



WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



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Weakley County Receives Governor's Three-Star Award



Pictured are (l-r): Brooxie Carlton, TNECD Deputy Assistant Commissioner; Dr. Charlie Deal, UT Martin WestStar Leadership Executive Director; Blake Swaggart, TNECD Northwest Regional Director; Ronnie Price, Weakley County Economic Development Board President/CEO; Shelby Spurgeon, Weakley County Economic Development Board Director; Weakley County Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin; Rob Rolfe, TNECD Commissioner; Governor Bill Haslam; Martin Mayor Randy Brundige; Brad Thompson, Martin Community Development; Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum; Virginia Grimes, UT Martin WestStar Coordinator; Jody Sliger, TNECD Community Development Director; and Jana Hellums, TNECD Business Development Consultant.

Governor Bill Haslam and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development presented ThreeStar Awards at the 2018 Governor's Conference on Economic and Community Development in Nashville in November.

The ThreeStar Program is a vital component to Tennessee's overall level of success, providing counties with a framework for continued economic and community strength. Annual participation in the ThreeStar program helps communities develop a strategy and plan to address Governor Haslam's five priorities for public policy that include: jobs and economic development, fiscal strength and efficient government, public safety, health and welfare, and education and workforce development. It is designed to help communities take full advantage of economic development opportunities. The goals are to preserve existing employment, create new employment opportunities, increase Tennessee family income, improve quality of life, and create a strong leadership base.

"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."

This year City of Sharon was presented a Community Development Block Grant for \$194,470 for the Sharon Fire Department. Weakley County received \$15,000 ThreeStar Grant toward the Weakley County Schools Advanced Manufacturing Technology Grant.

To learn more about the ThreeStar program, visit www.TN.gov/FCD/ThreeStar, email ECD.ThreeStar@tn.gov, or call (615) 393-4393.



2019 FCBYLWC Classes Begin

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2019 First Community Bank Youth Leadership Class with FCB representatives Bruce Kimbell, President; Greg Gunter, Vice-President; and Brad Branscum, Dresden Banking Center

The 2019 First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County class began sessions with Team Building at the University of Tennessee Martin. The Weakley County students participating are:
Dresden: Rachel Blessingame, Caroline Killebrew, Molly Maddox, Julie Mathis, and Tanner Sronce

Gleason: Chasney Brawner, Belle Fowler, Jamison Lifsey, Lexia Snider, and Elijah Young

Greenfield: Reese Biggs, Amelia Crews, Caroline Crouse, Amy Mitchell, and Maura Shelton

Westview: Olivia Bailey, Mary Beth Buchanan, Katy Cursey, Porter Mantooth, and Kizer Riley

First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County is a community leadership program that identifies and assists talented students who want to learn about the challenges of Weakley County. They develop and apply community leadership skills, make informed decisions, and network with like-minded peers in problem resolution. Sessions include Team Building, Quality of Life, Leadership Training, Local Government, Community Service Project, Financial, Economic Development, Education, State Government, and Agriculture. Students who successfully complete the program earn high school credit.

FCBYLWC is sponsored by First Community Bank of the Heartland. Additional support is given by Weakley County Schools, Weakley County Municipal Electric System, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, and other community donations.

Welcome New Member

Weakley County Register of Deeds

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Grocery Store

Grand Openings

FITNESS1440
MARTIN, TN



Weakley County Chamber of Commerce welcomed Fitness 1440 with a Grand Opening / ribbon Cutting. Owner/ operator Brian Weaks and his staff welcomed Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum, Chamber President-Elect Ty Smithson, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Chamber members, MBA members, local businesses, customers, friends, and family to the event.

Fitness 1440 is a locally owned gym / fitness center with “equipment, classes, and personal training dedicated to helping you make every minute count.” To see how Brian and his staff can help you “achieve your goals and do more than you ever thought possible,” visit their location at 190 University Plaza, Martin, TN; call (731) 281-4174; go to their website at www.fitness1440.com; or like them on FaceBook. Fitness 1440 is open 24 hours a day.

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Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and City of Martin welcomed Merle Norman Cosmetics to Weakley County with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Owner / operator Kaycee Parker welcomed Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Chamber President-Elect Ty Smithson, Chamber Executive director Barbara Virgin, Chamber members, MBA members, customers, friends, and family.

Merle Norman Cosmetics offers cosmetics, wigs, jewelry, and gifts. Merle Norman also has MN for Men, a skincare collection formulated for men with all skin types. For more information on items available, stop by their location at 100 Fredrick St., Martin, TN; call (731) 588-5090; visit their website at www.merlenormanstudio.com; or like them on FaceBook. Business hours are Monday through Friday 10 am - 5:30 pm and Saturday 10 am - 3 pm.

Grand Openings

CoCo's Catering



CoCo's Catering was warmly welcomed to Weakley County with a Grand Open / Ribbon Cutting hosted by Weakley County Chamber of Commerce. Joining owner / operator Corrie Bradberry were District 76 Representative Andy Holt, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Chamber members, MBA members, customers, friends, and family.

