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The seminar will discuss time management. Time is an asset that is often neglected. The seminar focuses on how business and its employees can make the most of their time.

The cost to attend is $10 per person that is paid at the time of seminar. Lunch is included.

Agriculture finance conference set for Aug. 4 at UT Martin

The ninth annual Mid-South Agricultural Finance Conference will be held Wednesday, Aug. 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Watkins Auditorium at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

There will be three featured speakers at the conference. David Kohl is an internationally-known speaker to farmers, lenders and agribusiness audience. Matt Roberts, from Ohio State University, is a nationally-known expert on grain and energy markets. Dr. Bob Young is the American Farm Bureau Federation chief economist.

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Pilot earns commendation in Afghanistan

Army Capt. Kyle J. Maki has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal for his actions while serving as a pilot on an AH-64D Apache attack helicopter in combat in Afghanistan. The medal is awarded to a member of the Armed Forces who distinguishes himself or herself by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight.

Maki received the medal for service in Operation Enduring Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism in Afghanistan. His attack weapons team responded to a call from a base reporting indirect fire near Nawbahar Base in Zabul Province. His team began searching for enemy fighters and spotted a possible enemy truck with a large caliber weapon mounted in the bed. After clearing ground coalition forces and Afghan National Army troops from the zone, he trained his sight on the possible enemy truck and observed an anti-aircraft gun firing at his helicopter. The captain began firing his aircraft's 30 mm cannon at the enemy truck with the gunner and four enemy fighters, which resulted in the destruction of the truck, the anti-aircraft gun, and two enemy fighters killed.

Afterward, a second helicopter team spotted a second truck with an anti-aircraft gun firing at Maki's helicopter and an additional four trucks, 15 motorcycles and more than 20 dismounted enemy fighters in position to attack. He fired a Hellfire missile that partially destroyed the truck and neutralized the anti-aircraft gun. He continued to fire 30 mm rounds and Hellfire missiles at the enemy ground forces in position to ambush U.S. soldiers and neutralize or killed the enemy insurgents.

The final battle damage assessment for the one-hour engagement confirmed the destruction of four enemy trucks, one stolen Afghan National Army truck, seven motorcycles and 18 confirmed enemy insurgents killed. Enemy spoils of war included numerous weapons systems, anti-aircraft guns, ammunition, improvised explosive devices and equipment, motorcycles, and radio communications systems. There were no U.S. or Afghan National Army casualties.

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President announces Holt’s nomination for U.S. Marshal

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The United States White House announced on Wednesday that President Barrack Obama has nominated Dyer County Sheriff Jeff Holt to serve as a United States Marshal. He also nominated two other men from California and South Dakota.

"Throughout their careers, these dedicated law enforcement professionals have shown an unwavering commitment to public service," said President Obama. "I am honored to nominate them to serve the American people as U.S. Marshals."

Holt will serve as a U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee.

"I’m honored to receive the nomination and look forward to the confirmation process," said Holt. United States Congressman John Tanner commended Holt on his nomination.

"Jeff Holt is an excellent choice to be the United States Marshal for West Tennessee," said Tanner. "Jeff has had a career in law enforcement culminating in his role as Dyer County Sheriff. Jeff is known for his professionalism and his expertise in our criminal justice system, which will help him in this important position serving West Tennessee and our country."

Upon Holt’s nomination, U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander released this statement.

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"I congratulate Sheriff Holt on his nomination and look forward to talking with him about his interest in serving as U.S. Marshal for West Tennessee," said Alexander.

Another man that has worked with Holt over the years is Dyer County Mayor Richard Hill. He noted that both the county commission and the residents would miss Holt.

"He’s been a good sheriff and he has managed the budget well," said Hill. "He will do good in any endeavor he tries. We’re sure miss him."

Holt was elected as sheriff of Dyer County in 1994. He has experience as a criminal investigator for the District Attorney’s office of the 29th Judicial District of Tennessee in Dyersburg, a trooper with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, a chief investigator for the Fayette County Sheriff’s Office and as the chief of police of Bolivar, Tenn. He received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1977 from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Holt was a candidate in the Dyer County Sheriff's 2010 election. However, he announced on April 5 he was withdrawing from the race, which opened up the field for more candidates.

The other nominees for U.S. Marshal are:
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Parents taught how to help children cope

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It is not "the passing" of a loved one.

Nor is it someone "going to Jesus," or "a better place."

It is death: and the grief it brings must be met head on, especially with children, in order for people to continue leading mentally healthy lives.

That is one of the lessons taught to parents whose children attended last weekend's WINGS program at the Mid-South Youth Camp in Lexington. The program is designed to give children a safe setting where they can talk, cry, scream or otherwise express their grief for a relative or loved one who has died.

But the program, which is in its fifth year, also teaches parents how to deal with their grief and how to let their children openly express what they are feeling.

"None of us want our kids to hurt," said Sean Jones, a licensed clinical social worker at UT Martin, "so we try to soften the blow. But if you don't get them through their grief, they will always have it, and the next death adds to it."

Jones said parents must accept what they are feeling and not hide it from their children to help them grieve. When children see parents grieving for a loved one who has died, they know it is OK for them to do the same. He also said parents must be careful what they say to children, especially if the child wants to talk about the death.

"If you say, 'Oh, it's going to be OK,' before they have a chance to express their emotions," he said, "you are kind of not giving them permission to grieve."

Jones warned that children must complete the grieving process even more than parents because there is more opportunity for grief to re-enter their lives.

"A high school prom," he said, "a wedding where dad is not there to walk them down the aisle, the birth of a child, all can bring back memories."

Parents who take their children to the camp held the first full weekend of each August, must spend an hour in class before leaving their children on Friday. They are also instructed in how to recognize how their children are handling their grief before picking them up on Sunday.

Johns said signs a child is still grieving include:

- Constant anxiety
- Tearfulness
- Terrible grades

Withdrawal
"If it shifts into bigger things," Jones said, "such as aggressive behavior, then that is called complicated grief, and (parents) may need to call a professional."

The WINGS program was started by LeighAnn Sutton of Hospice of West Tennessee.

Sutton said she began the program because her hospice work taught her the true trauma death can bring to a family.

She said it is important for parents not to let their children shut down during the grieving process; otherwise, the process has to start over, or may never be completed.

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Princeton Review: Union on 'Best in Southeast' list

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Students take part in UT-Martin program

By Rita Mitchell, Special to My Life

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Students from across Tennessee, including Brittany Berry of Collierville and Victoria McKeon of Germantown, recently completed the annual Governor's School for Agricultural Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

In its seventh year, Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences gives students the opportunity to earn six hours of college credit as they expand their knowledge of food, genetics, agriculture, veterinary science, engineering and the sustainable use of renewable natural resources, be exposed to scientific and land stewardship concepts and sharpen communication, problem-solving and leadership skills.

Also, students were exposed to the manufacturing process for bio fuels to include biodiesel and ethanol. They traveled to Moline, Ill., and St. Louis for guided tours of several major agricultural industries.

*Rita Mitchell is with the University of Tennessee Martin.*
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This course will include practice and background information on anatomy of the heart and physiology, medical disease processes, medical terminology, medical ethics, legal aspects of patient contact, laboratory assistant, electrocardiography and echocardiography.

Additionally, students will practice with equipment and perform hands-on labs including introduction to the function and proper use of the EKG machine, the normal anatomy of the chest wall for proper lead placement, 12-lead placement and other clinical practices.

The Phlebotomy Technician Program class is slated for 6-9:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 20-Dec. 1 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 23 and Nov. 20. There will be no class Nov. 24. The registration fee is $1,599 and includes textbooks. This 90-hour program prepares professionals to collect blood specimens from clients for the purpose of laboratory analysis.

Students will become familiar with all aspects related to blood collection and develop comprehensive skills to perform venipunctures completely and safely.

Classroom and lab work includes terminology, anatomy, physiology, blood collection procedures, specimen handling, practice and training in skills and techniques to perform puncture methods.

There is no outside externship rotation included with this program.

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High school bands ‘Tune Up’ at UTM for marching season

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High schools registered to participate include Westview in Martin, Dyer County, Munford, Liberty Technical Magnet High School in Jackson, Fayette Academy in Somerville, Lewis County and Ripley in Lauderdale County.

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

Darroch named an ‘Online Teacher of the Year’

Dr. Craig Darroch, center, University of Tennessee at Martin professor of animal science, recently was honored as an Online Teacher of the Year at UT Martin. Dr. Tommy Cates, right, UT Martin Extended Campus and Online Studies executive director, presented the award. Darroch has taught online classes for several years.“Dr. Darroch’s online classes are exemplary; his ability to engage his students makes him a great online teacher,” said Cates. Also pictured is Dr. Jerry Gresham, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences interim dean.
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COURSES SUPPORT TRANSITION TO HEALTHCARE CAREER

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Local scholar excels in classroom, community

Grant Martin Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.M. "Marty" Davis of Shelbyville, is the recipient of a $1,500 academic scholarship awarded by agricultural lender Farm Credit Services of Mid-America.

