SING OUT — Members of the revitalized Boys & Girls Club Choir were “headliners” for Friday afternoon’s annual Black History Month program at the club in Union City. The Rev. Alvin Summers of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Martin is the new choir director. He accompanied the group on piano, with Keith Anderson providing percussion. Members of the choir include (from left, facing camera) Tyler Yanders, who was a soloist; Kiara Roberson; Latavia Thomas; and (back to camera) Sequence Ware and Alivia Bishop. Union City councilman Dianne Eskew was the speaker for the afternoon. She encouraged the children and teens attending to find role models in their community and educate themselves so they can write their own success stories. Those attending were also entertained by the “Dedicated Divas of Step,” led by club teen director Chelsea Smith, and with a headwear fashion show directed by club volunteer and University of Tennessee at Martin student Stacy Mesfin, who explained the significance of the colors of the headpieces made and modeled by club members and staff. Aretha Lockridge helped club members make the hats.

The event began in 2002 as an opportunity for Union to show its appreciation to the community for its help after a tornado hit the campus that year and caused about $2 million in damage. But it has taken on even greater significance following the 2008 tornado that caused more than $40 million in damage to the campus. The Jackson and West Tennessee communities once again rallied to Union’s aid.

More than 900 students, faculty and staff participated in the Day of Remembrance last year.

Union also participates in local service projects every year on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, and the university sends out about 20 Global Opportunities teams annually. The teams participate in mission trips across the country and around the world.

The award is given by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This year, more than 700 colleges and universities were named to the honor roll, including 20 from Tennessee.
Area farmers study precision farming at UT Martin

The temperature hovered around freezing. There was snow on the ground. But inside the West Tennessee Agricultural Pavilion area farmers were already planning for greener, warmer days.

More than 200 farmers attended the Precision Farming Field Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin to learn about the latest technology, methods and equipment to help them make the most of their efforts.

"Agriculture is an everlasting industry," said John Chester of Martin, the 2008 Excellence in Agriculture Award from the National Farm Bureau Federation.

"If we don't stay on top of the new technology and new equipment, our operations will suffer."

Chester said a day in the dead of winter provides the perfect time to "learn new concepts and make sure we're applying the technologies we're currently using correctly."

It also provided a break from paperwork and equipment maintenance.

The event was sponsored by Tennessee Tractor LLC and UT Martin, covering topics such as toolbars and planters, variable rate applications and autosteer systems.

Danny Marbury, chief officer and one of the owners of Tennessee Tractor, headquartered in Alamo, said the first clinic at UT Martin was well attended despite the weather.

He added that is was just one of the many clinics or schools the company sponsors to help farmers improve their operations.

"We've got a lot of educational classes for the farmers. They touch on everything from software to hardware."

Dr. Joey Mehlhorn, UT Martin professor of agricultural economics, conducted one of the sessions at the field day and noted that efficiency is the key.

"If we look over the last 40 years, input prices for farmers have grown each year continually while prices received for farmers struggle to keep pace."

He said it becomes important for farmers to be more efficient.

"So what precision agriculture can do is it can allow them to save money and be more efficient and not spread fertilizers, chemical and seed anywhere they don't need to."

"Precision Farming is being able to manage information in a timely and efficient manner. It is everything from variable rate technology that allows you to put different seed rates out at different levels, it includes managing technology, yield mapping and any kind of technology that allows you to put resources and inputs where you want them, not just a broadcast method."

Kirk and Kyle Dixon of Fulton attended the field day mainly to consider global positioning systems.

Kyle has more than 10 years of farming joining his father, who has 40-plus years.

"I'm just trying to learn something new to help in the future — primarily the GPS technology." His father echoed that was their focus and added, "We're already using it some."

Field day was a time to "decide how much money to spend (on a GPS) or 'if' to spend."

Also attending the Feb. 16 field day was David Sublette, of Fulton. A UT Martin alumnus, he owns Interactive Software Systems, so he understands the computer aspects of farming very well.

Noting he is a "part-time" farmer with a small operation, he likes to see the new products. His hope is that the field day will showcase something he's
had his eye on — just better and cheaper. He attends a field day every year to see what's available and "can I afford it yet."

Following lunch, there were three ride-and-drive demonstrations in the pavilion parking lot before farmers headed home for more cold-weather tasks before spring.

**UT Martin Collegiate FFA named top state chapter**

The University of Tennessee at Martin Collegiate FFA chapter was named top collegiate chapter in the state for the sixth consecutive year at the recent Tennessee FFA Alumni State Convention at Montgomery Bell State Park.

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**UT Martin SMACS sponsor green chemistry presentation**

Dr. John E. Bartness, University of Tennessee at Knoxville professor, will present a seminar on green chemistry perspective on solvents at 7 p.m., March 9, in Room 317, Johnson EPS Building.

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Bartness did his undergraduate work at Rice University and earned a doctorate at Northwestern University in 1975.

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For more information, contact Dr. S.K. Airee, UT Martin professor of chemistry, at 731-881-7454.

**LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE WHO'S WHO HONOR AT UT MARTIN**

(From left, clockwise) Justin Hunt, Rachel Wayne, Nathan Hammond, Martha Nappo, Elizabeth Unger, Harlin Wilkin and Carah Hooten, all of Martin, 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, extracurricular 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 Hooten is Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor.
Scholarships

The Gibson County Cattlemen’s Association and the Gibson County Coon Hunters Association are proud to announce the recipients of the 2009 scholarships, Ali Martin (top photo) and Elizabeth Pafford (lower photo). Both organizations are honored to have the opportunity to contribute to the young people of Gibson County. Pafford was awarded the Gibson County Coon Hunters Association scholarship. She is the daughter of Angela and Billy Pafford of Humboldt. Pafford is an honor graduate of Gibson County High School and is now attending the University of Tennessee at Martin, majoring in agriculture business. Martin was awarded the Gibson County Cattlemen’s Association scholarship. She is the daughter of Kay and Johnny Martin of Dyer. Martin was a honor graduate of Gibson County High School and is now attending the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

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Communications students earn honors for UT Martin

Several University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications students — including one from Union City — have received recognition, winning awards at the 2010 Southeast Journalism Conference and the Student ADDY Awards Competition.

WUTM, UT Martin’s radio station, won 2009 best college radio station and The Pacer won seventh place for best college newspaper.

“I am so proud of them. They continue to represent this department and this campus with excellence,” said Dr. Robert Nannney, Department of Communications chair and associate professor.

Other 2009 “Best of the South” competition winners include Jennifer DeYeso of Martin, first place, best advertising staff member; Benita Evans of Dresden, second place, best radio journalist; Rex Stoker of Martin, second place, best news graphic designer; Josh Weiss of Germantown, eighth place, best sports writer; and Charlie McIntosh of Martin, ninth place, best news reporter.

In the 2010 on-site competition held in Hammond, La., the UT Martin team won fifth place in the overall team championship awards. Other winners included Regina Emery of Indian Mound, first place, media history; Josh Lemons of Martin, second place, sports writing; Spencer Taylor of Martin, third place, arts and entertainment writing; Randy Cavin of Martin, third place, current events; and Weiss and Layton Scarbrough of Union City, second place, public relations team.

Two students from the department received recognition in the 2009 Student ADDY Awards Competition, sponsored by the American Advertising Federation of West Tennessee.

Danny Hussey, a senior visual communication major from Counce, received a bronze ADDY in the interactive/multimedia category for his “UT Martin Recycles” video. David Deaton, a senior visual communication major from McKenzie, received a bronze ADDY in the direct mail category for his “Connect with UT Martin” postcard promoting the university’s social media sites.

UT Martin will host the Southeast Journalism Conference in 2012. Tomi Parrish, communications instructor and Pacer faculty adviser, was elected president-elect of SEJC, while the student presidents-elect are Ms. Emery and Taylor.

ATTEND SYMPOSIUM — Fourteen University of Tennessee at Martin students attended the recent Southeast Athletic Trainers Association Student Symposium in Atlanta. Accompanying them was Dr. Janet Wilbert, assistant professor of health and human performance. While attending the meeting, students attended tracks that were specific to each student’s level in school. Among the participants were (from left, front row) Ashley Angerer of Danville, Calif., Sarah Ronin of Spring Hill, Yasushi Watanabe of Sapporo, Japan, Natasha Yap of Jackson, (middle row) Brandi Petty of Columbia, Mallory Akin of Newbern, Samantha Stinnett of Mount Pleasant, Courtney Brackeen of Humboldt, Whitney Thompson of Elkton, Laciea Newman of Dyersburg, (back row) Chad Blanton of Paris, Joshua Farhat of Jackson, Nicholas Roberson of Union City and Taisuke Tomoda of Martin.
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Local actors to perform at Masquerade Theater

MICHAEL POORE, BRENNA TAYLOR AND BENTLEY BEARD

Several Weakley County residents are participating in the latest production of the Masquerade Theater, “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” March 11-14 and March 18-21 at the Capitol Theater in Union City.

Judge Tommy Moore will do a cameo performance as Potiphar, on March 19 and 21.

Weakley County native Bentley Beard will also take a turn playing the part of Potiphar on March 12 and 18.

Greenfield Middle School student, Brenna Taylor is performing as an Egyptian princess.

Making a return appearance as Pharaoh “The King” is UT Martin’s Michael Poore.

Performances are March 11-14 and March 18-21 at the Capitol Theater. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinee performances are at 2 p.m. Ticket price is $15 each. Groups of 25 or more can purchase tickets for Thursday or Sunday performances at $12 each. Tickets are available at Lanzer’s in downtown Union City.
Community service at UTM draws praise

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Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including the scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for services and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

"I am excited to see our campus recognized for its many contributions to the region we serve," UT Martin Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Jerald Ogg said. "UT Martin has a rich tradition of finding creative ways to link the learning and service components within its classrooms, and that is one reason our graduates are prepared to assume leadership roles in the communities they join."

College students make a significant contribution to the volunteer sector.

In 2009, 3.16 million students performed more than 300 million hours of service, according to the Volunteering in America study released by the corporation.

Each year, the corporation invests more than $150 million in fostering a culture of service on college campuses through grants awarded by its programs; the education awards that AmeriCorps members receive at the conclusion of their term of service to pay for college; and support of training, research, recognition and other initiatives to spur college service.

The corporation oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact and the American Council on Education.

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Article: SPRING PREVIEW DAY IS MARCH 21

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Alpha Gamma Rho honors ER physician

Michael Reveley received the Alpha Gamma Rho Grand President's Award during the 2010 AGR Leadership Seminar.

Reveley is an emergency physician at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital and medical director for Medical Center EMS in Jackson. Reveley was voted Emergency Physician of the Year in 2004 and Doctor of the Year at Jackson General in 2005. His degrees include a bachelor's of science in agriculture from the University of Tennessee Martin and doctor of medicine from the University of Tennessee Memphis.

Reveley has served in the National Guard for several years, including two tours of duty in Iraq. He recently was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

The Grand President's Award is awarded to AGR for business excellence and professional achievement. It is awarded to fraternity alumni age 40 or under who have achieved remarkable success in their careers.

CPA earns credential from national group

Tommy Legins, a partner with Alexander Thompson Arnold CPAs, has earned the certified valuation analyst credential by the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts.

Requirements to earn the CVA credential include holding a valid CPA license, being a practitioner in good standing with NACVA, passing a comprehensive exam and completing a valuation case study. To maintain the credential, CPAs must obtain 36 hours of professional education every three years in business valuation or valuation-related applications.

Legins recently was named a partner with ATA. He has been with the firm since 2007 and has been in public accounting since 1990. His practice focuses on business valuation, tax, QuickBooks consulting and small businesses. Legins earned his BSBA in accounting from the University of Tennessee Martin. He is a member of the TSCPA and AICPA.
Gibson County students get UTM scholarships

Three Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions. Matt Frazier, son of Kerry Frazier and Pam Frazier, both of Bradford, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship. Chelsea Gibson, daughter of Steve and Carol Gibson of Milan, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship. Ryan Rinks, son of Lonnie and Donna Rinks of Bradford, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.

