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Admission is a suggested donation of $5 worth of nonperishable foods or toys. Service agencies receiving food and toys collected this year include Chimes for Charity, We Care Ministries, the Obion County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Santa's Helpers and the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council, the release said.

The city of Martin and UT Martin are co-sponsors of the event. Additional sponsors to date include University Plaza, First State Bank, MTD Products, Tyson Foods, Greenball, Savant Learning Systems and Frontier Communications, according to the release. Each year, WCMT radio sponsors a can caravan for canned food donations collected at the schools.

"We would like to thank the sponsors and volunteers who contribute time and money," said Kim Kirby, Martin Parks and Recreation Department program director, in the release. "Santa's Village is not only a wonderful, family-oriented holiday event, it helps the less fortunate in the surrounding area."

For more information about Santa's Village, call the Martin Parks and Recreation Department at (731) 587-6784.
UT-Martin Trombone Night

December 4, 2012
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Martin, TN

Join the trombone studio at the University of Tennessee at Martin as we present our annual fall Trombone Night Concert on Tuesday, December 4, 2012. The studio will present a variety of trombone chamber ensembles, the UT Martin trombone choir, and a mass trombone choir to close the concert. The program will include works by Brahms, Glinka, Snell, Davies, Debussy, Hartley, and more!

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HANDS-ON TRAINING — University of Tennessee at Martin nursing students got some hands-on training recently when their instructors, Diane Austin, RN, MSN, PhD(c) and Dr. Esther Sallars, RN, scheduled a flu clinic at MTD. The students reviewed information about flu prevention, signs and symptoms with the employees and then administered flu shots. Looking on as student Taylor Faulkner (front, right) administered a shot for MTD employee James McDonald were nursing students (from left) Katie Armstrong, Chad Kalas and Kaela Grooms.

FLU CLINIC — University of Tennessee at Martin nursing students, along with their instructors, Diane Austin, RN, MSN, PhD(c) and Dr. Esther Sallars, RN, recently completed a flu clinic for the employees of MTD. Information on flu prevention, signs and symptoms were reviewed with the employees by the students and the flu vaccine was administered. Among those take part were nursing student Taylor Faulkner and MTD employees Chad Brawner (receiving shot) and Ronnie Armatys.

UTM plans trip

Anyone interested in learning more about fashion merchandising is encouraged to join students and faculty from the University of Tennessee at Martin on a travel study trip, April 11-14, 2013, to Atlanta, Ga.

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The trip costs $450 for UT Martin students and $475 for non-students. All deposits are due to the UT Martin travel study office by Jan. 14, 2013. Dr. Sue Byrd, professor of textiles, clothing and fashion merchandising, will direct this trip.

For more information, contact Byrd at 731-881-7103 or by email at sbyrd@utm.edu, or Lorrie Jackson, travel study coordinator, at 731-881-8382 or by email at ljackson@utm.edu.
Student trombone program in Martin

A University of Tennessee at Martin student trombone music program will be performed at 7:30 p.m. today at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.

Christian Miller, a sophomore from Jackson, will perform.

The event is free and open to the public.

Ireland journey available

Dr. Jeffrey Longacre, assistant professor of English at the University of Tennessee at Martin, and Dr. Nathan Howard, associate professor of history, will lead a travel study to Ireland on May 5-16, 2013.

This trip is open to community members as well as UT Martin students and faculty.

The trip will cost an estimated $3,800 per person, which includes a round-trip flight, 10-night hotel accommodations (double occupancy), coach and ferry transportation, itinerary entrance fees, daily breakfast and a four-course banquet at Dunguaire Castle.

Participants will have the opportunity to tour many sites of historical and literary significance. These include a Dublin literary walking tour, Trinity College, the James Joyce Museum and Tower, Kilmainham Gaol, Blarney Castle, the Ring of Kerry, the Cliffs of Moher and the Aran Islands.

For more information, contact Howard at (731) 881-3470 or by email at nhoward@utm.edu.

Fall commencement slated at UT Martin

Cheri Childress, an alumna of the University of Tennessee at Martin, will address graduates at the university’s fall commencement exercises Dec. 15 in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on Mount Pelia Road in Martin.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. and is open to the public.

She received a bachelor’s degree in secondary education and social work from UT Martin in 1972 and later earned a master of science degree in education in 1978. She has since served as director of social services at Milan General Hospital, taught in the Gibson County Special School District and evaluated Tennessee principals through the State of Tennessee Better Schools Program.

Ms. Childress has also served as director of student services at the West Tennessee School of the Deaf in Jackson and is currently the co-owner of 10 Subway Sandwich Restaurants throughout the West Tennessee area and the CandyLand Gift Shoppe in Milan.

