Learning how to build communities

Henry Countians Gary McEntire (left) and Tony Lawrence were part of the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Development Program. Class members met for "Fundamentals of Economic Development: Building Communities from the Base Up," on Jan. 27-28 in Brownsville and Covington. McEntire is Paris Landing State Park hospitality manager, and Lawrence is Paris Parks and Recreation director.

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MARCH 1, 2011

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Milan Chamber makes it easy to get business advice March 17

Erik Markin, University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center/Tennessee Small Business Development Center consultant, will help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with business advice from 9 a.m. to noon, March 17, at the Milan Chamber of Commerce.

Markin recently joined the TSBDC after spending five years in the financial industry and owning and operating two small businesses. He will be giving advice about business planning, financing options, marketing, customer service, cash flow and other issues. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free.

Appointments can be made by contacting the Milan Chamber of Commerce at 731-686-7494 or by contacting Markin at 731-587-7333. For additional services offered by TSBDC, go to www.tsbdc.org.

"GLASS"-Y DONATION — Friends of the Meek Library have donated copies of "The Glass Castle" to students at Crossroad Teen Center in Martin. Ten students from the Martin Housing Authority-sponsored organization are planning to attend the March 9 opportunity for teens who have read the best-seller to meet and hear from the author, Jeannette Walls, at one of two events planned next week.

Dr. Lynn Alexander, president of Friends of the Meek Library, posed with those students recently. The group included (seated, from left) Shamiah Perry, Xavier Gilliam, (standing, front row) Taylor Barlow, Heavenly Mack, Erica Armstrong, Dr. Alexander, (back row) Calvin Walker, Quanesia Porter, Trey Tipton, Candice Horton and Jada Perry. Ms. Walls will be the featured speaker at the Union City Rotary Club Distinguished Speaker banquet March 8 at 6 p.m. at the Hampton Centre. A limited number of tickets are still available at Lanzer’s Printing and Office Supply in downtown Union City or by contacting Angie Morrow at 885-0366 or 884-0088 or Kristi Kizer at 446-8422. Ms. Walls will speak to students who have read her book from Union City, Obion County Central and South Fulton high schools; Union City Middle School; and Crossroads Teen Center March 9 at the Union City Civic Auditorium.

Two Stewart County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

- Kara Cline, daughter of James and Laura Cline of Big Rock, will be a freshman. She received a Dean's scholarship.
- Devin Earheart, son of Michael and Kim Earheart of Dover, will be a freshman. He also received the Deans scholarship.
Shirley Raines says 'no thanks' to chance at University of Kentucky's top job

By Richard Morgan

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University of Memphis president Shirley Raines has been nominated as a candidate for the top job at University of Kentucky, but said she declined the opportunity.

Raines, U of M president since 2001, said in a statement that she was "honored" and that "Kentucky is a great university, but so is the University of Memphis."

Immediately before her tenure at Memphis, Raines was the education dean and vice chancellor of academics at UK. A native of Bells, Tenn., near Jackson, she earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin and both her master's and doctorate from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Kentucky's president Lee T. Todd Jr. retires in June.

One high-profile former Tiger who made the transition to University of Kentucky is basketball coach John Calipari. Hired as head coach at U of M in 2000, Calipari took the job at University of Kentucky in March 2009.

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Gibson County students receive UTM scholarships

Several Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

• Miles Anderson, son of Mitch and Mykie Anderson of Milan, will be a freshman. He received the Deans Scholarship.
• Brooke Sansing, daughter of Kerry and Connie Sansing of Dyer, will be a freshman. She received the Deans Scholarship.
• Ashley Wall, daughter of Dennis and Kelly Wall of Milan, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor's Award.
Museum exhibit at UT Martin

"The Life Atomic: Growing Up in the Shadow of the Atom" is an exhibit created by the Rogers Historical Museum in Arkansas and is currently exhibited in the gallery of the J. Houston Gordon Museum in the Paul Meek Library at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Using text, images and objects from the time, visitors will be introduced to key issues of the Atomic Age and see how the atom shaped family and social life during the mid-20th century.

The gallery for the J. Houston Gordon Museum is adjacent to the Corbitt Special Collection reading area, just off the atrium in the library. It is open to the public without charge weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 731-881-7094.

Congress-To-Campus Program part of UT Martin Civic Engagement Event

The Congress-to-Campus Program is coming to the University of Tennessee at Martin, March 3-4, as part of the university's annual Institute for Civic Engagement Sculpting Summit. Former U.S. Reps. Bill Burlison (Missouri) and Nick Smith (Michigan) will speak at the Forum on Public Service from 7:15-8:30 p.m., March 3, in Room 206 of Boling University Center. The topic will be the role public service plays in a democratic society. They will offer insights on public service and social issues and be available to meet informally with students and faculty.

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Women's History Month Luncheon

The University of Tennessee at Martin Faculty Women's Club will host its annual Women's History Month luncheon at 11:30 a.m., March 10, in Room 206ABC, Boling University Center.

Jenna Wright, Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages interim chair, will be the speaker. Wright will read excerpts from "Past and Future Silence: A Woman's Search for Hope," a memoir she is writing that incorporates her search for voices in the silence she experienced after the deaths of both her only daughter (a child of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital) and her mother. This memoir explores Wright's relationship with her mother and daughter and the impact of their deaths on her as a woman. Only child living in the South, where family is often alluded to as the number one institution.

Tickets for the luncheon are $12 and may be purchased by March 2 at the university center information desk, Vicki's Designers Touch, downtown Martin, or contact Georgia Baskett, 731-881-7079, gbasket@utm.edu; Carla Field, 731-587-3522, carlaf@charter.net; or Penny Moser, 731-588-5766, pennymoser@hotmail.com.

The free event is open to the public. The Congress-to-Campus Program sends bipartisan pairs of former members of Congress - one Democrat and one Republican - to visit college, university and community college campuses around the country. The free event is open to the public.

The ICE Sculpting event will also include several other sessions for the campus community.

For more information, contact Dr. Mike McCullough, UT Martin ICE director, at 731-881-7325.
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Students performing are from the studio of Harriss and include Andrew Moore, of South Fulton; Michael Yandell, of Union City; Harold Johnson, of Memphis; Brandon Whaley, of Dresden; Victoria Morgan, of Cordova; Cierra Besses, of Clarksville; Serena Chen, of Taiwan; and Rachel Steiner, of Murfreesboro. Linda Farmer, of Dresden, will be a guest performer. The program is free and open to the public.

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ESL endorsement available

Students who do not speak, read, and write English are increasingly enrolling in Tennessee classrooms. Some non-English background students are immigrants, but statistics show that many English language learners are born in the United States. Educators know that all children can learn at grade level, but sometimes monolingual teachers feel challenged to create academic success with students who do not speak English.

That led University of Tennessee at Martin to offer an online English as a Second Language endorsement.

“It can be advantageous to regular classroom teachers who would like to better serve the needs of non-English language background students in their classroom and schools,” said Dr. Beverly Hearn, program director. “And it is essential for those teachers who would like to make a career move and work exclusively with English language learners.”

The additional endorsement in English as a Second Language is for teachers who are presently licensed K-12 in Tennessee. With the additional endorsement in ESL, educators will be prepared to teach K-12 self-contained ESL classes as well as pull-out, push-in or any other program model.

At UT Martin, the graduate coursework for the additional endorsement in English as a Second Language includes: TESL 700, Principles of Teaching ESL; TESL 710, Strategies for Teaching ESL; and EDFN 720, Multicultural Issues in Education, for a total of nine hours. All classes are online and practicum hours are embedded into the assignments for each of the two TESL classes. All coursework directly addresses the ESL Praxis II, which is required in order to obtain the additional license in ESL.

For more information about the online ESL program, contact Dr. Hearn at bearn@utm.edu or call (731) 881-7197.
At the college level

Several Obion County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2011-12 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

They include:
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Korean language, culture taught

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HABITAT RESTORATION - University of Tennessee at Martin students made quick work of planting more than 10,000 trees on 19 acres of campus farm property on Feb. 21. Under the direction of Jason Maxedon, UT Martin alumnus who works for Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, UT Martin chapter of The Wildlife Society students and others manned tractors and tree planters to get the job done. Chris Bridges, also a UT Martin alumnus, The Nature Conservancy/West Tennessee program director, provided the trees that had a value of $3,500. "The goal of the project is to restore part of the 80 percent of the bottomland forests that have been lost in Tennessee over the past century, while providing a critically-needed area for forest research, education and outreach on the UT Martin Field Lab;" said Dr. Eric Pelren, UT Martin professor of wildlife biology and chapter adviser. (Top Photo) Maxedon and Bridges are pictured with Kaleb Stratton, of Springfield. Among those helping with the project are, (bottom photo, from left) students, Kaleb Stratton, of Springfield, UT Martin chapter of The Wildlife Society president; and Jonathan Kelly, of Memphis.

MEETING THE NEEDS - Dr. Teresa Collard has successfully spear-headed the addition of the UT Martin Women's Center which opened in Grove Apartments Tuesday afternoon. UTM Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes (right) and Dr. Gerald Ogg joined members of the local community and campus community in welcoming the center which will serve as a place of refuge offering educational initiatives focused on personal well-being, professional growth and leadership and offering outreach services. It is student-centered, yet all members of the UTM community are welcome. It is also gender neutral. The center is located at Grove Apartments D-1. It is open Monday through Thursday from 1 until 5 p.m. Find it on Facebook.
Local students receive Who's Who honors

Abdullah Al-brahim, Syvester Boyd, Raymond Howard, Spencer Taylor, Victor Fulton, Kassynadra Gadlen, Ashley Holland, Leah Kerassidis, Joshua Lemons, Matthew Maitland and Sarah Brunstad, all of Martin; Tonya Jordan, of Sharon; Kara Kidwell, Allison Paschall and Abbey Stoker, all of Dresden recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Award Ceremony.

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Students earn UTM scholarships

Several Madison County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

• Rachel McBroom, daughter of Robert and Kathy McBroom of Jackson, will be a freshman. She received the Deans Scholarship.

• Karley Smith, daughter of David and Leigh Smith of Beech Bluff, will be a freshman. She received the Deans Scholarship.

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Janet Wilbert

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UT Martin Spring Preview Day is March 26

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UTM conference's focus is electric LEAF

The EV Project is the largest deployment of electric vehicles and charge infrastructure in history.

ECOtality North America is partnering with Nissan North America to deploy up to 5,700 zero-emission electric vehicles, the Nissan LEAF, and nearly 15,000 charging systems to support them in strategic markets in five states: Arizona, California, Oregon, Tennessee, and Washington.

In a special presentation planned for Thursday from 6 until 7 p.m. at the University Center's Room 206 on the campus of UT Martin Stephanie Cox from ECotrality will speak about the Nissan LEAF and the electric car infrastructure that is developing in Tennessee. The event is sponsored by GEARS.

PLUGGED IN — Sen. Lamar Alexander arrives in Alcoa Monday to pick up his recently-leased Nissan LEAF. A seminar about the state's EV Project is planned for Thursday evening at UT Martin.

The EV Project will collect and analyze data to characterize vehicle use in diverse topographic and climatic conditions, evaluate the effectiveness of charge infrastructure, and conduct trials of various revenue systems for commercial and public charge infrastructure.

The ultimate goal of The EV Project is to take the lessons learned from the deployment of these first 5,700 EVs, and the charging infrastructure supporting them, to enable the streamlined deployment of the next 5,000,000 EVs.

If someone in Martin purchases an electric vehicle, they would be able to travel all over the state. http://www.ecotalityna.com/PHEV-activities/the-ev-project.php

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The title of Howard's presentation was "Utilizing performance abilities of dynamic IEF for the isolation of tadpole erythrocyte ferrireductase to aid in the study of Parkinson's disease." Howard, a senior chemistry major, was also awarded an Outstanding Research Presentation Award for his talk. This award was one of five given to student presenters.

Davis is a senior chemistry major. His presentation was "Advancement of dynamic isoelectric focusing." Lockhart is a senior chemistry major. Her presentation title was "Validation of dynamic IEF using hemoglobin variants." "Towards the synthesis of feruloyl methane antenna complexes for sensitized lanthanide emission" was the title of Jones' presentation. He is a junior chemistry major.

"GLASS'-Y DONATION — Friends of the Meek Library have donated copies of "The Glass Castle" to students at Crossroad Teen Center in Martin. Ten students from the Martin Housing Authority-sponsored organization are planning to attend the March 9 opportunity for teens who have read the best-seller to meet and hear from the author, Jeannette Walls. Dr. Lynn Alexander, president of Friends of the Meek Library, posed with those students recently. The group included (seated, from left) Shamiah Perry, Xavier Gilliam, (standing, front row) Taylor Barlow, Heavenly Mack, Erica Armstrong, Dr. Alexander, (back row) Calvin Walker, Quanesha Porter, Troy Tipton, Candice Horton and Jada Perry. Walls will speak to students who have read her book from Union City, Obion County Central and South Fulton high schools; Union City Middle School; and Crossroads Teen Center March 9 at the Union City Civic Auditorium.

