Veterans Day Service at UT-Martin

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The commemoration program will begin at 4:00.

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Gibson County students receive scholarships to UTM

MARTIN, Tenn. – Two Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2015-2016 academic year, according to Dr. James Mantooth, executive director, Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement.

Catherine D. Ing, of Milan, daughter of Kim and Clayton Lawrence and Rusty Ing, will be a freshman. She received the Martha & Andy Holt Award.

Jessica R. Schaefer, of Milan, daughter of Dan Schaefer and Cindy Schaefer, will be a freshman. She received the Elam Alumni Legacy Scholarship and the Deans Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting the UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN, 38238, or by calling (731) 881-7040.

FAMILY OF SKYHAWKS - Jessica Holt and Beau Reynolds, sophomores from Bradford, enjoy a beautiful day during homecoming festivities Oct. 10 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Holt is a social work major and Reynolds is an English major. They are joined by sons (l-r) Kolby and Kason.

GREEK LIFE - Mallory Staley and her mother, Starla Staley ('93), both of Milan, and Stephanie Legens ('90) and her daughter, Lakyn Bell, both of Martin, enjoy a beautiful day Oct. 10 during homecoming festivities at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Both daughters are sophomores and members of Chi Omega sorority. Mallory is an education major and Lakyn is a biology major.
VANGUARD AT KIWANIS — Director Kevin Shell (back row, far right) recently brought four of his leading Vanguard actors to the October Kiwanis meeting to discuss the upcoming play, "As You Like It," which will open at Thursday at UT Martin. Others in the picture are (front row) Lauren Maddox and Stephen White; (back row) Cody Jarman and Dillon Davis, all UT-Martin students. Dr. Shell gave some general comments about this beloved, time-honored comedy filled with poetry and romance, but then he encouraged Kiwanians to engage in a question and answer exchange with the actors about their experiences with the production, their approach/process, the set, costumes, storyline and more. Tickets are on sale this week through Sunday from the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts by calling 881-7400 and at the Vanguard Box Office two hours before each performance in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. Twenty-four students are involved in this production.

SHARING INFORMATION — Dr. David Carithers, chair of the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages at UT Martin and West Tennessee Writing Project director, recently gave a presentation entitled "Teachers and Writers Collaborating: The West Tennessee Writing Project" to members of the Kiwanis Club of Martin. Dr. Carithers explained that WTWP is guided by three major principles: writing will improve as writing instruction improves, the best teacher of a teacher is another excellent teacher and teachers of writing should be practicing writers. WTWP is a program of professional development for K-16 teachers; the local project is one of more than 200 sites of the National Writing Project. More information about WTWP can be found at the website http://www.utm.edu/departments/wtwp/ or by contacting Dr. Carithers at UT Martin. The local Kiwanis Club meets weekly on the campus of UT Martin, and membership is open to men and women.
Fall Festival coming to Big Cypress park

ON THE BOARDWALK — The boardwalk built last year at Big Cypress State Park extends a .22-mile walk into the bottomland of the park. The park is hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday to showcase the autumn foliage of the park. Photo by Randy Cavin

As the leaves are turning in the heart of autumn, it’s nearly time for the 26th annual Fall Festival at Big Cypress Tree State Natural Area.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.

“Hopefully, it will be a nice fall day with no precipitation,” park manager Bill McCall said. “If it does rain, we will still have the event. The festival is a free event for the entire family and we have a great lineup of interesting programs for the public’s enjoyment.”

Beginning at 9:30, Dr. Arthur Hunt, a communications professor at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will give a historic presentation on Davy Crockett, who has a history at Big Cypress from having lived, hunted and fished in the area around the park.

UTM’s Dr. Tom Blanchard will follow with a program about Tennessee snakes. He will have several local live snakes for close inspection.

At 11, Bob Tarter will present a new program, “Rainforest Life.” He will have several animals, including a white-nosed coati, baby muntjac deer, green Amazon parrot, red-tailed boa, green iguana, tarantula and scorpion.

The Ashley Mitchell Band will provide musical entertainment this year starting at noon. There are also plans for an Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter to visit the festival around noon.

Tarter will be back at 1:30 p.m. with another new program, “Desert Life.” He will have several animals, including a gila monster, fennec fox, harris hawk, prairie dog and a 70-pound sulcata tortoise will be the stars of this program.

The final program of the day, “Reelfoot Lake Birds of Prey,” will start around 2. Hawks, owls and a bald eagle may be seen up close.

UTM’s Ecology Club will have a booth with many interesting exhibits of flora and fauna. Arts and crafts vendors will also be set up on the park grounds.

“If there are any arts and crafts vendors who want to set up, they only need to come out and set up by 9 a.m.,” McCall said. “There is no charge for vendors to set up.”

Pope’s Concessions will have food available for sale for lunch.

The park, located about five miles outside Greenfield, was created in 1973 when the Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation naming it as the first natural area in Tennessee. McCall has been working at the park since he graduated from UTM 37 years ago. During that time, he has seen the park grow from some fields and bottomland to the park it is today.

The park features a picnic area with a covered picnic shelter, tables, grills, water, restrooms, paved walking trail, baseball field, wildflower garden and disc golf course.

McCall said the feature of which he is most proud is the new .22-mile boardwalk trail that leads into the hardwood bottomland forest. He said many people have never seen this area because it is usually wet or flooded, making for difficult walking. The new boardwalk provides a safe and easy walkway that is handicap-accessible so visitors may visit the woods in any footwear.

There are plans to extend this walkway deeper into the bottomland when grant funds are available again. Eventually, McCall hopes to have the boardwalk go another .54 miles and stop at the middle fork of the Obion River.

“The boardwalk was my number one goal since I came to work at Big Cypress Tree Park in 1979,” McCall said. “It is really a spectacular walkway that makes this park extra special. I invite everyone who likes to walk in the great outdoors to visit Big Cypress.”

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Cypress Tree and check out the boardwalk and the rest of the park.”

He said autumn is one of the best times of the year to visit and the Fall Festival is a great event to see what the park has to offer.

The festival is sponsored by Tennessee State Parks and by the Friends of Big Cypress Tree.

The park is located west of Greenfield at 295 Big Cypress Road.

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Big things are coming to The University of Tennessee - Martin's Selmer Campus very soon.

First, on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m., the campus will host a Scholarship Workshop. This seminar is open to parents and students who are interested in attending UT Martin or any college or university to find answers to the following questions: Where do I look for scholarships available to me? What should I say in my personal statement? What should I include in a scholarship essay? What do scholarship committees look for when awarding scholarships?

Individuals currently serving on local and university scholarship committees will be presenting information and tips to students, and there will be personalized help available for student biographies and essays.

The University of Tennessee at Martin extended campus locations in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley and Selmer will offer several new areas of study beginning with the spring 2016 semester. Students at these centers will be able to pursue a UT Martin degree in business management or take courses to prepare for careers in the paralegal or health informatics and information management fields.

The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a major in management will use a "blended" format, combining face-to-face, distance learning and online coursework. UT Martin undergraduate business programs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International and are regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Degrees are awarded from the UT Martin main campus. Students at all four extended campus centers will also be able to take courses in preparation for careers as paralegals. These courses are recommended for those seeking to enter the legal field as legal assistants or certified paralegals through one of the national accrediting and certification entities. Those completing required coursework in this area are eligible to sit for the National Association of Legal Assistants examination and may apply the courses toward the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree.

Courses are also available in pre-health informatics and information management to prepare students for a career or application to a master's program in that field. Prerequisite courses for master's programs vary between institutions, but students who complete recommended coursework will be eligible for admission into most programs, including the University of Tennessee Health Science Center online program.

Early registration for the spring 2016 semester begins Nov. 9 and spring classes begin Jan. 14.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at 731-881-7080, or contact the UT Martin center in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley or Selmer.
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Rolling Thunder, Tennessee Chapter 6, will host a Veterans Day parade beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Martin. Line-up will begin in the Hardy M. Graham Stadium parking lot at 9 and the parade will follow University Street to downtown Martin. All attending veterans will be offered transportation during the parade.

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held in Festival Park in Martin at the conclusion of the parade. A luncheon will follow at the American Legion, with the auxiliary hosting.

For more information on the UT Martin program, contact Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, faculty adviser to the UT Martin student veterans association, at (731) 881-7472.
UTM’s Phi Kappa Phi recognized for excellence

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi recently recognized the University of Tennessee at Martin chapter as a Chapter of Excellence, the highest commendation a chapter can receive from the organization.

Twenty-nine chapters received the distinction this year, out of more than 300 chapters in North America and the Philippines.

“The Chapter of Excellence award is given to chapters that excel in recognizing and promoting academic excellence in all fields of higher education and engaging the community of scholars in service to others,” according to a Phi Kappa Phi press release.

“The Chapter Recognition Program offers Phi Kappa Phi the opportunity to say a special thank you to chapters who go above and beyond in promoting academic excellence on their campuses,” added Dr. Mary Todd, society executive director.

UT Martin’s chapter 127 inducts new members each spring, hosts academic lectures twice per year and applies regularly for Phi Kappa Phi’s Select award and grant programs.

Dr. David Carithers, associate professor and chair in the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages at UT Martin, is the current chapter president, while Dr. Stephanie Kolitsch, professor of mathematics, is the immediate past president responsible for working toward the Chapter of Excellence commendation.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was founded at the University of Maine in 1897 and is the nation’s oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Membership is offered by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and to the top 7.5 percent of second-term juniors.

About 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni are inducted into the society nationwide each year.

For more information, contact Carithers at (731) 881-7290 or by email at dcarithers@utm.edu.

By Rhonda Mitchell
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For the second year in a row, one of Parsons’ leaders has been named to The Jackson Sun’s “Forty Under Forty: West Tennessee’s Up-and-Coming” class.

Dr. Kelli Deere, UTM Parsons Center director since 2012, was selected for the Class of 2015. Last year, Kyle Smith was in the class of 2014.

“I’m very excited and honored,” declared Deere. “I just do my job, not anything extra. When I help students, I’m just doing my job and I love it. I have the best staff, students and boards.”

Deere resides in Lexington with her husband, Neal and daughter, Mollie. Neal is the daughter of Jimmy and Beth White, also of Lexington. She spends a lot of her spare time on the road to help parks in West and Middle Tennessee to support her daughter in her travel softball team, Spire. Her coach is the coach. Once she is very proud of that she Spire won the USF 100 Softball World Series in Jackson this year.

Deere is also president of the Desoto County Chamber of Commerce, church pianist, 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School teacher and children’s choir director. She is a member of the Tennessee Association for Continuing Higher Education and the Learning Resource Network and a 2013 graduate of the WestStar Leadership Program.

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Voices for education
Miss America, Miss Tennessee visit

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL's Student Body President Sarah Barnette, second from right, and Vice President Adam Foster, second from left, met with Miss Tennessee Hannah Robison, right, and Miss America Betty Cantrell, left, at Cleveland Middle School early Tuesday morning. The two beauty queens visited the school and talked with Kiwanis Builders Club members and members of the Beta Club.

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EMPHASIZING the importance of community service, Miss America Betty Cantrell and Miss Tennessee Hannah Robison speak to a group of students at Lake Forest Middle School.

Banner photo, CHRISTY ARMSTRONG
MISS TENNESSEE Hannah Robison, left, and Miss America Betty Cantrell, right, are shown during their visit to Cleveland’s Blythe-Bower Elementary School Tuesday morning. The state and national beauty winners were in Cleveland to talk with city and county students as part of Gov. Bill Haslam’s Character Education program.

Banner photo, LARRY C. BOWERS

By LARRY C. BOWERS Banner Staff Writer

An attractive Georgia Peach and a comely Tennessee Volunteer came to visit the students of Cleveland and Bradley County Tuesday, and stayed the day.

Miss America 2016 Betty Cantrell, a native of Macon, Ga., and Miss Tennessee 2015 Hannah Robison, of Martin, visited Cleveland Middle School and Blythe-Bower Elementary School early Tuesday morning, before the sun had lifted.

The two beauty queens and education advocates journeyed to Bradley County’s Lake Forest Middle School just before lunch, and closed out the visit to Walker Valley High School’s Key Club after a noon meal.

Cantrell and Robison, along with their entourage, were at Cleveland Middle well before the school buses began to arrive.

Cleveland Director of Schools Dr. Martin Ringstaff and Cleveland Middle Principal Mike Collier were two of the few education officials already on campus.

Among the first three waiting at the middle school were Sarah Barnette, president of the Cleveland High School student body, and Adam Foster, its vice president.

Foster’s sister Madyson was in attendance to visit an old friend.

Madyson Foster said she and Robison have competed against each other on the state’s pageant circuits in year’s past. Foster is now a financial advisor and ballet instructor.

Miss America and Miss Tennessee were visiting with approximately 25 to 30 members of the Cleveland Kiwanis Club’s Builders Club at Cleveland Middle. Some 70 members of the Beta Club were also in attendance.

Miss Tennessee was the first speaker. “I work for Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and I talk to students about being responsible, and admitting to their mistakes,” Robison said.

“I usually talk about the three main responsibilities you have: to yourself, to others, and to the community.”

She explained that she will travel more than 80,000 miles back and forth across Tennessee this year talking with students. She said there are 160,000 children in the state who are afraid of being bullied each day.
Robison said students should treat others as they want to be treated, and they should do what they’re supposed to do without being told.

Miss America then took the platform and said she will be traveling even more than Miss Tennessee, not only in one state, but across the nation. “I’ll be on the road about 340 days through the year, she said.

Miss America emphasized that she talks about four items on her travels. “Students need to practice service, scholarship, success and style,” she said.

Miss Cantrell is also the Goodwill Ambassador of the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals around the country and will visit these centers during her travels.

Miss America said she was happy to visit the kids in the hospitals, although it’s difficult. “It’s nice the kids get to see a sparkly crown to cheer them up from cancer, and other illnesses,” she added.

The girls then talked with the students about going to college, keeping their grades up, and what they would like to do with their lives.

Leaving Cleveland Middle School just after 8 a.m., Cantrell and Robison journeyed across town to visit third-, fourth- and fifth-graders at Blythe-Bower Elementary School.

At the South Cleveland school, they presented much the same program, talking to almost 300 students.

After Tuesday’s visit was concluded, both girls returned to Nashville for appearances Tuesday evening.

Robison will be in Nashville for several days, while Cantrell and tour manager Julie Hoffman will be going on to Mississippi later in the week. Cantrell will be singing God Bless America at Saturday’s University of Mississippi football game.

From Ole Miss, Cantrell will travel to Philadelphia, and then back to Macon for a homecoming. Robison will be able to visit with two older sisters while staying in Nashville this week.

By CHRISTY ARMSTRONG Banner Staff Writer

Students at Lake Forest Middle School and Walker Valley High School got a little extra encouragement to be responsible and help others when Miss America and Miss Tennessee visited them Tuesday.

Miss America 2016 Betty Cantrell and Miss Tennessee 2015 Hannah Robison spoke to groups of student leaders about how service and hard work helped get them to where they are today.

Both also emphasized the importance of education.

Robison is a Paris native pursuing a degree in chemistry from the University of Tennessee at Martin, while Cantrell is a Warner Robins, Ga., native who has been studying vocal performance at Mercer University in Macon, Ga.

Both ladies received college scholarships upon winning their Miss Tennessee and Miss Georgia titles, respectively, and placing in the Miss America competition.

They are currently putting their own educations on pause to promote their platforms.

Robison explained that, as Miss Tennessee, she has been recruited by Gov. Bill Haslam to travel throughout the state promoting character education to children in school.

Given a list of traits to promote, Robison said she chose “responsibility” as her No. 1.

Speaking to Lake Forest students, Robison said they should practice responsibility in various areas, including taking care of themselves and others.

She added it is every student’s responsibility to work to prevent and do away with bullying.

While it can be difficult for a student to find out what interests them and where they fit in, she encouraged them to keep trying new things.

“If you don’t try it out, you’ll never know if you’re good at it,” Robison said, adding it took her a while to find she liked science.

