Last day to register for UT Martin’s Working Women’s Conference

University of Tennessee at Martin alumna Jennifer Horbelt will be the keynote speaker for the school’s 17th annual Working Women’s Conference. Horbelt is the co-anchor of WPSD Local 6 news in Paducah, Ky. She will speak on “Reconstructing Your Life.” The conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Friday, in the Boling University Center Duncan Ballroom on UT Martin’s main campus. Cost is $40 per person and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and all activities. Today is the last day to register.

To register, visit www.utmforever.com/wc2015 or contact Virginia Grijmes at vgrimes@utrn.edu or (731) 881-7298.

The conference theme is “Women Under Construction: Building Career, Family and Communities.” Sessions will focus on building personal and professional relationships, physical fitness and emotional strength, according to a news release.

The conference schedule is as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. - Registration and continental breakfast
- 9 a.m. - Welcome from UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and Charley Deal, WestStar executive director
- 9:15 a.m. - Keynote Speaker – “Reconstructing your Life,” Jennifer Horbelt
- 10 a.m. - “Constructing Your Family Tree,” Stephanie Tayloe, W.G. Rhea Public Library
- 10:45 a.m. - Break
- 11 a.m. - “Building Relationships, Influence and Impact,” Alissa DeWitt; founder, executive coach and consultant, Executive Impact
- 11:45 a.m. - Lunch
- 1: p.m. - “Building a Firm Foundation,” Loral Underwood, personal trainer
- 1: 45 p.m. - “Building Spirits,” Dr. Teresa Collard, UT Martin assistant professor of communications
Cheatham County hires new football coach

The Cheatham County school district announced on Monday that Chris Bain has been named the new head football coach at Cheatham County Central High School.

Bain replaces Brian Mintz, who resigned in November after two years as head coach.

Mintz's decision came after the CCCHS administration notified him Nov. 3 of its recommendation to not renew his coaching contract for the 2015-2016 season.

Bain comes to Cheatham County following a 14-year stint at Hendersonville High School, where he served as head freshman football coach and assistant varsity football coach.

Previously, Bain taught physical science and biology at Trenton Peabody High School and Portland High School.

Most notably, he was part of the athletic staff that led Portland High School to win the state football championship.

Bain received a bachelor's degree in health and human performance from University of Tennessee at Martin and Master of Administration from Trevecca Nazarene University.

Bain said he enjoys working in a small community and is looking forward to serving the students of Cheatham County.

"I am excited to begin working with the students of Cheatham County Central and look forward to moving them to greater academic and athletic heights," Bain said in a news release.

According to school officials, Bain will step into his new role in March.

Gibson County students receive scholarships to UTM

MARTIN, Tenn. - Several Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Brandy Cartnell, Interim Executive Director, Student Engagement.

Keeley Davis, daughter of John and Brandie Davis, of Bradford, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship.

Hohner Porter, son of Billy and Sherry Porter, of Trenton, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor's Award.

Emily Rice, daughter of Mike and Juli Rice, of Medina, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship.

Brian T. Schreiber, son of Bill and Cheryle Schreiber, of Milan, will be a freshman. He received the University Scholar Award.
West Carroll FFA takes 1st place at UT Martin

FIRST PLACE IN HORSE JUDGING - The West Carroll FFA team took first place honors at the West Tennessee FFA Horse Judging Competition held at UT Martin on January 27. Tristen Fuller also took the title of overall high individual scorer for the event. Pictured are: Collin Simmons, Tristen Fuller, Justin Kraemer, and Dalton Vaughn.

Community invited to join musical travel study to Eastern Europe

Community members are invited to join students and faculty from the University of Tennessee at Martin on a travel study across Eastern Europe to visit some of the most musical cities on the continent. The trip is scheduled for May 8-24 and the estimated cost is $3,643.89 per person. Participants must be registered and submit a $1,700 deposit by March 31.

Drs. Jonathan Vest and Mark Simmons, both associate professors of music, will lead the trip through stops in Hungary, Austria, Italy, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. The tour will include visits to the renowned Kodaly Institute in Budapest, Hungary, and the Orff Institute in Salzburg, Austria, as well as other locations that have helped shape the history of western music.

For more information, contact Vest at 881-7482 or by email at jvest@utm.edu.
Dr. Ann Gathers, associate professor of biological sciences at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will present a seminar Thursday at 7 p.m. on the chemistry and biological effects of nitric oxide. The seminar will be held in room 103 of the Joseph E. Johnson Engineering Physical Sciences building on the main UT Martin campus.

The lecture, sponsored by the UT Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society, will focus on recent research conducted regarding nitric oxide and nitric oxide synthase. These biological compounds play a key role in memory and behavior by transmitting information between nerve cells in the brain and immune system, regulating blood pressure, reducing inflammation and improving gastric motility.

Gathers received a bachelor's degree from UT Martin, a master's degree from the University of Louisville and a doctorate from the University of Kentucky.

The seminar is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. S. K. Airee, professor of chemistry and physics and faculty SMACS adviser, at 881-7454 or by email at skairee@utm.edu.
Dotson, Rooney crowned at combined pageants

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Katherine Felthauer, a senior UT Martin music education major from Clarksville, was first runner-up, and Ali Barros, a sophomore double major in communications and political science from Medway, Md., was second runner-up.

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Rooney, whose literacy platform is “Read to Succeed,” has won other pageant crowns, including Miss Jackson Outstanding Teen in 2013 and last year’s Miss Shelby Outstanding Teen. “I focused (in this pageant) on showing the judges who I was in interview and showing them how passionate I was about the program of Miss Tennessee and Miss Soybean and just how much I really wanted the job, not just the crown,” she said.

Sarah Yarbrough, a senior Austin Peay State University communications student from Jackson, was first runner-up, and Noreli Mendez, a senior UT Martin biological sciences student from McKenzie, was second runner-up.

Contestants competed in four categories: presentation and community achievement (interview), artistic expression (talent), presence and poise (evening gown), and lifestyle and fitness (swimsuit).

Hayley Lewis, Miss Tennessee 2014, attended and participated in the program. Erica Glisson, 2014 Miss UT Martin and a UT Martin nursing graduate who now lives in Nashville, and Camille Gamer, 2014 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival and a senior biology health sciences major at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, both gave farewell speeches before the 2015 winners were announced.

Katrina Cobb and Hollie Holt shared co-executive director duties for the pageant. Cobb was pleased with the pageant and the outcome.
CROWNED - The combined Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageant was held Saturday. **Left:** Erica Glisson, the 2014 Miss UT Martin, crowns Shelby Dotson as the new 2015 Miss UT Martin. **Right:** Camille Garner, the 2014 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival, crowns Carsen Rooney as the new 2015 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival. (Photos by Tammy Lynn Erwin/Special to The Press)
Regina VanCleave sworn-in Monday as Weakley County Clerk and Master

Regina VanCleave was sworn-in Monday morning for a six-year term as Weakley County’s Clerk and Master.

She was appointed to the position and sworn-in by Chancellor W. Michael Maloan. She succeeds Susan Collins, who is retiring.

“I want to thank Chancellor Maloan for having the confidence in me to appointment me to do this job,” VanCleave said. “I’m happy to serve the citizens of Weakley County.”

The Chancery court deals with civil cases, including divorce, adoptions, worker’s compensation, boundary disputes, delinquent tax, breach of contract and change of name, among others. In Weakley County, it has exclusive jurisdiction over the administration of estates, including estates of decedents and estates of wards under guardianship or conservatorship.