The Milan Mirror-Exchange, Tuesday, March 8, 2011

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UT-Martin grads

The following Clarksville area students received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement. Receiving undergraduate degrees were Scott E. Bearden, Matthew Ryan Jenkins, Kate Elizabeth Hein, Clayton Nave Larson, Kalisha R. Bingham-Marshall and Cara Nicole Shock, all of Clarksville, and Eric Allen Hersh of Woodlawn.

Nathan Bailey Stamper and Thomas Andrew Littleton, both of Clarksville, received graduate degrees.

Memphis Photos

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Dunn brings art and opportunities into math class

BY Robert Sorrell
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An artist-turned-math teacher has been named Teacher of the Year at Unaka High School.

Just five years ago, Crystal Dunn painted landscapes, still lifes and people from her Mountain City residence. Her paintings have included one of her favorite spots along a scenic creek in Hampton and a barn in Johnson County's Neva community.

"Art is a passion and math is a passion," Dunn said.

Although she enjoys art, Dunn said the economy made it difficult to remain in the art field with three children. She then decided to begin teaching. Dunn already possessed a four-year degree, so she went to the University of Tennessee at Martin to take a transition to teaching program. Anyone with an interest in teaching and already had a four-year degree can enroll in the program.

Dunn then went on to East Tennessee State University, where she received her math degree. After graduation, Dunn got a job at Sullivan North High School in Kingsport. She stayed there for a year and went on to Unaka High School, where she has been ever since.

"I've only been teaching for about four years," Dunn said. "lt surprised me when I was named Teacher of the Year."

Art hasn't disappeared entirely from her work. Dunn said she regularly brings in artwork to explain various math processes. She said the Golden Ratio can be viewed in paintings of people.

Dunn currently teaches freshmen students in algebra 1 and college-prep algebra 2.

Students taking Dunn's math classes have many opportunities to succeed. With five classes and about 25 students in each class, Dunn said about 40 of her students are special needs kids. Dunn provides each student with the means to do well in class.

"Special needs kids are important to me," said Dunn, who tries to work one-on-one with each of the struggling students.

She said a special needs student recently received a 100 percent grade on an exam. Only four of her students aced the exam.

In order to help students, Dunn provides various means for students to learn. Students who do not do well learning from books have the opportunity to do more hands-on activities. With cooperative learning, students can venture outside of the normal classroom, bookwork setting to practice.

For example, Dunn said that in geometry, students learning the principles of sine, cosine and tangent went to the football field to measure the angles of posts.

Technology is also a tool in Dunn's math classes. Students have access to graphic calculators, laptop computers and geometry sketch pads.

Many of Dunn's students also participate in tutoring sessions on Tuesdays. She said about 15 percent of her students have taken some tutoring, especially near end-of-course exams.

"The most important thing about teaching is to provide some positive reinforcement and positive rewards," Dunn said.

Completing the various tasks and processes of mathematics should lead to more opportunities, she added. Dunn attempts to provide the tools for students to do well, especially important in a subject that is generally considered one of the most difficult for students.

Dunn currently stays busy teaching math at UHS, giving her very little time to enjoy her second passion, art. Her artwork can be viewed online at cdunnoriginals.com.

Knoxville News Sentinel Mobile

Clinton High School teacher Bryan Freeman has been named a state of Tennessee Outstanding Earth Science Teacher for 2010 and the Southeastern Region's Outstanding Earth Science Teacher for 2010 by the National Association of Geoscience Teachers.

The NAGT award is presented each year to a Tennessee educator who "exemplifies superior qualities of enthusiasm, competence, resourcefulness, creativity, and dedication to students in teaching earth science," according to Dr. Michael Gibson, a professor of geology at the University of Tennessee at Martin and the NAGT coordinator for Tennessee.

Freeman graduated from Tennessee Technological University with a bachelor's degree in geology. He recently completed a master's degree in instructional leadership from TTU. He first taught a variety of introductory geology labs in the university's geology department.

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Miss UTM Rodeo Pageant
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Cleaves, Osborne inducted in Phi Eta Sigma
Janelle Cleaves and Danielle Osborne have been inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
Cleaves is the daughter of Dan and Sheryl Cleaves of Dyersburg.
Osborne is the daughter of Debbie Osborne and Jere Ellis of Dyersburg.
Atomic museum exhibit featured

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High schools are going the ‘distance’ in learning

Sara Rachels  Staff Writer

On a weekly basis, Burt Rutledge teaches physics to students at Westview High School and Gleason School at the same time.

Obviously, even on the level of physics, it’s impossible for Rutledge to physically be in two places at one time, but with the recent implementation of new technology in the field of distance learning and dual enrollment courses for high school and college credit, Weakley County schools are breaking new ground on preparing students for the future in an ever-changing and progressing world.

Through offering dual enrollment courses, the school system is giving students the opportunity to obtain college and high school credits prior to entering a university door.

Add to that equation distance learning equipment packaged with an e4TN grant that makes it virtually possible to teach multiple classes at the same time to students who otherwise would not be able to take the courses face to face and the result equates to endless possibilities in education and learning.

Dual enrollment courses are nothing new in and of themselves. For several years, Westview and Dresden high schools offered one to two courses in the areas of English and history.

Now, however, Director of Schools Randy Frazier is building on that foundation and hoping to offer more courses and more opportunities for college credit.

"This year, Mr. Frazier encouraged teachers and counselors to open up as many opportunities as possible for dual enrollment courses. Dual enrollment gives students the chance to get high school and college credits at the same time," Dr. Debbie Doster, Weakley County Instructional Supervisor for grades 6-12, explained.

"Some of our neighboring systems opened up to this idea earlier and they may be a year ahead of us, but we’re not that far behind and we’re working to get to their level."

In the beginning, English IV and U.S. history were the courses most prevalently offered and Westview played host to a geology class taught by UT Martin professor Dr. Mike Gibson.

"This is Mr. Frazier’s second year and he emphasized that we need to..."
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be more competitive on a local, state and global level,” Doster remarked. “We want the students to have that opportunity. We’re working closely with UTM as well as Jackson State mostly in the realm of English, but with history and algebra as well.”

Doster praised students at Greenfield and Gleason for “really coming on board” as of late and emphasized that by taking advantage of this opportunity, students are finishing high school with state requirements as well as extra hours towards college. Courses are not offered to all students, but to those who have expressed an interest in attending college and who have remained “in good standing” with grades.

“Not necessarily the top of the class,” Doster added.

Classes are offered in three formats: face-to-face, hybrid and by in-school teachers. Examples of face to face would be Brenda Morrow who teaches math at Dresden High School, but is also a faculty member at Jackson State Community College, Katie Moore who teaches U.S. history and is an adjunct professor and other professors who teach courses in college and drive to the high schools.

Then, there are hybrids. An example of this would be Greenfield School’s partnership with Jackson State through distance learning.

Last year, the equipment was purchased and now, Greenfield students have the capability of watching a video feed of a classroom setting at Jackson State. They are able to receive instruction in real time as the class is taking place. Homework and scores are posted through a blackboard medium, just as they are in college.

In addition, Weakley County Schools received $30,000 along with 60 other schools in Tennessee from an e4TN grant. This grant makes it possible for online learning to be available to all students. The classes are offered online at no cost and exist to allow students the opportunity to take a class that is not being offered at the high school they are attending.

Doster wrote the grant for 20 laptops and other money used to pay for coursework. Now, students who wish to take German can do so. Other classes such as French and algebra are also available.

“If a student’s schedule wouldn’t allow him or her to take a certain class, it is now possible for the student to go online, learn from a teacher on the computer and have homework and tests for that class on the computer,” Doster explained. “Students all over the country are doing this and the participation across the country is great. The students can keep the laptops to work on the assignments.”

And this explains Rutledge’s physics class.

As a hybrid situation, 13 students from Westview and Gleason enrolled in his e4TN physics class and sometimes Rutledge teaches the seven students at Westview while corresponding with the six Gleason students via a computer and vice versa.

With steady progress, Weakley County Schools hope to eventually offer up to 18 hours or six three-hour courses' worth of credit. These, of course, would be open to just juniors and seniors with the opportunity of a Hope Scholarship paying for one course, but not all. If so desired, students would have to pay for extra courses. If a student maintains a 3.0 G.P.A., he or she is awarded $300 a year for junior and senior year. In the state of Tennessee, when a student graduates and has a cumulative 3.0 or at least 21 on the ACT, he or she is awarded Hope Scholarship money in the amount of $4,000 a year at a four-year institution.

Not only is the Weakley County Schools central office championing the effort, but high school guidance counselors are excited about the possibilities that have been created for students.

Dresden High School Guidance Counselor P.K. Kelley shares Doster’s enthusiasm.

“It’s a very positive thing for all area high school students. Several of our students will graduate with 12 credit hours and this year’s juniors will be able to graduate with 18 hours next year as we’ll be offering two English courses, two maths and two histories,” Kelley remarked. “They will have the opportunity to complete a full semester’s worth of courses.”

“It’s a beautiful situation,” Doster commented. “These are exciting times for high-school students in Weakley County.”
Local fraternity participates in National Leadership Conference

TODAY'S LEADERS – Members of the UT Martin Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity had a chance to attend the National Leadership Conference recently held in Baltimore, Md. Philip Josephson (from left), National Executive Director of AGR Fraternity is pictured with Martin's own Chris Fowler; son of Keith and Linda Fowler; Drake Copeland of Martin, son of Randal Copeland and Wendy and Bill Thompson and Doyle Jacklin, President of AGR National Education Foundation.

The Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin participated in the AGR National Leadership Conference on March 4-5 in Baltimore, Md.

Andy Zarecor from Yorkville; Alex McDaniel from Union City; Taylor Dill from Lebanon; Brett Rodgers from Cornersville; Jordan McMillan and Austin May from McEwen; Drake Copeland (son of Randal Copeland), Wendy and Bill Thompson and Chris Fowler (son of Keith and Linda Fowler) from Martin; Tyler Newsom from Collierville; Duncan McKinnie from Bolivar and Jacob McMackins from Buena Vista were chosen as representatives who attended the AGR National Leadership Conference.

They were accompanied by Marvin Flatt, the advisor.

"The chapter chooses to send brothers to the leadership conference every year to improve their leadership abilities, exchange ideas with other chapters, and learn lifelong skills," Flatt said.

West Tennessee Soybean Festival

City: Martin, TN
Region: West Tennessee
Subregion: North/Tennessee

The Tennessee Soybean Festival in Martin, Tennessee is one of several local festivals which occur each year throughout the state. Beginning the first week of September, the festival celebrates the historical impact of the soybean crop on the economics of West Tennessee and specifically the City of Martin. Each year the festival features several locally-oriented events, various concerts, the football home-opener for the University of Tennessee at Martin as well as a street fair.

The festival kicks off with the Mayor's Luncheon. Listed are just a few of our events:

Soybean Festival Talent Show
Soybean Festival Parade
WPSD-TV's "What's It Worth?" (Similar to Antiques Road Show)
Soybean Festival Golf Tournament
Street Fair
Concerts (all concerts are FREE!!!)
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Bozard has been studying percussion for five years with Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of music. He will perform a jazz-influenced vibraphone solo, a fast-paced marimba piece, a drum set duet with Hill and a 12-minute work for marimba, featuring percussionists Colby Snider, Hamilton Moore and Dennis Youngblood. Musical works included are compositions of Christopher Deane, Casey Cangelosi, Jesse Monkman, Virgil Moorefield and Martin Fabrinius.

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

- Michael Yandell, a senior piano music education major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will perform his senior piano recital at 7:30 p.m., March 22, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

Yandell, of Union City, will perform works including “Andante and Variations in F Minor,” by Joseph Haydn; “Nocturne No. 13 in C-minor, Op. 48, No. 1,” by Frederic Chopin; and “Capriccio in F-sharp Minor, Op. 5.” by Felix Mendelssohn.

For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor and interim chair of the Department of Music.

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Ag Awareness Day slanted for March 23

Increasing awareness about agriculture and its importance in today's economy is the focus of a group of agriculture students at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The group is sponsoring the UT Martin Agriculture Awareness Day, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., March 23, on the north patio of Boling University Center.

"Agriculture is the largest global industry. Half of the world is connected to the agribusiness industry," said Dr. Joey Mehlhorn, professor of agricultural economics and co-coordinator of the event with Dr. Jimmy Butler, professor of agricultural education.

