



WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



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2017 Chamber Awards Banquet Winners



2017 Weakley Countian of the Year
Mayor Jake Bynum with
2016 Weakley Countian Danny A. Nanney



2017 Business of the Year Simply Southern Café with 3016 Business of the Year Yeargin Farms. Pictured l-r: Stacy and Tammy Collins with Alice Ann, Jay, Janie, and Ronnie Yeargin

The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce hosted the Annual Awards Banquet at UT Martin's Boling University Center Ballroom. Chamber members, Leadership graduates, and guest were present to recognize this year's honorees.

The 2017 Weakley Countian of the Year is Jake Bynum. In August 2014, Mr. Bynum was elected Weakley County Mayor. He is the youngest Mayor to serve Weakley County and is the youngest County Mayor in Tennessee. With a heart for service and helping others, Mayor Bynum has worked tirelessly to make our community a better place. Since being elected, Mayor Bynum's chief initiative has been finding a solution to bring high-speed broadband technology to all the businesses and citizens of Weakley County. The position of County Mayor has allowed him to be involved in a number of state and regional organizations and opportunities. He is a member of the TN Association of County Mayors, board member of Northwest TN Development District, West TN River Basin Authority, Everett-Stewart Regional Airport, Regional Workforce Development Board, Weakley County 911, Weakley County Economic Development Board, and Weakley County Financial Management. In 2016, Mayor Bynum was elected the TN County Services Association Board. Other boards Mayor Bynum serves on include Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Board, UT Alumni Legislative Council, WestStar Board of Trustees, TN County Services Association, Weakley County Reading Railroad, Weakley County Backpack Program (founding member), Tenova - Volunteer Martin Hospital Advisory Board, Weakley County United Way Board, Weakley County Office on Aging Board, Dresden Elks Lodge, Dresden Business Association, and Dresden Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Bynum has served as Dresden City Alderman, Weakley County Chamber President, Reelfoot Bank Board of Directors, Weakley and Obion County Carl Perkins Board, UTM Young Alumni Council, C.O.M.M.U.N.I.T.Y. Organization mentor, Dresden Cal Ripkin Youth League Baseball coach and commissioner, Dresden Business Association, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, plus held several positions with Dresden Rotary Club and TN Iris Festival. In 2015, Governor Bill Haslam appointed Mayor Bynum to the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation Advisory Council. Mayor Bynum is a graduate of Youth Leadership Weakley County, Leadership Weakley County, UT Martin, WestStar, and Delta Leadership Institute. He was honored as the 2016 TN Iris Festival Citizen of the Year. In 2017 he was awarded Weakley County Press People's Choice Community Leader Award and Jackson Sun 40 Under 40 Award.

Mayor Bynum and his family are members of Dresden First Baptist Church where he serves as Deacon. He and his wife Alyssa are the proud parents of Ella and Nash.

Simply Southern Café & Catering in Gleason is the 2017 Business of the Year. Whether you're looking for a salad, burger and fries, southern style home cooking, or an elegant event, Tammy Collins and her staff are sure to please. Lunch specials are posted daily on FaceBook. Delivery is available. The café also delivers delicious hot meals daily to many elderly in the community. This service allows working families assurance of knowing that not only do their loved ones receive a hot meal each day, but they get a quick "hello" and someone to check on them. Simply Southern is available for meetings and events. They also cater parties, weddings, and special occasions. Catering services have been provided for Weakley County Chamber, Weakley County Youth and Adult Leadership programs, and Weakley County Economic Development Board. Tammy Collins and Simply Southern Café are known through the communities and region for sincere volunteer spirit and exceptional service. They have graciously hosted many benefit meals including the Rotary Club's Annual Pancake Breakfast and summer park Sign Ups, church prayer breakfast, school fundraiser meals, and individual benefit meals. In 2016, Simply Southern received the Mitchell Parham Spirit Award for support provided to the school over the years. Tammy created an extraordinary meal delivery service called "Meals With Meaning." This is a meal delivery service for those requesting meals for families at times of loss, sickness, a new baby, or even a new home. Tammy takes time out of her busy holiday schedule to prepare meals for families that are less fortunate during Thanksgiving and Christmas. She also helps special friends with disabilities by keeping their freezers full of easy to warm up meals.

We appreciate Tammy Collins, her husband Stacy, their children Kaitlyn and Keaton, and the great staff at Simply Southern Café & Catering for their hard work and dedication to our community.