In addition to her position as vice chairman of the College of Business and Global Affairs at UT Martin, Ms. Childress remains an active member of the West Tennessee community by serving on multiple boards across the region, including those for the Kirkland Cancer Center, Milan General Hospital, UT Martin WestStar Leadership Program and the Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame.

She has received many awards since her time at UT Martin, including the Tennessee Economic for Women Excellence Award in 2007 and the Sterling Award in 2011, which named her one of the 20 most influential women in West Tennessee.

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Santa's Village continues good work

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"Santa's Village is not only a wonderful, family-oriented holiday event, it helps the less fortunate in the surrounding area," said Kim Kirby, Martin Parks and Recreation Department program director.

For more information about Santa's Village, contact Martin Parks and Recreation Department at 731-587-6784.

Annual Santa’s Village event to bring entertainment for all ages

Visitors to the 28th annual Santa's Village charity event will have an opportunity to enjoy more than 90 entertainers from across the region. Scheduled performances include pop, country, Broadway, classical, jazz, blues and gospel musicians, in addition to dance performances and traditional Christmas music.

The entertainment schedule is as follows:

**Thursday, Dec. 6:**
- 5:45 p.m. – Joy Jones, piano
- 6 p.m. – Carla Field, Ed and Elaine Knight, violin and accordion
- 6:45 p.m. – Lindsey Wade, vocal
- 7:15 p.m. – Rose Bravner, vocal
- 7:45 p.m. – Carla Lee, vocal

**Friday, Dec. 7:**
- 5:45 p.m. – Brooke Baker, piano
- 6 p.m. – Lexie Knott and Rose Bravner, vocal
- 7 p.m. – Michael Brewer, vocal
- 8 p.m. – Charles and Debbie Ross, vocal

**Saturday, Dec. 8:**
- 10:40 a.m. – Casey Lee and Hannah Laster, piano
- 11 a.m. – Rebecca Jones, Claire Gibson, Carson Gillson, vocal
- 11:20 a.m. – Emma Waycaster and Kelsie Stiehle, vocal and dance
- 11:50 a.m. – Miriam Jones, Natalie Hurst and Joy Jones, vocal
- 1 p.m. – Collin Williams, keyboard
- 1:30 p.m. – Rose Bravner, vocal
- 2 p.m. – Stepz Dance Studio, dance
- 3 p.m. – Collin Williams, jazz keyboard
- 3:30 p.m. – The Jim Fieber Family, guitar and violin
- 4:15 p.m. – Lindsey Wade, vocal
- 5 p.m. – Carla Lee, vocal
- 5:45 p.m. – Tara Elam, vocal
- 6:30 p.m. – Tabitha Dawson, vocal
- 7:15 p.m. – Ashley Mitchell, vocal
- 8 p.m. – Lauren Rush and Whitney Southwell, vocal
- 8:30 p.m. – Zach Rue, vocal

**Sunday, Dec. 9:**
- 12:40 p.m. – Dinah Batchelor, Lexie Knott and Rose Bravner, piano
- 1:15 p.m. – Lana Lee, vocal
- 2 p.m. – Oliver's Chapel Church
- 2:45 p.m. – Lexie Knott, vocal
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Childress to address graduates during UTM Fall Commencement Exercises

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Childress is also a co-founder of the Living the Dream, Champions of Hope program and the Childress Foundation, which assists cancer survivors with expenses.

UT Martin commencement exercises are open to the public.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of University Relations at 731-881-7615.

Dr. Payne to speak

Dr. Thomas H. Payne, who holds the Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will be the speaker at Tuesday’s Obion County TEA Party meeting at 6 p.m. The meeting will be at the Obion County Public Library at 1221 East Reelfoot Ave. in Union City.

Payne’s topic will be “Pushing on a String: The Goals and Limitations of Monetary Policy.”

The public is invited to attend.

UT Martin’s Band marches along Lindell Street in downtown Martin, during Monday night’s Kiwanis Christmas Parade.
Santa’s Village opens today through Sunday

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Christmas program to be held

Members of local area communities are invited to attend the third annual community Christmas program and “Messiah Sing-a-long” on Dec. 11, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. Many local artists and musical groups will be performing at the event, including Dr. Elaine Harris, Dr. Roberto Mancusi and Dr. Amy Yeung of The University of Tennessee at Martin.

Also performing will be the Fieser Family Strings, Robin Pape and Johnathan Vest, pianists, Carla Field and Bethany Ostenson, violinists and The Trinity Presbyterian Chancel Choir.

The UTM Double Reed Ensemble, Horn Quintet, Student Brass Quartet and Sax Quartet will also perform. Dr. Mark Simmons will lead the Messiah Sing-a-long to conclude the evening. A reception will follow.

The public is invited to attend the program and participate in the sing-a-long portion.

