



WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



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DRESDEN - GLEASON - GREENFIELD - MARTIN - SHARON

Proudly serving our community since 1959

Leadership Day on the Hill



First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County and Leadership Weakley County went to Nashville for State Government Session's Day on the Hill.

Class members began their Capitol visit with a Mock Session in the House Chamber. Tour of the Cordell Hull Building included the new tunnel connecting the Capitol to the Cordell Hull building, Committee Hearing Rooms, and Representative Andy Holt's office. After lunch in the Comptroller's conference room, presentations were given by Comptroller Assistant Tom Fleming, Senator John Stevens, and Representative Andy Holt. Following a tour of the Capitol, the class toured the Supreme Court with Judge Andy Bennett.

Before leaving, the First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County and Leadership Weakley County classes had pictures taken on the Capitol steps. Joining them were Representative Andy Holt; Marvin Flatt, Weakley County School Supervisor of Career Technical Education and Attendance; and Barbara Virgin, Leadership Program Director and Weakley County Chamber Executive Director.



Weakley County Receives New 3-Star Signage

Executive Committee

President - Hal Bynum
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Barbara Virgin
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Weakley County is designated as one of the Governor's ThreeStar communities. Travelers will be able to see the new signs prominently placed along major highways entering Dresden, Greenfield, Gleason, Martin, and Sharon.

Pictured receiving their city's signs are: Left photo (l-r) - Gleason Mayor Diana Poole, Greenfield Mayor Cindy McAdams, and Sharon Mayor Monroe Ary. Middle photo for Martin (l-r) - Alderman Danny Nanney, Alderman David Belote, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Alderman Marvin Flatt, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Alderman Randy Edwards, Alderman Rex Pate, and Alderman Terry Hankins. Right photo - Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin and Dresden Mayor Jeff Washburn.

Competing for jobs and attracting industry in today's economic climate is a challenge. Successful economic developers know that at the heart of a competitive economic development strategy is community development. The ThreeStar program is geared to assist your community development efforts and ensure you compete at a higher level through enhancing and improving community assets.

Participating in the ThreeStar program is based on annual evaluation and activity plan. Local community leaders and Joint Economic and Community Development Boards are encouraged to implement activities that will impact the community's competitiveness in a global economy.

Participating counties (and cities in these counties) will be eligible for a four percent discount (for eligible projects) on both the business development and community development ability-to-pay calculations (CDBG and FastTrack) each year the county fulfills the requirements of the ThreeStar program. Additionally, only cities and counties that are active participants in the ThreeStar program are eligible to participate in other select TNECD Rural and Community Development programs. Finally, there is an annual grant for counties to serve as seed money for activities (not to offset general operating expenses) focused on improving at least one of the five areas of the program.

Each year, TNECD will provide participating counties with a scorecard that documents progress indicators in the five focus areas: Jobs and Economic Development, Fiscal Strength and Efficient Government, Public Safety, Education and Workforce Development, and Health and Welfare. These indicators are used to aid the count in evaluating these key areas, the scorecard will document progress toward achieving the community goals set by local community leaders and JECD Boards.

The scorecard and activity plan is designed to assess and reward each county on its unique progress in the three scored areas identified in their ThreeStar Activity Plan. Each county can address local issues through proven solutions by collaborating with other communities to share best practices and pool resources.

For more information about ThreeStar, email ECD.ThreeStar@tn.gov, visit their web site at www.tn.gov/ecd/rural-development/threestar, or call 615-393-4393.

Welcome New Members



The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce welcomed new Chamber member The Muscadine Vine with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Owner / operator Rachel Smith and daughter Kris welcomed Dresden Mayor Jeff Washburn, Chamber President Hal Bynum, Chamber President-Elect Charles Anderson, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Chamber members, Dresden Business Association members, customers, family, and friends.

The Muscadine Vine is a boutique and shop. They also offer baby registry for the family expecting a precious little bundle of joy. To see all the beautiful items available, stop by their location at 197 N. Poplar St, call (731) 364-3726, or like them on FaceBook. Business hours are Tuesday through Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Welcome New Members

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Cub Cadet Retailer

Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting
May 4th, 10:00 am

American Cancer Society

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Non-Profit Organization

2018 Leadership Sessions



Economic Development



Education



Agriculture in West TN



Local Government



**Class Project
Teddy Bear Drive for
Carl Perkins Center
Over 250 Bears Collected**

carlperkinscenter.org 731-587-0768

EXCHANGE CLUB
Carl Perkins
Center

give a bear love a child
TEDDY BEAR DRIVE
Benefiting the Ohio/Weakley County Carl Perkins Center
February 26th - April 7th

Donate a new teddy bear!
Collected bears will be given to the
Carl Perkins Center, who will
distribute to children in crisis.