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HAYES PROMOTED AT BANCORPSOUTH
JACKSON — Jenny L. Hayes has been promoted to Marketing Officer at BancorpSouth, Jackson. She has been with BancorpSouth five years. A native of Bradford, Tennessee, Hayes graduated from Bradford High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Hayes is involved with Le Bonheur Community Outreach, Relay for Life and American Heart Association. She is a current board member of the Tennessee Banker’s Association Young Banker’s Division.
UT Martin recently recognized for students' community service efforts

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Kendall receives scholarship from TN Council of Cooperation

The Tennessee Council of Cooperatives (TCC) recently awarded a $500 scholarship to Austin Kendall of Martin. Austin is a student at the University of Tennessee, Martin and is the son of Tara and Dale Kendall. Austin is a junior at UTM working toward a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Business.

Austin is currently employed at Kendall Hardwood Floors in Dresden, and is a member of the National Agribusiness Marketing Association, the Alpha Gamma Rho and the Undergraduate Alumni Council where he serves as President.

The TCC is a nonprofit organization established to promote the cooperative form of business through education and promotion of all types of cooperatives. TCC has two types of membership including “parent cooperatives” and “individual cooperatives.”

The TCC is made up of member representatives from various cooperative organizations in Tennessee. The total TCC membership is 60 members consisting of eight parent cooperatives and 52 individual cooperatives, including 19 electric cooperatives, 29 Tennessee Farmer Co-ops, five telephone cooperatives, three financial institutions, two milk cooperatives, one tobacco cooperative and the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation.

Leadership for TCC is provided by 13 voting board members and six ex-officio members.

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To be considered for the $500 scholarship, the student must be a citizen of Tennessee; enrolled in a college of agriculture; maintain an overall grade point average of 2.5 out of a possible 4 points; and, if possible, be in his or her junior year of study.

For more information about Tennessee cooperatives, the Tennessee Council of Cooperatives or the TCC scholarship, please visit, the TCC Web site at http://tennesseecouncilofcoops.org/
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James McCormick To Be Centerstone Foster Parent Program Manager

posted March 9, 2010

Centerstone, a not-for-profit organization providing a wide range of mental health and addiction services, announced Tuesday it has hired James L. “Red” McCormick as program manager of its Foster Parent Program which has expanded to the Hamilton County and Southeast Tennessee areas.

In his newly created role, Mr. McCormick will manage Centerstone’s Foster Parent Program in Chattanooga and the surrounding areas. The program provides foster care, case management and therapy for children and teenagers, ages 12-18, who are in state custody.

Mr. McCormick will work to recruit foster parents and pair them with children, while also helping to provide support, training and mentoring. Mr. McCormick will collaborate with local service providers, families and the state of Tennessee to help expand Centerstone’s service offerings for families and children in the Hamilton County and Southeastern Tennessee.

“We are very excited to welcome Red to our team at Centerstone, and we know he will make a positive difference in the lives of foster children and parents throughout Hamilton County and beyond,” said Centerstone CEO Dr. Bob Vero. “Red is the perfect person for this position, because as a former foster child himself, he has a keen understanding of the needs of foster care children and parents and how to build and sustain relationships.”

Before joining Centerstone, Mr. McCormick served as assistant director of Youth Services for the Partnership for Families, Children and Adults, Inc., a multi-service social service agency, where he was employed in various roles since 1996.

Mr. McCormick holds a master’s degree in education administration and supervision from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from UTC. He also completed the Infantry Officer Basic Course in leadership and management at Fort Benning, Ga.
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Head of the class: Obion County Teachers of the Year honored

TOATEACHERERS — The Obion County School System’s Teachers of the Year were honored by the Obion County School Board during its monthly meeting Monday night at Obion County Central High School in Troy. The building level and district level honorees were (from left, front row) Angie Partin, Lake Road Elementary pre-K-4; Kelli Kail, South Fulton Elementary pre-K-4 and pre-K-4 district winner; Emily Cross, Lake Road 5-8 and 5-8 district winner; Deanna Wilson, Hillcrest Elementary pre-K-4; Becky Bogle, Ridgemont Elementary pre-K-4; (back row) Coby Watts, Career Technology Center 9-12; Greg Barclay, South Fulton High School 9-12 and 9-12 district winner; Ricky Conner, OCCHS 9-12; Edward Pledge, Ridgemont 5-8; Jenny Wilder, Black Oak Elementary pre-K-4; and Jennifer Kerr, Hillcrest 5-8. Not pictured are Tammy Sisson, South Fulton Middle School 5-8; and Richard Lynn, Black Oak 5-8.

By CHRIS MENEES
Staff Reporter

The Obion County School Board honored the best of the best Monday night.

Thirteen outstanding educators chosen as this year’s building level and district level Teachers of the Year were recognized by the board during its monthly session, held in the library at Obion County Central High School.

The district winners are South Fulton Elementary first-grade teacher Kelli Kail, pre-K-4; Lake Road Elementary fifth-grade math teacher Emily Cross, grades 5-8; and South Fulton High School English and psychology teacher Greg Barclay, grades 9-12.

Each of them was also honored as the building level winner for their respective school.

Mrs. Kail graduated from Hickman County High School in 1996 and earned her degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 2000. She and her husband, Mack Kail, are the parents of two children.

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Barclay graduated from South Fulton High School in 1998 and earned degrees in 2002 and 2004 from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He and his wife, Carmen, have a daughter, Caroline.

The other building level pre-K-4 honorees from the Obion County School System include Black Oak Elementary fifth-grade math and science teacher Jenny Wilder, Hillcrest Elementary third-grade teacher Deanna Wilson, Lake Road Elementary kindergarten teacher Angie Partin and Ridgemont Elementary second-grade teacher Becky Bogle.

Mrs. Wilder, who graduated from OCCHS in 1984, earned a bachelor of science degree in 1988 and a master of science degree in 1998 from UT Martin. She and her husband, Brian Wilder, are the parents of a daughter, Brienne.

Mrs. Wilson graduated from OCCHS and UT Martin. She is married to Clint Wilson.

Mrs. Partin is a 1993 graduate of OCCHS who earned her degree in 1998 from UT Martin. She and her husband, Tim Partin, have two children, Avery and Lane.

(Continued from Page 1) Brady and Sarah.

Mrs. Cross is a 1999 graduate of OCCHS who earned her degree from UT Martin in 2003. She is married to Jacob Gross, assistant principal at Union City High School, and they are the parents of a daughter, Jenna Kate.
Mrs. Bogle graduated from Dyersburg High School in 1977 and from UT Martin in 1981. She is married to Joe Bogle and they are the parents of a daughter, Tiffany.

From grades 5-8, the additional building level honorees include Black Oak science and math teacher Richard Lynn, Hillcrest geography and American history teacher Jennifer Kerr, Ridgemont band and music teacher Edward Pledge and South Fulton Middle School sixth-grade reading/language teacher Tammy Sisson.

Lynn graduated from the former Kenton High School and then from UT Martin in 1981. He teaches seventh- and eighth-grade science and sixth-grade math at Black Oak.

Mrs. Kerr, who teaches seventh-grade geography and eighth-grade American history at Hillcrest, is a 1989 graduate of David Lipscomb High School in Nashville and a 1993 graduate of UT Martin. She is married to Jon Kerr and they have two children, Kathryn Grace and Braddy Wesley.

Pledge graduated from Dyer County High School in 1991 and then from Murray (Ky.) State University in 1996 and the University of Missouri at Columbia in 2001.

Mrs. Sisson is a 1981 graduate of SFHS and a 1987 graduate of UT Martin. She and her husband, Mike Sisson, have four children, Brandt, Paxton, Haeven and McCade.

The other building level winners from grades 9-12 include Career Technology Center carpentry teacher Coby Watts and OCCHS Algebra I teacher Ricky Conner.

Watts graduated from Union City High School in 1997. He is married to Kim Watts and they have one child, Carter.

Conner is a 1969 graduate of OCCHS who earned his degree in 1973 from UT Martin. He and his wife, Pat Conner, are the parents of two grown children, Brian Conner and Dana Conner.

Criminals roaming the campus of The University of Tennessee at Martin beware: students there can now send anonymous crime tips through text message, along with pictures, to the Department of Public Safety on Campus.

Public Safety Director Scott Robbins said UT Martin is the first University in the state to use the technology on their campus.

According Robbins, when a student sends a tip to utm@tipnow.org through text message or e-mail, their cell phone number is assigned an ID number via a server in California, so investigators never see the number from which the text comes. Instead, police are able to reply through that ID number if they need additional information.

"We have a limited police force at the University," Robbins said, "and on any given day, there could be 8,000 or 10,000 people on campus, so if we have people looking for suspicious or criminal activity, it's better to have 7,000 or 8,000 people looking than 8 or 9."

Students like Edward Finch believe they are more likely to text a tip to police, rather than calling in or going to the building to report it.

"You don't have to give your name and go through the process of being the tattle tale," Finch said.

For Rusty Williams, it is all about the convenience, "It's just a lot quicker. I text a lot more than I talk, definitely."

But for school administrators, the price tag is an added bonus.

"It only costs us $2,000 a year," Robbins said, adding that the money to pay for the system comes from speeding tickets and court costs students who are arrested on campus pay the school.

In the three weeks the system has been in use, Robbins has only received 5 or 6 text messages. He hopes with the ease of texting, fewer students will hesitate to communicate any problems to police.

"Anything that makes them uneasy, we want them to report it to us with this new system," Robbins said.
UT Martin recognized for students’ community service

Community service projects carried out by University of Tennessee at Martin students have been as varied as the individuals involved. A community garden, an anthology of local legends, trash collection and recycling efforts, a concert for clients of an abuse-prevention center and sports-related events to benefit several agencies were among the projects that engaged students.

The time spent volunteering added up, with 9,841 hours of service logged during FY2008-09. A total of 378 UT Martin students were engaged in academic service-learning and 3,362 students involved in other community service.

As a result of the collective “good works,” the university recently was named to the 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll; the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteerism, service-learning and civic engagement.

“We are honored to be among a number of excellent universities that have been honored for their involvement in community service and civic engagement,” said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes. “Our role is to assist students in developing as balanced individuals, including maximum engagement in academic, emotional and community-focused activities and experiences.”

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual Honor Roll award, recognized more than 700 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice. On campuses across the country, thousands of students joined their faculty to develop innovative programs and projects to meet local needs using the skills gained in their classrooms.

“Congratulations to UT Martin and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities,” said Patrick Corv

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For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Harris at 731-881-7411 or elaineh@utm.edu.
WUTM Top College Station in Southeast

Several University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications students have received recognition, winning awards at the 2010 Southeast Journalism Conference and the Student ADDY Awards Competition.

WUTM, UT Martin’s radio station, won 2009 best college radio station and The Pacer won seventh place for best college newspaper.

“I am so proud of them. They continue to represent this department and this campus with excellence,” said Dr. Robert Nance, Department of Communications chair and associate professor.

Other 2009 “Best of the South” competition winners include Jennifer DeYeso, of Martin, first place, best advertising staff member; Benita Evans, of Dresden, second place, best radio journalist; Rex Stoker, of Martin, second place, best newsgraphic designer; Josh Weiss, of Germantown, eighth place, best sports writer; and Charlie McIntosh, of Martin, ninth place, best news reporter.

In the 2010 on site competition held in Hammond, La., the UT Martin team won fifth place in the overall team championship awards. Other winners include Regina Emery, of Indian Mound, first place, media history; Josh Lemons, of Martin, second place, sports writing; Spencer Taylor, of Martin, third place, arts and entertainment writing; Randy Cavin, of Martin, third place, current events; and Josh Weiss, of Germantown, and Layton Scarbrough, of Union City, second place, public relations team.

Two students from the department received recognition in the 2009 Student ADDY Awards Competition, sponsored by the American Advertising Federation of West Tennessee. Danny Hussey, a senior visual communication major from Counce, received a bronze ADDY in the interactive/multimedia category for his “UT Martin Recycles” video. David Deaton, a senior visual communication major from McKenzie, received a bronze ADDY in the direct mail category for his “Connect with UT Martin” postcard promoting the university’s social media sites.

UT Martin will host the SEJC in 2012. Tom Parrish, communications instructor and Pacer faculty adviser, was elected as president-elect of SEJC. The student presidents-elect are Regina Emery and Spencer Taylor.