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2017 Youth Achievement Award



2017 Youth Achievement Award Winner Jordan Bell with 2015 Winner Mason Borneman

The 2017 Youth Achievement Award winner is Jordan Bell. Jordan is an outstanding young man who exhibits leadership and citizenship qualities in all that he does. He sets high goals and standards for himself and works diligently to achieve them. He also encourages and inspires those around him to do their best. Jordan serves as President of the Dresden Future Farmers of America chapter. In this capacity, he and other officers have participated in several community service projects: they cared for the Ned Ray McWherter statue located on the courthouse lawn, volunteered to help Rolling Thunder TN Chapter VI Veterans Day Parade, promoted goodwill to area residents at the Weakley County Nursing Home by distributing fruit baskets donated by Dresden FFA, and read to local daycare children to promote agriculture and food production in Weakley County. As an active FFA member, Jordan has competed in various career development events at regional and state levels. These career development events allow local and regional FFA chapters to compete in leadership and career choice contest such as public speaking, job interview, and skills contest to hone their interest in career choices. He has competed at state level in the forestry project for two years. He and other team members will compete at the state level in skills projects including welding, rafter cutting, land measurement, electrical wiring, and other trade skills that can be utilized in a career choice. During his time in FFA, Jordan was awarded the Star Greenhand Award for Dresden FFA chapter his freshman year, served as chapter reporter and received the Star Chapter Farmer Award his sophomore year, junior year he served at vice president and again received the State Chapter Farmer Award, then served as chapter president his Senior year where he has applied for the State Star Farmer Award and State Dairy Entrepreneurship Award. For several years Jordan has also been active in Weakley County 4-H and is a member of the 4-H Honor Club. He has represented Weakley County in several competitions. He has exhibited livestock at local, regional, and state levels; attended State 4-H Congress in Nashville; attended State 4-H Roundup in Knoxville; and competed at state level in meat judging and life skills projects. Jordan and other members promote goodwill and cooperation between the business sector and Weakley County youth by taking home baked goods and thank you cards to Weakley County businesses and individuals who sponsor 4-H events. While at Dresden High School, Jordan has been a Beta Club member for four years, has received the Dewey Chism Good Citizen Award, and was selected by the DHS teachers to receive the DAR Good Citizen Award. Jordan was also a member of the 2015 Weakley County Youth Leadership Program.

Jordan is the son of Buddy and Carol Bell. He is the grandson of Claude and Robbie Perkins and Loyd and Jo Bell of Dresden. Jordan is the fourth member of his family to be honored with the Weakley County Youth Achievement Award. Also winning were his sister Monica Bell Owen - 2012, cousin Colleen Perkins - 2011, and cousin Cody Perkins - 2007.

2017 Emerging Leader Award



2017 Emerging Leader Award Winner Suzanne Harper with Weakley County Young Professional Jackie Johnson

The Emerging Leader Award is given to a young professional within Weakley County who has made an impact in the community and freely gives their time and talents. The Weakley County Young Professionals selected Suzanne Harper as the 2017 recipient of this award. Suzanne is a native of Martin having graduated from Westview and UT Martin. She is instrumental in the organization of TN Soybean Festival events and volunteers many hours to the festival as well as We Care Ministries and Martin First United Methodist Church. She is known around downtown Martin as one of the Downtown Divas. On occasion she might be seen with seven dwarfs during Soybean Magical Martin Day. Suzanne is a 2017 Leadership Weakley County graduate. She recently became the director of the Weakley County Prevention Coalition.

Suzanne is married to Grant Harper. They reside in Martin, TN.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Young Professionals of Weakley County, please contact the Chamber office at (731) 364-3787 for more information.



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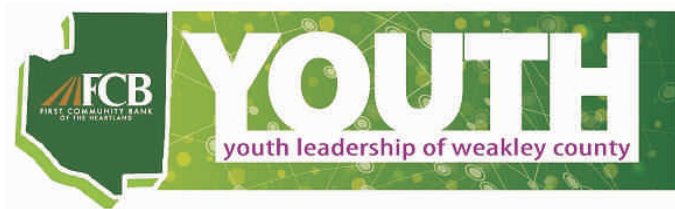
The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce welcomed WW Travel Services as a new member with a plaque presentation at the Chamber office. Joining the event were (l-r) Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin; Amy Lewellen, BancorpSouth; Sharis Diggs-Chandler, Southern Printing N Graphics; Katie Jarvis, Discovery Park of America; Joyce Washington, Travel Consultant, WW Travel Services; Mary Nita Bondurant, Discovery Park of America; Jennifer Weems, West TN Region Field Director for Senator Bob Corker; and Chamber President Ricky Finney, Finney's Floor & Home Center.



