Area colleges well represented at bass fishing championship

The University of Tennessee at Martin was well represented last week at the Boat U.S. Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship on Pickwick Lake in Florence, Ala. The school sent four teams to the event, which consisted of two days with 181 boats from universities all across the country.

The UTM collegiate bass team, as well as members of the Bethel University collegiate bass team, competed in this event. UTM Bass Team members Grayson Smith, a senior engineering major of Clarksville and Dylan Powley, a junior marketing major of Paris finished 12th out of 181 boats. This makes it the second straight year that UTM has placed in the top 15 of the National Championship. The UTM duo had a two-day, 10-bass total weight of 28.85 pounds.

The teamed coerced their bites from main river ledges using Strike King 6XD deep diving crankbaits as well as Strike King Tour Grade football jigs. They caught an estimated 60 keepers each day, but struggled to get the big bites needed to propel them up the leaderboard.

Two members of the Bethel University bass team finished 10th place overall. Zach Parker and Mark Condron had a two-day, 10-bass total weight of 30.14 pounds. Bethel also had several other team members fish. In 31st place was the Bethel team of Will Davis and Ben Freeman with 10 bass weighing 24.64 pounds while Jake Lawrence and Jacob Haroy had 10 bass for 22.81 pounds.

The difference in the two teams, UTM and Bethel, is that Bethel is a team made up of college fishermen that are on scholarship and the UTM club is basically just a college bass club with very limited funding, if any from the university.

The North Carolina State BassPack won the event with a two-day total weight of 10 bass that weighed 45.60 pounds.

 Cooler weather and the rain threats were a welcome relief to the record warm temperatures our area has seen over the past several days. Hopefully we were able to receive enough rain that helped all area lakes and rivers.

LEGO Camp offered for students ages 8-12

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s two LEGO Camps will offer students ages 8-12 a chance to discover simple and powered machines and mechanisms.

The camps will run June 25-29.

The first camp, “Simple and Powered Machines,” will be held from noon-2 p.m. each day. Participants will be able to investigate motorized machines, study gearing mechanisms and calibrate and capture wind.

During this camp, teams of two to three students will be involved in real-world investigations and problem solving, observe models and reflect, redesign and present their findings.

The second camp, “Advanced Simple and Powered Machines,” will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m. daily. This course is for students who have mastered the basics of simple machines, structures and mechanisms.

The course has been enhanced by a study of renewable energy resources to challenge the students who completed the camp last year.

The renewable energy component allows students to investigate energy supply, transfer, accumulation, conversion and consumption. They will also use measurements and data analysis to describe and explain outcomes through hands-on activities and exciting real-life models.

Enrollment for both classes is limited. Registration is $140 per student, per camp, and includes a LEGO Camp T-shirt.

Laura Sterrett, lecturer of physics at UT Martin, will instruct the camp.

For more information or to register, contact ECOS at (731) 881-7082 or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non-degree/children.php.
Dyer County Schools honor retiring teachers

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The Dyer County School System recently honored its retiring teachers at a retirement dinner at Lupo’s. The following teachers were recognized for their dedication and many years of service to their craft.

Martha Sue Glover will be retiring from Northview Middle School where she teaches eighth-grade social studies. Glover has 40 years of teaching experience and received both her Bachelor of Science and master’s degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She previously taught sixth and eighth grades and was an elementary school teacher. Her extracurricular activities include: National Junior Honor Society sponsor, spelling bee sponsor, “Voice of the Mustangs” basketball game announcer, and track and cross-country coach.

Mary Godwin will be retiring from Fifth Consolidated. Godwin graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin and began her employment with the Dyer County School system in 1974. She taught second, third, and fourth grades at Fifth Consolidated for 34 years.

Brenda Buchannon will be retiring from Holice Powell. Buchannon graduated with her master’s degree from the University of Memphis. She began her career with the county school system in 1973 and taught third, fourth, and fifth grades at Holice Powell for 38 years.

Brenda Locust will be retiring from Newbern Elementary. Locust received her bachelor’s degree from Lane College. She began teaching for the county school system in 1975 where she has taught third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth, and high school for the past 32 years.

Ruby Welch will be retiring from Newbern Elementary. Welch received her master’s degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She began her career with the county school system in 1983. Over the past 29 years, Welch has taught first and second grade at RoEllen, Trimble, and Newbern Elementary.

1st Sgt. Tim McCutchin will be retiring from Dyer County High School where he is the first JROTC instructor. He started at the high school in 1995 and was instrumental in getting the JROTC program started there. He is noted for having an impact on many students’ lives and their decision to join the military.

Thomas Melvin Wilkerson will be retiring from Northview Middle School where he teaches seventh-grade social studies. Wilkerson has 37 years of teaching experience and received his Bachelor of Science degree in education from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He also received his Master of Science leadership degree from UTM; and a Master of Science degree from Cumberland University. He previously taught sixth- and eighth-grade social studies and was an elementary school teacher. He also has coaching experience in football and golf.

Davis Wealth hires director of client service

Special to the State Gazette

Chad Davis, CFP, owner and registered principal of Davis Wealth Services, an independent firm, is pleased to announce the addition of Stella Barron to Davis Wealth Services.

“We have been looking extensively for someone with the knowledge and experience to handle the vast service needs of our clients; we have found just that. I am very excited about Stella coming on board,” shared Davis. Stella earned a B.S. in Management from the University of Tennessee, accepting deposits and withdrawals, and providing concierge services for clients.

Stella and her husband have made Dyersburg their home where they are raising their first child. They attend Phillips Street Church of Christ in Dyersburg. Stella is actively involved with the local American Business Women Association chapter and volunteers with the Dyer County Extension office.

Davis Wealth Services invites the public to come by and introduce themselves and welcome Stella.
Scholarship honors UTM soil professor

Past generations of agriculture students studied soil science under University of Tennessee Martin faculty member Elmer Counce. Now, future generations will benefit from his legacy as the Elmer Counce Memorial Scholarship is established in his memory.

Counce, who died March 13 at age 90, retired in 1988 from the UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources as professor emeritus of soil science, according to a news release. Scholarship awards will go to plant and soil science students who also exhibit good citizenship, a quality exemplified by Counce throughout his personal and professional life.

“I laugh when I say this, but it’s true. Elmer Counce was the Billy Graham of soils,” said former Counce student Anthony Haynes, UT associate vice president and director of state relations, in the release. “His passion for teaching and science was clear to all who knew him.”

Dr. Tim Burcham, UT Martin agricultural engineering professor and interim chairman of the UT Martin Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources, credits Counce and others from his era for the department’s strong position in teaching and research. “Mr. Counce and others laid the foundation for the success of our department today,” he said.

Counce came to UT Martin as a student when the campus was home to the University of Tennessee Junior College, the release said. He transferred to UT Knoxville to complete his bachelor’s and master’s degrees, returning to Martin in 1953 as a faculty member. He met his wife, Marlucille, during their UTJC days. They were married for 65 years and have one son, Ben, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Counce taught all agronomy classes and introduced the university’s first forestry class. He served as the soils team coach and trained teams that placed in national competitions for 10 years, the release said.

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Many of those students made major contributions to soil conservation efforts in Tennessee and other states.

One-time soils team member Mike Johnson, a senior agribusiness analyst with Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, recalled how Counce prepared students for competition. “One of the tricks, if you wanted to test and see if it was sandy soil or not, was to put it in your mouth and test for the grit,” Johnson said. “There are not many people in the world who could get me to put dirt in my mouth, and you never called it dirt around him.”

“If you did, a quick lecture followed explaining how soil was sent straight from God for growing the food that feeds the world. Dirt was something you got under your fingernails and in your belly button.”

In 1953, Counce was asked to head UTJC’s first alumni and placement office, a position he held until 1964. He continued his full-time teaching and research position while he led the alumni office.

Counce won the UT Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award and many Farm Bureau and Soil Conservation awards for service to Tennessee agriculture, according to the release. He was recognized as a fellow of the Soil Conservation Society of America in the 1980s. He taught an estimated 12,000 students during his career.

“He challenged us in the classroom, and he was tough but fair. He called his tests ‘soil busters,’” Johnson said. “When you got a good grade in his class, you had to earn it. He was one of the finest men I’ve ever known.”

Photography meet set

The Northwest Tennessee Photography Club, which meets the first Tuesday of each month, is extending an invitation to all interested photographers to attend its June meeting.

Donna Hacker of Fulton will present a review of her recent trip to Italy on Tuesday at 6:30 in the University of Tennessee at Martin library.

She has captured many beautiful landscape scenes of the Italian countryside, along with numerous talented compositions of architectural scenes throughout several Italian villages and cities.

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Local students awarded scholarships for UTM

Two Dyer County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

- Winter Evans, daughter of Jeff and Rhonda Evans of Dyersburg, will be a freshman. She received the UT McWhorter Scholarship/Workship.

- Tacara Vaughn, daughter of Amy Harvey of Trimble and Richard Cooper, will be a freshman. She received the Harold Conner Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, Tenn. 38238. In-state residents telephone 865-880-301; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
Local students named to honor roll at UT Martin

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Bethpage
- Andrew N. Carr, high honors
- Christopher D. Gregory, highest honors
- Chelsea C. Rittenberry, highest honors

Cottontown
- Tiffany D. Gann, honors

Gallatin
- Stephanie L. Brookes, highest honors
- Theresa M. Schultz, highest honors
- Amanda L. Sipe, high honors
- Seth D. Tennant, honors

Hendersonville
- Rory L. Anderson, high honors
- Jennifer R. Bain, high honors
- Lindsay C. Bowman, high honors
- Kori D. Ellis, high honors
- Melissa L. Govea, honors
- William D. Gregory, high honors
- Alan Jones, highest honors
- Hamilton L. Moore, highest honors
- Jarod C. Neal, high honors
- Angel B. Ross, high honors
- Jennifer L. Tate, high honors
Portland
- Jacquelyn L. Cook, honors
- Elizabeth A. Devlieger, highest honors
- Annastasia E. Ellis, honors
- Elizabeth C. Graef, high honors
- Victoria L. Wright, honors

Westmoreland
- Victoria S. Templeton, high honors

White House
- Brandon M. Newton, highest honors
- Steven J. Newton, high honors

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June 5th, 2012 - By Charles Choate

The Wall of Champions is full at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

School officials say the wall that displays championship team photos, outside the main athletics office at the Elam Center, is now at capacity.

To continue the Skyhawks tradition, a new Wall of Champions has been formed, starting with photos of the UTM women’s basketball and tennis teams that claimed OVC Tournament titles.

Now the softball team has captured the OVC Tournament title and played in the NCAA Tournament.

Athletic Director Phil Dane said the university has never had such success in advancing to the championship games of conference tournaments.

Dane said he was also confident that the school will see additional success in the future as well.
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BREWER RECOGNIZED AT UT MARTIN COMMUNICATIONS DAY — UT Martin's Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Day to honor academic and extracurricular accomplishments of students. Chad Brewer, of Sharon, received the TAB Award. Rodney Freed, instructor of communications, presented the award. Brewer also received the WLJT-TV Scholarship.
UTM students compete in design

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Branch of ASABE (American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers) joined 25 universities across North America at ASABE's 15th annual International 124-Scale Tractor Student Design Competition, May 31-June 3. The schools vied for prizes and global recognition for their design innovations at the competition held at the Expo Gardens in Peoria, Ill.

Teams have spent the 2011-12 academic year designing and building utility or recreational pulling tractors that they will present and demonstrate at the competition.

Each team is supplied one 31-hp Briggs & Stratton Vanguard Big Block Engine and a set of Titan tires. They are responsible for acquiring all other components of their machines, and all tractors run on a 10 percent ethanol fuel blend.

The 124-Scale Competition is unique among student engineering design contests in that it provides a realistic "360-degree" workplace experience.

A panel of industry experts judge each design for innovation, manufacturability, serviceability, maneuverability, safety, sound level and ergonomics. Teams also submit a written design report in advance of the competition, and on-site they must "sell" their design in a formal presentation to industry experts playing the role of a corporate management team.

Finally, machines are put to the test in a performance demonstration comprising a series of tractor pulls. The pulls take place Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

This is the second year for UT Martin participation in the competition and the third year as a student affiliated ASABE branch. Last year the young branch was awarded the Teamwork Award for its efforts in the competition.

"It was a great experience for our students last year with at least one of the students obtaining an internship for this summer because of connections he made there with a major agricultural machinery manufacturer – CASE/New Holland," said Dr. Richard Shadden, professor of agricultural engineering.

He added that the student, Rhea Taylor, of Somerville, is also the team project leader for the tractor the UT Martin students built for the competition this year.

UT Martin has offered an agricultural engineering technology concentration in the agriculture major for seven years and Shadden commended Dr. Tim Burchnam, interim chair of the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources, for his efforts in making the concentration and participation in the competition a possibility.

"It was through his efforts and through his leadership that we were able to put it in the curriculum; hence, we now have the credentials and the opportunity to enter this competition," Shadden said.

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Baptist names new CEO

Union City – Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City has named Barry “Skipper” Bondurant as administrator and CEO, effective Monday. Bondurant replaces Brad Parsons, who will become administrator and CEO for NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jonesboro, Ark., effective today (Tuesday).

Bondurant has served as administrator and CEO of Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton in Covington since 2008. Bondurant previously served as assistant administrator at Baptist Union City from 2005 to 2008.

He earned his bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Tennessee at Martin; a master’s degree in exercise and sports medicine from the University of Memphis; and a master’s degree in business administration from Union University.

“It has been my pleasure to serve our community and our hospital as CEO of Baptist-Union City. As health care continues to change at a rapid pace, our community hospital is positioned to continue to meet the medical needs of Union City and northwest Tennessee. This community has been wonderful to me and my family and we will be forever grateful to the people and relationships we have in Union City,” said Parsons.

“I am excited about serving my hometown community and am honored to join the team at Baptist Union City,” said Bondurant, a native of South Fulton.

“I am dedicated to continuing the standards in health care excellence currently in place at the hospital. I look forward to building and maintaining an open, collaborative relationship with the medical staff and the community to ensure Baptist Union City is the hospital of choice for quality, patient-centered health care.”

For more information about Baptist Union City, call (731) 885-2410 or visit unioncity.baptistonline.org.