VanCleave worked in Obion County’s Chancery Court office from August 1998 to August 2005. From August 2005 until July 2006, she worked in the law office of Collins and Jeff Parham.

She began working for the Weakley County Chancery Court in July 2006 through July 2012. She became Chancellor Maloan’s secretary in July 2012 and held that position through her recent appointment.

VanCleave grew up in Troy and graduated from Obion County Central High School in 1995. She graduated from UT Martin in 2009 with a degree in university studies. She and her husband, Cory, have been married for 17 years. They have two children: Lyndsey, 16, who is a junior at Westview High School, and Mason, 11, who is a sixth-grader at Martin Middle School.
Lusby, Sullivan participate in WestStar Leadership Program

Kyle Lusby and Jason Sullivan, both of Weakley County, are members of the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program's 2015 class.

Lusby is a staff pharmacist at Evans Drug Company in Fulton, Ky. He is a Leadership Weakley County graduate and serves on the Weakley County Leadership board of directors. Sullivan is the assistant athletic director for development at the University of Tennessee at Martin and a small business owner. He is a graduate of Leadership Weakley County and serves on the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes board of directors.

UT Martin continues Reading Clinic Sessions

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies will offer the second of three reading clinic sessions from Feb. 12–March 23 on the UT Martin main campus. Sessions can be scheduled from 3-7 p.m. twice per week. Students will meet for one hour each on either a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule.

Students will participate in an intensive reading improvement course taught by experienced professionals from the UT Martin Reading Center. The clinic is for students in grades 2–12 who need extra support and practice in reading. Students will be individually tested to determine their specific phonics and comprehension levels and placed into a course of study designed to build skills and fill gaps in their reading abilities.

Each session is $100 plus a $25 workbook needed for the class. The third session is scheduled for March 24-April 27.

For more information about the reading clinic sessions or to register, visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecos/nondegree.php or call the Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at 731-881-7082.

Locals receive scholarships

Several Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Brandy Cartmell, Interim Executive Director, Student Engagement.

• Jacob Galewood, of Palmersville, son of Beth Todd and Rich Galewood, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor’s Award.

• Addison Hazlewood, daughter of Cary and Tammy Hazlewood, of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship and the Chancellor’s Award.

• Sara Hibbard, daughter of Gary and Teresa Hibbard, of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor’s Award.

• Brendon Maitland, grandson of Kathy and the late Gary Burns, of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.

• Madison Nelson, daughter of Marcy Laird, of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor’s Award.
At the college level

Three Obion County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2015-16 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

They include Matthew Edmaiston, son of Allen and Beth Edmaiston of Union City, who received the Dean’s Scholarship; Rachel Carroll Jones, daughter of Tony and Rhonda Jones of Troy, who received the Leaders-in-Residence Award and the Dean’s Scholarship; and Zack Williamson, son of Jim and Amy Williamson of Union City, who received the Leaders-in-Residence Award.

All three students will be freshmen.

Award Winning Poet at UTM Speaker Series

The Paul Meek Library will feature an nationally known, award winning poet to the UT-Martin campus Thursday night, as part of their Literary Legacy Speaker series.

Hampton University Assistant Professor Shonda Buchanan, who authored the critically acclaimed “Who's Afraid of Black Indians” will appear at the library for the speaking at 7:30.

Paul Meek Director Dr. Chuck Julian said Ms. Buchanan’s writings have been widely published and focus on her heritage.

Dr. Julian said Ms. Buchanan will bring a newer style of poetry to the audience, being descriptive and touching on personal issues.

Thursday night event is open to the general public and there is no admission to attend.

Share with your friends!
Local residents selected for 2015 WestStar class

Hope Cooper and Dr. Lisa Piercey, both of Gibson County, are members of the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program’s 2015 class.

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Local Student on Honor Roll

The University of Tennessee at Martin has announced that Luke Switzer of Somerville has been named to the UT Martin Chancellor’s Honor Roll for the fall semester.
Local Mayor participates in 2015 UT Martin Weststar Leadership Program

Selmer Mayor John Smith is a member of the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program's 2015 class.

Smith is the mayor of Selmer and a Leadership McNairy County graduate. He currently serves as an executive committee member for the Selmer/McNairy County Industrial Development Board. He is also on the board of directors for the Tennessee Energy Acquisition Council, is a policy council member for the Southwest Human Resource Agency, and is an executive committee member for the Southwest Tennessee Development District. He has served the town of Selmer as an alderman since 2006. Smith has also been the recipient of the Fireman of the Year Award, as well as Public Servant of the Year.

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UTM Parsons offers digital photo class

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies will offer a basic digital photography course from 6-9 p.m., Mondays, Feb. 16–March 16, at the UT Martin Parsons Center.

This will give students a better understanding of their digital camera operations and teach them to use their camera to its maximum capabilities. Students will be taught camera features and functions, exposure, depth of field and focus, as well as how to utilize creative photography ideas and proper lighting techniques.

All students should bring a digital camera, operations manual and tripod. Email and class evaluations of images will be utilized throughout the course. The registration fee is $125 per student. For more information about the course please visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/parsons/ or call the Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at 731-881-7082.
Kimble taking part in Weststar class

Shawn Kimble, of Lauderdale County, is a member of the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program's 2015 class. Kimble is the Superintendent of Lauderdale County Schools and currently serves as an Executive Committee member of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce/ECD. His school district was one of three in Tennessee to receive an exemplary distinction for academic progress during the 2013-14 school year, and Kimble is asked to speak statewide on the initiatives and progress occurring in his district. He is also a 2010 graduate of Leadership Lauderdale and was the recipient of the Leadership Lauderdale Distinguished Leadership Award.

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John Smith, of McNairy County, is a member of the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program’s 2015 class.

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Selected

SHAWN KIMBLE, Lauderdale County School Superintendent, has been selected to participate in the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program’s 2015 class. Kimble also serves as an executive committee member of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce/ECD. Lauderdale County’s school district was one of three in Tennessee to receive an exemplary distinction for academic progress during the 2013-14 school year, and Kimble has been asked to speak statewide on the initiatives and progress occurring in the district.

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Kilgore attends WestStar Leadership Program

Sara Kilgore, of Benton County, is a member of the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program's 2015 class.

Kilgore is the executive director of the Benton County/Camden Chamber of Commerce. She currently chairs the advisory committee for the Benton County Volunteer Program and serves as a member of the Joint Economic Development Council. She is a graduate of the Tennessee Valley Rural Leadership Institute and the Tennessee Basic Economic Development Course.

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Wesley Blow receives UT Martin scholarship

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Wesley Blow, son of William and LaBriska Blow, of Camden, will be a freshman. He received the Leaders-in-Residence Award.

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

Sara Kilgore
Area high school students participate in UTM mentoring program

MARTIN, Tenn. — Twenty-two students from Weakley County high schools participated in a "Near-Peer Mentoring Program" hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin on Jan. 29. The program, sponsored in conjunction with the Weakley County School System, was designed to enhance peer mentoring and inform selected high school juniors and seniors about the long-term benefits of higher education opportunities. The program is inspired by First Lady Michelle Obama’s “Reach Higher” initiative, which encourages students across the country to continue their education beyond a high school diploma.

UT-Martin near-peer mentors guided visiting students through a typical collegiate day, which included a residence hall tour, dining hall meal, classroom experience, library visit, recreational activity and information sessions on financial aid, admissions and student life opportunities.

