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2018 Chamber Awards Banquet Winners

2018 Weakley Countian of the Year Robert Nunley



**2017 Weakley Countian of the Year Mayor Jake Bynum
with 2018 Weakley Countian Robert Nunley**

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 2018 Weakley Countian of the Year is Robert Nunley. In 2007 Mr. Nunley returned home to Martin to become a caregiver to his aging parents. At this time, Martin Housing Authority was looking for someone to take over its after-school program. His qualifications were exactly what the agency was looking for to move the program to the next level of exceptionalism.

While serving at the Martin Enrichment Academy, Mr. Nunley has fostered the growth of a volunteer program. This program now brings over 100 community and university volunteers with over 450 tabulated hours of service to the 65 students being served. His passion for community partnerships was the catalyst that expanded Martin Housing Authority's volunteer base from just the Social Work Department to nearly all of the academic departments at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He has developed mentoring programs for both girls and boys to provide additional social support for families served in the program. Mr. Nunley has introduced students to fine and performing arts. He has engaged children and youth in entrepreneurial experiences and opportunities. He has fully engaged local teachers and schools to partner with program staff so students have greater opportunities to advance in their academic skills. He has challenged program participants to reach beyond their comfort levels to achieve success in areas like poetry, music, dance, and art. He has introduced students to the value of choosing healthy lifestyles and growing your own food. He edifies the unique talents and gifts of each child and youth. He promotes family, fathers, faith, and friendship. Mr. Nunley has been recognized by the Northwest Council on Children and Youth as "Outstanding Youth Programer of the Year" (2012), UTM Alpha Kappa fraternity "Community Service Award" (2014), and TN Commission on Children and Youth "Service to Children Award". He serves on the UTM Advisory Council and UTM Academic Task Force Subcommittee. He serves on the Board of Directors for Reed Seed Charities and Northwest Council on Children and Youth. Mr. Nunley's role as an after-school program director doesn't touch the tangible impact of his service. His life's work has been a full investment in equipping individuals and families with the skills, academics, integrity, passion, and direction to recognize a better life and to achieve ultimate success. Weakley County has been served well by Robert Nunley. The gifts he has shared will live on long after his tenure of work subsides. The people he has touched will serve as ambassadors of his unselfish contributions to the community.

Mr. Nunley is the father of two daughters, Morgan and McKenzie, and the grandfather of Maxwell.

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2018 Business of the Year Huffstetler & Sons Seed, Inc.



**2018 Business of the Year Huffstetler & Sons Seed, Inc.
with 2017 Business of the Year Simply Southern Café.**
Pictured l-r: Mark Huffstetler; Randy Huffstetler, Sr; & Tammy Collins

Huffstetler and Sons Seed, Inc. is the 2018 Business of the Year. Opening its doors to the public in 1976, the business was started as a sideline job to fill the long winter months and provide a valuable service to farmers. Brothers Charles and Paul Huffstetler had traveled to farms in the 1940's using mules to pull a small wooden seed cleaner in order to clean farmers' soybean seed so they could replant from their own seed stock. The idea of a seed cleaning business was born! Today they still use a wooden cleaner but on a much larger scale. It is faster, more efficient, and fueled by electricity. The cleaner is mainly used to custom clean soybeans and wheat. They have also cleaned fescue, canola, popcorn, okra, peas, clover, barley, and even organic soybean seed to be shipped overseas. As technology advanced for farmers so has seed cleaning. The brothers added spirals and gravity tables to produce a better product. Seed is now mechanically handled and packaged in bulk bags holding 2500 pounds in lieu of 60 pound bushel bags. Years ago, Charles Huffstetler began growing acres of sweet corn to give to the community. After Charles' death, his sons and employees continue to honor that legacy today. Sweet corn seed is donated by family friend Mike Biggs of Greenfield. The Huffstetler & Sons Seed, Inc. plant, harvest, and bag the corn to give freely to the community.

Huffstetler and Sons Seed Inc, a valuable part of Weakley County, participated in community sponsorships and aided financially for many needs in the community. They have sponsored T-ball and little league teams, hired football players to haul straw in the summer, and have helped farmers in need of assistance. The Huffstetler brothers were on the football field sidelines dedicating time by running the chains for junior and senior high schools. The Huffstetler family's generosity is apparent in Greenfield if you mention two words - SWEET CORN. For the last generations, the Huffstetler & Sons families raised acres of sweet corn. The late Charles Huffstetler, and his dad Charlie, raised sweet corn to share with friends, family, and the community. Today the corn patch is maintained by Mark, Randy, and their employees. Huffstetler & Sons purchased a sweet corn picker to harvest thousands of ears of corn. Last year they picked over 50,000 ears of incredible sweet corn, and gave it away for the labor of love sharing it with others. Their corn is the best, and is shared by family and friends from Memphis to Knoxville and areas in between. Charles and Abby Huffstetler taught their sons to "treat others as you want to be treated, give back to the community, and to operate business with honesty and fairness." Mark and Randy stand behind their word with a firm handshake and a smile.