UTM announces locals who graduated, made academic list

The University of Tennessee at Martin has announced Henry Countians who graduated during spring commencement and those who made the chancellor’s honors list following the spring 2012 semester.

Eighteen local students graduated during the commencement.

Receiving graduate degrees were Carrie Renae White of Buchanan and Angela Star Ray of Mansfield.

Earning undergraduate degrees were:

- Paris — Justin Keith Cilcutt; Lauren Kaserson Wilkins; Benjamin Len Burkhart; Amanda Nicole Neumair; Jessica Renee Swor; Lauren Whitney Wilson; Morgan Elizabeth Wilson; Anita C. Ostrom; Mark Thomas Carlile Hunt; Megan Linden Meketi; Landon Blakely; and Sarah Elizabeth Scott.
- Cottage Grove — Daniel James Powell; Yemeni — Samantha Jo Perry; Mansfield — Kathy Lorene Webb; Springville — Amy M. Whitaker.
- Joe DiPietro, UT president, delivered the commencement address.

Students on the chancellor’s honor roll are listed with highest honors, high honors and honors. Students with highest honors earned a grade-point average of 3.8-4.0; high honors, 3.5-3.79; honors, 3.2-3.49. Students receiving honors were:

**HIGHEST HONORS**

Paris — Benjamin L. Burkhart; Cody L. Chilcott; Megan E. Giebel; Kelsey L. Head; Roe V. Hughes; Caleb C. Knott; Madison K. Moody; Amanda N. Neumair; Kathryn L. Reynolds; Courtney E. Sutton; Katie L. Trecce; Lauren W. Wilson; Morgan E. Wilson, and Amber L. Wood.

Cottage Grove — Thomas C. Hunt; Henry — Emily M. Ford; Regina L. Hilt; and Savannah J. Perry.


Puryear — Robert C. Gallion.

Springville — Brianna L. Freis; Sarah M. Milam; Jessica R. Swezey; and Amy M. Whitaker.

**HIGH HONORS**

Paris — Jasmine C. Burton; Jessica Burton; Ryan M. Davenport; Carrie A. Dean; Kryst D. Guess; Dakota B. Haltiwally; Alicja D. McClure; Justin T. Reed; Ashlee N. Scott; Gary S. Shepherd; Kylar M. Solowey; Courtney A. Van Dyke; and Jake A. Vanderburg.

Buchanan — Katie K. Byrden; Henry — Zachariah S. Carter; Katherine E. Dicus; and Colie J. Wagner.

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**HONORS**

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Bethany M. Aden, McKenzie, Honors; Ashley L. Balius, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Emily J. Bloodworth, McKenzie, High Honors; Katie A. Chaddick, McKenzie, High Honors; Summer N. Davis, McKenzie, Honors; Colton L. Eaton, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Elaine C. Haw, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Hailee D. King, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Holly E. Lott, McKenzie, Honors; Matthew R. McBride, McKenzie, Honors; Linley H. McClain, McKenzie, Honors; Rocío Mejorado, McKenzie, Second Honors; Jamie D. Mills, McKenzie, Honors; Britanny L. Mobbs, McKenzie, High Honors; Matthew C. Moore, McKenzie, Honors; Allison D. Owen, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Janna N. Pratt, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Benjamin T. Rollins, McKenzie, High Honors; Rebekah A. Townsend, McKenzie, Honors; Caleb D. Watts, McKenzie, High Honors; Andrew C. Webb, McKenzie, High Honors; Melanie C. Hickerson, Atwood, TN 38220, Highest Honors; Alan J. Dupree, Bruceton, TN 38317, Highest Honors; Lakesha L. Rivers, Bruceton, Highest Honors; April R. Stepp, Bruceton, Honors; Monica K. Stepp, Bruceton, Highest Honors; Dan M. Guinn, Buena Vista, High Honors; Lindsey A. Bell, Buena Vista, High Honors; Ariel R. Doyle, Honors; Erin D. Grant, Clarksville, High Honors; Kimberly D. Scott, Hollow Rock, High Honors; Juan C. Aldayturriaga, Huntingdon, Honors; Jacob T. Allen, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Benjamin L. Carter, Huntingdon, High Honors; Patty L. Cupples, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Jacob F. Edwards, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Robert E. Eskew, Huntingdon, Honors; Spencer R. Ezell, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Joshua R. Gurley, Huntingdon, High Honors; Julie M. Kelley, Huntingdon, High Honors; Victoria B. McQuesten, Huntingdon, Honors; Cassidy B. Morgan, Huntingdon, Honors; Monica Moty, Huntingdon, High Honors; Katie E. O’Malley, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Hillary B. Peterson, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Timothy A. Roberts, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Lea E. Stokes, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Rebecca A. Stokes, Huntingdon, High Honors; Travis A. Ward, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Desiree N. Wheeler, Huntingdon, Honors; Mary S. Barrow, Lavinia, Highest Honors; Andrea T. Argo, Trezevant, Highest Honors; Morgan D. Gray, Trezevant, Highest Honors; Morgan N. Gunter, Trezevant, High Honors; Christine M. Craftchick, Westport, High Honors; Cody A. Jacobs, Westport, Highest Honors; Katie E. Lewelling, Yuma, Honors.

**Young Writers’ Summer Camp**

Young writers in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the University of Tennessee at Martin’s annual Young Writers’ Summer Camp, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day beginning June 18 and continuing through the week.

Students will be divided into two groups and participate in age-appropriate writing activities with teachers from their grade levels. Participating teachers come from across West Tennessee, including the Martin, Jackson and Union City school systems.

Participants will be able to improve their writing skills in workshops, mini-lessons on content and editing strategies, writing response groups and one-on-one conferences with teachers from the West Tennessee Writing Project.

Friends and Family Day will be June 22 at noon, and the public is invited to join the writing groups to hear what the students have written during camp.

Registration is $125 per student, which includes a daily snack, t-shirt, writing notebook and an anthology of writing by the campers. All students must register by June 11. Parents should provide a bag or backpack for supplies.

For more information about the Young Writers’ Summer Camp or the West Tennessee Writing Project, contact Dr. David Carithers at dcarithers@utm.edu or visit the WTWP website at www.utm.edu/wtwp.
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Compete in Spanish competition at UTM

Two Henry County High School students finished in third place in the Bake-Off Spanish Non-Desserts category during the University of Tennessee at Martin's English and Modern Foreign Languages High School Day April 19. Shayan Cook (second from left) and Kate Colgate (third from left) competed with students from all over West Tennessee. Pictured are (from left) Daniel Nappo, associate professor of Spanish; Cook; Colgate; Lynn Alexander, dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts; and Jenna Wright, chairman of the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages.

STEMulation Camp offers week of exciting hands-on learning

Will Paper Fall Like a Stone? How high will the ball bounce? Fifty students in grades 6-8 will have the opportunity to answer these questions and more using hands-on experiments at the first annual STEMulation Camp, June 18-22, at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Each day at STEMulation Camp, participating students will work in teams on activities organized into four major topics: Forces and Motion on Earth and in Space, Environment, Living Things and Energy. These experiences will prepare them for four team competitions on the final day of camp.

In the Adventures in Duct Tape Competition teams will have 90 seconds to tape one of their team members to the wall and see which team can keep their member on the wall the longest. In the Egg Drop Competition teams will build a container with toothpicks and glue that will protect an uncooked egg from breaking when it is dropped. Students will construct a bridge out of spaghetti and glue in the Spaghetti Bridge Competition, and the bridge that holds the most weight while meeting specifications will win. Finally, in the Tower Competition, teams will use paper and scotch tape to see who can build the tallest tower in a 30-minute time frame.

Prizes will be awarded to competition winners, and parents are invited to attend the competitions at 3:30 p.m. on June 22.

For more information or to register call, 731-881-7082 or 731-881-7081, or visit www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/STEMulation_camp.php. The registration fee for the camp is $125 and includes a T-shirt and all supplies. Enrollment is limited to the first 50 registrations with confirmed payment.
Bondurant named Baptist CEO

Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City has named Barry “Skipper” Bondurant as administrator and CEO effective June 7.

Bondurant replaces Brad Parsons, who will become administrator and CEO for NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jonesboro, Arkansas, effective June 4.

Bondurant has served as administrator and CEO of Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipon in Covington, Tenn., since 2008. Bondurant previously served as assistant administrator at Baptist Union City from 2005 to 2008. He earned his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Tennessee at Martin, a master's degree in exercise and sports medicine from the University of Memphis and a master's degree in business administration from Union University.

"It has been my pleasure to serve our community and our hospital as CEO of Baptist-Union City. As health care continues to change at a rapid pace, our community hospital is positioned to continue to meet the medical needs of Union City and northwest Tennessee. This community has been wonderful to me and my family and we will be forever grateful to the people and relationships we have in Union City," said Parsons.

"I am excited about serving my hometown community and am honored to join the team at Baptist Union City," said Bondurant, a native of South Fulton, Tenn. "I am dedicated to continuing the standards in health care excellence currently in place at the hospital. I look forward to building and maintaining an open, collaborative relationship with the medical staff and the community to ensure Baptist Union City is the hospital of choice for quality, patient-centered health care."

For more information about Baptist Union City, please call 731-885-2410 or visit unioncity.baptistonline.org.

Bivens, Greet UTM scholarship recipients

Two local students have been awarded a scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Erin Bivens, daughter of Kent Bivens of Dukedom and Beth Smithson of South Fulton, will be a senior. She received the Kay Durden Scholarship.

Kendall Greer, son of Kent and Marina Greer, of South Fulton, will be a freshman. He received the Leaders-in-Residence Award.

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

Hendrix, DeFreece receive degrees

Several out-of-state residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent spring commencement held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

Students receiving undergraduate degrees were Clark Seburn Hendrix, and James Terry DeFreece, both of Fulton; Felicia Ann Garris-Lefebvre, and Erica Sharee Walsh, both of Hickman; and Melissa Elizabeth Swift, of Water Valley.

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Among the students receiving undergraduate degrees from South Fulton were, Robbie Alexandra Peoples, Ashley Gail Meadows, Andrew Hoyt Moore, John Robert Burrow, Jonathon Wade Smith. Among the students receiving graduate degrees from South Fulton was Jessica Leigh McKinney and Ross A. Ratkowski.

Dr. Joe DiPietro, president of the University of Tennessee, was the commencement speaker and conferred degrees. UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes presided over the exercises.
Locals included in Chancellor's Honor roll

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Spring 2012 Chancellor's Honor Rolls for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for Chancellor's Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.

Students can make the Chancellor's Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

The following students were honored:

- Fulton: Nathan T. Grasfeder, Highest Honors; Jessica A. Green, High Honors; Clark S. Hendrix, Honors; Michael E. Pate, Highest Honors; Cheryl L. Pepple, Honors; David F. Whitesell, Highest Honors; Breanna L. Coffey, Honors; Adam J. Prehoda, High Honors;
- South Fulton: Dustin T. Allen, Honors; Brittany D. Benjamin, Honors; Katherine R. Bivens, High Honors; Andrea K. Coffman, High Honors; Lisa M. Cook, High Honors; Chelsea L. Crews, High Honors; Samuel C. Curtis, High Honors; Charles S. Ellegood, Honors; Jonathan L. French, Honors; Dorothy D. Frieds, Highest Honors; Sarah N. Gammon, Highest Honors; Andrew P. Greer, High Honors; Rebecca M. Grogan, High Honors; Kassie L. Hughes, Honors; Kyle A. Jackson, Honors; Mark S. Maloney, Highest Honors; Melissa L. McCartney, Highest Honors; Holly R. McClanahan, Highest Honors; Andrew H. Moore, Highest Honors; James D. Mulcahy, Highest Honors; Zachary K. Nabors, Honors; Daniel L. Richardson, Honors; Anna M. Seratt, Highest Honors; William B. Sisson, Highest Honors; Payton E. Swader, Honors; Adam D. Tolley, Highest Honors; Amanda J. Wall, Highest Honors; Jing Yu, Highest Honors.

MOORE TO PRESENT SUNDAY RECITAL – Andrew Moore will present "An Afternoon of Piano Music" Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Martin. The program will include music by contemporary Christian composers Jim Brickman, Mark Hayes, Dino Kartsonakis and Bill Wolaver, as well as works by classical composers Brahms, Beethoven, Debussy, Rachmaninoff and Sinding. Moore is pursuing a career in medicine and is presenting the recital to raise money for a medical mission to Ghana, Africa, in July with the United Planet Organization. Moore graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in May of 2012 with a bachelor of music degree in piano performance and a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. He was the winner of the 2012 Beethoven’s Club Young Artist Competition and his accompaniment will be featured in Dr. Roberto Mancusi’s debut album “Songs of Nature.” He is also the pianist of the First United Methodist Church in Martin.
Students earn UTM degrees

Local residents earn degrees from UT Martin
Several Gibson County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent spring commencement held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees are:
- Bradford - Joseph Edward Wingo;
- Dyer - David Brian Garrett, Katherine L. Parks, Calah Ruth Paulhus, Emily Renee Worrell;
- Humboldt - Stephanie T. Boling, Emma Jane Leatherland, Micheal W. Stone, Sarah Elizabeth Pickard, Cody Adam Fowler, Marcee L. Harvey, Matthew Terry Shepherd;
- Medina - Jesse Nathan Forrest Winchester, Lisa Nicole DeTrain, Lauren Hope Rogers, Shelby Lynn Totty, Tara Lyn Brown;
- Milan - Amanda Brooke Broach, Anthony Lyn Warmath Jr., Autumn R. Jackson, Benton Rimmer, James Seth Postoak, Kenneth Zachary Hilliard, Robyn N. Rhodes, Sally Anne-Tina Saputo, Temeka Lachell Thomas, Wendy Lanee Williams, William Tyler Barbour;
- Rutherford - Kimbra N. Ratliff, Jacob Wayne Dotson, Carol Ann Kail, Jessica Michelle Gordon;

The students receiving graduate degrees are:
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- Trenton – Grant W. Gates, Toni Marie Patton

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Recently, a group of Dyersburg Middle School STEP students visited the University of Tennessee at Martin for Spring Preview Day. Each student that participated is a part of the College Prep class, which is just one class in the STEP program. While on campus at UTM, each student was able to tour the campus in small groups, learn more about the different fields of study, and dine in the Skyhawk Cafe. Each student was able to choose a major of interest and tour that particular department of study as well.
LEGO Camp offered at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s two LEGO Camps offer students ages 8-12 a chance to discover simple and powered machines and mechanisms. The camps will run June 25-29.