"The purpose of our program is to pair successful first-year college students with high school students who are just beginning to consider the collegiate experience," said David Belote, UT-Martin Leaders-in-Residence Program coordinator and co-coordinator of the First Year Initiative Program. “The value is found in the relationship. The high school students know they have someone they can trust to answer their questions and guide them through the process.”

UT-Martin near-peer student mentors are students currently involved in the Leaders-in-Residence Leadership Program. These students receive peer mentorship training as part of a continuous leadership-development curriculum.

Guidance counselors P. K. Kelley, of Dresden High School; Jennifer Martin, of Martin Westview High School; Monica Rollins, of Gleason High School; and Sherry Page, of Greenfield High School, played instrumental roles in the creation of this program.
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"I have never been to a pageant that has gone this smoothly," Ms. Cobb said. "Hollie (Holt) is amazing to work with. We had the best emcee. We had queens from last year who jumped in and helped us out, and our new royalty is fabu-

lous. "We just had a great day, enjoyed doing this, and we are looking forward to their (the 2015 pageant winners’) reign."
Dunn to be honored at UTM Saturday

Posted on February 6, 2015 by Steve James in Local Sports

One of the country’s most prolific women's basketball coaches will be honored Saturday night when UT-Martin hosts "Lin Dunn" night during the UT-Martin SIU-Edwardsville games.

Coach Dunn recently retired from coaching after completing a stellar career in the WNBA, most recently with the Indiana Fever. She has more than 500 career wins on her resume.

She announced her retirement last May and was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame last June.

Coach Dunn grew up in Dresden, played basketball at UT-Martin, graduating in 1969 and began her coaching career at Austin Peay, spent time at Ole Miss, Miami and Purdue University where she made the NCAA Women's Division I Basketball Championship seven times, and the Final Four once.

She later coached the Seattle Storm and ended her career in Indiana.

Local residents participate in 2015 WestStar Leadership Program

Special to the State Gazette

MARTIN, Tenn. - James Luvene and John Young, both of Dyer County, are members of the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program's 2015 class.

Luvene is the pastor of Hughlett, Lighthouse and Ross United Methodist Church in Dyersburg. He is involved with Northwest Tennessee Head Start and serves on the board of directors for Transitions of Dyer County, a group home for abused women. Luvene is a member of the NAACP and is a past member of the National Geographic Foundation.

Young is a vice president at Security Bank. He currently serves on the boards of directors for the Salvation Army, United Way, Dyersburg State Community College Annual Fund, Dyersburg Main Street and Ducks Unlimited. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and is a mentor for Dyersburg Primary School's HOSTS Program. Young is a Leadership Dyer County graduate.

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From left: Victoria Key and Matt Youngblood, both of Selmer.

From left: Taren Hatcher, of Greenfield.

From left: Laura Croom, of Greenfield, and Ben Rollins, of McKenzie.

From left: Emmanuel McClerking and Kendrick McGill, both of Lexington.
The University of Tennessee at Martin held fall commencement exercises on Dec. 13 at the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center. More than 600 students were eligible to participate in the ceremony, which featured Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner Beth DeBauche as keynote speaker. From left: Diyana Fisher, of Dyersburg; Drae Turner, of Union City; Bria Brown, of Memphis; and Derrickia Payne, of La Grange.

From left: Lauran Barber, of Adamsville; Danielle Stagner, of Munford; and Leslie Serrano, of Drummonds.
From left: Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs; Amy Belote, of Martin; Constance Bonds, of Gates; and Amber Thompson, of Arlington. Belote, Bonds and Thompson received the Paul and Martha Meek Leadership Awards during the UT Martin fall commencement exercises Dec. 13.

From left: Brandy Smith, of Bartlett; Kristi Parsley, of Dresden; Briana Harris, of Henderson; and Sloan Shaw, of Fairview.
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Hope Cooper

Dr. Lisa Piercey
UTM MUSIC PROFESSORS VISIT – Professors in the Music Dept. at the University of Tennessee at Martin held a music workshop featuring wind instruments for students in the Milan school band program Thursday, Feb. 5. The outstanding musicians and teachers performed several pieces of music and told students about opportunities for students interested in studying music at UTM. Pictured (left to right) were Dr. Elizabeth Alexander on clarinet; Dr. Doug Owens on oboe, bassoon and saxophone; and Dr. Charles Lewis on flute and alto flute.

Smothers Participates in WestStar Leadership Program

MARTIN, Tenn. – Nathan Smothers, of Carroll County, is a member of the University of Tennessee at Martin West-Star Leadership Program’s 2015 class. Smothers is a partner at Huntingdon Insurance Agency and S&S Insurance with locations in Huntingdon, Milan, Lexington and Camden. He is a Leadership Carroll County graduate and serves as chairman of the board of the United Way of Carroll County.

Smothers was nominated by Joel Washburn, an alumni of WestStar.

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UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT MARTIN OFFERING ACT PREPARATION CLASS

http://bulletintimesnews.com/
SHOW OF SUPPORT — The Dresden Middle School girls’ basketball team shows its appreciation to Lin Dunn for all she has done for women’s basketball. Dunn, as well as the City of Dresden, was honored in the Skyhawks’ double-header on Saturday at the Elam Center.

The University of Tennessee at Martin honored Dresden native and women’s basketball Hall of Fame coach Lin Dunn on Saturday.

Dunn recently wrapped up a highly successful 38-year coaching career in the collegiate and professional ranks and was in attendance as part of the Skyhawk double-header on “Lin Dunn and City of Dresden Night” at the Elam Center.

Dunn briefly spoke with The Press after she was honored at halftime.

Dunn said she has high regards for women’s head coach Kevin McMillan and his staff and with what the Skyhawks have done in the Ohio Valley Conference this season. She said it was easy for McMillan the last four years with Heather Butler and Jasmine Newsome on the team. This year has been different without those two guards, she said, but the results are similar.

“Kevin has done a great job,” Dunn said. “He has won OVC championships, but I think a lot of credit went to the fact that he had Butler and Newsome. Now he does not have Butler and Newsome and what is he, 10-0 in the OVC.

“I think that finally says, ‘Hey, wait a minute. That is more than just a player.’ You have a great coach in Kevin McMillan. I am really impressed with what he is doing after Newsome and Butler.”

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“That is what I like about Kevin,” Dunn said. “It is the fact he recruits a lot of West Tennessee and Tennessee first. He has a few from out of state. But the majority of his players are homegrown.”

Dunn has retired from coaching and is enjoying every minute of her retirement. She is grateful to the university for honoring her and the City of Dresden.

“I want to thank Julio Freire and the UTM athletic department for not only honoring me, but the City of Dresden as well,” Dunn said.
Area high school students participate in UT Martin near-peer mentoring program

Twenty-two students from Weakley County high schools recently participated in a “Near-Peer Mentoring Program” hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The program, sponsored in conjunction with the Weakley County School System, was designed to enhance peer mentoring and inform selected high school juniors and seniors about the long-term benefits of higher education opportunities.

The program is inspired by First Lady Michelle Obama’s “Reach Higher” initiative, which encourages students across the country to continue their education beyond a high school diploma.

UT Martin near-peer mentors guided visiting students through a typical collegiate day, which included a residence hall tour, dining hall meal, classroom experience, library visit, recreational activity and information sessions on financial aid, admissions and student life opportunities.