Students receive scholarships

Two Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

* Amy Belote, daughter of David and Dawne Belote of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Award.

* Kelsey Wiley, daughter of Billy and Debra Wiley of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor’s Award.

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

Wilson wins UTM Service Award

Andy Wilson, of Selmer, was recently awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2010 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award recognizes students who have been an important part of life on campus, whether through their chapter or organizations. Pictured from left are Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor, and Wilson.
Hayes promoted

Jenny L. Hayes has been promoted to marketing officer at BancorpSouth, Jackson. She has been with BancorpSouth five years. A native of Bradford, Hayes graduated from Bradford High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee in Martin. She is involved with Le Bonheur Community Outreach, Relay for Life and American Heart Association. She is a current board member of the Tennessee Banker’s Association-Young Banker’s Division.

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UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD – Justin Totty, of Fulton, Ky., was recently awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2010 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 Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor, and Totty. (Photo submitted)
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JUNIOR ROTARIANS - Donovan Thomas and Tabitha Causey (center) are the Humboldt Rotary Club's February Junior Rotarians. Thomas hopes to attend UT Martin next fall and major in biology to become a pharmacist. Causey also plans to attend UT Martin while majoring in health human performances as well as work with the college's sports teams. Joining the students are HHS guidance counselor, Kendra Smith (left) and Rotary president, Bob Seals.

UC STUDENT HONORED – Jonathan Byrd (right) of Union 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, where he was congratulated by UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular 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.
The University of Tennessee at Martin and Jackson State Community College have partnered to offer a variety of health care professional training programs.

Available to both working adults interested in a new career and current health care professionals, these programs will help students prepare for the numerous jobs available to health care staff and professionals.

The programs will be offered on the Jackson State campus in Jackson. Advance registration is required.

The EKG Technician Certification Program will be offered from 6:9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from March 22-May 10. The registration fee is $999, with textbooks included.

This comprehensive 50-hour program prepares students to function as EKG technicians and to take the American Society of Phlebotomy Technician-Electrocardiograph Technician exam and other national certification exams. The course will include important practice and background information on anatomy of the heart and physiology, medical disease processes, medical terminology, medical ethics, legal aspects of patient contact, laboratory assisting, echocardiography, and other related fields.

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

The Phlebotomy Technician Program will be offered from 6:9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 16-June 15. The registration fee is $1,599, with textbooks included.

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

The Medical Billing and Coding Program will be offered from 6:9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from March 22-June 2. The registration fee is $1,499, including textbooks.

This combined 70-hour billing and coding course offers the skills needed to solve insurance billing problems, how to manually file claims, complete common insurance forms, trace delinquent claims, appeal denied claims and use generic forms to streamline billing procedures. The course covers the following areas: Current Procedural Terminology (introduction, guidelines, evaluation and management), specialty fields (such as surgery, radiology and laboratory), ICD-9 (introduction and guidelines) and basic claims processes for medical insurance and third-party reimbursements. Students will learn how to find the services and codes using manuals. After obtaining the suggested practical work experience (six months to two years), students who complete this course could be qualified to sit for the American Academy of Professional Coders Certified Professional Coder Exam, the American Health Information Management Association Certified Coding Associate exam or other national certifications.
DRESDEN HIGH SCHOOL TOP JUNIORS — The University of Tennessee at Martin recently recognized the achievements of the top juniors in the four Weakley County high schools. Sponsored by area alumni and businesses and the University of Tennessee Alumni Association, the event included guest speakers, Katie Snider, UT Martin student, and Dr. Joe Johnson, UT president emeritus. Lora McDonald, Weakley County UTAA Chapter president, presented certificates of recognition to the students. The Dresden High School top juniors (seated, from left) are Erica Pruitt, Danielle Lamb, Jessica Parsley and Amber Ward; (standing, from left) are Jacob Huestis, Michael Wilson, Mack Mansfield and Ben Walker. Not pictured are Daniel Harris and Joy Wharton.

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Senior art exhibition
presented March 23

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will host its final senior art exhibition for the 2009-10 school year with an exhibition representing the works of Matt Garrett, graphic design emphasis student from Whiteville; Tracy Jo King, art education emphasis student from Greenfield; and Cardell Moore, visual art studio emphasis student from Memphis.

The exhibition will begin with an opening reception, from 5-7 p.m., March 23, 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 Paul Meek Library at 731-881-7060 for information concerning standard and special library hours of operation.

The exhibition will continue through April 9. It will be free and open to the public.

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

BOOK SIGNING – Dr. Anne Meek, daughter of former UT Martin chancellor, Dr. Paul Meek and his wife, Martha Meek, recently was featured at a book reading and signing at Paul Meek Library. She read from two of her short stories, which recently were published in the anthology “In Good Company,” Volume 7.

UT Martin dance ensemble presents
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University of Tennessee system linking to AT&T's Tennessee virtual private network

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center at Memphis will be a part of the NetTN virtual private network, developed by AT&T for the state of Tennessee.

NetTN was created through a 10-year networking agreement between the state and AT&T. It connects the 50,000 students, faculty and staff in the University of Tennessee System in Knoxville, Chattanooga, Martin, Memphis and the University of Tennessee Space Institute in Tullahoma.

AT&T and the state announced the network in 2008. It provides an upgrade to the state's IP network, while doubling the bandwidth for Internet connectivity throughout the UT system.

"Investment in technology for higher education is essential for improved student education and achievement, and one of my goals is to help make certain that Tennessee remains a place that provides students with a world-class education," Jamie Woodson, Speaker Pro Tempore for the Tennessee State Senate, said in a statement.

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Forced to shift course

Educators, students full of questions about impending removal of remedial, developmental classes from state's four-year colleges

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High school seniors and others who want to attend state universities may be forced to also attend a community college at the same time or delay taking university classes if their English and mathematics skills are not up to par.

Legislation approved by the Tennessee General Assembly in January will force state-funded universities, such as the University of Tennessee Martin, to stop teaching remedial or developmental English, mathematics and reading classes on their campuses beginning in 2012. The law, which is being implemented over a two-year period, also changes how each institution is funded and creates a universal labeling system for community college courses indicating whether they count toward graduation from the state's four-year universities.

While higher-education officials back the changes, it leaves them with a myriad of unanswered questions, such as how the state will design its new achievement-based funding system, how many students will be forced into the already underfunded community college system, and how to teach those additional students without increased funding. The law does not affect private four-year institutions such as Lambuth University, Lane College or Union University.

"This could definitely affect where I want to go to school," said North Side High School junior Houston Smith, who is considering Middle Tennessee State University, UCLA and other schools.

Beginning in the fall semester of 2012, remedial and developmental classes will be offered only at community colleges. Students who need those classes still can be accepted to a four-year university, but those who live great distances from their chosen university, or a community college, may have to delay attending that college until their remedial work is completed. Those who live in cities that have both two- and four-year schools close by, such as Jackson, could attend a community college and their chosen university at the same time.

Smith said the law seems to create an unnecessary imposition on students.

One other solution would be for universities to create community college branches on their campuses, said Tom Rakes, chancellor at UT Martin.

"Some states have done that," he said.

UTM had historic fall enrollment this year of 8,100 students. That includes satellite centers.

The difference between being placed in a remedial or developmental class at Jackson State Community College and being placed in a college-level class is based on a student's ACT test score. Remedial classes are the more basic level of courses for students who need to catch up to be prepared for college-level work, and developmental classes are in between the remedial level and the college level.

The law is designed to refocus four-year institutions on the original goal of teaching only college-level courses. It also increases the community colleges' role of training those who want to transfer to a four-year institution or upgrade their employment skills. But the greatest impetus behind the bill was to improve Tennessee's college graduation rate, state Sen. Lowe Finney said.

"We rank toward the bottom in almost every educational measure," said Finney, D-D-Jackson, "and that is just not good enough."

Tennessee ranks 40th in the nation when it comes to the number of residents who obtain a bachelor's degree and 45th in the nation for those with associate's degrees, according to state documents.

Improving rates

To help improve the graduation rate, the bill establishes a universal labeling system that will show which community college courses are accepted by four-year institutions and which are not. It will include core courses, such as biology, and elective courses. The reassignment of classes is expected to help encourage people to attend a four-year college after receiving an associate's degree from a community college, Finney said.

"No one wants to spend two years at a college and not be able to move on," he said.

Establishing the labeling system is expected to reduce education costs by keeping students whose goal is to earn a bachelor's degree from taking classes that do not count toward their degree.

"If you ask students, 'Was it costly to transfer from a community college?'" Finney said, "they would say, 'Yes,' and that is where you see the high dropout rate."
The bill, however, does not add funding to universities and community colleges, which already have seen their state funds reduced during the last five years.

"I think we have had 19 percent to 19 percent cuts in the past years in state appropriations," said Rakes, who heads UT Martin, "and we are looking for an 8.2 percent cut for this campus next year."

The percentage of Jackson State's budget funded by the state has fallen steadily during the last several years, Blanding said. He said the state originally provided about 80 percent of the funding for the college. This school year it provided about 55 percent, he said. Jackson State will lose an additional $3 million when federal stimulus money, used to support the college in lieu of state funds, evaporates.

"One thing I can promise you is that there will not be any more state money," Blanding said, "and that will make it difficult to meet the increased growth rates."

Funding issues also will fall upon students, said Smith, who wants to study marine biology. Forcing already cash-strapped students to drive to another college campus for developmental classes will increase college costs through higher gasoline expenses, he said.

The possible added travel time needed to get to an additional school also will cut into study time and be especially difficult on those students who have to work to pay for college, Smith said.

He feels the law is unfair to those who struggled in certain subjects.

"What if you are not good in math?" he said. "What if it's just not your subject? It will put pressure on those who don't have the needed scores."

No one knows how much enrollment at community colleges will increase because of the law, but remedial and developmental course enrollment already made up a combined 50 percent of students enrolled at Jackson State in fall 2009.

Of the 5,108 students who enrolled in the fall semester, 1,379, or 27 percent, needed to take developmental math. And 458, or 9 percent, needed to take developmental writing. The numbers may show some duplication because one student could be enrolled in both developmental classes. Still, the college estimates that 60 percent of its students will take at least one developmental studies program course before graduation.

UT Martin had a first-time, full-time freshman enrollment this school year of 1,334. Of those students, 29 percent, or 382, had to enroll in developmental math. In the future, those students will have to take those courses at a community college. The university does not teach remedial or developmental writing or reading. UT Martin does, however, have resources to help students in those areas.

Blanding said the lack of additional funding forces the college to find new and better ways to teach those basic classes while reducing college costs.

"We could offer more classes online," he said, "or have a combination of, say, three hours in the classroom and the rest online. We may have more self-paced computer module work programs, like we do in math."

- Ned Hunter, 425-9641

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Ratliff receives award
Kimbra Ratliff of Rutherford was recently awarded the Emerging Leader Award during the Greek Awards for 2010 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 Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Ratliff.
LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVES SERVICE AWARD – (Top, from left) Emily Belote, Jordan Sopher, Chris Fowler, Rachel Lester, Dahlia Haddad, Markie Guy, Misty Dunlap. Lauren Taylor, Matt Crick and Allison Puckett, all of Martin, was recently awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2010 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Pictured with the students is Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor.
STUDENT RECEIVES GREEK AWARD – Mary Unger, of Martin, was recently awarded the Greek Woman of the Year award during the Greek Awards for 2010 at UT Martin. This award is presented to a junior or senior woman who has shown to be strong in their commitment to the ideals of Greek life, active in the community and involved in the total educational experience. Pictured from left are Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Unger.
Learn, pursue new skills and interests

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

“A Golf Clinic for Women” will be offered from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursdays, April 1-29. The registration fee will be $65. This will be the first session of beginning golf. The intermediate course will be offered in May. The instructor is Rhonda Davidson, UT Martin adjunct instructor of golf. The beginning course is for women with little or no knowledge of the game of golf. Clubs will be available for those who do not have them.