Vendors from companies such as Monsanto, Tennessee Farmers' Cooperative and Tennessee Farm Bureau will present during the event. Many of these vendors will have interactive displays where students can learn about the agriculture industry.

"Not only does agriculture allow us to carry on our daily routines, but it also employs over 22 million people in the United States. Only 2 percent of that figure is actually being involved in production agriculture," said Chris Martin, UT Martin Agriculture Awareness Day student coordinator. "In 1940, the average farmer fed 39 people. Today, one farmer feeds 155 with less land, more regulations and a growing number of mouths to feed around the world."

Tennessee Tractor, LLC will have tractors and other farm equipment on hand for students to ask questions about the different types of farming equipment. The Farmer Forum will begin at 11 a.m., allowing participants to interact with farmers and ask individuals who work in the industry questions about agriculture. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Martin at cmehlhorn@ut.m.edu.

THE CAT IN THE HAT KNOWS A LOT ... – More than 250 people turned out for a local celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday last Wednesday at the C. E. Weldon Public Library. The event was sponsored by the UT Martin division of the Student Education Association. Participants enjoyed an afternoon chocked full of birthday cake, Dr. Seuss stories, face painting and games. Megan Osteen is shown having her hand painted by Obion County Central High School Future Teacher of America member Davey Edmiston during Dr. Seuss's 107th birthday celebration.

Matney Honored as Valedictorian

Like Father Like Son. Like his dad before him, Jamison Matney will be the valedictorian of his class. He holds another distinction as well as the first male valedictorian of East Hickman High School.

Jamison is the son of Greg and Amy Matney of Bon Aqua. Greg Matney was the class of 1988 valedictorian of Waverly Central High School. Jamison is the grandson of Jerry and Stella Matney of New Johnsonville. He is also the great nephew of former Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Steve Nowlin of Auburn, Ala. Jamison plans on attending the University of Tennessee at Martin after graduation.
UT-Martin students help plant more than 10,000 trees

By Rita Mitchell, Special to My Life
Posted March 10, 2011 at 10:17 a.m.

University of Tennessee at Martin students made quick work of planting more than 10,000 trees on 19 acres of campus farm property on Feb. 21.

Under the direction of Jason Maxedon, UT Martin alumni who works for Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, UT Martin Chapter of the Wildlife Society students and others manned tractors and tree planters to get the job done. Chris Bridges, also a UT Martin alumnus, the Nature Conservancy/West Tennessee program director, provided the trees that had a value of $3,500.

The goal of the project is to restore part of the 80 percent of the bottomland forests that have been lost in Tennessee over the past century, while providing a critically-needed area for forest research, education and outreach on the UT Martin Field Lab, said Dr. Eric Pelton, UT Martin professor of wildlife biology and chapter adviser.

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Rita Mitchell is with the University Relations Office at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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UT-Martin students help plant more than 10,000 trees

By Rita Mitchell
Special to My Life

University of Tennessee at Martin students made quick work of planting more than 10,000 trees on 19 acres of campus farm property on Feb. 21.

Under the direction of Jason Maxedon, UT Martin alumnus who works for Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, UT Martin Chapter of the Wildlife Society students and others manned tractors and tree planters to get the job done. Chris Bridges, also a UT Martin alumnus, the Nature Conservancy/West Tennessee program director, provided the trees that had a value of $3,500.

The goal of the project is to restore part of the 80 percent of the bottomland forests that have been lost in Tennessee over the past century, while providing a critically-needed area for forest research, education and outreach on the UT Martin Field Lab, said Dr. Eric Pelten, UT Martin professor of wildlife biology and chapter adviser.

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Memphis Photos

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Guns in college classrooms?

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MARTIN, Tenn. — Textbooks, marker boards, computers. Those are things you'd likely see in a classroom, right? Well what about guns?

One local lawmaker wants to add guns to that list, making it legal for college professors to bring firearms into the Tennessee college classroom.

We don't have an official stance from the University of Tennessee at Martin, but plenty of teachers and students are speaking out.

This bill would allow not just teachers, but also all full-time faculty and staff members who have a permit to carry, to bring their guns onto the campus.

Some say allowing anyone to bring weapons onto a college campus is just asking for trouble.

Guns aren't something you'll see at U.T. Martin, right now.

But other teachers strongly disagree, like faculty senate president, Janet Wilbert.

"What were to happen if someone were to overtake me and take my gun and start shooting?" Wilbert asks.

Student Government Association Vice President Erin Coates agrees and says it scares her.

She feels firearms should only belong in the hands of campus police.

"Not something the students want, the majority of the students want and it's not something we need," Wilbert says.

But we stopped by a classroom, and students seemed divided.

Many of them had lots of complicated questions and concerns that many say need to be addressed, before any guns are allowed.

As for the campus PD., They're not going on the record one way or the other, but say they feel they're doing a good job of keeping the university safe, and say if students are suspicious of someone, they'll call campus police, who'll go and check it out.

The faculty senate president says the full faculty senate will vote on how they feel about it. The student Government Association has already made a statement against guns on campus, these groups hope that combined, they can send a strong statement to lawmakers.
State's campuses oppose gun bill
UT Martin staff to join Knoxville on resolution vote

By Megan Boehnke
Friday, March 11, 2011

Faculty members at the University of Tennessee at Martin will join their Knoxville counterparts when they vote later this month on whether to oppose legislation allowing faculty and staff to carry guns on campus.

The Student Government Association there has also issued an executive order denouncing the bill.

Other campuses - including the three largest public universities in the state - have announced their opposition to any legislation that would broaden current gun laws on campus.

"People want to compare college campuses to a (typical) community, and that's not the case," said University of Tennessee at Knoxville Police Chief Gloria Graham.

"The sole purpose is to create discourse and promote an environment of debate and on issues people feel very passionate about. And then add to that the general population of the community is under 25. It's a very different dynamic than a simple town of 30,000 people."

Graham said she had spoken with other campus police chiefs across the state who agreed that bringing guns on campus would make their jobs more difficult.

The state House and Senate bills would allow permit-holding gun owners on the faculty and staff to bring their firearms to campus. Neither bills have been added to the schedule for the judiciary committees in either house.

At the University of Memphis, the president and police chief have both spoken with the Tennessee Board of Regents chancellor about their disapproval of the bills, said a spokesman. At Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, President Sidney McPhee issued a statement denouncing the bills.

"In an emergency situation where there will be some confusion and fear of the unknown, we do not want to subject our students, faculty and staff to the possibility of being injured or worse because of too many people wielding and discharging firearms -
in some cases, people with substandard training," she said. "The gun bill is not a good idea."

Two young men were involved in a shooting last month on the MTSU campus.

In Martin, students are concerned for their own safety if any full-time staff or faculty member is armed, said Erin Coates, Student Government Association vice president. The executive order was issued by SGA President Sammy Linton, who is in Europe this week during spring break.

Coates said the students she and other SGA members have talked to are speaking out against the bills out of fear.

"There's no way to guarantee that professors won't go out and harm students," she said. "I feel like this is someone trying to push this (bill) through too fast, and there is too much of a sense of urgency behind it and not much explanation of the ramifications if it does pass."

Faculty Senate President Janet Wilbert said it was important for student voices to be heard alongside faculty.

"They're the ones sitting in a classroom with a now-potentially armed faculty member, or walking down the hall with a plumber or a painter or full-time staffer with a side arm," she said.

The Faculty Senate will vote on the resolution at its March 22 meeting.

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Chandler wins Soybean Festival crown
By Rita Mitchell, Special to My Life
Posted March 11, 2011 at 9:57 a.m.

Meagan Meketi was crowned Miss University of Tennessee at Martin at the combined Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant. The UT Martin biology major won the 2011 title and the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in June.

Also headed to the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant is Chelsea Chandler of Germantown who won the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival title.

The winners led a field of 12 contestants and each received a $1,500 scholarship. Miss UT Martin 2010 Taren Hatcher crowned Meketi. Chandler was crowned by Loren Dean, 2010 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival.

"This is only the second pageant I've done," said Meketi following her win, "So I am excited."

Meketi's platform is the American Cancer Society.

Chandler also said she was excited about the win.

"My dad couldn't be at the last pageant that I was in, and he was able to be here tonight," Chandler said. "I feel like a part of myself grew up in Martin. I have so many fond memories here."

Chandler noted that growing up, she showed horses in the building right behind where the pageant was located. She added that she is happy to have an opportunity to give back to the community that has given so much to her.

To prepare for the Miss Tennessee Pageant, Chandler said she'd concentrate on getting more comfortable with the multiple elements of the competition.

Chandler recently auditioned in New Orleans for "American Idol" and received a golden ticket to audition again in Hollywood. It was her second golden ticket. Last year, she auditioned in Dallas and Hollywood, but did not make the show.

Her platform is animal advocacy.

For Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival, Elizabeth Murphree of Germantown was first runner-up.

Riley named partner at law firm
By Rita Mitchell, Special to the State Gazette

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David graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He was admitted to practice law in 2001 after receiving a Juris Doctor Degree from Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis. His parents are Judge Joe Riley and Connie Riley of Ridgely, Tenn. David volunteers with Streets Ministries in downtown Memphis. He is married to Mary-Marsha Riley.
UT Martin FFA Claims 7th Top College Chapter Award

March 12, 2011  Leave a Comment

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Dr. James N. Butler, professor of agricultural education, is the UT Martin Collegiate FFA adviser.

Local Resident Attends Alpha Gamma Rho National Leadership Conference

(MARTIN) The Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin participated in the AGR National Leadership Conference on March 4-5 in Baltimore, Maryland. Andy Zarecor from Yorkville, Alex McDaniel from Union City, Taylor Dill from Lebanon, Brett Rodgers from Cornersville, Tennessee, Jordan McMillan and Austin May from McEwen, Drake Copeland and Chris Fowler from Martin, Tyler Newsom from Collierville, Duncan McKinnie from Bolivar, and Jacob McMackins from Buena Vista (son of Mike and Sonya McMackins), were chosen as representatives who attended the AGR National Leadership Conference. They were accompanied by Marvin Flatt, advisor.

"The chapter chooses to send brothers to the leadership conference every year to improve their leadership abilities, exchange ideas with other chapters, and learn lifelong skills," Flatt said.

During their time in Baltimore, they brainstormed new ideas, reviewed what they had done in the past, and put together a strong risk management plan for this next year. It also gave them an opportunity to meet other AGR's from across the country.

By attending the national leadership conference, they were able to come back to the chapter better prepared to continue to lead the chapter in the right direction. "I'm very encouraged with the leadership that they have shown and I know they will be successful in the upcoming year," said Flatt.
Local Student Receives University Service Award

Travis Russell of McKenzie was recently awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2011 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The University Service Award recognizes students who have been an important part of life on campus and in the Greek community, whether through their chapter, the Greek councils, or through their campus events and organizations.

Pictured from left are Russell and Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.

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UT Martin Has Record Enrollment

MARTIN - A record 7,824 students are enrolled for spring semester at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The enrollment tops the previous spring semester high of 7,692 students, set in 2010, and is the 12th consecutive spring semester increase. The most recent figures resulted in spring semester records for total undergraduates, total full-time equivalent and full-time equivalent undergraduate students.

The 1.7 percent spring 2011 enrollment increase also follows a fall 2010 enrollment of 8,469 that set six all-time records in various categories. All enrollment numbers are compiled and reported by the university's Office of Institutional Research.

"Enrollment increase is representative of growth in our undergraduate enrollment, both on campus and off campus, in undergraduate online programs and in our dual-enrollment program," said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. Our faculty and staff continue to work hard providing high-quality education and student-centric services.

We are blessed to experience these levels of interest and by the ever-increasing achievement of students."

The 2011 spring enrollment set a spring semester record for undergraduate students, with 7,365, a 2.1 percent increase over spring 2010; undergraduate FTE, with 6,187, a 1.3 percent increase; and total FTE, with 6,421, a 1.1 percent increase over spring 2010. FTE is the total number of student credit hours divided by 15 for undergraduate students and 12 for graduate students. Also increasing over spring 2010 was the number of returning undergraduate students, by 3.1 percent, and the number of transfer students, by 16.1 percent.
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UT Martin to host Preview Day March 26

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MARTIN -- The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Admissions will host Spring Preview Day, from 9 a.m. -1 p.m., March 26, in Boling University Center. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Welcoming remarks and an information session will follow at 9:30 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., an academic fair will be hosted. The campus tour, including housing and the Student Recreation Center, will begin at 11:30 a.m. Students may register for Spring Preview Day at http://www.utm.edu/departments/admissions/preview_day.php. For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Admissions at (731) 881-7020.

