UT-Martin set for start of new year

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UT Martin's Jackson Center office cold weather hours

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MARTIN, TN (KFVS) - The UT Martin Jackson Center's administrative offices at the Jackson State Community College main campus will open at 10 a.m. on Jan. 4 due to cold weather.

That's according to the office of media relations.

Spring semester classes begin Jan. 11 at the UT Martin Jackson Center and at all university locations.
WestStar program opens new session

MARTIN – The University of Tennessee at Martin’s WestStar Leadership Program has welcomed its 2018 class. Class participants will join approximately 800 program alumni as members of the state’s largest and oldest leadership network.

Eight program sessions will take class members across the region to discuss topics of economic importance to the area. Those sessions include:

- Jan. 4-5: “Agriculture and Transportation” in Weakley and Obion counties
- March 6-7: “Public Policy Issues: What is Happening in Tennessee?” in Davidson County
- March 22-23: “Education: Creating Partnerships for Economic Development” in Lauderdale and Dyer counties
- April 12-13: “Energy, Environment and Technology” in Crockett and Gibson counties
- May 17-18: “Building Partnerships for West Tennessee and Tourism” in Henry County
- June 7-8: “Taking Your Community Strengths and Making Them an Asset” in McNairy and Hardin counties.

Dr. Keith Carver, UT Martin chancellor and a 2009 WestStar graduate, will welcome the incoming cohort during the first session. A graduation ceremony will be held June 21 in Jackson to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2018 class.

(For more information on the program, contact Virginia Grimes, coordinator, at 731-881-7298.)

Spring semester begins Monday at UT-Martin

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Local residents receive degrees from UT Martin

Several Cheatham County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement held Dec. 16, 2017, in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were Grace Elizabeth Carleton of Kingston Springs; Katie Lee Nixon of Pegram; and Dewayne Allen Massey and Shelby Lynne Pendarvis, both of Pleasant View.

UTM to host Martin Luther King Jr. celebration

From Staff Reports
Jackson Sun
USA TODAY NETWORK - TENNESSEE

MARTIN — The University of Tennessee at Martin, the city of Martin and the UT Martin Black Student Association will host the sixth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Breakfast beginning at 8:45 a.m., Jan. 15, in the Boling University Center’s Duncan Ballroom. Sharis Diggs-Chandler, of Martin, will serve as keynote speaker.

Chandler currently works in sales and marketing with Southern Printing N Graphics in Dresden and has previously held the positions of branch manager at the Hamilton-Ryker Company’s Martin location, area manager of the Union City location, and business manager at Advanced Orthopedics and Sports Medicine in Union City.

The breakfast is held each year to honor the legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and celebrate local leaders who have given back to the community. UT Martin students Tyra Hawkins, a senior, and Devin Majors, a sophomore, both of Madison, will also address attendees. Hawkins is president and Majors is first vice president of the UT Martin Black Student Association.

Tickets are available for $5 each and can be purchased at Martin City Hall until Jan. 12. No tickets will be sold at the door. The program itself will begin at 9 a.m.

For more information, contact Brad Thompson, director of economic and community development for the city of Martin, at bthompson@cityofmartin.net or call (731) 225-1107.

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2 young men get to meet President Trump at Air Force One

By WSMV-TV

NASHVILLE — On Monday, President Donald Trump makes his second trip to Nashville since taking office.

The President will be speaking at the American Farm Bureau Federation’s 99th annual convention.

Will Gregory, 20, from Cross Plains, and 17-year-old Grant Hitchcock, from McMinnville, will be among those greeting the president when Air Force One lands Monday afternoon.

“I’m definitely going to welcome him to Tennessee, and thank him for his support of Farm Bureau and agricultural education,” said Gregory.

Gregory is currently attending UT Martin, and is majoring in agricultural education. He is a member of Future Farmers of America and is passionate about teaching.

“Educating people about agriculture is our No. 1 job with FFA,” explained Gregory. “We are an agricultural education organization. It’s something that’s very important not just to the industry itself, but to the rest of the world.”

Gregory knows it is not every day you get to meet the president.

“Whether you’re republican, democrat, other party, it doesn’t matter where you fall in the political spectrum, agriculture is important,” Gregory said. “I’m glad Mr. Trump is here to celebrate that fact.”

Grant Hitchcock is currently a senior at Warren County High School.

“I am nervous, but I’m very excited at the same time,” he told News 4.

Hitchcock is the state council president for 4-H, and he encourages others to get involved in the organization.

“There are a lot of opportunities,” said Hitchcock. “I’ve learned a lot about leadership, about citizenship. It’s helped me grow as a public speaker and helped me turn into the person I am today.”

Air Force One will be wheels down at 2:05 p.m. Monday. News 4 will show the arrival of President Donald Trump on-air and on their app.
Maths fan discovers largest known prime number

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (Xinhua) — The world's largest prime number, with 23 million digits, has been discovered by a maths enthusiast from the United States as part of a collaborative prime-number hunting project.

Jonathan Pace, a 51-year-old electrical engineer from Germantown in the southern U.S. state of Tennessee, uncovered the elusive number after running a special software for six full days. Pace is a volunteer for a collaborative computational project called the Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search (GIMPS). Thousands of volunteers armed with "reasonably modern" computers and GIMPS software have joined the project, according to GIMPS website.

The number, known simply as M77232917, is the 50th "Mersenne prime" to be discovered. The number is more than 23 million digits long — 1 million digits more than the previous record holder discovered in January 2016.

The figure is arrived at by calculating two to the power of 77,232,911 and then subtracting one, leaving a massive string of 23,249,425 digits.

The number belongs to a rare group of the so-called Mersenne prime numbers, named after the 17th century French monk Marin Mersenne. Like any prime number, a Mersenne prime is divisible only by itself and one, but is derived by multiplying many twos together and then taking away one. This is Pace's first discovery since he began volunteering for the GIMPS project 14 years ago. He is now eligible for a 3,000-U.S.-dollar award.

Prime numbers have been an interest of mathematicians for more than 2,000 years. The numbers seem to occur sporadically because researchers don't fully understand the pattern they follow, said Chris Caldwell, a professor of mathematics and statistics at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

"In the long run, we hope to use these data to predict how often these occur," he said.

GIMPS has discovered the last 16 Mersenne primes since its founding in 1996.

Local residents receive degrees from UT Martin

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Several Robertson County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement held Dec. 16, 2017, in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were Katlin Nicole Hulsey of Orlinda; Kelsey Alyse May and Josiah T. Roberts of Springfield; and Jamie Nicole Gantt and Arianna Lee Howell of White House.
Fedex Engineer Discovers New Largest Prime Number With 23 Million Digits


Jonathan Pace is a 51-year old electrical engineer and recently made a discovery that was a cause for excitement for all the maths fans around the world. He was part of a collaborative effort throughout the globe to find the largest prime number. He got a belated Christmas gift on 26th December when he discovered that the number $2^{77232917} - 1$ is prime.

The newly discovered prime number is listed as M77232917. It means that the number is one less than a power of two and is known as Mersenne prime, named after a French monk Marin Mersenne, who was an avid student of numbers. The new prime number is 23 million digits long and is one million digits longer than the previous largest prime number.

To give you a better idea of how long the number is, it would be big enough to fill an entire shelf of books with a combined 9,000 pages. If you were to write it down at a rate of five numbers per second at five numbers per inch then it would stretch out for 73 miles and it will take you 54 consecutive days to write the number.

Mathematicians have been interested in prime numbers for three millennia according to Chris Caldwell, a professor of mathematics at the University of Tennessee at Martin. “Finding a prime is not going to change any theorems in mathematics, but this is a type of prime that has been interesting to mathematicians since several centuries before Christ,” Caldwell said in an interview with CNBC.

He noted that the recent Mersenne prime numbers were closer to each other than researchers expected. “So you expect in any process that appears random to have some close groupings of numbers. But we didn’t expect to find another one so soon after the last one,” he said. “In the long run, we hope to use these data to predict how often these occur.”

The hunt for the next largest prime number is already on and according to Iain Bethune, who works at PrimeGrid, a website that taps into computers around the world in order to find all prime numbers.

“There is not a particular concrete thing that you can do with massive primes. Instead, it’s about a quest to find something completely new.”

Pace started searching for prime numbers 14 years ago and just got a hit. Let’s see how long it takes for the next prime number to be discovered.
Parker finds true calling in music education at UTM

Many students begin their college years with a set career field in mind. However, some, like Mason Parker, find their true passion somewhere else along the way.