He is one of 40 recipients of the Farm Credit scholarship, a program created to address the cooperative's desire to return greater value to rural America by increasing the association's investment in education and youth activities.

Davis is a freshman studying biosystems engineering at the University of Tennessee. He is involved in 4-H Honor Club, serving as president and vice president; student council, serving as vice president; Key Club; National Honor Society, serving as treasurer and secretary; and the U.S. Senate Youth Program. He also attended the Governor's School for the Agriculture Sciences at the University of Tennessee — Martin.

He has participated in many volunteer activities, including United Way and Relay for Life, and has won many awards. He was the valedictorian of his high school graduating class.

Davis' degree will allow him to work for an agriculture or alternative energy company, but his ambition is to attend law school and move into politics to prepare our country for agriculture changes in the future. For more information about Farm Credit, call (800) 444-FARM or visit www.e-farmcredit.com.
Montgomery to perform during Soybean Festival

Country music star John Michael Montgomery will appear in concert Sept. 11 at the Tennessee Soybean Festival.

The free event will be held at Festival Park in Martin at 9 p.m.

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He’s earned 15 No. 1 singles, sold over 10 million albums and received numerous industry and fan-voted awards, three CMA Awards, five ACM Awards and an American Music Award.


Born Jan. 20, 1965, in Danville, Ky., Montgomery arrived on the country music scene in 1993 with a debut album, “Life’s a Dance,” which became the only million-seller on the country charts by a new artist that year. Its title track was a No. 4 hit single and was followed by his first country No. 1 single, “I Love the Way You Love Me.”

The follow-up, “Kickin’ It Up,” hit the top spot on both the country and adult contemporary charts and produced four more successful singles, the chart-topping “I Swear,” “Be My Baby Tonight,” “If You Got Love” and the No. 4 single “Rope the Moon.”

Montgomery and his older brother, Eddie Montgomery of Montgomery Gentry, received musical encouragement from their father, who performed in a local country band and taught his son his first chords. He joined the family band as guitarist before taking the lead singing role when his parents divorced. Afterwards, he made a frugal living on the local honky-tonk scene as a solo artist playing what he referred to as “working man’s country.” Eventually, Atlantic Records signed him, and he became part of the ’90s wave of honky tonk hitmakers that brought country to new commercial heights.

John Michael Montgomery made his name primarily as a romantic balladeer showing an undeniable knack for finding hit songs and giving them just the right emotion or energy they need. This strong track record has consistently kept him at the top of the radio charts.

“I’ve been singing since I was a kid,” he says. “And I’ve been very fortunate to have a lot of peaks and valleys in my career; seeing a lot of changes since 1992. The main thing I’ve learned is to just be myself, to treat people kindly, and if you give radio a good song, they’ll play it. I know how lucky it is to be successful in this business, and I’ve always tried to let the fans, the deejays and the people I work with know how much I appreciate them.”
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Local youth attend annual Tennessee 4-H Roundup

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For the 87th year, 4-H members from across Tennessee gathered at the University of Tennessee-Martin for State 4-H Roundup and All-Star Conference. The annual event, which took place July 19-23, recognized the outstanding project work and leadership accomplishments of senior high 4-H members. The theme was "Tennessee 4-H: A Century of Believing, A Future of Achieving" in honor of the 100-year celebration of Extension programs in Tennessee.

Approximately 400 high-school-age 4-Hers from across Tennessee met for several days on the UT Martin campus. Representing Blount County at State 4-H Roundup this year were Tara Austin, a student at Heritage High School, Taylor Beatty and Tiffany Byrdsell, both students at Maryville High School, Kadee Parker and Jonathan Walker, both home-schooled students, and David and Kristen Walker, both students at William Blount High School.

Roundup is one of the highlights for Blount County 4-Hers. Delegates who attend have spent years of work in their respective project areas. Blount County 4-H had three first place winners. Taylor Beatty placed first in the food science project. Tiffany Bryant placed first in the horse project. David Walker placed first in the sheep project. Kadee Parker placed seventh in the forestry, wildlife and fisheries project.

All received a scholarship to attend Roundup at Martin in their project areas. Taylor, Tiffany, and David received a 4-H Horizon Award from the 4-H Foundation and an opportunity to receive a $500 scholarship.

In addition to project competition, delegates participated in a number of other activities including the 4-H All-Star Conference, Vol State Ceremony, the election of the 2010 State Council officers and a service-learning project. Jonathan Walker was elected into the Vol State, which is the highest level of membership of a Tennessee 4-H member. He also participated in the 4-H Leadership Conference for one year.

This was one of the best years of 4-H Roundup that Blount County 4-H has ever had. Blount County Extension is very proud of the members and their accomplishments in their 4-H projects.

4-H is the Youth Development program for University of Tennessee Extension. The 4-H program provides equal opportunities to all programs. For information, contact the 4-H office at 862-9430.
US News & World Report ranks area colleges

Local colleges and universities have earned rankings in the annual U.S. News & World Report issued today.

Union was tied for the 15th spot in the "Best Regional Universities - South" category, which is up one spot from last year's 16th ranking.

"All of us at Union University are grateful that the U.S. News & World Report rankings have recognized the high quality of people, programs and services at Union University," President David Dockery said in a press release.

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Courses support transition to healthcare career

Persons interested in pursuing healthcare-related careers can get the training they need at a convenient location. Pharmacy, electrocardiograph and phlebotomy technician classes will be offered this fall at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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This 90-hour program prepares professionals to collect blood specimens from clients for the purpose of laboratory analysis. Students will become familiar with all aspects related to blood collection and develop comprehensive skills to perform venipunctures completely and safely. Classroom and lab work includes terminology, anatomy, physiology, blood collection procedures, specimen hands-on practice, and training in skills and techniques to perform puncture methods. There is no outside externship rotation included with this program.

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Montgomery, of Danville, Ky., hit No. 1 with “I Swear” and “Sold” along with other top hits. “I Love the Way You Love Me” and “I Can Love You Like That.” 38 Special had No. 1 hits with “Caught Up In You” and “If I’d Been There” along with other hits. “Hold On Loosely” and “Back Where You Belong.”

Traditional festival events will include the Mayor’s Kick-off Luncheon, the Soybean Farmer’s Breakfast, Prayer Breakfast, “Salute to Our Heroes” breakfast for the Martin Police and Fire departments and School Children’s Street Fair and lunch for the children. Also included in the lineup are the “Singing Bee” live game show, “What’s It Worth” segment, golf tournament, 5K run, health fair, bicycle rodeo, and Punat, Pass and Kick competition.

Among other activities planned are the Crossroads Lunch/Celebration of Civic Organizations, bingo, an art exhibit and competition. Bikers for Books Poker Run, cancer crash car bash, book sale and literary reading, city-wide merchant sidewalk sale, musical performances by 27 B Stroke, Trees Leave, Jamie Worrell, King Beez and High Varieties, among other vendors.

Festival Information, the schedule and sponsors are posted at www.tnsoybeanfestival.org. For additional information, call Kimberly Craddock at 731-588-2507, or email med@martintennessee.org.

Federal officials to visit ‘Big Red Barn’

U.S. Department of Agriculture Business Programs Administrator Judy Canales will join USDA Rural Development State Director Bobby Goode to tour the regional Agricultural Learning Center on the campus at Halls High School at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, according to a news release.

Known locally as the Big Red Barn, the facility was awarded funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act last year to outfit the building for distance-learning, agri-business development classes and community development meetings.

The University of Tennessee Extension Service uses the facility to offer local access to courses like Master Beef Producers and Beef Quality Assurance Certification.

The University of Tennessee at Martin offers a range of business development and adult education courses.

The unique classroom, arena and barn facility provides area high school students with opportunities to earn college credit in agri-business and related fields of study, the release says.

Rural Development invests in jobs, businesses, community infrastructure, homeownership and affordable rental housing in rural communities. Last year Rural Development gave more than 864,000 Tennessee families and businesses

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For more information on Rural Development programs, call 688-2091 ext. 2, toll free at 1-800-342-3149 extension 1495, or visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/tn.
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A McNairy County student has been awarded two scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions. Kerby Gray, son of Bob and Debbie Gray of Adamsville, will be a freshman. He received the Aqua Glass/Leon Blasingame Scholarship and the Chancellor's Award.

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Montgomery, 38 Special to headline Soybean Fest

John Michael Montgomery and 38 Special will headline the 17th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival, Sept. 4-12, in Martin. A mix of free musical entertainment, along with a carnival, disc golf tournament, pageants, talent contest, parade, 17th annual barbecue cook-off and 14th annual car and bicycle show, also highlight this year’s event.

“The foundational premise of our festival is to bring the community together in ways that are fun, engaging and exciting,” said David Belote, festival chair. “ Truly, the Soybean Festival Committee and our many sponsors will accomplish this with the 17th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival. At the same time, we want to honor and promote agriculture in West Tennessee ... we want to celebrate everything that is good about living in West Tennessee.”

