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## Luscombe to perform at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will host the Concert Series performance by Greg Luscombe at 7:30 p.m., April 18, at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Luscombe has served as assistant professor of music at the University of Mississippi since 2008. He has also served as the principal trombonist with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra since the 1989-90 season. Luscombe has a Master of Arts degree in music from the University of Akron.

As a performer, Luscombe has been featured various times as a soloist with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. He also has soloed with other orchestras and various concert bands. He has been a member of the Ohio Chamber Orchestra, The Canton Symphony Orchestra, The Civic Orchestra of Chicago and the Elgin Symphony Orchestra. Luscombe is also active in freelance work outside of the orchestral world and performs on the euphonium and the bass trumpet. He will be performing works by Martin, Reiche, Bezzozzi, Casterede and others.

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

## Artists of the 21st Century Exhibition opening April 8

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts and the West Tennessee Regional Art Center in Humboldt will present the 10th annual "Artists of the 21st Century" exhibition of college artists from all southeastern states.

The opening ceremony will be from 5-7 p.m., April 8, at the West Tennessee Regional Art Center and will run through May 7.

This year's juror was Harvey Sadow, director of the Paducah School of Art. Sadow selected 35 works of art that will be on display in the exhibition that range from painting, photography and various three-dimensional media.

Artists from seven states submitted works for the competition, with 17 students chosen from UT Martin. The event is free and open to the public.

UT Martin students in the exhibition include: Olivia Odle, Hendersonville; Ron Peckham, Martin; Bryce Appleton, Milan;

Brad Henderson, Union City; Josh Wilson, Arlington; Kelli Hytinen, Ripley; Adam Franklin, Goodlettsville; Stephanie Sandoval, Martin; Melissa Michel, two pieces, Trenton; Terran Qualls, Savannah; David Frazier, Martin; Monika Stuard, two pieces, Pleasant View; Jordan Phillips, Jackson; Landon Blakesley, Paris; Matt Garrett, Parsons; Jacob Bloodworth, Hornbeak; and Elizabeth Williams, Martin.

For more information, contact Bill Hickerson, WTRAC director, at 731-784-1787 or Lane Last, UT Martin associate professor of art, at 731-881-7489 or lanelast@utm.edu.

# HEAD Of The CLASS

Shortly after winning, the Stanton-Weirsdale Elementary music teacher spoke to *Ocala Style* about his love for music and for teaching.

#### **Were you surprised when they called your name?**

I was humbled by the fact that there are so many great teachers in this county and they chose to put their faith and trust in me. I was overwhelmed and overjoyed.

#### **How have your colleagues responded?**

Everybody's so excited. I was the first person to ever win a Golden Apple at my school [Stanton-Weirsdale]. It's fairly small, 500 or so kids, in a rural countryside. East of the school, there are rolling hills and cattle all around. One thing that I have just been in awe of about the school—and almost everybody who visits there says this—is how nice everybody is, how well-behaved the kids are, and how warm the faculty is. The people care a lot about education and the kids, and I want to come to work each and every day. It's a family.

#### **You went to the University of Tennessee, but you're originally from up north, right?**

New Jersey. I have a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin, a master's degree from the University of Miami in music, and then additional graduate studies at The Juilliard School in piano accompanying. Then I did some graduate education studies at Florida State.

#### **Why the University of Tennessee?**

I was supposed to be going into the Marine Corps, but I broke my leg. My piano teacher called up and said, "There's this assistantship open at the University of Tennessee and they need somebody's that's a good accompanist." I called the person up and said I could be there tomorrow for an audition. I drove 14 hours with my father-in-law, played for them, and got the position. Then Juilliard—I went there right after that.

#### **That's the ultimate school for many musicians.**

It was a dream of mine. As a kid, I'd always heard of The Juilliard School, of course, and here I was auditioning. You walked down the hallways and there were people preparing for auditions, and the caliber was stunning.

#### **Do you only play the piano?**

I play the piano, the saxophone, and recently the drums at church. I was in the marching band in high school. In fact, my band teacher actually said once, "Maybe one day you could be a band director." I said, "No, no, no." I was bent on being a concert pianist.

#### **When did you first discover, though, that you had musical talent?**

My dad played accordion and piano, so I was always around music. At three, I started plucking some things out on the piano. I'd sit in the dark at night and turn on the florescent piano lamp and just grab books to the left of me and read. They were tremendously hard, but I didn't care. I played them slow, pecked through them, whatever I had to do. That propelled my love of sight-reading. I realized that I wanted to do music for a living, in some capacity, when I was sixteen.

#### **So growing up, you were pretty disciplined about your music?**

I was one of the unusual ones. If you said I had to practice for 20 minutes, I'd practice for two hours. I just loved it.

#### **Are you still diligent about practicing?**

I do a little bit every day. In the summers, I practice more.

#### **Have you felt the effects of the budget cuts?**

Last year, I had a letter saying that I didn't have a job next year—so I went from that to being Marion County's Teacher of the Year. But when the school board had to make a decision to cut teachers, I could see that it was a pained decision. [Superintendent] Mr. [Jim] Yancey was very upset about it. They did everything they could to bring everybody back. I've worked for several school districts, and I think this is a tremendous one.

#### **In that same vein, why is music class important for kids?**

Music, art, P.E., any of these special areas can give kids self-esteem that they may not garner from another area. Music can really help to reinforce other subjects. Interdisciplinary work helps a child to grasp a concept more fully. There are multiple intelligences and music is one of them. It's important for us to touch upon all of these to make sure that a child has a chance to show what he can do. Then there's simply the aesthetic beauty of music and the fact that music is important and something to be treasured and cherished on its own.