Parker, a Union City native, began his freshman year studying pre-physical therapy at the University of Tennessee at Martin, with a minor in music. Then, after struggling in some of his courses, he sought advice from his professor during a voice lesson.

"I was talking to my teacher about some things I was struggling with. ... He said, 'OK, your dream job in 10 years, no financial restrictions, what would you be doing?'" recalled Parker. "I told him it would be awesome to be able to conduct a choir and coach football. ... He looked at me and said, 'So, what are you doing, man?' I changed my major soon after that."

Parker, the son of Luke and Kathleen Parker of Union City, is now a junior studying vocal music education and says that change has made all the difference.

"It's just where my passion is, both in teaching and in music," he said.

Parker hopes to one day work with middle or high school-aged students and help them find their creative outlets. He is the son of Luke and Kathleen Parker of Union City.

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Department of Agriculture and Applied Sciences recent graduates
By RACHELMELTON  
Special to the Press

With the New Year beginning, most people are taking this time of year to reflect on the past, and make plans or changes for the future. However, for recent, UTM graduates they are about to enter a new chapter of their life.

The University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences does an excellent job at preparing students to enter the real world. This department does a very good job at putting students in the real world with a background of hands on experience that equips them to be prepared in whatever career they receive.

I got a chance to speak with several recent graduates about what the UTM College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences brought to their college experience, and what they plan to do with their recently received degrees.

The first person I spoke with was Katie Johnson, a recent graduate from the University of Tennessee graduated from UTM this past December with a B.S in Agriculture and a concentration in Veterinary Health Technology. "I applied for jobs right out of school and I found a job placement shortly thereafter at the Animal Emergency ad Specialty Center in Knoxville. I recently took and passed thanks to the amazing Animal Science/Vet Tech/Agriculture professors at UTM for helping give advice and helping the recent graduates pay for a prep class to help us succeed on our licensing exam." Katie did an excellent job at working toward her goal from the moment that she entered UTM. I asked Katie if there were any influential figures or moments that helped shape her time at UTM and to this she replied, "The farm manager, Mike Pierce, and his farm crew were a vital part in helping shape and expand the student's vital part in helping shape and expand the student's learning by getting the student out in the field, even in the thirty-degree weather, and applying what we learned in the classroom to real world situations. Thank you again UTM and staff for making the last four years of my life some of the best! Go SkyHawks!"

The next student I talked to was Kelsey Lumpkin, a Senior Agriculture Education Major at UTM. Kelsey is spending this semester student teaching, and will graduate from UTM in May 2018. "While currently student teaching in the final stretch of my undergraduate degree, I have learned just how thankful I am to be a product of the UTM College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences. While being an Agriculture Education major, I had the opportunity to be enrolled in a variety of courses ranging from animal sciences to plant sciences, and even engineering and business! UTM CAAS did not only offer me a multitude of diverse classes, but also an endless amount of hands-on experiences. Whether I traveled to Orange Mound in Memphis to aid a local farm increase the quality and quantity of fresh food grown in a food desert community or just to the UTM CAAS Farm to successfully handle, vaccinate and process hogs, sheep and cattle, I know that all of these experiences are incredibly helpful for my future endeavors as an educator. Without a doubt, the faculty and staff of UTM College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences not only helped and encouraged me every step of the way, but have fully prepared me for the next step in my future," said Kelsey Lumpkin.

The third student I talked to was Amy Brasfield, she graduated in December with a B.S in Animal Science. "My time at UTM has been some of the most fulfilling times in my life. I worked and studied alongside some amazing and driven fellow students, and was guided and mentored by some great advisors and professors! My educational experience provided by the Department of Agriculture and Applied Sciences is one to brag on. I was provided by countless opportunities to learn in a 'beyond the classroom' manner such as, hands on labs where we really learned the career oriented skills. The Department of Agriculture and Applied Sciences does a lot to make sure that graduates are prepared to enter their work field, and I know that I was better prepared upon my graduation from UTM because of the education and support I received! I am forever in debt to my alma mater for helping me reach and achieve my dream" said Brasfield when asked about her time at UTM. Amy has begun a management trainee position at Tyson Foods in Union City.

The final student I talked with was Greg Berford, an Agricultural Communications major at UTM. I asked Greg if he could tell me exactly what he felt that the college of Agriculture at UTM brought him. To this he replied, "The college of Ag brought me a great education, great faulty and even better memories. The education came from the countless classes where students could apply what was learned in the classroom to real world scenarios and environments. The faculty in the college of Agriculture and Applied Sciences are second to none. The professors are willing to stay late and come in early to help students reach their full potential. And the memories come from the all-night study sessions spent with friends to pass a Dr. Totten's test. Or spending a Monday night giving back to the Martin community by helping with Santa's Vil..."
JOINS TOWN & GOWN ASSOCIATION — Paul Tinkle (center), president and general manager of Thunderbolt Broadcasting, is welcomed as a new member of the UT Martin and City of Martin Town & Gown Association by Martin Mayor Randy Brundige (left) and Andy Wilson, vice chancellor for university advancement. Tinkle is a UT Martin graduate and led WCMT’s observance of the station’s 60th anniversary in the fall. The association connects people and resources in both the university and community to create an improved quality of life. More information about the UT Martin and City of Martin Town & Gown Association is available by calling Jackie Johnson, UT Martin associate director of alumni programs, 881-3612, or Brad Thompson, director of economic and community development for the City of Martin, 587-3126.
Haig's art to be showcased at DPA

By RACHEL MELTON
Special to the Press

From January through June of this year, Martin artist Sarah Haig will be featured at Discovery Park of America as the next exhibit in the museum’s semiannual artist showcase. The exhibition of her work will be featured at an opening reception today at 5:30 p.m. inside the Discovery Center and the work will remain on display through June 2018.

Haig is an associate professor of art at The University of Tennessee at Martin. She received her bachelor of fine arts in graphic design in 2005 and her master of arts in graphic design in 2007 from the State University of New York at Oswego. She completed her MFA in visual studies in 2010 at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. She is currently a research project mentor for two University Scholars at UT Martin and is involved in the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts and the Martin community.

Haig's work featured at Discovery Park is described as a collaboration of human and machine elements. Haig has an interest in technology and new media, and the exhibit will contain 10 pieces of work which combine programming and traditional art.

The majority of the drawn aspects for each piece were created through programmed sensors and the collage elements were carefully cut out with machine-like precision in order for the two to seamlessly combine. The intent of the abstracted pieces is to allow the viewer to determine which is machine and which is human.

The Artist Showcase is an initiative by Discovery Park of America to feature the work of local artists in a series of temporary solo exhibits which last six months each. After an application period, artists are selected by the DPA Art Committee and by the DPA Executive Committee.

Applications will be accepted by Discovery Park for the next Artist Showcase through April 27. Interested applicants may find more information at www.discoveryparkofamerica.com.

LOCAL TALENT — Works by Sarah Haig of Martin, including this piece, will be on display through June at Discovery Park of America.
MLK activities set at UT Martin

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UTM Spring Semesters Begins January 11

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The University of Tennessee at Martin is hosting finalists this month for the role of Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The university says four candidates will participate in open forums to discuss topics of interest to the campus and local community.

Dr. James Brown currently serves as dean of the College of Liberal Arts in Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania. Brown will be on campus on January 22.

Dr. Steven Ralston currently serves as the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Morehead State University. Ralston will be on campus on January 23.

Dr. Philip Cavalier recently served as provost of Lyon College in Arkansas. Cavalier will be on campus January 25.

Dr. Norma Burgess is the founding dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Lipscomb University in Nashville. Burgess will be on campus January 29.

The forums begin at 3:30 in the Watkins Auditorium. The sessions are open to the public. UTM began a national search in Spring 2017.
VISION WITH PURPOSE - Sharis Diggs-Chandler is the keynote speaker for Monday’s annual MLK Jr. Breakfast and Celebration on the campus of UT Martin. Diggs-Chandler said her vision is to inspire others to find their voice and speak their truth.

‘Find your voice and speak your truth’

By SABRINA BATES
The Press

The keynote speaker for this year’s 6th annual MLK Jr. Breakfast hosted by the City of Martin, University of Tennessee at Martin, and UTM Black Student Association has a goal to inspire others to “find their voice.”

“Dr. King left a legacy for all. It’s about the human spirit, living your life to the fullest and service to others. First, we must be forever grateful to God, waking us up each day with another opportunity to make a difference.” Sharis Diggs-Chandler, Martin resident, said. She is a sales representative for Southern Printing of Dresden.