Coco's Catering offers fresh homemade meals to go. Different main entrees are available each day of the week. CoCo's also has coolers / freezer to shop from featuring homemade items including dips, desserts, vegetables, etc. Catering is also available. To see all the delicious items available, stop by CoCo's Catering's location at 1053 Old Fulton Rd, Martin, TN; call (731) 261-3122; or like them on FaceBook. Business hours are Monday - Friday, 10:30 am to 6:30 pm and Saturday, 9:00 to 2:00 pm. Each Sunday Corrie puts her week's menu on CoCo's FaceBook page.



York Laine Boutique marked the Grand Opening of their location with a Ribbon Cutting. Owner / operators Rachel Harrington, Brooke Hinson, and Alaina Moore welcomed Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Chamber President Charles Anderson, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, plus representatives from Martin Business Association, Twin Oaks Technology, First Community Bank of the Heartland, Nest Realty, Thunderbold Broadcasting, Gleason Downtown Revitalization, and Fuller Partners Real Estate, Inc.

York Laine Boutique is a women's clothing store located at 215 Hawks Rd, Suite 12, Martin, TN. Rachel, Brooke, and Alaina will be glad to assist. For more information, stop by their location, call (731) 271-9760, visit their website at www.shopyorklaine.com, or like them on FaceBook. Store hours are Monday through Friday - 10:30 am to 6 pm, Saturday - 10 am to 3 pm, and Sunday - 1 to 4 pm.

Grand Openings



The City of Martin and the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce are excited to welcome Price Less Foods to Martin. Joining Steven Maresca and the Price Less Foods team were Chamber President Charles Anderson, Chamber Past-President Hal Bynum, Chamber members, MBA members, customers, and friends.

Price Less Foods offers a new way to shop and a new way to save so you can get groceries for less. To see the great deals available, stop by their location at 4200 Skyhawk Pkwy, Martin; visit their website at www.mypricelessfoods.com, call (731) 587-4319, or like them on FaceBook. Current ads, digital coupons, text offers, and recipes are available on-line.

Price Less Foods store hours are 8 am to 8 pm seven days a week.

Flowers by Jan



Flowers by Jan is excited to announce the opening of the new Christmas 365 room. Owner / Operator Jan Vaughn and her staff welcomed Gleason Mayor Dianna Poole, Chamber President Charles Anderson, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, City of Gleason officials, Chamber members, customers, friends, and family.

The Flowers By Jan Christmas 365 room is filled with Christmas decorations and beautifully decorated trees. If your time is limited, or if you'd like to take a break from decorating this year, ask about their home and office holiday decorating service.

For flowers for all occasions, Christmas decorations including trees, home accessories, and gift needs, visit Flowers by Jan at 100 Pillowville-Gleason Rd, Gleason, TN; call (731) 681-0036; or like them on FaceBook.

Business hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For after hours funeral needs, call (731) 819-7750.



Shop Weakley County First

The holidays are quickly approaching so why not avoid the hustle and bustle of big city shopping by shopping here at home in Weakley County. The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce offers Chamber Gift Certificates available for any amount, which are redeemable at participating businesses throughout Weakley County. Chamber gift Certificates are perfect gifts for employees or those relatives that have it all. For more information on purchasing gift certificates, call the Chamber office at (731) 364-3787.

Chamber Gift Certificate Redeemable Locations

Redeem your Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificates at one of these participating merchants.

Dresden:

A to Z Animal Supply
Augustina's Flowers-N-More
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ClaireBrooke Consignment
Dresden Enterprise
E. T. Reavis & Son
Finney's Floor & Home Center
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Sammies
Shoe Shack
Six Toe Gallery
St. Charles Flowers & Gifts
Sugar & Spice
Taylor HomeWorks
Vicki's Designer Touch
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Calendar of Events

Dec. 6 - 9

*Santa's Village
W. TN Ag Pavilion, UT Martin
Martin, TN*

Dec. 7 - 8

*Merry Martin Retail Shopping Event &
Holiday Celebration
Martin, TN*

*Dec. 7
7:00 pm*

*David Johnson Chorus "Come Celebrate Christmas"
Dresden High School
Dresden, TN*

*Dec. 8
6:00 - 11:00 am*

*Martin Rotary Ham Breakfast
Martin Elementary School
Martin, TN*

*Dec. 8
10:00 am - 7:00 pm*

*Kris Kringle Mart
Dresden Elementary School
Dresden, TN*

*Dec. 12
5:00 - 8:00 pm*

*Hometown Christmas
Gleason, TN*

*Jan. 15, 2019
5:30 pm*

*Chamber Board Meeting
Weakley County Chamber Office
Dresden, TN*

Apr. 16, 2019

*Chamber Awards Banquet
University Center Ball Room, UT Martin
Martin, TN*

Apr. 27 - May 4, 2019

*40th Annual Tennessee Iris Festival
Dresden, TN*

May 16, 2019

*42nd Annual Stephen Wright Memorial
Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament
Sharon, TN*

The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We hope you are blessed with lots of love, joy, happiness, and prosperity through the rest of 2018 and all through 2019!



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