**You must see first-hand the positive effects music has on kids' learning.**

Just last week, the kids were playing a piece, and one kid couldn't get the rhythm. A child who could asked, "Mr. LeTellier, can I please help him?" And I said, "Absolutely." So he began to teach him how to do it from a kid's perspective, and the student started to get it. I absolutely believe that music touches kids, helps them to learn, and is integral to our education system.

**What's the most rewarding aspect of your job?**

Just seeing those kids' eyes light up when they get it. I have so many kids who come up to me in the halls and say, "Mr. LeTellier, on Thursday I'm coming to music!" If my kids have a memorable experience in my class, then I've had a great day.



**Head Of The Class**

At a special award ceremony in late February, the Public Education Foundation of Marion County named John LeTellier Jr. its Golden Apple Teacher of the Year for his outstanding efforts in the classroom.

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Bill Hoy of Clarksville, second from right, chairman of the University of Tennessee at Martin Alumni Peer Presidents Council, helps the UT Martin Alumni Relations office procure a golf cart for giving campus tours to visitors. Also shown are UTM Chancellor Tom Rakes, left, UTM Alumni Council President Jimmy Sether of Dover and UTM Assistant Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations Charley Deal. Contributed photo

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**STUDENT ATTENDS PREVIEW** — Obion County Central High School student Ashley Cook and her grandmother, Mary Hutchison, attended the recent University of Tennessee at Martin Preview Day. More

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**GREEN CHEMISTRY SPEAKER** – Dr. Robert “Bob” Peoples, director of the American Chemical Society’s Green Chemistry Institute, spoke on “Sustainability and Innovation in the Carpet Industry” at the University of Tennessee at Martin. In addition to being a part of the university’s Academic Speaker Series, Peoples was the Sigma Xi banquet speaker and a special guest of the UT Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society. Among those attending an honors seminar program with Peoples, right, was Alex Verdell, a Gleason freshman engineering major.



**ROGERS MEDIA CENTER** – The University of Tennessee at Martin Media Center in Paul Meek Library became the “Steven E. Rogers Media Center” in memory of Rogers, former library director and professor emeritus, in recognition of his 32 years of service to UT Martin. A ceremony at the center marked the honor. Following graduate school, he returned to Martin, where he served 24 years in media services at Paul Meek Library and eight years as library director. After his death in 2008, family and friends established the Steven E. Rogers Library Endowment with gifts and pledges totaling more than \$50,000 to create a permanent memorial. From left, are UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes, Lauren Rogers, Steve’s daughter, Linda Butler, library acquisitions librarian and Steve’s widow, and Jon Rogers, Steve’s son.

## Titans Caravan heading to UTM

The Tennessee Titans have announced the complete itinerary for Titans Caravan XIII, a regional series of school visits and free, public autograph signings beginning Monday, April 12.

In partnership with Titans Radio affiliates across the Mid-South, a total of 42 Caravan stops in Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama have been scheduled over a span of nearly two weeks, concluding just hours before the start of the 2010 NFL Draft on Thursday, April 22.

"It's hard to believe this is our 13th Titans Caravan," said Titans Senior Executive Vice President Steve Underwood. "We've committed to it every year because there's no better way to experience the special

bond that exists between this team and its fans. The Caravan allows us an opportunity to thank our supporters face to face over a



large geographical area and also to touch a new generation of fans in the schools we visit."

Each day different players headline Titans Caravan, joined by Titans mascot T-Rac, the "Voice of the Titans" Mike Keith, Titans Radio Gameday Host Larry Stone and other Titans staff members. The vast majority of Caravan visits are pre-

sented by one of nearly 70 affiliates of the Titans Radio Network, the exclusive radio home of the Titans.

Quarterback Vince Young was selected to lead the first day of the Caravan, traveling with the group south of Nashville to Lewisburg (school visit; closed to public), Chapel Hill (school visit; closed to public), Lawrenceburg, Florence and Decatur. Second-year defensive tackle Sen'Derrick Marks will attend the final two stops of the day as well. The remaining players aboard Titans Caravan XIII will be announced in the near future.

During the school visits, the Titans player, T-Rac and Stone will deliver a

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said. "It's great for our players to get our fans' thoughts on the upcoming season, to see their passion and hear their knowledge of the NFL. On Titans Caravan, our players quickly come to understand that football in this part of the country is very serious business!"

Titans Caravan XIII will end with the organization's annual visit with soldiers and family members of the 101st Airborne Division and the 160th SOAR(A) of the US Army at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Multiple players, T-Rac and staff members will be part of five stops at the base on Thursday, April 22. Also, it will be the only stop on the Caravan to feature

the Titans Cheerleaders. Later that evening, Titans decision-makers will gather at the club's home facility in Nashville for the first round of the NFL Draft.

Over the last 12 years, Titans Caravan has made over 600 stops and allowed the team to interact directly with an estimated audience well in excess of 100,000 fans.

Since its beginning in 1998 as a small effort to spread goodwill through the region, the Caravan has evolved to include six full-time staffers that travel with Titans players, broadcasters and T-Rac throughout the Mid-South on a specially-decorated motor coach from Premiere Transportation.

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message to students about developing study habits, making good choices and setting goals. Also, the NFL's "Play 60" theme will be emphasized, encouraging children to stay healthy by getting daily exercise.

The school program will be presented a total of 15 times to thousands of children, primarily in grades 3-5.

That includes a first-of-its-kind Caravan stop at the University of Tennessee-Martin on April 21. Students from Obion and Henry Counties will converge at the university for what is expected to be one of the largest school program audiences in the history of the Caravan.

Public Caravan stops give all fans the chance to collect autographs and take pictures with the Titans. There is no charge to attend any of the 22 Titans Caravan XIII public events, and each stop lasts approximately one hour.