“The purpose of our program is to pair successful first-year college students with high school students who are just beginning to consider the collegiate experience,” said David Belote, UT Martin Leaders-in-Residence Program coordinator and co-coordinator of the First Year Initiative Program. “The value is found in the relationship. The high school students know they have someone they can trust to answer their questions and guide them through the process.”

UT Martin near-peer student mentors are students currently involved in the Leaders-in-Residence Leadership Program. These students receive peer mentorship training as part of a continuous leadership-development curriculum.

Guidance counselors P. K. Kelley, of Dresden High School; Jennifer Martin, of Martin Westview High School; Monica Rollins, of Gleason High School; and Sherry Page, of Greenfield High School, played instrumental roles in the creation of this program.

SCAVENGER HUNT — UT Martin Leaders-in-Residence members Julia Ewoldt (second from right) and Tyler Graham (far right) participated in a scavenger hunt with high school students from Weakley County as part of the first-ever Near Peer Mentoring Program on Jan. 29. Students spent about 20 minutes searching the Paul Meek Library for items, which they then had to photograph and post to Instagram using the hashtag #pmlhunt.
WORKING WOMEN — Jennifer Horbelt, UT Martin alumnna and co-anchor of WPSD Local 6 news in Paducah, Ky., was the keynote speaker Friday for UT Martin’s 17th annual Working Women’s Conference. The conference theme was Women Under Construction: Building Career, Family and Communities.” Horbelt’s presentation was titled “Reconstructing Your Life.” The conference, sponsored by the WestStar Leadership Program, attracted 235 attendees to the Boling University Center’s Duncan Ballroom on the main campus. Horbelt received the university’s Outstanding Young Alumni Award in October during UT Martin’s 2014 Homecoming celebration.

Muriel Tomlinson lecture rescheduled for Feb. 17

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s annual Phi Kappa Phi Muriel Tomlinson Lecture, originally scheduled for today, has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. on Feb. 17 in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center on the main UT Martin campus.

Dr. Richard Garlitz, UT Martin associate professor of history and philosophy, will present a lecture titled, “Friends Like These: The Legacy of the 1953 Coup on United States-Iranian Relations.” His research examines the roles that American colleges and universities played in international development during the first two decades of the Cold War, especially as part of the U.S. government-sponsored Point Four Program.

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The Muriel Tomlinson lecture is presented each spring semester in honor of Dr. Muriel Tomlinson, a UT Martin faculty member and chair of the Department of Modern and Foreign Languages from 1959-76. Tomlinson created the campus language laboratory and was a supporter of the ideals of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Becky Cox, associate professor of educational studies at 881-7134 or by email at beckyc@utm.edu.

NEW COMMISSIONER SPEAKS — Randy Boyd, Tennessee’s new commissioner of Economic and Community Development, was introduced in a town hall meeting of West Tennessee economic development leaders, elected officials, chamber representatives and others Friday at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Gov. Bill Haslam named Boyd in December as the new ECD commissioner. Boyd, a successful entrepreneur, spoke briefly and then joined in an exchange of ideas with the group for enhancing the region’s economic development. Before taking his current position, Boyd took a leave of absence from his company in 2013 to serve Gov. Haslam as a volunteer special adviser on higher education in developing the Drive to 55 and the Tennessee Promise initiatives. Boyd was named a 2014 University of Tennessee Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.
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Hart is Board of Directors Award Winner

Andrew Hart, a Martin native, was recently chosen as one of the University of Tennessee Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors Award winners for 2014. Hart, UT Martin assistant director of alumni relations and annual giving, was recognized at a board meeting on Feb. 3. Pictured are (l-r): Andy Wilson, vice chancellor for UT Martin Advancement; Charlie Moore, UT Foundation board member and 1960 UT Martin graduate; Bill Blankenship, UT Foundation board member and 1956 UT Martin graduate; Hart; Steve Morris, chair, University of Tennessee Foundation board of directors; Dr. Lynn Alexander, board member and dean of the UT Martin College of Humanities and Fine Arts.
America-Iran relations focus of Tuesday lecture

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Post 9/11 veterans, spouses can earn certifications free

Post 9/11 veterans and their spouses have the opportunity to obtain industrial certifications through Syracuse University, by way of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Veterans do not need to be current UT Martin students to apply.

Veterans (active duty, National Guard and Reserve members) who have already separated or retired from the military, or who will transition from military service to the civilian workforce within 18 months, are eligible to choose one of 26 certification courses to help transition into civilian life or into a new civilian career. Veterans must have served at least one day of active duty after Sept. 11, 2001.

Spouses of eligible veterans, as well as spouses of all active duty service members, are also eligible to enroll.

All interested participants must be registered for their desired courses by Feb. 23. Veterans may register at http://vets.syr.edu/vctcpp and spouses may register at http://vets.syr.edu/vctspouse. Participants should select UT Martin in the online drop-down menu in order for the university to receive credit for the enrollment.

A letter of recommendation from a current or past employer is required.

Courses begin April 20 and will be completed in May. All students must take a final certification exam. Participants may choose from a variety of subject areas, and a complete list of courses, requirements and eligibility criteria can be found at http://vets.syr.edu/vctp.

Courses are offered entirely online and may be accessed from any personal computer with updated software. Martin residents participating in the program will be able to use a laptop and voice headset from the UT Martin Paul Meek Library.

Participation in one course and one certification exam is offered at no cost.

For more information, contact Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, UT Martin faculty member, at (731) 881-7472 or by email at accarls@utm.edu.
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED — Kera Snyder (second from right), a junior in the nursing program at the University of Tennessee at Martin, was recently awarded a $500 scholarship for the spring semester from Troy chapter 432 Order of the Eastern Star. The presentation was made by (from left) Jim and Carolyn West, worthy patron and worthy matron of the chapter, and Mildred Shumate, past grand matron of Tennessee. West and Ms. Shumate are members of the chapter’s scholarship committee. The Troy OES chapter’s scholarship is awarded annually to a college junior or senior who graduated from an Obion County or Lake County school. Other members of the scholarship committee (not pictured) are Cheryl Cleek and Judy Wilder. Ms. Snyder, the daughter of Tobi Callens of Tiptonville and James Snyder of Covington, plans to continue her education after graduation by becoming a certified registered nurse of anesthesia.

UTM Parsons Center donates time to DC Backpack Program
On Jan. 27 the UT Martin Parsons Center Student Ambassadors volunteered their time to help with the Decatur County Backpack Program. The ambassadors packed over 300 food bags. The food bags are distributed weekly in Decatur County schools to kids in need. If there are groups who would like volunteer to help with the Backpack program, contact Ginger Teague or Andrea Hearington at the Decatur County Board of Education 852-2391.
Butler to speak at DSCC event

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will welcome Heather Butler, 2014 Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) College Player of the Year, as a guest speaker on February 18 at 4 p.m. at the Gibson County High School Theatre. This free event is being held in conjunction with DSCC’s month-long activities to celebrate Black History Month.

Butler, an alumna of Gibson County High School and UT Martin, is a 5'4" guard who closed her career as the top scorer in UT Martin and OVC history with 2,865 points that ranked 16th on the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s (NCAA) all-time leader board. She ranked ninth in the country in scoring with 23.6 points per game along with setting her third NCAA three-point record consisting of 392 career three-pointers made.

For more information, contact Yuketa Hall, Director of Student Life, at hall@dscce.edu or 901-475-3166.

Dotson captures Miss UTM crown

Shelby Dotson turned a first runner-up finish last year into a title as the 19-year-old sophomore K-6 elementary education student from Rutherford claimed the Miss UT Martin crown in the combined Miss UT Martin Scholarship Pageant on Saturday. The pageant was held in front of a sold-out audience in the Harriet Fulton Theatre.