“The Tennessee Soybean Festival has grown to be one of the premier festivals in the state,” said Randy Brundige, Martin mayor. “I am proud of what this community has done and the way it comes together during the event.”

The 2010 festival will include the finals of the Soybean Idol Competition after the parade at 6:30 p.m. as the Tuesday night feature; the sixth annual Faith and Community Night, with The Peacemakers and Selah as the Wednesday night entertainment; and Jason Michael Carroll and Kip Moore performing Thursday night. On Friday, 38 Special, The Return Beatles Tribute Band and the Ryan Holladay Band are slated to perform.

Montgomery is the Saturday night concert. All concerts are free.

Montgomery, of Danville, hit No. 1 with “I Swear” and “Sold” along with other top hits, “I Love the Way You Love Me” and “I Can Love You Like That.” 38 Special had No. 1 hits with “Caught Up In You” and “If I’d Been There” along with other hits, “Hold On Loosely” and “Back Where You Belong.”

Traditional festival events will include the Mayor’s Kickoff Luncheon, the Soybean Farmer’s Breakfast, Prayer Breakfast,” “Salute to Our Heroes” breakfast for the Martin Police and Fire departments and School Children’s Street Fair and lunch for the children. Also included in the lineup are the “Singing Bee” live game show, “What’s It Worth” segment, golf tournament, 5K run, health fair, bicycle rodeo, and Punt, Pass and Kick competition.

Among other activities planned are the Crossroads Lunch/Celebration of Civic Organizations, bingo, an art exhibit and competition, Bikers for Books Poker Run, cancer crash car bash, book sale and literary reading, city-wide merchant sidewalk sale, musical performances by 27 B Stroke 6, Trees Leave, Jamie Worrell, King Beez and High Variety, along with Rock in the Park, a sidewalk chalk art contest, pet show, quilt show, youth soccer matches, genealogy workshop, bake sale, several other breakfasts and a Sunday brunch.

Festival information, the schedule and sponsors are posted at www.tnsoybeefestival.org. For additional information, call Kimberly Craddock, at 731-588-2507, or email mcd@martintennessee.org.

Martin pageant registration Aug. 30

The annual Tennessee Soybean Festival is offering girls the opportunity to participate in the upcoming festival pageants sponsored by the University of Tennessee Federal Credit Union.

Girls 0-21 years of age are eligible to participate in the pageants, Sept. 4, beginning at 10 a.m. in the University of Tennessee at Martin Student Life Center, located at 199 Moody St. The deadline to register is Aug. 30.

The pageant lineup includes the following: Baby Miss Soybean (0-1 year old), 10 a.m.; Tiny Miss Soybean (2-3 years old), 10:45 a.m.; Petite Miss Soybean (4-5 years old), 11:30 a.m.; Little Miss Soybean (6-9 years old), 1 p.m.; Junior Miss Soybean (10-12 years old), 2:30 p.m.; Teen Miss Soybean (13-15 years old), 3:30 p.m.; and Miss Soybean (16-21 years old), 4:30 p.m. All pageants will have one queen and four alternates.

A $30 non-refundable entry fee is required with the application. Make check payable to the Tennessee Soybean Festival. Mail fee and application to: Tennessee Soybean Pageant, 406 S. Lindell St., Martin, TN 38237 or deliver to the UT Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center. There will be no registration at the door. For more information, call 731-587-7333.

Applications for pageants are available at the locations: Martin - UT Federal Credit Union, Lana's Boutique & Bridal, Sugar and Spice, UT Martin Student Life Center and Martin City Hall; Union City - Joann's; and Milan - Special Occasions. To get an application online, go to www.tnsoybeefestival.org.
UTM travel-study program open

March 11-17 will be an opportunity to explore New York City as part of a University of Tennessee at Martin travel-study program. Those traveling with the group will visit fashion showrooms, designer studios, historic costume collection at the Fashion Institute of Technology and study the exhibits at the Metropolitan Art Museum.

Participants will also visit the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the Empire State Building and NBC "Today" and attend a Broadway show.

For more information about activities and costs, contact Dr. Sue Byrd at 731-881-7103 or sbyrd@utm.edu or Lorrie Jackson at 731-881-1023 or ljackson@utm.edu. A deposit will be due by Sept. 27.

Local Student/UT Martin Dean's List

Contact: Rita Mitchell, University Editor

Editors: Attached is a list of students who requested that your paper receive notification that they have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Each listing includes the student's name, hometown and honors.

UT MARTIN NAMES LOCAL STUDENTS TO SUMMER SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST

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Joanna B. Carter, Clarksville, TN 37040, Honors

Lead removal course

The University of Tennessee at Martin is offering a certified lead renovator course.

The course complies with the Environmental Protection Agency Renovation, Repair and Paint Rule according to a university news release.

The course is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on either Sept. 11 or Sept. 18.

There is a $250 fee that includes the manual, certificate from the National Center for Healthy Housing and EPA materials.

Students must score a 70 on the exam in order to pass the class, the release states. Students who pass the exam will be given a verification card, the release states. The class meets EPA and Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements.
Photography, scrapbook classes planned this fall

Area residents can pursue hobbies via digital photography and scrapbook non-degree courses that are planned in September by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies.

"Digital Photography Part I: Camera Operation and Basic Photographic Skills" will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 7-28. The instructor is Dr. Tom Gallien, and the registration fee is $85.

This course is designed to make digital photography less intimidating. It will also help participants better understand all the controls on the camera and show them how to make better photographs using the new digital technology. This course will help participants feel more competent in making good photos in any situation. Proper photographic exposure, composition and use of the camera's histogram will be discussed.

Participants should provide a digital camera, camera's instruction manual and a small notebook. Gallien will provide printed and e-mail handouts to supplement the presentations. Even though this course is primarily for novice digital photographers, solutions and ideas for photographers with intermediate skills can also be discussed.

The class will utilize e-mail evaluation and critiques of images during the course.

Gallien has more than 35 years of photographic experience including more than 10 years of digital camera use. He has had the opportunity to study widely under the personal supervision of a number of well-known professional wildlife and landscape photographers and brings these skills to the classroom. He also conducts an annual five-day spring photography workshop in the Great Smoky Mountains.

"Scrapbook Time with a Brown Paper Bag" is planned for 7-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, Sept. 9-30. The instructor is Vickie Lynn Higgs, and the fee is $50 plus a $10 supply fee.

Participants will make an easy, quick scrapbook using plain brown paper bags and choice of embellishments. The $10 supply fee is paid to the instructor the first night of class. Participants need to provide scissors, glue stick and 15-20 photos to scrapbook.

Pre-registration is required for classes. To register, call ECOS at 731-881-7082 or for online registration, go to http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecece/nondegree/home.php.

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REED Center offers QuickBooks classes

One of the most important computer programs businesses can use is QuickBooks. The REED Center is offering beginner and intermediate QuickBooks classes to local businesses Aug. 31-Sept. 1.

The beginner QuickBooks workshop is a step-by-step class that explains the process of setting up business finances in QuickBooks.

The class includes such topics as check writing, invoicing and report generation based on information provided from the business.

The workshop will also cover how to best utilize QuickBooks as a business tool without a deep understanding of accounting.

The student will create their own organization and, if desired, can take home the information created as a basis for using QuickBooks in their businesses.

There will be two classes on Tuesday, Aug. 31. The first session is scheduled for 8 a.m.-12 p.m., and the second session will be 1-5 p.m. Both classes will be held at the REED Center, located at 406 S. Lindell St., Martin.

The workshop has no fee, but seating and computer are limited. Pre-registration is required.

On Sept. 1, an intermediate QuickBooks workshop will be offered to those who want a deeper understanding of QuickBooks.

The intermediate QuickBooks workshop is a continuation of our popular basic level QuickBooks Workshop, the session will assist with more advanced topics such as payroll, inventory, setting personal preferences, sales taxes and many other areas that will make QuickBooks more efficient and enjoyable. A working knowledge of QuickBooks is needed to grasp the topics presented in this class.

The workshop will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the REED Center. The intermediate workshop has limited seating and computers. Pre-registration is required.

Business people interested in attending the QuickBooks workshop may pre-register by calling 731-587-7333 or visiting www.utm.edu/reed.

Certified Lead Renovator course planned at UTM

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The $250 fee includes: the manual, certificate from the National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) and EPA materials. NCHH is the EPA authorized training provider for this class.

Instructor will be H. Dale Fortner, NCHH principal instructor.

The eight-hour Certified Lead Renovator Course is taught in eight modules. They begin with “Why Should I Be Concerned About Lead Paint?”

The following topics are also included: regulations, before beginning work, contain dust during work, during the work, cleaning activities and checking work, recordkeeping and training non-certified renovation workers.

Students must achieve a 70 percent on the exam in order to pass the class. Students who pass the exam will be given a verification card.

This class meets EPA and Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements. Successful completion earns EPA Certified Renovator status for five years.