According to Keith, however, Titans Caravan stops are not limited to just autographs and photos. Fans get a chance to catch up on the team's progress as the Titans move towards 2010.

"As you would expect, we talk a lot of football on Titans Caravan—the draft, free agency, minicamps, the schedule release," Keith

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"I am extremely appreciative of the opportunity which UT Martin gave me to come here and teach," said Koch.

"There is a direct relationship between what I am trying to do in the classroom and the activities and programs of the Center for International Education. This position at the center seemed to be a good fit for me, and I look at this as a further opportunity to be of service to the university and our wider community.



Brighton High School student Rachel Stokes (left), with her mother, Linda Stokes, and friend Ricky Dunn, recently attended the University of Tennessee at Martin Preview Day. More than 500 people in attendance received information about the university's academic programs, scholarships, financial aid and tuition and housing costs.

The Milan Mirror-Exchange, Tuesday, April 6, 2010

**Andrew Lynn senior percussion recital slated for April 13**

MARTIN - Andrew Lynn, senior music education major from Gibson, will perform his senior percussion recital at 7:30 p.m., April 13, at Campbell Auditorium in Holt Humanities Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

He will perform works for marimba, vibraphone, clay pots, drum set, multiple percussion and more. Composers include Ben Wahlund, Frederick Rzewski, Ka-

zutori Miyake, Casey Cangelosi and one of Lynn's original compositions for marimba. Lynn will be assisted by members of the UT Martin percussion ensemble under the direction of Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Hill at 731-881-7418 or [jhill@utm.edu](mailto:jhill@utm.edu).

**Milan Chamber of Commerce to get new director**

A Milan native is headed back home to become the new face of the chamber of commerce.

On June 1, Julie Allen Burke will become the new executive director of the Milan Chamber of Commerce. The 37-year-old said her background in sales and marketing is important in being successful in the position.

Currently, Burke is a consultant for a fashion design company and does marketing for a department at a Knoxville church.

After having lived away from Milan for more than a decade, Burke said she was attracted by the chance to return.

"I really do think it takes a person in this job that loves the town," she said. "It's definitely a sales job, and it's a people-person job, too."

Three years after graduating from Milan High School in 1990, Burke received a degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee Martin.

A search committee selected Burke for the position. Linda West held the interim position as executive director after Tara Bradford took over as director of The Greater Gibson Chamber of Commerce in May 2009.

Before officially starting, Burke will be in Milan for the annual banquet April 8 and the golf scramble May 12. She'll play a key part in planning special events for the chamber and with industrial recruitment, said chamber president Victor Parkins.

"We thought her experience in sales and marketing fell right in line with what we were looking for," he said. "We really wanted to concentrate on membership service, and she just has a great deal of enthusiasm and experience. It's kind of a cliché, but she's a people person. We feel like she'll be a perfect fit."

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DIS student Ubaid Aslam enjoys writing at a recent Young Writer's Clubhouse.

### Young Writers' Clubhouse offered April 17 in Ripley

West Tennessee Writing Project will sponsor a Young Writer's Clubhouse at 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 17 at Ripley Elementary School, 100 Hwy. 19 E. in Ripley. The fee is \$30 and includes writing notebook and pen.

A Saturday where children write creatively, work with Writing Project teachers and share with their friends. Activities include writing workshops, writing response groups, mini-lessons on content and editing strategies, and one-to-one conferences with West Tennessee Writing Project Teachers. The theme is "Food for Thought and Writing." Every child receives a notebook and pen at each session. Each child needs to bring their lunch or purchase pizza by the slice. Register online at <http://www.wutn.edu/departments/eccc/youthwriting/writingreg.php>.

Leading this session in Ripley are Jennifer Brandon and Becky Hasselle. Brandon has taught for 13 years at Ripley Primary and is also the Technology and Writing teacher at Project LEAD at Lauderdale Middle School. She is an avid blogger and loves writing with students.

Hasselle has taught for 18 years, nine of which have been at Dyersburg Middle School. Teacher of the year for her district in 2003, she is a gifted enrichment teacher and enjoys providing additional opportunities for children to learn outside of school. "The Young Writers' Clubhouse experience develops a joy for writing in a fun, non-threatening atmosphere," says Hasselle.

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### Madison Co. has WestStar graduates

Keith Absher, Robert Davis, Ginger French, Julie Griggs, Jeffery Head, Sylvia Palmer, Vanessa Parker, Doug Roth and Alan Turner, all of Madison County, are among 32 members of the 2010 WestStar class.

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

Absher is the dean and professor of business administration for the Union University School of Business Administration. Davis is the regional director

at Manpower Professional and is also a special deputy with the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

French is an architect at TLM Associates in Jackson. Griggs is the director of the Gibson County Center of Dyersburg State Community College in Trenton. Head is the vice president of commercial lending at BancorpSouth in Jackson.

Palmer is the community development administrator for the Southwest Tennessee Development District. Parker is the regional economic development specialist for the state Department of Economic and Community Development.

Roth is the vice president and regional division manager for BancorpSouth in Jackson. Turner is the president and CEO of United Way of West Tennessee.



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## UT Martin named safest four-year university in Tenn.

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By Heartland News

MARTIN, TN (KFVS) – The University of Tennessee Martin has been voted as the safest four-year institution in Tennessee in the most recent statewide crime statistics released.

Also in the report, the UT Martin Department of Public Safety has one of the highest rates for solved cases for committed crimes.

"UT Martin students continue to learn and grow in one of the safest environments in the South," said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes in a press release to Heartland News. "Our staff continues to work hard adjusting and improving public safety to ensure we are prepared for a variety of potential situations."

According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's crime statistics for 2009, UT Martin had the least amount of reported offenses per 1,000 people and the number of cases solved was almost double the statewide average of 28 percent.

