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UT Martin hosts lead renovator training course

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies is offering a certified lead renovator course that complies with the Environmental Protection Agency's "Renovation, Repair and Paint" rule.

The course is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 15 at UT Martin.

There will be a one-hour lunch break.

The \$250 fee includes the

textbook, certified renovator certificate from the National Center for Healthy Housing and EPA materials.

The eight-hour course will begin with "Why should I be concerned about lead paint?"

Other topics include regulations, tasks before beginning work, containing dust during work, cleaning activities and checking work, recordkeeping and training non-certified renovation workers.

This class meets EPA and Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements. Successful completion earns EPA Certified Renovator status for five years.

Students will learn what EPA and HUD require of certified firms and renovators and how to work in a lead-safe manner while complying with the EPA RRP Rule.

The EPA began enforcing the lead paint law, known as the RRP Rule, on Oct. 1.

Anyone who renovates, repairs or paints any building built before 1978 must comply with the rule.

Violators can be fined up to \$37,500 per day.

NCHH is the EPA-authorized training provider for the course. The instructor will be H. Dale Fortner.

To register, call ECOS at (731) 881-7082 or register online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.

The Daily Times - Area students make dean's list at UT Martin

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From Staff Reports

Theresa L. Gray and Jason D. Leverant, both of Marysville, have made the dean's list at the University of Tennessee at Martin for fall 2010 semester.

To be eligible, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit and achieve a 3.2 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Gray made the list with high honors, with a grade point average of 3.5 through 3.79. Leverant made highest honors, earning a 3.8 through 4.0.

STATE GAZETTE

Eagle tours begin Tuesday at Reelfoot

Sunday, January 2, 2011
Dyersburg State Gazette

The new year symbolizes more than a fresh start. It also signals the beginning of the eagle-watching season at Reelfoot Lake.

Reelfoot Lake State Park plans to kick off its eagle tours on Tuesday, Jerry Hall, the park's interpretive specialist, said. Buses will leave the park's visitor center at 10 a.m. every day through the end of February.

While the tour focuses on eagles, participants often see a number of bird species, including hawks, vultures, ducks, geese and songbirds. Naturalists join each tour to describe the

lake's earth-shaking past and its current status.

Tours typically stop at places where eagles are commonly seen, and naturalists set up spotting scopes to allow visitors a closer look. Participants are encouraged to bring their own binoculars, too.

Tours cost \$5 a person and reservations must be made by calling (731) 253-9652.

In addition to the tours, the park staff provides bird-of-prey programs at 7 p.m. every Saturday night from Jan. 11 through Feb. 26. The programs at the visitor center are free, but donations are always welcome.

One exception to the Saturday night programs will occur on Feb. 5, when John Stokes will bring a bird-of-prey program to the visitor center. Stokes works with Save Our American Raptors-South, a non-profit birds of prey environmental education organization. He provides bird-of-prey programs at schools and state parks year-round and offers the Rock City Raptors Birds of Prey Show near Chattanooga from May through September. Several of his injured raptors have been trained to fly over the audience.

At one time, Stokes was in charge of the raptor rehabilitation program at the Memphis Zoo. He later joined the American Eagle Foundation, where he had the opportunity to take a one-winged eagle flying again. He and Osceola shared a hang glider. Their flight was filmed for a special on the Disney Channel in 1996 and a video clip is available on the Internet at osceolabaldeagle.com.

Stokes' appearance on Feb. 5 is one of several special activities scheduled during the seventh annual Reelfoot Lake Eagle Festival. The three-day festival, which begins Feb. 4, includes eagle and waterfowl tours, an art contest, photography contest, art and craft vendors, a silent auction, storytelling and free tote bags for the first 100 families who register.

All activities are based at the Reelfoot Lake State Park visitor center on Highways 21/22 across from Boyette's restaurant.

The schedule is as follows.

Friday, Feb. 4

* 4 p.m. - Registration begins at the Reelfoot Lake Tourism Council booth. Free tote bags will be given to the first 100 families.

* 4-9 p.m. - Vendors are open for business in Ellington Hall

at the visitors center.

* 4-9 p.m. - Entries for the art and photography contests may be turned in today or before 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the tourism council booth. The entry fee is \$5.

* 7 p.m. - An official welcome will be extended to all festival goers in the visitor center.

* 7:30 p.m. - A slide show will highlight nature, wildlife and history.

Saturday, Feb. 6

* 6 a.m. - A free sunrise photography walk begins at the visitor center.

* 9 a.m. - Registration resumes at the tourism council booth.

* 9 a.m.-9 p.m. - Art and craft vendors will be open in Ellington Hall.

* 10 a.m. - Eagle and waterfowl tours by bus or van depart from the visitor center. Tickets are \$5 a person. Reservations may be made by calling (731) 253-9652.

* 10 a.m. - Deadline for entries in the art and photograph contests.

* 10 a.m. - Silent auction begins. The auction closes at 5 p.m.

* Noon - A storytelling session with an eagle mascot will be held.

* 1 p.m. - Eagle and waterfowl tours by bus or van depart from the visitor center. Tickets are \$5 a person. Reservations may be made by calling (731) 253-9652.

* 6 p.m. - Winners of the art and photography contests and the silent auction will be announced.

* 7 p.m. - John Stokes of Save Our American Raptors-South will provide a free birds of prey program. Raptors will be allowed to fly over the audience.

Sunday, Feb. 6

* 9 a.m.-3 p.m. - Art and craft vendors will be open in Ellington Hall.

* 10 a.m. - Eagle and waterfowl tours by bus or van depart from the visitor center. Tickets are \$5 a person. Reservations may be made by calling (731) 253-9652.

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For more information about the festival or lodging information, contact the Reelfoot Lake Tourism Council by calling (731) 253-2007, e-mailing visit@reelfoottourism.com or visiting the Web site: www.reelfoottourism.com.

In addition to the tourism council, sponsors include the University of Tennessee at Martin Reelfoot Lake Research and Teaching Center, Reelfoot Lake State Park, Eagle 97.3 and numerous businesses in Tiptonville, Samburg, Union City and Dyersburg.

LOCAL RESIDENTS RECEIVE DEGREES FROM UT MARTIN

Rita Mitchell • Reader Submitted • January 3, 2011

Several Montgomery County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent fall commencement held in Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:

Clarksville Scott E. Bearden; Matthew Ryan Jenkins; Kate Elizabeth Hein; Clayton Nave Larson; Kalisha R. Bingham-Marshall; Cara Nicole Shock; Woodlawn Eric Allen Hersh.

The students receiving graduate degrees were:

Clarksville Nathan Bailey Stamper; Thomas Andrew Littleton.

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Jeremy Cain (left) of Covington and Kyle Bond of Huntingdon get ready for commencement at the University of Tennessee at Martin on Dec. 18. Each received a bachelor's degree in health and human performance. Chancellor Tom Rakes presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees.

U Tennessee at Martin Looks To Cut IT Costs with Desktop Virtualization

- By Dian Schaffhauser
- 01/04/11

The University of Tennessee at Martin has started rolling out desktop virtualization to provide its 8,000 students and staff members access to their desktops, files, and network resources from multiple locations and computing devices on campus. The university began the initiative, which was first surfaced in a 2005 technology plan, by deploying Citrix XenDesktop to deliver Windows desktops and applications on 45 computers in three campus locations. XenDesktop allows IT to bundle the operating system, applications, and user profiles, store them centrally, and then deliver a specific desktop image to a user.

Citrix said the university would next implement the software on 900 computers in labs and department offices.

Eventually, U Tennessee Martin intends to provide virtual applications and desktops to all university- and student-owned personal devices. It will offer users up to 30 applications through XenApp, as an integrated feature of XenDesktop. XenApp allows the enterprise to store an application in a central location and deliver it to the user on request in a form optimized for the user device.

In some cases the university will only make the latest software available through the virtual environment. For example, the university is only delivering Office 2010 on lab computers through the Citrix environment.

"We want to make applications available to students in the way they want to access them--in university housing, off campus, via mobile phones, however and wherever they want. We plan to offer them everything that Citrix delivers," said Shannon Burgin, university CIO.

The university said the full deployment was expected to lower desktop computing costs by 40 percent through simplified centralized management and a reduced hardware refresh rate.

SHELBYVILLE TIMES-GAZETTE

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

2 Bedford students make UT-Martin dean's lists

T-G STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — The outstanding academic achievements of two undergraduate students from Bedford County at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2010 dean's lists.

The two students are Gregory L. Barton of Normandy with high honors and Amy B. Chicoine of Shelbyville with honors.

To be eligible for dean's list recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the dean's list with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Jamie Leigh Page graduated magna cum laude



Jamie Leigh Page graduated magna cum laude from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the fall commencement ceremony with a bachelors of Science in Business Administration. She is the daughter of Darryl and Freida Page of Henry and the granddaughter of Gene and Sue Page and the late J.B. and Violet Spicer.

