



# WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



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*Proudly serving our community since 1959*

## 2020 Leadership Weakley County



The 2020 Leadership Weakley County Classes began with Leadership Orientation session at the University of Tennessee Martin. Those participating this year are:

Front row (l-r) - Sunshine Nichols, Zaxby's; Amber Whitten, Carl Perkins Center; Anna Davis, First Citizens National Bank; Melissa Jackson, Wendell Alexander Realty; April Spence, Weakley County Property Assessors Office; and Angela Hollingsworth, Northwest TN Adult Education.

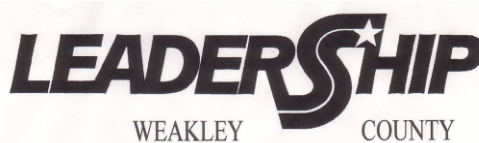
Middle row (l-r) - Pam Bates, Greenbrier Meadows Assisted Living; Brandi Stewart, Manpower of the Mid-South; Leah Brown, Savant Learning Systems; Katelyn Kelly, AbilisHealth-Martin; Mykaela Waterfield, UT Martin; and Cody Martin, Westan Insurance.

Third row (l-r) - Jennifer Schlicht, UT Martin; Chris Pritchett, Weakley Farmers Co-Op; Bryan Hays, MTD Products; Clinton Smith, UT Martin; Kameron Echols, UT Martin; Justin Crice, TN Board of Regents / TN Pathways; and Larry Skarsten, Hwy 54 Media.

Attending class, but not pictured: Grant Walton, First Community Bank of the Heartland.

Leadership Weakley County is a four month, accelerated educational experience designed to enhance participant's knowledge of our community. The program schedule consist of Leadership Orientation, Quality of Life, Economic Development, Education, State Government, Agriculture in West TN, and Weakley County Government sessions. The class is also required to organize and complete a community service project benefitting Weakley County.

Anyone interested in applying to the 2021 Leadership Weakley County Class, or would like to nominate someone, contact the Chamber at (731) 364-3787 or email [wccc@weakleycountychamber.com](mailto:wccc@weakleycountychamber.com).



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### Staff

Barbara Virgin  
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# Welcome New Members

## Optimist Club of Martin

Jacky Gullett  
208 Larkin Drive  
Martin, TN 38237  
(731) 636-1709  
Email: [jgullett@utm.edu](mailto:jgullett@utm.edu)  
Civic Organization

## Derek Jones - Shelter Insurance

Derek Jones  
245 S. Lindell St.  
Martin, TN 38237  
(731) 281-7002  
Email: [DerekJones@shelterinsurance.com](mailto:DerekJones@shelterinsurance.com)  
Web addr: [www.shelterinsurance.com](http://www.shelterinsurance.com)  
Insurance

## Nominations Being Accepted

Nominations are being accepted at the Chamber office for the  
2020 Weakley Countian of the Year,  
Business of the Year, and Youth Achievement Award.  
For voting forms and nomination rules, contact the Chamber at  
731-364-3787 or email [wcassistant@weakleycountychamber.com](mailto:wcassistant@weakleycountychamber.com).

**Applications must be submitted to the Chamber by  
noon, March 20, 2020.**

## *2020 Chamber Awards Banquet & Leadership Graduation*

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the  
2020 Chamber Awards Banquet & Leadership Graduation,  
Tuesday, April 21, at 6:00 pm at  
UT Martin Boling University Center Duncan Ball Room.  
Starting February 1, make reservations at 731-364-3787  
or email [wcassistant@weakleycountychamber.com](mailto:wcassistant@weakleycountychamber.com).

**Deadline for reservations will be April 1.  
Confirmation will be upon receipt of payment.**

## *Save the Date*



43rd Annual  
Stephen Wright Memorial  
Industry Appreciation  
Golf Tournament

May 14, 2020  
Persimmon Hills Golf Course  
Sharon, TN





# 2019 Chamber Christmas Reception

Thank you Chamber President Ty Smithson and City of Greenfield members for sponsoring the 2019 Chamber Christmas Reception. Approximately 170 guest shared an enjoyable evening of great food, entertainment, and fellowship. We would also like to thank the following for their contributions to the night:

Bank of Gleason  
Biggs Greenhouse  
Brawner's Boot Outlet

Casey's  
City of Greenfield  
Dynamix

El Vallarta  
Goob's & Aunt B's  
Goolsby Real Estate  
Greenfield Banking Co.