They believe God has blessed them with great employees and wonderful customers over the past 40 years. They say that "God's plan is always the best plan...both back then and in today's world."



The Huffstetler Family

2018 Youth Achievement Award

CeCe Spencer

The 2018 Youth Achievement Award was presented to Christene “CeCe” Spencer of Westview High School. CeCe, a Senior at Westview, is an outstanding young woman who exhibits leadership and citizenship qualities in all she does. She is a responsible, kind, hard worker with a willingness to help in any situation. Her servant’s heart has led her to volunteer for Texas Hurricane Relief with a local disaster relief team after a hurricane ravaged parts of Texas, help repair a church and taught Vacation Bible School for children ages three to ten in Costa Rica, and work at the West Tennessee Work Camp where she helped paint houses and perform yard work for disabled senior citizens. For three weeks during the summer, CeCe is a youth counselor at Mid-South Youth Camp where she works with children ages nine to twelve. Every Tuesday at the church, she helps children with homework, coordinate games, and lead devotionals.

While at Westview High School, CeCe has been a very active member of HOSA (Health Occupational Students of America) having served as an officer each year and is this year’s acting President. She is vice-President of the Senior Class, Spanish Club President, and a member of Beta Club, Anchor Club, and Interact. Her Sophomore year, CeCe was selected to represent Westview High School as a member of the First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County Class. She was one of eight high school students from Tennessee selected to attend Student Congress on policies and education which was held at MTSU. There they observed policies and debates involving school board policies.

CeCe received the Barbara James Service Award at the 2018 HOSA State Leadership Conference. She also earned a Bronze medal for completing one hundred community service hours. CeCe and her team placed 3rd in state at the Health Education team event. She is now eligible to attend the International Leadership conference in June. The local HOSA chapter presented CeCe with National Service Project Recognition Award for her fund raising efforts for NAMI (National Alliance on mental illness). CeCe was selected to receive the Westview High School DAR Award.

CeCe is the daughter of Sherri Mills Spencer and the late Danny Spencer.



**2017 Youth Achievement Winner Jordan Bell with
2018 Winner Christene “CeCe” Spencer**



**Weakley County Young Professionals Chris Gunlefinger,
Jennifer Cooper, 2018 Emerging Leader Josh Pirtle, and
WCYP Chairman Jackie Johnson**

2018 Emerging Leader

Josh Pirtle

Josh Pirtle was presented the Weakley County Young Professionals 2018 Emerging Leader Award. Josh is a 2006 Dresden High School and a 2011 University of TN Martin graduate. While attending college, Josh started his banking career with First State Bank. It was here that Josh began to focus on serving his community. After graduating UTM with a Bachelor’s degree in Agriculture Business and a minor in Business Administration, Josh advanced his banking career to

his current position of Branch Manager for First Community Bank of the Heartland’s newest banking center in Dresden.

Josh’s commitment to the community goes well beyond his daily 8 to 5 job. He has coached and officiated for the Dresden Little League Basketball program, from 2012-2014 was team captain for the Weakley County Relay for Life Team, 2012 joined the TN Iris Festival Planning Committee as treasurer, and 2015 joined the Dresden Business Association as treasurer. Josh is a member of the Weakley County Chamber, Dresden Planning Commission Board, Lions Club, Weakley County Young Farmers and Ranchers Board, and serves on the Carl Perkins Advisory Board. Josh is also a graduate of the 2012 Leadership Weakley County class where they organized the mobile pantry to feed over 300 families in Weakley County during that summer.

It is clear that Josh loves the Dresden and Weakley County community and is not afraid to roll his sleeves up to get involved in meaningful ways. When asked, “Why do you volunteer your time?” he replied, “This community has played a huge role in my life and I am very grateful. I want to give back and help however I can. I want the young people in our community to continue to have a great place to call home for this generation and the next. This is the least I can do to help pave opportunities for them that were once paved for me.”

The Emerging Leader Award is selected by the Weakley County Young Professionals. It is given to a young professional within Weakley County who has made an impact in the community and freely gives their time and talents.

Welcome New Member



Martin Powersports was welcomed to Weakley County by the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Owner / operators Andy and Nikki Langley and their staff welcomed Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, plus representatives from Greenfield Banking Company, Fuller Partners Real Estate Inc, Persimmon Hills Golf Course, BancorpSouth, Weakley County Press, University TN at Martin, First Community Bank of the Heartland, Regions Bank, West TN Pool & Spa, VanAyer Healthcare & Rehab Center, Simmons Bank, Cary Insurance Services, customers, family, and friends.