Chamber Percussion and Voice Recital March 29

Members of the University of Tennessee at Martin voice and percussion studios will perform a chamber music recital at 7:30 p.m., March 29, in Room 112 of Boling University Center.

Performances include a new work titled “The Dead,” for spoken word and a marimba solo, based on text from James Joyce’s “The Dead.”

Dr. Roberto Maneusi, assistant professor of music, will be featured in a new arrangement of “The Viking Guest,” by soprano, more Kerry Durso, and will also perform a duet with marimbist, Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of music. Dr. Amy Yeung, associate professor of music, is also featured on two of the chamber works.

This is the first time the UT Martin voice and percussion studios have collaborated. In addition, all works being performed have never before been played on UT Martin’s campus. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Hill at 731-881-7418 or jhill@utm.edu.
Local students receive Who's Who Honor at UT Martin

Kara Kidwell, of Dresden, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Award Ceremony. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, co-curricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Pictured with Kidwell is Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.

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First UT Martin Agriculture Awareness Day slated for March 23

Increasing awareness about agriculture and its importance in today’s economy is the focus of a group of agriculture students at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The group is sponsoring the UT Martin Agriculture Awareness Day, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., March 23, on the north patio of Boling University Center.

“Agriculture is the largest global industry. Half of the world is connected to the agribusiness industry,” said Dr. Joey Mehlhorn, professor of agricultural economics and co-coordinator of the event with Dr. Jimmy Butler, professor of agricultural education.

Vendors from companies such as Monsanto, Tennessee Farmers’ Cooperative and Tennessee Farm Bureau will present during the event. Many of these vendors will have interactive displays where students can learn about the agriculture industry.

“Not only does agriculture allow us to carry on our daily routines, but it also employs over 22 million people in the United States. Only 2 percent of that figure is actually being involved in production agriculture,” said Chris Martin, UT Martin Agriculture Awareness Day student coordinator. “In 1940, the average farmer fed 39 people. Today, one farmer feeds 155 with less land, more regulations and a growing number of mouths to feed around the world.”

Tennessee Tractor, LLC will have tractors and other farm equipment on hand for students to ask questions about the different types of farming equipment. The Farmer Forum will begin at 11:00 a.m., allowing participants to interact with farmers and ask individuals who work in the industry questions about agriculture. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Martin at chrmmart@ututm.edu.

Speaker to focus on family and third ways

Allan C. Carlson

Family scholar Allan C. Carlson will present “Third Ways: Rebuilding an American Economy Focused on the Family and Community,” March 24, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The lecture is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

Third way measures include a return to the natural arrangements of family, church and local community. In contrast to corporate globalization, Carlson will emphasize the importance revitalizing the family farm, the family-held business and the independent shop.

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The Intercollegiate Studies Institute and its UT Martin chapter student organization will sponsor the lecture.

For more information contact Dr. Arthur Hunt, UT Martin assistant professor of communications, at 731-881-7552 or e-mail him at ahunt@utm.edu.

Scott to perform Senior Clarinet Recital

Sarah Scott, a senior music education major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will perform her senior clarinet recital at 3 p.m., April 3, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

Scott, of Paris, will be performing works written by composers Cahuzae, Bennett, Lemeland and Rossini. The recital is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Amy Simmons, associate professor of music, at 731-881-7413.
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Yandell Senior Recital March 22

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For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Hariss, professor and interim chair of the Department of Music at (731) 881-7552 or e-mail her at ahunt@utm.edu.

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Senior art exhibit scheduled

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will host a series of senior art exhibitions, featuring Brad Henderson, a visual art studio emphasis student from Union City; Kayla Stark, a graphic design emphasis student from Lobelville; and Donnie Franklin, a visual art studio emphasis student from Goodlettsville.

The exhibition will begin with an opening reception from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday on the second floor of the Paul Meek Library.

Exhibitions sponsored by the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will be located in the Paul Meek Library while the Fine Arts Building undergoes renovations. Call the library at (731) 881-7060 for information concerning standard and special library hours of operation.

The exhibition will continue through April 1. It will be free and open to the public.

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UC student featured in recital

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He will perform works that will include "Andante and Variations in F Minor" by Joseph Haydn; "Nocturne No. 13 in C-minor, Op. 48, No. 1" by Frederic Chopin; and "Capriccio in F-sharp Minor, Op. 5" by Felix Mendelssohn.

Preview day set at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Admissions will host Spring Preview Day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. March 26 in Boling University Center.

Registration is set for 9. Welcoming remarks and an information session will follow at 9:30. An academic fair will begin at 10:30 and a campus tour at 11:30.

Students may register for Spring Preview Day at http://www.utm.edu/departments/admissions/preview_day.php.

Humboldt Chronicle, Wednesday, March 16, 2011

WHO'S WHO HONOR AT UTMartin - Kiara Champion of Humboldt recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Award Ceremony. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, co-curricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Joining Champion is Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.
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CARTER RECEIVES WHO'S WHO HONOR AT UTM: Rachel Carter, of Dyersburg, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Award Ceremony. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, co-curricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Pictured with Carter is Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.

ZUMBACH RECEIVES WHO'S WHO HONOR AT UTM: Chris Zumbach, of Dyersburg, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Award Ceremony. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, co-curricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Pictured with Zumbach is Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.
Advice offered to business owners

Erik Markin, University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center/Tennessee Small Business Development Center consultant, will help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with business advice from 1-5 p.m., March 24, at the Obion County Industrial Training Center.

Markin recently joined the TSBDC after spending five years in the financial industry and owning and operating two small businesses. He will be giving advice about business planning, financing options, marketing, customer service, cash flow and other issues. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free.

Appointments can be made by contacting the Obion County Chamber at 731-855-0211 or by contacting Markin at 731-587-7333. For additional services offered by TSBDC, go to www.tsbdce.org.

UT Martin SOAR April 30

Incoming freshmen who plan to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin during the fall semester can get prepared for college life by attending a Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) program.

The first SOAR date has been scheduled for April 30. Check-in is set for 8 a.m., at Boling University Center. Students will get the opportunity to meet with academic advisers and register for classes; tour the campus, residence halls and University Village; 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 should attend both SOAR and First-Year Initiative prior to the fall semester.

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.

In order to attend SOAR, students must have applied for admission and received a tentative or final acceptance letter. Advance SOAR registration is required. For more information about SOAR, call the office of admissions toll free at 1-800-829-UTM1 or 731-881-7027. Online registration is also available at www.utm.edu.

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES THE UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD – Erin Bivens, of South Fulton, was recently awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2011 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The University Service Award recognizes students who have been an important part of life on campus and in the Greek community, whether through their chapter, the Greek councils, or through their campus events and organizations. Pictured from left are Bivens and Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs. (Photo submitted)
Discovery Park of America taking major steps forward

By GLENDACAUDLE
Special Features Editor

The earth is moving.

Discovery Park of America board of directors president Jim Rippy Wednesday afternoon informed chairmen of the multi-million dollar education-entertainment-tourism project's volunteer committees that everything in the schematic design of the complex has been approved. Site work contracts on the 50-acre development in Union City's northwest quadrant have all been bid, OKed and signed and workmen are simply waiting for dry weather to rev up the activity level that will be observable by cars streaming down Everett Boulevard between the Main Street and Mount Zion Road intersections.

Bids on Discovery Park Center — the futuristic multi-level glass-detail building that will showcase the work of most of the planning committees — are due back to Allen Searcy Builder Contractor Inc. in Union City by April 15 and it is hoped that actual work on the structure will begin within that month and will be completed by August 2012.

Architects from Verner Johnson Museum Architects and Planners in Boston, the exhibit design team from Thinc Design in New York and the design fabricators from Maltbie in Mount Laurel, N.J., say it will take another six months to set up the exhibits and install the kitchen for the dining facilities that will be available in a unique setting on site.

Off-site, fabricators are busy molding the bones of dinosaurs that will eventually swoop from the heights over the heads of DPA visitors or appear to engage in ancient battles with each other as they tower over the park's smallest visitors. Actual bones from some of these creatures have already been purchased and will be put in place alongside new acquisitions — some of which teams from the University of Tennessee at Martin are hoping to unearth soon in excavation efforts in Kansas. Most of these yesteryear combatants will be clearly visible from outside the building day and night, thanks to the glass walls that will also offer the ancient creatures a view of the modern world beyond their confines.

Tanks, planes, armored vehicles, prepared. (See Page 5, Col. 5)

Discovery...

(Continued from Page 1) Vehicles and rockets are being readied for display in unique venues, and older vestiges of war — armor from the Middle Ages, ironclads from the Civil War, uniforms, weapons and more — will have their place, as well.

Craftsmen at Maltbie are also constructing the multi-story hollow human figure that will be large enough for children and adults to enter and explore, with legs massive enough to permit sliding down — through an interior clear plastic tube — from one level of the building to another.

Committees continue to search out living specimens to fill the massive aquariums — complete with pop-up plastic bubbles to allow visitors to get "inside" the watery experience; and still other volunteers are searching through valuable works of art from the Tennessee State Museum and setting up a rotating schedule of "loans" from that facility.

The engineers and builders charged with making the earthquake simulator have promised an adventure unlike that available in any other venue and the starship designers say the wide-open-universe experience they can provide will be light years beyond the tours of the galaxy normally offered by museums.

A miniature model of the Indian hologram that will draw visitors into the world of ancient tribes who called northwest Tennessee home has already been displayed for DPA board members and the full scale model is being prepared.

More than a dozen antique cars — including a 1929 Model A roadster with a rumble seat, a 1948 Plymouth "Woody", a 1941 Willys coup dragster, a 1938 Cadillac Fleetwood owned by W.C. Fields and a 1929 Lincoln touring car — have already been purchased and are parked in gleaming readiness in storage, awaiting a more dramatic display at DPA.

Designers with an interest in alternative forms of energy will be putting the finishing touches on exhibits that allow visitors to create their own power and then put it to work in yet another of the many interactive sections of the building.

Meanwhile, beyond those soon-to-be-constructed imagination-stirring walls of Discovery Park Center, Yesteryear Village and the botanical garden will begin taking shape almost immediately. As soon as site preparation that is getting under way now is complete, some historic buildings already belonging to the Obion County Museum will be moving to the new location and contractors will begin construction on others that will be part of the opportunity for visitors to walk through a village from days gone by. Adventure-filled walkways, refreshing waterways, access roads, bridges, fences and lighting will be put in place, as well. And the efforts necessary to lay track and construct a platform will proceed while volunteer committees complete the purchase of the steam engine, sleeping car and other antique train cars that will make up that exhibit on the grounds.

The functioning grist mill purchased in East Tennessee several months ago will be set up, water will begin to splash over its massive wheel, gears will begin to mesh and corn grains will lose their shape between the grinding stones that move as a result of this engineering feat.

And over it all, the multi-story glass tower that is the signature of Discovery Park of America will rise and beckon visitors from near and far.

And if "the earth moves" according to plan, Discovery Park of America will be ready to welcome guests in the first quarter of 2013.

Glenda Caudle may be e-mailed at glendacaudle@uemessenger.com.
TWF Argues Against Deer Farming Bill
posted March 17, 2011

On Tuesday, the Tennessee House Conservation and Environment General sub-committee deferred action on HB 1112 - "The White-tailed Deer Breeding and Farming Act" - for two weeks.

Representatives with the Tennessee Wildlife resources Agency and the Tennessee Wildlife Federation (a private conservation organization) spoke in opposition to the bill, along with two of the nation's foremost experts on cervid and captive wildlife disease epidemiology from the University of Tennessee and the retired dean of agriculture at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

TWF's Position Statement on HB1112/SB1568
"The White-tailed Deer Breeding and Farming Act"

The Board of Directors of the Tennessee Wildlife Federation has voted unanimously to oppose the White-tailed Deer Breeding and Farming Act (HB1112/SB1568) that has been introduced in the Tennessee General Assembly.

Aside from the ethical concerns and public stigma surrounding captive animals that have been bred, bought, and sold to be shot in small enclosures or pens, the well-documented risk of disease associated with captive cervid populations represents a potentially devastating threat to our abundant natural herds of white-tailed deer, as well as to our state's domestic livestock and, arguably, to humans.

Federal and state agencies, universities and private organizations across the nation have spent hundreds of millions of dollars studying and fighting Chronic Wasting Disease, bovine tuberculosis, and other fatal diseases that have been discovered in captive cervids and in wild deer and elk populations near captive cervid facilities.

Hunting, photographing, and watching wildlife in Tennessee provide hundreds of millions of dollars annually to Tennessee's economy. Through TWF's Hunters for the Hungry program, Tennessee deer hunters and processors provide hundreds of thousands of meals each year through venison donations.