Cantrell told the students what it was like competing in Miss America before shifting her focus to her platform, “Healthy Children, Strong America.”

Speaking of the United States’ problem with obesity, Cantrell told the students it is important for them to make sure they are eating healthily and getting enough exercise.
She also emphasized two of the values promoted by the Miss America program --- service and scholarship.

Cantrell stressed being in a position like Miss America is “not just about being pretty.”

“She also has to be smart and do well in school,” she said.

Cantrell added she has only been competing in pageants for about a year and a half, and she was inspired to start because of the chance to win scholarships.

She also told the students how her commitment to service had a meaningful impact on her life.

Both she and Robison have both been given the platform to promote causes like the Children’s Miracle Network hospitals, and Cantrell said she has particularly enjoyed visiting hospitals and trying to make the patients smile.

Cantrell said any student who remains determined to do well in his or her studies and serve the community is the one most likely to achieve his or her goals.

“You can be anything you set your mind to,” she said.

Speaking to students at Walker Valley, Robison again stressed the importance of taking responsibility for one’s actions, doing away with bullying and doing well in school.

Robison encouraged students to keep trying if they feel they have not found what they want to do after high school.

After taking multiple elective classes and getting involved with many extracurriculars in high school, she finally realized she had a passion for science and wanted to someday be a chemist.

She added she had to overcome her initial assumption that subjects like math and science “were mostly just for guys.”

Robison also stressed the importance of community service, having gotten the chance to serve both in high school and while traveling as Miss Tennessee.

Cantrell echoed that sentiment, explaining how service can help make someone “a more well-rounded person.”

Young people are in a great position to serve their communities because of their energy and enthusiasm, which can be put to good use, she added. A service-minded spirit is also “contagious.”

“Set the pace for the future,” Cantrell said. “You are the future of America.”

The ladies’ visit to Cleveland also included stops to speak to students at Cleveland Middle School and Blythe-Bower Elementary School. The visits were sponsored by the United Way of Bradley County.

As they promoted community service, Miss America and Miss Tennessee also made sure to promote www.volunteersvoice.org, a United Way website that allows local nonprofits to list volunteer opportunities.

Having heard their talk of doing well in school and serving others, Lake Forest Principal Ritchie Stevenson said he was grateful the special guests were able to visit.

“Both these ladies emphasized volunteerism and education,” Stevenson said. “Those are great things for students to hear.”
High schools invited to Science Bowl at UTM

High schools are invited to send teams to the 2015 Science Bowl, November 14, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. There is no registration fee, but teams should be registered by November 1 to participate.

The event is sponsored by the university's chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society with assistance from the newly-created Northwest Tennessee Regional STEM Hub. The Hub serves schools in Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Obion, Tipton and Weakley counties and will provide teacher stipends, bus travel and a mini-workshop on dye-sensitized solar cells while students participate in the written exam.

Competition will begin with a written test covering topics in biology, chemistry and general science with 25 questions in each category. There is no limit on the number of entries accepted from each school.

Eight schools will be chosen for the afternoon quiz bowl competition based on scores from the written exam. Four of these slots will be reserved for schools from STEM Hub counties.

Champion and runner-up schools will each receive trophies, and team members will receive medals based on their final scores.

Science Bowl rules can be found at http://www.utm.edu/staff/skairce/siacs/scibowlrules.html.

Teams can register to participate by contacting the UT Martin SMACS chapter at SMACS@utm.edu or by calling 731-881-7450.

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Peanuts is on the scene at UTM

Charlie Brown is in trouble with the Environmental Protection Agency; Lucy has counted 48 suns orbiting the Earth; and Snoopy and Linus are planting french fries in the garden. These are just a few of the misadventures on display now in the “Peanuts... Naturally” exhibit in the University of Tennessee at Martin’s J. Houston Gordon Museum.

The exhibit will run through Dec. 17 and allows visitors of all ages to explore the natural world through “Peanuts” comic strips, videos, objects and interactive stations. Observers will come to a greater appreciation of the “web of nature,” as seen through the eyes of Snoopy and his fellow “Peanuts” characters.

Charles Schulz, creator of the “Peanuts” comic strips, devoted almost 50 years to the escapades of Charlie Brown and his friends. Schulz was an avid reader and took great interest in the latest research findings of various fields, facts which often found their way into his characters’ unique interpretations of their world. The “Peanuts... Naturally” exhibit is organized and toured by the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center in Santa Rosa, Calif.

The J. Houston Gordon Museum is located inside the Paul Meek Library on the UT Martin main campus. There is no admission charge, and the exhibit is open to the public from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.
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Fuqua To Attend Leadership Institute Executive Academy

Landy Fuqua of Martin is participating in the Delta Regional Authority's eleventh class of the Delta Leadership Institute Executive Academy. Fuqua, director of the UT Martin REED Center and Tennessee Small Business Development Center, joins other DLI fellows from each of the eight Delta region states. Participants are nominated by their respective governors to participate in the year-long leadership training program.

Over the course of the Executive Academy year, Fuqua will attend six sessions across the Delta region and in Washington, DC to engage in advocacy training, case study discussion, and on-the-ground field studies of priority issue areas for the region including Workforce Training and Education, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Public Health, Transportation, and Basic Public Infrastructure. "Years ago, after starting my own business, I began to recognize that I was failing my sales team by managing them and not leading by example. What I eventually came to understand is that being a leader is a process, a process that becomes our life’s mission. Through participation in the Delta Leadership Institute, I aspire to continue the journey and immerse myself in a results-focused environment and to help find better ways to approach real world problems," Fuqua said.

Since 2005, the DLI has worked to improve the decisions made by community leaders across the Delta by broadening their understanding of regional issues, building a corps of alumni that have a regional and national perspective, developing a toolkit of resources for addressing issues facing their local communities, and providing the training and professional development needed to extend the pipeline of skilled local leadership within our Delta communities.

The newest DLI class held its orientation and first session of the Executive Academy in Memphis, TN.
Annual Big Cypress Tree Fall Festival Set For Nov. 7

The 26th Fall Festival at Big Cypress Tree State Natural Area will be held this Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 starting at 9 a.m. The festival will be held rain or shine. The festival is a free event for the entire family.

A great line-up of interesting programs for the public's enjoyment is scheduled for the festival. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., Dr. Arthur Hunt of UTM will perform his presentation of Davy Crockett. Crockett has a history at Big Cypress having lived, hunted, and fished here. UTM's Dr. Tom Blanchard follows Hunt with a program about Tennessee snakes. He will have several local live snakes for close inspection.

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The festival is sponsored by Tennessee State Parks and by the Friends of Big Cypress Tree.

To reach the park, turn west onto Hwy. 445 north of Greenfield and follow the signs.

Young Writers Conference Set For Nov. 13

The annual Young Writers Conference returns to the University of Tennessee at Martin on Nov. 13. The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Boling University Center and is open to students in grades 9-12. Registration materials and fees must be received by Nov. 6.

Each student will attend two workshops during the 9-10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. sessions with a luncheon following at 12:30 p.m. Students will also have an opportunity to share their work during an open mic reading from 2-3 p.m.

Students must be recommended by a teacher on the basis of academic achievement and artistic promise in order to attend. Registration is limited to 200 participants on a first-come, first-served basis and costs $12 per student. The fee includes all workshops, readings and lunch. Students and teachers can register online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecos/conference.php or by mailing registration materials to Young Writers Conference, ECOS, 110 Gooch Hall, University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, TN, 38238. All checks should be made payable to UT Martin.

For more information or to receive registration materials, contact Dr. John Glass, UT Martin associate professor of English, at 731-881-7288 or by email at jglass@utm.edu.
UTM Vanguard Theatre Discusses Upcoming Play At Kiwanis Meeting

UTM Vanguard Theatre Director Kevin Shell (back row, far right) brought four of his Vanguard actors to the October 28 Kiwanis meeting to discuss the upcoming play, As You Like It, which will open at Thursday, November 5, at UT Martin. Others in the picture are Lauren Maddox and Stephen White (front row), and Cody Jarman and Dillon Davis (back row), all UT Martin students. Dr. Shell gave some general comments about this beloved, time-honored comedy filled with poetry and romance, but then he encouraged Kiwanians to engage in a question and answer exchange with the actors about their experiences with the production, their approach/process, the set, costumes, storyline, and more. Tickets are on sale this week (November 2-8) from the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts (8817400) and at the Vanguard Box Office two hours before each performance in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. Twenty-four students are involved in this production.
STUDENTS, Marissa Henson and Denzell King, at Lauderdale Middle School, attended the UT Martin FutureStar Leadership Summit October 29th in Martin. The FutureStar Summit, sponsored by WestStar Alumni contributions, is a leadership program designed for West Tennessee’s potential leaders. Lynda Cliff and Juanita Halfacre accompanied students. These students were chosen by principal and counselors who have noticed their extra effort. A luncheon was held in the UT ballroom, along with team building activities, leadership exercises, department visits, and the day ended with a Drum Circle in the Fine Arts Building.

Attends Summit

UT Martin To Offer Courses

Beginning in the spring, the University of Tennessee at Martin extended campus locations in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, and Selmer, will offer students the opportunity to pursue a degree in business management, or prepare for careers in the paralegal or healthy informatics and information management fields.

For more information, or registration dates, call the office at 731-881-7080.

UT Martin Vanguard Theater to produce Shakespeare’s comedy ‘As You Like It’

William Shakespeare’s beloved comedy “As You Like It” will come to the University of Tennessee at Martin stage today through Sunday and bring laughter to audience members of all ages. Performances will begin at 8 p.m. today through Saturday with a matinee at 3 p.m. Sunday in the university’s Harriet Fulton Theatre, according to a news release.

In this great case of mistaken identity, Rosalind and Orlando are forced into exile in the Forest of Arden where everything turns upside down in one of Shakespeare’s famous comedies. Vanguard Theatre members Lauren Maddox, a sophomore from Huntsville, Ala., and Stephen White, a junior from Camden, will play Rosalind and Orlando, respectively. Twenty-two other students will fill a variety of roles to complete the ensemble.

Tickets may be purchased from the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts during regular office hours. Admission is $15 for adults and $5 for students and children under the age of 12. The Vanguard Theatre box office opens two hours before each performance and is located in the front lobby.
McNairy County student receives scholarship to attend UT Martin

A McNairy County student has been awarded a scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2015-2016 academic year, according to Dr. James Mantooth, executive director, Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement. Lacey Irene Tanner, daughter of Kimberly Ballard, of Selmer, will be a senior. She received the Selmer Class of 1959 Award.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting the UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN, 38238, or by calling (731) 881-7040.

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Invasion!

This close-up of a ladybug shows the small jaws with which it can bite, but better yet, control garden pests like aphids.

With hundreds of ladybugs per square foot on Delta Willis' front porch, there were probably millions on and around her house. Many species are evident with different numbers of spots and colors.
Ladybug beetles swarm to stay warm, but no cause for alarm

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Late fall is the time many homeowners notice swarms of ladybug beetles seeking warmth and shelter from the approaching winter season. Just ask Delta Willis, 7511 Millsfield Highway, who called in to report a massive swarm of the beetles covering her house, front porch, driveway, yard and trees. Though she’d noticed ladybugs swarming in years past, never before had she had so many covering her house that she felt compelled to call an exterminator. “You should have been here this morning,” she said. “They completely covered the sides of the house, windows, doors, everything.”

Dr. Jack Grugbaugh, entomology professor at UT Martin, has also been receiving a lot of calls lately asking about the pesky little beasts. Grubbaugh said, “This time of year they’re looking for a warm place to spend the winter. White and other ‘light’ colors seem to be one criteria for selection, maybe because those colors are more visible.” They also favor south and west exposures in the afternoon.

Delta Willis sitting on her front porch amid thousands of ladybugs.
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year’s explosion of ladybug numbers may also be a result of the recent invasion by the white sugar cane aphid, a pest species that feeds on grain sorghum, or milo, crops. Ladybugs are one of the major predators of aphids, as many gardeners know, and as such are good to have around.

There are over 500 recognized species of ladybug beetles in the United States, many of which are not native to North America. Worldwide the number is around 5,000 species that have been described. Ladybug beetles belong to the family Coccinellidae, which is derived from the Latin word coccineus meaning “scarlet”. According to multiple sources quoted in Wikipedia, the name “ladybird” may have originated in Britain where the insects became known as “Our Lady’s bird” or the Lady beetle. Mary (Our Lady) was often depicted wearing a red cloak in early paintings, and the spots of the seven-spot ladybird (the most common in Europe) were said to symbolize her seven joys and seven sorrows. In the United States, the name was adapted to “ladybug”.

The truth is that the ladybugs come in all colors, with no spots, or many, up to 12. They can bite but rarely do, and it is more irritating than painful. One disgusting habit is that they “bleed” from their legs upon being disturbed. This “blood” protects them from predators by imparting a foul odor and bitter taste. This is one reason for their bright coloration, which reminds predators what they might be in for if they partake of the little ladies.

According to the pest control website: http://www.doyourownpestcontrol.com, prevention is the best of all control methods. Sealing ladybugs out by caulking cracks and around utility service openings, fixing broken window screens and door jams, plugging cracks in the foundation or roof as well as similar exclusion-type activities will help prevent the Asian lady beetles from entering in the first place. Use a fast-acting synthetic pyrethroid insecticide to help prevent Asian lady beetles, cluster flies, box elder bugs and similar pests from entering your home in the fall. For best results spray in the fall and spring on the south and southwest exposure of the house. Spray the exterior walls from the ground up as high as you can go.

Once ladybugs have become established in the home, the treatment options are limited. The easiest way to remove ladybugs, once they are indoors, is with a vacuum cleaner.

These wild turkeys were spotted just down (south) the road from the home of Delta Willis and showed no interest in the ladybug swarm, probably because the beetles are so bitter to the taste.

State Gazette photo/Ken Jones
TOWN HALL — Randy Stamps (left) answers questions during a town hall meeting on outsourcing at UTM. He was accompanied by state Reps. Curtis Halford and Andy Holt, who told the audience that they would voice the concerns of their constituents to Gov. Haslam.

UTM outsourcing fuels discussion

By DOUG MARSHALL
Special to the Press

Tensions were high and anxiety obvious at the Legislative Hall meeting Wednesday evening on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

State Rep. Andy Holt from District 76, state Rep. Curtis Halford from District 79 and government affairs director Randy Stamps with the Tennessee State Employee’s Association (TSEA) spoke to concerned UTM employees about Gov. Bill Haslam’s potential proposal to outsource facility management for every state building not already contracted through the company Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL).

The facilities in this proposal, according to a news release from TSEA, would include National Guard facilities, prisons, hospitals, higher education buildings and any other building run by the state. TSEA released a newsletter on Sept. 2 requesting that a third party review all contracts in Haslam’s proposal in order to verify cost savings.

The concern that Holt, Halford and Stamps all shared, along with the citizens of Martin and UTM employees, was in the ambiguity behind the proposal.

According to the state employee insider newsletter presented at the meeting by TSEA, “On Oct. 9 during a presentation to a New York bond-rating agency, Gov. Haslam presented a PowerPoint slide that said the state will implement enterprise-wide initiatives to reduce costs and improve productivity, which include facilities management outsourcing.

The slide could have specified the state will investigate but it said will implement.”

The source of some local anxiety is the discrepancy in the claims by the state employee insider newsletter and a statement made by John Hull, deputy commissioner of the Department of General Services.

According to the state employee insider, “Deputy commissioner of the Department of General Services John Hull on Oct. 9 told reporters no decision has been made on the future outsourcing of facilities management. ‘We should be out investigating

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it, and that’s all we’re doing,” Hull said.

Both Holt and Halford said they felt under-informed on the decision and wanted to make clear that no Legislature has, at least to their knowledge, been a part of the initiation of this decision.

“I want to be real clear, if it hasn’t been made clear so far, no one in the Legislature has initiated this decision, no one that I am aware of,” Holt said. “This decision has been initiated solely by the governor’s office, and while the governor will have a great deal of control over this decision, it is my opinion that the Legislature should have the ability to aid the governor in his decision.”

