at the West Tennessee Center for Agricultural Research in Jackson. The WestStar Leadership program serves the 21 counties in West Tennessee. It is the oldest regional leadership program in the state. Sterbinsky is a member of the WestStar Class of 2009, and Spencer is a member of the current class.

Evelyn Robertson, left, and County Mayor Willie Spencer, both of Hardeman County, and Harold Nance, of Crockett County, get a chance to talk at the leadership conference following Spencer’s presentation on regional economic development initiatives. Spencer is a member of the WestStar Class of 2006. Robertson is a member of the Class of 1997 and is a past conference chair. Nance is a member of the Class of 2002.
The African-American Leadership Conference Outstanding Leader Award (40+ years of age) was presented at this year's 12th annual conference in Jackson to Gloria Sweet-Love, left, of Brownsville, longtime president of the Tennessee State Conference of NAACP Branches. The award criteria notes that the nominee has made a positive impact in his or her city/county during the past year, has a strong record of leadership during the past five years in West Tennessee, has been an active participant in the African-American leadership conferences and embraces the importance of and provides effective leadership to the concept and practice of regionalism in West Tennessee. She currently serves as chair of the Southeast Region NAACP Leadership Caucus. In 2008, she was elected as an at-large member to the NAACP National Board of Directors. She serves on the NAACP National Education, Election Supervisory, Religious Affairs and Resolutions committees. An avid and active community activist and champion of human rights, in 2003, she was appointed by Gov. Phil Bredesen as a commissioner for the Tennessee Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission. She also currently serves on the South West Human Resource Agency Policy Board and Council and on the Jackson State Community College Foundation Board of Trustees. Pictured with Sweet-Love is Anne Banks, Brownsville, conference chair and a member of the WestStar Class of 1997 and Board of Trustees.

The WestStar African-American Leadership Conference Outstanding Leader Award (under 40 years of age) was presented at this year's 12th annual conference in Jackson to Melissa Cox-Rayner, center, Crockett County Chamber of Commerce executive director. The award criteria notes that the nominee has made a positive impact in his or her city/county during the past year, has a strong record of leadership during the past five years in West Tennessee, has been an active participant in the African-American leadership conferences and embraces the importance of and provides effective leadership to the concept and practice of regionalism in West Tennessee. Pictured with Cox-Rayner are Harold Nance, Alamo, a member of the WestStar Class of 2002 and Board of Trustees; and Anne Banks, Brownsville, conference chair and a member of the WestStar Class of 1997 and Board of Trustees.
The recent 12th annual WestStar African-American Leadership Conference in Jackson attracted more than 140 participants to the daylong event. The group heard a variety of presentations on economic development, health care, domestic abuse prevention and social networking technology in addition to the keynote speaker, D'Army Bailey, retired judge.

WestStar holds first meeting in Gibson Co.

By Crystal Burns

Despite having numerous Gibson County graduates and participants, WestStar made its first appearance stop in Gibson Co. last week, holding meetings in Milan and Trenton.

Created over 20 years ago, WestStar was created to serve the 21 counties of West Tennessee by providing leadership development and training for selected participants. The training includes eight two-day seminars that vary from year-to-year.

While in Gibson County, WestStar participants discussed Energy, Environment and Technology.

A group of Gibson and Crockett Co. WestStar alumni spent nearly two years planning and persuading the group, which is affiliated with the University of Tennessee at Martin, to hold a seminar in Gibson Co.

Last Thursday, the WestStar Class of 2010 began the two-day seminar at the West Tennessee Agricultural Museum in Milan. On Friday, they moved to Trenton City Hall where they met in the world-famous Teapot Room.

“We’ve really worked to get this in Gibson County,” said Cheri Childress, a 2000 graduate of WestStar.

Pat Riley, who graduated from the leadership training in 2002, was also instrumental in planning.

He serves as the Gibson County Coordinator on the WestStar Board of Trustees. Last Thursday morning, he encouraged the Class of 2010 to get involved in the energy-focused seminars.

“You should walk away knowing more about energy so that you can make better decisions in your home and have a better understanding of where our country is with energy,” Riley said.

He also encouraged the class to stay plugged in to WestStar even after they graduate.

Several mayors welcomed the group to Milan and Gibson Co. including Tony Burriss, mayor of Trenton, who graduated from WestStar in 2008.

“I came to WestStar at the right time and learned about things I would’ve never learned,” he said. “WestStar made me a better mayor.”