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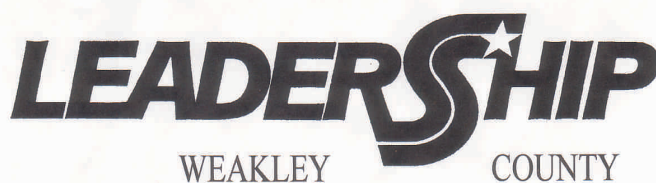


2017 Leadership Graduates



The 2017 First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County graduating class:
Front row (l - r) - Caroline Perry, Darla Mallory, Hanna Grace Garner, Bailey Smith, Chloe Martin, Mabry Lewellen, Class Project Chair Sophie Box, and Joshua Floyd
Middle row (l - r) - Anna Johnson, Ally Spain, Loral Winn, and Naomi Griffin
Back row (l - r) - Edward Castleman, Andrew Campbell, Bradley Young, Seth Jones, Ethan Parham, Will Morris, and Jackson Crouse

Thank you First Community Bank of the Hartland, Inc. for sponsoring the Youth Leadership Weakley County class. Thanks also to Weakley County Schools and Weakley County Municipal Electric System for your support.



The 2017 Leadership Weakley County graduating class:
Front row (l - r) - Suzanne Harper, Erica Miller Moore, Chloe Humphrey, Leanna Slusser, and Virginia Grimes
Middle row (l - r) - Vickie Hazlewood, Destin Tucker, Sara Pope, and Courtney Horton
Back row (l - r) - April Jones, Project Chair Joshua Moore, Brian Donavant, Darrell Blaylock, and Linda Morris

Also graduating but not pictured: Chad Brawner, Kim Hughey, Dana Prince, and Suzann Kroll

Anyone interested in participating in the 2018 Leadership Weakley County Class, please email wccc@weakleycountychamber, call (731) 364-3787, or visit the Chamber office at 114 W. Maple St., Dresden.

Calendar of Events

June 10
8 am - noon

Fishing Derby
(ages 14 and under)
Martin Recreation Complex
Martin, TN

June 10
7:00 pm

Family Night Out
Festival Park
Martin, TN

July 1
6:00 pm

Family Night Out
Festival Park
Martin, TN

July 15
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Wacky Water Day
Festival Park
Martin, TN

Aug. 5
7:00 pm

Family Night Out
Festival Park
Martin, TN

Sept. 2 - 10

TN Soybean Festival
Martin, TN
www.tnsoybeanfestival.org

Oct. 11 - 14

Fire Prevention Festival
Greenfield, TN

Oct. 15 - 21

Sharon Corn Music Festival
Sharon, TN

Dec. 15

Santa's Village
West TN Ag Pavilion, UT Martin
Martin, TN

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40th Annual Stephen Wright Memorial Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament & Dinner



1st Place
Josh Bailey
Kreg Denton
Dustin Frazier
Matt Judge
Larry Newsom
Heith Rogers



8th Place
Barrett Belote
David Belote
Randy Brundige
Brian Moore
Brad Rickman
John Willoughby



2nd Place
Adam Clark
Randy Huffstetler
Haley Rawls
Greg Robinson
Tony Robinson
Ron Wolfe



9th Place
Wayne Cathey
Ronnie Cook
Crawford Gallimore
Mike Hodge
David Jones
Scotty Leverette



3rd Place
Joe Henderson
Bubba Kelly
Cary Robinson
Richard Smith
Mike Swaim
Van Swaim



10th Place
Glen Arnold
Ron Arnold
Preston Frazier
Mark Hagler
Steve Horn
Tom Horn

Longest Drive Winners

Hole #3 Matt Judge
Hole #16 Ricky Carter



Putting Contest Winner

Cary Robinson

Straightest Drive Winner

Hole #12 Terry Pigue



Closest to Pen Winners

Hole #4 Heath Rogers
Hole #6 Ronnie Cook
Hole #8 Adam Clark
Hole #15 Wayne Lawson
Hole #18 Wayne Lawson



THANKS

The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone for participating in the 40th Annual Stephen Wright Memorial Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament. All the team prizes, hole sponsorships, door prizes, and favor donations were appreciated. Thanks to all Team Sponsors, Player Sponsors, and Industries playing this year. A special thanks to the Golf Tournament Committee for all their hard work. The day turned out to be a big success. Hope to see you again next year!



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