Diggs-Chandler said her family is no stranger to experiencing racial division that has been common in the country for decades. Her great, great, great-grandfather was a slave and it was not uncommon for the slave to take on the slave-owner’s last name.

Her grandfather Jerry C. Diggs was born and raised in Como. Her grandmother, Tommie Lou Gibbs, was born and raised in Gleason. They married and moved to Martin. The couple had three sons - Tommy, Cornelius and John Diggs.

Her grandparents made a living during an era of segregation - while her grandfather spent many days working away from home for the railroad out of Fulton, Ky., her grandmother cleaned houses and sold eggs. During the younger years, she would walk with the boys a few miles to school, every day. After attending the Weakley County Training School, during a time when it was uncommon for families to send their children to college, all three young men attended Lane College in Jackson.

After graduation, her father, Tommy was drafted into the U.S. Army. Upon his return and my mother’s graduation from Lane College, the couple married and moved to Detroit, Mich. They were both educators.

Growing up in Michigan, Diggs-Chandler recalled events such as JFK’s addresses for civil rights and watching MLK’s “I Have a Dream” speech. She remembers the emotions of her parents. She remembers the murder of Medgar Evans, NAACP leader and the assassinations of Pres. John F. Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. Also, while young, she remembers being so close and hearing the noises and shots of the Detroit Race Riots of 1967.

“Our dad kept us in the house for a couple of

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weeks.”

Although that experience was one that preceded the Civil Rights Movement, Diggs-Chandler said her adult move to Tennessee was an enlightening one that showed her that racism still exists, well after Dr. King was shot and desegregation had occurred nearly two decades prior.

“My move to Tennessee can be described as a leap of faith,” she said. Her two-week visit to see her grandmother in Martin turned into an opportunity for her to be a caregiver for her elder family member and a 31-year growth of roots thus far in Weakley County. Her father attended Weakley County Training School in Martin and as part of Weakley County Alumni Association, Diggs-Chandler’s family would make the annual trip to Martin to celebrate Homecoming every August when she was a child.

“I asked God to give me a sign when my grandmother asked me to stay in 1989. I would need a job, so I went to Hamilton-Ryker here in Martin as they were a staffing agency. Instead of hiring me as a temp worker, they offered me a job in the office working for Hamilton-Ryker,” Diggs-Chandler said. She was the first black woman to work for the firm in Weakley County.

From there, Diggs-Chandler’s education in business management has kept her serving in the public sector. She said she had hoped to one day be asked to share her voice at an event such as the MLK Jr. Breakfast and Celebration.

“I don’t want to say I never thought it was possible because you can be and do anything you want to. My dad taught us his legacy is for us to make the world better. We can do that by staying involved, being active and being engaged. We have had great individuals along the way who have done what they did so our future would be better. People such as Dr. King, who was jailed more than 30 times for standing up for our rights. He practiced peace and spoke of non-violence and he risked his life for us to have a better future,” Diggs-Chandler said. She mentioned other great leaders in history who have helped pave the way for those to “find their voice and speak their truth.” From poet Dr. Maya Angelou to judge Thurgood Marshall just to name a few. Diggs-Chandler said it is difficult for her to credit just one role model. “Everybody has a story to tell.”

On a local level, the Miles Chapel Church member remembers the legacy of people such as Col. Bob Smith, who was a historian in Weakley County; and Rev. Harold Conner, who was an influential figure in her father’s life. Diggs-Chandler said she chose Miles Chapel, the “highway church,” because her grandparents, father and uncles grew up in this church.

“My father always said ‘I want you girls to do better than us. The world is yours and waiting,’” she said.

She and her husband Homer, a long-time business owner in Martin, are raising Reid Chandler, a senior at Westview High School. The couple has encouraged their child to excel in academics so that he can “apply everywhere” to determine where his future may take him.

“Am I afraid for him, of course. There are so many serious things going on in the world right now and there have been many changes since my parents were growing up. But I want him to be able to visit the world and not be held back out of fear or limitations,” Diggs-Chandler said.

“This world is an imperfect place full of imperfect people. But I want to encourage others to stand strong in your faith, always pray, give service to others to make our future bigger, better and greater. Find your voice and speak your truth. I have been on this journey and I am still on this journey. Everyone has their own story to tell,” Diggs-Chandler added.

The event is set for 8:45 a.m. Monday at the Duncan Ballroom in the Boling University Center on the UTM Campus. The program will begin at 9 a.m. Tickets are $5 each and can be purchased through Friday at city hall.
College students head back to campus

Having enjoyed a long holiday break, it's time for college students in Benton County and surrounding areas to head back to school for spring semesters at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Bethel University, Union University, and other locales. Best of luck, students, for successful spring term!

University of Tennessee at Martin

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The university will be closed Jan. 15 to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Jan. 17 is the last day to add courses or to drop courses without a record of enrollment.

For a complete list of important spring semester dates, visit utm.edu/registrar and view the spring 2018 calendar. For assistance with late enrollment or registration, contact the UTM Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 731-881-7020 or admitme@utm.edu.

UTM recognized as military-friendly

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University of Tennessee Martin
accepting late registration Jan. 11-17

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MARTIN, Tenn. — People in Martin spent their snow days a variety of ways.

'We've been trying to stay warm,' John Sellers, owner of Martin Coffee House, said.

Sellers was out flying his drone to update the community on road conditions.

"We've been trying to update people that have been stuck in their houses by flying drone footage around and just updating our community," Sellers said.

Students at University of Tennessee at Martin made the most of the winter weather.

"We have been finding cardboard boxes, and pieces of wood and lids to garbage cans, stuff just to sled," Aaron Gunn, a junior at UT Martin, said.

Gunn and his friends spent their snow days outside. Some of them even built an igloo.

"I think the guys that came up with the idea, they were out here all day," Gunn said. "They got finished. I walked over at like 2:00. They didn't get done til like 7."

Gunn says the more delays that happen, the harder it will be to finally get back to school.

"I love this school. But if we do get out again, you know, we'll make the most of it," Gunn said.

We are expecting temperatures near zero again tonight.

Stay with WBBJ online and on the air for the latest on road conditions and closings.
A weekend of winter weather blanked college campus in the Heartland with layers of ice and snow, and caused every school in the region to consider whether or not to cancel classes Tuesday.

While two universities have stayed fully open, two others have had to alter their class schedules, and all four schools focusing on one major priority: the safety of students, faculty and staff.

Academic activities have been called off for the first two days of Spring semester at Murray State University in Kentucky, and at the University of Tennessee-Martin, because the southern part of the region received more snowfall during Monday's storm.

Staff with the communications departments at both schools said that crews have been focusing their clean up efforts near residence halls and food facilities to accommodate for students who live on campus.

Facilities staff at Murray State and UT Martin plan to continue shoveling and laying down salt on other high traffic areas through Wednesday.

Southern Illinois University and Southeast Missouri State both had classes Tuesday, after employees at each location were able to clear the snow and ice off of a majority of the roads, sidewalks and staircases.

The director of facilities management at SEMO, Angela Meyer, said they had 18 crew members working since Friday and that they've used over tons of brine and four to five pallets of bag salt.

"We want to stay in business," Meyer said. "We want the students to be able to get to class, we want people to be able to work and we want them to do it safely."

Meyer added that they're encouraging anyone traveling around campus to be careful and pay attention to their surroundings.

"Use the handrails when you're walking up and down the steps that is very important," she said. "Try not to text and walk, and just be mindful of using areas that are actually clean and not to divert around to any areas that we may have not gotten to."

A senior at SEMO from Piedmont, MO, Ryan Deering, said that he wishes he didn't forget his coat in his car across campus and is recommending other students bundle up.

"The cold temperatures has been a bit annoying," he said. "I'm glad that the sidewalks are clear and most of the stairs, in my home town that is not the case. It got hit pretty hard."

As the sun continues to melt more snow, Meyer said that additional layers of salt will be spread out to prevent black ice from forming.

SIU and SEMO plan to continue their regular operations through the rest of the week.

Classes will still be canceled at Murray State and at the main campus of UT-Martin and all of its outreach centers through Wednesday, January 17.

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Dr. Michael Gibson (center) expanded understanding about global climate change in his presentation on January 10 for the Kiwanis Club of Martin. Dr. Gibson, professor of Geology in the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources at UT Martin, titled his presentation “The Impact of Global Climate Change: A Geologist’s Perspective.” He explained why the phrase “global climate change” is a better description of the current situation than “global warming,” and he most certainly helped Kiwanis members view time and change in much broader terms. Earl Wright (left), Kiwanis program coordinator for January, introduced Dr. Gibson, and Kiwanis president Vickie Hazelwood presented the speaker with a certificate noting that a donation is being made to Project Eliminate in his honor.
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**Provost finalist interviews scheduled**

A search committee from the University of Tennessee at Martin has identified four finalists from a national candidate pool in the search for a new university provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. Each candidate will participate in an open forum session during which members of the campus and area communities can discuss topics of interest.