"The greatest decrease was in the theft of property category, which was almost cut in half," UT Martin Director of Public Safety Scott Robbins said in a press release.

Robbins attributes the drop to the "campus community taking pro-active steps to secure and/or maintain control of their property and watching out for each other." He also noted that a Security Mindset awareness program adopted by many campus departments also produced positive results.

For the last decade, the crime rate at UT Martin has consistently been lower than the national and state averages for college campuses.



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Special guest artist will be Dr. Miles Osland, director of jazz and saxophone studies at the University of Kentucky.

Osland will perform two works with the ensemble, one for jazz flute and another

for saxophone. Additional works include pieces to be featured at the ensemble's concert at the All-State Tennessee Music Educators Association convention April 16 in Nashville.

The UT Martin Steel Band will also be performing.

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DRESDEN ENTERPRISE, Dresden, Tennessee,

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## UT Alliance of Women Philanthropists Giving Circle Grant Program announces 2010 recipients

A University of Tennessee at Martin Growing Garden Project, sponsored by UTM Recycles!, recently received an \$8,500 grant from the University of Tennessee Alliance of Women Philanthropists Giving Circle Grant Program. Now in its third year of existence, the group has awarded a total of \$126,775 to 15 UT programs.

As part of their mission to educate, empower and inspire women to be philanthropic leaders, the board members of the Alliance of Women Philanthropists established and funded

an annual giving circle to support the instruction, research, outreach and fundraising initiatives of UT students, faculty and alumni.

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

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

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

# Rogers Media Center named

The University of Tennessee at Martin Media Center in Paul Meek Library became the "Steven E. Rogers Media Center" in memory of Rogers, former library director and professor emeritus, in recognition of his 32 years of service to UT Martin. A ceremony at the center marked the honor.

Rogers, a Martin native, attended UT Martin before entering UT Knoxville, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in library service. Following graduate school, he returned to Martin, where he served 24 years in media services at Paul Meek Library and eight years as library director.

After his death in 2008, family and friends established the Steven E. Rogers Library Endowment with gifts and pledges totaling more than \$50,000 to create a permanent memorial.



Pictured (from left) are: UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes, Lauren Rogers, Steve's daughter, Linda Butler, library acquisitions librarian and Steve's widow, and Jon Rogers, Steve's son.

Humboldt Chronicle, Wednesday, April 7, 2010



submitted photo

**UT MARTIN PREVIEW DAY** - Humboldt High School student, Donyell Hess (center), along with her mother, Vireace Hess, recently attended UT Martin Preview Day. More than 500 people were in attendance and received information about a variety of topics, including scholarships and financial aid, college and housing costs and various university academic programs. Also pictured is Miyoshi Brooks of Trenton, admissions counselor.

## Curtis Mansfield promoted to captain of THP-Jackson division

The Tennessee Department of Safety today announced the promotion of Curtis F. Mansfield Jr. as the new captain commanding the Jackson District.

Capt. Mansfield replaces Robert Melton, who retired Feb. 25, 2010, after a 36-year career with the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

"It is an honor to be promoted to captain in an area where I have lived and worked all my life," said Mansfield.

"Nobody can possibly fill the shoes of retired Capt. Robert Melton who was so highly respected by Troopers and the communities we serve in the Jackson District.

"I appreciate the opportunity to work in a leadership capacity toward furthering the mission of the Department of Safety."

"Captain Mansfield has provided years of solid service to the Highway Patrol in the 11-county Jackson District," stated Col. Mike



**MANSFIELD**

Walker.

"His administrative skills have already been demonstrated in his capacity as an Administrative Lieutenant and acting Captain. I'm confident his valuable experience will serve the district and the THP in superb fashion."

A native of Medina, Mansfield, 45, has served as acting captain of the Jackson District since March 1, 2010, and previously

served as acting Captain of the Jackson District in 2003-04.

For more than seven years, Mansfield has served as the administrative lieutenant in the Jackson District, beginning in July 2002 until his appointment to acting captain in March of this year.

Commissioned as a trooper in November 1988, Mansfield first worked as a road trooper in Decatur and Madison counties within the Jackson District.

In May 1993, he was promoted to Sergeant in Madison County and then to lieutenant in November 1999, serving as safety education lieutenant until July 2002.

Mansfield is an August 1987 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Mansfield, his wife, Kim and two daughters reside in Jackson.

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#### CDS ENJOY A MUSIC WORKSHOP AT UTM

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## Musician to perform

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will host the Concert Series performance by Greg Luscombe at 7:30 p.m. April 18 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.

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

He has been featured various times as a soloist with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. He also has soloed with other orchestras and various concert bands.

He performs on euphonium and bass trumpet.

## Earth Week activities planned

Dr. Mireya Mayor, a two-time Emmy Award-nominated National Geographic Channel field correspondent, will be the featured speaker at the University of Tennessee at Martin's Earth Week events April 19-22.

The Earth Week Film Festival and Events will present four movies and Mayor, an anthropologist and wildlife expert.

The events coincide with the 40th anniversary of the Earth Day observance.

Mayor, who has reported on wildlife and habitat issues, will speak at 7 p.m. April 20 in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center. Serving as a National Geographic Emerging Explorer, she will talk about the importance of conservation.

Her current ongoing study focuses on a newfound species of mouse lemur, which she discovered on a 2000 field expedition in Madagascar. As a result of her discovery, a national park was established in the area to protect the rare species.

The film festival will begin with "Dirt, The Movie," at 7 p.m. April 19 in Watkins Auditorium of the university center. Two films are planned for April 21 — "The Story of Stuff" at noon in Room 229 of the university center and "Food, Inc." at 7 p.m. in the ballroom of the university center.