According to Stamps, “The fiscal review committee has heard more than any other legislature. They heard a brief PowerPoint on some general facts about what possible anticipated savings would be. They were also given some anecdotal information from JLL,” Stamps said.

According to Holt’s interpretation of information presented to him before the meeting, “Right now, at approximately 2.5 million square feet of space under roof being maintained on the UTM campus, UTM has an average cost of $4.80 per square foot. Compare that to an aggregate number that has been assessed based on the state’s findings so far, a readily used maintenance cost adjusting estimation at the cost of $12.25 per square foot. The difference here is an approximate cost of $12 million to an approximate cost of $30 million. I am still at a loss for the great savings that will be incurred by this decision to privatize, and that is not necessarily the cost that would be maintained if and when a contract is obtained.”

According to the state employee insider on the subject, “Data gathered recently for a study by professor Emeritus of Economics from the University of Memphis DavidCiscoel, Ph.D., on outsourcing custodians at Tennessee Technological University indicated that the cost of serving TTU with custodial services was actually higher than (1) the contract that TTU and Service Solutions had signed, and (2) was very close to the estimated cost of TTU provided services before privatization.”

The shared concern across the Legislative Hall room at UTM was, in the event the decision is implemented, the economics of the area would be greatly effected. Another concern raised was the safety and security hazards that could potentially arise from privatization.

The economic concern was, given the proposal’s implementation, the new custodial services would pay employees a fixed hourly rate with no benefits, leaving them with less money than current employees.

Holt, Halford and Stamps wanted the people of Districts 79 and 76 to know that they are being represented and that their voices are being heard. In multiple statements, they urged constituents to be aware of the situation and not to panic, but to make a conscious effort to allow their opinions and concerns to be heard by the Legislature and the governor’s office.

Anyone who wishes to raise concerns or who has questions may contact Halford at (615) 741-7478 or rep.curtis.halford@capitol.tn.gov; Holt at (615) 741-7847 or rep.andy.holt@capitol.tn.gov; or Stamps at (615) 256-4533 or randy.stamps@teasonline.org.
PARADE SATURDAY — Rolling Thunder, Tennessee chapter 6, will host a Veterans Day Parade beginning at 10:30 a.m. Line-up will begin in the Hardy M. Graham Stadium parking lot at 9 a.m. and the parade will follow University Street to downtown Martin. All attending veterans will be offered transportation during the parade.

POST PARADE CELEBRATION IN FESTIVAL PARK SCHEDULE

Master of Ceremonies: Judge Tommy Moore
Musical Medley: Martin Elementary School - Ms Robin Pape
Invocation: Pastor Ed Eubank
Presentation of the Colors: UT-M Skyhawk Battalion ROTC
National Anthem: Martin Elementary School
Introduction of Grand Marshals: George Crawford
Distribution of “Thank You Letters”: Students
Pistol Drawing
“Please Remember Me”: SFC Dorothy Cook
Guest Speaker: SFC Dustin Thweatt, US Army
Missing Man Ceremony: Rolling Thunder
Taps: Ron Cheatham
Benediction: Father Dennis Schenkel
Burning of the Flags Ceremony: Boy Scouts

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 55 will host a luncheon at the American Legion Post 55 for Veteran’s, friends and families following the ceremony.
The Weakley County Press

Thursday, November 5, 2015

COMMENORATION PROGRAM NOV. 11 — The University of Tennessee at Martin will observe Veterans Day with a special program of speakers. A veteran’s information fair with light refreshments will begin at 3 p.m. in the foyer outside Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center. The commemoration program will begin at 4 p.m. The program will focus on UT Martin’s support of combat veterans and their families. Speakers will include Dr. Leland Smith, combat veteran and visiting professor of business communication, and Lt. Col. J.R. Howard, professor of military science. One of UT Martin’s student veterans will also speak on what Nov. 11 means and how UT Martin helps support veterans and service members in their educational pursuits.

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Second-day activities include continental breakfast, leadership team building activities and campus tours. Students will be broken into groups in order to receive customized tours focused on areas of greatest personal interest.

Transportation from the hotel to all activities is provided. Chaperones will be at all locations. Dress is casual. Dinner on Thursday and continental breakfast/lunch on Friday are included.

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As a member of women Tennessee Alumni workshops, young artist competitions Yamaha today announced the addition of renowned performer and scholar Dr. Julie Hill to the Percussion Artist roster.

Hill, the current president of the Percussive Arts Society, is the director of percussion studies at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she has received the prestigious Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award, the University of Tennessee Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award and the Hardy Graham Distinguished Professorship Award.

"I look forward to helping further the deep commitment to excellence in music education and musical artistry that Yamaha consistently supports," said Hill. "The company's sponsorship of educational outreach opportunities through teaching workshops, young artist competitions and more, is a testament to its long-term commitment to music making for the next generation."

Hill co-authored a collection of solos and duets entitled Music for Multi Percussion: A World View, along with numerous publications with Innovative Percussion and Row-Loff Productions. Her scholarly research has been published in the Garland World Music Encyclopedia and Percussive Notes.

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UT Martin designated a ‘Military Friendly School’

Victory Media, publisher of the “G.I. Jobs” and “Military Spouse” publications, has designated the University of Tennessee at Martin as a 2016 Military Friendly® School. This title is awarded to institutions that are doing the most to embrace military students and dedicate resources to ensure their success both in the classroom and after graduation.

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“I am proud, particularly having retired from the Air Force myself, that our campus has been recognized by this national organization as a military-friendly campus,” said Dr. Jerald Ogg, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. “Our faculty appreciate the perspectives our veterans bring to their classrooms, and we have a tremendous group of staff members who provide one-on-one support for everything from admission and transfer credit to financial aid and participation in the Skyhawk Veterans Association. This institution has a long legacy of military training going back to the Hall-Moody days, which makes this even more meaningful.”

For more information on UT Martin’s programs for military service members, contact Leanna Stephenson, veteran affairs contact, at 731-881-3817.
Civil War letter from Greenfield resident in UTM archives

A letter written by Greenfield resident George W. Nowlin to his brother Wade during the Civil War has been donated to the University of Tennessee at Martin historical archives. Pictured holding the letter are (l-r) Sharon and Bill Shannon and Tommy and Paula Thomas, local residents and relatives of George Nowlin.

A letter written from one brother to another during the Civil War, is now in the historical archives at UT-Martin.

The letter was written by George W. Nowlin to his brother Wade after the Battle of Stones River near Murfreesboro in December 1862. Nowlin, who served in the 31st Tennessee Infantry during the Civil War, was a Greenfield resident and writing to let his family know the events of that four-day battle and his part in them.

Nowlin's first-hand account describes his work as a hospital steward in the Confederate Army, and described the relative losses of each side, boasting that the Confederate troops took 7,000 prisoners, 60 pieces of artillery, a great many small arms and plenty of ammunition, as well as wagons, coffee, sugar, molasses and medicine whiskey from the opposing side.

He wrote his own letter on a piece of stationary taken from the bags of a Union soldier.

The letter, inadvertently dated January 4th, 1862 instead of 1863, now resides in the historical archives at UTM after being donated by last week by Nowlin's great-grandnephew and former Greenfield resident Bill Shannon.

After the war, Nowlin returned to Greenfield and became a pharmacist, until he died in 1918. He's buried in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in McKenzie.

Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center. The commemoration program will begin at 4 p.m.

The 2015 program will focus on UT Martin's support of combat veterans and their families. Speakers will include Dr. Leland Smith, combat veteran and visiting professor of business communication, and Lt. Col. J.R. Howard, professor of military science. One of UT Martin's student veterans will also speak on what the day means and how UT Martin helps support veterans and service members in their educational pursuits.
UT Martin makes 'Top 50 Most Affordable Online Degree Programs' list

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MARTIN, Tenn. -- The University of Tennessee at Martin is among the most affordable when it comes to online degree programs, according to a recent ranking.

Affordable Colleges Online ranked UT Martin in the annual "Top 50 Most Affordable Online Degree Programs," according to a release from the school.

UTM ranks 24th and is one of only four Tennessee institutions to be included in the list.

"We wanted to highlight schools that are driving innovative learning while working around the financial constraints of students," Dan Schuessler, CEO of Affordable Colleges Online, states in the release.

In order to be considered for the ranking, schools must be public or private not-for-profit institutions offering at least one fully-online degree program, be accredited to grant four-year degrees and have a total program price below $15,000, according to the release.

UT Martin online students can pursue a master of business administration or a master of science in agriculture and natural resources, according to the release. Online options also provide support for careers in paralegal, agriculture or business positions.

Other Tennessee schools on the list are Lee University, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and East Tennessee State University.

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'Peanuts' exhibit on display at local university museum

Charlie Brown is in trouble with the Environmental Protection Agency; Lucy has counted 48 suns orbiting the Earth; and Snoopy and Linus are planting french fries in the garden.

These are just a few of the misadventures on display now in the "Peanuts ... Naturally" exhibit in the University of Tennessee at Martin's J. Houston Gordon Museum.

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The J. Houston Gordon Museum is located inside the Paul Meek Library on the UT Martin main campus. There is no admission charge and the exhibit is open to the public 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

For more information on special hours, events, directions and parking, visit www.utm.edu/library.php or call Samuel Richardson, interim library director, at (731) 881-7094.

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Faculty musicale scheduled

Faculty members from the University of Tennessee at Martin's Department of Music will continue their concert series with a performance at 12:15 p.m. Monday in the Fine Arts Building's Blankenship Recital Hall.

The program will feature the works of J.S. Bach, Johann Nepomuk Hummel, Scott McAllister and George Frederic Handel.

Faculty performers include Dr. Elizabeth Aleksander, assistant professor of music, on clarinet; Dr. Kurt Gorman, professor of music, on trumpet; Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music, on piano; Dr. Douglas Owens, associate professor of music, on oboe; Dr. Scott Roberts, professor of music, on organ; and Dr. Amy Yeung, professor of music, singing soprano.

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Students to present fall music

The Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin will perform their annual fall musicale at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18 in the Fine Arts Building's Blankenship Recital Hall.

The performance will feature the Sigma Alpha Iota Choir, as well as the individual talents of current members Katherine Felthouser of Clarksville, Della Coleman of Martin and Bridget Huenefeld of Antioch. Fraternity alumnae Rita Winter, Tori Russell and Dr. Liz Aleksander will also perform.

The group will perform the works of Burritt, Sanderbeck, Weill, Gottschalk, Mecham and McAllister. Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music and Sigma Alpha Iota alumna, will accompany on piano.

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Shackelford participates in UTM performance

Autumn Shackelford was invited to participate in the University of Tennessee at Martin Department Music Flute Studio and Friends performance on November 1st. Autumn is a Senior at MCHS and has been a member of the Bobcat Band for 5 years. She is a woodwind captain and 1st chair flautist in the Concert Band. Autumn is the daughter of Robert and Alison Shackelford.

Healthy Habits with Darby Boyd, student

Residents at McNairy County Health Care and Rehab enjoyed a morning of Healthy Habit reminders with Darby Boyd, a UTM student nurse, daughter of Pam Elam. Darby talked about the eating habits of now and in back in the day. Bananas and cuties were served followed by a game of healthy habits BINGO.

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By Erin Chesnut
Office of University Relations, UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program will host its fifth annual RisingStar Leadership Summit for high school juniors and seniors Nov. 19-20 on the UT Martin main campus. West Tennessee students involved in leadership roles in their schools or communities are encouraged to apply by Nov. 11.

Participating students will arrive at the Hampton Inn in Martin for registration from 4-4:30 p.m., Nov. 19. The first evening will include official university welcomes, ice-breaker activities, a fine dining experience and a student recreation rampage event.

Second-day activities will begin with a continental breakfast at 7:15 a.m., Nov. 20. Students will then participate in leadership team building activities before campus tours begin at 10:45 a.m. Students will be broken into groups in order to receive customized tours focused on areas of greatest personal interest.

Dr. Bob Smith, UT Martin interim chancellor and co-founder of the WestStar Leadership Program, will serve as keynote speaker and offer instruction on motivational leadership at noon before students report to afternoon sessions.

Transportation from the hotel and between all activities is provided. Chaperones will also be present at all locations. Students are advised to dress casually for walking in November weather and wear tennis shoes for all activities. Dinner on Thursday and lunch on Friday are included in the registration cost, as well as continental breakfast at the hotel Friday morning.

The registration fee is $120 per student, which includes lodging at the Hampton Inn in Martin, meals, materials and a RisingStar Summit T-shirt. Interested students should send registration materials and payment to WestStar Leadership Program, 321 Administration Building, Martin, TN, 38238. All checks should be made payable to the WestStar Leadership Program.

Applications can be downloaded at http://www.utm.edu/departments/weststar/events.php. For more information, contact Jordan Jones, summit coordinator, WestStar Leadership Program, at weststar@utm.edu or 731-881-3298.
Ruth Coleman Joins Martin Realty Company

Ruth Coleman has joined Martin Realty Company and will be serving Weakley, Obion and surrounding counties in Northwest TN as an affiliate broker.

Coleman graduated with honors from The University of Tennessee at Martin with a BS in Agriculture Business. She obtained a Master’s Degree in Business Administration also from UTM. Coleman was employed at The University of Tennessee at Martin as Director of Public Service in the Department of Continuing Education and retired in 2003. Previous to working at UTM, Coleman was in the banking profession for 12 years.

Ruth is a member of the First Baptist Church in Martin and is active in various community charity works. She also serves on Advisory Board of the Carl Perkins Center for Prevention of Child Abuse. She is a member of the Reelfoot Regional Association of Realtors.

Mooney Is New Director of University Center

Frederick Mooney, the new director of Boling University Center and Campus Events at UT Martin, described his life journey to Martin during a presentation on November 5 for the Martin Kiwanis Club.

Mooney graduated from high school in Forrest City, Arkansas, and spent his first year of college in Arkansas before transferring to Michigan, where he finished his undergraduate studies, worked, and completed a master’s degree. For the last 24 years, he has worked in Michigan in student services for higher education. Mooney, who started working at UT Martin in August, told the Kiwanis group how much he is enjoying being “home again in the South” and working here with “so many friendly people.” The University Center is located in the heart of the campus and is home to numerous student services as well as event space to support the needs of students, faculty, staff, and the community.

The percussion ensemble at the University of Tennessee at Martin will perform a fall concert at 3 p.m., Nov. 22, in the Fine Arts Building’s Harriet Fulton Theatre.

The concert will feature the contemporary works of Andy Akiho, Adam Silverman, Michael Aukofer and John Psathas.

Featured selections include "Alloy" by Akiho, a large work for steel drum ensemble; "Naked and On Fire" by Silverman, performed by UT Martin students Brandon Blankenshien on Egyptian tambourine and CJ Barrow on maracas; and "4 by 4" by Psathas, a work scored for four drum sets.

This concert is free and open to the public.
Local Students Attend UT Martin’s FutureStar Leadership Summit

Nine middle school students from Weakley County attended the FutureStar Leadership Summit on Oct. 29 at the University of Tennessee at Martin, hosted by the WestStar Leadership Program. Students were selected based on leadership potential and were able to participate in a variety of team-building exercises before touring the UT Martin campus. Pictured (front row, l-r) Stephanie Campbell, Dresden Middle School; Kristal Anderson, Gleason Junior High School; Tristen Lindsey, Sharon School; Hanna Rooks, Martin Middle School; (back row) Kellie Warren, Dresden Middle School; Quincy Allen, Martin Middle School; Jake Langley, Gleason Junior High School; Tyler Harper, Greenfield School; and Joseph Anderson, Sharon School.

UT Martin Concert Band, West Star Brass Band

Performance Set For November 23

The University of Tennessee at Martin Concert Band and West Star Brass Band will present a joint concert at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 23, in the Fine Arts Building’s Harriet Fulton Theatre. The concert band consists of both music majors and non-majors who will perform works by Samuel Hazo, Alfred Reed, Gustav Holst and Kenneth Alford. The concert will also feature the newly-formed West Star Brass Band, which includes faculty members from regional universities, UT Martin students and other community members. They will perform works by Stephen Bulla, Philip Sparke and Rodney Newton.