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Hollingsworth, Kristen Alyce Greer, and Bryant Qulanta Nall, all of South Fulton; Anna Beth Cox and Casey A. Curlin, both of Fulton; Jenah B. Blalock of Water Valley; Rachel Lynn Costello of Hickman; Katie Marie Keathley, Shanon K. Pink, James Herbert Moore, Hollie Suzanne Holman, Matthew Brown Morrison, Matthew

Gregory Raines, Kevin Allen Tuscan, Pamela Kathleen Luker, Karyn Stephens Hill, Kyle Mathew Bailey, and Terry Scott Smyth, all of Union City, Tenn.

The students receiving graduate degrees included Ashley Ann Wilbanks, South

Fulton; James Lynn Rambo Jr., Constance Marie Staten Bargery, Melissa Sinclair Blackwell, Pamela Johnson Kangelos, Elizabeth Donnell Mooney, Nathan Woods, all of Union City; and Monty Van Rogers and Kelly Marie Stinson, both of Mayfield.

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Carnegie Foundation cites Belmont, Lipscomb, TSU for community engagement

By *William Williams*

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Staff reports

The Stanford, Calif.-based Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has selected Belmont, Lipscomb and Tennessee State universities for its 2010 Community Engagement Classification.

The three Nashville universities are among 115 U.S. colleges and universities to be named, with the University of Tennessee at Martin the only other Tennessee-based school on the list. Carnegie's Community Engagement Classification recognizes colleges and universities with an institutional focus on community engagement.

In order to be selected, institutions had to provide descriptions and examples of institutionalized practices of community engagement.

Tim Stewart, Belmont University director of student learning, said the designation is gratifying and, as much so, will allow BU to benefit from the "structure provided by the application process to help us assess where we are in our efforts to engage the community and to reflect on ways to improve those efforts."

Of the 115 colleges and universities selected nationwide, 66 are public institutions and 49 are private. The schools represent campuses in 34 states.

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UTM Gets 2010 Community Engagement Classification

By WestKyStar Staff

MARTIN, TN - The Carnegie Foundation recently selected the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2010 Community Engagement Classification.

The campus is one of 115 institutions that will now be added to the Community Engagement Classification, bringing the national total to 311. UT Martin will then be among the top 10 percent in the nation so classified for its community engagement.

"Our Institute for Civic Engagement leadership team worked tirelessly to document the many outside-of-the-classroom activities in which our faculty and students are participating, and this is a great way to begin 2011," said Dr. Jerald Ogg, UT Martin vice chancellor for academic affairs. "UT Martin has a long tradition of preparing its graduates for lives of leadership and service, and it's gratifying to be recognized for that by an organization with the rich history of The Carnegie Foundation."

The classification for Community Engagement is an elective classification, meaning it is based on voluntary participation by institutions. Whereas the foundation's all-inclusive classifications involve secondary analysis of existing national data sources available for all institutions, elective classifications involve additional data collection and documentation, with substantial effort invested by participating institutions. Elective classifications enable the foundation's classification system to recognize important aspects of institutional mission and action that are not represented in the national data.

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Submitted by Rita Mitchell, UT Martin University Relations

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OSU names Professor of the Year

Oklahoma

Oklahoma State University's Steve Damron has been named the 2010 Oklahoma Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

"Dr. Damron is very much deserving of this national recognition, which honors the most outstanding undergraduate instructors in the country, those who excel at teaching and providing a positive influence in the lives and eventual careers of students," said Robert E. Whitson, vice president, dean and director of OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Damron was chosen for official recognition as one of 38 state award recipients, selected from more than 300 top professors in the United States. A professor of animal science, he is renowned for his ability to explain technical, complex materials in an easily understood manner.

"Steve teaches a global perspective using numerous real-world applications, integrating and weaving information and ideas together into a broader, practical picture," said Ron Kensinger, head of the OSU Department of Animal Science. "His effective use of special projects, papers and case studies helps students develop the ability to find and seek information and develop strategic thinking skills, as well as integrate and apply information in a problem-solving context. He is truly outstanding."

Since joining the OSU faculty in 1988, Damron has developed and taught courses ranging from an introduction to animal science and agricultural animals of the world to agro-ecosystems being the basis of life, principals of nutrition, pet and companion animal management, livestock feeding and canine handling and training, including distance education classes that serve several hundred students from across the country and around the world.

As an educational author, his book "Introduction to Animal Science: Global, Biological, Social and Industry Perspectives" is one of the most widely used animal science texts in the world. It is currently in its fourth edition, and is accompanied by web-based teaching and learning tools.

He advises approximately 100 animal science students each year and has served as faculty adviser to Agricultural Student Council, University Crew Club, Alpha Gamma Rho, Collegiate Farm Bureau, Collegiate Dressage Team and Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences during his time at OSU.

"Steve has been outstanding as the department's teaching coordinator, providing the insightful leadership so vital to ensuring our teaching programs are providing the best educational experience possible for students," Kensinger said.

Damron was honored as a 2010 recipient of the division's prestigious Saekeys Distinguished Professor Award earlier this semester. During his career, he has received more than 20 teaching and advising awards from the likes of OSU, the University of Hawaii, the University of Wisconsin at River Falls, the National Academic Advising Association, the Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta honor fraternities and the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture organization.

Damron earned his bachelor's degree in animal science from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1975. He earned his master's degree in animal nutrition-management and doctoral degree in animal nutrition from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1978 and 1982, respectively.

CASE launched the U.S. Professors of the Year awards program in 1981. That same year, the Carnegie Foundation began hosting the final round of judging, and in 1982, became the primary sponsor.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching is the nation's third-oldest nonprofit foundation, founded in 1905 by Andrew Carnegie.

CASE is among the largest international associations of educational institutions, serving nearly 3,400 universities, colleges, schools and related organizations in 59 countries.

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UT Martin associate professor honored

Dr. Lionel Crews, University of Tennessee at Martin associate professor of physics, recently received the Ptero Award from the Tennessee Earth Science Teachers for his contributions to the teaching of earth science in Tennessee.

The award was presented at the area National Science Teachers Association meeting in the Tennessee Science Teachers Association awards luncheon at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville.

Dr. Michael Gibson, UT Martin professor of geology, 2001 Ptero Award recipient and TEST higher education adviser, made the presentation.

Crews has been active in the teaching of earth science over the past decade. He has been involved in two grant programs, Revitalizing Earth Science Education in Tennessee and the Institute for Middle Grade Educators in Science, and has made numerous presentations at National Science Teachers Association and Tennessee Science Teachers Association conferences. He also makes regular school visits to do presentations on astronomy in the classroom, as well as helps local teachers host a "star party" for observing the night sky.

He recently completed an astronomical observatory at UT Martin and plans to allow teachers to use it for experiential learning, as well as student research projects.

Ptero is the nickname for the official state fossil of Tennessee, Pterotrigonia (Scabrotrigonia) Thoracica.

The UT Martin Geo-Club received the award in 1999.

Local residents among grads at University of TN at Martin

Several residents of Obion County and neighboring Fulton County, Ky., were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent fall commencement, held in Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on campus.

Among the students who received undergraduate degrees were:

- Hornbeak — Ashleigh Paige Roberson.
- Kenton — Benjamin W. Hollomon and Laurel Grace Childs.
- Obion — Amber Marie Moore and Brandy Leigh Rainey.
- South Fulton — Margaret Anne Hickman, Chad Alan Hollingsworth, Kristen Alyce Greer and

Bryant Qulanta Nall;

• Troy — Wesley Russell Yates, James Franklin Key and Christopher Chase Sowell.

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• Fulton — Anna Beth Cox and Casey A. Curlin.

• Hickman, Ky. — Rachel Lynn Costello.

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At Reelfoot Lake

Wildlife in the spotlight

By KEVIN BOWDEN

Staff Reporter

Capt. Bly and Sunny are ready to greet visitors to Reelfoot Lake. So are Red, Peg, Hooters and Ozzie.

During this, the first of the two busiest months of the year at Reelfoot Lake, they are the welcoming committee.

The aforementioned names belong to the eagles, owls, hawk and osprey at the Reelfoot Lake Visitors Center.

Capt. Bly could be considered the patriarch of the avian family. He was named for Blytheville in northeast Arkansas, where he was shot in 1989. Capt. Bly has been living behind the visitors center ever since.

He is joined there by Sunny, who injured his wing when he flew into a power line.

Each of the injured birds at the visitors center has a story ... and a personality. And David Haggard knows them all.

His official, and long, title is West Tennessee regional interpretive specialist with the Tennessee State Parks. Unofficially, Haggard is one of the most knowledgeable ambassadors at Reelfoot Lake.

It was Haggard who worked with a group of about 25 wildlife biology students from Japan a few weeks ago.

"People just don't realize that we get people from all over the world," Haggard said.