Completing the series will be "Kilowatt Ours" at 7 p.m. April 22 in Room 206 of the university center.

The UT Martin Institute for Civic Engagement is sponsoring the events, which are free of charge and open to the public.

## Music Blog

Posted: Thursday, April 8, 2010 9:35 pm



### Making music

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April 9th, 2010

## U.S. Army Cadet Command

Official News & Information from Army ROTC

Seven NCOs sought induction into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. Selection was based on demonstrated individual valor, sense of sacrifice, leadership philosophy and NCO knowledge.

Inducted were Staff Sgt. John Russell, University of Houston; Sgt. 1st Class Kerri Minor, Mississippi State University; Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Spaulding, University of Tennessee at Martin; and Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Brown, Stetson University.

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**Dr. Carey Bates has been the senior pastor at Downtown Baptist Church for approximately six months. Previously, he was the Associate Pastor at First Baptist Winter Park for six years. He has been in the ministry for over 35 years; much of that time in foreign missions work.**

**Pastor Bates is the son of a minister, and, as a result, spent his early years in various places, including California, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Tennessee. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee – Martin, and of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.**

**He and his wife, Lynne, have three grown children.**



**PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP** – New Salem FCE Club met for their March meeting and to present their annual scholarship. The New Salem Community Scholarship was established in 1999 at UT-Martin. It is awarded to a Weakley County student enrolled in the School of Agriculture and Human Environment who shows academic merit and leadership qualities. It helps fund their education and remember the community for which the scholarship is named. This is the second year Kenra Caldwell, daughter of Kenny and Pam Caldwell, has been awarded this scholarship. She met with the Club to express her appreciation for the scholarship. Those present for the scholarship presentation (seated, from left) are: Frances Clark, Mary Hazel Adams, Sara Simmons, Mary Elizabeth Bell, (standing) Kathy Simmons, Sylvia Simmons, Beverly Shelby, Aileen Edwards, Evonne Shopher, Kenra Caldwell, Ruby Rogers, Lillian Stoker, Deanna Higgs, Marjorie Simmons and Bettie Higgs.



**WHAM!** – Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity member Matt Hewett of Dresden takes a shot at Alpha Tau Omega member Johnathan Mitchell during the annual "Pike Fights" held on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus Friday evening. The event helps raise money for the Weakley County Reading Railroad. Reading Railroad places a free book in the hands of a child each month from birth until five years of age. Photo by Stephanie Sturgis

## John Orr at Caldwell Banker

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Beth O'Brien, Managing Broker at Coldwell Banker Snow and Wall has announced that John Orr has joined the firm as a broker associate. Formerly the Manager for Coldwell Banker Real Estate Now in Jackson, Tenn., John brings more than 27 years of accomplished industry experience in real estate throughout the state of Tennessee. Orr began in the real estate industry in 1983, when he obtained his license after graduating from the University of Tennessee at Martin. In 1997 he received his MBA from Middle Tennessee State University. Over the last 27 years, Orr has been associated with Lewis & Orr, Realtors as a former owner and agent in Tullahoma and as manager for Crye-Leike, Realtors in Murfreesboro before transferring to Jackson in 1999. While in Jackson he managed one of the top 100 Coldwell Banker offices in the country and was consistently in the top two offices in Tennessee, with average sales in excess of \$100 million annually and unit sales in excess of 950 annually.

Orr was awarded the 2008 Manager of the Year award for the Coldwell Banker Barnes family of companies, and the 2007 Most Improved Office. Prior to locating in Jackson, TN, Orr was named as Realtor of the Year in 1992, and served two terms as President of the Coffee/Franklin County Association of Realtors. He was also active in the Tullahoma Downtown Lions Club and served as President.

Orr is a certified instructor and has taught classes in Principals of Real Estate, Code of Ethics, Contracts, and State of TN mandated CORE class, and previously was an adjunct professor for Middle State Community College in Tullahoma, TN.

Orr holds the following designations, Accredited Buyer Representative and Manager (ABR & ABRM), Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), Graduate of Realtors Institute (GRI), and Certification for Internet Professionalism (e-PRO).

"We are excited to have John join our team of agents at Coldwell Banker Snow and Wall. His experience and expertise in the real estate industry will be a benefit to both buyers and sellers in the area. His commitment to professionalism and education in the real estate industry is always a welcomed attribute", stated O'Brien.

John and his wife, Karen reside in Tullahoma, and have three children, Erin Schwartz Johnson, Seattle, WA; Jry Garrick, Tullahoma; and Sarah Orr, Winchester.

If you are interested in buying or selling or real estate information, contact John at [John@JohnWOrr.com](mailto:John@JohnWOrr.com) or call him at 931-434-6242.

## Area Students Receive Scholarships to Attend UT Martin

MARTIN - Three Carroll County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the

University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Bethany Crews, daughter of Monica Crews of Cedar Grove, will be a freshman. She received the Harold Conner Scholarship.

Crystal Roach, daughter of Ginger Hamilton of Lavinia, will be a freshman. She received the Harold Conner Scholarship and the Leaders-in-Residence Award.

Rebecca Stokes, daughter of Roy and Lea Stokes of Huntington, will be a freshman. She received the UTM McWhorter Scholarship.

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## Cole awarded UTM scholarship

A Gibson County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Catherine Cole, daughter of Gerard and Cheryl Cole of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the UTM McWhorter Scholarship.

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## UTM named safest institution

The University of Tennessee at Martin is the safest of the four-year public institutions in Tennessee in the most recent statewide crime statistics released. Additionally, for crimes that are committed, the UT Martin Department of Public Safety has one of the best crime clearance rates.

"UT Martin students continue to learn and grow in one of the safest environments in the South," said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes. "Our staff continues to work hard adjusting and improving public safety to ensure we are prepared for a variety of potential situations."