The first camp, “Simple and Powered Machines,” will be held from noon-2 p.m. each day. Participants will be able to investigate motorized machines, study gear mechanisms, and calibrate and capture wind. During this camp, teams of two to three students will be involved in real-world investigations and problem solving, observe models and reflect, redesign and present their findings.

The second camp, “Advanced Simple and Powered Machines,” will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m. daily. This course is for students who have mastered the basics of simple machines, structures and mechanisms.

The course has been enhanced by a study of renewable energy resources to challenge the students who completed the camp last year.

The renewable energy component allows student teams to investigate energy supply, transfer, accumulation, conversion and consumptions. They will also use measurements and data analysis to describe and explain outcomes through hands-on activities and exciting, real-life models.

Enrollment for both classes is limited. Registration is $140 per student, per camp, and includes a LEGO Camp T-shirt. Laura Sterrett, lecturer of physics at UT Martin, will instruct the camp.

For more information or to register, contact ECOS at 881-7082 or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/ nondegree/children.php.

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BURRESS RECEIVES CARL SEALE STUDENT TEACHER AWARD — Lauren Burress of Martin is the recipient of the University of Tennessee at Martin Carl Seale Student Teacher Award for spring semester 2012. The Carl Seale Student Teacher Award is given in memory of Dr. Carl Seale, who served the university from 1971 to 1992 in numerous capacities. The recipients are chosen by the Education Student Services Selection Committee from students with a major in education/teacher licensure, who have been nominated for exhibiting exceptional classroom instruction, excellence in classroom management, professionalism and potential for leadership in the teaching profession. The presentation of the award was made at the recent student teacher recognition reception held at the Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus. On hand for the announcement were (from left) Sherry Hatchel, cooperating teacher; Antoinette Waites, cooperating teacher; Burress; and Betty Nan Carroll, university supervisor.

Kelsey R. Dotson of Cordova received the Outstanding Educational Studies K-6 Student Award from the College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences during the 48th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Dotson also received the Gallien Award. The Gallien Award is given in memory of Dr. Glenn S. Gallien, who served as the first head of the teacher education unit at UT Martin. Students are nominated on the basis of achievement, leadership qualities and academic excellence.
The lowest-pitched of the horns used in drum corps is the contrabass bugle or "contra." Here, members of a corps from upstate New York are shown performing in a parade, which many corps do on a regular basis in addition to their regular summer tour performances at football stadiums. Some 400,000 fans attend live drum corps events each summer.
Drum corps event returns to Martin

BY BILL MCCUTCHEON
POST-Intelligencer

An electrifying music event makes a return trip June 20 to the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The UTM department of music is sponsoring its second annual DCI Sounds of Summer at 7:30 p.m. at the Hardy M. Graham Stadium on campus.

The five corps participating this year are The Cadets of Allentown, Pa.; The Cavaliers from Rosemont, Ill.; Carolina Crown, from Fort Mill, S.C.; the Spirit of Atlanta and the Crossmen, out of San Antonio.

Founded in 1972, Drum Corps International is celebrating its 40th anniversary season this year when the world's elite marching music ensembles take the field at football stadiums across the United States.

"We've come a long way since Drum Corps International's founding, from an organization that simply hosted a two-day championship series back in 1972, to one that now annually organizes more than 100 events on a national tour including our week-long World Championships," Dan Acheson, DCI executive director, said.

The 2012 Drum Corps International Tour runs for 56 days, through August. There are a total of 45 corps with their caravans on America's highways this summer, traveling to 44 states to compete in a total of 101 events.

The entire DCI tour culminates Aug. 9-11 during the DCI World Championship at Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis.

The Martin event is one of the early events on the schedule, but it's an opportunity to see five of the best drum corps.

For the uninitiated, a DCI event is composed of several sections, some, as you would expect, musical ... but others are visual.

Contrary to what you may think, a DCI show is much more than the normal "half-time show" put on by a high school (or even college) marching band.

The corps prepare a new show each year, about 8-12 minutes in length, and their summer tours allow them to refine it.

Musical repertoires vary widely among the various corps and include symphonic, jazz, big band, contemporary, rock, Broadway and Latin music among other genres.

Instrumentation has come a long way since the original "drum and bugle corps." Previously, the horns were true, single-valved bugles.

Now, the exclusive use of bell-front brass instrumentation, excluding trombone, is a defining musical element.

Similar to a vocal quartet, a corps brass has four distinct "voices." And some of them usually have more than one part within that voice.

The soprano part is carried by the trumpets while the tuba or "contrabass bugle" is the bass part. In between are the mellophone or French horns and the baritone or euphonium.

The percussion section consists of two subsections: the front ensemble (or "pit") and the drumline (or "battery"). Front ensemble members perform on orchestral percussion and, sometimes, electronic instruments. There may be marimbas, xylophones, gongs, bells, even a drum set.

They typically remain stationary, positioned directly in front of the field and centered on or around the 50-yard line. A full-size front ensemble features 10-15 members.

Battery members perform on marching percussion instruments including snare drums, tenor drums (also known as "quads," or "quints"), tonal bass drums and cymbals.

A full-size battery features seven to 10 snare drummers, four or five tenor drummers, five bass drummers and sometimes four-six cymbal players.

Then, there's the visual program which, in modern drum corps, consists of the color guard. It has become a crucial part of each group's visual and thematic program.

Standard equipment includes flags, mock rifles and sabers but other objects like bare poles, hoops, balls, windsocks and custom-made props are sometimes used to create visual effects that enhance the show.

The primary role of the color guard is to complement the corps' musical program by creating visual interpretations of the music through equipment work and dance.

The color guard also can enhance the overall drill design by marching in formations that integrate with the rest of the corps.

However, the color guard most often performs as an ensemble that frames the rest of the corps or performs within the drill formations of the corps proper.

While the rest of the corps generally wears the same uniform for several consecutive seasons, the guard members more often wear uniforms that are custom-made for each corps' theme for a particular season.

When you attend a DCI event, you will notice several individuals wandering around on the field, sometimes in the middle of the corps, sometimes along the edges or sidelines, usually talking into tape recorders. These are the judges and there are usually one or two (or more) in the press boxes as well.

The total possible score for any corps is 100 points. General effect of the show is 40 points, visual is 30 and music 30.

Under each of those there are subcategories: general effect splits the 40 points in half for visual and music; the
other two categories have three subsections with 10 points each: visual is split between performance, ensemble and color guard while music is divided between brass, ensemble and percussion.

Another DCI event will be held at Middle Tennessee State University on July 12 as part of the 2012 Tour of Champions series. It will feature nine corps, including Music City, obviously from Nashville.

At UTM, The Cadets will offer a free clinic, a Cadets Experience Clinic, at 2 p.m. that Wednesday.

Ticket prices are $30 for super premium, $25 for premium and $20 for general admission. There is a group rate of $15 for groups of 15 or more.

For information, contact www.DClorg/tickets or telephone 317-275-1212.

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Rachel Riales (second from right) of Arlington received the Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Education Student Award from the University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences during a departmental awards banquet. Riales also received the Pre-Professional and Graduate Student Group American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Senior Award. Presenting the award are Dr. Jerald Ogg (left), provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs; Dr. Jerry Gresham, professor and interim dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences; and Dr. Lisa LeBleu, professor and chairwoman of the family and consumer sciences department.
UT-Martin center marks 12 years in Selmer

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The University of Tennessee-Martin McNairy County Center in Selmer opened its doors to educate our county in the summer of 1998, and since then has seen tremendous growth and has paved the way for many McNairy County careers over the last 12 years.

Beginning with only 50 students in the summer of 1998, the McNairy County Center in Selmer has grown to average between 260 and 300 students per semester, according to Deidra Beene, director of UT-Martin Selmer Center.

"The leaders' vision of starting this center was to educate the citizens of this county and city," said Beene, "but also to make it a better place and offer things that wouldn't normally be offered, and I think we've done that."

It is tough to calculate the exact number of students that have furthered their education at the McNairy County Center in Selmer, Beene explained, because there are so many transient students, and individuals that only take summer courses at the facility.

They also administer what is known as an "unduplicated head count," meaning if a student began their education at the Selmer site and later transferred to another university only to come back and take a summer course, or even finish their degree in Selmer, that student would only be counted once.

The UT-Martin McNairy County Center in Selmer has graduated over 220 students since its first graduate in 2001, and its highest graduating class was in the spring semester of 2010, with 24 students.

In the beginning the center only offered a BUS, which is a Bachelor's in University Studies. As of today, the campus in Selmer offers degree opportunities for individuals seeking degrees in university studies, K-8th grade education, history, and social work.

The center in Selmer has also considered adding a nursing program, but that would be costly due to the need of a specialized roof for a chemistry lab required for a school to have an accredited nursing program, according to Beene.

The UT-Martin McNairy County Center in Selmer would need a hefty donation from a generous benefactor before plans could be made to begin work towards bringing in a nursing program, she said.

The UT-Martin satellite school also offers non-credit courses at their facility to benefit McNairy County.

"We recently offered a phlebotomy course," said Beene. "You don't get college credit, but you do get certified to do that job, and we can do that, obviously, at rates cheaper than college tuition."

It's obvious when speaking with Director Beene that the campus' true mission is the benefit the people of this community through the courses offered at their facility and the flexibility that comes with running a smaller, more personal university environment.

Beene feels that "Co-Hort Groups," have helped and will continue to help education in McNairy County thrive.

Co-Hort Groups are groups of students with similar majors taking courses toward their degree, via the distance learning classroom at the facility, that the center in Selmer would not normally offer.

"These groups were instructed by professors at the UT-Martin main campus and took two of the distance learning classes per semester for a year before graduating last spring," said Beene.

"It allows us to offer the whole degree to where they get the whole degree right here in Selmer," Beene said.

The UT-Martin McNairy County Center in Selmer is unique in its flexibility with students because of these capabilities, and Beene said, "We can do more specialized things if we need to."

Job opportunities are also reaped after sowing seeds of learning at the campus here in Selmer.

"Any student from our campus is more than welcome to leave a resume with us," said Beene. "You'd be surprised how many times we get calls from local industry and from different people looking for specific people."

"Businesses here will normally call us and ask us if we have somebody in a specific area that would be interested in the job they're trying to fill," said Beene.

In relation to new industry potentially entering McNairy County, Beene promoted another non-credit course that UT-Martin will be offering in McNairy County in the field of Japanese studies to educate the area about Asian culture.

Beene said Dr. Tom Cauley, who received his Ph.D. in Asian Studies, will be teaching the course.

"Dr. Cauley told me stories of other towns that Japanese businessmen had flown in to," said Beene. "The people didn't know how to do business with them, and they would get on the plane and fly out."

"We want to be set to do all we can to help the community," Beene said in regard to how the economy of the U.S. has evolved in the last 5 to 10 years, and the need for new industry in our area.

CLEP testing is also offered on the campus, which are tests administered by Director Beene that allow students to test out of college courses. Simply stated, if the student passes the test, they receive the credit hours for the course they tested out of.

GED testing also is carried out at the McNairy County Center in Selmer, allowing those without high school diplomas the opportunity to acquire a GED one Friday a month.

With all these offerings and paths to opening doors through education that the UT-Martin McNairy County Center in Selmer presents to the area, growth progressed for the campus.

It has expanded from one hallway to two hallways after a 2009 expansion that topped on 4,230 square feet of learning space to the center.

Beene also hopes to one day see a day-care facility added onto the campus to cater to parents in the area so that they may continue their education and know that their children are close by and safe and sound.

Beene stressed that the UT-Martin McNairy County Center in Selmer is not an inferior university because it's in Selmer.

"Sometimes we don't value what's close to us," said Beene, "but some folks would never be able to leave their jobs or children to go to school, and now they're teachers in local schools."

"You can get a four-year University of Tennessee degree right here in McNairy County," Beene said. "That's huge!"
Looney, Moody get Bass club scholarships

Olivia Looney and Makenzie Moody, who graduated in May from Henry County High School, received $500 Paul Steele and Johnny Johnson memorial scholarships this year from the Two Rivers Bass Club.

Looney, daughter of Steve and Kathy Looney, is scheduled to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville this fall, where she will study in the psychosocial field.

Moody, daughter of Richard and Melissa Moody, plans to continue her education at the University of Tennessee at Martin, studying business.

At HCHS, Looney was a member of the National Honor Society, math club, Peer tutors, Tennessee Scholars and the golf team.

Moody also was a member of the National Honor Society and Tennessee Scholars. She served on the Student Council and was a member of the criminal justice club.

The Two Rivers Bass Club sponsors the Paul Steele and Johnny Johnson memorial open tournament each year.

The tournament was scheduled June 16 this year. A portion of the proceeds from the tournament go to the club's scholarship fund.
NOLES HONORED FOR SERVICE — Katie Noles was honored for her service as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer for the University of Tennessee at Martin Institute for Civic Engagement (ICE) during its appreciation dinner May 29. AmeriCorps VISTA is a national service program designed specifically to fight poverty, and members commit to serve full-time for a year at a nonprofit organization or local government agency. Miss Noles has been working for ICE since 2010 and has helped improve relations between area agencies and UT Martin. On hand for the announcement were (from left) Dr. Heidi Huse, ICE faculty representative; Dr. Mike McCullough, director of ICE; Noles; Miss Noles; and Dr. Angie MacKewn, ICE faculty representative.