Dotson will compete in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant this June in Jackson. The winner of Miss Tennessee will advance to compete in the Miss America Pageant later in the year. A total of 12 contestants participated.

Only current UTM students could compete for the Miss UT Martin crown.
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT CARR ELEMENTARY – During the spring 2014 semester, 14 members of the University of Tennessee at Martin University Scholars Program participated in a service learning project at Carr Elementary School as part of their freshman year requirements. The scholars played a role in helping Carr students improve their state reading scores from the eighth percentile to the 48th percentile, ultimately raising the school from "focus school" to "high-progress school district" status. Scholars were primarily involved with kindergarten and first grade classrooms, where they worked one-on-one with students to focus on reading fluency, comprehension and phonics skills. They also worked with third through eighth-grade students after school to complete homework and master basic skills. "The University Scholars played a part in student growth and the increase of test scores," said Sondra Gibbs, assistant principal of Fulton Independent School, which includes Carr Elementary. "Our teachers are very appreciative of the help from the scholars." Gibbs recently spoke to the current scholars class about continuing the work begun by their predecessors this spring. She was joined by teachers Cyndi Brown, first grade, and Alley Evans, kindergarten. The University Scholars Program is the highest scholarship honor awarded on the UT Martin campus and focuses on a variety of components, including community service. Pictured are Gibbs, far left, Brown, seated, second from right, and Evans, seated, far right, with members of the current scholars class who intend to work with Carr students this coming semester. (Photo submitted)

UTM Jackson Center offers one-day act prep workshop

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies will offer a one-day ACT preparation class from 1-5 p.m., February 21, at the UT Martin Jackson Center. This comprehensive course covers the wide range of subjects tested during the ACT, including mathematical skills, grammar usage and reading comprehension. Guided by instructor Alex Beene, college and ACT advisor for Fayette County schools, this one-day workshop looks to create a quick, efficient way to help students improve test performance and boost their scores. There is a fee for the course and advance registration is required.

For more information, visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecos/nondegree.php or call the Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at 731-881-7082.
Cooper, Piercey join 2015 WestStar class

Hope Cooper and Dr. Lisa Piercey, both of Gibson County, are members of the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program’s 2015 class.

Cooper is the marketing director for Alexander Thompson Arnold CPAs. She is a graduate of Leadership Jackson and served as president of the Leadership Jackson Alumni Association board of directors in 2010-11. She received the 2009 LJAA Harbert Alexander Award for Servant Leadership and the May 2009 LJAA Star Performer Award.

Cooper currently serves on the boards of directors for the Kirkland Cancer Center, the Therapy and Learning Center and the Jackson Symphony League. She also volunteers for the West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation, the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

Piercey is the vice president of physician services at West Tennessee Healthcare. She too is a graduate of Leadership Jackson and has received the Jackson Sun Readers’ Choice Award for best pediatrician and the Chapter IMPACT Award, and has been named one of Jackson’s Finest Young Professionals.

She currently serves on the boards of directors for the Entrepreneur Development Center and Mid-South Healthcare Executives, and is a member of the Tennessee Child Abuse Prevention Task Force. She also serves as the volunteer medical director and child abuse pediatrician for the Madison County Child Advocacy Center.

For more information about the WestStar Leadership Program, contact Virginia Grimes, program coordinator, at 731-881-7298 or by email at vgrimes@utm.edu.
UTM’s Super Crew in Glendale

Six students from UTM’s sport business program worked hospitality events at last week’s Super Bowl game in Glendale, Ariz., where the New England Patriots defeated the Seattle Seahawks 28-24. The group, led by Dr. Dexter Davis, is the second from UTM to attend the big game. The students also worked behind the scenes at the Pro Bowl on Jan. 25. Pictured on the field post-game are Rachel Robison, a senior from Springville; Ian McGrew, a senior from Troy; Dakota Shanes, a sophomore from Bon Aqua; Dr. Dexter Davis, assistant professor of sport business; Jamison Matney, a senior from Bon Aqua; Ross Landreth, a senior from Selmer; and Courtney Caton, a sophomore from Huntington. Caton, Robison and Shanes are marketing majors, while Landreth, Matney and McGrew are sport business majors.

Civil Rights Conference at UT-Martin

The University of Tennessee-Martin will hold their 15th annual Civil Rights Conference this month.

The focus of the February 22nd thru the 27th event will be the theme “LBJ and the Great Society at 50.”

The six day event will feature many activities, including a keynote address by Mark Updegrove, an ABC News analyst and the director of the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library in Austin, Texas.

Scheduled events includes a performance by Memphis actress and producer Florence Roach, a presentation by professor Dr. Rebecca Miller Davis, of Missouri-Kansas City, titled “Crossing the Bridge: Selma and Voting” and professor Dr. Laurie Green, of the University of Texas at Austin, presenting “One Man’s Fight for Equality” and “Hunger and Race in Memphis”.

Miss UT-Martin preparing for Miss Tennessee crown

Now that’s she’s captured the title of Miss UT-Martin, Shelby Dotson has her eyes set on the crown of Miss Tennessee.

The 19-year-old sophomore elementary education student from Rutherford was crowned the new Miss UT-Martin two weeks ago, along with Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Carsen Rooney.

Both Dotson and Rooney now move on to compete in the Miss Tennessee Pageant, and Dotson says she’s preparing herself for the interview portion of the competition, which she says is such an important part of the competition and it’s really important to know what you’re talking about.

Dotson’s platform is “Taking a Stand Against Bullying” and says the reason she chose this platform is personal to her, as she, herself, was bullied in middle school.

Dotson has only a few months to prepare for the state crown. The Miss Tennessee Pageant is set for June 17th through the 20th at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson.
UT Martin Students Complete Hospitality Work At Super Bowl XLIX

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In addition to his duties as library director, Updegrove is also an analyst for ABC News and a contributing editor for PARADE Magazine. He has authored three books relating to the American presidency and has conducted exclusive interviews with five U.S. presidents. Updegrove has served as U.S. publisher of Newsweek, president of TIME Canada and manager of TIME Los Angeles, and has written for American Heritage, The Nation, National Geographic, Parade, Texas Monthly and TIME.

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Scholarship opportunities offered through UTM

Students who begin classes at the University of Tennessee at Martin Parsons Center in the fall 2015 semester will have access to new scholarship opportunities, thanks to the Parsons Decatur County Higher Education Foundation.

The Kick Start Scholarship will award all traditional students who qualify for the Tennessee Lottery Hope Scholarship $250 during their first fall semester. Students who maintain a 2.75 GPA into the spring semester will also receive $250, totaling a $500 award.

Those who continue to meet lottery scholarship requirements into their sophomore year of study will then be eligible to receive the new UT Martin Advantage Scholarship, which will award each eligible student $500 during both the sophomore and junior years, totaling a $1,000 award.

Funding is also available to high school juniors and seniors who enroll in dual enrollment courses through the UT Martin Parsons Center. High school seniors who receive the lottery scholarship will also receive the Jump Start Dual Enrollment Scholarship, which offers $200 toward two dual enrollment courses for the 2015-16 academic year. This brings the cost of two courses to $100 total. High school juniors receiving the lottery scholarship will receive an additional $75 toward two dual enrollment courses, reducing the total cost to $25. Students may choose to take two courses during the fall semester or one course each in the fall and spring semesters.