Dr. Bill Waterman is the director of both bands. This concert is free and open to the public.
Students make presentation in outdoor classroom

Amy McLemore and Wesley Martin, two students from the University of Tennessee at Martin, gave a presentation on identifying fossils and minerals to two fourth grade classes at Ripley Elementary School. The presentation was given in the new outdoor classroom.

Pair from LMS attend summit

Lauderdale Middle School students Marissa Henson and Denzel King attended the University of Tennessee at Martin FutureStar Leadership Summit on Oct. 29. The FutureStar Summit is a leadership program designed for West Tennessee's potential leaders. The event is free to the student with costs being underwritten by WestStar Alumni contributions. Mrs. Lynda Cliff and retired teacher Ms. Juanita Halfacre accompanied students to Martin to attend the conference. These students were chosen by principal and counselors who have noticed their extra effort. The luncheon speaker was Darron Billings, Director, Environmental Health and Safety Training, Jackson State Community College. Students as well as their chaperones enjoyed a luncheon in the UT ballroom. There were team-building activities, leadership exercises, department visits, and the day ended with a Drum Circle in the Fine Arts Building.
PAL speaks at UTM Ripley Center

The Anti-Drug Coalition of Lauderdale County gave a presentation to the Community Health Nursing class at the University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center on Oct. 26. Pictured are, from left, front row, Debra Graves, Leigh Huffman, Whitney Young, Ethel Spivey Instructor UTM Ripley Center; back row, Xavier Lawrence Andrews Coalition Director, Eric Pilkington, Evelyn Fox, Jesse Sanderson, and C.J Kirk. The presentation included drug trends among youth such as the “Molly.” It’s synthetic and, at least in the lab, it’s known as MDMA, short for 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine. Ecstasy gained popularity at nightclubs in 1980s and ‘90s. The pills gave users the euphoric high of amphetamines and the psychedelic effects of hallucinogens. Ecstasy has long been a common party drug. An estimated 11 million Americans have used ecstasy at least once in their lives, according to the National Institute for Drug Abuse. Molly, usually sold for about $30 to $40 per 100-milligram capsule, has the street reputation of being safe or “pure” and of producing feelings of warmth and well-being. But experts say it is far from benign. The Community Health Nursing class also received information on how to spot drug use in teens. The class is taught by Mrs. Ethel Spivey Department of Nursing Lecturer, Advisor, and Recruiter UTM Ripley Center. The next coalition meeting will be held at the UTM Ripley Center on Dec. 17 at 6 p.m.
The UT Martin Parsons Center once again was named the winners in the LifeLine Blood Drive held last week. The Parsons Center competes against Jackson State Community College in Lexington and is proud to say they were top winners. Last spring the numbers were 77 units of blood for UTM Parsons and 65 units for JSCC. The fall drive was more competitive with Parsons winning by just one unit of blood: 102 units for Parsons to 101 units for Lexington. “I am so proud of our students and community for helping us keep the trophy and save lives,” announced Kelli Deere, UTM Parsons Center director. “A mother even sent a thank you note to us for helping to save her daughter’s life after she had to have several units of blood.” Deere also noted that the Riverside dual enrollment students helped put the campus over the top by donating blood. Even the 16-year-old dual enrollment students brought parent notes giving them permission to give blood, but they couldn’t. Students have to be at least 17 years old to donate. It’s all in the spirit of trying to help our their community and save lives. UTM students say they know that the next blood drive will be even more competitive, since it was only one unit difference, but they say they will be ready.
ART FROM PAIN — Chara Brown stands next to a sculpture of a back and spine that she has created using a firing process known as Raku.

A cancer survivor herself, Brown’s art attempts to give perspective and hope to those struggling with cancer.

Charla Brown’s art exhibit aims to give hope to cancer survivors

By JACOB RIOJAS
Special to the Press

Chara Nicole Brown is a senior in the Fine Arts Program at the University of Tennessee at Martin. On Nov. 10 her senior gallery show opened its doors in the Fine Arts Building Gallery space to exhibit her final pieces for her undergraduate degree. Brown gave the Press an early viewing of the exhibit before it becomes open to the public.

Chara is a cancer survivor and has used that experience to influence her artwork. Her senior show is titled “Perspective,” and it gives the viewer just that. Using her skills in ceramics, she crafted beautiful sculptures that were then fired by a process known as Raku, into designs that mimicked cancer tissue. She then began to add beauty to this otherwise morbid texture with items such as flowers in an effort to change the viewer’s perspective on his or her personal view of cancer. Brown said that her ultimate goal with this exhibit is to make people who have or are dealing with the struggles of cancer to keep a positive outlook, realize they can overcome the disease and become stronger because of it.

The exhibit will run from Nov. 10-22 and has multiple viewing hours. Community members are invited to visit the gallery during viewing hours.
EMPTY BOWLS — The Empty Bowls fundraiser will be held on Nov. 21. In its 12 year history, the event has raised over $40,000 for We Care Ministries. The event was started by Martin professor David McBeth.

Empty Bowls event returns to raise funds for We Care Ministries

By JACOB RIOJAS
Special to the Press

The annual Empty Bowls fundraiser event is set for Nov. 21 in the small theater at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Fine Arts Building.

This event will be celebrating its 12th year of fundraising for We Care Ministries.

David McBeth, a UTM professor, created the fundraiser in the Fine and Graphic Arts department. He originally created it as a small-scale donation to We Care Ministries, but with the help of local churches, co-workers and students, the Empty Bowls event has brought in over $40,000 in its 12 years and has supplied many services to people in need.

Each year, students and faculty alike work together to make over 500 handcrafted ceramic bowls to give away as gifts to the members of the community who attend and donate to the cause. Attendees are encouraged to donate at least $10 to the fundraiser as they come out and enjoy delicious soup supplied by Sodexo, the school’s dining and catering company.

“If everything works out right again this year, the event will be making a $5,000 donation to the food bank for We Care Ministries,” McBeth said.

One hundred percent of the proceeds collected go to We Care Ministries and, with the holidays approaching, there is no better time to gather to help ensure everyone in the community has a happy holiday, a spokesman said.
LEBANON, TN - (Marketwired - November 12, 2015) - Dr. Russell Kirk, a leading provider in dental implants, has hired a new dental assistant at his growing Lebanon dental practice.

Kelsey Lackey graduated from Remington College as a Registered Dental Assistant and completed summer post-graduate training at Dr. Kirk's dental office, Tennessee Implant & Oral Surgery. She was hired as a full-time employee in September.

Lackey is trained as a dental assistant and sterilization technician and helps Dr. Kirk on various surgical procedures, including placing dental implants and removing wisdom teeth. "She is familiar with the processes and procedures of our office, and this has helped tremendously during the training period," Dr. Kirk said. "Kelsey has a friendly and outgoing personality, and is able to make a patient feel comfortable immediately. She loves what she is doing, and her passion shows in her care for the patients.'

Dr. Kirk said having an additional surgical assistant overseeing equipment cleanings and preparation allows him and the clinical staff to focus solely on the patients' needs. Lackey also helps to maintain patient records and works with patients to establish best oral health practices.

"Having Kelsey around has been a huge asset to the practice," said Kristin, Dr. Kirk's lead surgical assistant. "She is a great help during surgeries, and her ability to step in and do patient consults so quickly has been a tremendous advantage."

Dr. Kirk's practice, Tennessee Implant & Oral Surgery, offers wisdom tooth removal, dental implants, bone grafts, soft tissue grafts, biopsies, IV sedation and general anesthesia. The practice specializes in dental implants, including immediate load implants like All-on-Four dental implants. Dr. Kirk and his staff work in a 2,800-square-foot facility located on the University Medical Center campus. The state-of-the-art office includes an iTero digital scanner and cone beam CT scanner, both used for the placement of dental implants.

Dr. Kirk is a Union City, Tenn., native who graduated from Obion County Central High School in 1985. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee-Martin in 1990 before graduating with honors from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in 1994.

Dr. Kirk received the Navy's Health Professions Scholarship, which awards tuition in exchange for active duty service. He completed his General Practice Residency from the Navy in 1996 and then became the department head for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four Zero. He completed deployments to Guam, Bosnia and Spain, and fulfilled his active duty obligation in 1997. In 1999, Dr. Kirk earned his Fellowship in Anesthesia and Critical Care Medicine from The Johns Hopkins Hospital. He later received his certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 2002 from the University of Tennessee Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Dr. Kirk continues to serve in the U.S. Navy Reserve, and in June 2013, he was promoted to the rank of Captain.

Dr. Kirk closed his private practice in 2005 after being called to active duty, during which he served at the United States Military Hospital in Kuwait as the staff oral and maxillofacial surgeon. He re-opened his Lebanon, Tenn., office in 2006 and opened a second location in Mount Juliet, Tenn., the following year.

He is a member of the Tennessee Dental Association, American Dental Association, Nashville Dental Society, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and the Tennessee Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He is also a Diplomate of American Dental Society of Anesthesiology and the Senior Dental Executive for Expeditionary Medical Facility Great Lakes One.

Dr. Kirk has received three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals and was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He was voted Best Nashville Dentist in 2013 and 2014.

To find out more about Dr. Kirk and his team at Tennessee Implant and Oral Surgery, visit Dr. Kirk's website at www.tennesseeimplant.com or call the office at 615-378-6494.
Autumn Shackelford invited to participate in musical performance

Autumn Shackelford was invited to participate in the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music Flute Studio and Friends performance on November 1st. Autumn is a Senior at MCHS and has been a member of the Bobcat Band for 5 years. She is a woodwind captain and 1st chair flautist in the Concert Band. Autumn is the daughter of Robert and Alison Shackelford.
STUDENTS at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Amy McLemore and Wesley Martin, gave a presentation of identifying fossils and minerals to two 4th grade classes on November 6th. The presentation was given in the new outdoor classroom at Ripley Elementary School.

Miss UT-Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageants Saturday night

A new Miss UT-Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival will be crowned Saturday night.

The annual Miss UT-M and Miss Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageants will be held Saturday night at the Harriet Fulton Theater at UTM.

It's the 53rd year for the Miss UTM Pageant and the 17th year for the the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant.

Both titles will be named during the same pageant tomorrow night, with the winners moving on to compete in the Miss Tennessee Pageant in June.

Last year, Rutherford's Shelby Dotson was crowned Miss UT-Martin, while Carsen Rooney of Cordova was crowned Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival. Both Miss Dotson and Miss Rooney will be on hand Saturday night to crown two new pageant winners.

The annual Miss UT-Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageants will be tomorrow night at 7:00.

A limited number of tickets may be purchased at the door beginning at 5:00 tomorrow night.
When talking about music and you say “percussion section,” most folks likely only think of drums and cymbals. However, if you go online and search “percussion instruments,” you’ll get a list you can scroll, from an “aburukuwa” to “piano” and on to “zill.” The point being you should not assume the upcoming Percussion Ensemble fall concert at the University of Tennessee at Martin will be just drums.

Director Julie Hill said three of the numbers on the program demand special attention. “Alloy” by Andy Akiho is a contemporary work for steel bands and resonant metal. Meanwhile, “Naked and On Fire” by Adam Silverman is a new work for percussion ensemble. The piece involves a combination of Middle Eastern and Western sounds. What she calls a “groovacious” and challenging modern composition for four (count them, four) drumsets is “4BY4” by John Psathas.

The free Percussion Ensemble fall concert is scheduled for 3 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Harriet Fulton Theater at UTM. The following night, the UTM Concert Band will present its concert, also in the Fulton Theater. Its program also includes “The West Star Brass Band,” a new Town and Gown-type group.

The Concert Band’s program includes “A Festival Prelude” by Alfred Reed, “Rhosymedre” by Ralph Vaughan Williams and “Dunedin” by Kenneth Alford.

Also to be presented is “A Moorside Suite” by Gustav Holst and “Olympiada” by Samuel R. Hazo.

The West Star Brass Band’s program includes “Heroes and Warriors” by Rodney Newton, “The Snowman” by Philip Sparke and “Images for Brass” by Stephen Bulla.

Bill Waterman, UTM director of athletic bands, will conduct both groups in the concert which starts at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 23 in UTM’s Fulton Theater.

The final concert this month will feature the UTM Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, directed by John Oelrich.

The orchestra’s program includes “Sinfonia in G” by Johann Stamitz, “Point Lookout — A Civil War Fantasy” by Brian Balmages.

It also features “The Overture and Pastoral Symphony” from Messiah by G.F. Handel and the “Coriolon Overture” by Ludwig von Beethoven.

The Wind Ensemble will begin its portion of the program with the “Superman March” by John Williams.

The ensemble also will present “Lament for Wind Orchestra” by Chang Su Koh, “Red Cape Tango” by Michael Daugherty and “La Fiesta Mexicana” by H. Owen Reed.

All three of the UTM concerts are free.
Greenfield resident wrote from battlefield

Letter donated to UT Martin archives more than 150 years later

"They came here to drive us away, but they found it far different."

So explains a letter written by George W. Nowlin to his brother Wade after the Battle of Stones River near Murfreesboro in December 1862. Nowlin, who served in the 31st Tennessee Infantry during the Civil War, was a Greenfield resident and wrote to let his family know the events of that four-day battle and his part in them.

Nowlin's firsthand account describes his work as a hospital steward in the Confederate Army, which included "dressing wounds, helping to amputate limbs, [and] attending to the nurses." He describes the relative losses of each side, boasting that the Confederate troops took 7,000 prisoners, 60 pieces of artillery, a great many small arms and plenty of ammunition, as well as wagons, coffee, sugar, molasses and medicine whiskey from the opposing side. He wrote his own letter on a piece of stationery taken from the bags of a Union soldier. "They never drove the enemy from their breast works," he concludes.

This letter, inadvertently dated Jan. 4, 1862, now resides in the historical archives at the University of Tennessee at Martin after being donated by Nowlin relative and former Greenfield resident Bill Shannon, according to a release from the university.

Shannon, great-grandnephew of Nowlin, officially donated the letter to the UT Martin archives Nov. 5, making it the first Civil War letter to be kept there. Shannon resided in the Weakley County area for many years and studied engineering at the University of Tennessee Junior College, now UT Martin, from 1946-47.

He later spent 31 years designing automobiles, including Thunderbird and Mustang models, for the Ford Motor Company in Michigan.

After the war, Nowlin returned to his home in Greenfield and became a druggist, or pharmacist, until he died Feb. 4, 1918. He is buried alongside relatives in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in McKenzie.

For more information on the UT Martin archives or to inquire about donating an item, contact Karen Elmore, senior library assistant, at (731) 881-7094 or by email at kelmore@utm.edu.

A letter written by Greenfield resident George W. Nowlin to his brother Wade during the Civil War has been donated to the University of Tennessee at Martin historical archives. Pictured holding the letter are Nowlin's relatives, from left, Sharon and Bill Shannon, of Michigan, and Tommy and Paula Thomas, of Dresden.
Four students were awarded scholarships at the 23rd annual JAMMN luncheon Saturday afternoon: Whitlee Allen, Camikka Edwards, Adam Price and Dereldia Clendening.

Nursing students get helping hand

JAMMN gives scholarships, provides mentoring

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Camikka Edwards has wanted to be a nurse for years, and she's currently working hard in nursing classes at Jackson State Community College to reach her goal.

Thanks to a scholarship from Jackson Area Ministry Minority Nurses (JAMMN), her burden of paying for books, gas and other needs just got a little lighter.

"I'm used to helping people anyway, and I just felt like [nursing] was for me," she said. "The scholarship will help a lot."

Edwards was one of four scholarship recipients at the 23rd annual JAMMN Scholarship Award Luncheon, held Saturday afternoon at the Double-Tree by Hilton Hotel. Other recipients include Adam Price, student at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Whitlee Allen, student at Dyersburg State Community College, and Dereldia Clendening, student at Lipscomb University. At total of $3000 was split between the four.

Since 1994, JAMMN has awarded over $78,000 in scholarships to students. Current president Flora Claybrook said they choose recipients based on a combination of factors, including grade point average and financial need.