Our white-tailed deer herd - nearly extinct a half-century ago - is as healthy as it's ever been in recorded history. The restoration of our native wild elk population has been a nationally celebrated success.

TWF is proud to join with numerous conservation organizations, and countless veterinarians, wildlife biologists, communicable disease specialists, hunters, and wildlife lovers in voicing our opposition to legislation that would represent an unnecessary and potentially irresponsible risk to our state's priceless natural resources.

We respectfully request that responsible members of the Legislature and others with a serious concern about the potentially devastating impacts of this business review the many research materials available at our website, www.tnwf.org, before taking a final position on captive deer farming in Tennessee.

Paris Chamber Offers Business Consulting April 14
By Paris-Henry Co. Chamber of Commerce

PARIS, TN - Take advantage of the opportunity to get one-on-one business consulting from Erik Markin, University of Tennessee at Martin Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Markin will be at the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, 1-4:30 pm, Thursday, April 14. He will be available to help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with advice on a business plan, financing options, marketing, customer service, cash flow and other issues.

The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the chamber at 731-642-3431 or by contacting Markin directly at 731-587-3333.

Erik Markin recently joined the TSBDC after spending five years in the financial industry and being the owner and operator of two small businesses in northwest Tennessee. His experience includes working as a loan officer, collections officer and assisting in downtown development. He was a top honors graduate of The Southeastern School of Consumer Credit housed at Vanderbilt University. Erik was born in Yokosuka, Japan and raised in Middle Tennessee, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he majored in economics and finance, and is currently earning his M.S. in Economics at Murray State University.

For more information, email: pariscoc@parishenrychamber.com

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Clayton receives Chancellor's Award

Mary Clayton has been awarded the Chancellor's Award scholarship from University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2011-12 academic year.

She is the daughter of Don and Melanie Clayton of Murfreesboro.
First Citizens promotes Ward to regional president

Special to the State Gazette

Jeff Agee, CEO and president of First Citizens National Bank, recently announced the promotion of Joe Ward as the bank’s northwest market regional president. “Today’s successful community bank is no longer just a bank. We must position ourselves to offer a wide array of high-quality financial products and services in a professional manner. Without a quality staff of committed teammates, this would not be possible. We are proud to promote Joe Ward for his outstanding performance and dedication to the success of First Citizens.”

Ward has served as community bank president for both of the bank’s Union City and Troy Financial Centers. He is a graduate of Southeastern School of Banking at Vanderbilt University and of WestStar Leadership Program in association with the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he remains a member of the alumni association. He presently serves on Dyersburg State Community College’s Foundation Board of Directors and Board of Directors for the Tennessee Technology Center. Ward is a member of Union City Kiwanis Club having previously served on the organization’s board of directors and as president and vice president. He also previously served on the board of directors for Leadership Obion County. You may contact Ward at 731-886-1122 or e-mail: jward@firstcitizens-bank.com.

First Citizens National Bank, a $975MM independent community bank with 19 locations is headquartered in Northwest Tennessee. The bank was established in 1889 in Dyer County and serves markets throughout nine Tennessee counties. The bank placed 81 in the top 200 community banks in the nation, according to a list from U.S. Banker magazine published in its June 2010 edition. The ranking is based on a three-year average return on equity.

Newbern UTM music major to perform senior recital Sunday

Special to the State Gazette

MARTIN, Tenn. - Cory Bozard, senior music performance major from Newbern, will perform his senior percussion recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 27, in Room 112, Boling University Center.

Bozard has been studying percussion for five years with Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of music. He will perform a jazz-influenced vibraphone solo, a fast-paced marimba piece, a drum set duet with Hill and a 12-minute work for marimba, featuring percussionists Colby Snider, Hamilton Moore and Dennis Youngblood. Musical works included are compositions of Christopher Deane, Caseay Cangelosi, Jesse Monkman, Virgil Moorefield and Martin Fabricius.

For more information, contact Hill at 731-881-7418 or jhill@utm.edu.
African-American Leadership Conference presents 'Challenges and Opportunities'

3:07 PM, Mar. 22, 2011

"Challenges and Opportunities" is the theme of the 13th annual African-American Leadership Conference, slated 8:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m., April 19, at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center, in Jackson.

This conference is made possible by the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program, in partnership with the City of Brownsville, Tennessee Access & Diversity Initiatives, Walmart, First South Bank, Hardin County Government, City of Covington, West Tennessee Healthcare and the UT Institute for Public Service.

This year's keynote speaker is Mearl Purvis, FOX13 News, Memphis. Purvis has won five regional Emmy Awards, the Edward R. Murrow Award, the George Foster Peabody Award and the J.C. Penney Missouri Award. Prior to her career in Memphis, she reported and anchored in Charlotte, N.C.; Hartford, Conn.; Nashville; and Jackson, Miss.

Registration and a continental breakfast are slated from 8:30-9 a.m. UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and Charley Deal, UT Martin WestStar executive director, will speak from 9:15-10 a.m. "All in the Family" is the topic from 10-10:30 a.m., presented by Dr. Cyronose Spicer, Ripley New Beginnings Christian Center CEO/senior pastor and WestStar Class of 2010 alumnus. There will be free blood pressure and heart assessments at 10:30 a.m. An education panel with students from area schools will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Youlanda Jones-Wilcox, UT Martin Ripley Center director and WestStar Class of 2005 alumna, will be panel moderator. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., followed by a presentation at 12:15 p.m., "Connecting With Your Community," by Cedric Deadmon, Southwest Tennessee Development District REDI regional college access coordinator. At 12:45 p.m., "Finance and the African American" will be presented by Chester Sharpe, Bancorp South, Jackson, assistant vice president. The final presentation, "Healthcare," will be presented at 1:15 p.m. by Dr. Nanette Wells-Brooks, of Jackson. The day will end with award presentations, remarks and door prizes at 1:45 p.m.

E-mail registrations to Virginia Grimes, WestStar coordinator, at vgrimes@utm.edu or fax to 731-881-7019. Registration also is available at www.utm.edu/weststar. The registration deadline is April 12. The conference fee is $35 per person/$60 for two. Checks should be made payable to WestStar. The fee includes breakfast and lunch. For more information, contact Grimes at 731-881-7298.
Marissa Wood-Sternburgh, of Traverse City, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Award Ceremony.

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES THE UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD - Meredith Dunn, of Medina, was recently awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2011 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The University Service Award recognizes students who have been an important part of life on campus and in the Greek community, whether through their chapter, the Greek councils, or through their campus events and organizations. Pictured from left are Dunn and Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Local student receives Emerging Leader Award Hannah Stewart of Newbern was recently awarded the Emerging Leader Award during the Greek Awards for 2011 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Emerging Leader Award recognizes students who have already begun to excel and become true leaders on campus, in their fraternity or sorority, and in the community. Pictured from left are Stewart and Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.
Parrish elected president of eight-state SEJC

Tomi McCutchen Parrish, instructor of communications at the University of Tennessee at Martin, was elected the Southeast Journalism Conference president for 2011-12 at the recent annual SEJC convention, held this year in Troy, Ala.

SEJC includes 35 member schools in eight southern states – Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and Tennessee.

As president, Parrish is working with a team of UT Martin student media staff members to plan the 2012 SEJC convention, which will be held on the UT Martin campus, Feb. 9-11. The convention is expected to bring nearly 300 college journalism students and their advisers to Martin for two days of educational sessions as well as the annual onsite competition.

Student president and convention coordinator Kara Kidwell is a junior communications/public relations major from Martin. Student co-presidents are Spencer Taylor and Regina Emery.

Taylor is a junior communications/news-editorial and history double major from Martin, and Emery is a junior communications/news-editorial major from Dover.

Parrish has been the UT Martin faculty delegate for SEJC since 1999. She served as vice president of the group, overseeing its annual “Best of the South” off-site competition, in 2004-05, and was president-elect for 2010-11. She also served as a contest judge in 2002 and 2003.

A graduate of UT Martin and the University of Alabama, Parrish worked as a daily newspaper copy editor for more than 10 years before joining the UT Martin faculty in 1996.

She holds Bachelor of Science degrees in communications and geography and a master’s degree in journalism.

Along with teaching, Parrish serves as the coordinator of the Office of Student Publications, which oversees production of The Pacer student newspaper, The Spirit student magazine and BeanSwitch literary and visual arts magazine.

Her office also works closely with WUTM, the student radio station. WUTM and The Pacer have several SEJC awards to their credit, along with numerous student awards in the past decade of UT Martin’s association with SEJC.

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Parrish

Phi Kappa Phi banquet, ceremony slated for April 5

The University of Tennessee at Martin Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi will initiate the newest members at 6 p.m., April 5. The initiation ceremony will be held in Rooms 206ABC of Boling University Center. The banquet will follow the ceremony at 6:30 p.m., in Duncan Ballroom of the university center.

The banquet will honor juniors, seniors and faculty members for their academic excellence at UT Martin. This year’s speaker will be Dr. Roberto Mancusi, assistant professor of music. Banquet tickets are on sale at the Information Desk of Boling University Center for $17 per person.
Nutrition seminar planned

“Various Nutrition and Health Care Topics,” a seminar offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, is slated from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., April 1, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

The Joe and Pat Johnson Nutrition Symposium is a one-day seminar. It will inform participants of up-to-date research findings and information on various topics of interest to the nutrition professional. It is open to the public. Registration fee is $25. This fee includes material handouts, refreshments at breaks and lunch.

To register, contact ECOS at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082. The deadline to register is March 29.

This program is sponsored by private gift funds. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. From 8:30-8:50 a.m., Miranda Weeks will present “Healthy Heartbeat ... Look Into Nutrition.” From 8:50-9:10 a.m., Miranda Geleng er will present, “The Influence of Fast Food Menu Labeling on Consumers’ Decisions.” Samantha Gordon will discuss “Weight Gain in Gestational Diabetics” from 9:10-9:30 a.m.

A break is scheduled from 9:30-9:45 a.m.

Speakers slated for next two Thursdays

Family scholar Allan C. Carlson will present “Third Ways: Rebuilding an American Economy Focused on the Family and Community,” March 24, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The lecture is scheduled at 7 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

Carlson’s lecture will address questions such as: Does conservatism invariably mean defending the actions of the great banks and corporations? Is agrarianism a ridiculous anachronism in the 21st century? Is it conservative to wage perpetual war for perpetual peace?

Carlson is president of the Howard Center for Family, Religion & Society. His books include “The Natural Family: A Manifesto” and “The ‘American Way’: Family and Community in the Shaping of the American Identity.” The Intercollegiate Studies Institute and its UT Martin chapter student organization will sponsor the lecture.

For more information contact Dr. Arthur Hunt, UT Martin assistant professor of communications, at 731-881-7552 or e-mail him at ahunt@utm.edu.

Dr. Sandra Rosenthal, Vanderbilt University professor of chemistry, will present a seminar on “White-Light Emitting Nanocrystals for Energy Efficient Solid-State Lighting” at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Set for 7 p.m., March 31, in Room 317, Johnson EPS Building, the seminar is free and open to the public. Rosenthal is a professor in the departments of physics, pharmacology and chemical and biomolecular engineering. She is also director of the Vanderbilt Institute of Nanoscale Science and Engineering. The seminar is sponsored by the UT Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society as part of an International Year of Chemistry project grant on “An IYC Focus on Green Energy and Sustainable Quality Environment.”
College artists featured at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts and the West Tennessee Regional Art Center in Humboldt will present the 11th annual "Artists of the 21st Century" exhibition of college artists from all southeastern states March 30-April 21 at the center.

This year's juror was Andee Rudloff of the Frist Center for the Visual Arts in Nashville. Artists from seven states submitted works and 14 student artists from UT Martin were chosen. The event is free and open to the public.

Students in the exhibition include Debra Barker; Adam Gammons and Brad Henderson, all of Union City; Landon Blakesley of Paris; Jason Chittum of Tullahoma; Memori DePriest of Linden; David W. Frazier and Ron Peekham, both of Martin; Sarah Grace Jaggers of Selmer; Jeremy Jones of Camden; Melissa Michel of Trenton; Terran Qualls of Savannah; Cody Rainey of Huntingdon; and Andrea Sprague of Smyrna.