(Barn submitted)

BUTKOVIC HONORED — Jessica Butkovic was honored for four years of service as program coordinator for the University of Tennessee at Martin Institute for Civic Engagement during its appreciation dinner May 29. During her four years, UTM received the Presidential Honor Roll for Community Service in Higher Education award three times and the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement, in large part due to her diligent documentation and reporting efforts. On hand for the recognition were (from left) Dr. Heidi Huse, ICE faculty representative; Dr. Mike McCullough, director of ICE; Butkovic; Miss Butkovic; and Dr. Angie MacKewn, ICE faculty representative.
PUN RECEIVES AWARD — Scott Pun, lecturer in the Department of Health and Human Performance at the University of Tennessee at Martin, received the Faculty Service Learning Award at the UT Martin Institute for Civic Engagement (ICE) appreciation dinner May 29. Pun’s nominators noted that he has been a strong supporter of service learning since he attended the first ICE SL workshop in the summer of 2010 and has incorporated service learning into his upper division course ‘Health Education and Promotion’ for two years. Pun has helped to create the Bicycle Rodeo in recent years and has taught healthy life choices through the Martin Housing Authority’s Learning Enrichment Center. Pun, (center) is pictured with Dr. Mike McCullough, (left) director of ICE, and Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. (Photo submitted)

HACKER PRESENTED AWARD — Tim Hacker, instructor of English at the University of Tennessee at Martin, received the Jim Byford Spirit of Service Award at the UT Martin Institute for Civic Engagement appreciation dinner May 29. Hacker is a long-standing, committed volunteer at the Ken-Tenn Food Bank in Fulton, Ky., and has also been an avid recycling advocate in the Fulton area. He is a Peace Corps alumnus and is engaged in UT Martin civic activities. Hacker, (center) is pictured with Dr. Mike McCullough, (left) director of ICE, and Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. (Photo submitted)
Oliver retires from FS board

Union City – Terry Oliver has retired from First State’s board of directors. Oliver has been on the board since 1977; he has served as trust officer, vice chairman and chairman for the board of directors of Weakley County Bank. Weakley County Bank is the original charter for the current First State Bank, established in Dresden, Tennessee in 1887. During his years of service, Oliver missed only two (2) board meetings and never missed a stockholder meeting.

Oliver holds a bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He is active supporter of UTM and has served in numerous university leadership positions. He is a former member of the UTM School of Agriculture and Home Economics advisory council and the UTM development council, past president of the Pacer Club and past chairman of the athletic committee. He currently serves on the advisory council for the Governor’s School of Agriculture Sciences, one of the only three enrichment programs in the nation for high school agriculture students.

“First State Board was honored to have Terry Oliver serve for the past 35 years. He has been a true asset to the entire First State organization,” said John C. Clark, president and CEO of First State.

“He has helped advise First State about pertinent issues that have benefited our company and helped us better serve our communities.”

“Being a board member for First State has been a wonderful experience,” said Oliver. “I have enjoyed watching First State grow and expand across Tennessee, and we never lost sight of our community values and customer service. I am proud to have been a part of a well respected company and the top products and services that a financial institution can provide.”

Oliver serves as chairman on the Weakley County Municipal Electric System Board. He is a former director of the Weakley County Farm Bureau and board member of the West Tennessee Tributaries Association. He is also a former member of the USDA Farm Services Agency state committee. He most recently served as Tennessee’s 35th Commissioner of Agriculture.

Oliver is a native of Gleason. He is a farmer and partner in Oliver Brothers Farm, a row crop and cattle farm in Weakley County that he operates with his brothers and nephews. Oliver and his wife, Marsha, reside on their family farm in Gleason and have two daughters and three grandchildren.
Several Weakley County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent spring commencement held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The recipients receiving undergraduate degrees were:

**Dresden** - Abbey Brooks Stoker, Benita June Evans, Christopher Dee Mason, Cody Wyatt Perkins, Erica Collins Green, Jennifer Tennis Beaty, Justin Billingsby Hatler, Lacie

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**Burress receives Carl Seale Student Teacher Award**

Lauren Burress of Martin, is the recipient of the University of Tennessee at Martin Carl Seale Student Teacher Award for spring semester 2012. The Carl Seale Student Teacher Award is given in memory of Dr. Carl Seale, who served the university from 1971 to 1992 innumerable capacities. The recipients are chosen by the Education Student Services Selection Committee from students with a major in education/teacher licensure, who have been nominated for exhibiting exceptional classroom instruction, excellence in classroom management, professionalism and potential for leadership in the teaching profession. The presentation of the award was made at the recent student teacher recognition reception held at the Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

Pictured (left to right): Sherry Hatchel, cooperating teacher; Burress; and Betty Nan Carroll, university supervisor.
UT Martin receives grant for 1,500 recycling bins

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s recycling efforts are paying off, as the school is currently in 20th place in the national RecycleMania competition. The status recently resulted in a grant through the program that allowed them to place 1,500 recycling bins in campus residence halls.

“We are very grateful to the Alcoa Foundation, Keep America Beautiful, the College & University Recycling Coalition and Dr. MacKewn for providing our students a tool to use in their efforts to continue to propel our university’s sustainability initiatives. The students, along with the Residence Life staff, are very excited to make use of the recycling bins to help reduce the waste generated in the halls. The bins provide our students and staff an opportunity to work together to help decrease the rate at which the landfills in our community are being filled, and thus decrease the negative impact landfills have on air, water, and soil,” said Earl Wright, UT Martin director of housing.

RecycleMania is a friendly competition that aims to change behavior about recycling and raise awareness about waste reduction programs on campuses. During the competition, colleges and universities vie for top awards to see which schools recycle the most on a per capita basis, produce the least amount of waste and recycle the largest percentage of their overall waste.

The recycling bin grant was made possible by The Alcoa Foundation, in partnership with national nonprofit Keep America Beautiful and the College & University Recycling Coalition. “RecycleMania provides colleges and universities with an easy way to boost recycling on campus and to instill students with a greater sense of obligation to recycle throughout their lives,” said Matthew M. McKenna, president and CEO of Keep America Beautiful. “We’re thankful for the support of Alcoa Foundation, and for the company’s continued leadership in advancing recycling nationwide.”

The recycling bin grant comes at the same time the UT Martin Department of Housing participated in the national Campus Conservation competition. The contest that ended April 2 encouraged housing residents to reduce their energy consumption through simple tasks like turning off lights and electronics.

“In the battle between four on-campus residence halls, Ellington Hall won the competition by reducing its energy consumption by 18.4 percent compared to 2011, and the halls together saved a total of $5,832.22 in energy costs during the competition.”

Students ages 8-12 can study simple and powered machines at Lego Camp

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The first camp, “Simple and Powered Machines,” will be held from noon-2 p.m. each day. Participants will be able to investigate motorized machines, study gearing mechanisms, and calibrate and capture wind. During this camp, teams of two to three students will be involved in real-world investigations and problem solving, observe models, and reflect, redesign and present their findings.

The second camp, “Advanced Simple and Powered Machines,” will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m. daily. This course is for students who have mastered the basics of simple machines, structures and mechanisms. The course has been enhanced by a study of renewable energy resources to challenge the students who completed the camp last year.

The renewable energy component allows students to investigate energy supply, transfer, accumulation, conversion and consumptions. They will also use measurements and data analysis to describe and explain outcomes through hands-on activities and exciting, real-life models.

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Goode honored for ‘Making-A-Difference’

Bobby Goode of Dresden (left), USDA Rural Development State Director for Tennessee, was presented the “Jimmy Daniel Make-A-Difference Alumni Award” during UT Martin’s WestStar Leadership Program graduation, June 7, at the Jackson Country Club. The award is named for the late Jimmy Daniel, field representative for Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist and a member of WestStar’s first graduating class in 1990. Individuals selected must have a strong record of leadership during the past five years in West Tennessee and be active participants in WestStar and regular leadership programs. Presenting the award to Goode, a 2007 WestStar graduate, is Peggy Daniel of Selmer, wife of the late Jimmy Daniel. Also pictured is Charley Deal, WestStar executive director and assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations.
Local students inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Pictured (front row, left to right): William Price, Carly Unger, Martha Stutts, Victoria Russell, Alex Parham, (back row, left to right) Johanna VanZyl, Laura Gullett, Jared Scherer, Alexis Copeland and Calista Drone, all of Martin, were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include graduate students in the upper 10 percent of their class, seniors in the upper 10 percent, and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent. Also eligible are faculty members who possess outstanding academic, research, creative and service achievements.

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PRESENTED SCHOLARSHIP — Ashley Brooks, center, front, a 2012 graduate of South Fulton High School, was recently presented a scholarship from the Obion County-Union City Retired Teachers Association. Miss Brooks is the daughter of Kevin and Melissa Brooks, back, of South Fulton. She plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin to major in education. Retired teachers on hand for the presentation were Alice Fennel, left, front, and Doris Milner. (Photo submitted)
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Students from Obion County named to UTM honor roll

Outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the spring Chancellor’s Honor Rolls for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for Chancellor’s Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the Chancellor’s Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

The honorees from Obion County, listed by hometown, include:

Hornbeak - Alton R. Alexander, honors; Jeffrey A. Alexander, high honors; Mengan A. Beasley, honors; Tiffany L. Cnain, highest honors; Alyssa J. Crews, honors; Amber N. Hall, highest honors; Billie J. Kirk, high honors; Mollie J. Long, honors; Natalie L. S_PW, highest honors; Heather R. Stover, highest honors; and Terri D. Whitmore, highest honors.

Kenton - Kerry D. Duck, highest honors; Amanda N. Greer, honors; Janice K. Hardin, high honors; David C. Hoolihan, highest honors; Matthew J. Littleton, high honors; Bethany C. Patterson, highest honors; Marion E. Reed, honors; James T. Roden, high honors; Sheila F. Scott, highest honors; Danielle N. Spencer, high honors; and Mallory C. Walker, highest honors.

Obion - Andrew P. Berry, highest honors; Amanda L. Correa, highest honors; and Jeremy K. Green, honors.

Rives - Jennifer L. Brooks, highest honors; John C. Castellow, highest honors; Mitchell G. Hahn, high honors; Madaline L. Harris, honors; Jenna A. Land, high honors; Christopher L. Palmer, highest honors; Juan Jose Mora Rivas, highest honors; Emily A. Taylor, high honors; Ashley N. Theford, high honors; Katie B. Vancleave, high honors; and JerriAnn Webster, high honors.

South Fulton - Dustin T. Allen, honors; Brittany D. Benjamin, honors; Katherine R. Bivens, high honors; Andrea K. Coffman, high honors; Lisa M. Cook, high honors; Chelsea L. Crews, high honors; Samuel C. Curtis, high honors; Charles S. Ellepedro, high honors; Jonathan L. French, honors; Dorothy D. Frericks, highest honors; Sarah N. Gammon, highest honors; Andrew P. Greer, high honors; Rebecca M. Grogan, high honors; Kassie L. Hughes, honors; Kyle A. Jackson, honors; Mark S. Maloney, highest honors; Melissa L. McC MARTIN, highest honors; Holly R. McClainahan, highest honors; Andrew H. Moore, highest honors; James D. Mulcahy, high honors; Zachary K. Nabor, honors; Daniel L. Richardson, honors; Anna M. Serratt, highest honors; William B. Sisson, highest honors; Payton E. Swader, honors; Adam D. Tolley, highest honors; Amanda J. Wall, highest honors; and Jing Yu, highest honors.

Troy - J. Kent Armstrong, honors; Jordan N. Barker, honors; Delamia D. Cary, highest honors; Barbara J. Cox, high honors; Lacy E. Eaves, honors; Frankie A. Gooch, highest honors; Kimberly A. Hernandez, high honors; Jackquelyn K. Hopkins, honors; Molly N. Ledbetter, honors; Cory A. Luther, highest honors; Kaitlyn E. Malley, highest honors; Jamie G. Pardue, highest honors; Ginger G. Perry, honors; Justin D. Preuett, honors; and Joshua B. Williams, highest honors.

Union City - Emma C. Adams, honors; John W. Adams, high honors; Courtney A. Ams, honors; William H. Arnold, honors; Demes N. Bell, highest honors; Cody T. Bobbitt, honors; Chelsea E. Boyd, honors; Britton M. Bogg, highest honors; Kyle H. Byassee, high honors; JerriC. Carrington, honors; Luz E. Carroll, honors; Michael D. Cochran, high honors; Dayna L. Cox, honors; Mary A. Crews, honors; Joshua C. Dulan, high honors; Jackson R. Donnell, highest honors; Kylee E. Dotson, high honors; Johnny T. Dyer, highest honors; Kayla M. Eason, highest honors; Meagan N. Eason, honors; Adam M. Gammons, highest honors; Ian E. Garrigan, high honors; Derek H. Giffin, high honors; Steven G. Gossett, honors; Cameron T. Graham, honors; Cameron P. Grisham, highest honors; Brian A. Halford, honors; Caitlin D. Hall, highest honors; Mark C. Hall, highest honors; Krysten A. Harris, honors; Kyle L. Harvest, highest honors; Courtyard L. House, honors; Darrin R. Howard, highest honors; Shesanda R. Huff, high honors; Seth R. Holcomb, highest honors; Tremar D. Johnson, high honors; Ronnie S. Jones, high honors; Matthew R. Keathley, highest honors; Ashley E. King, honors; Autumn R. Kniiker, highest honors; Sherri M. Landford, high honors; Felicia A. LeFevre, highest honors; Rebekah J. Lewis, high honors; Tiffany R. Logan, highest honors; Craig E. Lowrance, high honors; Mallory A. Martin, high honors; Ashley G. Meadows, highest honors; Mallory Miller, high honors; Victoria D. Mitchell, honors; Garrett B. Montgomery, honors; Kristin R. Moss, high honors; Andy Nelson, honors; Johnathan C. Nolan, high honors; Alex M. O'Nell, high honors; Melisa A. Pollock, highest honors; Alexandra N. Rapp, highest honors; Katelyn T. Ray, honors; Audrey M. Reed, high honors; Garrett S. Reedy, highest honors; Will J. Regan, highest honors; Madeline K. Reid, honors; Jeffrey M. Roberson, honors; Michael G. Ruddy, highest honors; Laura M. Silva, highest honors; Tyler T. Smith, high honors; Matthew T. Sparkman, highest honors; Joseph C. Speed, highest honors; Samantha D. Storey, high honors; Whitley B. Southern, highest honors; TeAnna M. Thomas, honors; Rachel E. Triplett, high honors; William P. Wesner, high honors; Chelsea D. White, high honors; Ashley L. Williams, honors; Kyle D. Williams, highest honors; Lyndsey L. Wolfe, honors; Ben M. Woods, highest honors; Johnathan M. Wright, highest honors; Sarah E. Wright, highest honors; and Timothy D. York, high honors.
WESTSTAR GRADS — WestStar executive director Charley Deal (center) congratulated 2012 WestStar graduates Chuck Doss and Phyllis Rauchle after they graduated from the program earlier this month. Mrs. Rauchle is executive director of the Union City Main Street program and Doss is serving as president of the Obion County Chamber of Commerce. There were 32 members of the class of 2012, which is the 23rd class to graduate from the program. The WestStar program is the largest and oldest regional leadership development program in Tennessee, serving 21 counties in West Tennessee. The program is operated by the University of Tennessee at Martin and has 649 alumni. Participants in the program learn new leadership skills and develop strategies for assisting communities in solving problems and maximizing potential. Participants also become part of a growing network of other leaders who, through mutual support and assistance, shape the future of West Tennessee.