A pottery class will be offered from 6-8 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, April 5-28. This is an opportunity to begin to learn how to make your own bowls, cups, pitchers and more on a potter’s wheel. No experience is necessary. The class limit is eight. The cost will be $75, plus a $20 supply fee paid to the instructor on the first night of class. The instructor will be David McBeth, professor of art.

“Digital Photography: Part II Creative Photography and Advanced Skills” will be taught by Dr. Tom Gallien, 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesdays, April 6-27. The fee is $75. This course is primarily designed as a follow-up to the Intro Part I course. 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. Students will learn more advanced capabilities of the equipment, as well as the creative use of filters, tripods, multiple lenses and flash photography.

“The course will also discuss the basic use of Adobe Photoshop. A tripod is required for this class. At least one off-campus field trip to a local site will be conducted during one of the regular class time periods. Participants need to bring their camera’s instruction manual and a notebook for note taking.

“A Brief Introduction to Adobe Illustrator” will be offered from 2-3:30 p.m., April 19. The registration fee is $35. The instructor will be Kara Hooper, communications coordinator. Adobe Illustrator is the leading vector-graphics program in design, but it is not entirely user-friendly. This session will cover the very basics of how Illustrator works, what to do within the program and what practices should be avoided.

“Intermediate Microsoft Word” will be offered from 9 a.m.-noon, April 27 and 29. The registration fee is $85. The instructor will be Doug Bloodworth, UT Martin analyst and programmer. Students will learn more about the power of tables, mail merges, creating a newsletter, bookmarks, hyperlinks, advanced formatting for a research paper and more.

“General Civil Mediation Training Course” will be offered from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., April 26-30 at the UT Martin campus. The cost will be $1,275 including training materials. The instructor will be Raymond L. Stevenson, general civil case mediator for the Consultant and Mediation Institute.

While the course will deal to some extent with interpersonal conflict resolution in its skill-building segments, it will primarily focus on the resolution of conflict between individuals versus companies or agencies and interdependent groups or units. Specifically emphasized will be the skills required, such as communication, creative problem solving, facilitation and the basic processes used. This course is approved by the Tennessee Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission. For more information, contact Stevenson at 731-571-4408.

Private Beginning Horsemanship English/Western riding lessons will be offered at UT Martin. An hour lesson with half hour riding time will be $35. No prior riding experience is necessary. Riders must be at least seven years of age to participate. Required equipment will include long pants and boots with heels. Riding helmets will be required and provided.

For more information on these courses, call UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies (ECOS) at 731-881-7081.
Local Students Receive Emerging Leader Award

MARTIN - Lauren Scott of McKenzie was recently awarded the Emerging Leader Award during the Greek Awards for 2010 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 Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Scott.

MARTIN - Travis Russell of McKenzie was recently awarded the Emerging Leader Award during the Greek Awards for 2010 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 Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Russell.

Conference for Working Women

MARTIN - Carroll County had several participants in the recent WestStar 12th annual Conference for Working Women at the University of Tennessee at Martin. “Every Day is Game Day for Working Women” was the theme. Among those attending were, from left, Cherladeth Rutledge, June Perritt, Deborah Sullivan, Marty Hurley and Amber Moore.
STUDENT SELECTED — Tianda Harris of South Fulton recently received the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin Who’s Who Award Ceremony, where she was congratulated by UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes. The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service.

PUSH FOR ST. JUDE — The brothers of Alpha Tau Omega at the University of Tennessee at Martin and their friends pushed a wheelbarrow down Reelfoot Avenue in Union City Monday afternoon, raising money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis. The annual “Push for St. Jude,” which is being held through Friday, began in Martin and will end in Memphis. They hope to collect $100,000 and to cross the $1 million mark in funds raised for the children’s research hospital through the years.
LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE EMERGING LEADER AWARDS: Lisa Tarr and Wes Newbill, both of Dyersburg, was recently awarded the Emerging Leader Award during the Greek Awards for 2010 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 on left are Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Tarr and pictured on right is Toston and Newbill.

SERVICE AWARD - Meredith Dunn of Humboldt was recently awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2010 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. Congratulating Dunn is Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor.

WHO'S WHO HONOR AT UT MARTIN - Jesse Winchester of Medina 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, extracurricular activities and community service. Pictured with Winchester is Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor.
Local farrier team ropes on weekends

By Jan Linville/Correspondent

Franklin native Dee Richardson grew up on Columbia Avenue and not on a ranch, but he developed a love for horses and competitive roping as a teenager that still runs strong today. He recalls it all starting one Sunday afternoon in 1976 when he watched the National Finals Rodeo and saw a calf being roped for the first time.

"I thought, 'man, how do those guys swing that rope? I want to do that,'" Richardson said. "They started from a dead standstill, ran wide open, swung a rope and caught a cow. That just amazed me."

After seeing his enthusiasm for the sport, Dee’s father introduced him to a longtime friend of his, Don Wade, a professional calf roper, team roper and steer wrestler. Wade volunteered to teach him how to ride and swing a rope. By the time he was 17, Richardson joined the Tennessee High School Rodeo Association (THSRA) and began competing statewide. The second year after joining the THSRA, he placed 4th in calf roping and, as a senior, he won state in both calf roping and team roping.

After graduating from Franklin High School in 1985, Richardson attended the University of Tennessee at Martin on a rodeo scholarship and competed at intercollegiate rodeos.

At this level, he won several championships in calf roping and team roping and began going to amateur rodeos across the southeast.

"I quit calf roping in 1996 to concentrate only on team roping because the winnings were greater," he said. "Now I just go to jackpot team ropings."

Jackpot team roping is a progressive event with two-man teams that rope four steers, one at a time, and the team with the best time wins. Ropers are allowed to compete as many as 10 or 15 times at the same event with a different partner each time. Entry fees per event can range from $20 to $850 and prizes can be anything from cash to buckles to trucks.

"Jackpots are basically amateur events, but you do make money," Richardson said. "Sometimes I spend $1800 on entry fees, but it’s something I have fun doing and I make enough to buy my horses, saddles and trailers."

In 1996, Richardson completed an eight-week farrier course at Oklahoma State University and has worked the last 14 years shoeing horses all over Williamson and surrounding counties.

He currently has about 80 clients and usually shoes or trims hooves on three to four horses at a time on different farms.

He has been Franklin resident Ellen More’s farrier since 2007. She finds it refreshing to know someone these days who isn’t so caught up in the modern world and speaks highly of Richardson’s integrity and realism.

"When he’s shoeing my horses and one or two don’t require it, he’ll say, ‘well, these two don’t need it unless you just want me to take your money,’ she laughed, “and I just say, ‘no, that’s alright, I’ll keep it - I’d rather have the money and the time!’"

Richardson lives on a 100-acre farm in College Grove with his wife, Tracy.

For more information on his farrier services, call (615) 202-7905.
Weakley County's Top Juniors recognized

Dresden High School
The University of Tennessee at Martin recently recognized the achievements of the top juniors in the four Weakley County high schools. Sponsored by area alumni and businesses and the University of Tennessee Alumni Association, the event included guest speakers, Katie Snider, UT Martin student, and Dr. Joe Johnson, UT president emeritus. Lora McDonald, Weakley County UTAA Chapter president, presented certificates of recognition to the students. The Dresden High School top juniors, seated, from left, are Erica Pruitt, Danielle Lamb, Jessica Parsley and Amber Ward. Standing, from left, are Jacob Huestis, Michael Wilson, Mack Mansfield and Ben Walker. Not pictured are Daniel Harris and Joy Wharton.

Gleason High School
The University of Tennessee at Martin recently recognized the achievements of the top juniors in the four Weakley County high schools. Sponsored by area alumni and businesses and the University of Tennessee Alumni Association, the event included guest speakers, Katie Snider, UT Martin student, and Dr. Joe Johnson, UT president emeritus. Lora McDonald, Weakley County UTAA Chapter president, presented certificates of recognition to the students. The Gleason High School top juniors, seated, from left, are Camille Cooper, Audrea Martin, Brianna Carden and Sara Hensley. Standing, from left, are Matt Moore, Dalton Teeter, Molly Hannah Wilson and James Owen. Not pictured are Heather Bowles and Ben Rollins.

Greenfield High School
The University of Tennessee at Martin recently recognized the achievements of the top juniors in the four Weakley County high schools. Sponsored by area alumni and businesses and the University of Tennessee Alumni Association, the event included guest speakers, Katie Snider, UT Martin student, and Dr. Joe Johnson, UT president emeritus. Lora McDonald, Weakley County UTAA Chapter president, presented certificates of recognition to the students. The Greenfield High School top juniors, seated, from left, are Jessica Williams, Leea Galey, Laura Croom and Emily Randolph. Standing, from left, are Tyler Jones, Dalton Potts, Matthew Wright and Hunter Martin. Not pictured are Mary Belew, Ryan Wes Clark and Hendrick Greve.

Westview High School
The University of Tennessee at Martin recently recognized the achievements of the top juniors in the four Weakley County high schools. Sponsored by area alumni and businesses and the University of Tennessee Alumni Association, the event included guest speakers, Katie Snider, UT Martin student, and Dr. Joe Johnson, UT president emeritus. Lora McDonald, Weakley County UTAA Chapter president, presented certificates of recognition to the students. The Westview High School top juniors, seated, from left, are Sydney McClure, Elizabeth Bukeavich and Mallory Simpson. Standing, from left, are Krishna Patel, Christy Lee, Mark Maloney and Jesi Ogg. Not pictured are Stephanie Gourley, Breanna Pitcher, Mercedes Rubio and Tony Tang.
UTM to host information session on training for jobs in growing healthcare industry

In response to the current economy and high unemployment rates, the University of Tennessee at Martin will host an information session at 5:30 p.m., March 23, to provide the community with information on training the school offers in conjunction with Career Step, a leading online healthcare education company, focused on careers in the growing healthcare industry.

The current economy has reduced the employment capacity of many industries, resulting in some of the highest unemployment rates in decades. However, healthcare is experiencing job growth. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the industry will create 3.2 million new jobs before 2018, and the majority of those jobs will require less than four years of college education.

Within the healthcare industry, the fields of medical transcription and medical coding and billing are also individually growing. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the medical transcription field will experience 11 percent employ-

ment growth between 2008 and 2018, and the medical coding and billing field will experience 20 percent employment growth during the same time period. The Career Step programs offered at UT Martin provide those within the community the opportunity to quickly gain the education they need to qualify for these jobs.

“This information session is designed to help people in our community discover growing career fields that they can train for quickly,” said Debbie Mount, UT Martin non-degree programs director. “Healthcare is where the jobs are, and we can help students prepare for successful careers in medical transcription or medical coding and billing in less than a year.”

The information session will be in Room 206C of Boling University Center. This session will provide more information on the healthcare industry, medical transcription and medical coding careers and the training programs. Attendees will also learn more about CareerStep’s introductory free laptop offer for those who enroll in the new programs. For more details on the information session, visit CareerStep.com/utm or call Mount at 731-881-7082.

Room named; Trading Fund donation made

University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes, right, accepts a donation from Bill and Sandra Murray for the Kelly Murray Portfolio Management Room and Investment Fund. The trading room is located in the College of Business and Global Affairs and is named in memory of Kelly Murray, an alumnus, whose leadership and passion for finance and investments inspired the creation of the facility. The room and the new trading fund are thanks to a series of donations from the Murray family and friends.

Forensic conference slated at UT Martin

Criminal justice professionals and others interested in forensic anthropology will have the opportunity to attend a conference March 26 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The course, set for 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., is approved for eight hours of in-service training credit by the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission.

Early registration deadline is Monday. The cost is $50 and includes lunch.

Instructors will be Dr. Lee Meadows Jantz and Dr. Joanne Devin from UT Knoxville.

Topics will include osteology (the scientific study of bones), forensic anthropology and biological profile, time since death estimation and decomposition and forensic archaeology. Case studies will be reviewed.

Ms. Jantz, UT Forensic Anthropology Center coordinator, is responsible for the body donation program and curator of the William M. Bass Donated and Forensic skeletal collections. Ms. Devlin is a UT anthropology lecturer and a Knox County firefighter and arson investigator.

For more information or to register for the conference, contact the Department of Behavioral Sciences at (731) 881-7520.
HORNBEAK HONOREE — Holly Hopper of Hornbeak 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, where she was congratulated by UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes. The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular 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.