The organization's goal is to provide support for minority students as they navigate nursing school and enter the workforce, so they also provide mentoring and other resources in addition to the scholarships.

"We need nurses; there is a shortage of nurses right now," Claybrook said. "Hopefully, the recipients will use the scholarship to help further their nursing education."

In addition to the awards presentation, there were also several musical solos and an address from Leslie Lee, a doctor of nursing practice and a board-certified family nurse practitioner. Lee completed her undergraduate work at Lane College and her graduate work at Union University, and was a recipient of the JAMNN scholarship in 1995.

For the second year, there was also a silent auction during the luncheon. Claybrook said they tried the auction for the first time last year, and it was such a successful fundraiser they decided to bring it back.

Items up for bid included a basket with a S'mores Maker, hot dog sticks and marshmallows, donated by Mack Brown and Chick-fil-A, and two autographed Kendall Wright mini helmets, donated by the Tennessee Titans.
An ROTC color guard from UT Martin's Skyhawk Battalion presented the colors to open the university's Veterans Day event, and also closed the ceremony. From left: Remington Burch, of Trenton; Emilio Walls, of Memphis; Josh Young, of Milan; and Blake Hazelwood, of Jackson.

UT Martin observes Veterans Day with ceremony

The University of Tennessee at Martin held a Veterans Day observance program Nov. 11 in Watkins Auditorium, honoring veterans from the campus and local communities.

UT Martin student Kayla Ford, of Union City, vice president of the Skyhawk Veterans Association, led the program, followed by Lt. Col. J.R. Howard, UT Martin professor of military science, who provided the welcome and thanked veterans, active military and those who provide services outside the armed forces. Rep. Andy Holt (R-District 76) followed and also recognized veterans for their service, reminding the audience that “the cost of freedom is not free.”

Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, Tom Elam Distinguished Professor of History and founder/adviser of the Skyhawk Veterans Association, introduced Dr. Leland Smith, combat veteran, an officer in the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary and visiting professor of business communication, who provided the keynote address and spoke about the role of the Civil Air Patrol in national defense. Michael Cochran, a student veteran, read a poem titled “When Will I Get Home” and talked briefly about how UT Martin supports veterans and service members in their educational pursuits.

An ROTC color guard from the university's Skyhawk Battalion presented the colors to open the event and also closed the ceremony.

100 Girls of Code Academy set for Saturday at UT Martin

The Northwest Tennessee Entrepreneur Center and the University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences are hosting a free "100 Girls of Code Academy" workshop for girls ages 12-18 interested in exploring careers in computer science.

The program will take place from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday at UTM's Paul Meek Library in room 215. Lunch is provided for free.

100 Girls of Code is an interactive workshop that introduces young women to the world of computer science and engineering, where they can create with code and engage in hands-on, innovative thinking.

Experienced coders walk girls through the process of creating with code through a fun and interactive course that includes an introduction to computer programming, website construction, gaming and computer applications, and much more. These programmers are experts in their fields and academically trained, but most importantly, they are "girls of code" themselves.

By the end of the workshop, girls have a better understanding of programming, the future of computer science, and a desire to enter into a similar career field. The primary goal is to spark interest in computer science, provide mentorship from women in the field and point girls to the vast amount of resources that are available to them.

Spots are limited and online registration is available at www.notecconnect.com/news or on the Northwest Tennessee Entrepreneur Center Facebook page.

For more information, contact NTEC at nteccenter@gmail.com or call 731-587-4213 ext. 274.
UTM hosts Young Writers Conference

By MADILYN PEAY
Special to the Press

Almost 120 local school students visited the University of Tennessee at Martin Friday for the annual Young Writers Conference.

Middle and high school students could choose from a variety of workshops about writing, with topics including poetry, fiction and letters of application.

Local teachers also had the opportunity to attend continuing education sessions about teaching writing in the classroom, with UTM professors from the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages and guest lecturers leading the sessions.

In her session about writing poetry, professor Anna Clark helped students write their own poems inspired by autumn. She also took the students out into the UTM quad to admire the colorful leaves and take in the fine fall day to create subjects for their poetry.

"I love the excitement that young writers bring to UT Martin for the Young Writers Conference," she said. "Everyone in this workshop left with at least three poems and, perhaps, additional inspiration to keep writing."

The students also seemed to enjoy the workshops, especially the variety of subjects offered.

"Writing is kind of hard for me sometimes, but this was writing we haven't really done in school before," said Westview student Laurel Pelren of the workshop on film studies.

Dr. John Glass was the coordinator for the conference this year, and he expressed his gratitude for the participation of both students and teachers.

"We were delighted by the response," he said. "And, we were really glad to be able to offer more and new types of workshops. We were pleased by the response of the teachers and glad they got as much out of it as the students."

Dana Carpenter, a professor at Lipscomb University in Nashville, was the keynote speaker this year. Her new historic fiction book, "Bohemian Gospel," was released on Sunday. She shared her experiences writing and publishing the book after reading a selection from the second chapter.

Carpenter also led some of the writing workshops. She taught a session for students on using creative writing as a method of discovering the surrounding world. She also worked with teachers about how to organize writing workshops to create creative teams and building trust before students share work. This style of workshop helps students gain confidence in their writing instead of being intimidated by critiques in traditional workshops.

When asked about her favorite part of teaching young writers, Carpenter said it was "teaching them to look at the world differently, to interact with the world around you fully awake and alert so that you aren't just looking at what's there, but you're imagining what's behind it. The reason I like that is because it makes a difference in the rest of their lives, not just the writing."

"But the other thing that I love is giving them the encouragement," said Carpenter. "I think too much of the world these days devalues the creative arts, suggests it as a hobby or an empty dream to pursue. I love walking through that process to see that there is a value in the creative process, whether you become an artist or not."
AUTUMN INSPIRATION — Professor Anna Clark and participants in the Young Writers Conference enjoyed the colors on fall on the UTM quad. Students were encouraged to incorporate fall sentiments into their writing.

YOUNG WRITERS — UTM Professor Anna Clark works with Laurel Peiren, Selam Getaneh and Brittney Johnson from Westview High School on a writing assignment during the Young Writers Conference on Friday held at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
FROM PROFESSOR TO PUPIL — Dr. Chris Hill spoke to young writers in his session about reading poetry at the Young Writers Conference at UTM.

SONGWRITERS — Dr. David Carithers (left) and Darian Matheny gave a session on song writing at the Young Writers Conference held at UTM.

Santa’s Village to open

It’s holiday time again and Martin Parks and Recreation is definitely in the spirit of the season.

"The 31st annual Santa’s Village is gearing up for December 10-13 at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin. Bring the kids for all the fun and excitement of an enchanted forest, a petting farm, visit with Daniel Tiger, model train display and even the big man himself, Santa Claus, will make an appearance" a spokesman said.

Admission is free to the public but a $5 new toy or non-perishable canned good donation will be appreciated.

Martin Parks and Recreation and UTM sponsor the village. All proceeds will go to help less fortunate families.

"Make Dec. 10-13 a weekend to remember, not just for family but for others as well," a spokesman said.

For more information, call Martin Parks and Recreation at 587-6784.
By JACOB RIOJAS
Special to the Press

Eleven contestants showcased their intelligence, unique qualities, physical fitness, beauty, poise and talent on stage at the University of Tennessee at Martin Fine Arts Building Nov. 14. The evening was dedicated to the annual Miss UT Martin/ Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant.

When the competition was over, Sarah Yarbrough had claimed the title of 2016 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival and a scholarship award of $1,500. She was also named Miss Congeniality — an award voted on by the contestants and bestowed on the girl who has been the most helpful and easiest to get along with throughout the pageant.

Members of Miss Yarbrough’s court included first runner-up DeLaney Timberman and second runner-up Paulina Castro.

Natalie King, who received the People’s Choice Award, also earned the 2016 Miss UT Martin crown and $1,500 in scholarship money. Members of her court were Yvannah Garcia first runner-up; and Noreli Menendez, second runner-up.

Yarbrough is a graduate of Austin Peay University with a bachelor’s degree in Public Relations. King is a student at UTM who is pursuing a double major in Communications Broadcasting and Music.

Both Miss UT Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival will compete in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in June at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson. The winner of that competition will earn a spot in the prestigious Miss America pageant in September.

The young women involved in the pageant experienced five phases of competition: private interview, swimsuit, talent, evening wear and on-stage questions. Contestants were...
ROYALTY — Miss Soybean/ Miss UT Martin royalty from 2015 and 2016 pose together after Saturday’s pageant, including (from left): Miss Soybean Festival 2015 Carsen Rooney, Miss UT Martin second runner-up Paulina Castro, Miss Soybean Festival first runner-up Delaney Timberman, Miss Soybean Festival 2016 Sarah York, Miss UT Martin first runner-up Yvannah Garcia, Miss Soybean Festival second runner-up Noi Mendez and Miss UT Martin 2015 Shelby Dotson.

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scored individually, from one to 10, in each category by judges Mandy Braswell, Kirt Brown, Martin Mayor Jake Bynum, Deanna Freeman, Ryan Martin and Celeste Taylor.

Those hoping to go home with a crown were also required to raise $100 for the Children’s Miracle Network to be eligible for the competition.

Prior to the start of the pageant, a reporter from The Weakley County Press was allowed backstage to interview last year’s Miss UT Martin, Shelby Dotson, who is an early education major at UT Martin, and Miss Soybean Festival Carsen Rooney, a telecommunications major at the University of Alabama.

When asked how the pageant has influenced her life, Miss Dotson said, “The pageant has inspired me to be a better person than I already am. It has helped me, as a person, to grow and develop into the person I am today.”

The pretty contestant almost missed her chance to become Miss UT Martin. When her father was diagnosed with colorectal cancer, she hesitated to move forward with her plans, but after hearing comforting and encouraging words from him, she put her best foot forward and ended up taking home the crown.

“I went out there and not only won the crown for myself, but for him as well,” she said.

Miss Rooney said competition in pageants had taught her to look outside herself and strive to be the best she could be, while working toward a goal she was passionate about.

On Saturday night, the competition in front of the live audience began when contestants came onstage to introduce themselves to the judges and pageant fans. The swimsuit competition, worth 15 percent of the total score and included such diverse presentations as a vocal solo to “Tennessee Waltz,” a salsa dance mix, a tap dance number and a hip-hop routine.
The final element in the competition, the on-stage question, was designed to evaluate the contestants' intelligence, wit and ability to think on their feet. With five percent of the score riding on their answers, the contestant fielded questions focusing on everything from political opinions to societal problems.

Interviews, which took place before the audience portion of the pageants opened, and the parade of beauties in evening dress rounded out the competition.

Following emotional farewells and words of appreciation from last year’s Miss UT Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival, the new winners were announced. There was a roar of applause as each young lady took her walk down the runway, holding her head and her title high.

“This is all just so overwhelming. This is the sixth preliminary that I have competed in this year, and I just took to the stage and gave it my all. I can’t see to compete in Miss Tennessee,” said Miss Yarbrough, who is not officially Miss Tennessee Soybean Pageant queen.

Miss King, the new Miss UTM, said she was completely shocked at the outcome of the pageant. “I have a lot of work to do this year before Miss Tennessee.”
Local students attend UTM's FutureStar Summit

LOCAL STUDENTS ATTEND UTM'S FUTURESTAR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT - Seven middle school students from Gibson County attended the FutureStar Leadership Summit on Oct. 29 at the University of Tennessee at Martin, hosted by the WestStar Leadership Program. Students were selected based on leadership potential and were able to participate in a variety of team-building exercises before touring the UT Martin campus. Pictured (front row, l-r) are Tucker Frame, Rutherford Junior High School; Jessi Powell, Yorkville Elementary School; Shea O'Brien, Yorkville Elementary School; (back row) Kaylee Hays, Milan Middle School; Sullivan Burke, Milan Middle School; Aaliyah Bailey, Rutherford Junior High School; and Taegan Cunningham, Milan Middle School.

Hatfield chosen as Distinguished Scholar

WEST TENNESSEE STUDENTS CHOSEN AS AT&T DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS - Twelve students from the University of Tennessee at Martin have been chosen as AT&T Distinguished Scholars for the 2015-16 academic year. The Distinguished Scholars Program, created by AT&T in 2013, provides scholarships for students at the three main UT System campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Martin each year. Brittany Hatfield, a senior biology major from Milan, was one of the Distinguished Scholars.

Brittany Hatfield
Paducah Native Wins Miss UT Martin Pageant

By West Kentucky Star Staff

MARTIN, TN - Natalie King and Sarah Yarbrough pursued different paths to pageant crowns, but the successful outcome was titles for both as they claimed the Miss UT Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival titles in the dual pageant Saturday at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

King, a UT Martin senior from Paducah, won the Miss UT Martin crown as she competed in her first-ever pageant. Meanwhile, Yarbrough, from Jackson, Tennessee, competed in her sixth Miss Tennessee preliminary and earned the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival title.

Both King and Yarbrough now set their sights on the 2016 Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant next June in Jackson.

The winner of Miss Tennessee will advance to compete in the Miss America pageant later in the year.

King graduated from Lone Oak High School in 2012 and from Bethel University earlier this year. The 21-year-old is a senior music and communications double major, a member of the Skyhawk Marching Band color guard and Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity.

"Shocked. Completely overwhelmed." King said on stage after winning the crown. "I've never done a pageant before, so to come up here and win just was completely surreal."

She described the prospects of competing for the Miss Tennessee crown as both "scary and exciting" and added, "I know it's going to be a challenge, but I'm looking forward to it, and I'm up for it." King played the oboe for her talent and will focus on talent and interview for Miss Tennessee. "And, I think I'm going to work on my walk a little bit, because I did almost trip tonight, so I don't want that to happen again," she said as she laughed.

An Austin Peay State University graduate, Yarbrough was first runner-up for last year's Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival title. A total of 10 contestants participated in Saturday's pageant.

Only current full-time UTM students could compete for the Miss UT Martin crown. Those competing for the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival title must be West Tennessee residents or enrolled as a student in West Tennessee, but did not have to be UT Martin students.

Yvannah Garcia was first runner-up and Paulina Castro second runner-up for the Miss UT Martin crown. Both are from Martin.
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UT Martin ranked among most affordable online

Affordable Colleges Online, a leading resource for online learning and college affordability information, has included the University of Tennessee at Martin in its third annual “Top 50 Most Affordable Online Degree Programs” ranking for the 2015-16 academic year.

UT Martin ranks 24th on the list and is one of only four Tennessee institutions to be included.

“We wanted to highlight schools that are driving innovative learning, while working around the financial constraints of students,” said Dan Schuessler, CEO of Affordable Colleges Online.

“These schools have managed to keep their costs down without compromising the standard of their program’s excellence.”

Affordable Colleges Online compared and ranked institutions on a variety of factors.

In order to be considered for the ranking, schools must be public or private not-for-profit institutions offering at least one fully-online degree program, be accredited to grant four-year degrees and have a total program price below $15,000.

The ranking also uses a peer-based value score, which compares the cost of each program to the cost of similar programs with the same qualitative score.

UT Martin online students can pursue a master of business administration or a master of science in agriculture and natural resources. Online options also provide support for careers in paralegal, agriculture or business positions.

Other Tennessee schools to make the list were Lee University, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and East Tennessee State University.

Contemporary music event slated

The University of Tennessee at Martin Contemporary Music Group will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Fine Arts Building’s Blankenship Recital Hall.

Group members will perform minimalist, modernist and rock-inspired works featuring pieces by Andres, Cage, Snowden, Cerrone, Beglarian and Andriessen.

The UT Martin Contemporary Music Group is the newest ensemble on campus and is led by Stephen Downing, student coordinator.

They perform contemporary music written in the last 50 years by modern-day composers.

This concert is free and open to the public.

UT Martin concert band to perform

A joint concert by the University of Tennessee at Martin Concert Band and West Star Brass Band will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Fine Arts Building’s Harriet Fulton Theatre on campus.

The concert band consists of both music majors and non-majors who will perform works by Samuel Hazo, Alfred Reed, Gustav Holst and Kenneth Alford.