SOAR prepares new UTM students for fall semester

Incoming freshmen who plan to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin during the fall semester can get prepared for college life by attending the Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) program. Incoming freshman and parents are highly encouraged to attend a two-day SOAR program scheduled for June 28-29 or July 16-17.

Students will get the opportunity to meet with academic advisers and register for classes; tour the campus, residence halls and University Village housing; receive information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and hear detailed information about First-Year Initiative (an orientation for freshmen the week before classes).

Students and parents will participate in a variety of informational sessions such as those on student health services, public safety, bookstore, student employment and other topics. Additional concurrent sessions also are scheduled for students and parents with topics including student activities, Greek life, housing and meal plans. Administrative offices will be open and students and parents will get additional time to visit with UT Martin personnel in housing, admissions and financial aid.

Advance SOAR registration is required, and in order to attend SOAR, students must have applied for admission and received a tentative or final acceptance letter.

For more information about SOAR or to register visit www.utm.edu/soarregister, or call 731-881-7027.
Horner receives award
John Horner of Trenton received the Col. Tom Elam Alumni Scholarship Award from the University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences during a recent departmental awards banquet. Pictured are (from left to right) Dr. Jerald Ogg, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs; Dr. Jerry Gresham, professor and interim dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences; Horner; and Master Sergeant Billy Rogers, military science service aide.

Williams honored
Savannah Williams of Trenton received the Outstanding Fashion Merchandising Student Award from the University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences during a recent departmental awards banquet. Pictured are (from left) Dr. Jerald Ogg, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs; Dr. Jerry Gresham, professor and interim dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences; Williams; and Dr. Lisa LeBleu, professor and chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.
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"The contestants will have their first official Miss Tennessee duty, June 17, at the Old Hickory Mall in Jackson with a meet-and-greet session. The public is encouraged to attend," said Hollie Holt, Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival/Miss Tennessee Crossroads director. "Bethany, Ginny and Tillery have been preparing for this competition since winning their respective preliminaries pageants in January. They have been busy refining their talent selections, selecting their wardrobes, becoming physically fit and promoting their platforms, community service and the importance of education, while still being full-time students. I feel as though they will represent our community well."

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Instructor: Laura Sterrett,
UT Martin Chemistry and Physics Lecturer
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STEMulation Camp
For rising 6th, 7th and 8th graders June 18-22 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Registration fee: $125 includes camp T-shirt and all supplies

Instructor: Dr. Louis Glover, Assistant Professor of Education

Major topics will include: Forces and Motion on Earth and in Space; Environment; Living things; Energy.

Each day students will work in teams on a journey through hands-on activities preparing them for the Team Challenges on Friday. Friends and family are invited to join at 3:30.
REGISTRATION — Kelsie Hendrix of Dresden recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.A.R.) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Hendrix plans to attend UT Martin in the fall. Students at S.O.A.R. met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about First-Year Initiative, an orientation for first-year students the week before classes.

ATTENDING UTM — Jessica Jones, of Dresden, recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.A.R.) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Jones plans to attend UT Martin in the fall. Students at S.O.A.R. met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about First-Year Initiative, an orientation for first-year students the week before classes.

SOARING STUDENT — Blake Kerley (left) of Martin recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.A.R.) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Kerley plans to attend UT Martin in the fall and is pictured with his mother, Debbie Kerley. Students at S.O.A.R. met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about First-Year Initiative, an orientation for first-year students the week before classes.

Crowder receives scholarship

Jeanna Crowder, daughter of David and Barbara Crowder of Buchanan, has received a dean's scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin where she will be entering her freshman year.

Brian Rose (center) of Arlington was inducted into the Order of the Engineer at a ceremony prior to UT Martin commencement. Graduates pledged to be ethical and impartial and adhere to safety codes as they enter the engineering profession. The awards were presented by Dr. Ed Wheeler (left), Department of Engineering interim chair, and Dr. Richard Helgeson, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences dean.
WestStar-West Tennessee Regional Leadership program graduation

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Julie and Dave Bratcher

James Ross, Tawnya Moore and Dennis Henderson

Mike McWherter, Julie Burke, Tom Gee, CEO, Henry County Medical Center, Mike Philpot and Jill Holland, Mayor of McKenzie

Lee Ann James and Virginia Grimes

Katie Pace, Trey Rabon and Peggy Daniel (wife of the late Jimmy Daniel)
UTM announces locals who graduated, made academic list

The University of Tennessee at Martin has announced that 18 local students graduated during spring commencement and those who made the chancellor's honors list following the spring 2012 semester.

Eighteen local students graduated during the commencement.

Receiving graduate degrees were Carrie Renae White of Buchanan and Angela Star Ray of Mansfield.

Earning undergraduate degrees were:

- Paris — Justin Keith Chilcott; Lauren Kietherson Wilkins; Benjamin Len Burkhart; Amanda Nicole Neumair; Jessica Renae Swer; Lauren Whitney Wilson; Morgan Elizabeth Wilson; Anita C. Ostrum; Mark Thomas Carille Hunt; Meagan Linden Meketi; Landon Bakesley; and Sarah Elizabeth Knoott.

- Cottage Grove — Thomas C. Hunt; Henry — Emily M. Ford, Regina L. Hill; and Samantha J. Perry.


- Springville — Amy M. Whitaker.

Joe DiPietro, UT president, delivered the commencement address.

Students on the chancellor's honor roll are listed with highest honors, high honors and honors. Students with highest honors earned a grade-point average of 3.8-4.0; high honors, 3.5-3.79; honors, 3.2–3.49.

Students receiving honors were:

**HIGHEST HONORS**

- Paris — Benjamin L. Burkhart; Cody L. Chilcott; Megan L. Geels; Keydy T. Head; Roe N. Hughes; Caleb C. Knott; Madison K. Moody; Amanda N. Neumair; Kathryn L. Reynolds; Courtney L. Sutton; Katie L. Trece; Lauren W. Wilson; Morgan E. Wilson; and Amber L. Wood.

- Cottage Grove — Thomas C. Hunt.

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- Springville — Amy M. Whitaker.

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- Paris — Melanie L. Alonso; Landon Blakesley; Anthony D. Bond, Jessica S. Edwards; David J. Ferguson; Morgan L. Meketi; Collin C. Paschall; Morgan E. Rogers; Landon N. Thomas; Carrie E. Turner; and Lauren L. Wilkins.

- Buchanan — Morgan L. Perkins.

- Henry — Danielle P. Hill.

- Puryear — Britt B. Pugh.

- Springville — Ricky L. French; Brittany L. Haegs; Rachel B. Robinson; and Lacy L. Wade.

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**UTM Jackson center offers medical training course**

Those interested in becoming medical administrative assistants or physicians' office assistants are encouraged to enroll in a training course offered by the University of Tennessee Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies.

The class is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, today through Sept. 29, at the UT Martin Jackson Center, according to a news release. The release said the 50-hour course will prepare students to function effectively in many administrative and clerical positions in the health care industry.

The program covers background information, interpersonal skills, medical ethics and law, medical terminology and the basics of insurance billing and coding. Students also will learn telephone techniques, how to schedule appointments; and proper management of medical records and practice finances.

The course is intended to provide students with a well-rounded introduction to medical administration and the necessary skills to obtain a position as a medical administrative assistant. The program meets the necessary requirements to take the National Healthcareer Association Certified Medical Administrative Assistant exam.

Registration is $999 per person, which includes all required textbooks. For more information, call the university at (731) 881-7082, or register online at www.utm.edu/departments/cecc/nondegree/home.php.
GOODE HONORED – Bobby Goode of Dresden (left), USDA Rural Development State Director for Tennessee, was presented the “Jimmy Daniel Make-A-Difference Alumni Award” during UT Martin’s WestStar Leadership Program graduation, June 7, at the Jackson Country Club. The award is named for the late Jimmy Daniel, field representative for Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist and a member of WestStar’s first graduating class in 1990. Individuals selected must have a strong record of leadership during the past five years in West Tennessee and be active participants in WestStar and regular leadership programs. Presenting the award to Goode, a 2007 WestStar graduate, is Peggy Daniel of Selmer, wife of the late Jimmy Daniel. Also pictured is Charley Deal, WestStar executive director and assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations.
UT board members are set to meet Wednesday and Thursday for their annual meeting, and among other things, they're set to discuss plans to raise tuition once again.

The state recommended a six to eight percent increase for UT's Knoxville campus.

Students at UTC and UT Martin could pay four to six percent more.

This week's board meeting will be held in Knoxville, and although the sessions start Wednesday, the full board won't be together until Thursday.

We'll keep you posted on this story.

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Gleason students place at UT Martin Foreign Languages Day

Conner Verdell, David Spelling, Matthew McAlister and Will Freeman, all students of Doreen Forrest at Gleason High School, won second place in the Spanish Language Bowl during the University of Tennessee at Martin’s English and Modern Foreign Languages High School Day on April 19. Pictured are (left to right) Dr. Anton Garcia-Fernandez, assistant professor; Forrest; Verdell; Spelling; McAllister; Freeman; Dr. Daniel Nappo, associate professor of Spanish.

Whitney Reed and Hollie Townes, both students at Gleason High School, won second place in the Bake-off Spanish Desserts category during the University of Tennessee at Martin’s English and Modern Foreign Languages High School Day on April 19. Pictured are (left to right) Dr. Daniel Nappo, associate professor of Spanish; Reed; Townes; Dr. Lynn Alexander, dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts; and Jenna Wright, chair of the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages.
Local students place in Middle School Math Contest at UTM

The Martin Middle School team placed first in the eighth grade competition at the 2012 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics Contest held on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus and sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. From left are James Pritchett; John Sterrett; Dr. Richard Helgeson, dean of the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, who presented the award; Bruce Hicks; and Mary Schommer. Not pictured is Kristy Woods, teacher.

Recipient of Nick Dunagan WestStar Leadership Scholarship

The University of Tennessee at Martin has awarded the 2012 Nick Dunagan WestStar Leadership Scholarship to UT Martin student, Laura Gullett, of Martin. She is the daughter of Jacky and Nell Gullett of Martin. Jacky is an alumnus of WestStar, class of 1998.

Dr. Nick Dunagan, one of the founders of the WestStar Leadership Program, established a scholarship to be awarded to a dependent of a WestStar alumnus whose student is enrolled at UT Martin. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a student who has proven leadership skills and/or displays leadership potential. Preference is given to those students who have displayed a high level of academic achievement and who have a proven record of community/university involvement.

Laura Gullett
Local students attend Collegiate Chemistry Meeting

Students from the University of Tennessee at Martin recently participated in the 35th Annual Area Collegiate Chemistry Meeting co-sponsored by the UT Martin and Murray State University Student Members of the American Chemical Society on the UT Martin campus. Students from 10 institutions in Kentucky and Tennessee presented 42 research papers and heard keynote speaker, Dr. Stanley E. Manahan, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at the University of Missouri-Columbia. UT Martin students and staff in attendance pictured with Manahan are (front row, left to right): Gilbert Forgays, Elizabeth DeVlieger, Joseph Cook, Sarah Griffin, Kim Hall, Manahan, Dalana Short, Lee Elliott, Corey Jones, Mary L. Harrell, Amber Watson; (back row, left to right): Dr. Nancy Hinds, Dr. Kate Stumpo, Meagan Eason, Layla Gargus, Jhalak Patel, Chelsea Peeler, Stephanie Gourley, Sam Moran, Dr. Phillip Shelton with Ellie, Saumil Patel, Heather Vacovsky, Heather Streckertt, Priya Patel, Bethany Aden, Krishna Patel, Dr. Abby Shelton and Dr. S. K. Airee. Not pictured - Paul Jones, Drs. Rick Thomas, Phillip Davis, Jozsef Devenyi, Cahit Erkal and Mark Keranen.

Students attend National Chemistry Meeting

Thirteen UT Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) and SMACS Advisor, Dr. S.K. Airee, participated in the 243rd national meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Diego from March 24 - 27. The students presented a poster on their International Year of Chemistry activities, performed a demonstration about fuel cells and helped with organizing and mc-ing other sessions. The group also received a Green Chapter designation and Commendable Chapter rating at an awards ceremony. Pictured (left to right) are: Christy Lee, of Martin; Jhalak Patel, of Martin; Sam Moran, of Martin; Gilbert Forgays, of Clarksville; Corey Jones, of Linden; Director of ACS Chemical Division, Dr. Mary M. Kirchhoff; Bethany Aden, of McKenzie; ACS President-Elect, Dr. Marinda Li Wu; Layla Gargus, of Martin; Lee Elliott, of Martin; Krishna Patel, of Martin; Stephanie Gourley, of Martin; and Dr. S. K. Airee.
Local inducted into Order of the Engineer

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UT Martin well represented at Miss Tennessee Pageant

A University of Tennessee at Martin student will join contestants from across the state in the Miss Tennessee Pageant, June 20-23 at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson.

Bethany Meeks, of Jackson, 2012 Miss University of Tennessee at Martin, will compete, along with Ginny Hankins, of Ripley, 2012 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival and Tillery Throckmorton, of Nashville, 2012 Miss Tennessee Crossroads.

Meeks is a communications major and will perform a vocal selection for the talent portion of the competition. Hankins, a former UT Martin student, will perform a piano selection; and Throckmorton, a Belmont University mass communications major, will perform a vocal selection.