Musical events slated at UT Martin

Two musical events have been set by the Department of Music at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The University Trio will be featured in a program of contemporary chamber music by American composers at 7:30 p.m. March 25 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.

Members of the trio are flutist Dr. Elaine Harris, clarinetist Dr. Amy Simmons and pianist Delana Easley.

They will perform “Night Music” composed by Lowell Liebermann in 2009 and premiered at the National Flute Convention that same year. “Not a Sonata,” composed by Gary Eskow in 2005, was commissioned by the Palisades Virtuosi and pays homage to Poulenc, Ray Charles and the movie music of the 1960s. Karel Husa, a naturalized American citizen, composed “8 Bohemian Sketches” for piano duet in 1955.

On March 30, the UT Martin Department of Music’s percussion studio will present a concert of unaccompanied chamber music at 7:30 p.m. in Campbell Auditorium of Holt Humanities Building.

Each member of the studio will perform in a combination of duos, trios and more. The performance will feature compositions of tangos from Argentina to acrobatics around the marimba.

Both events are free.

UTM Recycles! receives grant for ‘Growing Garden’

MARTIN — A University of Tennessee at Martin Growing Garden Project, sponsored by UTM Recycles!, recently received an $8,500 grant from the University of Tennessee Alliance of Women Philanthropists Giving Circle Grant Program. Now in its third year of existence, the group has awarded a total of $126,775 to 13 UT programs.

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

Participants who receive grant funding develop a new project or program, or they expand substantially upon an existing project or program. Grant-funded projects and programs promote the spirit of the alliance by providing opportunities that inspire leadership among the UT community. Grants range from $5,000 to $25,000 and are awarded annually to the most innovative and deserving applicants.

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

The next Giving Circle grant cycle will begin June 1. The deadline is Dec. 31. Students, faculty, staff, departmental units and student organizations from all UT campuses are eligible to apply for grants.

For an application or more information, visit alliance.tennessee.edu.
POWERFUL WORDS — "If not now? When? If not us? Who?" Proving that everyone, regardless of age, is affected by health insurance reform, students with the University of Tennessee at Martin College Democrats coordinated a night of phone calls, fun and food on campus last week. The effort was organized by Chasity Roberson (left) of the College Democrats and included students, faculty and members of the community. The phone banking event generated over 300 phone calls in support of comprehensive health care reform. The Weakley County Democratic Women donated homemade treats and funding for deserts, napkins and plates. Those in attendance included (from left) Chasity Roberson, Ashley Todd, Professor Donna Cooper Graves, Lisa Robinson, Brooklyn Gilbert, Whitney Nicole Maxey, Nicolle Crist and Brian Bougard.
International Café planned on March 29

March 29 marks the 35th Annual International Café, a feature of the University of Tennessee at Martin's yearly International Week. The International Café will be hosted from noon-1 p.m., in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center. International students from Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan, Brazil, Turkey and Saudi Arabia will prepare and sell food to the university community, providing a taste of the world's cuisines for Martin and the campus.

Portions are generous and reasonably priced, usually $1-$2, allowing participants to sample a variety of foods. Soft drinks and bottled water will also be available.

For more information, contact John Mathenias, UT Martin instructor of English as a Second Language, at jmathenias@utm.edu or 881-7349/7340.

Sprott to be next Academic Speaker at UTM March 26

"Self-Organization – Nature's Intelligent Design" will be the topic of Dr. Julian Clinton "Clint" Sprott, professor emeritus of physics at the University of Wisconsin, when he speaks at UT Martin on March 26. Slated for 7:30 p.m., his presentation will be in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

Sprott will also be the keynote speaker for the meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers being held on the UT Martin campus.

Born in Memphis, Sprott received his bachelor's degree in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and master's and doctorate in physics from the University of Wisconsin.

After serving as a research physicist in the Thermonuclear Division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory from 1970-72, he joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, where he served from 1972 until his retirement in 2008.

In 1984, Sprott began a program, The Wonders of Physics, in which he attempts to generate interest in science and encourage young people to consider careers in scientific areas.

He has published four educational software packages, 26 educational videos and presented numerous lectures.

Sprott has received many awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Association of Physics Teachers in 1999.

University Trio to perform American music on March 25

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The program begins at 7:30 p.m., March 25, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.

Members of the trio include flutist Dr. Elaine Harrison, clarinetist Dr. Amy Simmons, and pianist Delana Easley.

They will perform "Night Music" composed by Lowell Liebermann in 2005, was commissioned by the Palisades Virtuosi and pays homage to Poulenc, Ray Charles and the movie music of the 1960s.

Karel Husa, a naturalized American citizen, composed "8 Bohemian Sketches" for piano duet in 1955.

The University Trio is performing Michael Webster's 2003 arrangement of this work.

There is no admission charge, and the public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Harris at 731-881-7411.
Self-organization next topic of Academic Speakers Series

"Self-Organization — Nature’s Intelligent Design" will be the topic of Dr. Julien Clinton "Clint" Sprott, professor emeritus of physics at the University of Wisconsin, when he speaks March 26 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

His presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

In addition to being part of the Academic Speakers Series, Sprott will be the keynote speaker for the meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers on campus.

"As our nation attempts to improve the performance of our young in math and science, it is important to have prominent scientists such as Clint Sprott utilizing their talents to unlock the world of physics and bring these wonders to the general community in an accessible and understandable manner," said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Honors Programs director.

"It is rare that honors programs host a speaker on a weekend, but we are pleased to have such a program as part of the Academic Speakers Program and to work with the American Association of Physics Teachers in bringing Dr. Sprott to the campus and to the teachers and students of West Tennessee at large."

Born in Memphis, Sprott received a bachelor's degree in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's degree and a doctorate in physics from the University of Wisconsin. After serving as a research physicist in the Thermonuclear Division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory from 1970-72, he joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, where he served from 1972 until his retirement in 2008.

He is the author of more than 300 articles and abstracts, mostly in experimental plasma physics and computational physics, as well as six books.

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Percussion recital on March 30

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Each member of the studio will perform in a combination of duos, trios and more. The performance will feature compositions from Argentina to acrobatics around the marimba.

The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of percussion, at 731-881-7418 or jhill@utm.edu.

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The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will host its final senior art exhibition for the 2009-10 school year with an exhibition representing the works of Matt Garrett, graphic design emphasis student from Whiteville; Tracy Jo King, art education emphasis student from Greenfield; and Cardell Moore, visual art studio emphasis student from Memphis. The exhibition will begin with an opening reception on Tuesday, from 5 to 7 p.m., 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 Paul Meek Library at (731) 881-7060 for information concerning standard and special library hours of operation. The exhibition will continue through April 9. It will be free and open to the public.

Dennis Youngblood, a freshman music major from Raleigh, is featured on the University of Tennessee at Martin homepage.

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Bank promotes marketing officer

Jenny L. Hayes has been promoted to marketing officer at BancorpSouth. She has been with BancorpSouth for five years.

A native of Bradford, Hayes graduated from Bradford High School and received a bachelor of science in business administration from the University of Tennessee Martin. She is involved with LeBonheur Community Outreach, Relay for Life and the American Heart Association. She is a board member of the Tennessee Bankers' Association Young Banker's Division.
Accountants earn CPA certificates

Beth Gooch Bartlett and Brittany Thompson Kissell with Alexander Thompson Arnold CPAs recently passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination and earned their CPA certificates and licenses. Bartlett and Kissell now can apply for membership in the Tennessee Society of CPAs and its West Tennessee chapter. TSCPA is the state professional organization of CPAs, with more than 8,500 members in all areas of public practice, government, education, business and industry.

Bartlett is a senior accountant in Alexander Thompson Arnold CPAs’ Dyersburg office. She earned her master of accountancy and bachelor of science in business administration degree from the University of Tennessee Martin and has been with ATA since 2002. Her...

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practice focuses on governmental auditing, tax and financial institutions auditing. She is an American Cancer Society volunteer.

Kissell is a staff accountant in Alexander Thompson Arnold CPAs’ Union City office. She earned her bachelor of science in business administration degree from the University of Tennessee Martin and has been with ATA since 2007. Her practice focuses on governmental auditing and tax.

Green Chemistry Institute director to speak next week at UT Martin

Dr. Robert “Bob” Peoples, director of the American Chemical Society’s Green Chemistry Institute, will speak on “Sustainability and Innovation in the Carpet Industry” at 7:30 p.m. March 30 in Watkins Auditorium in Bolling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

In addition to being a part of the Academic Speaker series, Peoples will be the Sigma Xi banquet speaker and a guest of the UT Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society.

“As a 35-year member of the American Chemical Society, Bob Peoples has achieved considerable insight into the chemical industry,” said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Honors Programs director. “His work in the carpet industry has allowed him to implement his observations in a wide variety of initiatives in providing national standards for sustainability. He will provide important information on how these standards, and green chemical standards in general, may be enhanced in the future.”

Peoples received bachelor degrees in mathematics and chemistry from Montclair State University in New Jersey and a doctorate in physical organic chemistry from Purdue University. He has a long and distinguished career in the carpet industry, spending nearly 25 years with Monsanto/Solutia, during which he held several leadership positions, spanning the areas of new business development, new product and technology development and the implementation of a unified national sustainable carpet standard. He later served as sustainability director for the Carpet & Rug Institute.

In his current position, he promotes implementation of the principles of green chemistry throughout the global chemistry enterprise.

Peoples also serves on California’s Green Ribbon Science Panel and as a member of the Chemical Sciences Roundtable at the National Academies of Science. For his efforts and achievements, he was named “Person of the Year” in 2003 by the Carpet America Recovery Effort.

“Bob and I serve on the S3G-Sustainability Stakeholders Steering Group representing ACS key governance committees and the Green Chemistry Institute that was created by the ACS Board to promote global sustainability leadership through facilitation, coordination and communication. Bob provides crucial insight and perspective to S3G,” said Dr. S.K. Airee, UT Martin professor of chemistry.
'Challenges and Opportunities' theme of leadership conference

"Challenges and Opportunities" is the theme of the 12th annual African-American Leadership Conference, slated 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. April 6 at the West Tennessee Center for Agricultural Research in Jackson.

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

This year's keynote speaker is retired judge D'Army Bailey. Bailey enrolled in college at Southern University, where he joined other students in protest demonstrations against segregation in Baton Rouge. After completing his juris doctor at Yale University in 1967, he worked in New York as national director of the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council.

Bailey is also a founder of the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis.

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From 2-2:15 p.m., the day's events will end with award presentations, reflections and door prizes.

E-mail registrations to Virginia Grimes, WestStar coordinator, at vgrimes@utm.edu or fax them to (731) 881-7019. Registration also is available online at www.utm.edu/weststar. The registration deadline is March 31.

The conference fee is $35 per person or $60 for two. The fee includes breakfast and lunch.

For more information, contact Ms. Grimes at (731) 881-7298.

UTM offers forensic anthropology training

Criminal justice professionals and others interested in forensic anthropology will have the opportunity to attend a conference at the University of Tennessee at Martin, March 26.

Set for 8 a.m.-5 p.m., this course is approved for eight hours of in-service training credit by the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission. Early registration deadline is March 22.

The cost is $50 and includes lunch.

Instructors include Dr. Lee Meadows Jantz and Dr. Joanne Devin from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Topics include osteology (the scientific study of bones), forensic anthropology and biological profile, time since death estimation and decomposition and forensic archaeology. Case studies will be reviewed.

Jantz is UT Forensic Anthropology Center coordinator, is responsible for the body donation program and curator of the William M. Bass Donated and Forensic skeletal collections.

She consults with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies on human identification cases.

Devlin is a UT anthropology lecturer and a Knox County firefighter and arson investigator.

For additional information or to register for the conference, contact the Department of Behavioral Sciences at 731-881-7520.

Kappa Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma (National Criminal Justice Honor Society) and the UT Martin Criminal Justice Program are sponsors.
UTM to host information session on training for jobs in healthcare industry

In response to the current economy and high unemployment rates, the University of Tennessee at Martin will host an information session at 5:30 p.m., March 23, to provide the community with information on training the school offers in conjunction with Career Step, a leading online healthcare education company, focused on careers in the growing healthcare industry.