Donation Bin Locations

Dresden: Dresden City Hall,
EW James Farm Bureau,
Shyles & Profiles, & Weakley County
Board of Education, Court House,
Sheriff's Department

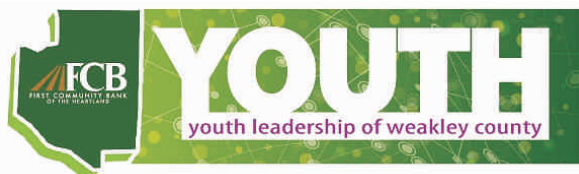
Greenfield: Greenfield Banking Co.
& Tati's Food

Martin: CareAll Home Care,
Christian Wee Learn Center,
EW James, Martin City Hall,
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GreatFoot Bank & Twin Oaks
Technology

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WEAKLEY COUNTY

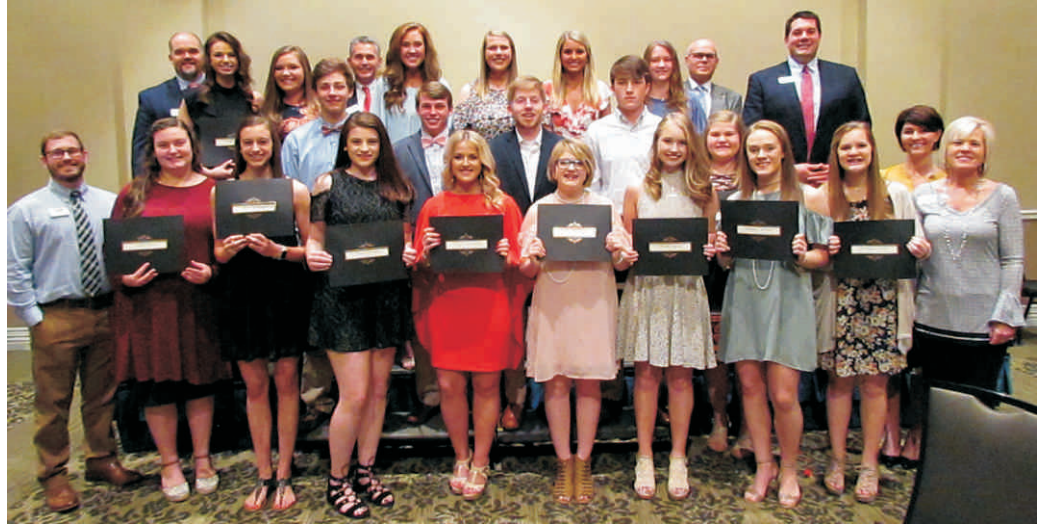
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Agriculture

2018 Leadership Graduation

First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County



2018 First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County graduating Class: Allie Baker, EmilyGrace Bell, Carson Brigance, Tess Darby, Jessie Deal, Dryver Finch (Class Project Chairman), Colton Freeman, Lillie Freeman, Bailey Gordon, Braxton Gunter, Kassidy Harris, Lydia Hazlewood, Kara Needham, Martha Nichols, Claire O'Connor, Brooke Parker, Libby Smith, Tristen Trevathan, and Tinley Winn. Good luck in you future goals!

First Community Bank sponsors pictures with the graduation class are: President Bruce Kimbell, Executive Vice President Greg Gunter, Josh Pirtle, Albany Cianfarani, Teresa Craddock, Brad Branscum, and Dustin Frazier.