For more information, contact Trinity Presbyterian Church at (731) 587-9718.

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I 'CAN' HELP — WCMT and Star 95.1, along with the Student Athlete Advisory Council at the University of Tennessee at Martin, recently staged the 28th Annual Can Caravan with Weakley County schools. The schools collected cans during November. With the help of the athletes at UT Martin, over 10,500 cans were collected for Santa's Village. Among those on hand to mark the effort were coordinators Lana Carpenter (left), WCMT's community service director, and Danielle Fabianich, UT Martin's assistant athletic director. They were joined by UT Martin athletic staff and athletes.

ON TOUR — Ten members of the University of Tennessee at Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) and two faculty members recently toured the Agrileum biodiesel plant in Memphis. Among them were (from left) Matthew Roberson, Saumil Patel, Gilbert Forgays, Larry Lu, Heather Vacovsky, Matthew Abbott and Heather Streckert, plant manager Brandon Sheley, Priya Patel, Chelsea Peeler, faculty advisor Dr. S.K. Airee and Meagan Eason.
SCIENTIFICALLY SPEAKING — Tea members of the University of Tennessee at Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) and their faculty advisor, Dr. S.K. Airee, recently conducted a Science Discovery chemistry activities clinic for Girl Scout Troop 43026 at the Boys and Girls Club in Union City. The scouts were shown several colorful reactions to help generate interest in learning chemistry and other sciences. Among those who participated were (from left, front row) Girl Scouts Qiondra Davis, Adyline Evans, Mariah Johnson, Kylie McCadney, Alexia Lewis, Asia Morris, Perla Rodriguez, and Kaylee Daniels; (middle row) Girl Scouts Shamiya Davis, TaNiyah Brooks, Khia German, Aniyah Gooch, Anyah Morris, Megan Burney and Asja Barrett and scout leader Darcey Kirk; (back row) scout leader Courtney Bass; SMACS members Chelsea Johnson, Saumil Patel, Brandon Travis, Sarah Maxey, Priya Patel, Heather Vavcovsky, Chelsea Peeler, Gilbert Forgays, Ian Garrigan and Christy Lee.
Colorado hires former UTM asst.

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Last week, Jones rejected a five-year, $13.5 million offer that would have made him the highest-paid coach in CU history, and instead took the vacant head coaching job at Tennessee. Jones also had been promised upgrades at Folsom Field and the team’s training center.

This marks athletic director Mike Bohn’s third head coaching hire since he fired Gary Barnett in 2005. Embree had three years remaining on a five-year contract when he was fired after going 4-21.

The Buffaloes job isn’t a glamorous one, with sub-par football facilities and a fan base and booster pool disenchanted by seven straight losing seasons — and now, as Embree’s quick hook attests, an administration that wants immediate upgrades on the scoreboard and in the Pac-12 standings.

The new coach faces a truncated recruiting season and must try to keep defections to a minimum from a roster that’s loaded with freshmen.

The Jackson Sun’s Craig Thomas contributed to this story.

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Visitors enjoy festive Christmas spirit at Santa’s Village

Area families enjoy a winter wonderland at Santa’s Village

Marissa and Abigail Owens, daughters of Matt and Tiffany Owens of Dresden, enjoy a visit with Santa Claus and a couple of his elves at this year’s Santa’s Village, which was held at the Ned R. McWherter Agriculture Pavilion on the campus of UT Martin. (See additional photos on page 14.)
A group of Christmas carolers, dressed in attire typical of the 1800s, give visitors a nostalgic look at how Christmas was celebrated in the time of our great-grandparents.

This candy cane sign at the 28th Annual Santa's Village, which was held inside the UTM Ag Pavilion, points to the North Pole, where a line of eager youngsters wait to sit on Santa's knee and tell him what they want for Christmas.

A little girl munches on an ice cream cone, as a young calf and donkey look on with interest at the petting zoo.

Vendors display their assorted handcrafted wares at this year's Santa's Village, as visitors check out the items for sale.
Young and old alike get a thrill out of watching the toy trains roll down the tracks, as they move through cleverly crafted miniature towns and country scenes at MTD’s train display.

Visitors enjoy strolling through the Enchanted Forest at this year’s Santa’s Village.
Children exit the ‘Barrel of Fun’ ride during their visit to Santa’s Village during the opening night of the event.

Visitors to the petting zoo at this year’s Santa’s Village get a close-up look at numerous animals, including a camel.

Artist Joe Vick sketches a drawing in the likeness of a subject. This is one of many vendor booths visited by families at this year’s Santa’s Village. Drawings of country life down on the farm are this artist’s specialty and were on display for viewing.