For more information, contact Dr. Kelli Deere, UT Martin Parsons Center director, at 731-847-3880 or by email at kdeere@utm.edu.
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UTM offers ACT prep course

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UTM adjunct instructor and Obion Central teacher Ron Ramage will lead the course.

Students will learn to complete test problems based on question frequency, difficulty, substantive knowledge, curriculum and alternative test-taking strategies. Participants will also learn how to maximize their scores and develop time management skills.

The registration fee is $225 and includes two textbooks, two official ACT tests and a diagnostic report. Students may bring an ACT-approved calculator, if desired.

Students can register online or call the UTM office for more information.

The ACT prep course will be Saturdays from from 8:00 until noon February 28th through April 11th at the UTM main campus.

http://wkms.org/

UT Martin Hosts 15th Annual Civil Rights Conference Next Week

The University of Tennessee at Martin hosts its 15th Annual Civil Rights Conference next week. Conference Director, Assistant Professor of History Renee LaFleur previews the multi-day event whose keynote speaker is presidential historian and Director of the Lyndon B. Johnson Library since 2009, Mark Updegrove. On Sounds Good, Kate Lochte speaks with LaFleur about the theme of how President Johnson’s "Great Society" contributed to the Civil Rights Movement and other featured speakers at the event.

The theme is Lyndon B. Johnson and the Great Society at 50, focusing on his contributions to the advancement of civil rights, not just with the voting rights and civil rights acts, but also fighting for things like economic equality, issues of hunger, LaFleur says.

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Mark Updegrove, director of the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library in Austin, Texas, gives the keynote. He takes to task historical inaccuracies of the portrayal of leaders in movie and television - in this case the film Selma - by going to the source, saying things like "No, Johnson wasn’t a reluctant participant in the Civil Rights Movement," La Fleur says the portrayal of Johnson in Selma wasn’t entirely accurate. She cites a conversation between Johnson and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in which they negotiated boots on the ground and political tactics, with Johnson working the legislative political side and King leading the grassroots effort.

In addition to the presentations, Florence Rouch, an actress and producer from Memphis, returns to the conference with an original play around the theme, this year it’s "Before, During and After LBJ," which has acting, singing, dancing and student involvement. Roots and Rhythm, a student percussion group, traces the drum rhythms from Africa to North and South America. Students wear costumes and dance. LaFleur says this a kid-friendly activity.

The events will be held in Watkins Auditorium at the University Center in Martin, off of University Avenue.
UT Martin radio station and staff receive IBS nominations in 10 categories

The Intercollegiate Broadcasting System has awarded the University of Tennessee at Martin campus radio station – WUTM 90.3 FM “The Hawk” – nominations in 10 categories for the 2015 awards. Each submission ranked as a category finalist placed in the top 10 percent of all submissions.

The student nominations are as follows:

• Best Newscast: Sydney LaFreniere (a senior from Oak Ridge);
• Best Community News Coverage: LaFreniere and Aimee Bilger (a senior from Plantersville, Miss.) for “Hospital Groundbreaking”;
• Best Sports Play-by-Play in baseball and softball: Chuck Hammer (a junior from Martin) and Kayla Harmon (a junior from Lewisburg) for “UT Martin vs. Tennessee State softball” and Hammer and Quinton Stevens (a senior from Bernie, Mo.) for “UT Martin vs. Missouri State baseball”;
• Best Sports Update: Hammer;
• Best Talk Show: Tori Seng (a junior from Union City) for “Skyhawk Scene”;
• Best News Director: Blake Stevens (a senior from Brighton);
• Best Promotions: LaFreniere;
• Best Production Director: Ashleigh Burton (a junior from South Fulton).

The students are all communications majors.

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UT Martin McNairy County/Selmer Center offers One-Day ACT Prep Workshop

by Alexandra Barros and Bud Grimes
Office of University Relations, UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies will offer a one-day ACT preparation class from 8 a.m.—noon, Feb. 21, at the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer.

This comprehensive course covers the wide range of subjects tested during the ACT, including mathematical skills, grammar usage and reading comprehension. Guided by instructor Alex Beene, college and ACT advisor for Fayette County schools, this one-day workshop looks to create a quick, efficient way to help students improve test performance and boost their scores.

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UT Martin radio station, staff earn several IBS nominations

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The student nominations include:

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- Best Sports Update — Hammer;
- Best Talk Show — Tori Seng, a junior from Union City, for “Skyhawk Scene”;
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For more information, contact Dr. Renee LaFleur, assistant professor in the Department of History and Philosophy, at (731) 881-7534 or by email at rlaufleur@utm.edu.
Music students to present Monster Concerts at UTM

Members of the Martin Area Music Teachers Association will present their students in “monster” concerts, so-named because of the “monstrous” number of fingers making music at one time.

These light-hearted programs will be on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the Blankenship Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Building on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus.

Approximately 90 piano and vocal students will perform works for large groups. As a special treat, the teachers will also perform two numbers. There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend.

The Martin Area Music Teachers Association is a professional organization for music teachers associated with the Music Teachers National Association and has members fromWeakley, Obion, Carroll and Gibson counties.

For information, contact Dr. Elaine Harriss, president of MAMTA, at (731) 587-4601.

UTM extended campus offers ACT Prep Course

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UTM master's program receives Dept. of Education approval

The Tennessee Department of Education recently elevated the University of Tennessee at Martin's online master's degree program in educational leadership to full approval status after the program met or exceeded expectations on all review indicators.

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Teachers who already hold master's degrees but wish to pursue the additional endorsement in educational leadership must meet the university's requirements for conditional or non-conditional admission and complete 24 hours of coursework.

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For more information, contact the Department of Educational Studies at 731-881-7128 or email Kristy Crawford, coordinator, at k.crawford@utm.edu.

Local Student on UT Honor Roll

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Sycamores and Kirby's

'You can't take it with you' February 19-22

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Theatre go on sale Feb. 16 and may be reserved or purchased from Sycamore 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts by calling 731-881-7400. Tickets are not sold from noon-1 p.m.

Tickets may also be purchased two hours before each performance at the main theatre box office located in the lobby area outside of the Harriet Fulton Theatre. Support the Arts (STARTS) contributors may reserve their tickets through the department beginning Feb. 13.

For more information on the Vanguard Theatre troupe, contact Doug Cook, chair, Department of Visual and Theatre Arts, at 731-881-7400.

UTM Meteorology Department visits Sharon School

The Meteorology Department of The University of Tennessee at Martin recently visited Mrs. Missy Estes's sixth grade science class at Sharon School. The sixth graders have been studying and analyzing Earth's atmosphere and its effects on weather. The UTM students, along with professors, discussed the components of weather and showed demonstrations during their presentation. The visitors from UTM Meteorology Department include: Dr. Mark Simpson, Chris Karmosky, Rose Valdes, and Zach Hatcher.
Former UTM-Ripley Director speaks to Rotary

Ripley Rotary Club President Frank Currie, left, welcomed guest speaker Youlanda Jones-Wilcox, center, to the club's Feb. 10 meeting. Dwayne Haynes, right, invited Mrs. Wilcox to speak to the club about her passion, which is higher education and motivating others to be the best that they can be. Mrs. Wilcox spoke of the importance of higher education and keeping an educated workforce to attract industries to Lauderdale County. Mrs. Wilcox served as the first Director of the University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center and called Ripley home from 2005-2011. While in Ripley, she was a member of the Ripley Rotary Club and is now a member of the Dyersburg Noon Rotary Club. In Dyersburg, she serves as Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Continuing Education at Dyersburg State Community College.