Students will learn what EPA/HUD requires of Certified Firms and Renovators, and how to work in a lead-safe manner while complying with the EPA RRP Rule.

The EPA will begin enforcing the lead paint law, known as the RRP Rule, on Oct. 1.

Anyone who renovates, repairs or paints any building built before 1978 must comply with the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule.

If a project will disturb more than two square feet of interior paint surface, then a certified professional must perform a lead test.

Violators of the EPA RRP Rule can be fined up to $37,500 per day.

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Sharon: David C. Connell, Highest Honors.

Memphis Photos

Joanne Stagner, with Munford Middle School, was among 14 teachers who earned three hours of graduate credit in English and a stipend for participating in the 18th Invitational Summer Institute of the West Tennessee Writing Project, May 8 and June 7-7 July 1, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Teachers shared demonstrations on using writing across the curriculum, learned how to incorporate more technology in their teaching and honed their writing skills in small peer groups. Dr. David Canthors, WTWP director at UT Martin, welcomed Stagner to the program. For more information on WTWP, visit utm.edu/wtwp.
17th Annual Soybean Festival is September 4-12

MARTIN - A talent show and musical contests, parade, street fair, pet show and carnival - all scheduled with children and youth in mind - are planned during the 17th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival, September 4-12, in Martin.

The sixth annual Miss Soybean Festival Pageant is September 4 at the University of Tennessee at Martin Student Life Center. The pageant begins at 10 a.m. and includes categories for ages 0 months to 19 years. Call 731-587-7333 for more information.

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The Tennessee Soybean Festival Parade begins at 6:30 p.m., September 7, in the parking lot of Graham Stadium at UT Martin. An entry fee is required and prizes will be awarded. Call Jeff Cappa or Regina Vickers, at 731-587-9561, for more information.

Also popular with children and youth is the carnival with food, entertainment and craft vendors beginning at 5 p.m., September 7, downtown, and continuing through Saturday night. The School Children's Street Fair and lunch is 9 a.m.-1 p.m., September 10, in downtown Martin. Call 731-588-2007 for more information.

The Soybean Idol contest semi-finals is September 9 and culminate with the final competition/ performance, September 7, on the downtown stage. The winner will perform on stage at 8:30 p.m., prior to the John Michael Montgomery concert, September 11. Call 731-588-1240 for more information.

Children and youth can participate in "The Singing Bee" five game show program at 7 p.m., September 11, at Weldon Park. Call 731-587-9626 for more information.

Rounding out festival events and activities that will attract children include Saturday's lineup of the Soybean Festival 5K Road Race/1 Mile Fun Walk at 7:30 a.m., at the Martin Recreation Complex; a disc golf tournament at 9 a.m., at the Harrison Road Complex; youth soccer opening day matches beginning at 9 a.m. at the recreation complex; a pet show, with registration at 3 p.m. and the show at 4 p.m. at Weldon Park; and a sidewalk chalk art contest, with check-in at 9 a.m. at the Arts Co-op and drawing from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. downtown. (Pre-registration required). Contact numbers are as follows: road race/fun walk, 731-587-9672; disc golf, 731-587-6784; soccer, 731-514-6024; pet show, 731-587-5319; and chalk art contest, 731-587-3146.

A bicycle rodeo is planned September 12, with registration at 1:30 p.m. and events at 2 p.m. at the recreation complex. Call 731-588-7766 for more information. Also planned on Sunday is Punt, Pass and Kick Competition for ages 8-15 at 1:30 p.m. at the recreation complex. Call 731-587-6784 for information.

A host of other activities for all ages are featured at this year's festival. Visit www.tssoybeanfestival.org or call 731-588-2507 for more information.

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The Paris Post-Intelligencer, Wednesday, August 25, 2010

Bray given scholarship at UT Martin

A Benton County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2010-11 academic year at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Kaitlin Bray of Big Sandy, who will be a sophomore, received the University of Tennessee Alumni Association Transfer Scholarship.

She is the daughter of Carolyn Bray of Big Sandy and Eric Bray.

Two Henry Countians on summer dean's list at UTM

Jason S. Conger of Henry and Alan D. Pascall of Paris are listed on the summer 2010 dean's list at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Both students were listed with highest honors, meaning they achieved a grade-point average from 3.8 to 4.0 during the semester while taking at least 12 hours of credit.
Center Expands Online Classes, Access

MARTIN - The Tennessee Small Business Development Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin in cooperation with the U.S. Small Business Administration has added classes to its online offerings and made it easier for small business people across the state to access classes, counseling and expertise. Classes have increased from six to 21 offerings. Entrepreneurs and others will be able to attend online classes by visiting a local chamber of commerce instead of traveling to TSBD office, which are commonly located in metropolitan areas.

As part of the program, computers have been placed in the chambers of commerce of Twin Cities, Paris-Henry County, Benton County and Carroll County to improve access.

"Small business people are really pressed for time," says Patrick R. Caho, J.D., TSBD state executive director. "Making classes and counseling available online allows clients to spend more time focusing on making the business a success and less time traveling to get the valuable information and advice TSBD has to offer."

Local chambers of commerce have entered into agreements with TSBD to provide the scheduling for use of the computer and an orientation to prospective TSBD clients. In return, TSBD has provided a computer, webcam and the necessary software to connect clients with the statewide online counseling center in Oak Ridge. Not only will business people be able to view the 21 online classes, they will also be able to speak with a TSBD business counselor, Jutta Bangs. Eventually, 60 computers will be placed in chambers of commerce across the state of Tennessee to facilitate the connection of TSBD counselors and business people.

Available online, TSBD classes cover business basics, financing, managing a business, human resources, accounting and budgeting, and marketing and sales. Online classes are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That allows business people to fit the training into their schedules. They do not have to attend a TSBD class during regular office hours.

Additional information about the online courses and counseling is available at www.tsbdc.org.

Computers placed at local chamber of commerce offices will make it easier for the public to have access to online classes offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Tennessee Small Business Development Center in cooperation with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Brad Hurley, Carroll County Chamber of Commerce president, and Hollie Holt, UT Martin TSBD and Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center director, get the chamber computer ready for use.
Numbers don’t lie:
Al Creswell named
Pride of Obion County

By GLENDA CAUDLE
Special Features Editor

He’s been one of our own — his whole life.

The 2010 CornFest Pride of Obion County honoree is Al Creswell. Born here in 1954, the son of Dr. Alfred Creswell of Jackson and the late Jean Creswell, he has spent his life in this area and has devoted his skill with numbers to making Obion County an outstanding place to call home.

While Creswell is an accountant by “trade,” he is also a willing and valued volunteer for so many organizations and causes that make use of his understanding of numbers and the way they can be made to “add up” to good purpose.

“People don’t realize what Al has done for Obion County. He is a behind-the-scenes guy who tirelessly works for the community while never seeking recognition,” says Jack Parker, president of Commercial Bank and Trust Co. in Union City.

Creswell will be honored for those efforts at noon Sept. 15 at the new Celebration Centre on Old Rives Road in Union City at the annual Pride of Obion County Luncheon. Tickets are $15 and are on sale at Union City’s Main Street office in the back office at Snedell’s or at Obion County Chamber of Commerce on East Church Street downtown. The deadline for ticket purchase is Sept. 8. No tickets will be sold at the catered luncheon.

Al CRESSWELL

Joining the honoree for this special occasion will be his wife of 35 years, the former Michelle Heaslet, and other members of his family, plus many friends, co-workers and fellow volunteers in the vast number of causes that have claimed his attention throughout the years. Creswell is the brother of Elna Jean Butler of Hermitage and Carolyn Williams of Goodlettsville and the stepson of Roberta Creswell.

A licensed certified public accountant and a partner in Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC in Union City, Creswell is a 1972 graduate of Union City High School, where he was the class salutatorian. He went on to graduate with highest honors from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1976 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration and a major in accounting. He is fans who have observed his faithful service as a member of the UCHS football “chain gang” for 28 years.

He is a past board member and treasurer of the Union City Schools Foundation and a past member of the Union City School System Improvements Task Force.

His interest in sports has been evident through such activities as coaching or managing T-ball, Minor League, Little League and Babe Ruth teams. He was instrumental in organizing and obtaining tax-exempt status for the Union City Greyhounds Inc. and was a past board member and the corporate secretary for that effort. His expertise also contributed to the success of the $300,000-plus capital campaign program and related construction and improvements to Elm Stadium, the home field for the UCHS baseball team.

As a member of the committee that developed a comprehensive design for a proposed Graham Park Expansion Project, he was also involved in the project design and projected funding parameters that were developed over more than two years of committee meetings.

With an eye on children and youth in the community, he has volunteered his time and expertise to supervise and help conduct annual fundraising raffles for Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Tennessee and has served as the treasurer for the annual Celebrity Waiters fund-raising highlight of the year.

He is a current board member and corporate secretary for the multi-million dollar project known as Discovery Park of America and is a current member and corporate treasurer for the Obion County Distinguished Speakers Foundation.