A boy and girl enjoy a ride on the Giant Slide, which was one of several rides available at Santa’s Village.
Ed and Elaine Knight and Carla Field entertain the crowd with Christmas music played on the accordion, keyboard and violin, at the 28th Annual Santa’s Village held at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Ag Pavilion. This was one of dozens of acts performed daily during the annual event held December 6-9. The brightly decorated winter wonderland offered something for the whole family to enjoy from tots to teens and seniors.

Visitors to Santa’s Village enjoy the scenery in the Enchanted Forest, which offers a wide variety of scenery, including animated Christmas characters that sing to holiday music.
Brian Smith Wins Rising Star Award

Brian Smith, owner of The Sideline physical therapy and fitness center in Martin recently became the 2012 winner of the University of Tennessee at Martin Small Business Rising Star Award. The Rising Star award is given annually by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to a business that best exemplifies not only business success, but an outstanding working relationship with the local SBDC and the use of the services it provides. In giving the award, the local SBDC is also recognizing the entrepreneurial spirit of the business owners and their contribution to the local business and economic environment.

In 2003, Smith recognized the community’s need for a physical therapy clinic to serve residents in need of physical therapy and made the decision to create a business that would provide physical therapy services.
Local student to serve as intern in State Legislature

The University of Tennessee at Martin has several students gaining experience in the state legislature. Three students, Garrett Cote, of Clarksville, Drew Greer, of South Fulton, and Greg Frye, of Newbern, will serve as interns in the state legislature in Nashville in the coming spring.

Cote is a junior political science major who is the president of the UT Martin Pre-Law Club. He is also active in the social fraternity Sigma Chi and plans to attend law school after graduating from UT Martin. Later he hopes to run for congressman.

Greer is senior political science major who is active in the Pre-Law Club on campus. He is also a member of the social fraternity Kappa Alpha Order and plans to attend law school upon graduation.

Frye is a senior in the Bachelor of Disciplinary Studies program with a focus on business law and international marketing. He is active in the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, Lumina Foundation, Student Government Association and Skyhawk Veterans Association. He served as a PEP leader for UT Martin's First-Year Initiative program and is a member of the social fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Greer will be working under Tennessee state representative Andy Holt. Cote and Frye are expected to receive specific assignments in January.

UT Martin has participated in the Tennessee Legislative Internship program every year since it began in 1973.

For more information, contact Dr. Chris Baxter, associate professor of political science, at 731-881-7367.

Travel study targets fashion

Anyone interested in learning more about fashion merchandising is encouraged to join students and faculty from the University of Tennessee at Martin on a travel study trip April 11-14, 2013, to Atlanta.

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The trip costs $450 for UT Martin students and $475 for non-students. All deposits are due to the UT Martin travel study office by Jan. 14, 2013.

Dr. Sue Byrd, professor of textiles, clothing and fashion merchandising, will direct this trip.

For more information, contact Ms. Byrd at (731) 881-7103 or by email at sbyr@utm.edu; or Lorrie Jackson, travel study coordinator, at 881-3582 or by email at ljackson@utm.edu.

SCIENTIFICALLY SPEAKING — Ten members of the University of Tennessee at Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society and their faculty advisor, Dr. S.K. Airee, recently conducted a Science Discovery chemistry activities clinic for Girl Scout Troop 43026 at the Boys & Girls Club in Union City. The Scouts were shown several colorful reactions to help generate interest in learning chemistry and other sciences. Among the participants were (from left, front row) Girl Scouts Qiondra Davis, Adyline Evans, Mariah Johnson, Kylie McCadney, Alexia Lewis, Asia Morris, Perla Rodriguez and Kaylee Duffields, (middle row) Girl Scouts Shamiya Davis, Tan'Niyah Brooks, Khia Geman, Aniyah Gooch, Anyiah Morris, Megan Burney and Asija Garrett, Scout leader Darcey Kirk, (back row) Scout leader Courtney Bass and SMACS members Chelsea Johnson, Saumil Patel, Brandon Travis, Sarah Maxey, Priya Patel, Heather Vacovsky, Chelsea Peeler, Gilbert Fergaya, Ian Garrigan and Christy Lee.
3 UTM students to serve as interns

The University of Tennessee at Martin has several students gaining experience in the state legislature.

Three students — Garrett Cote of Clarksville, Drew Greer of South Fulton and Greg Frye of Newbern — will serve as interns in the state Legislature in Nashville in the coming spring.

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Greer will be working under state Rep. Andy Holt, while Cote and Frye are expected to receive specific assignments in January.

UT Martin has participated in the Tennessee Legislative Internship program every year since it began in 1973.

SMACS members tour Memphis plant

Ten members of the University of Tennessee at Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) and two faculty members recently toured the Agrioleum biodiesel plant in Memphis.

The plant is owned in part and operated by former UT Martin student Brandon Sheley.