The concert will also feature the newly-formed West Star Brass Band, which includes faculty members from regional universities, UT Martin students and other community members.

They will perform works by Stephen Bulla, Philip Sparke and Rodney Newton during the concert.

Dr. Bill Waterman is the director of both of the bands.

This concert is free and open to the public.
Percussion ensemble to give concert

The percussion ensemble at the University of Tennessee at Martin will perform a fall concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Fine Arts Building’s Harriet Fulton Theatre. The free concert will feature the contemporary works of Andy Akiho, Adam Silverman, Michael Aukofer and John Psathas. Featured selections include “Alloy” by Akiho, a large work for steel drum ensemble; “Naked and On Fire” by Silverman, performed by UT Martin students Brandon Blankenstien on Egyptian tambourine and CJ Barrow on maracas; and “4 by 4” by Psathas, a work scored for four drum sets.

TRENTON GAZETTE

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS – Gibson County High School Marching Pioneers band seniors, Eva Olivares, Brent Jones, Taylor Pannell, Kaitlin Crews, Kelly Landrum and Maggie Powell, were awarded scholarships totaling over $300,000 from various universities including the University of Tennessee at Martin, Bethel University, Austin Peay State University, and Union University.
UTM CAMPUS - UT Martin students (from left) Tyra Hawkins, a sophomore from Madison; Morgan Acuff, a junior from Milan; Claire Ottinger, a junior from Cumming, Ga.; and Marcus Cherry, a junior from Humboldt, gather outside the Paul Meek Library.

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UT Martin named among “America’s 100 Best College Buys” for 10th year

UT Martin is listed among “America’s 100 Best College Buys,” a listing compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc., of Rome, Ga., for the 10th consecutive year. The university is one of four Tennessee higher education institutions listed. UT Martin students Courtney Caton, of Huntingdon; Gian Garma, of Martin; and Diana Ramos, of Union City, are pictured in the university’s quadrangle.

By Bud Grimes
Office of University Relations, UT-M

The University of Tennessee at Martin is listed among “America’s 100 Best College Buys,” a listing compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc., of Rome, Ga., for the 10th consecutive year. The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville and Union University in Jackson join UT Martin as the only Tennessee universities listed.

“High quality and low cost are very rare combination in higher education,” said Lewis Lindsey Jr., IRE president. “For the 10th consecutive year, we are proud to recognize the University of Tennessee at Martin as being among those very few educational institutions from across the nation that consistently provide both.”

To be considered for the designation “America’s 100 Best College Buys,” an institution must be an accredited, four-year institution offering bachelor’s degrees. The institution must also offer full residential facilities, including residence halls and dining services.

Additionally, the institution must have had an entering freshman class in fall 2014 with a high school grade point average and/or SAT/ACT score equal to or above the national average for entering college freshmen. Also, the out-of-state cost of attendance in 2015-16 for three quarters or two semesters must either be below the national average cost of attendance or not exceed the national average cost by more than 10 percent.

“UT Martin strives to provide a combination of high-quality education at an affordable cost,” said Dr. Bob Smith, UT Martin interim chancellor. “I am pleased for our alumni, students and families anytime the university is shown to be a value leader in the competitive higher education marketplace.”

The recognition follows two listings announced in recent months. In August, The Princeton Review named the university among the “Best in the Southeast” for 2016. The list is part of the company’s website feature “2016 Best Colleges: Region by Region” posted at PrincetonReview.com. UT Martin has been included in this listing for 13 consecutive years.

UT Martin also continued among the top southern master’s level universities in the 2016 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings, released in September. The university tied for 50th place among both public and private universities and for 19th place for southern public universities.
On Thursday, November 5, Fayette-Ware High School and Fayette Academy dual enrollment students visited the University of Tennessee at Martin campus. While there, they toured many of the different buildings located within the quad, including the Andy Holt Humanities Building, Gooch Hall, the new Fine Arts Building, Boling University Center, and several others. After touring, lunch vouchers were provided for the students to eat in the university food court, and then students attended a short informational session about the school.

Fayette-Ware student, Jeremiah Blankenship said, "The UTM campus is beautiful in the fall. It was neat being able to see a college campus and especially one as pretty as UTM."

Elinor Westbrook, Fayette Academy junior, went on to say, "Wow, college is so neat. Being able to see what the future has in store for me when it comes to going to college is so exciting."

On the way back, Fayette County students could not stop talking about where they were wanting to go, how fun college is going to be and what their major was going to be.

The University of Tennessee at Martin Somerville center will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, November 19, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Career Center on the Somerville Town Square. There will be an opportunity for potential students to view a classroom in session, meet professors, enjoy refreshments and be part of a scholarship drawing.

If you have any questions about the UTM Somerville center, please contact them at 901-465-7313 or 901-489-2538. Make sure to like their Facebook page at UT Martin Somerville and visit their website at http://www.utm.edu/departments/somerville/.

Martin Resident Receives Beth Maloan Award

Chuck Hammer, of Martin, received the Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award for the fall 2015 semester during a presentation Nov. 9. The University of Tennessee at Martin awards this honor each semester to a student employee who has been recommended by their campus supervisors. The award is named for the late Beth Maloan, longtime UT Martin director of budgeting and payroll, who was a strong advocate of student employment. It recognizes exemplary work ethic and commitment to the university. Hammer (center) is pictured with Beth Maloan family members Mike Maloan (left), Jennifer Strob (right) and Strob's children, Kate and Colin Strob.

Second Annual ‘Holiday at UTM’ Concert Date Is December 6

The second annual “Holiday at UTM” concert will be presented at 3 p.m., Dec. 6, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre, located in the Fine Arts Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The concert, which benefits the UT Martin Department of Music, will begin at 3 p.m. and a reception will be held immediately afterward. Tickets are $10 for attendees 12 and older, $5 for ages six to 11, and children under six years of age will be admitted free of charge. Purchase your tickets on or before Nov. 20 for a $2 discount per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling the department at 731-881-7402.

The concert will feature performances by the New Pacer Singers, Wind Ensemble, UT Martin Big Band, University Singers and Percussion Ensemble, and will also include performances by Department of Music faculty members.

The event will be recorded by WJIT-DT and broadcast at a later date.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 731-881-7402.
STEM Hub
To Boost Student Learning

The Tennessee STEM Innovation Network has awarded the University of Tennessee at Martin a $250,000 grant to establish the Northwest Tennessee Regional STEM Hub and enhance student learning in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

This new STEM hub, scheduled to begin operation in November, is a joint effort by UT Martin and Dyersburg State Community College. One of seven regional STEM hubs across the state, this effort will serve students in Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Obion, Tipton and Weakley counties.

"Having this STEM hub based on the core academic strengths of UT Martin promises to be a true boost for Northwest Tennessee's development of high tech industry and modern manufacturing opportunities. " said Dr. Bob Smith, UT Martin interim chancellor.

The regional hub will serve as a resource to provide professional development for Northwest Tennessee teachers, establish a STEM Master Teacher Corps and create a library of STEM "toolkits" for use in classroom and after-school activities. Local educators in both primary and higher education, business partners and community stakeholders will work together to accelerate the impact of STEM programs in the region and ensure area students are college and career-ready upon graduation from high school.

Miss UT Martin, Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant
Sarah Yarbrough (left), of Jackson, and Natalie King, of Paducah, claimed the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival and Miss UT Martin titles respectively Saturday in Martin. The dual Miss UT Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant was held in UT Martin's Harriet Fulton Theatre. Both titleholders will compete next June at the 2016 Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in Jackson.

The hub will make one of its first community contributions at the annual UT Martin Science Quiz Bowl on Nov. 14, sponsored by the university's chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society. The hub will provide participating teachers with stipends, bus travel and a mini-workshop on dye-sensitized solar cells while students participate in quiz bowl activities.

The Tennessee STEM Innovation Network is committed to helping Tennessee inspire and train the next generation of leaders and is operated as a partnership between the Tennessee Department of Education and Battelle Education. For more information about the network, visit www.thesin.org.

For more information on the Northwest Tennessee Regional STEM Hub, contact Wes Hall, director, Tennessee STEM Innovation Network, at hallj@battelle.org.
AWARD WINNER — Jason Stout (center) was recently named the Higher Education Art Educator of the Year by the Tennessee Art Education Association.

Jason Stout named Higher Education Art Educator of the Year by TAEA

The Tennessee Art Education Association (TAEA) has chosen Jason Stout for the 2015-16 TAEA Higher Education Art Educator of the Year. Assistant Professor Jason Stout has a passion for teaching and boundless energy to carry out his many plans and ideas to help students become the best they can be. He works hard in the classroom and through many other volunteer and service activities involving students. The primary beneficiaries of his great work ethic and ongoing development of his teaching skills are his students. Stout is the Department of Visual and Theatre Art’s faculty advisor to the First Year Initiative at the University of Tennessee at Martin. In the ten years he has been an advisor, the League of Striving Artists (LSA) has become a vibrant, active organization for students and a tremendous outreach to northwest Tennessee.

Mr. Stout was honored with this award at the TAEA Fall Professional Development Conference at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg during an awards dinner on Oct. 29 at Arrowmont. The conference is sponsored in part by the Tennessee Arts Commission.

This award is given to recognize excellence in professional accomplishment and service by a dedicated art educator. Stout exemplifies the highly qualified individuals who are in the field of art education today: leaders, teachers, students, scholars and advocates who give their best to the profession.

The Tennessee Art Education Association is a non-profit organization whose mission is to advance quality visual arts education through advocacy, leadership, professional development, and to promote a cohesive professional community. The membership of TAEA includes elementary, middle level and high school art teachers in Tennessee, representatives from Tennessee’s major art museums, arts councils, and major colleges and universities throughout Tennessee.
Grayzel to present seminar at UTM

Susan Grayzel, a professor of history and director of the Sarah Ison Center for Women and Gender Studies at the University of Mississippi, will present a seminar on “Women in a World at War, 1914-1918” at 6 p.m. Monday, in the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Watkins Auditorium.

Grayzel has researched and taught about culture, gender and the world wars in national, European and global contexts for 20 years. She received a Bachelor of Arts in history and literature from Harvard University and a Master of Arts and doctorate degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

She has written several books, including “Women’s Identities At War: Gender, Motherhood, and Politics in Britain and France during the First World War,” which was awarded the 2000 North American Conference on British Studies British Council Prize for the best book in the field of 19th and 20th century British studies. Grayzel has also published articles in “The Journal of Modern History,” “The Journal of Women’s History and Twentieth Century British History” and several other edited collections.

Grayzel is currently working as an American Council of Learned Societies collaborative research fellow on a project about gender, civil defense and citizenship in 20th century Britain with Dr. Lucy Noakes, University of Brighton, United Kingdom. She is also finishing a book titled “The Age of the Gas Mask: Chemical Weapons and Civilian Bodies in Imperial Britain, 1915-1945,” which uses the gas mask to reflect on the changing nature of modern war and the new relationship between the state and its subjects.

This presentation is part of UT Martin’s Academic Speakers Program.

The Academic Speakers Program annually features top speakers who meet with students from the university’s Honors Programs and offer presentations to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Lionel Crews, director, UT Martin Honors Programs, at (731) 881-7436 or by email at lcrews@utm.edu. The complete list of 2015-16 speakers is available at www.utm.edu/departments/honors/events.php.

Ceremony to be held today

Today at 3:30 p.m. the UTM Quad will be celebrating its new title: URM Arboretum.

An arboretum is a collection of at least 30 different species of trees that are labeled with the common name and the botanical name.

The celebration will include remarks by UTM Chancellor Robert Smith, Dr. Eric Pelren and Shawn Posey, WTN Urban Forester from Memphis. Dr. Roberto Mancusi will sing “Trees” by Joyce Kilmer.

This Arboretum is a project of the Martin Tree Board that helps promote the care and upkeep of trees throughout the city as well as planting trees in parks and at schools.

Those serving on the tree board include Guy Robbins, Dr. Greg Moore, David Vowell, Dr. Eric Pelren, Earl Wright, Chris Mathis, Charlie Davis, Marjulice Coune and Carmen Pendergrass.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony.
The University of Tennessee at Martin extended campus locations in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley and Selmer will offer several new areas of study beginning with the spring 2016 semester. Students at these centers will be able to pursue a UT Martin degree in business management or take courses to prepare for careers in the paralegal or health informatics and information management fields.

The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a major in management will use a “blended” format, combining face-to-face, distance learning and online coursework. UT Martin undergraduate business programs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International and are regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Degrees are awarded from the UT Martin main campus.

Students at all four extended campus centers will also be able to take courses in preparation for careers as paralegals. These courses are recommended for those seeking to enter the legal field as legal assistants or certified paralegals through one of the national accrediting and certification entities. Those completing required coursework in this area are eligible to sit for the National Association of Legal Assistants examination and may apply the courses toward the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree.

Courses are also available in pre-health informatics and information management to prepare students for a career or application to a master’s program in that field. Prerequisite courses for master’s programs vary between institutions, but students who complete recommended coursework will be eligible for admission into most programs, including the University of Tennessee Health Science Center online program. This course of study does not fulfill requirements for a UT Martin baccalaureate degree but may be applied toward a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree and will allow students to complete master’s program prerequisites without first earning an undergraduate degree.

According to the American Health Information Association, health information professionals hold more than 120 different job titles, which demonstrates the wide range of skills and opportunities available in this growing field.

Non-college credit, such as DANTES and CLEP exams, military experience and portfolio credit hours, are accepted according to the requirements for the individual degrees being earned. For more information on DANTES and CLEP exams, contact the UT Martin Student Services and Success Mentoring Center at 731-881-7744 or visit www.utm.edu/departments/success/testing.php.

Early registration for the spring 2016 semester begins Nov. 9 and spring classes begin Jan. 14.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at 731-881-7080, or contact the UT Martin center in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley or Selmer.

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**Former resident of Brownsville is JCPenney CEO**

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The moment was called a little surreal, but for Marvin Ellison, the chief executive officer of JCPenney, it was more, when the national retailer held its grand re-opening in the Old Hickory Mall on Thursday.

"Humbling," Ellison said. "I shopped at this store with my mother. A store that has been open almost 50 years, and now it feels brand new."

Family, friends and the Haywood High School marching band were in attendance as Ellison, a native of Brownsville, took time away from running a
company listed at No. 250 in the Fortune 500, to unveil a newly renovated 88,000-square-foot store.

"We did not come here a lot, because we did not have a lot of money," said Ellison, who now calls Dallas home. "We didn't shop at JCPenney very often."

It's possible the doors Ellison entered following the ribbon cutting Thursday were the same doors he and his late mother entered when they did shop at the store; and when the Ellison family made their way to the mall, the occasion was usually very special.

"When we were buying clothes for Easter or very, very special holiday gifts, this was the key department store that we would frequent," Ellison said. "When my sister graduated from college at the University of Tennessee at Martin, she bought all of her outfits here for her interviews."

Ellison's great-aunt, Mary Brent, is still employed at the JCPenney store at Old Hickory Mall.

Ellison's rise to CEO began after he picked up a business administration degree in marketing from the University of Memphis, and a Master of Business Administration from Emory University in Atlanta — but it didn't happen overnight.

He spent 12 years with The Home Depot, following a 15-year run with Target.

With nearly 30 years of experience in retail, he served as The Home Depot's executive vice president of U.S. stores, and he has been the senior-most operations leader for Home Depot's approximately 2,000 stores.

He was also president of The Home Depot's Northern Division, where he was responsible for sales and operations of more than 700 stores in 21 states and led a team of more than 150,000 associates.

He also serves on the board of directors of FedEx as a member of compensation, and member of nominating and governance.

But Ellison, who is one of seven children, returned to his roots when addressing those gathered for the grand re-opening.

"I'm a proud citizen of West Tennessee, and I'm proud to represent 104,000 associates of JCPenney," Ellison said. "We want this store to be a blessing to this community, and we are committed to this community."

Part of the commitment included a check for $2,500 presented to Sabrina Anderson, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club, before the ribbon cutting.