Tayloe speaks at women's conference

Stephanie Tayloe, head of the Henry County Archives and Genealogy Department, spoke on family genealogy research at the 17th annual Working Women's Conference held Feb. 6 in the Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Tayloe was introduced by Kim Foster, City of Paris finance director. She entertained and educated attendees with real-life stories of family members researching and learning about their forebears through records maintained in county and state files and archives — wills, deeds, obituaries, birth and death certificates, and marriage and divorce documents. She told of researchers learning about unknown relatives and family histories through review of available documents and how everyone benefits from gaining knowledge and understanding of their families and family history.
Inclement weather has made schedule changes necessary for the following University of Tennessee at Martin events and activities:

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For more information, contact Dr. Kelli Deere, UT Martin Parsons Center director, at 731-847-3880 or by email at kdeere@utm.edu.
UT Martin closed again Friday

Posted on February 20, 2015 by Paul Tinkle in Local News

No one can seem to remember when UT Martin was closed for a full week but today marks the first time in recent history the University has not been able to open its campus for five consecutive days.

Maintenance workers have been aggressively working to scrape the sidewalks and the parking lots but travel and walking on campus has been too difficult for students, faculty and support staff.

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UTM play to continue, weather permitting

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UTM to offer Wedding Planning course

Starting next month the UT-Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies, along with the Lovegality Wedding Planning Institute, will offer a course for Wedding and Event Planning.

The course will teach the fundamentals of planning, orchestrating and delivering social events, including weddings, baby showers, and anniversary or birthday parties.

The course will be Tuesdays and Thursdays March 10th through April 30th from 6:00 until 8:30 on the main UTM campus.

The registration fee is $995 per person.

Those interested can contact the UTM Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies.

UTM Rodeo pageant scheduled for March 7

The 10th annual Miss UT Martin Rodeo pageant will be held March 7 at Watkins Auditorium in the University Center on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus. Doors open at noon and registration is at the door only. Age groups are as follows: birth to 12 months at 1 p.m.; 1-3 years at 1:30; 4-6 years at 2; 7-9 years at 2:30; 10-12 years at 3; 13-15 years at 3:30; and 16-20 years at 4. The pageant is open to any girl who has not previously won her age division. The 16-20-year-old winner is required to be at all rodeo week activities. The registration fee is $25 for beauty only, with additional categories available for an additional fee. For more information, contact Beth Weldon at (731) 225-1227.
The University of Tennessee at Martin recently announced a new initiative called the “UT Martin Advantage” to complement the recently-enacted Tennessee Promise legislation.

A major component of the UT Martin Advantage plan is the introduction of a new scholarship. Students who enter the university in their freshman year and continue to meet requirements for the Tennessee Hope Lottery Scholarship will be eligible to receive the UT Martin Advantage Scholarship beginning in their sophomore year. This will take effect beginning in the fall 2015 semester.

The initiative also includes the launch of a new website built to show prospective students the long-term advantages of attending a four-year university and participating in the total collegiate experience.

“We believe that many students benefit from attending a four-year university,” said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. “The UT Martin Advantage Scholarship provides more students with the opportunity to pursue the total collegiate experience.”

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The Intercollegiate Broadcasting System has awarded the University of Tennessee at Martin campus radio station – WUTM 90.3 FM “The Hawk” – nominations in 10 categories for the 2015 awards. Each submission ranked as a category finalist placed in the top 10 percent of all submissions.

The student nominations are as follows: Best Newscast: Sydney LaFreniere (a senior from Oak Ridge); Best Community News Coverage: LaFreniere and Aimee Bilger (a senior from Plantersville, Miss.) for “Hospital Groundbreaking”; Best Sports Play-by-Play in baseball and softball: Chuck Hammer (a junior from Martin) and Kayla Harmon (a junior from Lewisburg) for “UT Martin vs. Tennessee State softball” and Hammer and Quinton Stevens (a senior from Bernie, Mo.) for “UT Martin vs. Missouri State baseball”; Best Sports Update: Hammer; Best Talk Show: Tori Seng (a junior from Union City) for “Skyhawk Scene”; Best News Director: Blake Stevens (a senior from Brighton); Best Promotions Director: LaFreniere; Best Production Director: Ashleigh Burton (a junior from South Fulton).

The students are all communications majors.

The station was also named a finalist for Best College Radio Station with under 10,000 enrollment.

Dr. Richard Robinson, associate professor of communications, has been nominated for the Jeff Telleis Outstanding Advisor Award.

Winners will be announced during the 75th annual IBS International Conference in New York City, March 6-8.

Since 2011, WUTM has received 56 national awards from IBS, including the Abraham & Borst Award in 2012, which determines the winners from the top college radio programs in community colleges, small institutions, large institutions and streaming-only stations.

The station has been in the running each year since 2013. WUTM has also won numerous awards in regional and state competitions, including honors from the Tennessee Associated Press, Southeast Journalism Conference and Collegiate Broadcasters, Inc.

“Consistently be a finalist in these awards is truly an honor, and WUTM has not only been a finalist, but has won many awards as well, including Best Overall Station in 2012, which honestly makes them one of the best of the best in the entire nation,” said Chris Thomas, President of IBS.

Len Mailloux, chairman of the IBS Board of Directors and professor of media at Simmons College in Boston, Mass., called WUTM “a major player in the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System,” adding that “we (the IBS community) know WUTM and its fine staff will continue their award-winning work in the years to come.”

The Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, Inc., is a not-for-profit educational association and foundation created in 1940 by Dr. George Abraham, Ph.D., and David Borst. Headquartered in New Windsor, N. Y., the association includes more than 1,000 non-profit, education-affiliated radio stations and webcasters.

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Approved the Higher Education Resolution

Members of the Somerville Board approved the establishment of a higher education center in Somerville. Pictured are, left to right, Marlin Mosby, Higher Education Committee; Somerville Aldermen Mike French, John David Douglas, City Administrator Bob Turner, Aldermen Judy Accardi and Sandra Myers; Charley Deal, Assistant Vice Chancellor of UT Martin; Dr. Tommy Cates, Executive Director of UT Martin's Extended Campus and Online Studies; Mayor Ronnie Neill, Alderman Jason Hamilton, and Richard Rucker, Higher Education Committee.

Somerville Board Approves Resolution to Establish a Higher Education Facility in the Town

By: Richard Rucker

Higher Education Committee

Local citizens and representatives who have been working for several years toward establishing a higher education institution in Fayette County took a major leap forward on February 3rd as the Somerville Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a "Resolution Establishing a Higher Education Facility in the Town of Somerville" at a special called meeting.

The approved Resolution will serve as the catalyst for applying for state and federal funding in anticipation of constructing a higher education facility in the community with UT Martin as the lead institution. The Resolution also identified the preferred general location for the facility as being along the Highway 64 corridor west of downtown Somerville and identified the building itself as consisting of approximately 20,000 SF which would be able to service about 300 students.

As a result of this Resolution's execution, UT Martin's Assistant Vice Chancellor Charley Deal will be able to finalize plans and initiate the UTM Fundraising efforts aimed at procuring private and corporate funding for a significant portion of the construction costs.

The following week, on February 12th, the Fayette County Higher Education Executive Committee met with members of the Fayette County Higher Education Advisory Board and other interested citizens in the Somerville Career Center on Somerville's Court House Square, where UT Martin classes have been conducted since the Fall Semester of 2014.