The 17-acre project site is owned by Agrioleum and has an operational 40-million gallon-per-year biodiesel plant and 10-million gallon-per-year feedstock pre-treatment facility. The plant also has two 250,000-gallon finished biodiesel storage tanks and three 80,000-gallon multi-feedstock storage tanks on site.

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Past UTM aide has tough task at Colorado

By B.G. BROOKS
CUBuffs.com

BOULDER — Mike MacIntyre’s most recent and best-known rebuild was done in northern California. His mannerisms, a bit of his accent and his football roots are steeped in the South, where he watched his father, George, transform forlorn football programs at UT Martin and Vanderbilt University.

The younger MacIntyre is taking on the same challenge — perhaps even a more difficult one — at the University of Colorado. A former UTM assistant himself, MacIntyre was introduced Monday as the Buffaloes’ 25th head coach after signing a five-year contract that CU Athletic Director Mike Bohn said will pay MacIntyre $2 million annually.

His contract also includes a facilities improvement timeline similar to the clause in former men’s basketball coach Jeff Bzdelik’s pact that led to the construction of the basketball/volleyball facility adjacent to the Coors Events Center.

MacIntyre’s $400,000 buyout clause at San Jose State will be picked up by CU, which also has committed $2.6 million in salary for his staff. Bohn also said MacIntyre will receive additional recruiting and academic support for his players.

Addressing a late-afternoon press conference in the Byron R. White Stadium Club at Folsom Field, Bohn said in MacIntyre, 47, the school has “hired a football coach we can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with ... this is an exciting day for us.”

It was a whirlwind day for MacIntyre, who was approached by Colorado, presented a weekend offer and accepted before first setting foot on the Boulder campus.

He arrived in Colorado at mid-afternoon Monday, met with CU President Bruce Benson, Chancellor Phil DiStefano and Bohn, then addressed his new team for about 35 minutes prior to the press conference.

“He came in confident, told us what he’s going to do, why and how,” said junior offensive lineman Alex Lewis. “For everything he tells us, he’s going to have a reason to back it up.”

Lewis said MacIntyre, whose resume features a combined 22 years of NFL and college experience, emphasized “four F’s — family, future, football and foundation. And he said it starts with the foundation, being in mind, body and soul.

“I like the guy a lot. I like his confidence and his demeanor. He’s a very proud guy and he knows what’s talking about. He’s going to tell you straight and be honest with you. I like that — and I think that’s the impression all of my teammates got. I think the whole team left the room a lot happier. We’re excited to see him.”

MacIntyre shared their excitement. “This is a great place to be, a great opportunity ... I think we can be a top Pac-12 program and the future is bright here,” he said. “It’s exciting. I can’t tell you how excited I am. Colorado has been down for a minute. It’s my job to help bring it back and I’m excited about having the opportunity to do that.”

He described his rebuild at downtrodden San Jose State, which had experienced only three winning seasons in the past 20, as “probably similar” to what he faces at CU, which this fall suffered a school-record seventh consecutive losing season (1-11).

“When we got to San Jose State we were in an APR (Academic Progress Rate) penalty and had 75 scholarships,” he said. “I’ve got 85 scholarships here. I’ve got a full amount of practice time, which I didn’t have in my first spring there. So on those two things — they were big-time negatives. We’d only had 85 scholarships for two years in the whole history of the school. Here, I’m not hurt numbers wise for practice and for our first year.”
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Childress also has served as director of student services at the West Tennessee School of the Deaf in Jackson. She currently is the co-owner of 10 Subway sandwich restaurants in West Tennessee and the CandyLand Gift Shoppe in Milan.

Childress is vice chairwoman of the College of Business and Global Affairs at UT Martin and serves on several boards in the region, including those for the Kirkland Cancer Center, Milan General Hospital, UT Martin WestStar Leadership Program and the Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame.

She has received many awards, including the Tennessee Economic for Women Excellence Award in 2007 and the Sterling Award in 2011, which named her one of the 20 most influential women in West Tennessee.

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By Erin Chestnut Special to My Life

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Sumner students graduate UT Martin

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The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:

- Gallatin – Kayla Marie Elrod, Theresa M. Schultz;
- Hendersonville – Kori Danelle Ellis, Melissa Lynn Govea;
- Portland – Allyson Paige Martin;
- Westmoreland – Christopher Thomas Knight, Chelsea Carol Rittenberry.

The student receiving a graduate degree was:

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The students receiving graduate degrees were:

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Among those who received undergraduate degrees were:
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- Troy — Lauren Nicole Hayes, Reuben West Kendall, Ginger Gale Perry and Kristen Leigh Phillips.

Fulton — Brenna Lea Coffey, Aaron LaMonte Ferrell and David Forrest Whitesell.