"The contestants will have their first official Miss Tennessee duty, June 17, at the Old Hickory Mall in Jackson with a meet-and-greet session. The public is encouraged to attend," said Hollie Holt, Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival/Miss Tennessee Crossroads director. "Bethany, Ginny and Tillery have been preparing for this competition since winning their respective preliminaries pageants in January. They have been busy refining their talent selections, selecting their wardrobes, becoming physically fit and promoting their platforms, community service and the importance of education, while still being full-time students. I feel as though they will represent our community well."

Miss Tennessee contestants compete in swimsuit, talent, eveningwear, interview and on-stage questions. During the competition, contestants will win more than $75,000 in scholarship funds. Miss Tennessee will compete for the title of Miss America in January 2013.
Local students receive scholarships

Two Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

* Erin Bivens, of Dukedom, daughter of Kent Bivens and Beth Smithson, will be a senior. She received the Kay Durden Scholarship.

* Mason Wortham, of Martin, son of Joe Wortham and Paige Spencer, will be a freshman. He received the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238.

UT Martin ranks first in student satisfaction among public universities

The University of Tennessee at Martin ranks first in the state among public universities for student satisfaction for the second consecutive cycle in the recently released 2011-12 Tennessee Higher Education Fact Book, published by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. The results are based on spring 2009 and 2011 surveys in which students responded to the question, “How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this college?” UT Martin received 91.9 and 91.2-percent ratings respectively, which indicate “good” or “excellent” responses.

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Business owners listen to speakers at the West Tennessee Regional Entrepreneur Conference on Tuesday. KATIE COOPER/THE JACKSON SUN

Booths were set up for business owners at the West Tennessee Regional Entrepreneur Conference, Tuesday. KATIE COOPER/THE JACKSON SUN

Lisa LeBleu and Teresa Collard speak at the West Tennessee Regional Entrepreneur Conference on Tuesday. KATIE COOPER/THE JACKSON SUN
**AREA CALENDAR**

**June 20**
The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music hosts the Drums Corps International Sounds of Summer event at Hardy M. Graham Stadium on campus. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., performing will be The Cadets, The Cavaliers, Carolina Crown, Spirit of Atlanta and Crossmen drum corps. Tickets are $20 a person, $15 a person for groups of 15 or more; available online at www.dci.org/tickets and at the show. 317-275-1212.

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**Retired Teachers award scholarship**

The Paris-Henry County Retired Teachers Association met June 7 at Tom’s Pizza and Steak House in Paris. Officers for the 2012-13 year were announced and the association’s educational scholarship was presented.

Officers elected to serve during the upcoming year for the retired teachers association will be:
- Joe Frensley, president;
- Debra Barrett, first vice president;
- Marsha Fowler, second vice president;
- Nancy C. Webb, treasurer;
- Sabra Fuller, secretary; and
- Shirley Braden, chaplain.

Autumn Stearnes was named as the educational scholarship winner. She was introduced by Claudine Burton during the meeting. Stearnes is the daughter of Michael and Pamela Stearnes.

She will attend the University of Tennessee at Martin this fall where she plans to major in elementary education.

A 2012 Henry County High School graduate, she was a member of the math, German and history clubs at the school. She also was a Tennessee Scholar in the ninth grade and a member of the National Honor Society her junior and senior years.

During the meeting, Stearnes read her essay, “Why I Want to Become a Teacher.”

The association sent letters recently to retired Paris and Henry County teachers encouraging them to join local, state and national retired teachers associations.

The group’s next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 5 at Tom’s.
Attend WestStar graduation
Jim Wyatt of Brighton, Janna Hellums of Jackson and Pat Riley of Trenton, all UT Martin WestStar Leadership Program alumni, attended WestStar’s graduation June 7 at the Jackson Country Club. Thirty-two class members completed the 2012 program, bringing the total to 649 alumni over WestStar’s 23-year history. Class participants were chosen to learn new leadership skills and develop strategies for assisting communities in solving problems and maximizing potential. Riley is a current WestStar Alumni Council member and former WestStar Board of Trustees member.

UT eyes tuition increases
NASHVILLE, (AP) — Students in the University of Tennessee system will find out this week how much their tuition will be in the fall.

The finance committee of the UT Board of Trustees is scheduled to make the tuition projections on Wednesday and the full board will vote on them Thursday.

The university system has an enrollment of about 50,000 students at campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Martin; the Health Science Center in Memphis; state Institutes of Agriculture and Public Service; and the Space Institute in Tullahoma.

According to documents posted on the UT website, proposed tuition hikes are: 8 percent at the Knoxville campus, 6 percent at Chattanooga and Martin, and 4 percent at the Health Science Center.

Earlier this month, the Tennessee Board of Regents recommended a tuition increase of as much as 7.2 percent for one of its universities.

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### University hosting drum event

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music is hosting the second annual Drums Corps International Sounds of Summer event, beginning at 2 p.m. today at Hardy M. Graham Stadium on the UT Martin campus.

The 2011 world champion drum corps, The Cadets, will be presenting a free interactive live learning clinic at 2 p.m. The main event will begin at 7:30 tonight and, in addition to The Cadets, will feature performances by The Cavaliers, Carolina Crown, Spirit of Atlanta and Crossmen drum corps.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.dci.org/tickets and will be sold at the show. Tickets are $20 per person or $15 per person for groups of 15 or more.

### ROTC award presented

The Col. Gideon Macon Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists, recently presented an ROTC award to Cadet Kriten Mitchell, a nursing major from McKenzie at the United States Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Awards Ceremony at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Cadet Mitchell was given this award because she has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, has a "B" or above in military science and participates actively in campus activities.

Aline Gray Roberts of Sharon, and a member of Col. Gideon Macon Chapter, presented this award.
LOCALS GET A JUMP ON UTM FALL REGISTRATION: Katelyn Sego (left) and Allye Mallard, both of Dyersburg, recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.A.R.) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Sego and Mallard plan to attend UT Martin in the fall. Students at S.O.A.R. met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about First-Year Initiative, an orientation for first-year students the week before classes.

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The WestStar Board of Trustees selects the scholarship recipient.

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Fayette Academy students competed April 26 in the Middle School and Junior High Math Competition at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Participants are Ryan Gersawa, Coleman Morris, Allie Walker, Madison Morris, Jamie Mitchell (teacher), Caleb Weatherly (first place, seventh grade), Abby Hillard, Melissa Runke, Tyler Oliver (fifth place, sixth grade), Addie Bray, Jordan Grant, Tees Hillard (ninth place, seventh grade), Jay Earnest, William Walker (high scorer for Fayette Academy, eighth grade), Austin Creech and Hannah Walker (eighth place, sixth grade).
Martin, Tenn. - Bettye Giles left her mark on UT Martin. From the softball field that bears her name to the hallways of the Athletic Department. But what she's most proud of is what happened in the summer of 1972.

"We all worked for three or four years prior to the passing of Title IX," Giles said. "So, once it was passed we felt we won a battle."

The passing of Title IX was her goal from the start.

"From the time I came here I was involved with athletics period," Giles said. "I love sports. I love the men's teams but always thought women should play if they want to."

Her thoughts and dreams were not shared by all.

"Male administrators of athletics feared Title IX and we had to listen to what it meant," Giles said.

"It would cut back on football scholarships or basketball. How can we fund or put money without cutting men. If you investigated you would find there's been no cutbacks and we found a way to do it."

Mrs. Giles spent 43 years at UT Martin before retiring in 1995. The majority of that time she spent as the Women's Athletics Director. She oversaw the first female athlete to go on scholarship and the university's first championship.

"I've seen us come from nothing at all to where we are today," Giles said. "Not saying that we've totally arrived because there's still room."

This year women's athletic teams played in five conference championships, winning three.

"Bursting with pride," Giles said. "Just thankful for the glorious year at UT Martin in women's sports."

She says the best years are still to come.

"I'm not quite ready to sit down and rock all the time," Giles said. "Not gonna be to long. Not yet though. Not as long as I can keep going."
MMS STUDENTS PLACE

The Martin Middle School team placed first in the eighth-grade competition at the 2012 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics Contest held on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus and sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Students and their advisors were (from left) James Pritchett; John Sterrett; Dr. Richard Helgeson, dean of the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, who presented the award; Bruce Hicks; and Mary Schommer. Not pictured was Kristy Woods, teacher.

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LEIBOLD RECEIVES AWARD AT APPRECIATION DINNER – Ken Leibold, owner of Martin Bike Co-op and Bike Repair in Martin, received the Outstanding Community Partner Award at the UT Martin Institute for Civic Engagement (ICE) appreciation dinner May 29. The business has been active in the Martin community for less than one year, but according to Leibold’s nominators, he has been active in soliciting student participation and volunteerism, and has been the community partner for two service-learning courses. Leibold, (center) is pictured with Dr. Mike McCullough, (left) director of ICE, and Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor.

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STUDENTS AWARDED FOR SERVICE - University of Tennessee at Martin students Trenton Woodley (left) and Lindsay Bowman, received awards for their service from the UT Martin Institute for Civic Engagement (ICE). Bowman, a junior pre-med student, received the Student Community Service Award. Bowman has been active in the Martin community since attending UT Martin and is involved with Habitat for Humanity, Red Fern Animal Shelter, Karin’ 4 Kritters Animal shelter, Relay for Life and other projects in the area. On campus she is in the Honors Program and participates in UTM Recycles! and the Green Energies and Renewables Society. Bowman’s nominators noted that she does not volunteer for recognition and her community service hours often go undocumented. Woodley, a senior political science student, received the Student Civic Engagement Award. The award is granted to a student based on involvement in ICE’s civic engagement activities. Woodley has been involved in numerous campus activities and events including Times Talk, Democracy Plaza, Relay for Life, Constitution Week, Earth Week, Martin Luther King Day, One Day Without Shoes and the ICE Advisory Board. Woodley’s nominators noted that he leads by example and has lobbied for U.S. senators’ and representatives’ support of UT Martin and green practices.
Martin, Tenn. - The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees has voted to raise the tuition rates at its universities.

According to a news release from the University of Tennessee Martin, their tuition will go up six percent beginning Fall 2012.

Instate tuition and fees will now cost undergraduate students an additional $169 per semester for a total of $3,528 or $7,056 for a full academic year. Full-time undergraduate enrollment is a minimum of 12 hours.

Tuition and fees will increase an additional $202 per semester for instate UT Martin graduate students or a total cost of $4,097 per semester for a total cost of $8,194 per academic year starting this fall. Full-time graduate enrollment is nine hours per semester.

The proposal was approved during the board's meeting, Thursday.

"UT Martin is recognized for providing students with a high-quality education for their investment," said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. "We're sensitive to raising tuition and fees for students and families during hard economic times, but we pledge to continue adding value to the excellent academic and college experience that UT Martin offers."

Other measures approved for UT Martin:

- A $30 to $55 fee for nursing students that will help to fund supplies and maintenance for the nursing simulation lab.

- The board voted to end a two-year pilot regional tuition rate for eligible students from Alcorn, Tippah and Tishomingo counties in Mississippi.

- A faculty tenure and promotion plan was approved as submitted.

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UT Martin informational item:

- Dr. Mary Lee Hall, dean, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, made a report about UT Martin's teacher education program.
The Miss Tennessee Orchestra's conductor stands with members while being recognized as the only live orchestra for a state pageant on Thursday night. KENNETH CUMMINGS/THE JACKSON SUN
By Tracie Simer
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Every year, organizers of the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant are sure to say that this is the only state pageant that still uses a live professional orchestra.

From the music and dance numbers to accompaniment on contestants' talent performances, the Miss Tennessee Orchestra provides a sound different than recorded tracks, said orchestra director Chris McDonald.

"I've heard that," he said about being the only live orchestra. "I definitely think we sound better than taped music."

Miss Capital City Kristen Mosley won the talent award Thursday for playing a Beethoven piece on piano.

"I'm so excited; talent is my favorite part of the competition," she said. "It's a really fun way to get to show your personality, and I love the arts and get to show my appreciation and passion for that."

Miss Tennessee Crossroads Tillery Throckmorton shared appreciation with Miss Scenic City Kyndall Covington on winning the swimsuit portion Thursday night.

"I'm excited, I love Kyndall. We're good friends, and I'm just excited I got to be one of the winners tonight," she said.

Covington agreed that winning the swimsuit award is a great encouragement.

"Tillery is such a sweet person. I'm so happy to have tied with her," she said. "It's a real confidence boost halfway through the competition, so to win this swimsuit competition really means a lot."

McDonald, a Jackson native, has been a part of the pageant production team since 1976, when he started playing and bringing musicians to play for pageant week. He is a 1972 graduate of Jackson Central-Merry High School and the University of Tennessee Martin.

"I started when I was 16 playing trombone. Back then, we rehearsed in the Union University band room," he said. "I went to college and then moved to Nashville. They started calling me every year to help and asked me to bring musicians and write arrangements. I've been doing that ever since."

Today, McDonald has a staff that helps write all the musical arrangements for the contestants, musical performances and other moments.

The orchestra is made up of 16 people, including McDonald, who conducts. They come from all over the country. The brass section has five people, the rhythm section has six people, three people play reed instruments and there is one violinist.

"The bass trombonist drives down every year from New York City, where he performs on Broadway," he said. "And our bass player comes up from Panama City (Fla.). It's kind of like a reunion every year because we only all play together here. We're like a family."

Charlie Huffman was the former director, McDonald said. "We owe him a lot; we love and respect him."

The orchestra director tries to maintain the same group of musicians be-
Haslam opposes proposed special session

UT trustees OK tuition increases, including 6 percent hike at Martin

By Lucas L. Johnson II
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE—Gov. Bill Haslam said Thursday he doesn’t believe Democratic lawmakers’ request for a special session to discuss using surplus state revenues to halt tuition increases is “wise planning for the state.”

The legislators told reporters at a news conference Wednesday that lawmakers would like a session to be held in August, possibly before students return to school. They also want to use the state surplus to drop the sales tax on groceries below 5.25 percent. Haslam included funding in his budget to reduce the sales tax from 5.5 percent.

But the governor told The Associated Press beforehand a meeting of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees on Thursday that there are many other issues to be addressed, such as dealing with uncertain costs associated with federal health care, which he said could be more than $200 million.