At that meeting, Somerville City Administrator Bob Turner reported that he has initiated the application process for a grant that will be submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Also, there are plans for several of the legislative liaison officials from the University of Tennessee to meet with local officials and state legislators, including Tennessee State Senator Dolores Grisham and Tennessee State Legislator Leigh Wilburn, in anticipation of appealing to the Tennessee Governor's Office and the Tennessee General Assembly for partial funding of the proposed facility.

Much discussion followed concerning the offering of UT Martin dual credit courses that are being offered to the county's public and private high school students. Officials from Fayette Ware have met several times with representatives from UT Martin's dual credit program and they plan to offer UT Martin dual credit courses starting with the Fall 2015 Semester.

Discussions are also continuing between UT Martin, Rossville Christian Academy and Fayette Academy as the area's private high schools consider the merits of offering dual credit courses. With the dual credit program, UT Martin will send professors into the area's high schools and high school students are able to take college-level courses as high school students. Funds earned from the dual credit program can be used toward hours needed for high school graduation and can be transferred to any state university after high school graduation.

UT Martin's Charley Deal noted that these dual credit courses are an excellent way for high school students to increase their competitiveness for acceptance into post-secondary institutions, along with the added benefit of earning college credit hours at a drastically reduced price when compared with the cost of courses conducted on campus at a university.
Clinical medical assistant program offered at UTM-P

A clinical medical assistant training program is available through the University of Tennessee at Martin Parsons Center. The 140-hour course will be held from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, March 14-Sept. 19. The enrollment fee is $2,599 per person and includes all laboratory supplies and textbooks.

Students will be instructed in patient preparation, routine laboratory procedures and diagnostic testing. Participants will also cover the cardiac life cycle, technical aspects of phlebotomy and pharmacology, the proper use and administration of medications, documentation of vital signs, workplace behavior and ethics, and the legal aspects of healthcare.

The program includes 140 hours of classroom lecture and hands-on laboratory experience, as well as a clinical externship opportunity with a local healthcare provider. Students must successfully complete the program and submit a background check and drug screening to qualify for clinical rotations.

For more information or to register, contact the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at 731-881-7082 or register online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecos/nondegree.php.

ACT prep course offered at UTM Parsons Center

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies will offer an ACT preparation course from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturdays, March 7-April 4, at the UT Martin Parsons Center.

Students will participate in an intensive ACT preparation course taught by Mary Woodall, librarian, Lexington High School. Students will learn to complete test problems based on question frequency, difficulty, substantive knowledge, curriculum and alternative test-taking strategies. Participants will also learn how to maximize their scores and develop time management skills.

Participants will begin the course by taking an official off-record ACT test. After receiving feedback, instructors will guide students through the exam based on their areas of need. At the end of the program, students will take another off-record exam. Once participants receive their post-test data, instructors will meet one-on-one to provide personalized study plans in preparation for the real exam.

Post-conferences will be held on April 9 by appointment.

The registration fee is $225 and includes two textbooks, two official off-record ACT tests and two sets of diagnostic reports. Students may bring an ACT-approved calculator, if desired. For more information about the course or to register, visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecos/nondegree.php or call the Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at 731-881-7082.
Members of five local Boy Scout troops participated in a Feb. 14 clinic hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM) to help the Scouts earn their chemistry merit badges. Scouts were able to hear mini-lectures on green chemistry and chemical safety, as well as tour the UTM laboratories and participate in a variety of hands-on activities. SMACS members assisted with six learning stations and taught the Scouts about copper plating, the chemistry of cooking, pollution, Cartesian divers, toothpaste and household cleaners, and separations of solutions. Scouts were then able to view a chemical "magic show" to demonstrate reactions between various compounds. Attending were (left photo, from left) Phillip Davis, UTM professor of chemistry; Michaela Short, SMACS member; Puryear Troop 226 Scouts Cody Glisson, Jeremie Schultz (parent), Thomas Schultz, Zach Newell and Will Simpson; Brooke Norris, SMACS member; and Drake Williams, SMACS vice president; and (right photo) Amber Taylor, SMACS member; Layla Gargus, SMACS president; Paris Troop 28 Scouts Dustin Anderson, Rafe Howard and Austin Lindsey; Krysten Harris, SMACS officer; and Davis.
Local Boy Scouts attend Merit Badge Clinic at UTM

Members of five local Boy Scout troops participated in a clinic hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin student members of the American Chemical Society on Feb. 14 to help the Scouts earn their chemistry merit badges. Scouts were able to hear mini-lectures on green chemistry and chemical safety, as well as tour the UT Martin laboratories and participate in a variety of hands-on activities.

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TROOP 1776 — Pictured are (from left) Jacob Thompson, SMACS member; Dr. S. K. Airee, SMACS faculty advisor and UT Martin professor of chemistry; Hunter Hall; Micheal Shane; Briley Johnson; and Krysten Harris and William Kuenzinger, SMACS officers. The Scouts are members of Troop 1776 in Martin.

TROOP 40 — Pictured are (from left) Layla Gargus, SMACS president; Dr. Phillip Davis, UT Martin professor of chemistry; Connor McDaniel; Paul Nichols; Tony Woodrough, scoutmaster; and Stephanie Gourley, SMACS member. The Scouts are members of Troop 40 in Dresden.
High school students preparing to take the ACT college entrance exam are encouraged to participate in a 12-hour prep course offered through the University of Tennessee at Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer. The course will meet from 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, March 7-21.

Students will receive detailed instruction on how to approach the four subjects covered on the exam and an official ACT prep guide from the makers of the exam. The book includes five previously used official tests with optional writing portions, explanations for the right and wrong answer choices, test-taking strategies for each section, and an overview of how each section is scored and weighted in the final results.

Alex Beene, college and ACT advisor for Fayette County Schools, will offer advice on how to prepare for the exam, both mentally and physically, and give individual instruction based on areas of need.

The course is $99 per student and includes the book "The Real ACT Prep Guide" and all its supplemental material.

For more information or to register, contact the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at 731-881-7082 or online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecos/nondegree.php.

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies will offer a comprehensive 90-hour training course for those interested in becoming pharmacy technicians. The class will meet from 6-9:30 p.m., Thursdays, March 12-June 18 at the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer. The course fee is $1,199, which includes textbooks and supplies.

Students will be introduced to dosage calculations, I.V. flow rates, drug compounding, dose conversions, dispensing of prescriptions, inventory control, billing and reimbursement.

Participants will also review medical terminology specific to the pharmacy, reading and interpreting prescriptions and defining drugs by generic and brand names.

Pharmacy technicians work in hospitals, home infusion pharmacies, community pharmacies and other health care settings under the supervision of a registered pharmacist.

Students will take a graded final exam to help prepare for the official certification exam.

For more information or to register for the course, contact ECOS at 731-881-7082 or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.php.
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) – Faced with a projected $377 million funding gap over 10 years, the University of Tennessee has put together a plan that could mean some tough choices ahead for the school and its students.

On Thursday, the UT Board of Trustees endorsed a plan presented by President Joe DiPietro that would increase revenue but could mean big changes ahead.

Under DiPietro’s plan, the university is going to take a hard look at realigning or shuttering low-performing programs. Options include increasing enrollment of out-of-state students who pay more, increasing tuition costs for students in certain degree programs and making students at the campuses in Chattanooga and Martin take at least 15 hours to be considered full-time.

The school will also review the tenure process and free tuition waivers.