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2019 Chamber Awards Banquet Winners

2019 Weakley Countian of the Year Cindy McAdams

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 2019 Weakley Countian of the Year is Cindy McAdams. Mrs. McAdams was not your average busy mom raising two children, teaching, volunteering, working a full time job, and working two part-time jobs. She taught and aided students who came to school lacking financial, emotional, and psychological support. Students hungry from not eating dinner the night before, tired from staying up caring for younger siblings or their own children, or tired from working late the night before to provide for their own families. She would teach students who were on maternity, homebound, summer school, and before and after school tutoring to help ensure all students received their high school diploma to better themselves. Mrs. McAdams would take time off two nights a week from Walmart to teach her adult education classes. She had so much respect for these adults who wanted to better themselves no matter their age. Several of these adults did not have transportation. She would pick them up and drive them home after each class. She loved the drive and determination they had regarding education. Mrs. McAdams recently retired from education after 40 years, with 38 of those years dedicated to Greenfield School as a Special Education Teacher. She also taught Adult Basic Education classes at night for 17 years. Mrs. McAdams humble beginnings, years of over achieving drive, motivation, and passion have prepared her for her current position as the first and only lady as Greenfield Mayor.

Cindy McAdams has many overwhelming local, regional, and state accomplishments through community/civic involvement, professional membership, and societies. Through the Weakley County School System: National Educational Association, Weakley County Education Association, Faculty Representative Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Membership Committee / Chairperson, TN Achieves Mentor 2012-2015, Sunshine Coordinator for Greenfield School 2012-2017, Weakley County Retired Teachers Association, and Junior High and High Cheerleader Sponsor. At UT Martin: Alpha Delta Kappa Chaplin, Football Mom Coordinator, and PIKE Mom Coordinator. In Greenfield: Fire prevention Festival Planner and Parade Master of Ceremony, West TN Mayors Association 2012-present - 2nd Vice President, Greenfield Advancement Association. Other Weakley County community / civic involvement: W.C. Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, W.C. Industrial Board, W.C. Economic Development Board Director, Rural Planning Organization for NWTNDD 2012-present, W.C. Literacy Board, W. TN Healthcare Board of Trustees, W. C. Association for Handicapped People, W.C. Drug Free Coalition, and Drug Free Steering Committee for Obion and Weakley Counties. Awards and Recognitions Mrs. McAdams has received are: TN Education Association (Special Education Task Force) Career Ladder Level Teacher, Outstanding Teacher Award, Girls High School Softball Coach District Champions, 2015 Leadership Weakley County Class, April 2010 Walmart Employee of Month, 1996 W.C. High School Reacher of the Year, and Outstanding Young Woman.

Mrs. McAdams is married to Johnny McAdams. They have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.



**2018 Weakley Countian of the Year Mr. Robert Nunley
with 2019 Weakley Countian Mayor Cindy McAdams**

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2019 Business of the Year The Mobile PC Guys



**2018 Business of the Year Huffstetler & Sons Seed, Inc.
with 2019 Business of the Year The Mobile PC Guys**

The Mobile PC Guys is the 2019 Business of the Year. Best friends Jeff Matheny and John McMahan founded the business in 2001. Located in their new home in Greenfield, TN, it is the largest information technology managed service provider in West Tennessee. Operating at a complete Class II data center, they offer business, medical, and government agencies cutting edge technology including computer maintenance, network administration, fiber optic internet service, and VoIP telephone service.

The Mobile PC Guys has been instrumental in moving Weakley County and surrounding counties forward by implementing the most advanced technology available for government to better serve the citizens. Over the past years, The Mobile PC Guys has demonstrated themselves to be good neighbors to the people of Weakley County by hiring locally, contributing to local organizations, and offering community support. As an employer, The Mobile PC Guys leads the field by providing staff with ample time off, paid vacation, paid medical benefits, and 30-year retirement. It has been said that staff members are treated more like family than employees.

Some of the community services and recognitions of The Mobile PC Guys are:

- Worked for years to bring more fiber connectivity to Weakley County
- Donated many hours of consulting time to the county as their best interest engineer
- Provided hundreds of hours of free basic computer classes to senior citizens to help get connected and enrich their lives
- Consistently giving to local schools and charities benefitting our community
- Provided Career Counseling related to the information technology field to many college students in our area
- Created and ran a program to provide underprivileged families with usable computers by upgrading end-of-life business computers and providing them free of charge to those in need
- Awarded the 2013 and 2014 Youth Training Provider of the Year by the Northwest TN Workforce Board for their work with At Risk Youth
- In 2018 partnered with other businesses to build a Medical Helicopter Landing pad in Greenfield
- Constructed and built the areas first Class II Data Center

“First and foremost, The Mobile PC Guys is about building relationships with our clients through honest, clear communication and always seeing their needs first. We thrive on serving people and companies by showing them how to get more satisfaction, productivity, and profitability out of their technology.”

The Mobile PC Guys is located at 1 Technology Drive, Greenfield, TN, (731) 588-4200, www.themobilepcguys.com, or like them on FaceBook.