Martin Powersports is an authorized Cub Cadet Independent Retail Dealer, offering a full product line and servicing what they sell. They are supporting the local community by selling products made in Martin, TN. They offer new, local built utility trailers; accessories; and a wide selection of used power sports equipment. Martin Powersports is located at 103 N. Lindell St., Martin, TN. To see how they can serve you, stop by their location, call (731) 271-5262, email martinpowersports17@gmail.com, visit their web site at www.martinpowersportstn.com, or like them on FaceBook. Business hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Andy, Nikki, and their staff look forward to serving their customers and the community.

Welcome New Member

McDonald's of Greenfield

Darren Sells
1097 N. Meridian St.
Greenfield, TN 38230
(731) 235-0100
E-mail: darren@sisbromg.nt.com
Fast Food Restaurant

Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting
June 23, 2018
10:00 am

Grand Re-Openings / Ribbon Cuttings

Martin McDonald's Farm Bureau

8762 Hwy 22
Dresden, TN 38225
(731) 364-5761

June 9, 2018
10:00 am

215 Hawks Rd, Ste. 3
Martin, TN 38237
(731) 587-4966

June 19, 2018
9:00 am

Grand Openings

First Community Bank of the Heartland



The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the Grand Opening of First Community Bank of the Heartland Dresden banking center. President Bruce Kimbell, Executive Vice President Greg Gunter, Branch Manager Josh Pirtle and staff welcomed Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum, Dresden Mayor Jeff Washburn, Chamber President Hal Bynum, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Weakley County officials, Dresden City officials, Chamber members, friends, and customers.

First Community Bank is “dedicated to our communities. We focus on providing the best possible banking solutions, delivered by happy and empowered employees in a way that genuinely supports and betters our customers’ lives.” For information on how First Community Bank can help with your personal or business banking needs, stop by 8610 Hwy 22, Dresden, call (731) 364-0000, go to their web site at www.fcbheartland.com, or like them on FaceBook.

Lobby Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm



Drive Thru Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm



“Fashions For the Man Who Wants More”



A Ribbon Cutting / Open House was held to celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of Five Seasons Men’s Shop. President Barry Keathley and his staff welcomed Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Chamber President-Elect Charles Anderson, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Chamber members, Martin Community Development, Martin Business Association, local businesses, customers, friends, and family.

Five Seasons Men’s Shop is very excited to be at their new location at 237 S. Lindell St., Martin. Five Seasons specializes in designer label clothing featuring casual wear, suits, sport coats, formalwear rentals, custom tailoring, watches, designer fragrances, gift certificates, and gift wrapping. Personal Shopper Service is also available. To see how Barry and his staff can assist with your fashion needs, stop by their new location in Historic Downtown Martin, call (731) 281-4902, visit their web site at www.fiveseasonsonline.com, or like them on FaceBook. Business hours are Monday - Saturday 10:00 am to 5:30 pm.

Five Seasons Men’s Shop - Locally owned and operated since 1972

41st Annual Stephen Wright Memorial Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament



1st Place
Adam Clark
Chris Harris
Randy Huffstetler
Greg Robinson
Tony Robinson
Ty Smithson



8th Place
Jeremy Allen
Glen Arnold
Mark Hagler
Steve Horn
Tom Horn
Preston Frazier



2nd Place
Josh Bailey
T J Ferry
Dustin Frazier
Larry Newsom
Heith Rogers
Tadd Switzer



9th Place
Billy Franklin
Barry Lassiter
Wayne Lawson
Scott Mansfield
Chris Pence
Kevin Smith



3rd Place
Ricky Carter
Lynn McCain
Dennis Montgomery
Mike Spence
Billy Stout
John Stout



10th Place
Alex Campbell
Andy Collins
John Horner
Brian Kissell
Brock Porter
Mike Taylor

Longest Drive Winner
Hole #3 Austin Swafford



Straightest Drive Winner
Hole #12 Barry Lassiter



Closest to Pin Winners
Hole #4 Josh Bailey
Hole #15 Glen Arnold
Hole #18 Adam Clark



Putting Contest Winner
Eddie Trevathan



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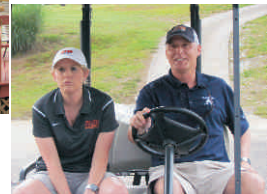
The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone for participating in the 41st Annual Stephen Wright Memorial Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament. All the team prizes, hole sponsorships, door prizes, and favor donations were appreciated. Thanks to all Team Sponsors, Player Sponsors, 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.

Mark your calendar now for the 42nd Annual Tournament on May 16, 2019. Hope to see you next year!



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