All open forums will begin at 3:30 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium on the first floor of the Boling University Center. All sessions are open to the public.

The schedule of appearances includes:
- Dr. James Brown, Jan. 22
- Dr. Steven Ralston, Jan. 23
- Dr. Philip Cavalier, Jan. 25
- Dr. Norma Burgess, Jan. 29

Dr. Brown is currently dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania. In this position, he is responsible for supervising more than 150 faculty and staff members, promoting teaching and scholarly activities, and overseeing the university’s Center for Visual and Performing Arts, Center for Community Research and Consulting and Institute for Culture and Society.

Dr. Ralston is the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Morehead State University in Kentucky, where he oversees four academic colleges, several success and development centers, the honors program, college library and other areas relating to the academic success of university students.

Dr. Cavalier most recently served as provost of Lyon College in Arkansas, where he was responsible for working with areas such as curriculum and program development; faculty support and shared governance; student support and persistence initiatives; accreditation; and assessment.

Dr. Burgess is the founding dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Lipscomb University in Nashville. She is also a professor of sociology and family studies. In this position she has helped develop three new graduate programs; establish a student and faculty exchange program with Hong Kong Baptist University; launch an annual Student Scholars Research Symposium; and improve Peer-to-Peer faculty development programs.

UT Martin launched a national search for a new provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs in spring 2017 after Dr. Jerald Ogg, who first accepted the position in 2011, decided to return to the faculty in the UT Martin Department of Communications. Dr. Richard Helgeson, formerly dean of the UT Martin College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, was selected to fill the position for a one-year interim term when the original search ended without a candidate being hired.

The vice chancellor for academic affairs is UT Martin’s chief academic officer. This position articulates a vision for academic affairs, provides leadership for the academic planning process and is responsible for the university’s core academic mission. The university provost directs the institution in the chancellor’s absence.

The search committee, chaired by Dr. Philip Smartt, professor of park management in the UT Martin Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources, includes UT Martin faculty, staff and student representation.

Ashlie Czyz, director of human resources programs and executive recruiter for the UT System, is serving as executive recruiter for this position.
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UTM Fall Honor Roll

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From Benton County, 38 students were named to the UTM Honor Roll for the Fall 2017 semester. Students recognized as having reached Highest Honors include Makenzi Brewer, Bentley Cunningham, and Martha Hurlbert, all of Big Sandy; Dorothy Darnell, Amanda Douglas, Cheyanna Ebben, Breydon Horton, Matthew Melton, Tanaya Phillips, and Raegan Taylor, all of Camden; and Dylan Kelley, Brody Seaton, and Zachary Wofford, all of Eva.

Earning High Honors recognition are Jessie Conrad, of Holladay; Kenneth Gaston, Joseph Jacquot, and Hannah Morgan, all of Big Sandy; Megan Cox, Kyleigh Hollingsworth, Troy Kelly, Bradi Latendresse, Colin Myrick, Delilah Presson, Hannah Prince, and Sarah Ward, all of Camden.

County students having achieved Honors include Britney Baker, Cheyenne Deweese, Sarah Florence, Jay Maiden, Jacob Scott, Luke Spencer, Garrett Todd, and Arthur Wright, all of Camden; and Dylan Furr, Jordan Mitchell, Kaitlyn Page, Justin Pierce, and Casey Wright, all of Holladay.

Students from other areas who asked to be named in The Camden Chronicle include Tiffani Bell (Dickson), Zachariah Thomas (Parsons), and Anna Tramel (Jackson), all with Highest Honors; Haley Baker (Huntingdon), and Haley Mathews (Parsons), both with High Honors; and Cody Fry (Martin), Abigail Holladay (Jackson), and Baylee Pafford (Puryear), all with Honors.

Congratulations to all these students on their hard work and outstanding academic achievements. Best wishes for continued success during the first semester of 2018!
Library Foundation elects Nick Dunagan

The C.E. Weldon Library Foundation recently elected Dr. Nick Dunagan to succeed Lang Unger as President of the organization. The Foundation is currently leading the effort to raise $1.5 million to supplement the City of Martin's funding of the new City of Martin Library project. Tommy Legins was reelected Vice President and Treasurer and Audrey Roberts, Secretary. "We have a great group of Foundation directors and other library and the donors who helped make it possible," Dunagan said. Approximately $450,000 has been raised to date.

Dunagan met with the staff of the Weakley County Press and touted the merits of a new library and why it will benefit the citizens of Martin. "There is no room for books, materials and programs for our children. This the fastest growing classification of users. I firmly believe that the manner in which we provide library resources for our children and teens will define the future of Martin."

Likewise, he shared the following points: (1) The new library will become the front porch of Martin and continue the momentum of a revival of the downtown area. (2) The new library will enhance industrial and business recruitment and attract families that are moving into the area as well as prospective students to UT Martin. (3) The new library will provide the tools to connect our citizens to the world while anticipating future requirements dictated by a changing world. (4) The new study and meeting rooms will serve as a learning community center where citizens can come together to learn, mingle, discuss, meet, read and stay abreast of new technologies.

Dunagan pointed out that the partnership between city government and the private sector is making this project a reality. "The city providing the bricks and mortar for the library that will be the heart of our community. We are asking our donors to help us provide state of the art media, materials and fixtures inside the building. We want our users to have a good working and learning environment that is modern, comfortable, stylish and inviting."

The major gifts phase of the fundraising campaign will continue for about six more months with the general phase to begin this fall. The foundation team is looking forward to successfully completing their fund raising goal.
UT Martin names local students to fall semester Chancellor’s honor roll

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Belvidere – Natalie F. Boyd, High Honors.
Cowan – Vivian N. Hunter, Honors.
Estill Springs – Erik R. Sitz, Honors; Amanda L. Stewart, High Honors.
Winchester – Shuler E. Cornett, Highest Honors.
In addition, Chancellor’s Honor Roll honorees with ties to Franklin County include:

Martin – Courtney P. Jones, Highest Honors.

Summer Weldon of Martin Wins Miss USA Rodeo Title

A Martin cow girl has won Miss Rodeo USA at National Rodeo Title competition in Oklahoma City. Summer Weldon, the 19 year old daughter of Cameron and Beth Weldon, competed with other women from across the U S in the week long competition to earn the honor to represent the International Professional Rodeo Association as their official spokesperson in the United States and Canada.

Contestants were judged on horsemanship, public speaking, personality, appearance and a written exam.

Summer is a UT martin sophomore majoring in cell and molecular biology and competes on the UT Martin Rodeo Team.

She is a Westview High School Graduate and entered the competition as Morgan County Sheriff’s Rodeo Queen.
UTM showcases candidates for new provost
January 22, 2018
WBBJ 7 Eyewitness News Staff.

MARTIN, Tenn.-Four candidates are in the running for University of Tennessee at Martin’s Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Each candidate will participate in an open forum session during which members of the campus and area communities discuss topics of interest. Candidates were chosen from a national pool in the search. One of the finalists is Doctor James Brown, currently the dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania.

“Feedback is being collected at each forum and also with the group meetings and what they would do the search committee is gather this information they will review it and they will place this information to any decision making process that they have,” said Bud Grimes, chief communications officer at UT Martin.

This week WBBJ 7 Eyewitness News will introduce you to the three other candidates.

WestStar Working Women’s Conference celebrates 20 years with upcoming event

The 20th annual Working Women’s Conference, sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program, will be held from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Feb. 9 in the UT Martin Boling University Center’s Duncan Ballroom.

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The conference’s pre-lunch segment includes Chad Davis of Davis Wealth Services in Dyersburg; Dr. Debbie Reynolds of Veterinary Home Healthcare and The Blessed Pet Shop in Martin; Katie Brush Nickey of Pure Barre Studio in Jackson; and a surprise keynote speaker in honor of the conference’s anniversary.

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For more information or assistance registering, contact Ms. Jones at (731) 881-3298.
MARTIN, Tenn. — Rachel A. Noffsinger, of Anna, has been named to the chancellor’s honor roll at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the fall 2017 semester.