The current economy has reduced the employment capacity of many industries, resulting in some of the highest unemployment rates in decades.

However, healthcare is experiencing job growth. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the industry will create 3.2 million new jobs before 2018, and the majority of those jobs will require less than four years of college education.

Within the healthcare industry, the fields of medical transcription and medical coding and billing are also individually growing.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the medical transcription field will experience 11 percent employment growth between 2008 and 2018, and the medical coding and billing field will experience 20 percent employment growth during the same time period.

The Career Step programs offered at UT Martin provide those within the community the opportunity to quickly gain the education they need to qualify for these jobs.

“This information session is designed to help people in our community discover growing career fields that they can train for quickly,” said Debbie Mount, UT Martin non-degree programs director.

“Healthcare is where the jobs are, and we can help students prepare for successful careers in medical transcription or medical coding and billing in less than a year.”

The information session will be in Room 206C of Boling University Center.

This session will provide more information on the healthcare industry, medical transcription and medical coding careers and the training programs.

Attendees will also learn more about CareerStep’s introductory free laptop offer for those who enroll in the new programs.

For more details on the information session, visit CareerStep.com/utm or call Mount at 731-881-7082.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL JOINT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM - The eighth annual Joint Research Symposium, cosponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin and the Murray State University chapters of the Scientific Research Society Sigma Xi, was held at Murray on March 6. It involved seven papers and 17 participants from UT Martin. Symposium participants are: (seated, from left) Dr. S.K. Airee (president), Dr. Karoline Null (presenter), Dr. Ann Gathers (vice president), Dr. Emery Gathers, Dr. Robert A. LeMaster (co-author); (second row, from left) Dr. Richard Helgeson (past president), Andrew Lykins (presenter), Dr. Otha L. Britton (treasurer), Dr. Timothy N. Burcham (co-author), Dr. Todd Albert (presenter), Katie Hackey, Mary Grace Jubb (presenter); (third row, from left) Dr. Louis W. Koltisch (secretary), Dr. James L. Smart (presenter), and Dr. Michael J. Kempf (presenter). Not pictured are Dr. Frederick W. Totten (presenter), and Dr. Robbie L. Montgomery.
Growing Garden Project receives $8,500 grant from UT philanthropic program

A University of Tennessee at Martin Growing Garden Project, sponsored by UTM Recycles!, recently received an $8,500 grant from the University of Tennessee Alliance of Women Philanthropists Giving Circle Grant Program.

Now in its third year of existence, the group has awarded a total of $126,775 to 15 UT programs.

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

Participants who receive grant funding develop a new project or program, or they expand substantially upon an existing project or program.

Grant-funded projects and programs promote the spirit of the alliance by providing opportunities that inspire leadership among the UT community.

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

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

The next Giving Circle grant cycle will begin June 1, 2010. The deadline is Dec. 31. Students, faculty, staff, departmental units and student organizations from all UT campuses are eligible to apply for grants. For an application or more information about the Alliance of Women Philanthropists or the giving circle, visit alliance.tennessee.edu.

ACS’s Green Chemistry Institute director to speak at UTM March 30

Dr. Robert “Bob” Peoples, director of the American Chemical Society’s Green Chemistry Institute, will speak on “Sustainability and Innovation in the Carpet Industry” at 7:30 p.m., March 30, in Watkins Auditorium in Boling University Center.

In addition to being a part of the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Academic Speaker series, Peoples will be the Sigma Xi Banquet Speaker for 2009-10 and a special guest of the UT Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society.

“As a 35-year member of the American Chemical Society, Bob Peoples has achieved considerable insight into the chemical industry,” said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Honor Programs director.

“His work in the carpet industry has allowed him to implement his observations in a wide variety of initiatives in providing national standards for sustainability. He will provide important information on how these standards, and green chemical standards in general, may be enhanced in the future.”

Peoples received bachelor degrees in mathematics and chemistry from Montclair State University in New Jersey and a doctorate in physical organic chemistry from Purdue University.

He has a long and distinguished career in the carpet industry, spending nearly 25 years with Monsanto/ Solutia, during which he held several leadership positions spanning the areas of new business development, new product and technology development and the implementation of a unified national sustainable carpet standard.

He later served as sustainability director for the Carpet & Rug Institute.

In his current position, he promotes implementation of the principles of green chemistry throughout the global chemistry enterprise.

Peoples also serves on California’s Green Ribbon Science Panel and as a member of the Chemical Sciences Roundtable at the National Academies of Science.

For his efforts and achievements, he was named “Person of the Year” in 2003 by the Carpet America Recovery Effort.

“Bob and I serve on the S3G-Sustainability Stakeholders Steering Group representing ACS key governance committees and the Green Chemistry Institute that was created by the ACS Board to promote global sustainability leadership through facilitation, coordination and communication. Bob provides crucial insight and perspective to S3G,” said Dr. S.K. Airee, UT Martin professor of chemistry.
African-American Leadership Conference presents ‘challenges and opportunities’

“Challenges and Opportunities” is the theme of the 12th annual African-American Leadership Conference, slated 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. April 6, at the West Tennessee Center for Agricultural Research, in Jackson.

This conference is made possible by the WestStar Leadership Program, in partnership with the City of Brownsville, Tennessee Access & Diversity Initiative, Wal-Mart, First South Bank, Hardin County Government, City of Covington, Gibson County Utility District, West Tennessee Healthcare and the UT Institute of Public Service.

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UT Martin Recycles! hosts recycling, cleanup day on March 27

As a Weakley County participant with Keep Tennessee Beautiful in the 2010 Great American Cleanup campaign against litter, running from March 1-May 31, UTM Recycles is hosting a community recycling and cleanup day, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., March 27.

This cleanup activity is a way for families with young children, youth groups, campus organizations, churches, and other organizations in and around Martin to get involved in recycling.

Plastic bags and gloves will be available at the UT Martin recycling center on Moody Street. Participants can choose a street or neighborhood in Martin to pick up waste and recyclables.

Filled bags can be returned to the facility by 1 p.m. Participants also are encouraged to email photos of the cleanup efforts to recycle@utm.edu or hhuse@utm.edu.

For more information on other group activities during the Great American Cleanup period, contact Heidi Huse at 731-881-7280 or hhuse@utm.edu.
CAMPAIGN FOR TENNESSEE – The University of Tennessee at Martin Campaign Steering Committee members present a check to Chancellor Tom Rakes for $43 million. It represents the amount raised to date by the UT Martin campus in the historic UT Campaign for Tennessee, which ends in 2011. UT Martin was the first campus in the UT system to meet its campaign goal, not once, but twice. Pictured (from left) are J. Houston Gordon, UT Martin Campaign honorary chair; Dr. Lew Dougherty, UT Martin Campaign co-chair; Dr. Jan Simek, UT interim president; Jim Haslam, UT Campaign for Tennessee chair; Chancellor Rakes and Ray Smith, UT Martin Campaign co-chair. Other campaign steering committee members not pictured include: Jim Ayers, UT Martin Campaign honorary chair; Bill Blankenship, Crawford Gallimore, Charlie Moore, Dr. Ron Kirkland, Dr. Margaret Perry, Newell and Bettie Graham and Betty Smith; and UT Martin Family Campaign co-chairs. Bettye Giles, Dr. Jerald Ogg and Charley Deal.

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Dr. Michael Gould Presents Clinics at University of Tennessee at Martin

ARTISTS: Michael Gould

Dr. Michael Gould presented drum set and creativity master classes to the University of Tennessee at Martin percussion studio (Dr. Julie Hill, host) on March 22, 2010. Gould was assisted by bassist Andrew Kratzat. Additionally, Gould and Kratzat performed a concert with Argentinean guitarist/pianist Dr. Alberto Rojo at Brandy’s Sweet Talk on March 21st.

On March 22, Rojo presented a talk on “The Art of Physics” to Physics/Engineering students. Later, Rojo conducted a workshop on the intersection of music, literature, and physics using Borges’ “The Garden of Forking Paths” to students in English and Modern Foreign Languages. This cross-curricular event was sponsored by the UTM College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages along with Zildjian, Innovative Percussion, and Yamaha.
Conference for Working Women

Gibson County had several participants in the recent WestStar 12th annual Conference for Working Women at the University of Tennessee at Martin. “Every Day is Game Day for Working Women” was the theme. Among those attending were (upper photo, from left) Gibson Electric Membership employees, Wanda Redmond, Cynthia McClure, Amy Lomax, Sandy Thompson, Teresa Burkett, Myra Moore and Emily Sullivan, and (lower picture, from left) Gibson County Utility District employees, Allyson Horner, Brenda Cole, and Julie Riley, who works for Dr. Greg Moore.
UTM students receive University Service Awards

Stephen Shophere, of Dresden, was recently awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2010 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 Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor, and Shophere.

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UTM students receive Who's Who Awards

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UTM Dance Ensemble presents spring production

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will present the annual UT Martin dance ensemble spring concert, at 8 p.m., March 25 and 26, in the Student Life Center. Tickets are $3 for UT Martin students with ID, $5 for adults and free to children under the age of 12.

This year’s ensemble, under the direction of Sarah McCormick, lecturer of dance, includes student choreography along with work from three guest artists, all dance education alumni.

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

UTM has 11th consecutive record spring enrollment

A record 7,692 students are enrolled for spring semester at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The enrollment tops the previous spring semester high of 7,152 students set in 2009 and is the 11th consecutive spring semester increase. The most recent figures resulted in spring semester records for total undergraduates and total full-time equivalent and full-time equivalent undergraduate students.

The 7.6 percent spring 2010 enrollment increase also follows a fall 2009 enrollment of 8,101 that set seven all-time records in various categories. All enrollment numbers are compiled and reported by the university’s Office of Institutional Research.

"Enrollment growth is representative of increases in our undergraduate enrollment, both on campus and off campus and in undergraduate and graduate online programs," 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 2010 spring enrollment set a spring semester record for undergraduate students, with 7,217, a 7.2 percent increase over spring 2009; undergraduate FTE, with 6,109, a 6.8 percent increase; and total FTE, with 6,351, a 7 percent increase over spring 2009. FTE is the total number of student credit hours divided by 15 for undergraduate students and 12 for graduate students. Also increasing over spring 2009 was the number of returning students, by 6.8 percent.
Kelley receives Emerging Leader Award at UTM

Lacie Kelley, of Dresden, was recently awarded the Emerging Leader Award during the Greek Awards for 2010 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 Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Kelley.

Dr. Anne Meek, daughter of former chancellor, Dr. Paul Meek and his wife, Martha Meek, recently was featured at a book reading and signing at Paul Meek Library. She read from two of her short stories, which recently were published in the anthology “In Good Company,” Volume 7.

UT Press announces publication of book by UT Martin faculty member

The University of Tennessee Press has published a new book by University of Tennessee at Martin faculty member, Timothy Smith, titled “A Chickamauga Memorial: The Establishment of America’s First Civil War National Military Park.”

A Chickamauga Memorial tells the story of how the country’s first federally preserved national military park came into being and how it paved the way for all to come afterwards. Smith explains that most battlefield preservation and commemoration efforts before 1890 were done on a private and state level. However, in 1890, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park was set aside for the dual roles of serving as a commemorative memorial to the soldiers who had fought and of serving as a military reservation for study.

Timothy B. Smith teaches history at the UT/Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer. He is the author of “This Great Battlefield of Shiloh,” “The Untold Story of Shiloh,” and “The Golden Age of Battlefield Preservation.”

For more information, contact Tom Post, University of Tennessee Press publicity manager, at (865) 974-5466.
Eighth Annual Joint Research Symposium held

The eighth annual Joint Research Symposium, cosponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin and the Murray State University chapters of the Scientific Research Society Sigma Xi, was held at Murray on March 6. It involved seven papers and 17 participants from UT Martin.