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



Leadership Weakley County

2018 Leadership Weakley County graduating class:

Front row (l-r) Leah Trevathan, Starla Cooper, and Jordan Jones

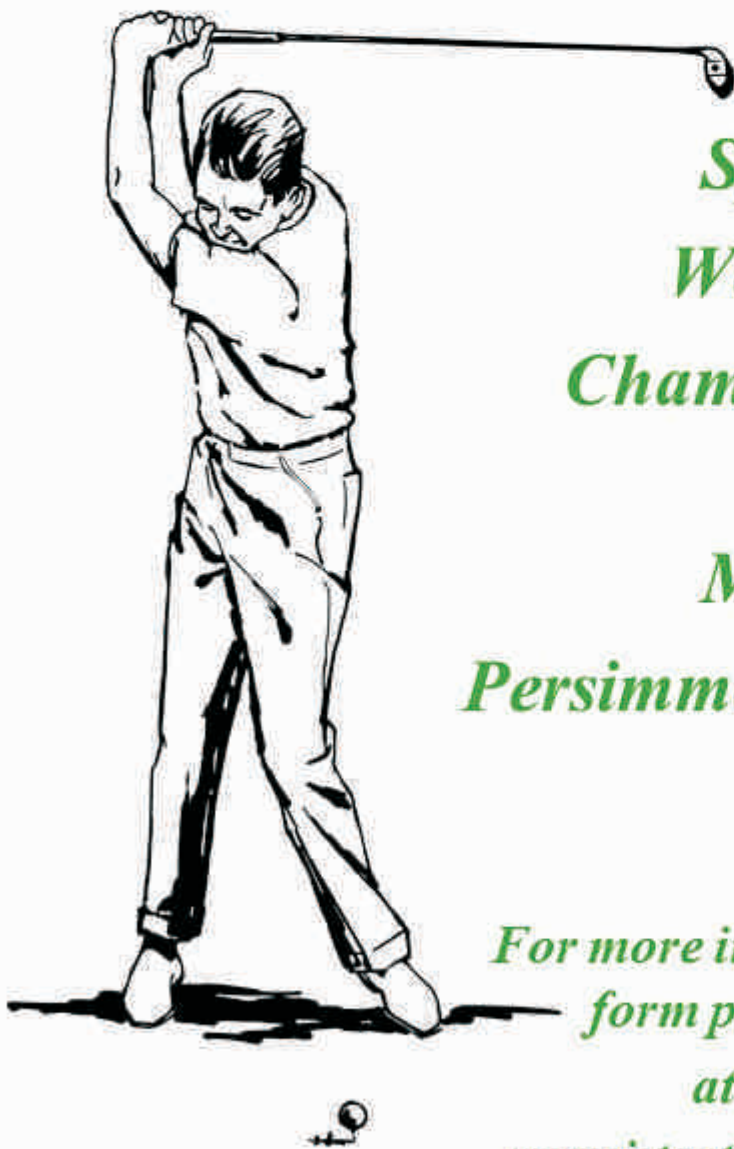
Middle row (l-r) Callie Croom, Jennifer Hamlin, Lisa Odle, DeDe McClure, Cristy Fulcher, Danielle Worley, and Jamie Mantooth (Class Project Chairman)

Top row (l-r) Courtney Rea, Kyle Brooks, Bryant Rhodes, Jennifer Cooper, Katey Swann, Hannah Stewart, Rachel Lovell, and Tony Harris

Also graduating but not pictured were Camille Noe and Wess Totten.

Thanks to everyone involved for making this year's sessions enjoyable and successful!

*41st Annual Stephen Wright
Memorial Industrial
Appreciation Golf Tournament*



*Sponsored by:
Weakley County
Chamber of Commerce*

*May 17, 2018
Persimmon Hills Golf Course
Sharon, TN*

*For more information or a registration
form please contact the Chamber
at 364-3787 or email
wcassistant@weakleycounty-chamber.com*

Calendar of Events

May 17

*41st Annual Stephen Wright Memorial
Industrial Golf Tournament & Dinner
Persimmon Hills Golf Course
Sharon, TN*

May 12

*Dresden Farmers Market
Season Opening Day*

June 9

*Martin Area Farmers Market
Season Opening Day*

Sept. 2 - 10

*25th TN Soybean Festival
Martin, TN
www.tnsoybeanfestival.org*

Grand Openings / Ribbon Cuttings

*First Community Bank
of the Heartland*

**8610 Hwy 22
Dresden, TN 38225
(731) 364-0000**

**May 11, 2018
9:00 am**



*5 Seasons
Men's Shop*

**237 S. Lindell St.
Martin, TN 38237
(731) 281-4902**

**May 22, 2018
5:00-7:00 pm**



ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE

Are you looking for new ways to advertise? The Chamber Newsletter is mailed to approximately 400 members. These include Chamber members, elected officials, schools, and civic organizations. If your business or organization would like to advertise in the newsletter, please contact Marguriet Frazier at (731) 364-3787.

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