Represents Fraternity — Alex McDaniel (center) of Union City, son of Barry and Rita McDaniel, recently participated in the Alpha Gamma Rho National Leadership Conference in Baltimore, Md. He is a member of AGR fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin. At the conference, he visited with Philip Josephson (left), national executive director of AGR fraternity, and Doyle Jacklin, president of AGR National Education Foundation. Other representatives from UT Martin included Andy Zarecor of Yorkville, Taylor Dill of Lebanon, Brett Rodgers of Cornersville, Jordan McMillan and Austin May, both of McEwen, Drake Copeland and Chris Fowler, both of Martin, Tyler Newsom of Collierville, Duncan McKinnie of Bolivar and Jacob McMackins of Buena Vista. They were accompanied by advisor Marvin Flatt. "The chapter chooses to send brothers to the leadership conference every year to improve their leadership abilities, exchange ideas with other chapters and learn lifelong skills," Flatt said. During their time in Baltimore, they brainstormed new ideas, reviewed what they had done in the past and put together a strong risk management plan for this next year. It also gave them an opportunity to meet other AGR's from across the country. By attending the national leadership conference, they were able to come back to the chapter better prepared to continue to lead the chapter in the right direction. "I'm very encouraged with the leadership that they have shown and I know they will be successful in the upcoming year," Flatt said.
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Chamber percussion, voice recital scheduled

Members of the University of Tennessee at Martin voice and percussion studios will perform a chamber music recital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 112 of Boling University Center.

Performances include a new work titled “The Dead” for spoken word and a marimba solo, based on text from James Joyce’s “The Dead.”

Dr. Roberto Mancusi, assistant professor of music, will be featured in a new arrangement of “The Viking Guest” by sophomore Kerry Durso and will also perform a duet with marimbaist Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of music. Dr. Amy Yeung, associate professor of music, is also featured on two of the chamber works.

This is the first time the UT Martin voice and percussion studios have collaborated. In addition, all works being performed have never before been played on UT Martin’s campus. This event is free and open to the public.

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“Various Nutrition and Health Care Topics,” a seminar offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, is slated from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., April 1, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

The Joe and Pat Johnson Nutrition Symposium is a one-day seminar. It will inform participants of up-to-date research findings and information on various topics of interest to the nutrition professional. It is open to the public. Registration fee is $25. This fee includes material handouts, refreshments at breaks and lunch. To register, contact ECOS at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082. The deadline to register is March 29.

This program is sponsored by private gift funds. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. From 8:30-9 a.m., Miranda Weeks will present “Healthy Heartbeat... Look Into Nutrition.” From 9:10-10 a.m., Miranda Gelenger will present, “The Importance of Fast Food Menu Labeling on Consumers’ Decisions.” Samantha Gordon will discuss “Weight Gain in Gestational Diabetics” from 9:10-9:30 a.m. A break is scheduled from 9:30-9:45 a.m. Weeks, Gelenger and Gordon are dietetic interns. Tracie Tubbs, registered dietitian, will present “Nutrition in the Golden Years,” scheduled for 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Carolyn Vaughn, registered dietitian and Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital pediatric nutritionist, will begin her presentation, “Growing up Healthy,” at 10:45 a.m. At 11:45 a.m., lunch will be provided. At 1 p.m., Ashley Hofeditz, registered dietitian, will present “Lean Body Mass, Vital for Life, Recovery and Healing.” The seminar will close with Niki Keller, Tennessee Department of Correction registered dietitian, who will present “Improving Success Rates for ServSafe Certification.”

The UT Martin Department of Family and Consumer Sciences is the program provider. The program coordinator is Lori H. Littleton, UT Martin Dietetic Internship Program director. Littleton is assistant professor of nutrition/food systems management.

This five-hour workshop conforms to guidelines for continuing professional education. Attendance at the entire workshop carries 5.0 CPE credits. CPEs and a certificate of completion from The American Dietetic Association will be awarded at the conclusion of the program.
Local students receive University Service and Emerging Leader Awards

Emily Belote, of Martin, was recently awarded the University Service Award and the Emerging Leader Award during the Greek Awards for 2011 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The University Service Award recognizes students who have been an important part of life on campus and in the Greek community, whether through their chapter, the Greek councils, or through their campus events and organizations. The Emerging Leader Award recognizes students who have already begun to excel and become true leaders on campus, in their fraternity or sorority, and in the community. Pictured, from left, are Belote and Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Bethany Scott, of Dresden, was recently awarded the University Service Award and the Emerging Leader Award during the Greek Awards for 2011 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The University Service Award recognizes students who have been an important part of life on campus and in the Greek community, whether through their chapter, the Greek councils, or through their campus events and organizations. The Emerging Leader Award recognizes students who have already begun to excel and become true leaders on campus, in their fraternity or sorority, and in the community. Pictured, from left, are Scott and Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Laura Gullett, of Martin, was recently awarded the University Service and the Emerging Leader Award during the Greek Awards for 2011 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The University Service Award recognizes students who have been an important part of life on campus and in the Greek community, whether through their chapter, the Greek councils, or through their campus events and organizations. The Emerging Leader Award recognizes students who have already begun to excel and become true leaders on campus, in their fraternity or sorority, and in the community. Pictured, from left, are Gullett and Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Stephen Johnson, of Martin, was recently awarded the Emerging Leader Award during the Greek Awards for 2011 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Emerging Leader Award recognizes students who have already begun to excel and become true leaders on campus, in their fraternity or sorority, and in the community. Pictured, from left, are Johnson and Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.
Caldwell is next academic speaker

Dr. Chris Caldwell, professor of mathematics and recipient of the 2010 Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will deliver an address on prime numbers titled "The Numbers of Intelligence: Both Secret and Alien" at 7:30 p.m., April 11, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center. His presentation is part of the Academic Speaker Series and is co-sponsored by Honors Programs and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

"Honors Programs is very happy to have one of UT Martin's top research professors as part of the Academic Speakers Program," said Dr. Lionel Crews, Honors Programs director. "Dr. Caldwell has long been recognized at this campus and beyond as a leader in mathematics research and education. His lecture will be a real treat for faculty, students and the community at large, and I encourage all to attend."

After receiving his Bachelor of Science in mathematics from California State University at Hayward in 1979, he earned his doctorate in mathematics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1984. During that same year, he joined the faculty of UT Martin and has been professor of mathematics since 1996. Though Caldwell is a prominent scholar, with scores of articles, presentations and reviews, as well as two books, "The Dictionary of Prime Numbers" (Japanese), 2004, and "The Dictionary of Prime Number Trivia," with G.L. Honaker Jr., 2009, he is most widely known for his scholarship on the Internet. Quick to recognize the possibilities of the Internet, Caldwell created, along with Dr. James Fieser and several other UT Martin faculty members, the first UT Martin Web presence in 1994, and they oversaw the UT Martin homepage for several years. His contributions to Internet scholarship include more than 50,000 pages on prime numbers collected in "The Prime Pages" (http://primes.utm.edu), which are widely cited, and partially supported by an external grant. This site lists the 5,000 largest known primes and is updated hourly. His reputation led a writer for the CBS series "NUMB3RS" to consult with him about dialogue and equations, which have been included in several episodes of the series, as did the author of a Broadway play. He has been interviewed on National Public Radio, the Voice of America and German public radio.

In addition to his research, Caldwell has been active in university service, serving regularly on the Faculty Senate and chairing several university-wide committees. Among his other honors and awards are the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences Ray and Wilma Smith Endowment Faculty Award in 2009-10, the CENS Senior Faculty Research Award in 2006 and the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association Above and Beyond Award in 2006.

Four chemistry majors present research

University of Tennessee at Martin students, Rusty Davis, of Troy; Cheryl Lockhart, of Brighton; Raymond Howard, of Martin; and Paul Jones, Bartlett; were among more than 50 students who presented their research at the recent University of Memphis 31st Annual Undergraduate Research Conference.

The title of Howard's presentation was "Utilizing performance abilities of dynamic IEF for the isolation of tadpole erythrocyte ferrireductase to aid in the study of Parkinson's disease." Howard, a senior chemistry major, was also awarded an Outstanding Research Presentation Award for his talk. This award was one of five given to student presenters.

Davis is a senior chemistry major. His presentation was "Advancement of dynamic isoelectric focusing." Lockhart is a senior chemistry major. Her presentation title was "Validation of dynamic IEF using hemoglobin variants."

"Towards the synthesis of feruloyl methane antenna complexes for sensitized lanthanide emission" was the title of Jones' presentation. He is a junior chemistry major.

Allie Nafieh, a senior chemistry major from Dyersburg, also attended the conference.

Phi Kappa Phi Banquet, Ceremony set for April 5

The University of Tennessee at Martin Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi will initiate the newest members at 6 p.m., April 5. The initiation ceremony will be held in Rooms 206-ABC of Boling University Center. The banquet will follow the ceremony at 6:30 p.m., in Duncan Ballroom of the university center.

The banquet will honor juniors, seniors and faculty members for their academic excellence at UT Martin. This year's speaker will be Dr. Roberto Mancusi, assistant professor of music. Banquet tickets are on sale at the Information Desk of Boling University Center for $17 per person.

For more information, contact Mary Carpenter, PKP public relations officer, at 731-981-7070 or maryc@utm.edu.
Rosenthal to talk about nanocrystals on March 31

Dr. Sandra Rosenthal, Vanderbilt University professor of chemistry, will present a seminar on “White-Light Emitting Nanocrystals for Energy Efficient Solid-State Lighting” at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Set for 6 p.m., March 31, in Room 317, Johnson EPS Building, the seminar is free and open to the public.

Nanotechnology promises solutions in sustainability, including new technologies for energy generation, energy storage and energy efficiency. One nanotechnology that has particular promise is semiconductor nanocrystals. In this talk, she will introduce the fundamentals of nanocrystals (what they are, how they are made, how they are characterized) and describe the discovery of a novel, ultrasmall nanocrystal that has the unusual property of emitting broad-spectrum white light. This opens the possible use of these nanocrystals in energy efficient solid-state lighting (SSL). SSL will reduce energy consumption associated with lighting, saving in electricity costs and reducing greenhouse gases.

Rosenthal is a professor in the departments of physics, pharmacology and chemical and biomolecular engineering. She is also director of the Vanderbilt Institute of Nanoscale Science and Engineering. She earned her bachelor of science from Valparaiso University, graduating with honors in 1987, and then received her doctorate from the University of Chicago in 1993. Following a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley, and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Rosenthal joined the chemistry department at Vanderbilt in 1996.

The seminar is sponsored by the UT Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society as part of an International Year of Chemistry project grant on “An IYCs Focus on Green Energy and Sustainable Quality Environment.”

Tinnitus is topic of next academic speaker, March 31

Former University of Tennessee at Martin professor, Dr. Jeremy Turner, will speak on “Silence is Golden: the Scientific Pursuit of Tinnitus” at 7:30 p.m., March 31, in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center. His presentation is part of the Academic Speaker Series, sponsored by Honors Programs.

Turner will also appear as the Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer for 2010-11.

Turner is in the forefront of research on tinnitus (ringing in the ears) and the hearing loss that can result from it. Though tinnitus is more common among the middle-aged and elderly, it is interesting to note that it is the most common complaint from veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. As little is known about the underlying causes of this condition, treatments are limited, and there is currently no FDA-approved drug to treat the problem. In his quest to fill this void, Turner has received millions of dollars in grant funding. He has published numerous articles and given many conference presentations in venues both in the United States and abroad. His results have appeared in journals including Neuroscience, the Journal of Neuroscience, the European Journal of Neuroscience, Journal of Neuroscience Research, Journal of Neurophysiology and Hearing Research. In addition to his research in the hearing field, Turner has recently published a book, “Grandeur in this View of Life: A Brief Introduction to Evolution.”

“Dr. Turner was a well-respected and well-liked professor at UT Martin during his tenure here. We are proud to have one of our own come back to speak to us about his groundbreaking research. This will be a real treat for the faculty, students and community at large,” said Dr. Lionel Crews, honors programs director.

A native of Jacksonville, Illinois, Turner received his bachelor’s degree in psychology from Illinois College and received his master’s and doctorate in psychology from Northern Illinois University. He served as assistant professor of psychology at UT Martin between 1999 and 2002. In 2003, he moved to the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine as a research assistant professor and in 2006 joined the psychology department at his alma mater, Illinois College, while retaining his research appointment with the SIU School of Medicine.

“Sigma Xi is a multidisciplinary society that honors excellence in scientific investigation and seeks to promote an appreciation and public understanding of research in society,” said Dr. Ann Gather, assistant professor of biology and Sigma Xi Chapter president. “Dr. Turner is a successful young investigator with cutting-edge research in hearing science that is certainly multidisciplinary and relevant to the public at large. We are privileged to have him represent Sigma Xi as our distinguished lecturer this year.”
Parrish to serve as president of eight-state SEJC

Tomi McCutchen Parrish, instructor of communications at the University of Tennessee at Martin, was elected the Southeast Journalism Conference president for 2011-12 at the recent annual SEJC convention, held this year in Troy, Alabama.

SEJC includes 35 member schools in eight southern states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and Tennessee.