Greenfield Collision  
Greenfield Florist  
Greenfield Monument Works

Hal & Melanie Bynum  
Hwy. 54 Media

J & B Motors of Greenfield

McDonald's  
MTD Products  
Pope's Concessions  
Smith & Nanney Lumber

Sonic  
Sound Design Music  
Special Occasion

Subway  
Tate Family Foods  
TCAT McKenzie & Paris

Texture Hair Design  
Thunderbolt Broadcasting  
UTM Alumni Relations

Weakley County Economic Development Board  
Weakley County Municipal Electric System  
Yeargin Farms & TN Soybean Council



# Grand Openings

## Burkes Outlet



The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and Martin Business Association welcomed Burkes Outlet to Weakley County with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Owner Brian McKinley and his staff welcomed Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Sharon Mayor Monroe Ary, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Chamber Members, MBA members, customers, friends, and family.

Burkes Outlet offers exciting brands and low prices on women's, men's, and children apparel, shoes, accessories, and home goods. Stop by their location at 125 Commons Dr., Martin, call (731) 558-2814, visit their website at [www.burkesoutlet.com](http://www.burkesoutlet.com), or like them on FaceBook. Store hours are Monday through Saturday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.



Westan Insurance Group of Martin, Martin Business Association, and Weakley County Chamber of Commerce celebrated the opening of their new location with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Westan Agents Teresa Hamm, Leigh Ann Moore, Jennifer Nanny, Barrett Tanner, and staff welcomed Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Chamber President Ty Smithson, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Chamber members, MBA members, clients, friends, and family.

Westan Insurance's new location is at 302 Broadway St., Martin. To see how they can help with your personal, business, home, or farm insurance, stop by their new location, call (731) 587-9993, visit [www.westaninsurance.com](http://www.westaninsurance.com), or like them on FaceBook. Business hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.



# Grand Openings



WHITLEDGE &  
BIEHSLICH, PLLC



A Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting / Business After Hours was held to celebrate the opening of Whitledge & Biehslich, PLLC. Joining Attorneys Allison Whitledge, Rebecca Biehslich, James Powell, and Robert Young IV were Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum, Chamber President Ty Smithson, Weakley County Economic Development Board Director Shelby Spurgeon, Weakley County Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Weakley County elected officials, City of Martin elected officials, Chamber members, Martin Business Association members, friends, and family.

Whitledge & Biehslich, PLLC “is committed to providing innovative, efficient service and real solutions for our clients. Our team of legal professionals take pride in their work and understand the importance of providing every client with individualized attention and care. With a wealth of experience to offer, we strive to provide a strong, yet simplified approach to navigating the legal system in both criminal and civil law.”

Whitledge & Biehslich, PLLC is located at 226 S. Lindell St., Martin. For more information stop by their location, call (731) 281-1350, or visit [www.thewblaw.com](http://www.thewblaw.com).

## *Upcoming Grand Openings / Ribbon Cuttings*

**Friday, February 14th  
9:00 am**

***Simply Eventful***  
551 E. Union St.  
Gleason, TN 38229  
(731) 571-2828; (731) 514-8853

Event Center

**Tuesday, February 18th  
1:00 pm**

***Greenfield Banking Company***  
112 N. Front St.  
Greenfield, TN 38230  
(731) 235-2207

GBC's New Location

# 2020 Leadership Sessions

**First Community Bank Youth Leadership  
Weakley County Class Mission Statement:**

*“FCBYLWC strives to be a positive influence  
in our great communities to promote  
beneficial lasting changes.”*



**Leadership Training**



**Local Government**



**Class Project**



**Financial**

**LEADERSHIP**  
WEAKLEY COUNTY



**Quality of Life**



# *Calendar of Events*

*Feb. 14  
9:00 am*

*Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting  
Simply Eventful  
Gleason, TN*

*Feb. 18  
1:00 pm*

*Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting  
Greenfield Banking Company  
Greenfield, TN*

*Feb. 18  
5:30 pm*

*Chamber Board Meeting  
Chamber Office  
Dresden, TN*

*Feb. 22  
6:00 - 8:00 pm*

*6th Annual Martin Housing Authority  
Daddy Daughter Dance  
UTM Ballroom  
Martin, TN*

*Mar. 17  
5:30 pm*

*Chamber Board Meeting  
Chamber Office  
Dresden, TN*

*April 4  
6:00 pm*

*Carl Perkins Center 16th Annual Gala  
Discovery Park of America  
Union City, TN*

*Apr. 16 - 18*

*52nd Annual UT Martin Spring College Rodeo  
Ned McWherter Ag Pavilion  
Martin, TN*

*Apr. 21  
6:00 pm*

*Chamber Awards Banquet  
UT Martin Boling University Center  
Martin, TN*

*Apr. 25 - May 2*

*Tennessee Iris Festival  
Dresden, TN*

*May 14*

*43rd Annual Stephen Wright Memorial  
Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament  
Persimmon Hills Golf Course  
Sharon, TN*

Events are also listed on the Chamber website at [www.weakleycountychamber.com](http://www.weakleycountychamber.com).  
Click on *Calendar of Events* under *Chamber Information*.

## **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 the Chamber office at (731) 364-3787.**