Pride... (Continued from Page 1) currently serving his second three-year term as a member of the Tennessee State Board of Accountancy and a member of the licensing committee and law and rules committee.

Creswell and his wife, who recently retired as a kindergarten teacher in the Union City School System, also count in their family their son, Phillip Creswell — who has followed in his father’s footsteps at ATA — and their daughter-in-law, Katie — a school nurse at Ridgemont Elementary School. They, in turn, are the parents of the honoree’s first grandson, Preston Creswell, who made his appearance Aug. 3, 2010, just in time to help celebrate the honor bestowed on his grandfather.

In the community
Creswell’s commitment to the community he has called home all these years is played out in a variety of interests. He is a member of Union City Rotary Club, where he serves as treasurer and president-elect, as well as program chairman. He has been named a Paul Harris Fellow — the organization’s highest honor — and has been the financial advisor for the Rotary Club Scholarship Committee. His club commitment also includes an active participation in the annual UCHS Rotary Relays.

He is a current member and past president of the UCHS Booster Club and has served as treasurer for 15 years. He was also committee chairman for the $800,000-plus capital campaign program and related construction of the UCHS indoor athletic training facility and for various other improvements. His face is familiar to UCHS football
His ongoing interest in his college alma mater is played out in the time he has devoted to UTM, where he is a past member of the UTM Development Committee and a current member of the UTM Athletics Board. He was instrumental in fund raising for the $2 million Bob Carroll athletic building on the UTM campus.

Creswell claimed the Outstanding Alumnus Award for Alpha Tau Omega at UTM in 2003 and has been chairman of the Intrafraternal Alumni Advisory Council. He is a "Life Loyal Tau" and a current member of the board of trustees which has overseen unparalleled annual giving through the efforts of the fraternity to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, to the tune of $100,000-plus each year.

He also chaired the fraternity's $200,000-plus capital improvements campaign and is a current member and vice chairman of the ATO board of trustees at UTM.

As a member of Union City First United Methodist Church, he has served as chairman of the finance committee and the FUMC Foundation. He is a member of the Shrine Club and the Union City Masonic Lodge and is a current member of Poplar Meadows Country Club and a past member of the board of directors.

He has also been a member of the board of directors of Union City Civic Auditorium Committee and the Union City Jaycees, where he took an active role in the Chimes for Charity Christmas basket delivery program.

He has also been treasurer of Boy Scout Pack 252.

Those who would like to express their appreciation to Creswell for his ongoing commitment and behind-the-scenes activity on behalf of the community are encouraged to purchase their tickets soon, according to Main Street executive director and CornFest executive director Glenda Chrip.

"As chairman of the Obion County Pride Luncheon, I am pleased that we will be honoring Al Creswell," she said. "He is very deserving of this honor. Al has been active in community involvement, serving in many different areas. He is very devoted to Obion County and daily continues to support the efforts of our community. He has given Union City a great image at the state and national level, as well as locally."

"When an organization needs a calm, soft-spoken, level-headed guy who knows how to get things done, Al Creswell is one of the first persons they want on their team," said Betty M. Smith, who called the honoree to the attention of the CornFest Pride of Obion County judges.

Johnson receives scholarship

Lisa Johnson 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.

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Females attack

Horse flies a pain, nuisance

By JOHN BRANNON
Staff Reporter

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Grubaugh, 54, is the new chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He arrived there in July from the University of Memphis, where he was a faculty member 15 years ago.

At UT Martin, he will be teaching biology, entomology and other courses.

Entomology is defined as “that branch of zoology which treats of insects and their habits.”

“When I first got here, I said, ‘Wow. Martin has a lot of horse flies,’” he said. Indeed it does, as does much of northwest Tennessee.

The general public swats the pesky things and wonders why they seem to have appeared overnight in great numbers. Grubaugh has some answers.

But first, this story.

There are male horse flies and there are female horse flies.

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**EDUCATOR HONORED** — Several alumni of the University of Tennessee at Martin Teacher Education Program were honored on campus recently. Among those recognized was Emily Cross (second from left), Obion County Teacher of the Year at the building and district levels and a fifth-grade math teacher at Lake Road Elementary School. She was joined by (from left) Dr. Mary Lee Hall, UT Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences dean; UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes; and Cliff Sturdivant, Tennessee Department of Education field service director.

**UT Martin advances in top tier of U.S. News & World Report rankings**

The University of Tennessee at Martin advanced its ranking in the top tier of master's level public universities in the South in the 2011 edition of America's Best Colleges compiled by U.S. News & World Report. The rankings, released this week, rate colleges and universities using information gathered from various sources.

In the 2011 rankings, UT Martin improved its overall ranking as well as graduation rates, peer assessment score and percentage of faculty who are full time. UT Martin moved up nine rankings and tied for 47th place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor's and master's degrees.

Colleges are ranked against their peers using information submitted in a survey completed by the institutions and other sources. Categories used to determine the rankings and to measure academic quality include peer assessment, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and the alumni giving rate.

"The U.S. News & World Report rankings are among many indicators of program quality, and we are pleased to see our ranking move upward," said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes.

"Overall, there are many important factors that contribute to a high-quality education, and due to the hard work of our faculty and staff, we continue to experience rankings and recognitions from multiple sources."

UT Martin recently was named one of the best colleges and universities in the Southeast, according to The Princeton Review for 2011. The New York City-based education services company selected the school as one of 133 institutions it recommends in its "Best in the Southeast" section on its Web site feature, "2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region."

Registration for fall semester continues with classes set to begin August 30. Information about UT Martin is available by calling 1-800-829-UTM1.
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Local students achieving Dean’s List honors include:

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- **Gleason**
- Lacy D. Arnold with highest honors, Jessica D. McKinney with highest honors, Stephen D. Shotwell with honors, Laurie A. Strawser with high honors;
- **Martin**
- Abdullah Albrahim with highest honors, Christy N. Bondurant with honors, Corey T. Broth with honors, David W. Foley with highest honors, Kimberly D. Foley with high honors, Kassynda L. Gatten with honors, Brandi L. Givens with highest honors, Lauren E. Taylor with highest honors, Joseph M. Thomas with high honors;
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The Tennessee Soybean Festival Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m., September 7, in the parking lot of Graham Stadium at UT Martin. An entry fee is required and prizes will be awarded. Call Jeff Capps or Regina Vickers, at 731-587-9561, for more information.

Also popular with children and youth is the carnival with food, entertainment and craft vendors beginning at 5 p.m., September 7, downtown, and continuing through Saturday night.

The School Children’s Street Fair and lunch will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., September 10, in downtown Martin. Call 731-588-2507 for more information. The Soybean Idol contest semi-finals will be September 5 and culminate with the final competition performance, September 7, on the downtown stage. The winner will perform on stage at 8:30 p.m., prior to the John Michael Montgomery concert, September 11. Call 731-588-1245 for more information.

Children and youth can participate in “The Singing Bee” live game show program at 7 p.m., September 11, at Weldon Park. Call 731-587-9526 for more information.

Rounding out festival events and activities that will attract children include Saturday’s lineup of the Soybean Festival 5K Road Race/1 Mile Fun Walk at 7:30 a.m., at the Martin Recreation Complex; a disc golf tournament at 9 a.m., at the Harrison Road Complex; youth soccer opening day matches beginning at 9 a.m. at the recreation complex; a pet show, with registration at 3 p.m. and the show at 4 p.m. at Weldon Park; and a sidewalk chalk art contest, with check-in at 9 a.m. at the Arts Co-op and drawing from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., downtown. (Preregistration required.) Contact numbers are as follows: race/fun walk, 731-587-9572; disc golf, 731-587-6784; soccer, 731-514-6023; pet show, 731-587-5319; and chalk art contest, 731-587-3148.

A bicycle rodeo is planned September 12, with registration at 1:30 p.m. and events at 2 p.m. at the recreation complex. Call 731-881-7766 for more information. Also planned on Sunday is Punt, Pass and Kick Competition for ages 8-15 at 1:30 p.m. at the recreation complex. Call 731-587-6784 for information.

A host of other activities for all ages are featured at this year’s festival. Visit www.tnsoybeneafestival.org or call 731-588-2507 for more information.
South Fulton schools welcome new staff

New teachers, and staff at South Fulton Elementary, middle and high schools recently shared their experience and reasons they chose to work in the Obion County School System.

Michele Crumby, South Fulton High School Custodian, has past experience at Cane Creek of Martin, Tenn. as a custodian, and is currently a custodian at Mt. Pelia Baptist Church.

The reason for wanting to work in Obion County Schools, she said, is “the great atmosphere.”

Christa Hanks, South Fulton Elementary School first grade, has a bachelor of science in Elementary Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin, and a Masters degree in Reading from Middle Tennessee State University.

Her past experience includes teaching fifth grade in Maury County, and seventh grade reading in Rutherford County. She is married to Jordan Hanks, and they have a 13-month-old son, Colin.

Hanks said, “We moved back to West Tennessee when my husband accepted the position at UTM. I immediately knew I wanted to teach in Obion County. The support from the community is wonderful. It’s a great place to be.”