He estimates that between 50,000 and 70,000 people will visit Reelfoot Lake between now and the end of February. In an average year, Haggard said there will be visitors representing all 50 states and from 30 to 50 countries.

On weekends through February, students from the University of Tennessee at Martin volunteer to bring out some of the birds and reptiles to let visitors handle them. The state park staff also offers wildlife programs every Friday night and eagle tours are offered daily at 10 a.m. through February.

For more information about Reelfoot Lake, contact the Reelfoot Lake Visitors Center at (731) 253-9652.



OUT-OF-STATERS — This group of tourists got the rare chance to get an up-close look at a mature American Bald Eagle during a trip to Reelfoot Lake last week. The Michigan residents were the guest of Nancy Hazel (center) of Tennessee. Checking out the eagle from inside the raptor cage at Reelfoot Lake were (from left) Rick Wintergerst, Lisa Ignasiak, Ms. Hazel, Kandie Hines and James Little. The eagle, nicknamed Capt. Bly, put on quite a show for his audience.



HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE — The Visitors Center at Reelfoot Lake has a variety of crawling and winged creatures for visitors to experience. During a visit to the visitors center last week, 8-year-old Mary Beth Bailey of Guy, Ark., and her friend Christine Bailey of Little Rock, Ark., got the chance to hold and pet Luna the screech owl, under the watchful eye of Tennessee State Parks regional interpretive specialist David Haggard. The small owl is one of two injured owls that call the visitors center their home. Both birds are used to human contact. The Arkansas

visitors enjoyed an afternoon checking out the wildlife and the scenery at Reelfoot Lake. The months of January and February are two of the busiest months of the year for tourism at Reelfoot Lake, with an estimated 50,000-70,000 visitors expected at the lake, according to Haggard. On weekends, students from the University of Tennessee at Martin volunteer at the visitors center, and bring out some of the animals for visitors to handle. In addition to the wildlife housed inside the visitors center, there are also several raptor cages set up behind the facility.

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READY FOR VISITORS — David Haggard is very comfortable handling most of the animals housed at the Reelfoot Lake Visitors Center. A naturalist with the Tennessee State Parks, Haggard holds up one of the small owls kept in a cage behind the visitors center. All of the winged wildlife housed at the visitors center have injuries that keep them from being able to survive in the wild. There are also several snakes on display at the visi-

tors center. On weekends, there are volunteers from the University of Tennessee at Martin who will bring the birds and snakes out for visitors to handle. Cages at the visitors center house injured owls, ospreys, hawks and eagles. This is one of the busiest times of the year for Reelfoot Lake, which will host an estimated 50,000-70,000 visitors through the end of February.

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BOB LARNER



Jeremy Cain (left) of Covington and Kyle Bond of Huntingdon get ready for commencement at the University of Tennessee at Martin on Dec. 18. Each received a bachelor's degree in health and human performance. Chancellor Tom Rakes presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees.



SQUAWKING — His name is Capt. Bly and he is one of two mature American Bald Eagles housed in a raptor cage behind the Reelfoot Lake Visitors Center. The name is a shortened version of Blytheville, the city in northwest Arkansas where he was rescued after being shot in 1989. The eagle has some aerial mobility inside the cage but would not be able to survive in the wild.



EAGLE EYE — Capt. Bly strikes a majestic pose as he keeps a close eye on visitors to the raptor cage he calls home. The cage is located behind the Reelfoot Lake Visitors Center off Highway 22, just west of Samburg. Capt. Bly shares his living space with another mature American Bald Eagle, Sunny, who injured his wing when he flew into a power line.

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Bartlett collegiate among legislative delegation

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The University of Tennessee at Martin's nine-member delegation, which includes Bartlett resident Jamie Arnett, was voted best House delegation at the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature's 41st General Assembly on Nov. 18-21. There were approximately 200 students representing 37 Tennessee colleges and universities in attendance. This was the third year for UT Martin's delegation to participate.

UT Martin lead delegate Alison Jones said claiming best House delegation "meant that we had the most people speak up and debate, and we were just really excited about winning that award."

TISL, operated by an alumni board of directors and an elected student executive council, conducted student legislature elections and debate and voted on bills that could affect the future of Tennessee. The top bills passed by the student legislature will be sent to the Tennessee State Legislature for consideration. Alumni of this collegiate mock legislative program, where the state's seatbelt law originated, includes Secretary of State Tre Hargett; State Treasurer David Lillard; current state senators, Mike Faulk, Doug Overbey and Roy Herron; Senate chief clerk Russell Humphrey; and current representatives Mike Kernell and Ron Lollar.



SLITHERING SCARLETT — Mary Beth Bailey, 8, of Guy, Ark., was a little apprehensive at first, but she quickly relaxed for a friendly visit with Scarlett the red milk snake. The colorful reptile is one of several snakes kept in cages at the Reelfoot Lake Visitors Center. Miss Bailey visited the lake last week with her family.

DRESDEN ENTERPRISE, Dresden, Tennessee,

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

Pageant deadline nears

Plans are under way for the combined Miss University of Tennessee at Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant to be staged at 7 p.m. Jan. 29 in the Student Life Center at UT Martin. Winners of each crown will gain the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in Jackson this summer.

The combined pageant is co-sponsored by the City of Martin and UT Martin and is open to single women, ages 17-24, who are residents of or students in Tennessee. The Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant is open statewide, while the Miss UT Martin event is open only to UT Martin students.

The pageant application

form is available online at www.utm.edu/missutm. Deadline to register is Jan. 14 and applications from all UT Martin students should be returned to the UT Martin Office of Student Life, 222 Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238. All others should be sent to Hollie Holt, 406 South Lindell St., Martin, TN 38237.

General admission tickets for the Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant will be available at the door for \$15. UT Martin student tickets will be sold for \$10 at the door with proper ID.

For more information, contact pageant executive director Hollie Holt at (731) 514-3556 or by e-mail at hholt@utm.edu.

Reading Clinic sessions offered at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies and UT Martin Reading Center are offering three spring reading clinic sessions for students grade 2-12. The sessions run from January 24-February 17, February 21-March 24, and April 4-28. There will be no classes the week of March 14. The registration fee is \$125, including a workbook.

The course, led by Dr. Beverly Hearn, UT Martin Reading Center director, is for students who need extra support and practice in reading. Students will be individually tested to determine their

specific levels of phonics and comprehension. Using results, students will be placed into a research-proven course of study designed to build skills and to fill in any gaps that may exist in their reading skills and strategies.

Students meet twice per week for one hour per meeting. Students can choose either a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. Times available: are 3:00-3:50 p.m., 4:00-4:50 p.m., 5:00-5:50 p.m., 6:00-6:50 p.m. or 7:00-7:50 p.m.

To register, please call ECOS at 731-881-7082.

Curlin completes experiential learning to enhance college degree

Casey Curlin completed an internship at The Washington Times during her senior year, and said it's that type of experiential learning that enhances a college education.

The University of Tennessee at Martin communications major from Fulton, Kentucky, graduated December 18 and also received the Paul and Martha Meek Leadership Award, the only award presented during commencement.

In addition to the internship, Curlin combined her college

coursework with experience serving as executive editor of The Pacer, the UT Martin student newspaper, and other roles on campus to maximize her career opportunities.

"I decided to become a communications major after my freshman year when I took Frank Leach's English 111 course," said Curlin. "With his instruction and support I learned that I had a talent for writing and that I enjoyed it. I realized I wanted to pursue a career that involved writing and found that communications was a perfect fit."

In addition to her communications professors and coursework, Curlin thinks that courses and professors outside her major helped her become well rounded. "My English, philosophy and political science professors, in particular, have greatly broadened my scope on different world views. This new level of understanding and way of thinking have not only opened my mind to the endless possibilities of learning, but ... also helped me become more of an unbiased thinker. Unbiased thinking is an important part of a career in journalism."

The Pacer editor's position also contributed to her preparation for a career. "At the Pacer, we really get the skills we need to enter the workplace, and actually The Times was really impressed with my resume because I've had so much experience."

Curlin said the thing about the Pacer is that the staff gets to learn and practice all the aspects of newspaper production, such as writing and reporting, layout and design, photos and posting content online. "Those are the skills you have to have to really get a job in this field."

One of the high points of her college career was winning the feature-writing contest at the Southeast Journalism Conference in 2008, but she really considers all the time spent at the Pacer as a bonus. "I just can't describe how much I appreciate the opportunities it has offered me ..."

Capping her college journalism career with The Times internship cemented the fact that a career that focuses on writing was the best choice. She was accepted into an internship program called the "Fund for American Studies." As part of the program, Curlin got to choose from a list of internships. "The Washington Times was a national newspaper so I thought that would give me some good experience."

Curlin was treated as a staffer, not an intern. "I wrote mainly for the nation section and a few politics and culture stories," she said. "I was in the office a lot, mostly on the phone constantly. It's really hectic sometimes. I might have three or four hours to get a story done, and so I was immediately on the phone getting sources, trying to get in touch with people."