Students who received graduate degrees included:
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LOCAL STUDENTS ATTEND SUMMIT:

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Milan businesswoman energizes UTM graduates

The power failed temporarily, but graduates, family members and friends remained energized for December commencement exercises Saturday morning in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

A local power outage occurred about 30 minutes before the scheduled 11 a.m. start time, leaving the arena and a gathering crowd mostly in the dark. Flashlights, cell phones and emergency lighting allowed family and friends to finish filling the arena as the event was delayed until power returned and processional music began around 11:15.

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, welcomed the crowd for the late start and congratulated degree candidates from 53 counties, 19 states and 11 nations.

More than 600 students completed requirements to receive degrees this fall.

Cheri Childress, a UT Martin graduate and businesswoman from Milan, wasted little time adding more energy to the event after she was introduced by Rakes as commencement speaker. She opened with a story about her family’s recent Thanksgiving dinner where text messages initially replaced verbal requests to pass the food. This prompted her brother-in-law to begin collecting electronic devices and to say, “There will be no more texting at this Thanksgiving dinner.”

Her family then laughed at what had happened, but the brief story made her point.

“You see, the truth is that we build more computers, more iPads, more smartphones, to hold more and more information, to answer more questions. But we communicate less and less,” Ms. Childress said.

She proceeded to “just talk” with the audience, admitting that nothing she told them couldn’t be found with help from Google or Siri, Apple’s intelligent personal assistant. So she posed questions that could be answered by each individual in the audience, starting with, “When is your birthday? When were you born?”

Birthdays, she said, mark important milestones in life.

“Did you notice that with every year came just a few more responsibilities?” she asked. “It (your birthday) was given to you, but this day (commencement), ... you earned. No one gave it to you.”

Much like birthdays, commencement day adds responsibilities and expectations, she said.

“As you completed your required courses to achieve your degree, in the words of Robert Kennedy, ‘Some of you saw things as they were, and you asked, ‘Why?’ Some of you saw things as they should be, and you asked, ‘Why not?’ And that’s OK, because this class of 2012 at UTM is graduating great leaders and great followers.”

She added, “Followers find leaders. Leaders find vision. History is filled with visionaries and followers. Ladies and gentlemen, it takes both working together.”

“And you will hear people to tell you to ‘follow your dream’. Don’t you dare follow your dream,” she emphasized. “You go get your dream. You didn’t get here today by following your dream. You got here today by working and achieving and persevering (to achieve) your dream.”

She recalled Fred Deluca, co-founder of Subway, who opened his first restaurant in 1965. The restaurant failed, and instead of giving up, he opened a second restaurant. She remembered when she and her business partners opened their first Subway store 25 years ago. They encountered many doubters, but “25 years later and a few restaurants, a small investment and a belief in our dream and ourselves and patiently persevering became big business.”

She closed with a story about how a work crew can demolish in a short time what skilled builders toil years to construct. She then asked the graduates to look in the audience and spot families and friends.

“As you look around, graduates, and you look at this crowd that is here for you, I want you to know that we all — faculty, your family, your friends — we are all here for you. And we all, all of us, collectively believe that you will be a builder with a vision, patiently persevering. We all are counting on you.”
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RETIREES RECOGNIZED — University of Tennessee President Joe DiPietro (standing left) and UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes (standing third from left) joined retirees at UT Martin’s recent 2012 Service Awards Lunch. They were flanked by honorees Robert Summers (standing second from left) and David Nemeyer, as well as honorees (from left, front row) Janis Mayse, Brenda Campbell and Louise Priest. Not pictured were Glaena Cagle, Doris Edwards, Johnie McDonald, Curtis Roberts and Doris Nell Sloan.

Community invited to join New Zealand trip

Singers and non-singers alike are invited to join the University of Tennessee at Martin choir on a travel study trip June 13-23, 2013, to New Zealand.

The 10-day trip will include group performances in Christchurch, Queenstown and Dunedin. All participants will also visit Fox Glacier, the Milford Sound and Greymouth.

The trip includes a trans-alpine train ride across the island through the Southern Alps.

The total cost of the trip is $4,000 per person, which includes all air and ground transportation, lodging, all breakfasts, most dinners and some entry fees to tourist attractions.

Non-student travelers are not required to sing with the choir group, although participation in the choir is optional for those who may be interested.

If interested, contact Dr. Mark Simmons, associate professor of music and trip leader, at (731) 881-7412. Final commitments need not be made at this time.
UTM graduates more than 600 students

MARTIN — The power failed temporarily, but graduates, family members and friends remained energized for December commencement exercises Saturday morning in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

A local power outage occurred about 30 minutes before the scheduled 11 a.m. start time, leaving the arena and a gathering crowd mostly in the dark. Flash lights, cell phones and emergency lighting allowed family and friends to finish filling the arena as the event was delayed until power returned and processional music began around 11:15.