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UT Martin Names Local Students To Fall Semester Chancellor’s Honor Roll

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* Oakland-Ladarius Grandberry, Honors; Jacob W. Handy, Highest Honors; Dillan L. Meggo, High Honors; Britney N. Morrow, High Honors; Robert D. Robison, Honors.

* Samerville-Danielle M. Ables, Honors; Ragan A. Avant, Highest Honors; Tristen H. Avent, Highest Honors; DeAundra M. Boyd, Honors; Elizabeth F. Burns, High Honors; Grant H. Cacy, Highest Honors; Cody L. Glover, Honors; Jacob Greene, High Honors; Willie J. McNeal, Honors; Luke N. Switzer, Highest Honors; Aaron J. Waren, Highest Honors; Zachary D. Woods, Honors.

In addition, Chancellor’s Honor Roll honorees with ties to Fayette County include:

* Arlington-Connor R. Henson, Highest Honors.
* Eads-Bennett A. Wimberly, Highest Honors.

* Whiteville-Hannah J. Tapp, Highest Honors; Kimberly A. Thomley, High Honors.

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The honorees from Obion County, or with ties to the county, include:
- Hornback – Claudia A. Cheatham, honors; Jordan L. Copeland, honors; Brianna M. Hinton, honors; Jessica D. LaMastus, high honors; Axl D. Powers, high honors; and Leah A. Simons, highest honors.
- Kenon – Savanna C. Brown, high honors; Cole E. Davis, highest honors; Taylor L. Gansert, highest honors; Cody G. Little, high honors; Andrea L. Penn, high honors; Lacey M. Petry, high honors; and Morgan L. Whitt, highest honors.
- Obion – Kaylee M. Burnett, honors; Kiernan S. Coursey, highest honors; Amber L. Cunningham, highest honors; Carigan L. Grimes, honors; Natalie T. McCulloch, highest honors; Ericka L. Reeves, high honors; Timothy S. Runions, highest honors; and Bethany L. Walsh, honors.
- Rives – Dylan M. Armstrong, honors; Elizabeth E. Blackburn, high honors; Ethan W. Ellison, high honors; Marissa H. Howard, high honors; Brad N. Lyell, highest honors; Taylor B. Morrow, highest honors; Shelly N. Pate, honors; and William S. Sisco, high honors.
- Samburg – Autumn J. Hoffman, honors; and Dylan L. Riddle, highest honors.
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"Through being both a competitive rodeo contestant and an avid fan of rodeo, I have honed the skills required to become an ambassador for the sport that I love," wrote Miss Weldon in her competition biography. "Miss Rodeo USA is the voice of (the International Professional Rodeo Association), and to become that voice has been my dream for many years."

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**Gleason** – Emily M. Bell, High Honors; Elizabeth S. Francisco, Highest Honors; Carly D. Greer, High Honors; Daniel I. Grissom, Honors; Michael W. Hicks, High Honors; Heidi E. James, highest Honors; Dalis J. Lampkins, Highest Honors; Erica N. Little, Honors; Amanda S. Mansfield, Highest Honors; William J. Mansfield, Honors; Christopher W. Mayo, High Honors; Claire E. Oliver, Highest Honors; Avery S. Orr, High Honors; Wilson D. Ross, Honors; Carson A. Stafford, Honors; Spencer C. Stewart, High Honors.

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**Martin** – Christopher T. Ables, High Honors; Joseph A. Aguilar, High Honors; Megan N. Aiosa, Highest Honors; Parker E. Albright, Highest Honors; Chrysele J. Alexander, Highest Honors; Beth A. Allison, highest Honors; Teri B. Allred, Honors; Ivan Alvarado, Highest Honors; Jessica L. Alvarez, High Honors; Shakela C. Atkins, Highest Honors; Reagan W. Barnhart, Highest Honors; Sarah E. Barnhart, Highest Honors; Anna D. Barnes, High Honors; Angela O. Barr, Highest Honors; Christopher C. Bass, Honors; Ryan T. Bearden, Honors; Chandler N. Beasley, Highest Honors; Ellen L. Bell, High Honors; Lakyn M. Bell, High Honors; Lewis T. Bell, Honors; Samuel J. Bell, Highest Honors; Barrett J. Belote, High Honors; Hayli M. Benefield, Highest Honors; Ali E. Beverly, Honors; Aalia S. Bivens, Highest Honors; Avery N. Blanchard, Highest Honors; Tyler A. Bolton, Highest Honors; Brandon L. Bookout, Highest Honors; Kalena R. Borman, Highest Honors; Isabella D. Braddock, Honors; Dylan S. Bradley, Highest Honors; Guy E. Brawley, Highest Honors; Richard C. Brawley, Highest Honors; Bailey L. Brown, Highest Honors; Brandyn H. Brown, High Honors; Starla D. Brown, High Honors; Emma R. Bruner, Highest Honors; Sarah E. Buckley, Highest Honors; Jesse Burks, Highest Honors; Hallie B. Butler, Highest Honors; Caitlin J. Byars, Highest Honors; Kaleb P. Byars, Highest Honors; Drew S. Cagle, High Honors; Cassandra J. Cain, High Honors; Micah V. Capps, Honors; Katherine N. Capua, Highest Honors; John A. Carr, Highest Honors; Stephanie V. Carter, High Honors; Matthew K. Castleman, Highest Honors; Tierra S. Chappell, Highest Honors; Julie L. Cherry, Honors; Samantha I. Clayton, Highest Honors; Forrest N. Coleman, Honors; Seth L. Coleman, Highest Honors; Nicholas B. Cottingham, Highest Honors; Gregory S. Coward, Honors; Denver C. Crittenden, Honors; Alexandria K. Crosser, Honors; Candace M. Crumbly, Highest Honors; Christa L. Cuellar, Honors; McKayla M. Cunningham, Honors; Morgan E. Curlin, Highest Honors; Melissa E. Curtis, High Honors; George E. Daniel, High Honors; Reed C. Daniels, Highest Honors; Melanie L. Davis, Honors; Craig M. Dawson, Honors; Cody L. Diebold, Highest Honors; Stephen L. Downing, Highest Honors; Karlie P. Doyle, Honors; Billy W. Duck, Honors; Elyssa L. Duke, Highest Honors; Savanna G. Duncan.
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Those in Fulton were Sara A. Caldwell, Highest Honors; Caroline A. Jones, High Honors; and Melissa A. Mora, Highest Honors.

Drew W. Love, of Hickman, made the Chancellor’s Honor Roll with Highest Honors.

Those in Clinton were Matthew R. Morgan, Honors; and Caroline G. Webb, Honors.

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Third of fourth provost candidate interviewed at UT Martin

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MARTIN, Tenn.—The third of four candidates in the running for University of Tennessee at Martin's new university provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs was interviewed Thursday evening.

Each candidate will participate in an open forum session during which members of the campus and area communities can discuss topics of interest. Thursday's finalist was Doctor Philip Cavalier. He recently served as a provost for Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas.

"I think knowing how the institution holds together and having worked and trying to coordinate all those pieces of the institution is a great benefit, for a provost that is walking into the school i just described," said Doctor Cavalier.

The fourth and final candidate will be interviewed next Monday at UT Martin.

THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY ENTERPRISE

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UTM HONOR ROLL

Local students named to the chancellor's honor roll for the fall semester at the University of Tennessee at Martin include highest honors, Robert C. Lacy and Erin N. Young, both of Henning; and Caitlyn D. Gitchell, Anjalee S. Patel, Sonam S. Patel, Marygrace T. Ray, Ashton M. Tatum, Tammy M. Umbra, and Sheila C. Whitehorn, all of Ripley.

Students with high honors include Hunter L. Haislip and Chad A. Lewis, both of Gates; James L. Crews, Ellary J. Gillon, Zachary Harris, and Leah B. Jacobs, all of Halls; and Terrie L. Bishop, Courtney R. Johnson, Dashanna N. Johnson, Allison P. Webb, and Tammi T. Winbush, all of Ripley.

Students with honors include Jessica L. Sorrell, of Gates; Kaitlee E. Anderson, Trevor R. Belton, and Cameron C. Moore, of Halls; Jacob C. Winters, of Henning; Jessica L. Conrad, Victoria E. Dean, Anetta M. Hall, Erica L. Hicks, Bethany N. McCaslin, and Rachel E. Medford, all of Ripley.