Among her stories was one on police brutality and how the more commonplace existence of video recorders today, particularly on cell phones, is changing the playing field in regard to police conduct. "That was a really interesting one."

Another was a story about Blockbuster, how it was having financial problems and how brick and mortar video stores are not able to keep up with companies such as Netflix and downloadable movies on the Internet.

Living and working in Washington also offers the possibility of meeting and interviewing some interesting people, she said. "One that I thought was really cool was Ron Steinman. He's a documentary filmmaker. He was nominated for five Emmys, written and produced documentaries for A&E, Discovery Channel, History Channel and TLC."

She also met Christo, an artist, and interviewed the 2009 Miss Black USA Shayna Rudd. "I did a story on a book series that she's working on, and that was really cool."

As a recent graduate, Curlin is keeping her options open. She'd like to enter the workforce, but also is interested in other internship opportunities and graduate school.

"I can see myself staying in the journalism business. I wouldn't mind trying out magazines, but I'm keeping an open mind for positions that I feel could use my



Casey Curlin

skills to contribute to the betterment of society in some way." She added, "I think the people skills and writing skills I have developed could be assets across a variety of platforms."

What's her advice for communications students? "Don't let all your education come from the classroom." She added that courses provide a base of the knowledge and skills needed in the workplace. "You have to develop this knowledge yourself by practicing in real-world environments. Communications simply has to be learned through experience. The opportunities to gain that experience are available; you just have to work for them."

UT Martin chosen for community engagement

The Carnegie Foundation recently selected the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2010 Community Engagement Classification.

The campus is one of 115 institutions that will now be added to the Community Engagement Classification, bringing the national total to 311.

UT Martin will then be among the top 10 percent in the nation so classified for its community engagement.

"Our Institute for Civic Engagement leadership team worked tirelessly to document the many outside-of-the-classroom activities in which our faculty and stu-

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dents are participating, and this is a great way to begin 2011," said Dr. Jerald Ogg, UT Martin vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"UT Martin has a long tradition of preparing its graduates for lives of leadership and service, and it's gratifying to be recognized for that by an organization with the rich history of The Carnegie Foundation."

The classification for Community Engagement is an elective classification, meaning it is based on voluntary participation by institutions.

Whereas the foundation's all-inclusive classifications involve secondary analysis of existing national data sources available for all institutions, elective classi-

fications involve additional data collection and documentation, with substantial effort invested by participating institutions.

Elective classifications enable the foundation's classification system to recognize important aspects of institutional mission and action that are not represented in the national data.

Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1905 and chartered in 1906 by an Act of Congress,

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of

Teaching is an independent policy and research center. Its current mission is to support needed transformations in American education through tighter connections between teaching practice, evidence of student learning, the communication and use of this evidence, and structured opportunities to build knowledge.

Deadline to enter pageant is swiftly approaching

Plans are underway for the combined Miss University of Tennessee at Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant to be staged at 7 p.m., Jan. 29, in the Student Life Center at UT Martin. Winners of each crown will gain the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in Jackson this summer.

The combined pageant is co-sponsored by the City of Martin and UT Martin and is open to single women, ages 17-24, who are residents of or students in Tennessee.

The Miss Tennessee

Soybean Festival Pageant is open statewide, while the Miss UT Martin event is open only to UT Martin students.

The pageant application form is available online at www.utm.edu/missutm. Deadline to register is Jan. 14, and applications from all UT Martin students should be returned to the UT Martin Office of Student Life, 222 Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238. All others should

be sent to Hollie Holt, 406 S. Lindell St., Martin, TN 38237.

General admission tickets for the Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant will be available at the door for \$15. UT Martin student tickets will be sold for \$10 at the door with proper ID.

For more information, contact pageant executive director, Hollie Holt, at 731-514-3556 or by email at hholt@utm.edu.

Local and international students receive degrees from UT Martin

Several Weakley County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent fall commencement held in Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:

- Dresden – Scarlett Leigh Reynolds; Allison Lynn Puschall; Misty Lorraine Dunlap; Max Devon Carlton; April Denise Bell; Derrick Eugene Hansen; Kyle Michael Parham; William J. Pittman; Benjamin Jason Vowell; Brittany Shannon Morton; Joseph Eugene Crawford; Stephen Douglas Shopper;

- Dukedom – Brittany Dawn Scott;

- Gleason – Joshua Blake Verdell; Adam Tyler Bennett; William Bradley Maddox; Lacy Dionne Arnold;

- Greenfield – Rickey Lynn Mask; Tracy Jo King;

- Martin – Chandra Michelle Blackburn; Katherine A. West; Lauren Elizabeth Wilson; Adam Samuel White; Lauren Elizabeth Taylor; Ashley Marie Byrd; Kayla Renee Evans; Victor O'Brian Fulton; Europe Lucre Hall; Jordan Wilson Howell;

Jake Edward Todd; Lynsey D. Sinclair; Matthew L. Bane; Samqui'a LaShonda Shedrick; Jason Andrew Evans; Mary E. Brewer; Maci Wren Mount; Andrew Christopher Lykins;

- Sharon – Monica Tharpe Whorton; David Chadwick Connell; Jennifer Eddlemon; Christopher Lee Cooper.

The students receiving graduate degrees were:

- Dresden – Glinda Ruth Wilson;

- Gleason – Tara Newsum Hughes;

- Greenfield – Blake Anthony White; Sherri A. Puckett;

- Martin – Douglas Young Snider; Abdulla Ismael Alsaqer; Kyle Herron Brooks; Katherine Elizabeth Edwards; Kendrick Rafael Edwards; Laura Jayne Leahy; Stephen Edward Rush; Kay Hearn Stegall; Ryan Neil Stover; Joseph Benjamin Travis; Deborah Ann Abel; Christopher Cates.

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- Ligny-en-Barrois, France – Justine L. Malingrey;

- Dakar, Senegal – Samba Laobe Diop;

- Saihat, Saudi Arabia – Ahmed M. AlYousif;

- IIsan, South Korea – Do-Jae Lee;

- Seoul, South Korea – Sung Ho Yoon;

- Middlesbrough, England – Jenni Kate Duffy;

- Freetown, Sierra-Leone – Festus Kamara;

- Hyogoken, Japan – Yasushi Watanabe;

- Madrid, Spain – Tiffani Kelly Warner.

The students receiving graduate degrees were:

- Kaohsiung, Taiwan – Ju-Ting Chang;

- Moscow, Russia – Andrey Yesipov;

- Gwangju, South Korea – Kyungwook Min;

- Bangkok, Thailand – Patarin Ngaecharoenkul; Chaowit Pradubsriphet;

- Daejeon, South Korea – Kyong A. Lee.

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By Lea Ann Overstreet - THE TENNESSEAN
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Several Davidson County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of

Tennessee at Martin's fall commencement.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were: Daniel Shaunessy and Edward Murphy, Hermitage; Alexander Corrie Jenkins and Kimberly Michele Holt, Madison; and Jamari D. Brown, John Kenneth Hooper and Steli Marcus-Ergueta, Nashville.

UT Martin names local dean's list

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Students named to the deans' lists include:

Matthew R. Gilmer,

Hillsboro, High Honors;

Gregory L. Barton,

Normandy, High Honors;

Cherice F. Martin,

Manchester, High Honors;

Caitlin C. Moore,

Manchester, Honors;

Joshua O. White, Man-

chester, Honors;

Janine D. Brown, Tul-

lahoma, Honors;

Jason L. Chittum, Tul-

lahoma, Highest Honors;

Chelsea E. Jones, Tul-

lahoma, Highest Honors;

Forrester M. Wall, Tul-

lahoma, Highest Honors.

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Jeremy Cain (left) of Covington and Kyle Bond of Huntingdon get ready for commencement at the University of Tennessee at Martin on Dec. 18. Each received a bachelor's degree in health and human performance. Chancellor Tom Rakes presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees.



Daniel Wilson (center) of Bartlett was recently commissioned into the United States Army as a second lieutenant at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He was a fall graduate, earning a computer science degree. With him are his parents, Sherry Lynn and Rufus Wilson.



Kalynn Hightower (middle) of Arlington is the fall semester recipient of the Jodi Woods Memorial Award, established at the University of Tennessee at Martin in memory of Woods, a special education major, who died June 24, 2006. The award is given each semester to one graduating special education major who excels in student teaching by including and building self-esteem in students with special needs. The award was established to typify the warm and caring demeanor that Woods exemplified. Funds from the award are given to assist the graduating teacher in stocking his or her new classroom. Dr. Crystal Whitlow (left), associate professor of special education, and Dr. Kathy Evans (right), university supervisor, congratulated Hightower on the award.

Historian: Civil War issues still affect economy

By Shelia Byrd • The Associated Press • January 8, 2011

JACKSON, Miss. -- Historian Timothy Smith says the growing list of events commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War is important in Mississippi because knowledge about the conflict helps explain the state's current condition.