Richard Hopkins is a custodian at South Fulton High School. He is married to Diane Hopkins.

Lindsey Mathis, South Fulton Elementary School first grade teacher is also a cheer coach at South Fulton Middle School, and assistance girls’ soccer coach. She is an Obion County Central High School 2004 honors graduate, and obtained an Associate’s degree in elementary education from Dyersburg State Community College, and a Bachelor’s degree in elementary education from the University of Memphis.

“This is the county I grew up in. My mising and good influences have molded me into the person I am now. The teachers I had were a huge part of that. They taught me many of the morals and values I have today. This is home. Home is where the heart is.”

Nicholas Ritter, South Fulton Middle School seventh and eighth grade Social Studies teacher, is also a Junior High Boys’ basketball assistant, high school boys’ basketball assistant, J.V. boys head coach, and varsity baseball assistant.

He is a 2004 graduate of Adamsville High School, and 2009 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

“Obion County has given me the ability to teach in a very well established school system.”

Everyone is helpful and easy to work with,” he said.

Wesley Miller, South Fulton High School ninth and 11th grade ACT prep and Algebra I teacher, is head boys’ basketball coach. He is a graduate of Graves County High School, and obtained a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Freed-Hardeman, and a Master’s in Education from Bethel College.

Miller’s past experience includes seven years teaching at JCM, Henry County, Minford Middle, and Brighton High School.

He is married to Stephanie Miller. He wanted to teach in Obion County “To be closer to home and an opportunity to teach and coach in a good school system.”

Amanda Wilder, South Fulton Elementary Teacher I teacher, obtained a bachelor’s degree in Communications in 2001, and a Master’s in elementary education from the University of Phoenix in 2008.

Her husband is Jason Wilder, and they have two children, Addison, 5, and Jayden, 2.

Her reason for wanting to teach in Obion County, she said, “I am an Obion County native. My husband and I both attended Obion County schools and received a wonderful education. I want to be a part of a thriving school system.”
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Amanda Shelton of Selmer, TN is the first recipient of the Bill and Tommye Webb Educational Scholarship. This scholarship was established by their family to honor Bill and Tommye's many contributions to McNairy Central High School as long-time educators. As UT Martin Alumni, they wanted to support the UT McNairy County Center in Selmer and future education majors.

Amanda is a senior education major at the UT Martin McNairy County Center in Selmer. She is the wife of Clay Shelton and the daughter of Jerry and Margie Asbe.

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Chester McGee of Danville made the spring dean's list with honors at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
by Rita Mitchell

If the UT Martin Alumni Relations staff wants to host an impromptu event with little or no logistical challenges, then The Pictsweet Co. in Bells, Tenn., is the place.

Gathering a roomful of UT Martin alums would be as easy as announcing it over the headquarters intercom and making a couple of quick calls to employees just down the road.

At last count, 21 alums are employed by Pictsweet—all but five at corporate headquarters in Bells. The others are located on farms in surrounding counties.

Simultaneously employing 20+ graduates from the same university probably sets some sort of record. But the connection does not stop there. Almost all of the UT Martin alums have siblings, parents, children and extended family, who also are graduates of UT Martin. Many also have family members, who are not alumni, working for the company. To say Pictsweet is family-oriented is an understatement.

Alums range from Johnny Parnell, corporate accounting manager, who graduated in 1971 and has been with the company for 27 years, to Brian Hawks, a December 2009 graduate who was hired in March.

The Pictsweet Company is a national processor and marketer of food products headquartered in Bells. Products are sold to supermarkets and to food-service institutions such as schools, hospitals, hotels and restaurants located throughout the United States and to United States military commissaries located throughout the world. Most of these products are sold under the Pictsweet brand while some are sold under Pictsweet customers’ labels.

Pictsweet is one of the largest processors of frozen vegetables in the world. Processing plants and cold storage warehouses operate in Tennessee, California, Texas, Delaware and Utah. The company obtains fresh vegetables for processing from independent farmers as well as Pictsweet’s farms.

Controlling its vegetables from seed to harvest made graduates with agricultural degrees a natural for the company. There are field representatives, farm managers and research and development specialists constantly reviewing and improving operations, developing new products and refining best practices.

But that’s just the start. Processing, packaging, marketing and sales, logistics and financial management have also attracted UT Martin graduates through the years.

A myriad of different reasons led the UT Martin grads to Pictsweet—a company many will remain with until retirement. Jeff Duck and Jim Berry were self-employed in warehousing/trucking and software development/education, respectively. Duck is now Bells warehouse manager, and Berry is IT senior developer. Both have been with the company for three years. Husband and wife, Brian and Gardner Lake, were agriculture graduates who lived and worked in Montana for several years before returning home to be closer to family and joining the company. Gardner is supervisor, administrative services, and Brian is assistant farm manager.

Parnell, a Jackson native, who resides in Medina, began as a cost manager. Pictsweet “has evolved significantly, through the years through acquisition and through new facilities,” he said, and added, “the technology in accounting has changed dramatically from adding machines to PCs.” He noted that products continue to evolve with what the consumer wants. “This is a great company to work for. The future is unlimited,” Parnell said.

Partial to the brand, he said, “We eat the peas and carrots at my house because my wife makes a great homemade chicken pot pie with them.”

Parnell comes from what he terms “a very strong UTM family.” His wife, Doris, is an alumna. His son has bachelor’s and master’s degrees from UT Martin, and his daughter, completed her pre-pharmacy coursework prior to receiving her doctor of pharmacy degree at the UT Health Science Center. His brother, sister-in-law, brother-in-law and daughter-in-law also are alums. Parnell is very proud of his UT Martin business degree and added, “the university did a good job giving me the skills I would need later on.”

Lake oversees the daily operation of the corporate office, the service station and the company mail facility. When she graduated from high school, she said there was no question in her mind about where she would attend college. A “strong program in animal science” drew her to Martin.

The Lakes also have several other family members who attended UT Martin.

She appreciates the way their lives have evolved since returning from Montana to be closer to family. “Here we are in Bells, Tenn., (at corporate headquarters) working for a nationwide company.”
Berry, who is glad he took the advice of College of Business and Public Affairs Dean William Baker to stay in accounting, appreciates his overall view of business as he carries out his responsibilities in software development, electronic data interchange and ecommerce. “This is the first time I’ve worked for a private company. It’s a good place to work.” The Trezevant native knew he was joining several UT Martin alums at Pictsweet, but had no idea there were more than 20.

Originally from Fulton, Ky., Angela Wilhaucks is a corporate cost accountant and has been with the company for 17 years. She enjoys her chosen career, and working for a food-related company may have been fate. “Cooking is my hobby,” she said. “I’m constantly trying new products.” She has several recipes in the Pictsweet cookbooks. Her favorite product is broccoli, “steamed a bit” or used in casseroles.

For Lindsay Selph, a Crockett County native, Pictsweet offered an opportunity to put her degree in marketing to work. Her mother and sister work for Pictsweet, so she knew it was a good company. She deals with buyers and brokers in the retail segment of the business. She hopes to advance in the marketing department and establish a career with the company.

As another graduate with a degree in agriculture, Duck said he was “immediately familiar with the principles, urgency and importance of things” when he joined the company. The knowledge and experience he gained at UT Martin were valuable, he said. Having other alums working there was a bonus. He knew several members of his fraternity (Alpha Gamma Rho) were employed at Pictsweet. “It’s a pretty neat bond. We immediately had a lot of things in common.”

Jason Criswell, corporate manager of private label and food service and an agriculture business graduate, also is part of a UT Martin family. His wife, Carol, and brother, Kyle, are alums. Criswell appreciates his agriculture background. “I had a good understanding of ag business and how we operate here—better than many of my counterparts who are just sales (oriented).”

Zach Baggett, a 2000 graduate and native of Humboldt, is manager of consumer marketing. He began as a graphic designer of packaging and marketing material. Now, he focuses on product, packaging and market research, as well as consumer research and product development within the company’s very consumer-centric emphasis.

Consumers have been affected by the economy and make decisions accordingly, he said. “It’s not like past recessions. Consumers are more savvy,” said Baggett. “They want upscale meals—to indulge, but at a reasonable cost.” He added, “Restaurant traffic is down. Home is the new center.”

Pictsweet’s “traceability of product sets us apart,” Baggett said, emphasizing quality’s role in the entire process. Baggett added that the research and development team is focused on agriculture sustainability, as well.

And what would a food product company be without a test kitchen? Baggett said Pictsweet gets ideas and concepts from a variety of sources, including online research and an extensive library of cookbooks from various regions of the country. Employees also offer recipes and suggestions—one of the more interesting, at least in name: “Black-Eyed Pea Cake.”
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**Editor’s note:** John Brannon is a staff reporter for the Union City Daily Messenger.
Children, youth will find fun at 17th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival

A talent show and musical contests, parade, street fair, pet show and carnival, all scheduled with children and youth in mind, are planned during the 17th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival, Sept. 4-12, in Martin.