Seated (from left to right) are: Dr. S.K. Alikee (president), Dr. Karoline Null (presenter), Dr. Ann Gathers (vice president), Dr. Emery Gathers, Dr. Robert A. LeMaster (co-author); second row, Dr. Richard Helgeson (past president), Andrew Lykins (presenter), Dr. Otha L. Britton (treasurer), Dr. Timothy N. Burcham (co-author), Dr. Todd Albert (presenter), Katie Hackey, Mary Grace Jubb (presenter); and third row, Dr. Louis W. Kolitsch (secretary), Dr. James L. Smart (presenter), and Dr. Michael J. Kempf (presenter). Not pictured are Dr. Frederick W. Totten (presenter), and Dr. Robbie L. Montgomery.

Benjamin recipient of Beta scholarship

The National Beta Club announced Brittany Benjamin has been named a Beta Scholar, which entitles her to a scholarship award of $1,000.

Benjamin, a senior at South Fulton High School, competed against more than 1,000 candidates nationwide for this honor. Two hundred seventeen scholarship recipients were chosen.

She plans to attend University of Tennessee in Martin. She was recommended for this award by the local Beta Club sponsor, Brandi Cantrell and high school principal, Adam Stephens.

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

Benjamin is the daughter of Danylle and Miguel Lira of South Fulton, and Michael and Judy Benjamin of Glendale, Az.

Knight is spring featured scholar

Dr. John E. Knight, the University of Tennessee at Martin Featured Faculty Scholar for spring semester, was honored at a recent reception at Paul Meck Library on campus.

Knight, professor of management, received bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from Georgia Institute of Technology and joined UT Martin in 1971. He is a professional engineer and certified quality engineer.

He was named visiting professor and visiting research professor to Hiroaki University, Hiroaki, Japan, in 1996 and 1997.

He has served on the Faculty Senate, as well as numerous university and departmental committees.

Knight also has provided public service for a number of civic and church projects and consulting for various area companies.

A sample of Knight’s extensive list of publications, presentations and accomplishments is on display in the library.
BRITTANY BENJAMIN

SF senior honored by Beta

South Fulton High School senior Brittany Benjamin has been named a Beta Scholar by the National Beta Club, which entitles her to a $1,000 scholarship.

She was recommended for the award by SFHS Beta Club sponsor Brandi Cantrell and SFHS principal Adam Stephens and competed against more than 1,000 candidates nationwide for the honor, with 217 scholarship recipients chosen.

She plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Miss Benjamin is the daughter of Danylle and Miguel Lira of South Fulton and Michael and Judy Benjamin of Glendale, Ariz.

“This outstanding young lady represents the true spirit of National Beta, having excelled not only academically, but in leadership and service to school and community as well,” National Beta Club executive director Ken Chine said.

STUDENT SELECTED — Andrew Moore (right) of South Fulton 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, where he was congratulated by UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes. The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service.

UTM Recycles! makes push for litter clean up

While the Great American Cleanup is a nationwide effort, the steps taken start at home. A group of volunteers will prove on Saturday that just a handful of people spending a little bit of time together can make a huge difference in Weakley County.

Thus far, 24 local groups are joining together during a countywide litter cleanup effort to help rid the city streets and county roads of litter. UTM Recycles! has put the word out and will partner with any volunteers, individual or group, to help clean up the streets this Saturday.

Gloves and bags will be readily available at the UTM Recycles! Center located at the end of Moody Street in Martin from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. that day. Volunteers who pick up litter that day can bring their bags to the recycle center and UTM Recycles! will sort the trash and recyclables.

The recycle barn will also accept recyclables until 1 p.m. on Saturday. UTM Recycles! accepts plastic, glass, cardboard, wood and paper items.

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Saturday’s effort is a part of Keep Tennessee Beautiful, Inc. spring signature event, the Great American Cleanup. The GAC is the nation’s largest organized annual cleanup, beautification and community improvement program. In 2009, 146,885 volunteers in all counties across Tennessee got involved to fix-up, green-up and clean up their communities.

The spring GAC kicked off March 1 and will continue through May 31.
Concert slated for Sunday at UT Martin

A piano/percussion duo will perform "Nothing in Common" at 3 p.m. Sunday in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The duo includes Dr. Andrew Bliss, UT Martin lecturer of music, and Chicago-based pianist Mabel Kwan, but will also feature four additional UT Martin faculty members, including Dr. Amy Simmons, associate professor of music (clarinet), Dr. Amy Yeung, associate professor of music (soprano voice), Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music (percussion) and Ken Douglas, lecturer of music (electronics).

Featured will be works by John Luther Adams, Alvin Singleton, John Cage, Nathan Michel and a multimedia work for video and electronics by John Supko (Duke University).

UC STUDENT RECOGNIZED — Mark Potter (right) of Union 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, where he was congratulated by UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes. The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular 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.

A Jesus freak who is still bold for God after 40 years

March 26, 2:13 PM Nashville Evangelical Examiner Steve Simms

During the late 60s and the 70s, there was a spiritual uprising in America. Thousands of young people around the country began to get "turned on" and "sold out" to Jesus. They began to boldly live for and proclaim Jesus in non-traditional ways and became known as Jesus freaks. I was a part of the Jesus movement at The University of Tennessee Martin and here in Nashville.

In the midst of drugs, rock and roll, free love, revolution, and protest; we Jesus freaks publicly lifted up a supernatural Savior who could set people free from rebellion and despair and give purpose and meaning. The Jesus Movement was so widespread that on June 21, 1971, Time Magazine did a major story about it and featured a picture of Jesus on their cover.

By the early 80s, however, the Jesus movement had waned. Most of the Jesus freaks had been absorbed into traditional churches and gradually toned down our bold, non-traditional witness.

Most of us who were involved in the Jesus Movement are still alive and still believe in Jesus today. What if we all recovered our zeal and began to openly and publicly live for Jesus with the same enthusiasm and unconventionality that we did in those days? What if we still had the same level of Jesus freak-ness that we had then?

I recently heard about one of the original Jesus freaks who never toned down. He is still boldly and nontraditionally serving Jesus at age 69.

Arthur Blessitt was a Louisiana boy who felt led by Jesus to go and witness in California. He began to boldly witness to the hippies, Hell's Angels, and others on Sunset Strip. Many came to Jesus and he started a Christian coffee house called His Place.

Then, in 1968, God told him to carry a 12-foot cross across America. As the Jesus Movement died down, people forgot about Arthur Blessitt. But he kept carrying the cross around the world -- for 40 years -- until in 2008 he had walked 38,000 miles and carried a 12-foot cross in every country, territory, and island group in the world.
Reader's Theatre: Kids acting out promotes reading, collaboration and fun

Leslie Haywood-Moore, Special to The Press
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SHARING THE LIMELIGHT - Readers’ Theater spring session stars relax after a rehearsal: (front row, from left) Haley Forrester, Julianna Moore, Olivia York, Bailey Pate, Laurel Pelren, Larkin Cook, Caroline Perry; (back row, from left) Donovan Spivey, David Fieser, Parker Bell, Joseph Pelren, Blake Longacre, Marisa Rubio and Ross Hooper. Local thespians performed plays for their parents and the community with the help of Performance Director, Dr. Teresa Collard, University of Tennessee at Martin Communications professor.

Bustling with nervous energy, fourteen third, fourth and fifth grade kids wait in Weldon Library’s stairwell for parents and guests to be seated in the community room.
Strains of the pre-show pep-talk from Performance Director, Dr. Teresa Collard, float through the hallway as the door opens, and the kids file in ready to shine. The readers’ theater final performance for the spring session, 2010 begins.
Many parents in the audience have heard their child’s individual characters when practiced at home; yet, this is the first time they are seeing all the parts combine into three funny and entertaining short plays.
The audience laughs as the actors work through the dilemma of an animated and lovable baby turtle searching for his identity in The Ugly Woodpecker, a readers’ theater play by Justin McCory Martin. Parents snap photos as their children exclaim in amazement at Dr. Seuss’ Daisy-Head Mayzie, a sweet, school child who hits star status due to a daisy suddenly growing from her head.
Performers and audience alike dissolve into giggles when a cow, with a one-of-kind slow, southern drawl, demands electric blankets from the resident farmer one cold, winter day in the third play, Click,
Clack Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin. "Dee-ar…Faarr-mer… Bro-wwwn…."

"Reader’s Theater: Kids Acting Out began last summer as an experiment in creating a fun introduction to theater for young children with no theater experience. We use reading as the common denominator with no memorization required. This provides a low-stress environment where the kids can focus on development of their characters and their presentation skills," said Leslie Haywood-Moore, associate broker/owner of Century 21 Overton Real Estate and readers’ theater program coordinator.

Moore is part of a team which includes Dr. Teresa Collard and Sabrina Exum. The three members, working with Weldon Library and the Weakley County Arts and Humanities Council, began the project in June 2009.

Due to the success of the pilot, the team pursued and was awarded an Arts Build Communities grant. The award has funded a winter, spring and summer session during the 2009-2010 school year.

“We were so lucky to have Dr. Teresa Collard, coordinator of women’s studies and faculty member in the Department of Communications at UTM, join us as the performance director. Collard directs and maintains an upbeat and fun-filled rehearsal for each child. She selects scripts, assigns parts and brings boundless energy and creativity to our sessions. Her past experiences with adult readers’ theater programs and her unique talent in directing each child toward his or her best performance has made this program a big success," said Moore.

“The kids adore her," said Moore.

Team member Sabrina Exum, children’s and youth services librarian at Weldon Public Library, serves as assistant director of the readers’ theater program. She also oversees registration and supervises the classroom preparation.

“Sabrina’s enthusiasm and years of experience in organizing the library’s children’s programs has fortified our efforts involving day-to-day responsibilities of our readers’ theater program. Her contribution is another reason why this program has enjoyed the positive feedback we’ve received both from the students and their parents,” said Moore.

Readers’ Theater: Kids Acting Out is a free program targeted for Weakley County children in grades three through five. The next session will be held June 2 through 30 with sign up beginning at the library in May.

Each session is for five weeks with weekly two hour rehearsals. All rehearsals are held at the Weldon Public Library’s downstairs story hour room, and class size is limited to 15 participants each session.

Readers’ Theater: Kids Acting Out is funded under an agreement with the Tennessee Arts Commission in cooperation with the Northwest TN Development district and from generous support from community sponsors and volunteers.

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UTM students do community service

Community service projects carried out by University of Tennessee Martin students have been as varied as the individuals involved, according to a news release.

A community garden, an anthology of local legends, trash collection and recycling efforts, a concert for clients of an abuse-prevention center and sports-related events to benefit several agencies were among the projects that engaged students.

The time spent volunteering added up, with 9,841 hours of service logged. A total of 378 UT Martin students were engaged in academic service-learning, and 3,362 students involved in other community service.

As a result of the collective “good works,” the university recently was named to the 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual honor roll award, recognized more than 700 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice.

Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors including the scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

BANK ON IT — Commercial Bank & Trust Company is a sponsor for the annual St. Jude Wheelbarrow Push, which Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin hosts each spring to raise money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis. On hand for a recent donation from the bank were fraternity representative J.T. Harris and Hollie Holman of Commercial Bank.
TRIPLE BLESSINGS — Dr. Robert Cameron (left), a Union City physician, had as his special guests at Friday's weekly Union City Rotary Club meeting his wife, Ann; his son, Jon Cameron, an attorney in Murfreesboro; and the family's triple blessings, (from left) granddaughters Emmy, who is 5 years old; Ally, who is 6; and Chloe, who is 2. Ally was front-page news in The Messenger a few years ago when she was being treated at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis for neuroblastoma, a pediatric cancer. The children's mother, Holly, was unable to join her husband and daughters for the special time with their grandparents.

St. Jude story one of inspiration

By GLENDIA CAUDLE
Special Features Editor

"I love St. Jude," said the 6-year-old blonde charmer who spoke to members of Union City Rotary Club Friday. And the members clearly loved the little Memphis hospital spokesman — Ally Cameron — as well as her two adorable younger sisters — Emmy, who is 5, and Chloe, who is 2.

The girls are the daughters of Jon and Holly Cameron of Murfreesboro, former residents of this area. They were in Union City to visit their paternal grandparents, Dr. Robert and Ann Cameron, and to share St. Jude's story with an audience who followed Ally's toddlerhood battle with neuroblastoma, a pediatric cancer, and are still celebrating her victory.