Smith, a Carrollton, Miss., native and a professor at the University of Tennessee-Martin, participated in a program Friday focusing on the state's decision to secede from the Union on Jan. 9, 1861. The ramifications of that decision still linger, he said.

"Obviously, the racial issues in Mississippi are extremely important. In the last couple of decades that's gotten a lot better," Smith said. "The economic devastation -- Mississippi is still considered one of the poorest in the nation. All of that goes back to literally sweeping the economy out from under the state.

"The economy at that time was based almost 100 percent on slave labor and slave agriculture. When you just remove that lock, stock and barrel it's going to cause disruption in the economy," he said.

The event, sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, was held in the Mississippi House chamber of the Old Capitol Museum -- the exact location where delegates voted to secede. George Fable, a professor at the University of Alabama, also spoke at the program.

About 150 were gathered as actor Ray McFarland re-enacted the speech given by John Wood, one of the original delegates. Wood, who was a slave owner, had warned the delegation of businessmen, planters, lawyers and slave owners against secession. The convention opened on Jan. 7, 1861. The Ordinance of Secession was passed on Jan. 9, but it wasn't signed until Jan. 15.

Smith speculated many of the delegates later regretted secession. He read the words of one of them, Wiley P. Harris, who remarked "the conviction came over me that we had made a sad mistake." Harris' comments came after the Union defeated Confederate troops at Vicksburg, taking control of the Mississippi River in 1863.

Mississippi is among at least 21 states that have formed commissions or initiatives to commemorate the anniversary of America's war with itself, according to the Washington-based Civil War Preservation Trust. Some states will hold conferences, and local and private organizations have plans for events and functions.

On Saturday, the Vicksburg National Military Park will observe Mississippi's secession with the reading of the Ordinance of Secession and other documents, as well as a re-enactment of the firing on the commercial steamboat "A.O. Tyler" from the bluffs of Vicksburg in 1861. Mississippi officials believed the Tyler and other riverboats were carrying Union troops and munitions.

Smith said the Civil War should be commemorated, but not necessarily celebrated.

"I think commemoration is very important. I think interpretation is very important. Beyond that, lifting these folks up as demagogues ... that they were the greatest that ever happened, and we should do it again, certainly, I wouldn't go that far," he said.

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Two Shelby County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Senior **James Buchanan**, son of James and Marchetta Buchanan of Raleigh, received the Dorothea Norton Scholarship.

Taneshia Davis, granddaughter of Blanchie Hardy of Memphis, is a sophomore. She received the Eddie Hammond Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

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College Clan

Graduates

Ryan DeMoss, of Erie, graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney on Dec. 17 with a master's of arts in English.

Jared Spaniol graduated magna cum laude from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell in December with a master's degree in plastics engineering. He earned a bachelor's degree in plastics engineering technology in 2009 from Penn State Behrend.

Spaniol is the son of Paul and Cindy Spaniol, of Millcreek Township.

Tessa Grace Staab, of Erie, graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin on Dec. 18.

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UT Martin announces graduates, fall dean's list

Sixteen Henry Countians received degrees and 74 students made the fall 2010 semester dean's list at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Receiving graduate degrees during the fall commencement were Christie Lynn Safin and Christie Elkins Wimberley, both of Paris.

Undergraduate degrees were handed out to:

Lisa A. Salmon, Thomas William Stoker, Micah Sutton Miller, Justin Douglas Rawls, Brandon Thomas Wimberley, Brittney Nicole Cacciola, Jake Andrew Vanderburg, Mason Andrew Hinton and Chad Tyler Blanton, all of Paris;

Jade Nicole Stearnes of Buchanan; Stefanie Carmen Man-

ning of Cottage Grove; Sarah Jane Mooney and Jamie Leigh Page, both of Henry; and Autumn Rain Sullivan of Puryear.

Dean's list students at UTM are listed with highest honors, high honors and honors.

Those with highest honors earned a semester grade-point average between 3.8 and 4.0; with high honors, 3.5-3.79; and with honors, 3.2-3.49.

Named with highest honors

From Paris — Andrea C. Bennett, Brittney N. Brown, Carrie A. Dean, Heather J. Martin, Anna M. Parker, Alane D. Paschall, Colin C. Paschall, Chelsea N. Peeler, Dana M. Plumley, Erica D. Revel, Sarah E. Scott, Carrie E. Turner and Caleb M. Ward.

From Cottage Grove — David N. Horton and Thomas C. Hunt.

From Henry — Jason S. Conger, Emily M. Ford, Regina L. Hilt, Dustin G. McClure, Jamie L. Page and Samantha J. Perry.

From Puryear — Chelsey R. Lassiter and Sarah J. Mooney.

From Springville — Kimberly L. Ballard and Sarah M. Milam.

Named with high honors:

From Paris — Jasmine C. Burton, Lauren K. Davenport, Rebecca E. Fry, Sarah H. Gordon, Dakota B. Halstead, Roe N. Hughes, Christopher A. Jayne, Jade M. Johnson, Angela H. Lee, Madeline J. Lovett, Amanda J. Matthews, Heather J. McKinney, Madison K. Moody, Matthew D. Powley, Megan E. Schnepper, Aslee Nikki Scott, Jeffrey N. Stubblefield, Courtney A. Van Dyke, Amber L. Watson and Morgan E. Wilson.

From Buchanan — Nathaniel R. Briggs, Kaitlin R. Byrd and

Morgan L. Perkins.

From Cottage Grove — Autumn E. Arnold.

From Henry — Katherine E. Dicus.

From Puryear — Candace M. Lewis.

From Springville — Rachel R. Robison and Jessica R. Swor.

Named with honors

From Paris — Jillian A. Barnes, Landon Blakesley, Chad T. Blanton, Benjamin L. Burkhart, James D. Copeland, Maegan M. Farmer, Demeras T. Jackson, Brigitte V. Lee, Alicia D. McClure, Amanda N. Neumair, Justin T. Reed, Morgan E. Rogers, Alyssa K. Russell, Bradley R. Wheat and Lauren W. Wilson.

From Cottage Grove — Stefanie C. Manning and Rebecca L. West.

From Springville — Pamela J. Corbin, Daniel K. Frume, Brittany L. Haep and Zachary C. Hatcher.

Education is key factor in economic development

January 10, 2011

The Regional Economic Development Initiative presented its state legislative agenda to several state House representatives last week in Jackson. We would like to add a hearty "Amen" to much of what the group presented, particularly its focus on education.

REDI is administered by the Southwest Tennessee Development District, which is based in Jackson. It takes in 12 counties in West Tennessee. The program has several prongs, but its centerpiece is a relatively new college access program designed to help high school children navigate the path to college.

Education is critical to the future of West Tennessee and is tightly linked to economic development. That didn't used to be the case. Not long ago, someone could graduate high school, get a good-paying job at a local textile mill and be set for life. Those jobs are largely gone, and our state has been slow to react in the resulting change needed in our education system.

West Tennessee must have an educated and technologically savvy work force as it seeks economic development. The educational system must not only be maintained but expanded for that to happen. That expansion must take in the likes of the Tennessee Technology Center, Jackson State Community College, UT Martin and other institutions.

State legislators will have some difficult choices to make as they return to Nashville this year. They will deal with a hefty budget shortfall and the loss of one-time stimulus revenue that propped things up last year.

Cuts will have to be made, but they must not be made at the expense of education. That would be incredibly shortsighted and damage our state's ability to grow. Cuts to education would be even more devastating considering our system is already under-funded. Jackson State, for instance, has been hamstrung for years by a lack of capital money from the state.

As REDI has called for, the state must find ways to

support efforts to develop an educated work force, from pre-kindergarten funding, to help for college-access programs, to support for our state's many forms of higher education and technology training.

All of this goes hand in hand with the push to develop the West Tennessee megasite in Haywood County, another priority for REDI and for us. The best options for developing that property will involve companies that will require a well-educated work force. We don't stack up very well in that category right now.

That can, and must, change. State legislators must recognize that need and show the vision to meet it as they head into 2011.

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Conference for Working Women Slated Feb. 11

By WestStar Staff

MARTIN, TN - Participants attending the 13th annual Conference for Working Women will learn how to be a working woman while creating a legacy, how office ergonomics work, the difference between depressed and depression, how Google can increase workplace productivity and receive wardrobe and makeup advice.

The conference is set for 8:30 am-2:30 pm Feb. 11 at the University of Tennessee at Martin Boking University Center Duncan Ballroom. UT Martin Chancellor Tom Itakes and Charley Deal, WestStar executive director, will welcome participants following continental breakfast and registration, which are scheduled for 8:30-9 am.

Sponsored by the WestStar Leadership Program and Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise at UT Martin, the conference is designed to appeal to all working women in West Tennessee. Whether you are an assistant, an executive, a manager, an elected official or the chief executive officer of a company, this conference is for you.