The sixth annual Miss Soybean Festival Pageant is slated for Sept. 4 at the University of Tennessee at Martin Student Life Center. The pageant begins at 7 p.m. and will include categories for ages 0 months to 19 years. Call 731-587-7333 for more information.

The sixth annual Soybean Festival Talent Contest, with categories for contestants ages 8 and younger, 9-12, 13-21 and 22 and older, will be Sept. 6, on the downtown stage. The junior competition will be at 6 p.m. The competition serves as a Mid-South Fair Preliminary Contest for participants ages 13-21, who will compete at 7 p.m., along with those 22 and older. Call 731-587-5549 for more information.

The Tennessee Soybean Festival Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 7, in the parking lot of Graham Stadium at UT Martin. An entry fee is required and prizes will be awarded. Call Jeff Capps or Regina Vickery, at 731-587-9561, for more information.

Also popular with children and youth is the carnival with food, entertainment and craft vendors beginning at 5 p.m., Sept. 7, downtown, and continuing through Saturday night.

The School Children's Street Fair and lunch will take place from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 10, in downtown Martin. Call 731-588-2507 for more information.

The Soybean Idol contest semi-finals will be Sept. 5 and culminate with the final competition/performance, Sept. 7, on the downtown stage. The winner will perform on stage at 8:30 p.m., prior to the John Michael Montgomery concert, Sept. 11. Call 731-885-1240 for more information.

Children and youth can participate in "The Singing Bee" live game show program at 7 p.m., Sept. 11, at Weldon Park. Call 731-587-9526 for more information.

Rounding out festival events and activities that will attract children include Saturday's lineup of the Soybean Festival 5K Road Race/1 Mile Fun Walk at 7:30 a.m., at the Martin Recreation Complex; a disc golf tournament at 9 a.m., at the Harrison Road Complex; youth soccer opening day matches beginning at 9 a.m., at the recreation complex; a pet show, with registration at 3 p.m., and the show at 4 p.m. at Weldon Park; and a sidewalk chalk art contest, with check-in at 9 a.m. at the Arts Co-op and drawing from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., downtown, (preregistration required).

Contact numbers are as follows: road race/fun walk, 731-587-9522; disc golf, 731-587-6784; soccer, 731-514-6023; pet show, 731-587-5319; and chalk art contest, 731-587-3148.

A bicycle rodeo is planned Sept. 12, with registration at 1:30 p.m. and events at 2 p.m. at the recreation complex. Call 731-881-7766 for more information. Also planned on Sunday is Punt, Pass and Kick Competition for ages 8-15 at 1:30 p.m. at the recreation complex. Call 731-587-6784 for information.

A host of other activities for all ages are featured at this year's festival. Visit www.tnsoybeanfestival.org or call 731-588-2507 for more information.
Courses support transition to health care career

MARTIN, Tenn. — Persons interested in pursuing healthcare-related careers can get the training they need at a convenient location. The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies and Dyersburg State Community College have partnered to offer pharmacy and phlebotomy technician classes this fall on the DSCC campus.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call ECOS at 731-881-7082 or for online registration, go to http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non-degree/home.php. The Pharmacy Technician Program classes will be offered 6:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 13-Nov. 1. The registration fee is $999, and textbooks and lab supplies are included.

This comprehensive 50-hour course will prepare students to enter the pharmacy field and to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's PTCB exam. Technicians work in hospitals, home infusions, community pharmacies and other healthcare settings working under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. Course content includes medical terminology specific to the pharmacy, reading and interpreting prescriptions and defining drugs by generic and brand names. Students will learn dosage calculations, intravenous flow rates, drug compounding, dose conversions, dispensing of prescriptions, inventory control, and billing and reimbursement.

The Phlebotomy Technician Program classes are slated for 6-9:30 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 13-Nov. 15. There is no class planned on Nov. 11. The registration fee is $1,599, and textbooks are included.

This 90-hour program prepares professionals to collect blood specimens from clients for the purpose of laboratory analysis. Students will become familiar with all aspects related to blood collection and develop comprehensive skills to perform venipunctures completely and safely. Classroom and lab work includes terminology, anatomy, physiology, blood collection procedures, specimen hands-on practice, and training in skills and techniques to perform puncture methods. There is no outside externship rotation included with this program.

Mouths like swords, horseflies put the bite on the Reelfoot Lake region in west Tenn., Ky.

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UNION CITY, Tenn. — Perhaps a swat team of a different nature is needed in the Reelfoot Lake region of West Tennessee and western Kentucky after clouds of horseflies emerged.

Nobody's counting the pests, but University of Tennessee at Martin biology chairman Dr. Jack Grubaugh says when he first arrived in July from the University of Memphis, he thought, "Wow, Martin has a lot of horseflies."

Down at the Obion County Farmers Cooperative, Hunter Stephens told the Union City Daily Messenger pesticide sales are brisk in a season that has produced more horseflies than Stephens has ever seen before.

Back at the university, Grubaugh says the reason horsefly bites sting so much is that the pests slice you open with swordlike mouth parts and lap up the blood that pools.

File this away: only female flies bite. Males eat only plants.
It is just as important to learn what not to plant

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I must be a bear to wait on in garden centers. I really don't expect the average clerk to know as much about plants as I do. After all, horticulture has been my chosen profession for many years. A basic grasp on recommended plants is not too much to expect, though. When I run up against wanton ignorance, I'm probably not the best at concealing my aggravation.

In contrast, it's a great pleasure to find well-versed, interested staff, and that's what I find at Morris Nursery and Landscape. James Wick in particular, qualifies as a full-blown plant nerd. He's also a member of an informal plant chat group of like-minded friends across the state. We also include a few choice friends in neighboring states. Online, we debate issues such as the merits of new introductions or the eventual size of particular specimens.

Recently, James wrote up some observations on the changes on the campus of UT Martin — changes born of necessity. Many of the mature pin oaks in the landscape had succumbed to bacterial leaf scorch and had to be removed.

Unfortunately, this has become a too-common story in the region. Pin oaks are fast growing, pretty and easily transplanted. Many thousand of them were installed in southern landscapes, and in the last several years, many thousands of them have been taken out as they began to die and became hazardous.

If I had been one of the people recommending them in decades past, I'd be feeling pretty guilty about it. Luckily, my teacher at college was not a fan, though pin oaks' major problem at the time was iron chlorosis, a yellowing problem that was mostly cosmetic.

It's refreshing that James is genuinely interested, and as he goes about his daily travels, is actively evaluating the plants he sees in the landscape. You might think this is par for the course for people in the green industry, but you'd be sadly mistaken.

In fact, it's downright frustrating to me as a person who is charged with keeping the industry up to date, that so many nurseries in the area still sell problematic plants. Do they care so little that they have not noticed the problems with pin oaks, or the dying leyland cypress, or the spotted, defoliated red-tip photinos? If they don't use their own eyes, can they not at least come to educational programs to learn which plants to avoid?

There's an upcoming opportunity from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at West Tennessee Research and Education Center. Though it is primarily designed for landscapers and nurserymen and will provide pesticide certification points, the public is welcome and there is no charge. Three indoor talks will cover the most current information on disease, insect pests and weed control. There also will be two separate tours of the top landscape plants on our grounds. For more information, visit west.tennessee.edu.

UT Martin plans travel-study programs

The University of Tennessee at Martin Center for International Education will offer several travel-study programs in 2010-2011.

Trips begin in October with a travel-study trip to Chicago. Set for Oct. 22-26, this trip will be led by Dr. Sue Byrd, professor of textiles, clothing and fashion merchandising, and Diane Shaw, associate professor of art.

In January, a trip to Egypt will be led by Dr. Mahmoud Haddad, professor of finance.

PEOPLE WE KNOW

Amy Belote, the 2009-10 president of Westview High School's Health Occupation Students of America, recently competed at the 33rd national HOSA competition held at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. In order to compete at this level, a student must take top honors at regional and state HOSA competitions. Only the top three winners in each state advance to nationals. More than 5,000 students competed in national events.

Belote placed second in the prepared speaking category. The competition encourages health science students to improve their skills in speaking and their ability to organize and present facts or information about a topic that is related to a specific theme.

Belote had to construct and present her speech on the meaning of the 2010 theme "From Simple Scrapes to Falling Hearts: HOSA's Where the Healing Starts."

Belote is the daughter of David and Dawn Belote. She graduated in the top 10 of her class and is attending the University of Tennessee Martin, where she plans to major in pre-med.
A select group of area high school students got a taste of college life during the recent seventh annual Young Scholars Academy at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event was sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Student Affairs. The competitive weeklong summer residential program is designed for upcoming high school juniors and seniors. The non-credit program introduced students to the college experience by focusing on three learning environments: special aptitude development; personal and social development; and college/major exploration. Front row, left to right: Cameron McLemore, who attends Jackson Central-Merry High School, and North Side High School students Tracy Boyd, Skylar Watson, Tiara Davidson and Courvoisier Farr-March. Back row, left to right: Brittney Morrow, of Madison Academic Magnet High School; Elizabeth Robinson, of JCM; Precious Moore, of North Side High School; Briana Morrow, of Madison Academic; and Tevin King, of South Side High School.