“I’m not sure I see the wisdom in having a knee-jerk special session right now when there are so many things on the board for us to consider when it comes to the budget,” said Haslam, who is chairman of the Board of Trustees. “I don’t think that would be wise planning for the state.”

Lawmakers said the state has about $225 million in excess revenues that could be used to help students.

Based on numbers provided by the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee system, Democrats said $78 million of the excess revenue would cover all proposed tuition increases at state colleges and universities.

While he doesn’t support a special session, Haslam later told board members he will give more attention to higher education, particularly tuition cost issues and improving graduation rates.

The governor said he’s planning meetings with higher education officials from both systems, as well as a series of roundtable discussions statewide to gather information from educators and residents.

“We are going to put a priority on higher ed ... and do everything we can to address the cost issues,” he said.

The state Board of Regents oversees six universities, 13 community colleges and 27 technology centers. Its finance committee recommended tuition hikes that will be presented to the full board later this month. East Tennessee State University has the potentially highest increase at 7.2 percent and Austin Peay, the lowest at 3.4 percent.

The university system has an enrollment of about 50,000 students at campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Martin; the Health Science Center in Memphis; state Institutes of Agriculture and Public Service; and the Space Institute in Tullahoma.

On Thursday, the UT Board of Trustees approved tuition hikes that range from 8 percent at the Knoxville campus to 3.5 percent at the university’s College of Law. A 6 percent in-state tuition increase was approved for UT Martin.

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DPD holds bike-patrol certification training

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As Dyersburg settles into summer, the Dyersburg Police Street Crimes Unit can be seen more and more as they patrol the streets on their bicycles. It may appear these law enforcement cyclists are merely riding their bikes up and down the streets, but there is a whole science behind the skill and it requires 40 hours of training to become certified as a bike patrol officer.

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Kelly Loveless (center) of Bartlett was inducted into the Order of the Engineer at a ceremony prior to UT-Martin commencement. Graduates pledged to be ethical and impartial and adhere to safety codes as they enter the engineering profession. The awards were presented by Dr. Ed Wheeler (left), Department of Engineering interim chairman, and Dr. Richard Helgeson, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences dean.

Sandy Tarkington will join First Citizens National Bank as public relations manager, First Citizens CEO and President Jeff Agee recently announced.

"Sandy's involvement in our community, combined with her prior marketing experience and education, makes her an excellent addition to First Citizens' team," said Agee.

Tarkington holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Marketing from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

"It feels like coming home," said Tarkington, who met and worked with many First Citizens teammates during her employment with White & Associates/First Citizens Insurance from 1994-2008.

Tarkington and her husband, Robert, have three children - Anna, Becca, and Trey. She currently serves as president of the American Business Women's Association and as vice chair of the American Red Cross.

Tarkington may be contacted at 287-4278 or starkington@firstcitizensbank.com.
Bobby Goode of Dresden, left, USDA Rural Development State Director for Tennessee, receives the Jimmy Daniel Make-A-Difference Alumni Award during UT Martin's WestStar Leadership Program graduation. The award is named for the late Jimmy Daniel, field representative for former Gov. Don Sundquist and a member of WestStar's first graduating class in 1990. Presenting the award to Goode, a 2007 WestStar graduate, is Peggy Daniel of Selmer. Also pictured is Charley Deal, WestStar executive director and assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations. PHOTO COURTESY OF UT MARTIN

Peggy Daniel, center, of Selmer is joined by Dr. Bob and Ramona Smith during UT Martin's WestStar Leadership Program graduation June 7 at the Jackson Country Club. WestStar's Jimmy Daniel Make-A-Difference Alumni Award is named for Daniel's late husband, field representative for former Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist. Smith, former dean of the university's College of Humanities and Fine Arts, is a WestStar co-founder and former program executive director. He recently retired as president of Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania. PHOTO COURTESY OF UT MARTIN
Dennis Henderson of Jackson, left, president of TLM Associates Inc., receives the McWherter Outstanding Leadership Award during UT Martin's WestStar Leadership Program graduation June 7 at the Jackson Country Club. The award, named in memory of former Tennessee Gov. Ned McWherter, recognizes outstanding leadership in a recipient's community or region. Henderson, a 2001 graduate, serves on the WestStar Board of Trustees and is the WestStar Alumni Council chairman. Presenting the award is Charley Deal, WestStar executive director and assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations. PHOTO COURTESY OF UT MARTIN

From left: Frank Wagster, Amy Griffin, Katie Pace and Dave Bratcher; all of Jackson, participate in the University of Tennessee Martin's WestStar Leadership Program graduation June 7 at the Jackson Country Club. They were among 32 class members who completed the 2012 program, bringing the total to 649 alumni over WestStar's 23-year history. Class participants were chosen to learn new leadership skills and develop strategies for assisting communities in solving problems and maximizing potential. Not pictured from Jackson but also participating in the WestStar graduation were Pam Hash and Kayla Taylor. PHOTO COURTESY OF UT MARTIN
Kevin Davis, Hardin County mayor and 2004 WestStar graduate, and Virginia Grimes, WestStar coordinator, attend the program's graduation June 7 at the Jackson Country Club. PHOTO COURTESY OF UT MARTIN

Jim Wyatt of Brighton, Janna Hellums of Jackson and Pat Riley of Trenton, all UT Martin WestStar Leadership Program alumni, attend WestStar's graduation June 7 at the Jackson Country Club. PHOTO COURTESY OF UT MARTIN

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Linda Jones, left, of Stanton and Fred Ellis, right, of Lexington participate in UT Martin's WestStar Leadership Program graduation June 7 at the Jackson Country Club. Also pictured are Jones' husband, Ruffie, and Ellis' wife, Marcella. PHOTO COURTESY OF UT MARTIN

Josh Weiss, left, of Germantown, and Chris Hayes, of Jackson, participate in UT Martin's Senior Walk this spring. SUBMITTED PHOTOS
HELPING HAND FOR HUDSON — A special fundraiser was held Saturday afternoon at Troy First Baptist Church for Hudson Hayes. The event was named Hope for Hudson and included a car wash in the parking lot. Sara Olds, an Alpha Omicron Pi sorority member from the University of Tennessee at Martin, helped clean cars. The Hope for Hudson event also included a spaghetti supper, an auction and face painting by members of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at UTM. One of the organizers of the event, Karen Petty, told The Messenger today money is still coming in, but she estimated the fundraiser raised more than $10,000. Hudson Hayes is the son of Scottie and Michelle Hayes and is fighting undiagnosed medical conditions. "It’s just so much," an overwhelmed Mrs. Hayes told The Messenger today. "I’d like to thank Troy First Baptist Church first and foremost ... and all the businesses for their donations and the individuals. I just want to thank everybody." She described the event as a "huge success."

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William Hardegree, of Jackson, was recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee Martin.
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TEACHERS ATTEND INSTITUTE — Gwen Hardy (left) from Dresden Elementary School and Jamie Babb (right) from Dresden Middle School were two of eight teachers who earned 52 Renewal Points at UT-Martin by participating in the 20th Annual Summer Institute of the West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP), May 12 and June 4. They were joined by Dr. David Carithers, associate professor of English and director of the West Tennessee Writing Project. 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. For more information on WTWP, visit www.utm.edu/wtwp.
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UTM ranks first in student satisfaction among Tennessee public universities

The University of Tennessee at Martin ranks first in the state among public universities for student satisfaction for the second consecutive cycle in the recently released 2011-12 Tennessee Higher Education Fact Book, published by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. The results are based on spring 2009 and 2011 surveys in which students responded to the question, "How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this college?" UT Martin received 91.9 and 91.2 percent ratings respectively, which indicate "good" or "excellent" responses.

The survey data is drawn from alternate-year data included in the National Survey of Student Engagement, known as NSSE. The student survey is required by THEC for all Tennessee public universities.

Two additional indicators of high academic quality include student pass rates on licensure examinations and the six-year graduation rate, also reported through THEC.

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Dr. Jerald Ogg, university provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said these indicators "are representative of the overall program strength and student engagement at the university." He noted that the university has served the region for more than 100 years, including more than two decades with a physical presence in Jackson.

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- The board voted to end a two-year pilot regional tuition rate for eligible students from Alcorn, Tippah and Tishomingo counties in Mississippi.
- A faculty tenure and promotion plan was approved as submitted.
- Dr. Mary Lee Hall, dean of College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, made a report about UT Martin's teacher education program.

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The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Spring 2012 Chancellor’s Honor Rolls for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for Chancellor’s Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the Chancellor’s Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

The following Weakley County students achieved Chancellor’s Honor Roll recognition:


Palmersville - Erin E. Rayburn with Honors, Jannie E. Reed with Highest Honors, Crockett D. Stephens with High Honors; Paris - Roe N. Hughes with Highest Honors; Sharon - Jason Ballard with Highest Honors, Chadwick M. Brewer with Honors, Glenn A. Butkovic with Honors, Kala M. Christiansen with Honors, Kevin E. Edge with Highest Honors, Matthew L. Fitzgerald with Highest Honors, Brittany L. Gilbert with Highest Honors, Amber N. Harris with High Honors, Erika C. Kluts with High Honors, John H. Nanney with Highest Honors, Rebecca J. Norton with Highest Honors, Deborah L. Richie with Honors, Lindsey M. Simpson with High Honors, Kayla B. White with Honors, and Matthew R. Wright with Highest Honors.

Kiwanis Scholarship Recipient

The Martin Kiwanis Club recently announced the winner of the 2012 University of Tennessee at Martin $1000 Scholarship Award Winner. The scholarship winner is Mason Wortham (pictured center). Joe and Zann Wortham of Martin (pictured left) and David and Paige Spencer of Martin (pictured right) are the parents. Mason is a 2012 Westview High School honors graduate and will be an Ag Business major at UTM this fall. He recently attended the weekly Kiwanis luncheon to accept his award.
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Local students receive awards

Marcy Ash, of Martin, received the Outstanding Child and Family Studies Student Award from the University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences during a recent departmental awards banquet.

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“I still have a powerful respect for Nadine Gearin and Bettye Giles,” Veazey said. “They treated me and all the players like we were their own.

“We didn’t have a team room or anything like they have now. We had a simple and small locker room and we were proud of it.”

Veazey said at 18 years old she didn’t know the ramifications of Title IX.

“I knew I wanted to play for Nadine Gearin and there was no doubt I wanted to play at UT Martin,” she said.

“I wanted to be a teacher and a coach. Going to UT Martin was the perfect place. I didn’t have to go far from home and my friends and family could watch me play.

“It was a good school, and I was at the right place at the right time.”

Not only was Veazey the first female player to sign a basketball scholarship, she was the first player to earn a graduated assistantship after she completed her eligibility.

Now 40 years later, Veazey, a middle school principal in Henry County, realizes how important signing of Title IX was.

“As time goes, I realize how monumental Title IX is. I am sure UT Martin does not have all the money it needs, but Title IX has made a difference. Women’s athletics overall at UT Martin is beginning to experience success,” she said.

“These players have a lot of nice things that we didn’t have back then, but they deserve everything they get and more.”
Crafton scholarship winners are announced

E.C. Crafton Memorial Scholarships have been awarded to twelve area students for the 2012-2013 school year. Nine returning winners and three new recipients. The scholarship committee is proud to announce the selection of Clark Allen, Logan Duncan, Matthew Abbott, Rachel Barker, Catherine Cole, Elizabeth Landers, Jack Fields, Camille Collins, Ashley Wall, Caleb Thorne, Chelsea Joyce and Callie Summers.

Crafton scholarships are available to Trenton-area students entering a course of study in any medical field at a University of Tennessee campus. These students represent six different areas of health care education, both in pre-professional and professional areas.

Matthew Abbott of Trenton is entering his senior year at UT Martin this fall with a major in Chemistry and a minor in Biology as he prepares for entry into pharmacy school. Matthew is receiving his fourth Crafton scholarship.

Catherine Cole of Trenton will be a junior this fall at UT Martin, majoring in Health and Human Performance in her quest to become a physical therapist. Catherine is receiving her third Crafton scholarship.

Elizabeth Landers of Trenton is a senior at UT Martin with a major in Cellular and Molecular Biology. Elizabeth is now working toward becoming a pharmacist and is receiving her third Crafton scholarship.

Jack Fields of Milan is receiving a Crafton scholarship for the second year. He is a senior at UT Martin and will graduate with a BS degree in nursing next spring.

Camille Collins from Medina is a sophomore at UT Martin this fall in a pre-dentistry curriculum. This is her second year to receive a Crafton scholarship.

Three new Crafton scholarship recipients for this year are pursuing three different careers in the medical field. Caleb Thorne of Milan will be a senior at UT Martin this fall in the nursing program and is looking forward to completing his BS degree in Nursing. Chelsea Joyce from Dyer graduated from Gibson County High School and will enter UT Knoxville studying a Pre-Med curriculum. Callie Summers from Trenton just graduated from Peabody High School and will attend UT Martin in a Pre-Ocupational Therapy course of study.

Ashley Wall from Milan is a sophomore at UT Martin majoring in Chemistry, in a pre-med curriculum. This is Ashley's second Crafton scholarship.
OUTDOORS NOTEBOOK: Bethel, UTM continue climb in collegiate fishing

Bethel University and the University of Tennessee at Martin continue to amaze on the college bass fishing circuit.

Participating in the BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship on Kentucky Lake at Paris Landing, Bethel (teams B and D) placed in the top seven and UTM took sixth (team A) and 20th (B), last weekend.

The non-scholarship Skyhawks used the efforts of Clarksville's Grayson Smith and Dylan Powley from Paris to crash the party with 34.06 pounds.

"I felt like we could have done a little better," Smith said. "We're happy with the finish ... better than last year when we finished ninth."

Smith, who returns with all club members for the 2013 season, said the Strike King 6XDs and Strike King Football Jigs were best for bait.

"A lot of people fished the grass," Smith said. "But we (Smith and Powley) stayed up and fished the ledges.

"I feel like we really represented the school real well and we're looking forward to improving next year."

UTM's team B - Alex Derry (Milan) and Jason McGee (Dover) teamed with Eric Davidson (Greenfield) and Ryan Lackey (Parsons) to snag 24.12 pounds.

"Again, they do this on their own," Bud Grimes said. "They get their own sponsors and practice hard for these tournaments.