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Locals named to the honor roll were: Colton Dowell, high honors; Amber Graves, honors; Marcie O’Neal, high honors; Kailey Orrand-Hill, highest honors; Kristen Rice, high honors; and Daniel Smith, highest honors, all of Lebanon; Joseph Baltz, highest honors; Loren Campbell, highest honors; Aaron Gunn, honors; Matthew Gunn, highest honors; Tyler Hayzlett, high honors; Brian Mitchell, honors; Hunter Palmer, highest honors; Kevin Robertson, highest honors; Savannah Stanley, honors; and Erin Walsh, highest honors, all of Mt. Juliet.

In addition, chancellor’s role honorees with ties to Wilson County include: Michael Singer, high honors, and William Singer, highest honors, both of Hermitage; Shelby Jacobs-Johnson, honors, and Ashley Shores, high honors, both of Martin; and Kendall Spray, high honors, of Nashville.
Weakley County students honored at UTM

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- Little, honors; Amanda S. Mansfield, highest honors; William J. Mansfield, honors; Christopher W. Mayo, highest honors; Claire E. Oliver, highest honors; Avery S. Orr, high honors; Wilson D. Ross, honors; Spencer C. Stewart, high honors.
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In addition, Chancellor's Honor Roll honorees with ties to Wayne County include: Jennifer M. McGehee, High Honors of Dresden.

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Three Wilson County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement on Dec. 16 in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus: Miranda M. Carlton and Robbie Denise Farmer, both of Lebanon, and Kaitlin Chea Harris, of Mt. Juliet. Carlton and Farmer received undergraduate degrees; Harris received a graduate degree.
Honor Band Festival arrives at UT Martin

Seventeen band students from five Henry County schools will be participating in the 39th annual Honor Band Festival at the University of Tennessee at Martin this weekend. They will be part of more than 350 students on the UTM campus for two days of learning and performing that began Thursday.

There will be a montage concert for students part of ensembles at 7:30 p.m. tonight. It will be immediately followed by a percussion studio jam session.

All of the students that are part of the festival will present a concert at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Fulton Theater in the Fine Arts Building. The concert is free and open to the public.

Claire Burns and Mireille Loftquist will be attending the festival from Grove School along with Jake Davis from Henry.

At the festival from Harrelson School will be Landen Dougherty and Thomas Holcomb.

There will be six students each from Lakewood Middle School and Henry County High School.

Lakewood students attending are Susan Chau, Victoria Fletcher, Abby Reed, Taylor Boase, Samantha Wynn and Jack Kibbler.

Henry County High School attendees are Michael Bertouille, Abigail Littrell, Aaron MacDonald, Garrett McKinney, Emma Walters and Luke Weatherly.

Both the montage concert and honor band concert will be live streamed through the Department of Music's Facebook page called "UTM Music."

UTM hosting Cups for the Cure

The second-annual Cups for the Cure event, hosted by the UT Martin, will take place from 2-4 p.m., Feb. 3, at the UT Martin Wesley Foundation building on Lovelace Avenue.

David McBeth, UT Martin professor of art, and his students will be selling handmade ceramic cups and mugs for a $15 donation. One hundred percent of funds raised will be split between the Anna Kate Wenz FIGHT Foundation and the Joliet Oncology-Hematology Center.

McBeth created Cups for the Cure in 2017 to support cancer patients and their families. McBeth's mother was diagnosed with cancer on Feb. 4, 2014, and passed away 21 days later. She received financial assistance from Joliet Oncology-Hematology Associates, a foundation at the cancer center where she was receiving treatment.

The event is open to the public, and a variety of hot beverages and desserts will be available. McBeth will also be present to give demonstrations of the pottery process.

For more information, contact McBeth at 731-881-7416.

Phi Kappa Phi lecture scheduled for UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Phi Kappa Phi Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture will be held at 7 p.m., Feb. 6, in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center.

Dr. Jeffrey Longacre, UT Martin associate professor of English, will present a lecture titled, "It's Still Alive! – Frankensteins' at 200" in honor of the bicentennial of the novel's original publication. Longacre completed undergraduate work at Texas State University and earned his doctoral degree in English from the University of Tulsa. He specializes in 19th and 20th century British and Irish Literature.

Longacre has served as project manager of the "Modernist Journals Project" – an online, fully searchable, digital archive of modernist periodicals; and as book review editor of the "James Joyce Quarterly."

He also currently serves as an assistant director of the UT Martin Honors Program. In addition to work on William Blake and James Joyce specifically, his scholarly and teaching interests include modernism, Irish literature, romanticism and film studies. Recent scholarship includes work on authors Alfred Hitchcock and Edna O'Brien.

Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 127 was founded at UT Martin in 1971 and honors students, faculty and staff who have reached high levels of academic success. Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective collegiate honors society for all academic disciplines.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Ann Gathers, chapter president-elect, at agathers@utm.edu.
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Among those honored were Chester County residents. They include: from Enville – Mercedes D. Tomlin, Highest Honors, and from Henderson – Georgia T. Clayton, Highest Honors; Madelyn A. Collins, High Honors; Taylor J. Harrison, Honors; Bethany M. Huggins, High Honors; Brandon D. Jones, High Honors; Caitlin E. Jones, High Honors; Hunter E. Knight, Highest Honors; Aden Matthews, High Honors; Christopher A. Ray, Honors; Madison T. Reed, High Honors; Abigail H. Rninger, Highest Honors; Jerry S. Rowland, High Honors; Chad W. Sellers, Highest Honors; Kendyl D. Smith, Highest Honors; and Angela E. Wilson, Honors.

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Fourth and final candidate for UTM provost interviewed

January 29, 2018 by WBBJ 7 Eyewitness News Staff

MARTIN, Tenn.—The fourth and final candidate being considered for the University of Tennessee at Martin’s new university provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs was introduced Monday evening.

During the meet and greet, each candidate participated in an open forum session during which members of the campus and area communities can discuss topics of interest.

The audience heard from Doctor Norma J. Burgess who is a U-T Martin alum from Haywood County, she currently works at Lipscomb University as a dean of liberal arts and sciences.

School leaders will now decide on each of the four candidates interviewed. A decision will be made soon.

UT Martin names Maus to honor roll

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Racing to the top

UT Martin’s Summer Weldon crowned Miss Rodeo USA

By LINDA THURSTON Press Editor

It took over 40 years, but the title of rodeo queen has returned home to Tennessee.

Summer Weldon has been named Miss Rodeo USA for 2018.

The sophomore at the University of Tennessee at Martin has attained her 15th rodeo title since earning her first one in kindergarten.

When she was in fifth grade, Weldon says, her aunt put her on a barrel racing horse.

“That’s when I fell in love with fast horses,” Weldon admits.

Her mother had grown up on a dairy farm and always wanted to make the rodeo circuit, Weldon said, but couldn’t afford it. By the time Weldon was born and her mother had become a physical therapist, her parents were ready to launch her rodeo career, and she’s been riding ever since.

In order to compete for Miss Rodeo, contestants must mount a horse they’ve never ridden before and perform a complicated routine.

“That’s what makes it so stressful,” Weldon says. “Every horse cues differently, and you just have to figure it out as you go.”

Although horsemanship is 30 percent of the scoring total, it takes much more to become a queen.

Other portions of the contest include public speaking, personality and appearance.

Weldon has plenty of experience with public speaking, starting with 4-H and later moving on to FFA. She has a strong personality and will do well as an ambassador for the sport.

Weldon will take a year off from her college studies because of all the travel required of Miss Rodeo. She already has plans to visit Oklahoma, California and South Carolina. She hopes to tour in Canada and possibly even in Australia. Miss Rodeo is in high demand for visits not only to rodeo and market events, but also at schools, hospitals and nursing homes, as well as appearances on radio and television.

“Ten minutes after my coronation I got my first booking,” Weldon laughs.

Summer is the daughter of Cameron and Beth Weldon of Martin and the granddaughter of Janie Weldon of Martin and the late Cary Weldon and Raymond and Juanita Easterwood of Troy.

She is majoring in health and human performance, with plans to obtain a dual degree in physical and occupational therapy. She also competes in barrel racing with the UT Martin rodeo team.

“Miss Rodeo USA is the voice of (the International Professional Rodeo Association), and to become that voice has been my dream for many years,” Weldon said.

“Summer is a bright and articulate individual who will be an outstanding national representative for rodeo, UT Martin and the state of Tennessee,” said Dr. Keith Carver, UT Martin chancellor. “The university’s rodeo team is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2018, and Summer’s accomplishment is an important highlight for our storied rodeo program.”