But there were other commitments he learned in Haywood County long before his rise in business began.

One of seven children, Ellison singled out his father, Ivory, who was in attendance for the event.

"Every day, this man got up and went to work," Marvin Ellison said. "Seven kids, no excuses. We're very pleased to have a grand re-opening (because) it is important to rededicate our commitment to West Tennessee."

Reach David Thomas at (731) 425-9637. Follow him on Twitter: @dgthomasbiz
The University of Tennessee at Martin hosts its 12th Annual Empty Bowls event tomorrow from 11 to 1 at the Fine Arts Building Little Theatre. Guests receive a handmade bowl and soup lunch in exchange for donations. Proceeds support the hunger relief efforts of We Care Inc.

Work by ceramicist Craig Rhodes is on display at the Ruth Baggett Gallery. The opening reception is tonight from 5 to 8, and the show remains on display through December 24th. The gallery is located at 1025 Jefferson in Paducah and is open Monday through Friday from 4 to 7, Saturday from 10 to 5, and Sunday from 1 to 5.

Project Hope No-Kill Animal Shelter hosts a Christmas Bazaar and Pet Photos with Santa tomorrow from 10 to 4 at the Robert Cherry Civic Center in Paducah. The bazaar includes chili, bake sale items, booths, and Christmas gifts. Project Hope is a no-kill shelter helping homeless animals in the Southern Illinois/Western Kentucky area.

Tennessee's 2015-16 Teacher of the Year, Cathy Whitehead, will address future teachers at UT-Martin on December 3rd, where she'll tell her story, "From UTM to Tennessee's Teacher of the Year", and will share practical ideas for first-year teachers. Whitehead, of Henderson, earned a Master of Science in curriculum and instruction and a reading specialist endorsement from UTM in 2010 and 2013 and currently teaches third grade at West Chester Elementary in Chester County, where she received the Teacher of the Year Award for the 2014-15 school year. She'll represent Tennessee in the National Teacher of the Year competition in April.

She's also serving a two-year term on Governor Bill Haslam's inaugural Governor's Teacher Cabinet, which meets quarterly to advise the governor on educational policy and discuss information from the classroom.

The UTM reception on December 3rd will honor students completing their student teaching experiences along with the cooperating teachers and principals who accepted the challenge of preparing them for their future careers.
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For more information about the annual conference, contact Dr. John Glass, conference coordinator, at 731-881-7288 or by email at sglass@utm.edu.
Students and staff at UT Martin chant 'Tennessee is not for sale'

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By Blake Stevens  CONNECT

MARTIN, Tenn. - More than 50 people gathered in front of the University of Tennessee at Martin's administration building Tuesday.

Signs reading 'Tennessee is not for sale' were aimed at the governor's consideration to privatize the school's maintenance workers. That includes all state maintenance workers for hospitals, state parks, prisons, and college campuses.

For campus electrician Randy Pigg, it's all about the benefits. He says he took a pay cut to work at UTM for health insurance for his family. Pigg is worried about those benefits. He thinks going private will mean fewer employees and less pay and benefits. "We're not making that much money to begin with," Pigg said.

Bud Grimes with campus public relations says campus police would not be affected if this were to pass, but at least 100 maintenance workers could be affected.

Amber Grimes, a student at UTM, says she's fired up and not going to let this slide. "This is affecting the lives. These people live here. They'll lose their jobs, and they don't have anywhere to go. They live in Martin," she said.

Sherman says she doesn't want a random stranger having a key to her dorm. "I should know the people who clean my room every day just like I know the person that puts in my air filters. I know the people who change my light bulb," Sherman said.

The decision could affect the school as soon as next fall. College campuses can opt-out if the plan goes through, but that decision would be made for UT Martin by the University of Tennessee trustees.

Gov. Bill Haslam says the state's facility's management efforts so far have resulted in $12.9 million in savings and the state is exploring opportunities to privatize, There is no time frame for a decision.

Protesters said that would change the culture of the Martin campus by bringing in an outside organization to replace its current facilities staff.

Governor Haslam said privatization could save the state nearly $13 million. There is no time frame for a decision.

UTM students, campus workers to rally tonight against privatization

Posted on November 24, 2015 by Steve James  Local News

UT-Martin students along with UTM campus workers will be holding a rally tonight against Governor Bill Haslam's plan for privatization.

Haslam's plan would change the culture of the UTM campus by bringing in an outside organization to replace current facilities staff.

UTM sophomore Benjamin Evans says that personal relationships have been developed between UTM students and UTM's housing staff.

Haslam's plan seeks to privatize all of the workers currently employed in the state universities and parks.

The Tennessee State Employee Association, Organizing for Action and the United Campus workers are joining volunteers and supporters from the campus calling for a halt of the proposal.

The rally is this evening at 5:30 in front of the UTM Administration Building.
Nan Satterfield of Milan

named state Art Educator of the Year

ART EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR – Milan Elementary School art teacher Nan Satterfield (center) was recently named Tennessee’s Elementary Art Educator of the Year for 2015 during ceremonies in Gatlinburg. She was nominated for the honor by Ms. Jody Stokes-Casey (left), one of Satterfield’s former student teachers; and Dr. Carol Eckert (right), Professor of Art at the Univ. of Tennessee Martin. Ms. Satterfield was also honored with a reception at Milan Elementary School.
By Steve Short

A Milan teacher who is called a "quiet force" in art education in rural West Tennessee has been named the Tenn. Elementary Art Educator of the Year by the Tenn. Art Education Association.

Nan Satterfield, a teacher at Milan Elementary since 2000, received the honor during an awards ceremony at Gatlinburg recently.

“We are so very proud of Ms. Satterfield at Milan Elementary School; she definitely is deserving of this award,” said Phyllis Dudley, Parent Involvement Coordinator.

Ms. Satterfield was nominated for the award by Ms. Jody Stokes-Casey, one of Satterfield’s former student teachers; and Dr. Carol Eckert, Professor of Art at the Univ. of Tennessee Martin.

“Mrs. Satterfield embodies all the best that one expects of an art teacher, and she has been doing so for fifteen years, with the prior fifteen years of an outstanding thirty year teaching career being a classroom teacher for grades 1-6,” said Eckert.

“Nan Satterfield sums up what she thinks is needed to be a successful art teacher with what she calls the three ‘Ps:’ Passion, Planning and Persistence,” Ms. Eckert added. “I can personally attest to the fact that she possesses all of these traits in spades.”

Ms. Satterfield teaches more than 900 students each year. Her motto for student success – “If you expect it, they will perform” comes from her high school art teacher, Ms. Nell Penn.

“She believes in challenging her students and showing them they can do more!” said Eckert.

Satterfield was praised for “singlehandedly putting together what is now a thriving, vibrant art program in a rural community elementary school in West Tennessee.” She was credited for developing countywide exhibits of artworks by Gibson Co. students, helping direct student stage musicals, for being an outstanding colleague with fellow teachers, and for mentoring young student teachers.

“Not only is Ms. Satterfield a dedicated and outstanding teacher, she has ‘paid it forward’ by being a mentor to seven student teachers from UT Martin,” said Carol Eckert. “This is how I met her. She has been a perfect mentor for future teachers because of her enthusiasm, dedication and firm but gentle guidance. As a mentor she models all that a good art teacher should be, from the basic nuts and bolts of setting up and managing a classroom, to planning lessons, ordering supplies and everything else.”

“It is always a pleasure to witness an excited art student, soon to be art teacher in my classroom,” said Nan Satterfield about working with student teachers. “My goal each time is to show them how to plan a lesson that will engage and challenge each and every student, how to have sufficient classroom management, and other vital strategies, especially high expectations for a first-year art teacher. I continue to stay in contact with most of them and help if I am needed in any capacity they might need.”

Vibrant art program

Highlights of Nan Satterfield’s accomplishments as cited in the nomination letter by Dr. Carol A. Eckert, Univ. of Tenn. Martin to the Tenn. Art Education Assoc. Awards Committee:

“In 2000, (Ms. Satterfield) was approached to start an art program at Milan Elementary School. To do that, she got her art endorsement and then, starting with nothing, she singlehandedly put together what is now a thriving, vibrant art program in a rural community elementary school in West Tennessee.”

Ms. Satterfield developed exhibits showcasing hundreds of artworks by students during March, National Youth Art Month. Her students participated in the Gibson Co. Visual Arts Elementary Exhibit. “Hundreds of families come to these exhibits – people who have little contact with art otherwise get to see their children’s work on display,” said Eckert. “I personally went to the opening this year and saw the excitement and pride of the families and the students getting to see their work shown.”

Satterfield was credited for designing sets, choreography and wardrobe for student plays at Milan Elementary. She was called a “great colleague to her fellow teachers” and the “go to person” to help with projects.

She also helps with Fall Carnival fundraisers for her school.

“For the past fifteen years of a thirty-year teaching career, Ms. Satterfield has been a quiet force in rural West Tennessee, sharing her knowledge and love of art to thousands of grade school children, finding ways to share their successes with friends and family, and passing on her knowledge, experience and the skills to future generations with her mentorship of student teachers,” added Eckert. “To me, she embodies all the unsung, quiet, hard-working teachers of art that are the foundation of keeping the arts alive and well in the lives of young people who grow up to be more creative, problem-solving adults, because they had a teacher who gave them a place to develop those skills.”

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Local Students Attend UT Martin FutureStar Leadership Summit

MARTIN (October 29) — Four Carroll County middle school students attended the FutureStar Leadership Summit at the University of Tennessee at Martin, hosted by the WestStar Leadership Program. Students were selected based on leadership potential and were able to participate in a variety of team-building exercises before touring the UT Martin campus. Pictured (L to R) are Jensen Pewitt, McKenzie Middle School; Clark Bradley, West Carroll Junior High School; Dylan Cary, McKenzie Middle School; and Nathan Whitsell; McKenzie Middle School. For more information, contact Virginia Grimes, WestStar coordinator, at 731-881-7298 or by email at vgrimes@utm.edu.

UTM Parsons’ Lee receives service award

The University of Tennessee at Martin honors employee dedication each year through a variety of special events and award presentations. The university recognized those who have served the institution for five years during a breakfast in the Holland McCombs Tennessee Room on Nov. 10. Employees with 10 or more years of service (in five-year increments) and recent retirees were invited to a luncheon in the Boling University Center’s Duncan Ballroom later that day. Amy Lee (right), senior library assistant with the UT Martin Parsons Center, was honored for five years of university service. She is pictured with Dr. Bob Smith, UT Martin interim chancellor.
Unspoken to perform at UT Martin

The vocal group Unspoken, joined by the JJ Weeks Band and David Dunn, will perform their tour, "A Christmas Together," following the University of Tennessee at Martin women's basketball game against the University of Alabama on Dec. 2.

The basketball game will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center, with the concert expected to begin at 7:30.

Unspoken has two consecutive top-five singles — "Who You Are" and "Lift My Life Up" — and has toured with the bands Sanctus Real and Big Daddy Weave. Some of their top hits include "Start a Fire," "Call It Grace" and "Good Fight!"

The band made the top-20 on Billboard's album chart with the self-titled album "Unspoken" and broke into the top 30 in 2014 with "Start a Fire," taking No. 28 on Billboard's National Christian Audience Chart. Admission is $5 per person in advance until Tuesday; $10 at the door prior to halftime of the game; and $15 starting after halftime.

For more information or to purchase an advance ticket to the concert, contact Frank Spears, UT Martin ticket manager, at (731) 881-7207.

Tennessee Teacher of the Year to address student teachers

Cathy Whitehead of Hendersonville, Tennessee’s 2015-16 Teacher of the Year, will address future teachers at the University of Tennessee at Martin during a reception Dec. 3.

Ms. Whitehead will tell her story, "From UT to Tennessee’s Teacher of the Year," and will share practical ideas for first-year teachers.

Ms. Whitehead earned a master of science degree in curriculum and instruction and a reading specialist endorsement from UT Martin in 2010 and 2013, respectively. She currently teaches third grade at West Chester Elementary in Chester County, where she received the Teacher of the Year Award for the 2014-15 school year.

She is also serving a two-year term on Gov. Bill Haslam’s inaugural Governor’s Teacher Cabinet, which meets quarterly to advise the governor on educational policy and discuss information from the classroom.

She will represent Tennessee in the National Teacher of the Year competition in April 2016.

The UT Martin reception will honor students completing student teaching experiences, along with cooperating teachers and principals.

Two student awards will also be presented: the Carl Seale Outstanding Student Teacher Award, which recognizes students nominated and selected for outstanding achievement during their clinical rotations, and the Jodi Woods Award for an Outstanding Special Education Student Teacher.

For information, contact Kimberly Castleman at (731) 881-7215 or by email at kcastleman@utk.edu.

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(Continued from Page 1) and that they will do what it takes to ensure their job security.

"There are people who have spent most of their lives here. They have been here for 20-plus years, and to take that away from them, it's not right," said Randy Pigg, a faculty member at UTM. "This is the first job I have ever had where I am comfortable being around this many people because everyone is united together. We are out here letting Haslam know that we won't just stand here and take it."

Editor's note: Jacob Rojas is a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
HOMECOMING 2015 — Staff members from The Pacer, the University of Tennessee at Martin’s student-run newspaper, had a good time together on a sunny day during the university’s recent homecoming festivities on the main campus. Among them were (from left) Laura Crossett, a junior from Jackson; Chance Farmer, a senior from Union City; Ashton Priest, a sophomore from Obion; Lyndsey Hayslett, a senior from Union City; Justin Glover, a junior from Hermitage; Matthew Cullen, a senior from Dickson; and Philicity Cullen, a senior from Memphis. All are communications majors except Ms. Cullen, who is a psychology major.

HOMECOMING HAPPENINGS — Members of the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Non-Traditional Student Association enjoyed a beautiful day recently during the university’s homecoming festivities on the main campus. Among the participants were (from left) Julie Durham, a freshman business management major from Dresden; alumni Sharon Robertson (1989 and 1991), retired UT Martin mathematics professor and founder of UT Martin’s NTSA; Amanda Mansfield, a junior sociology major from Gleason; Yolonda Garr, a junior natural resources management major from Troy; Gary Swingle, a junior animal science major from Hornbeck; and Haley Hart, a sophomore health and human performance major from Dresden.

AT HOMECOMING – Paulina Castro (left) of Martin and her mother, Laura Castro of Union City, enjoyed a beautiful day recently during homecoming festivities at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Paulina is a junior nursing major, while her mother graduated from UT Martin in 1990 and 2008.
BEST BUY — The University of Tennessee at Martin is listed among “America’s 100 Best College Buys,” a listing compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation Inc. of Rome, Ga., for the 10th consecutive year. The university is one of four Tennessee higher education institutions listed. UT Martin students (from left) Courtney Caton of Huntingdon, Gian Garma of Martin and Diana Ramos of Union City recently studied in the university’s quadrangle.

UT Martin named among nation’s best college buys

The University of Tennessee at Martin is listed among “America’s 100 Best College Buys,” an institution must be an accredited, four-year institution offering bachelor’s degrees. The institution must also offer full residential facilities, including residence halls and dining services.

Additionally, the institution must have had an entering freshman class in fall 2014 with a high school grade point average and/or SAT/ACT score equal to or above the national average for entering college freshmen. Also, the out-of-state cost of attendance in 2015-16 for three quarters or two semesters must either be below the national average cost of attendance or not exceed the national average cost by more than 10 percent.

"UT Martin strives to provide a combination of high-quality education at an affordable cost," said Dr. Bob Smith, UT Martin interim chancellor. "I am pleased for our alumni, students and families anytime the university is shown to be a value leader in the competitive higher education marketplace."

The recognition follows two listings announced in recent months. In August, The Princeton Review named the university among the “Best in the Southeast” for 2016. The list is part of the company’s website feature “2016 Best Colleges: Region by Region” posted at PrincetonReview.com. UT Martin has been included in this listing for 13 consecutive years.