Mary Kate Ridgeway, UT extension director, UT Extension Services and WestStar class of 2001, will lead the conference. The opening speaker will be Dr. Danny Nicholson, of Jefferson City, Carson Newman College vice president of advancement. His presentation, "Running Out of Time: Creating Your Own Legacy," is set for 9:15-10 am. His career in higher education fundraising spans 26 years including six different institutions and raising more than \$100 million to meet the needs of the students he has served.

He is a frequent speaker in a variety of venues such as: CASE International conferences, Planned Giving Councils across the Southeast, colleges, high schools and churches. He has been published in CASE Currents magazine, International Journal of Philanthropy (Vanderbilt) and the Alumni and Development Report. Recently, he initiated a project that brought his friends and family together to produce an original album, "Legacy Road," which featured 20 songs recorded in Nashville. The album has raised more than \$20,000 toward the needs of children in Nicaragua. He speaks about how we all can leave a legacy in the lives of those around us by living a life of meaning and purpose.

At 10 am, Dr. Todd Sherman, UT Martin health and human performance professor, will present "Desk Time." Sherman received his Bachelor of Arts in physical education from Kentucky Wesleyan College, Master of Science in physical education: sports administration from Eastern Kentucky University and his Doctorate of Arts in Exercise Science from Middle Tennessee State University. Prior to his 10 years of teaching in higher education, Sherman managed a hospital-based rehabilitation/wellness facility. During his five years of clinical experience, Sherman has worked with patients with cardiac, stroke, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord, diabetes, obesity and orthopedic issues. As an educator, Sherman has taught at North Carolina A&T State University, Oxford College of Emory University and is now in his first year at UT Martin. His teaching responsibilities include exercise physiology, exercise testing and prescription, and special populations. His research interests include pediatric exercise science/wellness, testing and exercise prescription.

Dr. Laura Melero will present "Depression: Seconds Count - Be Knowledgeable" at 11 am. Melero has resided all of her life and has practiced for 22 years in the West Tennessee area. She graduated with a bachelor's and master's in nursing science and a doctorate in nursing practice in 1985, 1989 and 2008, respectively. Her doctoral focus was in family psychiatric practice, with an emphasis on the severely and persistently mentally ill and telemental health. Melero began her career in 1985 as a registered nurse in emergency and critical care venues and advanced to establish a private practice from 1989 to 1999 as a family nurse practitioner in Henderson.

While juggling family and career, opportunities arose that led to a pursuit of employment in the community mental health setting from 1999 to the present. As an American Nurses Credentialing Center board certified Family and Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, she divides her time between private psychiatric practice at Neloro Behavioral Consultants, Inc., in Henderson, inpatient psychiatric and alcohol/drug treatment at Pathways in Jackson, and clinical and academic teaching/supervision for numerous Tennessee universities.

Michelle Weatherford, president of LEARN Consulting in Atoka, will be the speaker before lunch. Her speech, "Touchdown: Scoring for Yourself - Happiness and Being Less Stressed," is slated for 11:15 am-noon.

At 12:30 pm, beauty consultants will present "Before and After," providing makeup tips. This will be followed at 1 pm by "It's GOOGLE Time," presented by Steve Holt. Holt provides consulting on Web design, e-commerce, social media, leadership and marketing. He also is actively involved in speaking on these topics at conferences around the country. During the past 12 years, he has helped numerous local governments, economic and community development agencies, non-profits, banks and small business entities develop media and services to reach their constituents and markets. Since 1999, he has been the UT Martin director of the Instructional Technology Center and Web Services, and he has also taught computer science and economics at UT Martin for 11 years. Through the UT Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center, he has provided training and consulting throughout West Tennessee to chamber of commerce and economic development professionals. He has a Master's of Business Administration from UT Martin.

Finally, Julie Burke, Milan Chamber of Commerce director and executive vice president, and a C&B Designer clothing independent consultant, will present "Fashion Time." Burke graduated in December of 1993 from UT Martin with a Bachelor of Science in business administration. Since graduating from UT Martin, she has lived in all three geographical regions of Tennessee, with the last 11 years being in Knoxville. She was appointed earlier this year to the Milan Chamber of Commerce post and moved back to her hometown.

The deadline to register is Feb. 4. Forms may be mailed to WestStar, UT Martin, 321 Administration Building, faxed to 731-681-7019 or emailed to vgmcc@utm.edu. If registering via email, include name, business, complete address and phone number. If registering for two people, make sure to include all information on both registrants. Credit cards are accepted. Also, participants can register online at www.utm.edu/weststar. The fee is \$35 per person/\$60 for two and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Make checks payable to WestStar. For more information, contact Virginia Games, WestStar coordinator, at 731-681-7298.



Martin Luther King Day of Service Planned

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The University of Tennessee at Martin issued the following news release:

The University of Tennessee at Martin Institute for Civic Engagement and UTM Recycles! are hosting the national Martin Luther King Day of Service on Jan. 17. UT Martin students, organizations, staff, faculty, administrators and members of the Martin community are invited to participate in a Martin community and campus cleanup. There will also be an event the first week of April in remembrance of the 43rd anniversary of Dr. King's assassination.

From 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m., volunteers will have the opportunity to pick up recyclables and wash or help sort recyclables at the UTM/EURO/Martin Recycling Facility on Moody Street. All participants should meet at the recycling facility. Gloves, bags and bottles of water will be provided.

Participants are encouraged to bring a camera and send UTM Recycles! a copy of the photos taken. The first 20 volunteers will receive a MLK Day of Service sweatshirt or T-shirt.

For more information on the commemoration of Dr. King, visit <http://milkday.gov>. For more information on the cleanup day, contact recycle@utm.edu, Dr. Angie MacKewn at 731-681-7370 or Dr. Heidi Huss at 731-681-7280.

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and caring professors.

ATWOOD: Xavier M. Cunningham, Honors; Jennifer Gibson, High Honors; Cory Q. Hall, High Honors; Melanie C. Hickerson, Highest Honors; Kelsey J. McAlexander, Highest Honors; Tiffany L. Simmons, Highest Honors

BRUCETON: Bethany L. Allen, High Honors; Alan J. Dupree, Highest Honors; Jennifer L. Harris, Honors; Allison P. McGuire, High Honors

CEDAR GROVE: Lindsey A. Bell, Honors; Hillary M. Gause, Honors

CLARKSBURG: Erin D. Grant, High Honors; Amanda C. Steele, Honors

HOLLOW ROCK: Lindsey M. Anderson, Highest Honors; Patrick A. Bishop, Highest Honors; Tiffany L. Cathey, Highest Honors; Logan R. King, Highest Honors; Allison J. Simmons, High Honors; Emily A. Ulderich, Highest Honors

HUNTINGDON: Diana L. Aldayturriaga, Highest Honors; Jacob T. Allen, High Honors; John

C. Anderson, Highest Honors; Russell T. Anderson, High Honors; Kyle A. Bond, Highest Honors; Courtney P. Cockrill, Honors; Derek A. Collins, Honors; Brett H. Cross, High Honors; Jessica J. Davis, Honors; Whitney L. DePriest, High Honors; Benjamin A. Dempsey, Honors; Jacob F. Edwards, High Honors; Robert E. Eskew, High Honors; Troy D. Garrison, Highest Honors; Dan M. Guinn, High Honors; Joshua R. Gurley, Honors; Valerie C. Hatch, High Honors; Jennifer L. Johnson, High Honors; Derek R. Kelley, Highest Honors; Colin L. Laman, High Honors; Jeremy R. McQuesten, High Honors; Katie E. O'Malley, Highest Honors; Hillary B. Peterson, High Honors; Jeanne M. Prince, High Honors; Jamie M. Pritchard, High Honors; Jessica L. Pritchard, Highest Honors; Cody C. Rainey, High Honors; Katelyn A. Roberts, Honors; Matt T. Simpson, High Honors; Lea E. Stokes, High Honors; Rebecca A. Stokes, High Honors

MCKENZIE: Bethany M.