Weldon’s selection has given Martin and the University of Tennessee at Martin a new award to be proud of.
Summer Weldon in action —
(clockwise from top) riding her horse Baby Girl at the IPRA rodeo in Lexington; posing as Miss Rodeo USA; carrying the state flag with pride in the rodeo in Ardmore, Tenn.; and aboard Rage, her barrel racer, in Lexington.
EDWARDS RECOGNIZED — Beth Edwards, of Martin, received a Colonel Aide de Camp recognition from Governor Bill Haslam in December. Edwards has been with the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies for 17 years. She is currently a Coordinator II of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program. She holds both an Interdisciplinary Studies Degree and a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Tennessee at Martin.
International students are recognized for UTM Honor Roll

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Eastergate, United Kingdom - Jemima Potter, high honors.
London, Canada - Amelia R. Campbell, highest honors.

Martin — Abdulaziz M. Alanazi, honors; Nofa Alanazi, high honors; Hassan Y. Albash, honors; Aiat Alhajhooj, high honors; Mohammed Alhalal, Martin, high honors; Mouied Alhalal, honors; Toqa Alhasawi, honors; Manal Alruwaili, honors; Mohammad Alsaihat, high honors; Wardah Alshaikhhusain, high honors; Saleh Alsharif, honors; Haidar A. Alshawaikhath, honors; Mohammad Alshawi, honors; Ahmed Alsulayyim, honors; Mazen Alsuleman, honors; Shreyakumari Chaudhari, high honors; Danae Kaldaridou, highest honors; Sara Ketis, highest honors; Edwin Kurgat, honors; Kelly Lean, high honors; Junxiang Liu, honors; Amy McGivern, high honors; Andrea Plantada, highest honors; Divya Rajan, highest honors; Jule Streif, high honors; Yi Yang, honors; Yuxin Zhang, high honors; Yu Zhou, honors.

Orenburg, Russia — Elin Geut, high honors.

Tokyo, Japan — Mizuki Sakurai, highest honors.

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Among the participants is Brianna Rinker, a senior from South Fulton.

Miss Rinker, the daughter of John and Linda Rinker of South Fulton, said the opportunity she has been given by UT Martin is "a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

"Coming from a small town, I never imagined one day I would get to live out my dream of attending the Super Bowl," she told The Messenger. "I've worked with the football team at UT Martin since my freshman year, so I've revolved my life around this game for many years. It's always been my passion. I'm excited about this experience and I'm sure I will carry the memories with me for years to come. I'm more grateful than words can express for this opportunity."

In addition to Miss Rinker, the UT Martin student group includes Austin Barber, a sophomore from Bradfordsville; Leah Barnett, a junior from Parsons; Alyson Brown, a senior from Pinson; Leighton Chappell, a sophomore from Flushing, Mich.; and Sara Taylor, a senior from Jackson.

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UT Martin names local students to fall semester Chancellor’s Honor Roll

MARTIN, Tenn. — The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2017 Chancellor’s Honor Rolls for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for Chancellor’s Honor Roll 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 Chancellor’s Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Local students named to the Honor Roll include:

• Andrew J. Alexander, Highest Honors, Adamsville
• Raleigh E. Alexander, Highest Honors, Adamsville
• Colby R. Anderson, Highest Honors, Adamsville
• Tamatha D. Bobo, Highest Honors, Adamsville
• Benjamin C. Chrestman, Highest Honors, Adamsville
• Darby R. Congiardo, Highest Honors, Adamsville
• Tannor M. Franks, Highest Honors, Adamsville
• Taylor B. Freeman, Honors, Adamsville
• Kortney C. Pye, Highest Honors, Adamsville
• Caroline H. Gray, High Honors, Adamsville
• Mitchell W. Howie, High Honors, Adamsville
• Tracy Johnson, High Honors, Adamsville
• Stephanie L. McCasland, High Honors, Adamsville
• David A. Petersen, Highest Honors, Adamsville
• Cassie D. Phillips, Highest Honors, Adamsville
• Bobby D. Plunk, High Honors, Adamsville
• David S. Prince, Highest Honors, Adamsville
• Cassidy A. Ruth, High Honors, Adamsville
• D.J. Sheets, Highest Honors, Adamsville
• Nathan H. White, Honors, Adamsville
• William A. White, Honors, Adamsville
• Kaitlyn B. Boggs, Highest Honors, Bethel Springs
• Holley D. Harstine, High Honors, Bethel Springs
• Hannah M. Kiestler, Honors, Bethel Springs
• Jennifer S. Naillon, High Honors, Bethel Springs
• Kaila C. Wagoner, Honors, Bethel Springs
• Lauren G. Wiggins, High Honors, Bethel Springs
• Mckenzie K. Mathenia, Highest Honors, Finger
• Justin R. Lewis, High Honors, Guys
• Michie – Elizabeth M. Mitchell, Highest Honors, Michie
• Anecia A. Price, High Honors, Michie
• Jacob A. Qualls, Honors, Michie
• Mildred A. Strickland, Highest Honors, Michie
• Garrett W. Vanderford, Honors, Michie
• Rebekah Lowrie, High Honors, Pocahontas
• Olivia C. Harris, Highest Honors, Ramer
• Caitlyn M. King, High Honors, Ramer
• Meagan B. Martin, Honors, Ramer
• Allie K. Ray, Honors, Ramer
• Lauren E. Rhodes, High Honors, Ramer
• Patti D. Sauter, Highest Honors, Ramer
• Dawn M. Ward, Honors, Ramer
• Nicklaus P. Wolfe, Honors, Ramer
• Selmer – Cassidy L. Ashe, High Honors, Selmer
• Makayla J. Christie, Highest Honors, Selmer
• Chad A. Edwards, Honors, Selmer
• Georgia E. Emmons, Highest Honors, Selmer
• Mary L. Emmons, Highest Honors, Selmer
• Emma E. Foret, High Honors, Selmer
• Justin C. Fortune, Highest Honors, Selmer
• Madilyn R. Hammock, Highest Honors, Selmer
• William J. Huff, Honors, Selmer
• Jennifer L. Huggins, Highest Honors, Selmer
• Rachel E. Johnson, Highest Honors, Selmer
• Keenan P. Lambert, High Honors, Selmer
• Will R. Latham, Honors, Selmer
• Bailie C. Littlejohn, Honors, Selmer
• Trinity E. McDaniel, High Honors, Selmer
• Darby B. McDuffy, High Honors, Selmer
• Lincoln R. Mitchell, Honors, Selmer
• Olivia K. Mitchell, High Honors, Selmer
• Ansley M. Moore, Highest Honors, Selmer
• Hannah J. Robinson, High Honors, Selmer
• Jimmy O. Serad, High Honors, Selmer
• Cassidy B. Shambeau, Highest Honors, Selmer
• Rachel D. Smith, Honors, Selmer
• Ty C. Smith, High Honors, Selmer
• Anthony M. Whitaker, Highest Honors, Selmer
• Emily C. Whittemore, Highest Honors, Selmer.
• Grayson T. Chandler, Honors, Stantonville
• Luke D. Glover, Highest Honors, Stantonville
• Macey L. Johnson, High Honors, Stantonville

In addition, Chancellor’s Honor Roll honorees with ties to McNairy County include:

• Abigail H. Riner, Highest Honors, Henderson
• Cayla C. Infield, High Honors, Martin
• Zachary R. King, Honors, Martin
• Charles B. Stevens, High Honors, Martin
• Rebecca L. Bodiford, Highest Honors, Pocahontas

UT Martin is a comprehensive public university that maintains an excellent reputation for its high-quality undergraduate programs, its beautiful campus and caring professors.
SF native to work at 2018 Super Bowl

A dozen students from the University of Tennessee at Martin will work behind-the-scenes during Super Bowl LII, Feb. 4, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The group, led by Dr. Dexter Davis, associate professor of sport business at UT Martin, is the fifth and largest UT Martin cohort to receive first-hand, real-world experience at one of the largest sporting events in the world.

Previous years have seen a maximum of nine students participate in the experience, but additional students are attending this year at the request of the National Football League. "The NFL has asked us to bring (12 students) because they like what our students do and how they do it," said Davis. "I think that shows the growth of this program."

This is Davis' 13th Super Bowl, where he works with On Location Experiences, the NFL's official hospitality company, to coordinate player appearances during and after the game. UT Martin students will assist Davis by providing hospitality services to visiting players and escorting players between event venues. Students will also assist with post-game activities, including an on-field experience for VIP NFL guests.

Students participating in the trip are Austin Barber, a sophomore from Bradford; Leah Barnett, a junior from Parsons; Alyson Brown, a senior from Pinson; Houston Downey, a senior from Pegram; Kathryn Reece, a junior from Louisburg, Kan.; Brianna Rinker, a senior from South Fulton; and Sara Taylor, a senior from Jackson.