According to crime statistics for 2009 released by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, UT Martin ranked as the safest campus in the state among Tennessee Board of Regents and UT insti-

tutions, with the least amount of reported offenses per 1,000 in population. UT Martin's clearance rate (cases solved) was almost double the statewide average of 28 percent for those same institutions.

"The greatest decrease was in the theft of property category, which was almost cut in half," added Robbins.

"Our greatest asset toward maintaining a low crime rate, however, continues to be the great folks who attend and work at UT Martin and their genuine concern for the safety and welfare of others."

During the last decade, the UT Martin crime rate consistently has been lower than the national and statewide averages for college campuses, and the index crime clearance rate consistently has been higher.

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# Chancellor finalists determined

**By: Alicia Lebens**

Statesman - Chancellor finalists determined

**Posted: 4/14/10**

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Dr. Lendley C. Black,  
Provost and Vice President  
of Academic Affairs  
Kennesaw State University  
Kennesaw, Georgia

Dr. Lendley "Lynn" Black began his term at KSU as vice president of Academic Affairs in August 2002, adding the job of Provost in the summer of 2006. Before his position at KSU, Black served as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Science at Emporia State University in Kansas.

As the university's chief academic officer, Black integrated strategic planning and institutional effectiveness initiatives for the University. Since his arrival at KSU, capital projects added to the university, which include new academic and student buildings, are valued at \$120 million. Another \$60 million Health Science building is under construction.

Black has also led the academic transition of KSU into a doctoral granting university, which currently has three available. During his term, 10 new undergrad programs were added and 13 graduate programs.

Black is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, the Cobb County United Way, Kiwanis, the NAACP and other community organizations.

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A native of Memphis, Tenn., Black holds a B.A. in English from the University of Tennessee at Martin, a M.A. in theatre from the University of Connecticut. He received Ph.D. in theatre from the University of Kansas, where he focused on Russian theatre.

Black is scheduled to speak at a Campus Public Forum on April 15 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Chemistry 200.

# UCHS receives grant proceeds

Union City High School is going the distance with great success.

School officials said equipment awarded in the 2009-10 CTE Reserve Grant "Learning From Afar — Endless Opportunities With Distance Learning" is fully operational. (See related photo, Page 18.)

The Union City School System was notified in April 2009 that it had been awarded a Carl Perkins Reserve Grant totaling \$87,681.

After being awarded the grant, school officials consulted experts as to the equipment, software and room specifications needed to implement the program. An invitation to bid was issued, bids were awarded and equipment was ordered and received. Once the equipment was installed, training began.

A summary of the equipment received from the grant and placed at UCHS includes Tandberg Codec C90, HD 1090p cameras, microphones, two 60-inch and one 50-inch plasma widescreen HD monitors, an Elmo document camera, two laptop computers, cables and connectors with installation, Tandberg Management Multi-Site Suite software and the Presenter's Package for Codec C90. Training expenses and money for virtual field trips was included.

The primary vision of the grant project was to ensure that learning is the chief priority for the school and that every career-technical student has the opportunity to develop his or her potential to the fullest, complete

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all graduation requirements and obtain post-secondary skills necessary to hold the high-skill, high-wage, high-demand jobs in the 21st Century, according to Billie Rich, the school system's vocational director and supervisor of food service.

She said the primary focus of the grant project is to provide new learning opportunities for students, professional development for faculty and staff and career-tech training for both students and adults in the community using distance learning.

Not only are the career-technical students at the high school benefiting from the technology, but all students and staff in the Union City School System have opportunities to use the equipment to enhance learning. The students have an opportunity to discuss any topics of interest with experts in that field.

"This lab gives our students the capability to learn with students anywhere in the world," Mrs. Rich said. "We also extend an invitation to businesses and the community at large to use this state-of-the-art facility."

In writing the grant, letters of support were (See Page 8, Col. 4)

## UCHS...

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received from the Tennessee Technology Center at Newbern, Dyersburg State Community College, University of Tennessee at Martin, Discovery Park of America, First Citizens National Bank, Northwest Tennessee P-16 Council, Union City Rotary Club and the Union City Schools Career and Technical Advisory Board.

As part of the grant, Dyersburg State Community College received a mobile distance learning lab. The purpose for this equipment at DSCC is to allow for more collaboration between UCHS and the college.

A summary of the equipment on the mobile cart includes a Tandberg Edge 95 MXP mobile VTC system, a Codec 95 MXP, cameras, a plasma monitor, microphones and cables and connections.

### Up and running

Students at UCHS in the Lifetime Connections class attended the first video conference offered in the new distance learning lab Feb. 18. The class delivered by the Virtual School at Vanderbilt University was entitled, "Social Media and You."

Students, teachers and administrators were excited upon entering the room and anxious for the session to begin, according to Ms. Rich. The excitement continued throughout the presentation and into the next day when there was follow-up discussion during class.

"The students were interested in the subject matter and the fact that they were online with students from across the United States," she said. "Social networking is so relevant to high school students because the majority of them spend time on Facebook, e-mail and other chats."

Since this first conference, there have been three additional video conferences on a wide range of careers and subjects, with two more currently scheduled. The topics of these conferences

have included "Career in Engineering," "Career as a Web Designer," "Shooting and Sharing Great Video," "Career as a Dietitian" and "Nanotechnology, Nanomedicine and Nanobiotechnology."

"All presentations have been met with the same enthusiasm as the first class," Ms. Rich said.

The classes have been attended by high school students from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Texas and other students from Tennessee. All groups have been allowed to ask questions when the presentations ended.

"What a great way for our students to share in question-and-answer sessions and to see that the concerns they have are much the same as other students throughout the United States," Ms. Rich said.