UT Martin also continued among the top southern master’s level universities in the 2016 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings, released in September. The university tied for 50th place among both public and private universities and for 19th place for southern public universities.
ATTEND SUMMIT — Nine middle school students from Obion County attended the FutureStar Leadership Summit, hosted by the WestStar Leadership Program, recently at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Students were selected based on leadership potential and were able to participate in a variety of team-building exercises before touring the UT Martin campus. Among those attending were (from left, front row) Kaler Bobo and Reice Gray, both from Union City Middle School; Olga Lidia Acevedo and Tina Huang, both from Ridgemont Middle School; (back row) Brandon Ransom and Lucas Chambers, both from South Fulton Middle School; Olivia Dysart of Union City Middle School; and Shawn Rutherford and Abigail Pollock, both from Lake Road Elementary School.

UTM Jackson offers ACT prep course

Students hoping to raise their ACT scores are invited to register for an ACT prep course offered from 8 a.m.-noon or 1-5 p.m., Dec. 5, at the University of Tennessee at Martin Jackson Center. This course is available just in time for the Dec. 12 national exam.

Students will learn to boost their scores and improve test performance by practicing test problems based on question frequency, difficulty, substantive knowledge, curriculum and alternative test-taking strategies. These quick, efficient tips for test-taking will be offered by course instructor Alex Beene, college and ACT advisor for Fayette County Schools. Beene received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Mississippi.

There is a registration fee per person.

For more information or to register, contact the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at 731-881-7082 or visit the course website at [http://www.utm.edu/department/ncos/nondegree.php](http://www.utm.edu/department/ncos/nondegree.php).
University of Tennessee at Martin sophomore Jared Lemons holds a sign supporting campus workers in front of the UT Martin Administration Building on Tuesday.

**UTM STUDENTS RALLY TO KEEP STAFF JOBS**

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"We enjoy working for the university and we take a lot of pride in what we do."

TIM NIPP
DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY'S PHYSICAL PLANT

MARTIN — Dozens of students and staff members lined University Street in Martin to support their "family," the maintenance staff members who could potentially lose positions at the University of Tennessee at Martin, on Tuesday afternoon.

Gov. Bill Haslam has said that no decision has been made on whether to pursue privatization of facilities management for state buildings and parks. But if such a proposal moves forward, universities under the Tennessee Board of Regents and University of Tennessee systems could lose some staff positions. At UT Martin, that could mean an already small staff would be outsourced to an outside company for campus repairs.

Amber Sherman, a senior at UT Martin, said losing those staff members would mean losing a connection to the family culture at the university.

"He's going to privatize all these jobs of people we love," Sherman said. "It's people I know, who clean my room, who do my maintenance, who I talk to every single day."

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People rally in support of campus workers in front of the UTM Administration Building on Tuesday.

“We appreciate the support that the student group and the rally has for the physical plant, and I just want to show my support for them,” Nipp said.

Nipp said employees are hoping against the privatization of the staff.

“Of course, I don’t want it to be outsourced. We enjoy working for the university and we take a lot of pride in what we do,” he said.

Sherman said she and other UT Martin students would continue to rally.

“I want to make sure that people know we care about this. Tennessee is not for sale,” Sherman said. “We’re not going to back down. We’re not OK with this. We want Haslam to know that we’re not going to stop.”

Jennifer Donnals, press secretary with Haslam’s office, said no decisions have been made in regards to privatizing staff at universities in the state. Donnals said facility management efforts have saved approximately $12.9 million in the last two years and have improved maintenance by 10 percent.

“The state is exploring whether there are similar opportunities elsewhere in its real estate portfolio,” Donnals said. “No decision has been made, and there is no timeline for a decision from the governor’s office.”

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UTM ranked in top 50 ‘Most Affordable Online Colleges’

Affordable Colleges Online, a leading resource for online learning and college affordability information, has included the University of Tennessee at Martin in its third annual "Top 50 Most Affordable Online Degree Programs" ranking for the 2015-16 academic year. UT Martin ranks 24th on the list and is one of only four Tennessee institutions to be included.

Affordable Colleges Online compared and ranked institutions on a variety of factors. In order to be considered for the ranking, schools must be public or private not-for-profit institutions offering at least one fully-online degree program, be accredited to grant four-year degrees and have a total program price below $15,000.

The ranking also uses a peer-based value score, which compares the cost of each program to the cost of similar programs with the same qualitative score.

UT Martin online students can pursue a Master of Business Administration or a Master of Science in agriculture and natural resources. Online options also provide support for careers in paralegal, agriculture or business positions.

Other Tennessee schools to make the list were Lee University, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and East Tennessee State University.

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

SHE’S A WINNER – Emily Campbell has been offered multiple scholarships at the Tennessee Division I State Band Championship. Scholarships included UT Martin, $4000; Union University, $2000; Austin Peay State University, $3700. Emily is a senior band member at Peabody.

LOCAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN UTM SCIENCE BOWL – A team of students from Peabody High School participated in the University of Tennessee at Martin’s 2015 science bowl competition November 14. The annual event, hosted by the UT Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society, attracted 73 high school students from eight schools to participate in written and quiz-bowl style competitions in biology, chemistry, physics and general science. Pictured are (from left) Joseph Wuchter, Peabody science teacher; Michaela Short and Sofia Oliva, UTM SMACS members; Peabody students, Isaac Hale, Madison Warrington and Benjamin Allen; and Dr. Khan Van Nguyen, lecturer, UT Martin Department of Chemistry and Physics. For more information on SMACS events or the UT Martin chemistry program, contact Dr. S. K. Airee, professor of chemistry and UT Martin SMACS faculty adviser, at 731-881-7454 or by email at skairee@utm.edu.
Open House at UT Martin on the Somerville Square

On Thursday, November 19, 2015 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. an Open House was held at the Career Center by UT Martin. Students were able to learn about class offerings, view the classrooms, meet the instructors and also enjoy refreshments. Among those attending were Somerville City Administrator Bob Turner, Fayette County Director of Schools Dr. Marlon King, School Board member Wendell Wainwright, Molly McCurley of Workforce Investment, Adam Wilson-Interim Director of the UT Martin-Somerville operations and Kara Tapp-UT Martin Coordinator of Fundraising & Marketing; Somerville Alderman Mike French, County Commissioner Steve Reeves, Sherri Morris of UT Extension, and Hal Rounds.

Students rally for staff members facing potential job loss

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MARTIN, Tenn. (AP) — Dozens of students from the University of Tennessee at Martin are rallying in support of maintenance staff members who could potentially lose their jobs.

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UT Martin To Host Orchestra, Wind Ensemble Concerts

The University of Tennessee at Martin will host the first performances of the year for the orchestra and wind ensembles on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, respectively.

The orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 30, in the Fine Arts Building's Fulton Theatre. The concert will feature works by Johann Stamitz, Brian Balmages, G.F. Handel and Ludwig von Beethoven, with music ranging from the Baroque period through the 21st century. Performers include community members and UT Martin students who are not music majors. Wind and percussion sections will be performed by UT Martin music majors as needed.

The UT Martin Wind Ensemble will perform the following day at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 1, also in the Fine Arts Building's Fulton Theatre. Students will perform works by John Williams, Chang Su Koh, Michael Daugherty and H. Owen Reed. The program will open with music from the Superman movie trilogy written by John Williams and close with Reed's "La Fiesta Mexicana."

Local Students Participate In UT Martin Science Bowl

A team of students from Westview High School participated in the University of Tennessee at Martin's 2015 science bowl competition Nov. 14. The annual event, hosted by the UT Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society, attracted 73 high school students from eight schools to participate in written and quiz-bowl style competitions in biology, chemistry, physics and general science. Pictured are (front row, l-r) Dr. Phillip Davis, professor, UT Martin Department of Chemistry and Physics; Westview students Sarah Vowell, Taylor Hoffman, Rachel Vowell, Wilson Ross, Phillip Pierce, Selam Getaneh and Jessica Hightower; (back row) Benjamin Ides, UT Martin SMACS member; and Westview students Joseph Pelten, Briley Johnson, Abi Reese, Jacob Smith and Brandon Butler.
Westview High School Students Attend Young Writers Conference

The annual Young Writers Conference was held at the University of Tennessee at Martin on Nov. 13. Dana Chamblee Carpenter, author of "Bohemian Gospel," served as the keynote speaker. Pictured from Westview High School are (seated, l-r) Alex Jordan, Mac Bradshaw, Abi Reese, Angelique Stringer, Christopher Abels, Chelsea Bleen, (kneeling) Emma Fletcher, Selam Getaneh, Alexis Baller, Carli Stricklin, Michaela Majors, Makayle Boaz, Kaylie Martin, Brittnce Johnson, Amy Brown, (third row) Jacob Smith, Laurel Pelren, Camryn Donavan, Chesney Ross, Katie Rea, Willl Dickens, Kaleigh Powell, Rebekah Cotton, Danyel Arnold, Guia Garma, Sarah Hibbard, (fourth row) Brandon Butler, Emily Erwin, Shelby Hatchel, (back row) Angelo Mulacapay, Jordanna Siglow, Tyler Darroch, Joseph Aguilar, Harsh Patel, Lydia Pritchett, Jared York, Robert Melhorn and Easton Brawley. For more information about the annual conference, contact Dr. John Glass, conference coordinator, at 731-881-7288 or by email at jglass@utm.edu.
University of Tennessee at Martin students rally for staff who could potentially lose jobs

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UTM quad dedicated as a Level 1 Arboretum

By MADILYN PEAY
Special to the Press

On Thursday, the University of Tennessee at Martin quad was dedicated as a Level 1 Arboretum through the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council.

The project was completed through a partnership between the UTM Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, the UTM administration and grounds crew and local Martin forestry organizations.

Dr. Eric Pelten, a professor of wildlife science and the UTM Wildlife Society advisor, opened the ceremony and acknowledged the groups that have helped the make the certification possible.

"We have a lot of great student organizations here at UTM doing fantastic things," he said. "I appreciate the efforts of our campus administration, the grounds folks and our student Wildlife Society in protecting and bringing attention to the rich variety of trees on our campus and the value of native species as wildlife habitat."

Flint Perkins, who was the 2014-15 UTM Wildlife Society Policy Committee chairman, is the one who wanted to start organizing the effort to have the campus recertified. He enlisted the help of faculty, staff and other students to identify trees in the quad, create a map and label trees.

"I am very happy to have been given the opportunity to lead this project from the Wildlife Society student chapter," he said. "The trees and native species provide important wildlife habitat. The Arboretum certification brings pride and interest in our campus, and I am proud to have been a part of it."

The Level 1 certification required 30 unique tree species to be identified and labeled. UTM currently

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has 32 species labeled. For each successive level, 30 more species must be identified, labeled and mapped; a Level 4 Arboretum must have 120 species of tree. The Wildlife Society hopes to continue identifying trees on campus in order to achieve the higher levels of certification.

Dr. Roberto Mancusi, an associate professor of music, performed a lovely musical rendition of Joyce Kilmer's poem, "Trees," for those attending the ceremony. A squirrel in the tree above him insisted on accompanying his performance, but several students thought the unexpected addition appropriate for the ceremony.

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RALLYING THE CAUSE — Dozens of students, faculty and campus workers at the University of Tennessee at Martin held a rally outside the UTM administration building Tuesday to protest Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam’s proposal to outsource various campus jobs.

Students, faculty and campus workers rally against Haslam’s plan to outsource jobs at UT Martin

By JACOB RIOJAS
Special to the Press

"Haslam step off it! Put people over profit!"

These words could be heard being chanted from a large group of University Tennessee Martin students, faculty and staff members standing outside of the school’s administration building Tuesday afternoon. The group was rallying against Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam’s proposition for state employee outsourcing in an attempt to save money. Some protesters argued that this has happened before in 2013 and failed miserably, saying it cost the state more money than it made. Opponents have argued Haslam’s proposition would put hundreds of UTM workers out of a job, as well as thousands more employees statewide.

“I organized this because our campus workers are apart of our community, and when I heard that Gov. Haslam wanted to privatize them, it was a no go for me,” said Amber Sherman, who organized the rally and is a member of Organizers for Action. “These people have done nothing wrong, and it’s only benefiting Haslam because he’s investing in the company.”

Many people depend on their campus jobs, not just for revenue but also for health benefits that can be hard to acquire from other occupations.

“We have children, and we want our children to go to college,” said maintenance employee Evangel Trice. “This man already has money. He is going out and wants to take a lump sum from the people who come from low incomes, and it’s just pitiful.”

According to those at the rally, staff and student populations on campus view each other as family, be it a simple "hello" in the morning to casual conversation between classes.

"This is the first job I have ever had where I am comfortable being around this many people because everyone is united together. We are out here letting Haslam know that we won’t just stand here and take it."
A plan by Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam to privatize state parks and universities has many state employees concerned for their future.

UT-Martin Interim Chancellor Dr. Bob Smith tells Thunderbolt Radio News that there are a lot of unknowns with the governor's plans, causing anxiety for campus workers and their families.

Governor Haslam's proposal would change the culture of the UTM campus by bringing in an outside organization to replace current facilities staff.

Chancellor Smith says the governor's plan would affect campus workers systemwide, not just at UT-Martin.

A rally was held last night by UTM students to voice their support for current campus workers and their opposition to the governor's privatization plan.

Governor Haslam says that he wants to see what the final form of the outsourcing proposal looks like before deciding whether to bring it before lawmakers early next year.

More than 50 people gathered in front of the University of Tennessee at Martin's administration building Tuesday. Signs reading "Tennessee is not for sale" were aimed at the governor's consideration to privatize the school's maintenance workers. That includes all state maintenance workers for hospitals, state parks, prisons, and college campuses.

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University of Tennessee at Martin students rally for staff who could potentially lose jobs

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UTM named a 2016 ‘Military Friendly’ school

MARTIN – Victory Media, publisher of the “G.I. Jobs” and “Military Spouse” publications, has designated the University of Tennessee at Martin as a 2016 Military Friendly® School. This title is awarded to institutions that are doing the most to embrace military students and dedicate resources to ensure their success both in the classroom and after graduation.

Now in its seventh year, the Military Friendly® designation provides service members and their families with transparent, data-driven ratings about post-military education and career opportunities.

“Post-secondary institutions earning the 2016 Military Friendly® School award have exceptionally strong programs for transitioning service members and spouses,” said Daniel Nichols, chief product officer for Victory Media and a Navy Reserve veteran. “Our Military Friendly® Schools are truly aligning their military programs and services with employers to help students translate military experience, skills and training into successful careers after graduation.”

Institutions competed for this designation by completing a survey of more than 100 questions in 10 categories, including military support on campus, graduation and employment outcomes and military spouse policies. The data was independently tested by Ernst & Young based on methodology established by an independent advisory board.

“I am proud, particularly having retired from the Air Force myself, that our campus has been recognized by this national organization as a military-friendly campus,” said Dr. Jerald Ogg, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. “Our faculty appreciate the perspectives our veterans bring to their classrooms, and we have a tremendous group of staff members who provide one-on-one support for everything from admission and transfer credit to financial aid and participation in the Skyhawk Veterans Association.

“This institution has a long legacy of military training going back to the Hall-Moody days, which makes this even more meaningful.”

Two UTM concerts set

Two special events are planned for the University of Tennessee at Martin Dec. 5-6. The first is unusual, the second more traditional.

A “Tuba Christmas” is planned for 5 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the UTM Fine Arts Building. This event is open to brass musicians of all ages who play euphonium, baritone, tuba or sousaphone. A $10 registration fee secures each musician a commemorative button and a spot on stage performing with the mass tuba ensemble. Registration is scheduled from noon-1 p.m. Dec. 5 with a free master class planned from 1-2 p.m.

Rehearsals then are from 2-4 p.m. with the free concert set for 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Bill Waterman at 731-881-7401 or email at wwaterman@utm.edu.

Then at 3 p.m. Dec. 6, “Holiday at UTM” will present a full program of Christmas music and other holiday music.

There is an admission charge for this program, but proceeds go to benefit UTM music students.

At the door, tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for ages 6-11 and children under 6 will be admitted free.

For more information on “Holiday at UTM,” contact Joseph Frye at 731-881-3403 or by email at jfrye3@utm.edu.