Aden, Honors; Kimberly L. Baskin, Honors; Josi K. Carlton, Honors; Rachel L. Chandler, High Honors; Michelle N. Davis, High Honors; Christopher A. Eaton, High Honors; Colton L. Eaton, Highest Honors; Ryan A. French, High Honors; Clinton D. Hoard, High Honors; Paul T. Horton, High Honors; Benjamin R. Kee, High Honors; Catherine A. Little, Honors; Britton A. McCann, High Honors; Linley H. McClain, Highest Honors; Allison D. Owen, Honors; Lauren E. Perritt, Highest Honors; Justin J. Petering, High Honors; Janna N. Pratt, Honors; Sierra R. Reeves, Highest Honors; Travis R. Russell, High Honors; Lauren E. Scott, Highest Honors; Jillian L. Stafford, Highest Honors; Andrew C. Webb, Honors

MCLEMORESVILLE: Anna K. Kelly, Highest Honors

WESTPORT: Cody A. Jacobs, High Honors

YUMA: Seth K. McDaniel, Highest Honors

Local Residents Receive Degrees from UT Martin

MARTIN - Several Carroll County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent fall commencement held in Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were: Atwood - Jennifer Gibson; Bruceton - Lindsey Marie Anderson; Emily Anne Ulderich; Bethany Lynn Allen; Cedar Grove - Matthew Cole Stanford; Huntingdon - Whitney Lynne

DePriest; Justin Brandon Johns; Dustin Alan Tucker; Patrick A. Bishop; Braden A. Maddox; Kyle Andrew Bond; McKenzie - Kelsey Christopher Schweitzer; Jenny Lyn Perkins; Benjamin Volker Winkler; Justin Josiah Petering; Dorothea Renee Hobson; Paul Thomas Horton; Jessica Richter Locke; Joseph Adickes Sam, Jr.; McMoresville - Anna K. Kelly; Trozovant - Emily Kathryn Giddens.

The student receiving a graduate degree was: McKenzie - Monica Tara Rollins.

The McKenzie Banner website interface. At the top, it says "Don't Just Dream It, Do It!" and "The McKenzie Banner". Below that are navigation links: Home, News, Obit, Life, Schools, Society. There is a search bar and a "Comment, Blog & Share Photos" section with "Log in | become a member | Search people". The main article is titled "Making Tracks" and is dated "JANUARY 11, 2011".

Academic Honors

Six Elm residents have made the Dean's List for the fall semester at the University of Tennessee Martin.

Chelsea Cary and Ashlyn Fusell earned "highest honors" with grade-point averages of 3.8 to 4.0, Laken Black and Jessica Pate earned "high honors" at 3.5 to 3.79, and Christopher McClain and Kayla Meyer earned "honors" at 3.2 to 3.49.



AMONG FIRST TO EARN ONLINE MBA DEGREE – Andrew Littleton, formerly of Martin and now living in Mt. Juliet was among the first 13 students to graduate from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a master of business administration degree offered online and designed primarily for banking and financial services professionals. He participated in fall commencement Dec. 18 and was honored in a pre-commencement ceremony by the College of Business and Global Affairs. Pictured with Littleton are (left to right) Dr. Tom Payne, chair holder for the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and also interim chair for the UT Martin Department of Accounting, Finance, Economics, and Political Science; Dr. Ernie Moser, dean, College of Business and Global Affairs; and Dr. Kevin Hammond, faculty member and MBA program coordinator.

Around the Community

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Dean's List

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduates students at the University of Tennessee Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2010 Dean's Lists

- From Dover: Kimmie C. Balkcom with honors, Michael L. Barnett with honors, Jessica L. Borens with honors, Jordan R. Crain with highest honors, Sara R. Engelman with honors, Blaine G. Shamp with highest honors and Rachel L. Wallace with honors. From Indian Mound: Regina C. Emery with honors and Brittany L. Houck with honors. To be eligible for Dean's List, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the dean's list with honors (3.2 through highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Students receive degrees Three Stewart County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee Martin during the fall commencement held in Kathleen and Tom Elam Center. They were Christopher Lyn Austin, Michael Lee Barnett Jr. and Julia Jeanette Walters, all of Dover.

The Elk Valley Times, Wednesday, January 12, 2011

UT Martin releases Dean's List

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2010 Dean's Lists.

The lists are for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

The following students from Lincoln County made the Dean's List: Kirk D. Arment, high honors, Katherine N. Hamilton, high honors, and Brittany L. Massey, honors, all of

Fayetteville; and Martha L. Warren, high honors, of Kelso.

To be eligible for dean's list recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the dean's list with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Local students recognized on Dean's List at UT Martin

A number of Obion County students are among the undergraduates whose outstanding academic achievements have been honored with the publication of the fall Dean's Lists at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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Students can make the Dean's List with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

The local Dean's list honorees, listed by hometown, include:

• **Hornbeak** — Drue R. Barnes, highest honors; Jacob R. Bloodworth, honors; Casey C. Fox, high honors; Amber N. Hall, high honors; Brandy L. Ray, highest honors; Ashleigh P. Roberson, highest honors; Rachel M. Roberson, honors; Natalie L. Seals, honors; and Justin M. Stroud, high honors.

• **Kenton** — Kerry D. Duck, honors; Candace M. Elgin, highest honors; Tina M. Forbes, high honors; David C. Hollomon, highest honors; Jordan B. Jones, high honors; Lauren N. Roberts, high honors; Katie Sanders, high honors; Sheila F. Scott, highest honors; and Mallory C. Walker, high honors.

• **Obion** — Andrew P. Berry, high honors; and Mary Helen Hepler, highest honors.

• **Rives** — Debra J. Barker, high honors; Jennifer L. Brooks, honors; Jenna A. Land, honors; Brittany N. Lyell, high honors; Spencer D. Minyard, honors; Emilee F. Ray, honors; Emily A. Taylor, honors; and Blaine C. Ward, highest honors.

• **South Fulton** — Dustin T. Allen, high honors; Kimberly L. Batts, highest honors; Katherine R. Bivens, highest honors; Ashley N. Cufin, highest honors; Samuel C. Curtis, honors; Tanika L. Dickerson, honors; Dorothy D. Fields, highest honors; Kyle D. Greer, highest honors; Levi

E. Griffith, honors; Rebecca M. Grogan, honors; Colton T. Harris, honors; Margaret A. Hickman, honors; Debra E. Huggins, honors; Kassie L. Hughes, highest honors; Kyle A. Jackson, high honors; Melissa R. Jackson, high honors; Allison T. Jones, highest honors; Laura M. Joyner, high honors; Melissa L. McCartney, honors; Holly R. McClamham, honors; Jon W. Meacham, honors; Joshua W. Nolen, honors; Robbie A. Peoples, highest honors; Kristen L. Phillips, honors; Joshua L. Potts, highest honors; Sheila R. Sanders, high honors; Dishakia L. Sellers, honors; Bethany M. Seratt, high honors; William B. Sisson, highest honors; Jonathan W. Smith, highest honors; Cherissa C. Vinson, honors; Amanda J. Wall, highest honors; and Jing Yu, highest honors.

• **Tracy** — Kayla M. Baker, high honors; Delaina D. Cary, high honors; Selena R. Davis, high honors; Reuben W. Keodall, highest honors; Cory A. Luther, high honors; Kaitlyn E. O'Kelley, honors; Jamie G. Purdue, high honors; Justin D. Prouett, high honors; Matthew G. Roberson, high honors; Jordan R. Smith, high honors; Katelyn A. Turner, high honors; Kristen E. Ward, honors; Wesley R. Yates, highest honors; and Hope L. Zeller, honors.

• **Union City** — Emma C. Adams, honors; Sharia N. Armour, honors; William H. Arnold, honors; Elizabeth A. Barnes, highest honors; Rance D. Barnes, high honors; Denise N. Bell, highest honors; Stephanie A. Bing, honors; Chelsea E. Boyd, high honors; Sloane M. Bradberry, highest honors; Russell A. Brown, high honors; Mona L. Bush, honors; Kyle H. Byassee, honors; Eld W. Carr, honors; Jerrie C. Carrington, honors; Laken B. Clanton, highest honors; Bethany C. aClear, honors; Mary A. Crews, high honors; Beatriz S. Cropper, highest honors; Chelsie H. Darnell, honors; LaToya A. Davis, honors; Kyle E. Dotsan, honors; William M. Downey, highest honors; Mollie K. Durall, high honors; Meagan N. Eason, high honors; Tremayne A. Emerson, honors; Lucas J. Flood, honors; Sarah L. Forker, high honors; Adam M. Gammans, highest honors; Ian E. Garrigan, highest honors; Emily E. Garrity, high honors; Jentri A. Gilbert, high honors; James W. Gookin, high honors; Cameron T. Graham, high honors; Bradley J. Gregg, highest honors; Larry B. Greer, highest honors;