All the video conferences attended so far have been through the Vanderbilt Virtual School at Vanderbilt University. Plans are being made to attend sessions from other locations as well.

Union City Elementary and Union City Middle School students are also looking forward to the opportunity to attend a virtual conference or a virtual field trip soon.

"We in the Union City School System consider this new distance learning lab to be a wonderful opportunity for our students," Ms. Rich said. "We understand that what we have done thus far is just the beginning. This new lab promises to open the world to us."

## Green Chemistry speaker



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## Dr. Michael Gibson receives Distinguished Service Award



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Dr. Michael Gibson, University of Tennessee at Martin professor of geology, recently received the Distinguished Service Award at the annual Geological Society of America meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. He is the first to receive this newly created award.

The Distinguished Service

Award recognized Gibson for his 25 years of service to the national, regional and state Paleontological Society. Special mention was made of Gibson's educational outreach work on behalf of the Paleontological Society efforts in the southeastern region. Gibson has served as Paleontological Society national chair of education and outreach, as a Harrell Strimple Outstanding Amateur Paleontologist Award Committee member, Paleontological Society southeastern section president and secretary and "Short Course Notes in Paleontology" editorial associate. Additionally, Gibson organized or co-organized 15 field trips and special sessions at professional meetings in the southeast.

"He is continuing to function as one of the main sources of institutional memory as we pursue our rebuilding efforts. I see this award as one given from time to time, not necessarily every year," said Ron Lewis, Paleontological Society chair.

In 2007, Gibson received the Neil Miner Award, established in 1953 by the National Associa-

tion of Geoscience Teachers, to recognize those who have made exceptional contributions to the stimulation of interest in the earth sciences. Gibson earned a bachelor's degree at the College of William and Mary, a master's at Auburn University and a doctorate at the University of Tennessee.

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The music workshop grew out of one SAI's excitement about the individuals served by CDS.

Lori Davis, an undergraduate social work student at UT Martin, who is also a volunteer-intern at CDS Industries this semester, brought the idea of doing a music workshop back to her ladies fraternity. Davis and the other SAI members worked together to plan and put on the event. They also made souvenir shakers for each individual who attended to take home with them.

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## Tennessee State Rodeo Queens attend UTM Rodeo



**Amber Dell**

Miss Rodeo Tennessee, Amber Dell of Franklin, Tennessee, and Miss Teen Rodeo Tennessee, Katie McKenzie of Martin, will be attending the UTM Spring Rodeo April 15 - 17. Amber represented Tennessee at various PRCA Rodeos across the country this past year and made Tennessee proud by placing 4th runner-



**Katie McKenzie**

up in the Miss Rodeo America pageant held in Las Vegas this past November. Katie McKenzie represented her state and Martin by attending many regional and local events. Both queens will be passing their crowns to the 2010 Queens May 15 at the final night of the Franklin PRCA Rodeo.

DRESDEN ENTERPRISE, Dresden, Tennessee,

Wednesday, April 14, 2010



Pictured (seated, left to right): Frances Clark, Mary Hazel Adams, Sara Simmons, Mary Elizabeth Bell; (standing, left to right): Kathy Simmons, Sylvia Simmons, Beverly Shelby, Aileen Edwards, Evonne Shopper, Kenra Caldwell, Ruby Rogers, Lillian Stoker, Deanna Higgs, Marjorie Simmons, and Bettie Higgs.

## Caldwell receives New Salem Community Scholarship

The New Salem Community Scholarship was established in 1999 at UT Martin. It is awarded to a Weakley County student enrolled in the School of Agriculture and Human Environment who shows academic merit and

leadership qualities. It helps fund their education and remember the community for which the scholarship is named. This is the second year Kenra Caldwell has been awarded this scholarship. She met with the New

Salem FCE Club in March to express her appreciation for the scholarship. Kenra is the daughter of Kenny and Pam Caldwell.

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Jill Ferrie of the Sigma Alpha Iota ladies fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin shows Kelly Tidwell of Rives, how to play a percussion instrument, as Clorissa Wyatt of Union City, and Author Davis of Dresden (in background) look on. Ferrie and other members of UT Martin's SAI coordinated the music workshop March 25 at the Boling University Center for individuals served by Community Developmental Services.

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## UTM Lyric Opera Theatre on stage April 23-24

The University of Tennessee at Martin Lyric Opera Theatre presents "The Language of Love" at 7:30 p.m., April 23-24, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

Selections include scenes from "The Secret Marriage," by Cimarosa; "Semele," by Handel; "Le nozze di Figaro" and "Cosi fan tutte," by Mozart; "La Boheme," by Puccini; "Rigolento,"

by Verdi; "Orpheus in the Underworld," by Offenbach; "The Merry Widow," by Lehar; "Oklahoma," by Rodgers & Hammerstein; "Show Boat," by Kern; and "Romulus Hunt," by Simon.

The cast features students from the Department of Music including Elizabeth Baucke, of Memphis; Jusinda Broughton, of Delavan, Wis.; Ginna Cherry, of Ripley; Te'Rell Douglas,

of Jackson; Julia Ellegood, of Roseburg, Ore.; Josh Gatlin, of Union City; Nick Gatlin, of Union City; Aaron Hand, of Fairview; Rachel Lemonds, of Dyersburg; Brittany Thompson, of Memphis; and Hoi-Yan Vivian Mak, of Hong Kong.

Dr. Amy Yeung, associate professor of music, and Dr. Roberto Mancusi, assistant professor of music, serve as

stage and music co-directors for this production. Dr. Scott Roberts, associate professor of music, will provide the accompaniment.

Admission for adults is \$5. Students with UT Martin ID and children under 12 will be admitted free.

For more information, contact the Department of Music at 731-881-7402.