As president, Parrish is working with a team of UT Martin student media staff members to plan the 2012 SEJC convention, which will be held on the UT Martin campus, February 9-11. The convention is expected to bring nearly 300 college journalism students and their advisers to Martin for two days of educational sessions as well as the annual onsite competition.

Student president and convention coordinator Kara Kidwell is a junior communications/public relations major from Martin. Student co-presidents are Spencer Taylor and Regina Emery. Taylor is a junior communications/news-editorial and history double major from Martin, and Emery is a junior communications/news-editorial major from Dover.

Parrish has been the UT Martin faculty delegate for SEJC since 1999. She served as vice president of the group, overseeing its annual "Best of the South" off-site competition, in 2004-05, and was president-elect for 2010-11. She also served as a contest judge in 2002 and 2003.

A graduate of UT Martin and the University of Alabama, Parrish worked as a daily newspaper copy editor for more than 10 years before joining the UT Martin faculty in 1996. She holds Bachelor of Science degrees in communications and geography and a master's degree in journalism.

Along with teaching, Parrish serves as the coordinator of the Office of Student Publications, which oversees production of The Pacer student newspaper, The Spirit student magazine and BeanSwitch literary and visual arts magazine. Her office also works closely with WUTM, the student radio station. WUTM and The Pacer have several SEJC awards to their credit, along with numerous student awards in the past decade of UT Martin's association with SEJC.

Parrish also serves her department as the internship coordinator for public relations and visual communication majors, and teaches the yearbook elective each summer in the Governor's School for the Humanities. She is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Federal Requirements Committee and the Humanities and Fine Arts Curriculum Committee, serves as the local election stringer for the Associated Press and is an elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church.
Shooting sport targets county's schools

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FRANKLIN — Williamson County Schools may soon offer a new club sport at middle and high schools, but it won't be your average sport featuring a ball or a racket.

Instead, the Tennessee Scholastic Clay Target program would put a shotgun in students' hands as they learn to shoot competitively and hone their marksmanship abilities.

Chad Whittenburg of the Tennessee Wildlife Federation recently presented the club sport concept to county school board members. The program falls under the federation, and he hopes, with approval, to have the shooting programs in schools by fall.

"It's a gender-neutral sport," said Whittenburg, who also coaches the sport in Maury County public schools. "It's a true Title IX sport."

There are nearly 100 other public school teams and nearly 2,000 students in the state that are a part of the clay target program. It is one of the largest and most successful shooting sports organizations in the nation, Whittenburg said. Most counties surrounding Williamson County, with the exception of Davidson County, have active teams, although there are some county students who participate through 4-H programs, he said.

There was a team at Brentwood High School a few years ago, but that team disbanded once its coach and sponsor left the school, Whittenburg said.

Colleges offer scholarships

Five colleges in Tennessee offer scholarships for competitive shotgun sports, including skeet, sporting clays and trap. Students can compete for full scholarships and financial assistance at Bethel University, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University, Union University and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Bethel University offers 40 full-ride scholarships through this program, Whittenburg said.

If Whittenburg receives approval to go forward with the program through Schools Superintendent Mike Looney, he would begin working with principals now. He's already received requests from Independence and Page high schools.

When pitching the sport, Whittenburg says three questions arise: liability, benefits of the spot and cost. There is no cost to the district for the program. All practices are held off campus and each team is separately insured.

"The sport instills leadership, discipline, team values and safe firearm handling — and, hopefully, an appreciation for the outdoor recreation lifestyle," he said.

Contact Maria Giordano at 615-771-5425 or mgiordano@tennessean.com.
UT Martin plans senior recitals

Members of the University of Tennessee at Martin voice and percussion studios will perform a chamber music recital at 7:30 p.m., March 29, in Room 112 of Boling University Center.

Performances include a new work titled "The Dead," for spoken word and a marimba solo, based on text from James Joyce's "The Dead."

Dr. Roberto Mancusi, assistant professor of music, will be featured in a new arrangement of "The Viking Guest," by sophomore Kerry Durso, and will also perform a duet with marimbist, Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of music. Dr. Amy Yeung, associate professor of music, is also featured on two of the chamber works.

This is the first time the UT Martin voice and percussion studios have collaborated. In addition, all works being performed have never before been played on UT Martin's campus. This event is free and open to the public.

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

Sarah Scott, a senior music education major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will perform her senior clarinet recital at 3 p.m., April 3, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

Scott, of Paris, will be performing works written by composers Cahuzac, Bennett, Lemeland and Rossini. The recital is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Amy Simmons, associate professor of music, at 731-881-7413.
UTM STUDENTS WIN JOURNALISM AWARDS

WUTM (90.3 The Hawk), the University of Tennessee Martin radio station, has been named the Best College Radio Station in the South for the second consecutive year. The award was presented at the Southeast Journalism Conference convention in Troy, Ala.

The FM radio station has placed in the top three in its category five of the last six years and won first place in 2007, 2009 and 2010.

Other 2010 "Best of the South" competition winners include Benita Evans, of Dresden, who won first place in the Best College Radio Journalist category. She also took second place in the onsite radio anchoring competition.

In the "Best of the South" campus newspaper competition, Pacer Life co-editor Regina Emery, of Dover, won second place in the Best Entertainment Writer category; former Pacer executive editor Casey Curlin, of Fulton, Ky., placed fourth in the Best Newspaper Layout and Design competition; and Pacer managing editor Jennifer DeYeso, of Martin, placed sixth in advertising. Kim Barnett-Sledd, of Dresden, who is on the Spirit magazine staff, won third place in the onsite media law competition.

Tomi McCutchen Parrish, UT Martin instructor of communications and adviser to the Pacer and Spirit, was named president of the SEJC for next year, when the convention will be held at UT Martin.

"All of our student media staff members work tirelessly to hone their skills," Parrish said. "We appreciate the awards, but we also appreciate the daily efforts of our students to serve UT Martin via print, Web and broadcast. We also are incredibly excited about bringing the SEJC convention here in February 2012, so we can show off our school."

Kelly Ford, of Jackson, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee Martin Who's Who Award Ceremony. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, co-curricular activities and community service. The award was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Pictured with Ford is Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.

UT MARTIN SPRING PREVIEW DAY

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Admissions will host Spring Preview Day, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. today, in Boling University Center. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Welcoming remarks and an information session will follow at 9:30 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., an academic fair will be hosted. The campus tour, including housing and the Student Recreation Center, will begin at 11:30 a.m. Students may register for Spring Preview Day at http://www.utm.edu/departments/admissions/previewday.php. For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Admissions at 731-881-7020.
Fair receives Greek Award at UT-Martin

Nathan Fair of Columbia was recently awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2011 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The University Service Award recognizes students who have been an important part of life on campus and in the Greek community. Pictured from left are Fair and Margaret Toston, the university's vice chancellor for student affairs. Courtesy photo

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UTM to host 'mini' Relay for Life on April 8

Join the nearly 4 million walkers nationwide in taking steps in the fight against cancer during the American Cancer Society's inaugural mini-Relay For Life at the University of Tennessee-Martin. The mini-Relay event will be held Friday, April 8, at the new student recreation center on campus.

It will begin at 6 p.m. and end at approximately 3 a.m., Saturday, April 9.

This event celebrates cancer survivors, remembers those we have lost and provides the campus and community as a whole an opportunity to unite and fight back against this disease.

Weakley County and surrounding area cancer survivors are invited to attend and participate in the Survivor's Lap and a Luminaria Ceremony will be held at 11 p.m.

A donation of $2.00 for a luminaria is requested to see Relay, Page 2

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help support the Tennessee-Martin event. Food will also be available at the mini-Relay. Funds raised will support Relay For Life of Weakley West's event goal.

Funds raised through Relay For Life support the American Cancer Society mission to create a world with more birthdays by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and fighting back.

For more information on the mini-Relay, contact Kirsten McKnight at kirkjmckn@ut.utm.edu or call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345.

Yeung to perform faculty recital

Dr. Amy Yeung, associate professor of voice at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will be presenting her faculty recital at 7:30 p.m., March 31, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.

The recital will feature German art songs by composers of the Romantic period, such as Franz Schubert, Clara and Robert Schumann and Hugo Wolf.

Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music and interim chair of the department of music, will accompany on the piano. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Yeung at 731-881-7408 or at ayeung@utm.edu.
Local civic club selling ‘entertainment’

Sara Rachels
Staff Writer

It’s me again, Margaret!
Actually, it’s Ray Stevens.

Well, actually, it’s Dr. Jim Byford, University of Tennessee at Martin professor and dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, playing the part of Ray Stevens in the Martin Rotary Club’s fundraising and hair-raising production of the Rotary Sing-Alike.

At 7 p.m. on April 8 in the Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus, several faculty and community members will be taking the stage displaying their talents as various recognizable musical artists and they’ll be performing in the name of charity, UT Martin Athletic Director and talent coordinator for the event, Dr. Phil Dane, admitted the idea for the Sing-Alike came about from an idea to have a fundraiser that sought to be different from the usual civic fundraisers.

“The idea for the show came from the notion that most civic fundraisers involve selling a product (barbecue, ham breakfast, pancakes, etc.). We thought entertainment was an option that should be explored and an idea similar to this show was used successfully by the Optimist Club several years ago,” Dane explained. “I was a member of the Optimist Club at that time and back then, the show was more difficult to conduct because sound equipment, folding chairs and other items had to be hauled to a local venue. But since the UT Martin Rotaract Club is sponsoring the event, we have access to the very comfortable and high-quality sound system in the Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center,” he added.

Local musicians and singers have been recruited to impersonate famous artists and Chris Brinkley will emcee the event much like a deejay playing music on the radio. Participants will perform at least two songs, audience members will assist in selecting the winners and the top three contestants will be awarded monetary prizes that are going to local charities.

Good luck to all of the participants, it’s a great cause and it’s a great show!

Rotary
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will go to charities of choice. The balance of the ticket sales will support various Rotary philanthropies.

The line-up includes:
• Tim Burcham and his bluegrass music friends as Bill Monroe and other bluegrass artists;
• A lively male quartet with great harmony from the UT Martin music fraternity led by Eric Lipford;
• Andy and Pam Sliger as Sonny and Cher;
• Jim Byford as Ray Stevens singing “It’s me again, Margaret,” and “When you get a haircut”;
• Donald Dosier as Jim Reeves;
• Niki Donaldson as Cher, “The Shoo Shoo Song” and Sugarland;
• Deanna Dosier Freeman as Martina McBride;
• Phil Dane, Jerry Burgin, Elwood Doss and Jeff Thompson as The Statler Brothers;
• Will Sliger as Ray Stevens and Ronnie Millsap;
• Steve Holt and Roger Walker as Julio Iglesias and Willie Nelson doing “To all the girls I’ve loved before”;
• Dave Chaffin as Johnny Cash

Admission is $5 per person.
KIWANIS SPEAKER

Natalie Boyd, Coordinator of Personal Safety Empowerment Partnership Project (PSEPP) at UT Martin spoke to the Martin Kiwanis Club Wednesday March 23rd. PSEPP was designed in 2009 to provide advocacy and an entry portal for students who have been victims of sexual assault or stalking. The Martin Kiwanis Club meets at 12 noon in the University Center at UT Martin.

MISS UTM RODEO – Katharine (Katie) McKenzie was crowned Miss UTM Rodeo on March 12. She is the daughter of Rick and Nancy McKenzie and the granddaughter of Betty and the late Ray McKenzie of Martin and Barbara and Butler Dillon of McEwen. McKenzie is a senior at Westview High School. In addition to her academic activities, Katie was also a member of Westview’s cheerleading squad, is a member of the National and International Barrel Racing Associations, American Quarter Horse Youth Assoc., and is a nine year member of the Weakley Co. 4-H Mounted Drill Team. She also was Miss Teen Rodeo Tennessee 2009. For more pageant photos, see Page 14.

Around the Community

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Hope everyone had a great weekend.

Student honored

Audrey Smith of Dover was presented a Student of the Year Award from Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine during its Spring Gala in Knoxville.

She was selected as the Female Student of the Year by the members of the Class of 2014. Smith received her undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin and attended graduate school at the University of Mississippi Medical School in Jackson, Miss.

She is the daughter of Jeff and Cathy Smith of Dover and the late Darlene Vaughn Smith.
Universities accepting fewer students

By Reporter - Jason Hibbs
By Photojournalist - Mark Owen
March 30, 2011

WEAKLEY COUNTY, Tenn. — For many parents and high school students it’s crunch time. Right now they’re finishing up their entrance exams, filling out college applications and keeping all fingers crossed.

But in a world where the best jobs require a college degree the competition for those few spots is about to get even tougher.

Tennessee is fundamentally changing the way it pays its universities, and if it works other states are likely to follow.