Kailey J. Hagau, honors; Mark C. Hall, honors; Jon T. Hamil, honors; Katie L. Hawks, high honors; Bradley T. Henderson, highest honors; Karyn D. Hill, highest honors; Courtney L. House, high honors; Darrin R. Howard, honors; Andrew S. Keathley, highest honors; Katie M. Keathley, highest honors; Tracy J. King, high honors; Sherri M. Langford, highest honors; Shawn M. Lemons, high honors; Rebekah J. Lewis, high honors; Tiffany R. Logan, honors; Joaquin Lopez, high honors; Carl A. Lowrance, honors; Craig E. Lowrance, high honors; Mallory A. Martin, high honors; Ashley G. Meadows, highest honors; Jonlan P. Miller, honors; Mallory Miller, high honors; Winston R. Minchew, honors; Amber M. Moore, high honors; Kristin R. Moss, high honors; Lydia A. Mudd, honors; Molly J. Nagler, highest honors; Johnathan C. Nolan, honors; Casey L. Norris, honors; Justin R. Owens, high honors; Allison Page, honors; Shelley M. Parsons, highest honors; Ina R. Payne, highest honors; Nicholas A. Piazza, honors; Melissa A. Pollock, high honors; Mark J. Potter, high honors; Matthew G. Raines, high honors; Alexandra N. Rapp, high honors; Jonathan E. Reyna, high honors; Kristy D. Richer, highest honors; Amanda J. Ridley, honors; April M. Ring, honors; Britney J. Roberson, highest honors; Nicholas A. Roberson, honors; John A. Rogers, high honors; Michael G. Ruddy, highest honors; Brennan L. Scott, highest honors; Candice F. Sergerson, honors; Joseph B. Shelton, high honors; Laura M. Silva, high honors; Chelsea L. Smith, high honors; Kristie L. Smith, high honors; Whitney D. Smith, high honors; Terry S. Smyth, honors; Amy E. Sparkman, honors; Andrew J. Speed, high honors; Joseph C. Speed, high honors; Kellie L. Stephenson, high honors; James W. Stewart, high honors; Samantha D. Stoney, honors; Hannah S. Swift, honors; William B. Tanner, high honors; Travis A. Taylor, high honors; Kandace F. Tomlinson, honors; Rachel E. Triplett, honors; Sarah C. Triplett, high honors; Laura E. Vickrey, high honors; Jennifer A. Villa, highest honors; Jamonica A. Walker, high honors; William Philip Wesner, high honors; John-David O. Wheeler, honors; Kyle D. Williams, highest honors; Ben M. Woods, highest honors; Johnathon B. Wright, highest honors; and Sarah E. Wright, highest honors.

KY school districts' program reaches 'PEAK' with award

The Kentucky School Boards Association recently presented officials with the Four Rivers Scholarship Foundation and Fulton Independent, Carlisle County, Fulton County and Hickman County schools the Public Education Achieves in Kentucky (PEAK) Award.

The award presentation was made at the Fulton Independent gymnasium following a demonstration of the districts' winning program.

The PEAK Award was established in 1997 by the KSBA board of directors to bring about greater attention to noteworthy efforts by public schools aimed specifically at enhancing the learning skills of students and to promote the positive impact of public elementary and secondary education in the state.

The Four Rivers Scholarship Foundation began two years ago to provide students in these four school districts with financial assistance, career counseling and ACT preparation to help them become successful adults and to promote economic growth in the region.

Since then, the program has grown and provides career exploration and counseling beginning in middle school, sponsors an annual Christmas book giveaway for students in kindergarten through fourth grade, holds annual career fairs with a local focus and offers dual-credit courses to students to provide a head start on college. In its two years, the program has given away more than 1,000 books, held two annual career fairs and awarded 50 scholarships to students who otherwise might not have been able to overcome financial barriers to continue their education.

Of the 400 juniors and seniors in the four districts, 198 of them are currently taking a total of 970 dual-credit hours, with an annual savings of future post-secondary costs to parents of \$97,000. The dual credits are offered in partnership with Murray (Ky.) State University, West Kentucky Community and Technical College, Mid-Continent College and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Upon KSBA's visit to Fulton Independent, Bill Scott, KSBA executive director said, "In an era of shrinking resources, at both the state and federal level, the Four Rivers Scholarship Program is an example of how a region can forge its own solution to a major challenge."

Delmar Mahan, KSBA president, added, "The Four Rivers Scholarship Program is one of the most stirring presentations I have had the opportunity to be at since I've been president."

"I see it as a benchmark for other school systems to use as a model because it is so inclusive, not only in the number of students, but in their ages, serving students of all ages," said Allen Kennedy, a member of the KSBA board of directors.

Ronnie Holmes, a member of the KSBA board of directors, added, "It was just amazing to see all four school districts come together and do all of that work for their students."

"The program was established to build a highly-qualified workforce in Western Kentucky in order to attract industry," said Robbie Rudolph, a 1973 Fulton Independent graduate involved in the foundation. "Every child can have the opportunity to receive a post-secondary education

and not be denied based on the lack of funding, but can pursue an associate's or bachelor's degree from a university or trade school."

Fulton Independent superintendent Dianne Owen said, "I believe the recognition of KSBA awarding our four small districts the PEAK Award will show our students they are fortunate to be able to be a part of the Four Rivers Scholarship Program and to have Mr. Rudolph, the foundation, the colleges, the businesses and the communities giving them the opportunity to get a jump start on post secondary training. Seeing the excitement for the program build among the students and seeing the result of the program in changed lives is the true 'PEAK' of the program."

Dennis Bledsoe, superintendent at Fulton County, said the program better prepares students for college or careers, while Kenny Wilson, superintendent at Hickman County, said the program assists students through everyone's combined efforts. Keith Shoulders, superintendent at Carlisle County Schools, said the program assists students in developing the career skills required for jobs in Western Kentucky.

Wendell Benningfield, assistant superintendent for Fulton Independent Schools, serves as director of the scholarship foundation.

"We have 50 students on scholarships from the four school districts," Benningfield said. "Each student's progress is tracked to make sure they are successful academically. The goal is to ensure they not only begin a post-secondary program, but remain on track to completion."

Local students named to UTM Dean's List

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UT Martin is a comprehensive public university that maintains an excellent reputation for its high-quality undergraduate programs, its campus and

caring professors.

Those honored include: Casey A. Curlin, Fulton, high honors; Courtney J. Hamrick, Fulton, honors; Taylor A. Jackson, Fulton, honors; Robert E. Lee, Fulton, high honors; James D. Lucy, Fulton, high honors; Anna B. McCoy, Fulton, high honors; Michael E. Pate, Fulton, high honors; Aminda L. Tharp, Fulton, honors; Justin E. Totty, Fulton, honors; David F. Whitesell, Fulton, highest honors.

From South Fulton, students named to the UTM dean's list include: Dustin T. Allen, high honors; Kimberly L. Batts, highest honors; Katherine R. Bivens, highest honors; Ashley N. Curlin, highest honors; Samuel C. Curtis, honors; Tanika L. Dickerson, honors; Dorothy D. Fields, highest honors; Kyle D. Greer, highest honors; Levi E. Griffith, honors; Rebecca M. Grogan, honors; Colton T. Harris, honors; Margaret A. Hickman, honors; Deidira

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Time management seminar set

A seminar planned by the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development and Tennessee Small Business Development Center will help employers and employees make the most of their business time.

The seminar is slated for noon-2 p.m., Jan. 19, in the South Fulton Municipal Complex, Harvey Vick Room. It is offered in partnership with the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$10, and lunch will be provided. Seating is limited.


Registration is required by Jan. 14. Go to www.tsbdc.org or call 731-479-7029 or 731-587-7333.

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**MISS UT MARTIN & MISS
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The deadline to enter the pageant is Jan. 14. Plans are underway for the combined Miss University of Tennessee at Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant to be staged at 7 p.m., Jan. 29, in the Student Life Center at UT Martin. Winners of each crown will gain the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in Jackson this summer. The combined pageant is open to single women, ages 17-24, who are residents of or students in Tennessee. The Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant is open statewide, while the Miss UT Martin event is open only to UT Martin students. The pageant application form is available online at www.utm.edu/missutm. Deadline to register is Jan. 14, and applications from all UT Martin students should be returned to the UT Martin Office of Student Life, 222 Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238. All others should be sent to Hollie Holt, 406 S. Lindell St., Martin, TN 38237. General admission tickets for the Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant will be available at the door for \$15. UT Martin student tickets will be sold for \$10 at the door with proper ID. For more information, contact pageant executive director, Hollie Holt, at 731-514-3556 or by email at hholt@utm.edu.

Civil War in Gibson Co. to be topic



What are the various roles this county played in the War Between the States?

Gibson County in West Tennessee is one of many counties that are home to historic Civil War sites.

Gibson County's role in the Civil War will be discussed for the local Univ. of Tennessee Alumni Chapter Tuesday, January 25 at a dinner event in Trenton starting at 6:30 p.m.

Milan native Brent Cox, a UT Martin graduate of 1994 and currently professor of U.S. History at the Univ. of Tenn. Martin will discuss the Civil War in West Tennessee with an emphasis on Gibson County.

The Dutch treat dinner program will be held at Majestic Steak House, 2050 Highway 45 Bypass in Trenton. People planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Jan. 21.

For more information and reservation forms contact Ken White at 731-885-2305 and 731-414-9584.

CIVIL WAR PROGRAM

Milan native, Brent Cox, a professor of U.S. History at the University of Tenn. Martin, will present a program on the Civil War in West Tennessee and Gibson Co. Jan. 25 in Trenton. The program at the Majestic Steak House begins at 6:30 p.m. and is hosted by the Univ. of Tenn. Alumni Chapter.