Burriss began his work with WestStar just after being elected as Mayor of Trenton and told the crowd he had a vision of where he wanted Trenton to go but no knowledge of local government.

Milan Mayor Chris Crider also spoke highly of WestStar and expressed his desire to participate. He recalled meetings he had with the group as a state legislature.

“WestStar has always impressed me,” Crider said. “I’m impressed with how intelligent the group is.”

Since 1989, WestStar has graduated 11 participants from Crockett Co. and 34 from Gibson Co.

SPECIAL GIFTS- Charley Deal (second from right), Executive Director of WestStar Leadership, presented thank you gifts to (from left) Trenton Mayor Tony Burriss, Crockett Co. Mayor Larry Griffin, Gibson Co. Mayor Joe Sheppard and Milan Mayor Chris Crider at last Thursday’s opening session of the sixth session of the 2010 WestStar training program.
**Medina student recognized for honors at UT Martin**

Jesse N. Winchester, of Medina, recently received the Geography Award during the 46th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award of up to $300 is presented to an outstanding geography or travel/tourism student. Eligible students much have sophomore standing and be declared a geoscience major with a concentration in geography. Funding for this award comes from faculty and alumni donations. The geography faculty selects the recipient. He also received the Outstanding Geosciences Major Student Award during the 46th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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**UT Martin student one of 75 in nation to receive scholarship**

Henry County High School graduate Jade Stearnes of Buchanan recently was notified that she had been accepted for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship for Young Professionals and will be spending the 2010-11 academic year in Germany.

She is a University of Tennessee at Martin senior majoring in cell and molecular biology and minoring in German.

Stearnes became one of only 75 students nationwide to receive the award. She and the second UT Martin student to do so. The program begins in July and includes two months of intensive German language training in Germany, four months of classroom instruction at a German university or college of applied sciences and a five-month internship in a participant's career field.

"This scholarship will allow me to do several things at once," said Stearnes, who has traveled to Germany twice. "I'll be able to expand my knowledge of the German language, immerse myself in the culture and gain valuable, hands-on experience in cell and molecular biology."

Stearnes is a 2006 HCHS graduate. She is the daughter of Mike and Pam Stearnes.

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**Anchor Trailways driver Pro Walker (left) talks with Bill Browder Jr., the company's head of Memphis area operations, Monday afternoon at Fuel Pro on Tyson Avenue during the company's first day of regular bus service in Paris.**

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Commercial bus service returns to Paris with new route

By GLENN TANNER
P-J Staff Writer

Local travelers no longer need a car to get to Memphis or Nashville — or Camden, for that matter.

Anchor Trailways bus lines began operating its ATRunner service here Monday morning.

The new rural route links 11 rural communities, including Paris, with major transportation hubs in Memphis and Nashville.

"These are all-new buses," said Bill Browder Jr., the company's head of Memphis area operations, during a Monday stopover at the local bus stop, Fuel Pro on Tyson Avenue.

The buses include satellite television, wireless Internet service and electrical plugs.

The route includes five stops in Nashville, including Vanderbilt University's Medical Arts Building, the Clement Landport in downtown Nashville, the Greyhound bus depot, the Music City Star train station and the Nashville International Airport.

In Memphis, the fully-equipped motorcoaches will stop at the city's central bus/Amtrak station, the Greyhound bus depot and the Memphis International Airport.

In between, the buses will make stops at Atoka, Ripley, Dyersburg, Union City, Martin, Dresden, Paris, Camden, Holaday, Dickson, and Kingston Springs.

Buses will leave from Paris for Nashville at 4:20 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. weekdays, and 12:40 p.m. on weekends.

Buses will leave for Memphis at 12:30 p.m. and 7:25 p.m. weekdays, and 12:40 p.m. on weekends.

According to Browder, Paris will be the route's transfer point, meaning heading from Memphis and Nashville they will use the Paris swap to swap drivers.

This allows a driver who lives in Memphis to start his route on a Nashville-bound bus, transfer to a Memphis-bound bus in Paris, and be home each night.

Ticket prices depend on mileage traveled. A trip from the Memphis Amtrak station to that city's Greyhound bus station only costs $2.

Meanwhile, a one-way ride from airport to airport — an eight-hour trip that runs the length of the route — costs $51.

The new route offers some alternatives to citizens of Paris and Henry County.

For a round trip, Parisians can expect to pay $52 to ride to the Nashville airport and back — $4 less than the cost of leaving a vehicle in the airport's economy parking lot for a week.

The service also offers local students at The University of Tennessee at Martin a new way to get from their hometowns to the campus.