It’s called the Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010 and starts this fall. In the past, school funding was based on how many students were enrolled. Now colleges and universities will get performance pay, meaning schools may have to turn more students away.

Obion County Central High School senior Diana Whitmore says she can’t wait to graduate, but after she goes to college, Diana wants to return.

"I pretty much want the job my high school math teacher has right now, she teaches math classes but also teaches at U.T. Martin," Whitmore says.

She, being a 4.0 student, had no trouble getting accepted at Middle Tennessee State, but with all the changes taking place this fall she knows her peers with lower scores might not make it.

"The universities are only going to want those that are certain are going to stick with it and going to graduate," Whitmore says.

"It’s not the number you get in, it’s how many complete," a chancellor at the University of Tennessee Martin, Tom Rakes says.
His university is already making changes in the way they recruit.

"We know the stronger the student we recruit the more likely they are to graduate," Rakes says.

Rakes says from now on, at U.T.M. and many other Tennessee schools, it has to be quality over quantity even if that means fewer students.

"Don't take folks just to get numbers in there, get students you think can be successful with and you know you can work with," Rakes says.

And Whitmore says the only advice she can give to underclassman is to study hard.

"I don't think anyone is incapable, it's just putting in the right amount of effort to make it happen," Whitmore says.

The chancellor says the university stands to lose tuition money when they turn students away, but he believes they'll save money in the end if they have more students who graduate on time.

One might think students turned away by U.T.M. might go to Murray State University instead. A chief of staff at M.S.U. said he’s not really sure how this will effect enrollment. Currently Kentucky universities are funded based on enrollment and not performances, but he said Kentucky is considering changing that.

U.T. Martin currently has about 85-hundred students and gets about 31-million dollars from the State of Tennessee each year.
Creative photography, painting outlet made available through extended education office

Persons looking for creative outlets in photography and painting or those wanting to learn Excel can take advantage of April classes offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies. Classes will be held on the UT Martin campus.

Painting for Beginners is planned from 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesdays, April 5-26, with Sherry Moore as instructor. The fee is $75, plus a $25 supply fee paid to the instructor the first night of class.

The Basic Painting class focus will be on the process of painting, not on completing finished works. Class members will be using acrylic paints and mediums because of their versatility and fast-drying properties. The class will cover different approaches to starting and developing a painting and will explore some of the qualities and techniques of acrylic paints and mediums, basic color theory and tonal and value study under painting. Composition and different styles of painting and brushwork will also be studied.

Digital Photography Part II/Creative Photography and Advanced Skills is slated for 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesdays, April 5-26, with Dr. Tom Gallien as instructor. Course fee is $85.

This course is primarily designed as a follow-up to the Intro Part I course. However, it is open to anyone who is already thoroughly familiar with digital photography and is comfortable with and understands the manual operation of his or her DSLR or other digital camera. Participants will hone camera skills by learning the more advanced capabilities of the equipment, as well as the creative use of filters, tripods, multiple lenses and flash photography, Wildlife, landscape, flower and fine art, as well as general digital photography, will be presented. The class will also delve into “Low Light” and “Nighttime” photography, as well as “High Dynamic Range” and “Panoramic” digital photography. The course may even touch on basic use of Photoshop and other digital image-manipulation software. A tripod is required for this class. This course will be limited to four evenings, each class 2.5 hours in length, either in the classroom or in the field depending on weather and subject matter for the week. At least one off-campus field trip to a local site will be conducted during one of the regular classroom time periods. Plus, an extra half-day field trip on a weekend is optional and may be offered separate from the class if there is a demand. Participants should provide the camera’s instruction manual and a notebook for note taking. Gallien will be utilizing e-mail evaluations and critiques of images throughout the course.

Doug Bloodworth, UT Martin analyst and programmer, will be the instructor for Beginning Excel, from 6-9 p.m., April 26 and 28. The fee is $85.

Participants will build spreadsheets using easy-to-use techniques and will learn about functions, how to manage files, move and copy, format, sample worksheets, multiple worksheets and summaries, easy-to-do graphs, drawing tools for special emphasis, hints, tips and backups.

For a complete list of spring 2011 non-degree programs or to register for a non-degree program, visit the Web site at http://www.utm.edu/departments/eccc/nondegree/home.php or call ECOS at 731-881-7082.

DRESDEN ENTERPRISE, Dresden, Tennessee

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

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88 Keys Campaign

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Quickbook Classes for Beginners, Intermediates to be offered at UTM

Two Quickbooks Classes are being offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Small Business Development Center and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center.

Quickbooks Basic/Beginning course will be April 26, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., with a break for lunch.

Through the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) Quickbook basic training course, participants will learn how to properly set up and run Quickbooks to fit business needs.

Topics include accounting basics (define and understand terms such as debits, credits, assets, liabilities, equity, income statement, balance sheet), set up business on Quickbooks (develop chart of accounts, bank accounts, etc), working with bank accounts (write checks, record deposits, reconcile), recording sales and receiving payments, and entering and paying vendor bills.

Fee is $75 paid at time of registration. Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express are accepted.

Quickbooks Intermediate course will be offered May 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with a break for lunch.

Quickbooks intermediate training course will teach how to take Quickbooks to a deeper level by customizing it more to specific preferences and needs.

Topics include setting preferences, doing payroll, paying payroll taxes, setting up inventory, tracking and paying sales tax, creating estimates and tracking time, creating reports and understanding financial data.

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Elizabeth R. Tribble will instruct the classes. She is a certified public accountant, Quickbooks certified ProAdvisor with Public accounting experience of 13 years, and a small business owner of 12 years.

Reserve a spot by calling the UTM REED Center at 731-587-7333 or by contacting Tribble directly at 615-294-0511.

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Mini-Relay For Life to be held at UTM

Join the nearly 4 million walkers nationwide in taking steps in the fight against cancer during the American Cancer Society’s inaugural mini-Relay For Life at the University of Tennessee-Martin. The mini-Relay event will be held Friday, April 8, 2011, at the new student recreation center on campus.

It will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at approximately 3:00 a.m., Saturday, April 9.

This event celebrates cancer survivors, remembers those we have lost and provides the campus and community as a whole an opportunity to unite and fight back against this disease.

Weakley County and surrounding area cancer survivors are invited to attend and participate in the Survivor’s Lap and a Luminaria Ceremony will be held at 11:00 p.m. A donation of $2.00 for a luminaria is requested to help support the Tennessee-Martin event. Food will also be available at the mini-Relay. Funds raised will support Relay For Life of Weakley West’s event goal.

Senior Art Exhibition April 5

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will host a senior art exhibition, featuring the works of Cody Rainey, a visual art studio emphasis student from Huntingdon; and Olivia Odle, a visual art studio emphasis student from Hendersonville.

The exhibition will begin with a reception, slated from 5-7 p.m., April 5, on the second floor of the Paul Meek Library. The exhibition will continue through April 15. It will be free and open to the public.

Exhibitions sponsored by the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will be located in the Paul Meek Library while the Fine Arts Building undergoes renovations. Call the Paul Meek Library at 731-881-7060 for information concerning standard and special library hours of operation.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7400.

Yeung to perform Faculty Recital March 31

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Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music and interim chair of the department of music, will accompany on the piano. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Yeung at 731-881-7408 or at ayeung@utm.edu.
Students receive University Service Awards

Anna Usery, of Greenfield, was recently awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2011 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The University Service Award recognizes students who have been an important part of life on campus and in the Greek community, whether through their chapter, the Greek councils, or through their campus events and organizations. Pictured, from left, are Usery and Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Dahkia Haddad, of Martin, was recently awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2011 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The University Service Award recognizes students who have been an important part of life on campus and in the Greek community, whether through their chapter, the Greek councils, or through their campus events and organizations. Pictured, from left, are Haddad and Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.

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Artists of the 21st Century Exhibition opening ceremony

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This year’s juror was Andee Rudloff, community educator for the Frist Center for the Visual Arts in Nashville. Rudloff selected 42 works of art that will be on display in the exhibition that range from painting, photography and various three-dimensional media. Artists from seven states submitted works for the competition. Fourteen student artists from UT Martin were chosen for the exhibition. The event is free and open to the public.

UT Martin students in the exhibition include: Debra Barker, Adam Gammmon and Brad Henderson, all of Union City; Landon Blakesley, Paris; Jason Chittum, Tullahoma; Memori DePriest, Linden; David W. Frazier and Ron Peckham, both of Martin; Sarah Grace Jaggars, Selmer; Jeremy Jones, Camden; Melissa Michel, Trenton; Terran Qualls, Savannah; Cody Rainey, Huntington; and Andrea Sprague, Smyrna.

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All coursework directly addresses the ESL Praxis II, which is required in order to obtain the additional licensure in ESL.

For more information about the online ESL program, contact Hearn at bhearn@utm.edu or call 731-881-7197.
Mayors proclaim Child Abuse Prevention Month

PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE – The brothers of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin hosted a media appreciation day at the Carl Perkins Exchange Center in Martin on Tuesday. In conjunction with the event, a proclamation was signed for the designation of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Martin Mayor Randy Brundige (left) and Weakley County Mayor Houston Patrick are pictured signing the document with several members of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

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Places to go, people to see

• The Martin Rotary Club will be holding an event not to be missed on Friday, April 8. Come and see UT Martin faculty and community members perform on stage as musical celebrities at the Rotary Sing-Alike. Admission is $5 and the event will begin at 7 p.m. in the Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center at the UT Martin.

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There will be several courses offered online or as in-person/online "hybrids." The Parsons, Ripley and Selmer centers are planning to offer courses during the "Maymester" in addition to the summer terms.

Book loans for the mini-term courses will be available, as will housing. The mini-term will be followed by two five-week summer terms, one beginning on June 6 and the second on July 12.

To see a list of Maymester courses, go to: http://www.utm.edu/departments/registrar/documents/Maymester 2011 Course Schedule.pdf. For more information, call (731) 881-7050. For housing information, call (731) 881-7730.
New UT president to visit Obion County

Dr. Joe DiPietro, recently elected the 24th president of the University of Tennessee by the board of trustees, will be visiting Obion County April 8.

The event, sponsored by Obion County University of Tennessee Alumni Association, is scheduled from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Hampton Centre at 2201 West Reelfoot Ave. in union City.

Tickets are $20 and the price includes hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will be available. Reservations will be accepted through Friday. Call Claudia Maness at 885-1698 or contact her by e-mail at chmaness@gmail.com to purchase tickets. Checks should be made payable to Obion County UTAA.

DiPietro officially took over his new position from Interim President Jan Simek on Jan. 1.

As president, he serves as the chief executive officer of a statewide university system that includes the flagship campus in Knoxville, campuses in Chattanooga and Martin, the Health Science Center in Memphis, the Space Institute in Tullahoma and statewide institutes of agriculture and public service.

The president also serves as chairman of the Board of Governors of UT-Battelle, which manages Oak Ridge National Laboratory for the Department of Energy, and as a member of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees.

Prior to becoming president, DiPietro served as chancellor of the UT Institute of Agriculture from 2006-10. The title of that position was changed from vice president to chancellor in July 2010. As chancellor, he oversaw UT Extension, AgResearch, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

During his tenure, the institute began interdisciplinary programs such as the Center for Renewable Carbon, the Tennessee Biofuels Initiative and the master's degree in landscape architecture. Between 2006 and 2010, external grant support for the Institute of Agriculture increased 30 percent from $26.6 million to $34.8 million annually.

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SFHS seniors recognized as national Beta Scholars

South Fulton High School seniors Jacob Cleaver and Reid Barker have been named Beta Scholars, which entitles each of them to a scholarship award of $1,000.

Cleaver and Barker competed against more than 1,000 candidates nationwide for the honor, with about 219 scholarship recipients chosen, according to an announcement from the National Beta Club.

Both young men were recommended for the national honor by South Fulton High School Beta Club sponsor Brandi S. Cantrell and high school principal Keith Frazier.

"These outstanding young men represent the true spirit of National Beta, having excelled not only academically, but in leadership and service to school and community as well," said Ken Cline, executive director of the National Beta Club.

Cleaver plans to attend Dodge College of Film and Media Arts at Chapman University in Orange, Calif., while Barker plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Cleaver is the son of Bernadette and Brad Wecker and Carmen Cleaver. His grandparents are Angela Henkel and Richard and Dee Cleaver.

"We are very proud of Jacob and know that this is just the beginning of great things for him," his parents responded when asked about the Beta Club honor. Barker is the son of Bruce and Loyce Barker. His grandparents are the late Jerry and Shirley Elliott and Dorthy Barker and the late Dr. Virgil Barker.

When asked how they felt about the national Beta Club accomplishment, his parents responded, "What an honor. We are very proud of all of Reid's accomplishments."