Local pageant winners set to compete in Miss Tennessee

Erica Glisson graduated from college with a nursing degree one month ago, but that doesn’t mean she is sleeping in and chilling out this summer. The recent UT Martin graduate is an early riser with plenty to do, and she will compete in this week’s Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in Jackson.

Camille Garner, from Tullahoma, a Tennessee Tech student, will also compete in the pageant. The two contestants won the Miss UT Martin and the Miss Tennessee Soybean Pageant titles, respectively.

The actual pageant begins the evening of Wednesday, June 18, and culminates with the crowning of Miss Tennessee on Saturday, June 21.

“I have been doing something every day,” Glisson said. “I have been studying for my nursing boards, which are about three weeks after the pageant,” she said. “I have been getting my dresses together, studying current events, practicing my song and working on my platform.”

Glisson’s platform, “Love on a Leash,” includes her registered therapy dog, Heath. The whole platform involves character education. “I want to show how Heath is loyal to his family and friends.”

The scholarship fund is based on a rich scholastic tradition which has been the cornerstone of the Miss America program since 1945. Today, educational achievements and public service continue to be the primary objectives for the Miss America and the Miss Tennessee organizations. In 2013, the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Foundation, Inc. awarded more than $100,000 in cash scholarships to the participants.

Glisson will settle in for pageant week with her roommate, Miss Decatur County, Sunday afternoon. “It’s just like basketball camp,” Glisson said. “It’s all fun and all the hard work is worth it.”

For her talent, Glisson will sing the song “(They Just Keep) Moving the Line,” from the television show Smash. If all goes well for the Gleason native, she could very well live out one of the lines of the song, “It started as a rover and victory was mine.”
Robinson named Skyhawks new head baseball coach

UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and athletics director Julio Freire have announced the hiring of Rick Robinson as the 10th head baseball coach in Skyhawk program history. 

“We are very pleased to have Coach Robinson lead our baseball program into a new era,” Dr. Rakes said. “He has an extended history coaching successful college baseball programs.”

“We are ecstatic to hire a head coach of Rick Robinson’s caliber,” Freire said. “I am confident of his abilities to guide our baseball student-athletes, and I am excited about the future of our program.”

Robinson brings 17 years of head coaching experience to UT Martin, including the last 16 years transforming Young Harris College into a junior college and NCAA Division-II powerhouse. Robinson sports a 699-281 career head coaching record (.713 winning percentage) and boasts four 50-win seasons, eight conference championships, five Region XVII championships and one NCAA World Series appearance.

“I want to thank Chancellor Rakes and Julio for allowing me the opportunity to lead the UT Martin baseball program,” Robinson said. “My family and I are excited about becoming involved in the Martin community. This is the most exciting time of the year for college baseball. As I watch the postseason games it’s a great time to dream about the future of UT Martin baseball. With the help of the administration, I look forward to producing young men who know how to win in the classroom, on the diamond and in life after baseball.”

Robinson, who has never had a losing record as a head coach, averaged 49.3 wins per season from 2002-08 in the junior college ranks before Young Harris transitioned into a four-year baccalaureate school competing in Division-II in 2011. The transition did not slow down Robinson as he guided the Mountain Lions to 114 wins over his last four seasons.

In his coaching career, Robinson has guided 38 players to the professional ranks, including 25 Major League Baseball draft selections. Current major leaguers who have played under Robinson include Baltimore Orioles outfielder Nick Markakis (seventh overall pick in the first round of the 2003 MLB Draft), Colorado Rockies outfielder Charlie Blackmon (72nd overall pick in the second round of the 2008 MLB Draft) and Atlanta Braves right-handed pitcher Cory Gearrin (138th overall pick in the fourth round of the 2007 MLB Draft).

Robinson began his head coaching career at Brevard College in North Carolina, where he started the first baseball program in school history in 1992. In its inaugural season, he posted a 33-22 record.