A round-trip ticket to the Boling University Center at UT Martin from Paris costs $14.

In fact, one of the first passengers on Monday's run was Steve Vantrease of the university's student services department.

Vantrease, who said the university had been working with Anchor Trailways since the summer, was using his laptop to test the buses' Internet connection as he rode.

Tickets can be bought online at https://runner.anchortrailways.com/ticketing, or from drivers prior to departure.

Fuel Pro manager Danny Patel said tickets will eventually be available at the convenience store.

Schedules and prices are available at Fuel Pro, or online at www.anchortrailways.com.

DMS Students attend Young Writers’ Clubhouse

A group of West Tennessee students gathered at Ripley Elementary School on April 17th for the Young Writers’ Clubhouse, sponsored by the West Tennessee Writing Project. The theme was “Food for Thought and Writing.” There were plenty of fun food-related activities. They described their favorite and least favorite foods, using colorful adjectives to guess the foods. They wrote reviews on donut shops from “the best in town” to “degradable.” Best of all, they made restaurant menus. Girls vs. Boys. The DMS girls, Johnni Armstrong and Shehla Yousef made a private/wizard restaurant that went by the name of "Wizards in a Boat". The Dyersburg boys (Ubaid Tanveer and Brett Ballard) made a spooky-themed restaurant called "The monster's Mash." They then read the amazing children's book, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, then turned around and wrote their own version. They had a blast... as always.
Middleton receives Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award

BETH MALOAN AWARD - Brian Middleton, second from left, received the Spring 2010 Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award. Also pictured, from left to right, are Phil Dane, director of intercollegiate athletics; Scott Robbins, director of public safety; and Jennifer Stroh and Jessica Maloan, daughters of Beth Maloan.

The Spring 2010 Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award recently was presented to Brian Middleton, a UT Martin Department of Public Safety employee. Middleton is a criminal justice major and has been employed for two years.

Among his many tasks, Middleton, of Hohenwald, works as a dispatcher and formerly with building security.

He is responsible for monitoring security cameras, answering telephones, keeping detailed computer logs of all police activities on campus, giving information and event times to campus visitors, issuing temporary parking passes and monitoring fire alarm panels.

Working with building security, Middleton secured all the academic buildings at the end of the day.

According to his supervisor, Chad Worley, “Brian is an outstanding employee. He constantly strives to exceed the expectations of our department. He can be relied upon to complete any task set before him, completely and in a timely fashion. He does his job with unparalleled professionalism. He knows his job and performs it to the best of his ability.”

This award, given every fall and spring semester, is a memorial for Beth Maloan, longtime UT Martin director of budgeting and payroll, who during her years of service, was a strong advocate for student employment.

Maloan had a vision that more positions would be developed on campus that would challenge students and make them significant contributors to the university’s mission.

Recipients of this award exemplify a strong work ethic and commitment to the university, and they receive a $1,000 cash award, an engraved plaque and a nameplate on the perpetual plaque in a place of honor in the Boling University Center.

Contributions to this scholarship award may be made through payroll deduction by employees of UT Martin or by sending a contribution to the Office of Development at UT Martin.

LOCAL STUDENT RECOGNIZED AT UT MARTIN HONORS DAY - Tiana V. Harris, of South Fulton, recently received the Outstanding Senior Management, Marketing, Computer Science and Information Systems Student Award during the 46th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. (Photo submitted)

Curlin nets Pacer Award

Casey A. Curlin, of Fulton, recently received the Pacer Award during the 46th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The award is presented annually by The Pacer, the student newspaper of The University of Tennessee at Martin, and is given to the student who, in his or her time as a student journalist, has made the most significant contribution to The Pacer.

The purpose of the award is to recognize and promote excellence in student journalism.
Learn and pursue new interests and skills

Spring classes planned by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies offer area residents the opportunity to learn and pursue new skills and interests. The courses get underway in May at Martin.

*Intermediate Golf, "A Golf Clinic for Women by Women," is planned from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursdays, May 6-27. The registration fee will be $85. The course is for women who have a basic understanding of the game, covering the golf course, equipment and accessories, scoring and scorecards, basic rules, etiquette, selecting the right club, course management and strategy, fitness for golf and the short and long game. Clubs will be available. The instructor is Rhonda Davidson, UT Martin adjunct instructor.*

*Intermediate Excel will be offered from 9 a.m.-noon, May 11 and 13. The registration fee is $85. The instructor will be Doug Bloodworth, UT Martin analyst and programmer.*

Participants will need to provide a handgun, pencils or pens, paper, 50 rounds of ammunition for range instruction and hearing and eye protection.