## University of Tennessee at Martin among safest four-year institutions

The University of Tennessee at Martin is the safest of the four-year public institutions in Tennessee in the most recent statewide crime statistics released. Additionally, for crimes that are committed, the UT Martin Department of Public Safety has one of the best crime clearance rates.

"UT Martin students continue to learn and grow in one of the safest environments in the South," said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes. "Our staff continues to work hard adjusting and improving public safety to ensure we are prepared for a variety of potential situations."

According to crime statistics for 2009 released by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, UT Martin ranked as the safest campus

in the state among Tennessee Board of Regents and UT institutions, with the least amount of reported offenses per 1,000 in population. UT Martin's clearance rate (cases solved) was almost double the statewide average of 28 percent for those same institutions.

"Statewide, college campuses have experienced significant increases in incidents since the last report, but we show a significant decrease," said Scott Robbins, UT Martin director of public safety.

"The greatest decrease was in the theft of property category, which was almost cut in half," added Robbins, who attributes the drop to the "campus community taking pro-active steps to secure and/or maintain control of their property and watching out for each other."

He noted that a "Security Mindset" awareness program adopted by numerous campus departments also produced positive results. "We want to build on this momentum and, hopefully, have further reductions in the number of 'opportunity crimes,'" he said.

"Our greatest asset toward maintaining a low crime rate, however, continues to be the great folks who attend and work at UT Martin and their genuine concern for the safety and welfare of others."

During the last decade, the UT Martin crime rate consistently has been lower than the national and statewide averages for college campuses, and the index crime clearance rate consistently has been higher.

## UTM piano ensemble to stage concert

The University of Tennessee at Martin piano ensemble will present a spring concert at 7:30 p.m., April 20, at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

A wide variety of musical selections for four hands at one and two pianos will be presented. Included on the program are two well-known works for piano ensemble, "Petite Suite," by Claude Debussy and "Scaramouche," by Darius Milhauds.

Several pieces celebrating the 200th anniversary of the

birth of Frederic Chopin and Robert Schumann will be presented. Works by Chopin include "Variations in D Major" and "Rondo, Op. 73." Selections from "12 Klavier-Stücke, Op. 85," by Schumann will also be performed. In addition, Michael Yandell, of Union City, will perform the second movement from Mozart's "Concerto No. 21 in C Major."

Other UT Martin students performing include Andrew Moore, of South Fulton;

Harold Johnson, of Memphis; Brandon Whaley, of Dresden; Victoria Morgan, of Cordova; Kelsey Currie, of Brownsville; Kyle Carter, of Troy; Michael Singleton, of Dyersburg; and Vivian Mak, of Hong Kong.

The UT Martin piano ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music. The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Harriss at 731-881-7411 or [elaunch@utm.edu](mailto:elaunch@utm.edu).

## Temple to speak at CRD Banquet Saturday

State Gazette

Andre Temple will serve as the featured speaker at the 36th annual CRD Awards and Scholarship Banquet, scheduled at Dyersburg Middle School, at 6 p.m. this Saturday, April 17.

Temple serves as an economic development specialist for the University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service. In addition to his role with UT, he teaches Organizational Research and Strategic Planning for Union University, serves as a doctoral mentor for the University of Phoenix and is the co-owner of Temple Technologies, a small, home-based computer business.

Prior to his current position, Temple worked for the state of Tennessee as a community planner for municipalities like Dyersburg, Covington, Trenton, Halls, Henderson, Ripley and both Lauderdale and Gibson counties.

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He is a member of the American Planning Association, Tennessee Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Tennessee Economic Development Council, and the International Economic Development Council.

Temple received a doctorate in Higher Education Administration and a graduate certificate in

Community College Teaching and Leadership from the University of Memphis, a BS in Public Administration and a Master's of Business Administration degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He is also a certified member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

He serves the West Tennessee community

through WestStar Alumni, the American Red Cross Board of Directors, Leadership Jackson Board of Directors, Leadership University Board of Directors, Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, Kiwanis, Affordable Housing CDC Board of Directors and UT Martin's Regional Economic Entrepreneurship Development Center

Advisory Board.

Temple and his wife, Andreea, are members of North Side Assembly Church of God in Christ. They currently reside in Jackson, with their daughter, Paige.

The event will include performances by the top three winners of Dyersburg High School's recent talent show and a presentation by featured

speaker Andre Temple of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Tickets are currently available at the CRD office, located in the Extension office at 151 Everette Ave. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 years old.

Those interested in more information may call the CRD office at 286-7821.

### Students' service honored during summit on NWTNTODAY.COM

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The University of Tennessee at Martin Institute of Civic Engagement recently sponsored its annual ICE-Sculpting Summit.

In addition to reviewing last year's successes and lessons, the group planned activities and programs for 2010-11 in the areas of civic engagement, leadership, community service and service learning.

Nine awards were presented, including the Spirit of Community Award, given to Dr. Jim Byford, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences dean emeritus. The award will be presented each year to a faculty member or administrator who serves the UT Martin community with a generous spirit and be known as the Byford Spirit of Community Award.

Also, Martin Housing Authority was recognized as the Community Partner of the Year.

Two students — Mary Jean Hall of Covington and Soguna Hamer of Memphis — were honored for their outstanding community service. They were chosen based on community service hours and service impact.

Ms. Hall worked with UTM Recycles, while Hamer worked with Greenbrier Meadows in Martin.

Five students were honored for their First-Year Inclusive Reflection papers written following community service work. Receiving those awards were Tyler Price of Martin, Kari Cox of Troy, Blythe Steelman of Leona, Tim Debert of Greenfield and Jordan Brown of Arlington.

For more information, visit the ICE Web link at: [www.utm.edu/ice](http://www.utm.edu/ice).