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, welcomed the crowd for the late start and congratulated degree candidates from 53 counties, 19 states and 11 nations. More than 600 students completed requirements to receive degrees this fall.

“To our graduates, good luck to each of you, and be assured that our faculty and staff wish you the very best,” Rakes said. “Remember that you’re soon to be part of an alumni group numbering in excess of 40,000 alumni around the world.”

Cheri Childress, UT Martin graduate and businesswoman from Milan, wasted little time adding more energy to the event after she was introduced by Rakes as commencement speaker. She opened with a story about her family’s recent Thanksgiving dinner where text messages initially replaced verbal requests to pass the food. This prompted her brother-in-law to begin collecting electronic devices.

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She proceeded to “just talk” with the audience, admitting that nothing she told them couldn’t be found with help from Google or Siri, Apple’s intelligent personal assistant. So, she posed questions that could be answered by each individual in the audience, starting with, “When is your birthday? When were you born?”

Birthdays, Childress said, mark important milestones in life. “Did you notice that with every year came just a few more responsibilities?” she asked, adding, “It (your birthday) was given to you, but this day (commencement), ... you earned. No one gave it to you.”

Much like birthdays, commencement day adds responsibilities and expectations. She said, “As you completed your required courses to achieve your degree, in the words of Robert Kennedy, ‘Some of you saw things as they were, and you asked, ‘Why?’ Some of you saw things as they should be, and you asked, ‘Why not?’ And that’s OK, because this class of 2012 at UTM is graduating great leaders and great followers.”

She added, “Followers find leaders. Leaders find vision. History is filled with visionaries and followers. Ladies and gentlemen, it takes both working together.” She named Walt Disney, Oprah Winfrey, Bill Gates and other successful people who had visions for success. “But all of these leaders required followers, followers for their success to become a reality.”

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She used the example of a Chinese bamboo tree, as told by the late Zig Zigler, famed author and motivational speaker. He explained how you plant, water and fertilize the bamboo tree seed and have to wait until it finally sprouts sometime during the fifth year, suddenly growing 90 feet in six weeks.

“You can do all the right things at all the right times, but success takes patience and perseverance,” she said.
SANTA'S VILLAGE — Santa enjoyed a nice weekend, and plenty of festive lights, at the 28th annual Santa's Village. The year's event set a new attendance record.

SKYHAWK SUPPORT — The UTM Skyhawk Veterans Association, with help from faculty and the local community, raised $235 in Obion, Henry and Weakley counties to assist the We Care food bank in Martin. The SVA, a UT Martin student veterans group, was created in fall 2011 and approved as an official student organization in February 2012. Pictured at the Save-A-Lot grocery store in Martin are (from left) Anthony Bond, of Paris, SVA public relations officer; Virgil Ware, Save-A-Lot assistant manager; Teresa Rowlett, food bank coordinator for We Care; David Crum, of Kenton, SVA president; and Russell Whitlow, of Greenfield, SVA treasurer.
UTM fall graduation includes Countians

Eleven Henry Countians graduated during the recent fall commencement at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Receiving undergraduate degrees were:

PARIS
Autumn Elizabeth Radford, Gary Lee Dalton, Sarah Hope Gordon,

HENRY
Amanda Lou Hall, Megan Alexandra Hastings, Alicia Dawn McClure, Colin C. Paschall, Jeffrey Nolan Stubblefield and Courtney Elyse Sutton.

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UT Martin receives grant for campus suicide prevention

The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently announced that the University of Tennessee at Martin is one of 40 institutions nationally to receive a Garrett Lee Smith Campus Suicide Prevention Grant in the amount of $242,201 from 2012-2015.

The grant will be used to finance UT Martin’s Project Safety-Networking Education and Training (Safety-NET), which is designed to help “create prevention-prepared communities where individuals, families, schools, workplaces and communities take action to prevent and reduce mental illness and substance abuse across the lifespan,” according to a SAMHSA initiative.

The project focuses on identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the current response mechanisms and resources for students at risk and seeks to bridge any identified gaps. This requires coordination among campus organizations, law enforcement, health-care providers and mental health-care providers to be successful.

Shannon Deal, director of Project Safety-NET and director of the UT Martin Student Health and Counseling Center, cites Martin’s rural area as a primary need for the program.

“The funds from this grant will allow us to enhance our relationship with community mental health providers and facilities and bridge the gap between on-campus and community resources,” Deal said. “A collaborative relationship between the campus and the community is critical to ensuring our students have access to on- and off-campus resources before, during and after a mental health crisis.”

Project Safety-NET provides training to campus organizations and officials regarding available resources, as well as educates faculty, staff, students and others about how to detect warning signs and make mental health referrals for those at risk. The program also works to promote crisis hotlines for those in need.

Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the external funds will be used “to increase suicide awareness and to equip the campus community with the necessary tools to help prevent suicide.”

There is a strong movement within the sponsored suicide prevention programs nationally to create multifaceted, collaborative relationships between college campuses and their surrounding communities. Dr. Joan West, director of research, grants and contracts at UT Martin, said, “Project Safety-NET is a prime example of how UT Martin will engage broad and diverse groups who represent relevant campus and community stakeholders to reduce the rate of suicide, suicide attempts and suicidal behaviors on campus.”

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among college-aged students, according to the American College Health Association.

For more information on the grant, contact UT Martin Student Health and Counseling Services at 731-881-7750.
University Marketing Students Participate in Regional Marketing Conference

Pictured (left to right): Luke Ownby, Leah Mebane, Devon Rountree, Trent Johnson, Laquita Johnson and Alexis Johnson, all senior marketing majors at UT Martin, attended the Pi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity, Inc., regional conference in Athens, Ga., and participated in a variety of competitions.

Six members of the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Delta Xi chapter of Pi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity, Inc., participated in the fraternity’s south/west regional conference on November 8-11 in Athens, Georgia.

UT Martin seniors Luke Ownby, of Fairview; Leah Mebane, of Gleason; Devon Rountree, of Memphis; Trent Johnson, of Huntingdon; Laquita Johnson and Alexis Johnson, both of Memphis, attended the conference and participated in a variety of competitions.

Rountree, chapter president, completed her certified chapter officer training, which consisted of a three-phase training process. Rountree was the only chapter officer at the conference to become CCO certified.

Laquita Johnson won first place in the national speaking competition, and Trent Johnson’s marketing team won the TEKsystems competition.

TEKsystems is an international information technology company, and student teams worked with the company to develop new marketing strategies to recruit student employees. Students created television commercials, online media and other recruitment tools for the benefit of the company. The winning group has the opportunity to mass-produce their media content.

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"As you look around, graduates, and you look at this crowd that is here for you, I want you to know that we all — faculty, your family, your friends — we are all here for you. And we all, all of us, collectively believe that you will be a builder with a vision, patiently persevering. We all are counting on you."

Rakes conferred the degrees, and Dr. Keith Carver, West Tennessee native and executive assistant to the University of Tennessee, brought greetings on behalf of UT President Joe DiPietro.
CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Johnathan Nolan (left) of Union City recently participated in commencement exercises at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He was a secondary math major at UT Martin. He was joined by his parents, Donna Nolan (center) and Paul Nolan. Chancellor Tom Rakes presided over the ceremony.

UTMGRADS — Among those who participated in commencement exercises recently at the University of Tennessee at Martin were (from left) Will Norvell of Memphis, Jeff Price of Clarksville and Barrett Tanner of Union City. Norvell received a degree in natural resources management. Price received a degree in health and human performance and Tanner received a degree in business management. Chancellor Tom Rakes presided over the ceremony.
PROUD GRADUATE — Angela Johnson of Union City recently participated in commencement exercises at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Ms. Johnson earned her master of elementary education degree. Chancellor Tom Rakes presided over the ceremony.

ATTEND SUMMIT — A group of Obion and Weakley County high school students attended the RisingStar Leadership Summit recently at the University of Tennessee at Martin. A total of 26 high school juniors and seniors from 13 counties attended the event, which taught students leadership skills through team-building exercises. The summit was sponsored by the WestStar Leadership Program, Ayers Foundation and UT Martin. Among the participants were (from left) Kendal Cook of Weakley County, Ben Jones of Obion County and Elizabeth Francisco of Weakley County.
UT Martin among safest four-year public schools

The University of Tennessee at Martin is among the safest of the four-year public institutions in Tennessee according to the Safest Schools ranking recently released by StateUniversity.com.

UT Martin was the highest ranked public four-year institution in the state of Tennessee according to the report. It ranked fifth overall in the state with a safety rating of 94.84, and of the 450 ranked colleges in the nation, UT Martin placed at 128.

“Campus safety remains a top priority and our public safety officers, faculty and staff as well as alert students make a safe environment an ongoing focus for us all,” said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes.

As part of the Safest Schools ranking, StateUniversity.com analyzed crime statistics for 450 colleges and universities, and assigned a safety rating to each school. Safety ratings are determined based on the number of occurrences of aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, theft/larceny, motor vehicle theft, forcible rape and murder on campus, and then are weighed based on the probability of each incident. Violent crime is given more weight in the ranking system, and has a greater effect on the safety rating than non-violent crime such as theft. The ranking system of U.S. public and private educational institutions is statistical and based on U.S. government surveys and reports provided by the schools themselves.