*Private Beginning Horsemanship English/Western riding lessons will be offered at UT Martin. An hour lesson with half-hour riding time will be $35. Individual lessons will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship to include handling, grooming, equipment, riding Western/English and the relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being. No prior riding experience is necessary. Riders must be at least seven years of age to participate. Required equipment will include long pants and boots with heels. Riding helmets will be required and provided.*

For more information on these courses, call UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies (ECOS) at 731-881-7081 or go online to http://www.utm.edu/departments/cecos/nondegree/home.php.

Local students are inducted in Phi Kappa Phi

Bill Luckey, Clark Harrison Allen, Cydney Lauren Williams, Daniel Morris, Joshua Taylor Adams and Megan Latimer, all of Gibson County, were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include graduate students in the upper 10 percent of their class, seniors in the upper 10 percent, and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent. Also eligible are faculty members who possess outstanding academic, research, creative and service achievements.

An internationally respected honor society, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and most selective organization that recognizes and promotes academic excellence in all fields of higher education.

Davé receives Women’s Scholarship Award

Jaymini D. Davé, of South Fulton, recently received the Faculty Women’s Club Scholarship Award during the 46th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The award of $500 is given in recognition of the academic excellence of students who have achieved senior status. Selection is made by a committee of the club and is based primarily on academic achievement, financial need, citizenship and leadership.
Five claim annual Faculty Honors

Among faculty members honored with awards for outstanding achievements in scholarship, citizenship, teaching and advising during the recent Honors Day program were, from left, Dr. Lisa LeBleu, Dr. Patricia Hewitt, Dr. Chris Caldwell, third from right, and Paula Moore, second from right. They are pictured with Chancellor Tom Rakes, third from left, and Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs, right. Not pictured is Dr. David Barber.

Five University of Tennessee at Martin faculty members were honored with awards for outstanding achievements in scholarship, citizenship, teaching and advising during the recent Honors Day program.

- Dr. David Barber, assistant professor of history, and Dr. Chris Caldwell, professor of mathematics and statistics, received the Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award. The Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award of $5,000 was established in 1993 by James R. Cunningham, who attended UT Junior College in the 1930s. It is awarded annually to faculty members who have demonstrated strength in teaching and made a contribution to the teaching profession through scholarly activities, extracurricular achievements and leadership responsibilities.

- Dr. Lisa LeBleu, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences chair and professor, received the University of Tennessee Alumni (UTAA) Outstanding Teacher Award. Each year, the UTAA presents awards of $2,000 to faculty members on each of the UT campuses who have been selected as outstanding teachers. Students, alumni and faculty nominate outstanding teachers, who then are evaluated on classroom performance, scholarship and service.

- Dr. Patricia A. Hewitt, professor of educational studies, received the Outstanding Advisor Award. The Outstanding Advisor Award of $1,000 and a plaque are presented to the faculty member selected for demonstrating a caring attitude toward advisees, availability to advisees, monitoring student progress toward academic and career goals and the ability to engage in developmental advising and other distinctive characteristics. The recipient also is eligible for the national award competition sponsored by the American College Testing Program and the National Academic Advising Association.

- Paula H. Moore, associate professor of accounting and business law, received the Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award. The Coffey Outstanding Teaching award of $5,000 was established in 1998 by Mai and Charlie Coffey and is awarded annually to a faculty member who demonstrates strength in teaching and contributes to the teaching profession through extracurricular achievements, leadership qualities and scholarly activities.

Weakley Co. student receives scholarship to attend UTM

A Weakley County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Logan Coates, son of David and Pam Coates of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Dean's Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238. In-state residents telephone 800-829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
Local students inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Gayle A. McFarland, Jennifer DeYeso, Matthew A. Thomas, Ronald Charles Peckham, Stael Hazelwood Fuqua, Suzanne Marie Peckham, Sylvester Boyd II and Tonya Lofrilla Cox, all of Weakley County, were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include graduate students in the upper 10 percent of their class, seniors in the upper 10 percent, and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent. Also eligible are faculty members who possess outstanding academic, research, creative and service achievements.

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Not pictured are Hunter Thomas Vincent, Mary Katherine Unger, Michael Yandell, Panam Patel, Sarah Elizabeth Brunstad and Misty Dunlap, all of Weakley County.