For information on the trip or the UT Martin sport business program, housed in the College of Business and Global Affairs, contact Davis at ddavis78@utm.edu.
Free tickets required; available for download

**Dr. Temple Grandin to speak as part of lecture series at UTM**

Dr. Temple Grandin, an internationally-known animal behaviorist and autism advocate, will speak at the University of Tennessee at Martin at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse, located adjacent to the university’s Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

Her presentation, sponsored by the Ed and Llew Jones Distinguished Lecture Series, is titled “Developing Individuals Who Have Different Kinds of Minds.”

Tickets for this event are available free of charge and must be digitally reserved and downloaded through Eventbrite.com by searching “Temple Grandin.” When claiming tickets, ensure you have selected the Feb. 13 event in Martin, as several others are also listed.

The fieldhouse doors will open at 6 p.m. and all tickets will be scanned upon entry.

Dr. Grandin is currently a professor of animal science at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. Her specialties include the behavior and handling of cattle and pigs; the design of livestock handling facilities and restraint systems; and the study of animal welfare in the meat industry.

Diagnosed with autism in the 1950s, Dr. Grandin is a top spokesman for the autistic community in addition to her work in the animal science field.

She is the author of several books in both subject areas, and her life story was the subject of the HBO film “Temple Grandin,” starring Claire Danes.

Dr. Grandin has appeared on numerous television shows, including “20/20,” “48 Hours,” “60 Minutes,” “The Today Show” and “Larry King Live,” and has been featured in publications such as People magazine, the New York Times, Forbes, U.S. News & World Report, Time magazine and Discover magazine, among others. In 2010, Time magazine named her one of the 100 most influential people in the “heroes” category.

She will also speak with students in both agriculture and behavioral science classes during her campus visit.

The Ed and Llew Jones Distinguished Lecture Series was recently reinstated by Meg Kinnard Hardee, the only granddaughter of former Congressman Ed Jones, and her husband, Geoffrey Hardee, in honor of Mrs. Hardee’s grandparents.

For more information on Dr. Grandin’s appearance or for assistance downloading tickets, contact Dr. Emalee Buttrey, assistant professor of animal science, at (731) 881-7255 or ebuttrey@utm.edu; or Sara Rachels at the Paul Meek Library at (731) 881-7083 or srachell1@utm.edu.
DYER HONORED — Johnny Dyer (right) of Union City, veterans services coordinator for the University of Tennessee at Martin, recently received a Tennessee Army National Guard Partnership Award, presented by Lt. Col. Steven Turner. This honor is given to a limited number of individuals each year who dedicate themselves to helping the current and future soldiers of the Tennessee National Guard. Dyer was recognized for his work to help soldiers achieve their educational goals through UT Martin. He has also played a vital role in National Guard recruiting and retention efforts by setting up recruiting events, helping soldiers with educational benefits and facilitating on-campus recruiting offices.

UT Martin to host town hall meeting

The University of Tennessee at Martin will host a town hall meeting at 4 p.m. Feb. 8 in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center.

The public is invited to hear an update on important university events and information and to ask questions about the university.

The town hall is the result of an act passed by the Tennessee General Assembly establishing a community relations outreach program designed to maintain a consistent and healthy relationship between universities and the communities they serve.

Dr. Keith Carver, UT Martin chancellor, will provide an opening update followed by questions from the audience. Questions can also be emailed to townhall@utm.edu prior to the event. Administrators from campus offices and academic areas will be on hand to answer questions.

A live webcast of the meeting will be available online at utm.edu/townhall for those unable to attend.
Cups for the Cure benefit planned

The second annual Cups for the Cure event, hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin, will take place from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the UT Martin Wesley Foundation building on Lovelace Avenue.

David McBeth, UT Martin professor of art, and his students will be selling handmade ceramic cups and mugs for a $15 donation. One hundred percent of funds raised will be split between the Anna Kate Wenz FIGHT Foundation and the Joliet Oncology-Hematology Center.

McBeth created Cups for the Cure in 2017 to support cancer patients and their families. His mother was diagnosed with cancer Feb. 4, 2014, and passed away 21 days later. She received financial assistance from Joliet Oncology-Hematology Associates, a foundation at the cancer center where she was receiving treatment.

Saturday’s event is open to the public, and a variety of hot beverages and desserts will be available. McBeth will also be present to give demonstrations of the pottery process.

For more information, contact McBeth at (731) 881-7416.

‘Frankenstein’ lecture slated at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Phi Kappa Phi Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center.

Dr. Jeffrey Longacre, UT Martin associate professor of English, will present a lecture titled “It’s Still Alive! — ‘Frankenstein’ at 200” in honor of the bicentennial of the novel’s original publication.

Longacre completed undergraduate work at Texas State University and earned his doctoral degree in English from the University of Tulsa. He specializes in 19th and 20th century British and Irish literature.

Longacre has served as project manager of the “Modernist Journals Project,” an online, fully searchable, digital archive of modernist periodicals; and as book review editor of the “James Joyce Quarterly.”

He also serves as an assistant director of the UT Martin Honors Program. In addition to work on William Blake and James Joyce specifically, his scholarly and teaching interests include modernism, Irish literature, romanticism and film studies. Recent scholarship includes work on authors Alfred Hitchcock and Edna O’Brien.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Ann Gathers, chapter president-elect, by email at agathers@utm.edu.
Working Women's Conference Set

The 20th-annual Working Women's Conference, sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program, will be held from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Feb. 9, in the UT Martin Boling University Center's Duncan Ballroom.

This year's event centers on the theme of celebrating life to mark two decades of inspiring and empowering working women. Registration is $40 per person and includes both breakfast and lunch.

The conference's pre-lunch segment includes Chad Davis, of Davis Wealth Services in Dyerburg; Dr. Debbie Reynolds, of Veterinary Home Healthcare and The Blessed Pet Shop in Martin; Katie Brush Nickey, of Pure Barre Studio in Jackson; and a surprise keynote speaker in honor of the conference's anniversary.

Caty Davis, Miss Tennessee 2017, will discuss drug addiction and leadership skills at 11 a.m. Davis' platform for the Miss Tennessee and Miss America scholarship pageants was "Attacking Addiction: Prevention, Recovery and Restoring Families." She is a Knoxville native and graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Following lunch, attendees will hear from Donna Gaines, of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis; Dr. Robbie Melton, with Tennessee Technological University; and Drs. Teresa Collard and Lisa LeBleu, UT Martin faculty members.

To register, send your name, business name, address, city and email to Jordan Jones, WestStar administrative assistant, at jones239@utm.edu by Feb. 6. Information can also be sent via postal mail to UT Martin WestStar, 321 Hall-Moody Administration Building, Martin, TN, 38238. A registration form can also be accessed online by visiting utm.edu/weststar and clicking the "conferences & events" tab.

For more information or assistance registering, contact Jones at 731-881-3298.

Dyer Recognized With Partnership Award

Johnny Dyer, a Union City resident and veterans services coordinator for the University of Tennessee at Martin, recently received a Tennessee Army National Guard Partnership Award. This honor is given to a limited number of individuals each year who dedicate themselves to helping the current and future soldiers of the Tennessee National Guard. Dyer was recognized for his work to help soldiers achieve their educational goals through UT Martin. He has also played a vital role in National Guard recruiting and retention efforts by setting up recruiting events, helping soldiers with educational benefits and facilitating on-campus recruiting offices. Dyer (right) is pictured with Lt. Col. Steven Turner.
Frederick Douglass, famous abolitionist leader, will visit the University of Tennessee at Martin in the form of Nathan Richardson, performance poet and author. Richardson will perform at 5 p.m., Feb. 12, in the UT Martin Paul Meek Library as part of his 2018 Bicentennial Frederick Douglass Live Speaking Tour.

Richardson is the author of the poetry collections "Likeness of Being" and "Twenty-one Imaginary T-shirts" and has contributed to a variety of anthologies. He is in his third year of The Frederick Douglass Speaking Tour, which offers a live look at the historical figure.

Douglass, who lived during the 19th century, was born into slavery and later became an author, orator and prominent human rights leader during the anti-slavery movement. He is also the first African American citizen to hold a high U.S. government rank. His autobiography, "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave," describes his experiences living in slavery and his life after the Civil War. Douglass died on Feb. 20, 1895.

Richardson's performance is free and open to the public and will include a question-and-answer session with the audience.

For more information, contact Dr. John Burch, director of the Paul Meek Library, at 731-881-7070 or jburnh5@utm.edu.