Ally's illness was discovered at what her mother and father thought would be a completely uneventful 12-month checkup with her pediatrician. Last month, she celebrated five years in remission from the disease that was once a death sentence.

Her father spent most of the club's program time behind the microphone sharing not only Ally's story, but the story of St. Jude and the work that has been done there since entertainer the late Danny Thomas established the treatment and research facility for children's cancers and catastrophic illnesses. While Ally's own address to the club was brief, it was clearly a winner.

St. Jude's history

Jon Cameron noted that St. Jude was founded as the result of a promise and the power of prayer. At a low point in his career, Thomas, who was a Catholic, asked St. Jude for help in his future as an entertainer and pledged, for his part, to do something that would express his gratitude. By the half-century mark, Thomas was rapidly becoming a household name, and he recalled his promise and began looking for the best way to fulfill his commitment. Thanks to a series of benefits staged with help from his Hollywood pals, the Lebanese entertainer was able to build a hospital he named after the saint with whom he had pleaded for guidance in his career. Then he took an even bolder step. He decided to welcome children with life-threatening illnesses there and he
The volume of research carried out at the facility by top-notch physicians recruited from around the globe resulted in more than 600 articles published in 2008 alone.

In 1962, when St. Jude officially opened its doors, Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, the most common childhood cancer, had a cure rate of 5 percent. Today, ALL patients have a 94 percent chance of surviving the disease.

**Ally’s story**

Ally’s own cancer was survivable by only 10 percent of children at that same time. Today, that figure is significantly higher at 55-60 percent.

In Ally’s case, her condition was complicated by the fact that both her adrenal glands were involved, doctors discovered. Her abdomen was filled with tumors, as well, and her heart and lungs were surrounded by the disease.

St. Jude physicians attacked the disease by ordering six rounds of chemotherapy, with plans for surgery following the third round; however, when time came for the family to face the operating room, Ally’s surgeon was in Europe, saving the lives of children there.

With a fourth round of chemo attack under her belt, Ally did soon have the surgery that removed one adrenal gland and what was left of the tumors affecting it completely and took a quarter of the second gland and its tumors. Hers was the first such dramatic surgical procedure to be undertaken at St. Jude and one of very few that have ever been attempted anywhere. On Christmas Eve that year, the toddler received a bone marrow transplant of her own cancer-free marrow.

While her recovery has not been without adjustments for Ally and her family — she takes medication to help her body deal with the loss of so much of the “assistance” healthy adrenal glands would have provided and to help her deal with the nerve damage done by the disease to her stomach and intestines — she is thriving.

Her recovery process was aided by the constant attention and responsiveness of the St. Jude staff, her father says; by the determination of the hospital to provide as much normalcy and as much distraction as possible for Ally and her family while they were at the hospital; and by the birth of her first little sister, Emmy, who made her appearance in dramatic fashion while the family was at St. Jude and thereby provided the most major distraction of all.

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of having the hospital in this area more than 50 years ago and has worked with St. Jude to create a welcoming presence and the potential for growth so that more work can be done to save the lives of children.

No child is ever turned away for lack of funds, since families have no financial responsibility for treatment, except to provide the name of their insurance company if they have coverage. The hospital also partners with 20 other facilities in 15 countries around the world.

Jon Cameron described the atmosphere of the hospital where there are no white walls and cheerful murals abound, where children in treatment zip through the halls on trikes or in bright red wagons (baby sister Emmy’s first bed), where holidays are celebrated in grand and elaborate style and where families are treated as indispensable partners in the goal of curing children with life-threatening illnesses.

Parents who come to St. Jude in total ignorance of the details of the disease affecting their children are quickly brought on board with education and counseling about their role. The approach leaves no doubt moms and dads will be a vital part of the healing process. To help ease the strain on families as much as possible, St. Jude offers both short- and long-term free living arrangements at Grizzly House, Ronald McDonald House and Target House.
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– Dr. John E. Knight, the University of Tennessee at Martin Featured Faculty Scholar for spring semester, recently was honored at a recent reception at Paul Meek Library on campus.

Knight, professor of management, received bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from Georgia Institute of Technology and joined UT Martin in 1971.

He is a professional engineer and certified quality engineer. He was named visiting professor and visiting research professor to Hirosaki University, Hirosaki, Japan, in 1996 and 1997.

He has served on the Faculty Senate, as well as numerous university and departmental committees. Knight also has provided public service for a number of civic and church projects and consulting for various area companies.

A sample of Knight’s extensive list of publications, presentations and accomplishments is on display in the library.

FEATURED FACULTY SCHOLAR – Dr. John E. Knight, left, University of Tennessee at Martin professor of management, recently was named the Featured Faculty Scholar for the spring semester. He is pictured with Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs.
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For more information, contact Bill Hickerson, WTRAC director, at 731-784-1787 or Lane Last, UT Martin associate professor of art, at 731-881-7489 or lanelast@utm.edu.

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The exhibition will feature works of visual arts students from throughout the 2009-2010 school year. Students submit artwork in several categories for review by the visual arts faculty. This year’s exhibition categories include painting, drawing, ceramics and sculpture, graphic design/photography/2-D and mixed media/ fibers/printmaking. Cash awards are given for overall best of show and first place, second place and third place in each category.

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

Luscombe has a Master of Arts degree in music from the University of Akron.

As a performer, Luscombe has been featured various times as a soloist with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. He also has soloed with other orchestras and various concert bands. He has been a member of the Ohio Chamber Orchestra, The Canton Symphony Orchestra, The Civic Orchestra of Chicago and the Elgin Symphony Orchestra.

Luscombe is also active in freelance work outside of the orchestral world and performs on the euphonium and the bass trumpet.

He will be performing works by Martin, Reiche, Besozzi, Castelnuovo and others.

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

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Peabody students named scholarship semi-finalists

The PHS Beta Club recently received word that the National Beta Club has named PHS seniors Greer Barnes and Annie Williams as semi-finalists for the National Beta Club Scholarship Program. Over 1000 students are nominated for this program nationwide and 262 are chosen as semi-finalists. From the semi-finalists 217 scholarships are awarded.

"Just to be named semi-finalists is a huge accomplishment and a great honor to both of these ladies. I have had the privilege of knowing both of them in class and can say they are outstanding students. But more than that both are great leaders in our school, and always display the highest character and integrity" said principal Tim Haney, nominated the girls for the scholarships.

On Monday, the school was notified that Annie Williams has been named as a recipient of a Beta Club Scholarship valued at $1,000. "This outstanding young person represents the true spirit of the National Beta Club, 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.

Annie is the daughter of Jim and Renee Williams and plans to attend Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Greer is the daughter of Ron and Tamara Barnes and plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Griggs is WestStar Leadership graduate

Julie Griggs of Gibson County is among 32 members of the 2010 WestStar class. WestStar was created in 1989 at the University of Tennessee at Martin to serve the multi-county area by providing leadership development and training. Representing 17 counties in the 21-county region, class members have a diverse range of occupations and volunteer leadership experiences.

Griggs is the director of the Gibson County Center of Dyersburg State Community College in Trenton. She serves as a board member of the Gibson County YMCA, as well as a committee member of the Gibson County Imagination Library and the Gibson County Citizens of Action organization. She also participates in numerous college and community related committees and was recently appointed by the governor to serve on the State Tennessee Council on Career and Technical Education.

Griggs was named Outstanding Staff Member at Dyersburg State and is a graduate of Leadership Gibson County, UT Leadership Institute and Leadership Bartlett.

Griggs said WestStar will provide an avenue to better serve West Tennessee and its citizens in a creative, passionate and enthusiastic manner. "Participating in WestStar will give me the opportunity to further develop my leadership skills and foster lasting relationships," she added.
UTM athletic director is keynote speaker

The Gibson County Chapter of The University of Tennessee Alumni Association held a meeting last week at Majestic Steak House and Pizza. Pictured above, UTM Athletic Director Phil Dane (center) discusses upcoming sports facilities projects with Gibson County Chapter UTAA President Ken White (left) and UTAA President Elect Mike Moss of Memphis. Also attending the meeting (lower photo) were: left to right (front row) Joetta White, Walden Hinson, Bettie Powell, Mary Nelle Hamilton, Guinda Flippin, Dr. Christy Hicks, Carolyn Moss, (back row) Henry Burch, Bob Holman, Dickey Hinson, James Hamilton, Ken White, K.J. White, Terry Brown, Keith Carver, Tim Haney, Floyd Flippin, Phil Dane and Mike Moss.

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TBI issues report on campus crime

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation today released the 2009 "Crime on Campus" Report, which shows a statewide increase of crime on Tennessee's campuses for the first time in five years.

The number of offenses reported jumped a little more than 9 percent from 2008 to 2009. There were 7,538 offenses reported in 2009 compared with 6,900 in 2008. The previous years, 2007 and 2008, showed a 6.4 percent drop, and there was a 12.5 percent decrease between 2006 and 2007. TBI contacted the institutions that showed the greatest increases and asked for explanations regarding the increase in reported offenses for the most recent analysis. Enrollment increased 10 percent statewide from 2008 to 2009, possibly due to economic conditions in the state and people improving their job skills with education.

Overview of reported offenses
- Larceny/theft offenses made up 38.5 percent of the total number of offenses

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(Continued from Page 1) reported. This category continues to comprise the largest number of crimes on campuses.
- Drugs/narcotics violations increased 16 percent overall, with Drug Paraphernalia increasing 18 percent.
- Fraud offenses increased by 75 percent and shoplifting increased 700 percent in 2009.
- The reported number of rapes increased from 12 in 2008 to 17 in 2009.

To view a full copy of the Crime on Campus Report, including statistics from each individual institution, go to www.tbi.state.tn.us and click on "Statistical Analysis Center" from the "Tennessee Crime Statistics" button on TBI's homepage.

Area campuses

The report includes several college and technical school campuses in West Tennessee, including Bethel University in McKenzie, Dyersburg State Community College, Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Jackson State Community College, Lambuth University in Jackson, Lane College in Jackson, the Tennessee Technology Centers (TTC) at Jackson, McKenzie, Newbern and Paris, Union University in Jackson and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Highlights of the offenses reported from each campus include:

- Bethel (total campus population: 3,452) — nine assault offenses; 10 burglaries; four larceny/theft offenses; three destruction/damage/vandalism offenses; one drug violation; and six liquor law violations.
- Dyersburg State (total campus population: 3,206) — five larceny/theft offenses; one motor vehicle theft; one drug violation; and one drunkenness.
- Freed-Hardeman (total campus population: 1,768) — one assault offense; one burglary; 19 larceny/theft offenses; three destruction/damage/vandalism offenses; and two drug offenses.
- Jackson State (total campus population: 3,573) — one assault offense; seven larceny/theft offenses; one motor vehicle theft; and one trespassing.
- Lambuth (total campus population: 766) — two assault offenses; five burglaries; 17 larceny/theft offenses; one motor vehicle theft; four destruction/damage/vandalism offenses; and one drug violation.
- Lane (total campus population: 2,681) — one robbery; 30 assault offenses; eight burglaries; 19 larceny/theft offenses; one motor vehicle theft; two fraud offenses; 18 destruction/damage/vandalism offenses; 17 drug violations; two gambling offenses; two weapons law violations; four disorderly conduct; two liquor law violations; and two other offenses (not specified).
- TTC at Jackson (total campus population: 642) — one larceny/theft offense.
- TTC at McKenzie (total campus population: 292) — no offenses.
- TTC at Newbern (total campus population: 309) — one larceny/theft offense and one disorderly conduct.
- TTC at Paris (total campus population: 326) — one drug violation.
- Union University (total campus population: 3,883) — two burglaries, 27 larceny/theft offenses, one fraud offense, two destruction/damage/vandalism offenses and one liquor law violation.
- UT Martin (total campus population: 8,207) — 16 assault offenses, four burglaries, 45 larceny/theft offenses, two counterfeiting/forgery offenses, seven fraud offenses, 21 destruction/damage/vandalism offenses, 19 drug violations, one weapons law violation, one disorderly conduct, eight driving under the influence violations, six drunkenness; 53 liquor law violations; one trespassing; and two other offenses (not specified).

None of the area campuses reported any homicides or sex offenses in 2009.