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Dr. Scott Roberts, professor of music theory, attended the Sacred Music Intensive Workshop at Indiana University-Bloomington. Dr. Roberts played an organ solo and accompanied a choir anthem during the final concert.

Dr. Ajit KorgaoKar, Department of Health and Human Performance, co-authored an article published in the Human Kinetics Journal (Volume 26, Issue 2, May) titled “Caffeine Supplementation and Reactive Agility in Elite Youth Soccer Players.”

Three professors in the College of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources received grants from the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board.

Dr. Eric Walker, assistant professor of agriculture: Technologic Agronomic and Foliar Nutrient Application Effects on MGIV and V Soybean Teaching and Demonstration:

Dr. Paula Gale, professor of agriculture: Influence of Cover Crop Management on Water Use Efficiency on Soybeans; and Dr. Sandy Melihorn, assistant professor of agriculture: Educating Young Drivers about Sharing the Road with Farm Equipment.

“The Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board is pleased to fund three research projects from UT Martin,” said Parks Wells, executive director of the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council. “These grants will be an excellent investment of soybean checkoff funds that will provide benefits to all of our Tennessee producers.”

Nathan Morgan, university photographer, Office of University Relations, earned recognition for his photography in the annual Tennessee College Public Relations Association Communication Awards.

Winners were announced June 13 during the TCPRA Spring Meeting held at Lipscomb University in Nashville.

He earned two awards in the photography category: (1) a bronze award for his photo of the Skyhawk golf team that appeared on the cover of the most recent Campus Scene alumni magazine, and (2) a gold award for a photo from 2013 Homecoming’s rope pull competition.

During the summer months, Addenda is posted every other week. The next issue will be published on June 30.
The Kentucky Lake Section (KLS) of the American Chemical Society (ACS) received an ACS grant to host a program with Lincoln Magnet School for Mathematics and Science in Jackson. The KLS paired with the UT Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) on April 15 to tie-dye T-shirts with 105 Lincoln Magnet School students. The tie-dyed shirts were worn on April 19 when the KLS and SMACS took the students to the Adventure Science Center in Nashville.

KLS members involved included Dr. Phillip Shelton, Dr. Robbie Montgomery, and Dr. Abigail Shelton. SMACS students included Krysten Harris (SMACS president), Will Crosby, Heather Streckert, Kendall Oziminski and Ambergail Taylor. Decorations were provided by Anna and Jim Clark and Goetz Seifert.

The UT Martin Relay for Life Team won six awards June 13 during the Relay for Life event held in the Hardy M. Graham Stadium parking lot. Team captain Linda Ramsey, professor emeritus of health and human performance, reported the following awards:

- 1st Place – Enthusiasm
- 1st Place – Team Signage – Campsite Decorations
- 1st Place – Side Item – German Potato Salad
- 1st Place – Dessert – German Chocolate Cookies
- 3rd Place – Main Dish – Brat and Sour Kraut Sandwich
- 3rd Place – Relay Bucks – Participation.

In an e-mail to the university community, she wrote, “Thank you so much for supporting our team and our event. I could not be prouder to be a part of any team in this wonderful effort as I am of this team.”

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Calender

| June 19 | S.O.A.R., Boling University Center, 2:30 |
| June 18 | UT Board of Trustees, Knoxville (through June 19) |
| June 20 | S.O.A.R., Boling University Center, 8 a.m. |
| June 22 | Robert Elam Senior Tuba Recital, Fine Arts Recital Hall, 5 p.m. |
| June 23 | Piano Camp for students in grades 8 through 12, Fine Arts Building (through June 27) |
| June 23 | Last day of Summer Session First Term |

Paul Meek Library Hours

| June 2 – July 2 |
| Monday – Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. |
| Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. |
| Saturday: 1-5 p.m. |
| Sunday: 2-10 p.m. |

July 3
| Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. |

July 4 – 6
Closed

July 7
| Monday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. |

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