Achievements

Duane Lavery and Amy Payne of Tipton County, were recently honored for completing the WestStar Leadership Program sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Class members participate in a series of seminars designed to provide information about major issues facing West Tennessee.

Lavery is the president and CEO of HTL Advantage. He is a member of the International Economic Development Council, a national board member of the Association of Defense Communities and is an assistant Scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts of America. He has also been involved with the Texarkana Regional Initiative, serving as chairman in 2007.

Payne is the director of parks and recreation for the city of Covington. She is a certified park and recreational professional through the National Recreation and Park Association and provides instruction on health and fitness through the UT Extension Service in Tipton County. She has previously participated in the University of Memphis Scholarship Fund and was an adjunct instructor for Dyersburg State Community College.
Soybean Festival agenda includes plenty of events

A talent show, musical contests, concerts, a parade, a street fair, a pet show and carnival — all are part of a lengthy agenda planned for the 17th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival Saturday through Sept. 12 in Martin.

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Also included are the sixth annual Faith and Community Night, with The Peacemakers and Selah Sept. 8; and Jason Michael Carroll and Kip Moore Sept. 9. On Sept. 10, 38 Special, The Return Beatles Tribute Band and the Ryan Holladay Band are slated to perform. Montgomery is the Saturday night concert. All concerts are free.

Traditional festival events will include the Mayor’s Kickoff Luncheon, the Soybean Farmer’s Breakfast, Prayer Breakfast and “Salute to Our Heroes” breakfast for the Martin police and fire departments. Also included in the lineup are a “What’s It Worth” segment, golf tournament, health fair, bicycle rodeo and Putt, Pass and Kick competition.

Among other activities planned are the Crossroads Luncheon/Celebration of Civic Organizations, Bingo, an art exhibit and competition, Bikers for Books Poker Run, cancer crash car bash, book sale and literary reading, city-wide merchant sidewalk sale, musical performances by 27 B Stroke 6, Trees Leave, Jamie Worrell, King Beez and High Variety, along with Rock in the Park, quilt show, genealogy workshop, bake sale, several other breakfasts and a Sunday brunch.

Festival information, the schedule and sponsors are posted at www.msoybean-festival.org. For additional information, call Kimberly Craddock at 588-2507 or e-mail mcd@martin.tennessee.org.
MORE DEFIBRILLATORS ON CAMPUS — The University of Tennessee at Martin is continuing to supplement the number of Automated External Defibrillators, first used on campus 10 years ago, and is gearing up for additional training for faculty, staff and students to teach them how to use the life-saving units. The American Red Cross defines defibrillation as “an electrical shock that may help the heart resume an effective rhythm for a person in cardiac arrest.” In cases of cardiac arrest, the Red Cross reported that AEDs have proven more effective in saving lives than cardio-pulmonary resuscitation alone. UT Martin installed additional AEDs on campus in February and March and recently purchased more, bringing the total number of units to 39. They are placed throughout campus in clearly-marked locations. Currently, there are 57 faculty and staff members on campus and 42 students employed by the Office of Campus Recreation trained to use the AEDs. Charlie Rayburn, left, associate professor of health and human performance, recertifies Eric Phillips, center, of Dresden, and Kevin Harris, of Martin, in the operation of an AED, along with cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

Railroad safety class offered Sept. 28–29

A free four-hour railroad safety training class will be offered at four times, Sept. 28-29, by the UT Martin Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources, TRANSCAER and the University of Memphis Intermodal Freight Transportation Institute.

The primary focus will be hazardous materials in tank cars, tank car safety and safety working near tracks. Rail cars will be parked in Martin, and TRANSCAER representatives will teach the classes.

Preregistration is required at www.trancaer.com, and participants may choose one of the following class times: Sept. 28 – 12:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. or Sept. 29 – 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. An emergency response exercise by local emergency personnel is planned at 8:30 a.m., Sept. 30. Organizations that want to participate in the exercise are asked to contact Jamie Summers, Martin Fire Department, at 731-587-4019.

For more information, contact Dr. Sandy Mehlhorn, UT Martin instructor of land surveying and geomatics, at 731-881-7253 or smehlhorn@utm.edu.

Social media seminar held on Sept. 16

"Using Social Media to Market Your Small Business" is a seminar planned on Sept. 16 by sponsors, the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce, the University of Tennessee at Martin Small Business Development Center and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center.

Social networking connects people and can also allow your business to connect to new and existing customers.

Participants will find out how things such as Facebook, Twitter, live chat and Yammer can help you market a business and connect with customers and employees. Examples will be shown.

The seminar is from 1-3 p.m., at the South Fulton Municipal Building, Harvey Vick Room, 700 Milton Counce Dr.

Instructor is Steve Holt, UT Martin Instructional Technology Center director and webmaster. There is no fee, however seating is limited. To register, contact the chamber at 731-479-2640 or the REED Center at 731-587-7333 or register online at www.utm.edu/reed or www.tsbdc.org.
UT Martin faculty appointments announced at annual fall meeting

A number of faculty members have been appointed at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the fall semester. They were introduced at the annual fall faculty meeting. Classes begin Aug. 30. “One of the highlights of my job is interviewing faculty candidates, and this year’s new faculty will be outstanding additions to the instructional team,” said Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

“They are committed to our mission and to making a difference in the lives of our students. “Hires like this would not happen without the efforts of the search committees, department chairs and deans who worked so diligently to recruit these exceptional scholars. UT Martin is a tremendous place to work, and we were fortunate to attract individuals who are as excited as we are about the opportunity to serve this region,” Ogg added.

Among faculty members recognized at the meeting were: Shirley J. Borden, lecturer of finance, Department of Accounting, Finance, Economics, and International Business; Dr. Donna M. Byers, assistant professor of biology, Department of Biological Sciences; Dr. Stuart M. Currie, assistant professor of human performance, Department of Health and Human Performance; Dr. David C. Dietrich, assistant professor of counseling, Department of Educational Studies; Jason D. Duggin, lecturer of animal science, Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources (term); Dr. Samuel C. Faught, lecturer of management, Department of Management, Marketing, Computer Science, and Information Systems; Ashley L. Boulder, lecturer of English, Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages; and Dr. Jack W. Crabbaugh, chair and professor of Biology, Department of Biological Sciences.

Others were: Dr. Susan L. Hamilton, lecturer of mathematics, Department of Mathematics and Statistics; Dr. Daphne M. Henderson, assistant professor of social work, Department of Behavioral Sciences; Dr. Benjamin P. Hooks, assistant professor of geology, Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources; Brandy Hudson, instructor of Tennessee Intensive English Programs (term), Center for International Education; Dr. Eunjoo Hwang, assistant professor of interior design, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences; Mary Grace Jubb, laboratory instructor for geology, Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources; Renee A. Lafleur, lecturer of history, Department of History and Philosophy; Dr. Malcolm Koch, executive director, Center for International Education; Dr. Lisa M. Krueger, assistant professor of biology, Department of Biological Sciences; Capt. Stephen Love, instructor of military science, Department of Military Science and Leadership; Lt. Col. Timothy Marshall, professor of military science and chair, Department of Military Science and Leadership; Dr. Bryan M. Parsons, assistant professor of political science, Department of Accounting, Finance, Economics, and International Business; and Marlow E. Peters, lecturer of library science, Paul Meek Library; Janice Routon, instructor of Tennessee Intensive English Programs, Center for International Education.

Rounding out the list were: Dr. Phillip A. Shelton, assistant professor of chemistry, Department of Chemistry and Physics; Dr. Todd E. Sherman, assistant professor of human performance, Department of Human Performance; Dr. Terry A. Silver, lecturer of education, Department of Educational Studies; Matthew C. Stratton, instructor of music, Department of Music; Dr. Katherine A. Stumpo, assistant professor of chemistry, Department of Chemistry and Physics; Dr. Jared A. Teague, assistant professor of engineering, Department of Engineering; Ashley Thompson, assistant equestrian coach, Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources; Dr. Krishnamurthy V. Vemuru, lecturer of chemistry, Department of Chemistry and Physics; Dr. Johnathan R. Vest, assistant professor of music, Department of Music; Dr. Mary K. Wallace, assistant professor of office information systems, Department of Management, Marketing, and Information Systems; Dr. Daisy C. Wang, lecturer of management, Department of Management, Marketing, Computer Science, and Information Systems; Karen L. White, lecturer of library science, Paul Meek Library; Gary Wilson, interim director of international programs and international admissions, Center for International Education; Jenna Wright, interim chair, Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages.
Welcome - Hundreds of freshmen flooded the University of Tennessee at Martin's gym on Saturday, Aug. 28 as part of the First Year Initiative. Area businesses and student organizations set up booths to inform students of the many services and businesses in Martin. The First Year Initiative helps incoming freshmen transition into college life at UTM.