'How to Start a Small Business' topic of upcoming seminar

Budding entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to attend a free seminar especially for them at the Pontotoc Building in Fulton. Set for 10 a.m.-noon, May 4, “How to Start A Small Business” will be sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin Tennessee Small Business Development Center and Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center.

This small business seminar is interactive and will provide attendees with information on starting a small business venture. Subject areas to be discussed include: how to evaluate yourself as a potential business owner, how to examine the potential market for your business idea, the basics of starting a business, including the requirements of the loan process, and writing the business plan. A question-and-answer session will follow the program.

Hollie Holt, UT Martin Tennessee Small Business Development Center and REED Center director, will present the seminar. For additional information or to register, call 731-587-7333 or register online at www.utm.edu/reed or call the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce at 731-479-7029.
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Culvahouse gives presentation at UTM

Pictured with Culvahouse, right, and J. Houston Gordon, an ICE donor, are, from left, Erin Coates, Arlington senior psychology major; Sarah Appleton, Jackson freshman political science major; and Amber Watson, Paris junior chemistry major. The students are Gordon University Scholars. The Gordon Family University Scholar Endowment was established in 1993 by Houston and Debbie Gordon. It was one of the first endowed scholarships for the University Scholars program. There are 60 UT Martin University Scholars; all scholarship are funded through private dollars.

Several students talked to Arthur Culvahouse, Washington, D.C. attorney and native of West Tennessee, following his presentation at the University of Tennessee at Martin Institute for Civic Engagement recent sculpting summit.

ICE is an academic affairs effort with advisory ties to student affairs, alumni, community partners and the student body. The annual meeting is used to reflect on the past year, discuss future ICE efforts, including a new leadership initiative and expansion of community service at UT Martin, and award civic engagement efforts.

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Kid College set

The ninth annual Kid College at The University of Tennessee at Martin will be June 14-24 at Paris Elementary School.

Kid College is a nine-day program for children who are attending kindergarten–fifth grade this school year.

The goal is to provide children with an opportunity to have a fun, learning experience.

Registration fee is $40 a class and Kid College T-shirts are available for an additional $10. Some classes require an additional supply fee.

Advance registration is required and space is limited. To register, call ECCE at 731-881-7082 or 731-881-7081. To register online and view a Kid College brochure, visit the Web site at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/mondegrew/children.php.

An open house will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. June 24 for parents, family and friends to drop by and meet the teachers, view displays and watch demonstrations.
UC HONOREE — Abby T. Cruce of Union City recently received the Outstanding Educational Studies K-6 Student Award during the 46th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

STUDENT HONORED — Jacob L. Eddlemon of Kenton recently received the Lonnie E. Maness History Department Award during the 46th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award of $100 is given to the outstanding graduating history major. Selection is made on the basis of grade point average, number of hours in history, contributions to the department and extracurricular activities.

RECOGNIZED — Tiana V. Harris of South Fulton recently received the Outstanding Senior Management, Marketing, Computer Science and Information Systems Student Award during the 46th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

EARNED HONOR — Cortney C. Moore of Union City recently received the Student Group of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Award during the 46th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award is presented to a sophomore, junior or senior family and consumer sciences student who is a member of the student group of AAFCS. The recipient is chosen on the basis of leadership activities in the association and potential for becoming a successful professional.

BAKER'S MAN — Obion County Central High School student Thomas Elam (center) recently won second place in the French Bake-off at the University of Tennessee at Martin High School Foreign Language Day. He was congratulated by Dr. David Coffey, interim dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts; and Dr. Lynn Alexander, interim dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts.
REALLY COOKING — Obion County Central High School students Audrey McGarity (second from left) and Lauren Jones (second from right) recently won first place in the French Bake-off at the University of Tennessee at Martin High School Foreign Language Day. On hand to present them with the honor were Dr. David Coffey, interim dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts; and Dr. Lynn Alexander, interim dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

POST'ING A WIN — Obion County Central High School student Lauren Jones (center) recently won first place in the French Posters competition at the University of Tennessee at Martin High School Foreign Language Day. She received congratulations from Dr. David Coffey, interim dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts; and Dr. Lynn Alexander, interim dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

BOWL'ED OVER — Obion County Central High School students recently won third place in the French Culture Bowl at the University of Tennessee at Martin High School Foreign Language Day. On hand to mark the honor were (from left) Dr. David Coffey, interim dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts; OCCHS team member Krysten Harris; Dr. Lynn Alexander, interim dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts; and OCCHS team members Katie Hardin, Alton Alexander, and Reid Wiggins.