"The way the club is structured ... these team members fish for the love of fishing and they are doing pretty well."

There is no paid coach on staff, and Grimes, UTM's director of university relations, said there is not likely to be one in the near future.

"It's just their work ethic," Grimes said. "If it were me (fishing), I would not come back with a single fish."
Area students achieve academic excellence

University of Tennessee at Martin

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Spring 2012 Chancellor’s Honor Rolls for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for Chancellor’s Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the Chancellor’s Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Gibson County students include:

- Trenton: Tara L. Barlow, High Honors; Greer C. Barnes, Highest Honors; Molly A. Blankenship, Honors; Jennifer R. Bobbitt, Highest Honors; Jeremy W. Butler, Honors; Hannah L. Cates, Honors; Catherine A. Cole, High Honors; Haleigh E. Cole, High Honors; Jamee A. Floyd, Honors; Melissa B. Griggs, Highest Honors; Randall L. Hooker, Honors; John W. Horner, Honors; Lauren N. Jewell, High Honors; Alivia R. Joes, High Honors; Victoria G. Johnson, High Honors; Elizabeth J. Landers, Honors; Melissa A. Michel, High Honors; Ashley H. Neisler, Honors; Matthew A. Norvell, High Honors; Kimbra N. Ratliff, Highest Honors; Billy G. Reeves, Highest Honors; Cynthia D. Reeves, Honors; Jennifer A. Reeves, High Honors; Robert D. Reeves, Highest Honors; Virginia Reeves, High Honors; Jessica C. Richardson, Highest Honors; Jesse L. Shivers, Honors; Rebecca J. Smith, High Honors; Wendy R. Tate, Highest Honors; and Rachel A. Ward, Highest Honors;
- Bradford: Natalie A. Alexander, High Honors; Alisen C. Cates, High Honors; Chrystyna M. Chippman, Honors; Corey C. Crocker, Honors; Brandon A. Gillespie, Highest Honors; Clayton A. Hampton, High Honors; Clinton D. Hampton, High Honors; Courtney B. Jackson, Highest Honors; Anthony L. Laurs, Honors; Jordon R. McCade, Honors; James M. Mitchell, High Honors; Chelsea A. Quinn, Honors; and Joseph E. Wingo, Highest Honors;
- Dyersburg: Rachel A. Cooper, Honors; Jonathan L. Fisher, Honors; Britney M. Garner, Honors; David B. Garrett, Honors; Hannah L. Greene, Honors; Katherine L. Parks, Highest Honors; Kelley A. Parks, Honors; Calla R. Paulhus, Highest Honors; Amber F. Simmons, High Honors; Megan N. Turner, High Honors; and Emily R. Worrell, High Honors;
- Rutherford: William Q. Abrams, High Honors; Miranda K. Barron, Honors; Jacob W. Dotson, Highest Honors; Jessica M. Gordon, High Honors; Carol A. Kail, High Honors; Tara A. Poe, Honors; Trey A. Tate, Honors; Lindsey D. Whitley, High Honors; and Danica C. Wright, Honors;
- Kenton: Kerry D. Duck, Highest Honors; Amanda N. Greer, Honors; James K. Hardin, High Honors; David C. Hollomon, Highest Honors; Matthew J. Littleton, High Honors; Bethany C. Patterson, Highest Honors; Marion E. Reed, Honors; James T. Roden, High Honors; Sheila F. Scott, Highest Honors; Danielle N. Spencer, High Honors; and Mallory C. Walker, Highest Honors;
- Gibson: Cody F. Houck, High Honors;
- Humboldt: Sarah J. Allen, Honors; Jason W. Barker, Highest Honors; Queena L. Brown, Honors; Warren P. Cagle, Honors; Kiara S. Champion, High Honors; Amber D. Putrell, Highest Honors; Holly K. Gillespie, Highest Honors; Rachel L. Hall, Highest Honors; Marcella L. Harvey, Highest Honors; Daniel R. Houston, Highest Honors; Livingston J. Hudson, Highest Honors; Douglas G. Hunderup, Honors; Amanda K. Hunley, Honors; Alexis R. Johnson, Honors; Jordan R. King, High Honors; Austin S. Koffman, Highest Honors; Emma J. Leatherland, Honors; Elizabeth D. Pafford, Honors; Adam A. Parker, Honors; Gauri K. Patel, Honors; Troy O. Patrick, Honors; Amber J. Pearson, Honors; Brittany N. Peeler, Honors; Taylor A. Perry, High Honors; Sarah E. Pickard, Highest Honors; Susan E. Privett, Highest Honors; Annalynn E. Smith, Honors; and Michelle W. Stone, Honors;
- Idlewild: Matthew R. Bryan, High Honors;
- Medina: Stephanie L. Boling, Highest Honors; Kimberly A. Boswell, Highest Honors; Anthony C. Brown, Honors; Dylan W. Brown, Honors; Lisa N. Detraine, High Honors; Katherine A. Estes, High Honors; Cody A. Fowler, Highest Honors; Christina E. Johnson, Highest Honors; Kelly G. Kennedy, High Honors; Lucas J. Mercker, High Honors; Kirsten N. Nicely, Honors; Samantha R. Ragain, High Honors; Tyler C. Ray, Honors; Lauren H. Rogers, High Honors; Melody P. Sain, Highest Honors; Melissa D. Totty, Highest Honors; Shelby L. Totty, Highest Honors; and Justin L. Woods, High Honors;
- Milan: Anne R. Avery, Honors; Shelby R. Bledsoe, Honors; Matthew L. Browning, Honors; Heather Butler, Highest Honors; Jonathan W. Cavender, High Honors; Merrilee A. Clark, High Honors; Shelby R. Counce, Highest Honors; Sarah E. Cox, High Honors; Jack H. Fields, Honors; Gregory K. Garcia, Honors; Aubrey A. Granger, Highest Honors; Anna K. Hardin, Honors; Jessica L. Hemann, High Honors; Kenneth Z. Hilliard, High Honors; Robert D. Hopper, Highest Honors; Alex M. Jackson, High Honors; Autumn R. Jackson, Highest Honors; Timothy L. Jackson, Honors; Shneeka L. Jones, High Honors; Robbie M. Luten, High Honors; Cara B. Mangrum, Highest Honors; John M. Parks, High Honors; James S. Postak, High Honors; Meredith N. Reynolds, Highest Honors; Sarah Katherly Reynolds, High Honors; Chasiti R. Rice, Honors; Bevion Rimmer, Highest Honors; Kimberly A. Rimmer, Highest Honors.
Honors; Sally A. Saputo, Honors; Simon M. Saputo, High Honors; Ross F. Smith, High Honors; Anna L. Thompson, Honors; Karen K. Threadgill, Highest Honors; Tatum D. Tignor, Highest Honors; Ashley L. Wall, High Honors; Tara K. White, Honors; Wendy L. Williams, High Honors; and Adrienne M. Wood, High Honors.

DONATION MADE TO PERCUSSION SOCIETY — Nicolle Crist-Gallagher (left) presented a donation recently to UT Martin music professor Julie Hill to benefit the UT Martin Percussion Society. Miss Gallagher made the donation after the group performed at a recent World Bazaar event at Brandy’s restaurant in Martin. As an employee of Barclay’s, the company offers a matching donation for non-profit organizations its team members provide with contributions. Miss Gallagher presented a check for more than $1,650. Miss Hill said the money will help with instruments and repairs.

STUDENTS PRACTICE WRITING — The University of Tennessee at Martin West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP) sponsored The Young Writers Summer Camp for grades 3-12, June 18-22. Campers wrote poetry, short stories and persuasive essays, and shared their work with family and friends in a public read June 22. Participants were (front, from left) Anne Carithers of Martin; Jackson Griffey of Paris; Amber Weak of Union City; and Zakaria Fallon Adams of Milan; (back) Alex Hoy of Martin; Kristy Dowden (teacher) of Union City; Benjamin Wade of Sharon; Lana Warren (teacher) of Union City; Kaitlyn Courtney of Dresden; Mary Perry (teacher) of Martin; Keely Stokes of Sharon; and Sam Anderson of Jackson. WTWP will host a Young Writers Clubhouse on November 3. For more information, visit www.utm.edu/wtwp.
**Scholarship given to Stearnes**

Friends of the Rhea Public Library awarded its $1,000 Amon Evans scholarship this spring to Autumn Stearnes. Stearnes, who is a 2012 Henry County High School graduate, is the daughter of Michael and Pamela Stearnes. She is scheduled to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and major in education, with hopes of becoming an elementary school teacher in Henry County.

**New vice chancellor at UT Martin**

Andrew Wilson, associate vice president for university development at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, is the new vice chancellor for university advancement for the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to a news release. His appointment follows a national search for the position.

“Andrew will be a great addition to the UT Martin family and UT Foundation,” said Johnnie Ray, president of the University of Tennessee Foundation. “He brings an extensive background in both fundraising and alumni relations to this role and has a real understanding of the university and its aspirations.”

Wilson, who has a bachelor’s degree from Campbellsville University in Kentucky, has worked in higher education for 22 years. His fundraising efforts have involved campaigns in excess of $60 million, including the most successful single-year total of $8.7 million raised in fiscal year 2011 at Tennessee Tech. He and his wife, Ami, have two children, Emily and David.

“I am excited about the opportunity to join the UT Martin community and become part of such a special institution,” Wilson said. “I look forward to working with the chancellor, alumni, faculty, students and staff as we actively seek philanthropic support. Despite the current economic climate, there is tremendous opportunity to engage with those who care about Martin and are committed to its future success.”

Wilson succeeds Len Solomons, who will become a senior major gifts officer for the university July 31. Solomons led UT Martin in the recent seven-year Campaign for Tennessee, during which a record $58 million was raised for the university.

**UT Martin bass team posts solid showing**

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s bass anglers team completed its best tournament this year, finishing sixth out of 43 teams at the Boat U.S. Collegiate Bass Fishing Pepsi Open, June 23-24, at Kentucky Lake near Paris.

The UT Martin team tallied a two-day total of 34.06 pounds, just behind UT Chattanooga’s team that weighed in with 34.57 pounds. The University of North Carolina-Charlotte won the tournament with a final weigh-in of 41.07 pounds.

The tournament format included teams of up to two boats. Each boat’s best-three fish were combined daily and totaled for a two-day score.

One-boat teams combined the top-three fish from the front and back angler.

UTM team members Grayson Smith (Clarksville) and Dylan Powley (Paris) contributed to the strong finish by landing some of their largest tournament fish this year.

Other UT Martin team members participating were Jason McGee (Big Rock), Alex Derry (Bradford), Eric Davidson (Greenfield) and Ryan Lackey (Parsons).
Zach M. Morphis of Cordova is one of three students who received the Cunningham Outstanding Freshman Award during the 48th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award of $2,000 is given to freshman students who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance, leadership skills and involvement in campus activities. The selection is made through the Division of Student Affairs. Other recipients include Madilyn Peay of Readyville and Sarah B. Weiss of Germantown.

Cary Vaughn (left) of Millington receives the C.P. Boyd Leadership Award during UT Martin's WestStar Leadership Program graduation June 7 at the Jackson Country Club. Presenting the award is last year's recipient, Donnie Leggett of Moscow, general manager of Hardeman-Fayette Utility District. The award recognizes an individual for leadership potential as voted by the current class. Vaughn is CEO of Love Worth Finding Ministries in Memphis. He serves on the board for Jackson State Community College, Memphis YMCA, the University of Memphis-Emerging Leaders and Gift of Life Mid-South. Participants learn new leadership skills and develop strategies for assisting communities in problem solving.

Mary Jean Hall of Bartlett recently received the Pacer Award during the 48th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Pacer, the student newspaper, presents the award to the student journalist who has made the most significant contribution to the paper. The purpose of the award is to recognize and promote excellence in student journalism.

Malorie Lulloff of Lakeland participated in commencement exercises at the University of Tennessee at Martin on May 5. Chancellor Tom Rakes presided over the ceremony, and UT President Joe DiPietro conferred degrees.
Shelby County residents who recently received undergraduate degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin are: Jessica Lauren Drum, Shawn William Britton, Alexander Loren McLemore, Brian M. Rose of Arlington; Sarah Kaitlin Saunders, Patricia D. Skinner, Folasayo Damilola Salami; Brandon Patrick Barnes, Horace William Drennan III, Kelly Lee Lovelace, Jessica Paige McLean of Bartlett; Arden Tayler Brannon, Ashley Lauren Burkeen, Bethany Lauren Burkeen, David Michael Giles, Janessa Almariha Henderson, John Marshall Huffman, Kimberly A. Hall, Mary-Katherine Hill, Matthew Daniel Brooks, Tyler Scott Newsom of Collierville; Joseph M. Cook, Justine Judith Steele, Laura Catherine McFall of Cordova; Tristan Lee Coole, Jamie Lynn Presley of Eads; James DeVere Powers, Robert Cannon Smalley, Kelsey Brooke Lavelle, Joshua R. Weiss, Kenneth Raymond Williams of Germantown; Rickelle N. Walton, Malorie S. Lilloff of Lakeland; Jessica M. Simmons-Wooten, Hamilton Lee Moore, Lara Payne, Madison H. Freeman, Christian Brian Carpenter, Emily Lynn McLeary, Joshua S. Lemons, Courtney Danielle Moore, Ivory Lynne Brown, Courtney Marie Stagie, Margret W. Collins, Ashley Nicole Coley, Brittany Corrine Rogers, Symphony R. Johnson, Xavier Markel Robertson, April N. Kizer, Terrance L. Miller, Jermaine DeMarcus Wright, Marshea Nicole Meeks, Desiree Lynn Purvis, Anthony Julius Hollister, Anthony S. Wilkins, Veronica Salena Kernodle, Lauren Nicole Norton, Brittany L. Barthol, Lawanda N. Virgous, Sherbina Cheree Shephard, Stacy Davit Mesfin, Rashunn Devon Cheney, Jonathan Kevin Whitaker, Amanda M. Sutter, Celeste Shantae Johnson, Paul J. Jones and Andrea Danielle Sain, all of Memphis.

Receiving graduate degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin were Steven Lee Barker of Bartlett; Candice Leigh Dixon of Germantown; and Ebonie Shantell Anderson Reed of Memphis.