2019 Youth Achievement Award

Anna Johnson



2018 Youth Achievement Winner CeCe Spencer with 2019 Winner Anna Johnson

The 2019 Youth Achievement Award was presented to Anna Johnson of Dresden High School. Anna, a Senior at Dresden, is ranked #1 with 4.0 GPA and 35 ACT score, will graduate in May with a Guild High School Music Diploma. She has succeeded in many activities winning numerous honors. They are:

- * Academics: National Merit Finalist; Student of Distinction in Precalculus, Biology I and II, Chemistry, English III, and U. S. Government; Wendy's High School Heisman State Finalist; National Semifinalist Beta Club Scholarship, State Finalist - Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship; and University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor's Honor Roll with Highest Honors. Anna supplemented her high school course work by taking several classes on campus at UTM and earned an A in every class. UTM coursework includes Applied Piano, Cell and Molecular Biology and Lab, Calculus I, General Chemistry and Lab. Additionally, Anna completed a Physics course and lab at Bethel University earning an A. Currently Anna is enrolled in Chemistry 2 and Lab, Calculus 2, and Applied Piano at UTM.

- * Piano: University of Tennessee at Martin Piano Ensemble Member, Music Guild Member for 8 years, advanced to state piano competitions, and Dresden High School Choir Accompanist. Videos of Anna's piano performances can be seen on YouTube.
- * Athletics: Cross Country - Tennessee Small Schools State Cross Country Champion in 2017; Jackson Sun Cross Country Runner of the Year in 2015, 2016, and 2017; and Tennessee Sports Writers Association All State Cross Country Team in 2017 and 2018. Track - Tennessee Small Schools State Track Champion, 3200m in 2018 and Tennessee Sports Writers Association all State Track Team in 2018
- * School Clubs and Leadership Programs: Class President Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years; Beta Club member serving Vice President as Junior and President as Senior; Student Council; Mu Alpha Theta Math Club; Dewey Chism Student Citizenship Award Recipient; 2017 Weakley County Youth Leadership Graduate; Student Congress on Policies in Education Delegate; and State Beta Club Talent Competition, grades 9-12

Anna has participated in many community service projects. These include Weakley County Backpack Program; Dresden Cumberland Presbyterian Church Youth Group volunteer and substitute church pianist; Dresden Lion's Den; Bright Light Volunteers going to Cuba and Peru; Dresden, TN Iris Festival Student Representative; play piano at local activities as needed; assisted Weakley County Chamber of Commerce with Governor Ned McWherter statue dedication brunch; assistant at various 5K charity races; and Dresden High School Beta Club Service Projects.

After graduation, Anna will continue her education at Rhodes College where she will be a member of the cross country and track team. She plans to study mathematics and science.

Anna is the daughter of Collin and LeAnne Johnson. She is the granddaughter of Junior and Winnie Moore of Dresden, TN and Martha Johnson and the late Paul Johnson of Little Rock, AR.

2019 Emerging Leader

Jackie Johnson

Jackie Johnson was presented the Weakley County Young Professionals 2019 Emerging Leader Award. Jackie moved from Somerville, TN to attend UT Martin. In 2010 she received her BA in International Studies and her MBA in 2014. She served in various positions across campus before arriving at her current role as UTM Alumni Interim Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving. Jackie is currently pursuing her doctorate in Learning and Leadership from UT Chattanooga.

From day one Jackie wove herself into the culture of Weakley County. She is active in several community organizations including Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Director representing UTM, Wesley Foundation Board, Weakley County Young Professionals (founding member), and Martin Business Association. She completed the Weakley County Leadership Program in 2016 and served on the UTM Alumni Council from 2012-2015. Jackie's accomplishments, work ethics, humility, and kindness inspires friends and colleagues to become better citizen's.

Jackie, her husband Chris, and daughter Claire live in Martin, TN and are members of First Methodist Church.



2019 Emerging Leader Jackie Johnson with Whitney Stover, President Weakley County Young Professionals

Class 2019 Leadership Graduation

First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County



First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County 2019 Graduates are: Olivia Bailey, Reese Biggs, Rachel Blassingame, Chasney Brawner, Mary Beth Buchanan, Amelia Crews, Caroline Crouse, Katy Cursey, Belle Fowler, Caroline Killebrew, Jamison Lifsey, Molly Maddox - Class Project Chair, Porter Mantooth, Julie Mathis, Amy Mitchell, Kizer Riley, Tanner Scronce, Maura Shelton, Lexia Snider, and Elijah Young.

First Community Bank Youth Leadership is an elite leadership program of qualifying sophomores representing the four Weakley County high schools. The program is sponsored by First Community Bank of the Heartland and supported by the Weakley County Schools, Weakley County Municipal Electric System, and Weakley County Chamber of Commerce. The accredited class completed eight month sessions on team building, strategic planning, finance, government, education, quality of life, and aspects of economic development with local industrial tours.

First Community Bank of the Heartland sponsors pictured with the 2019 FCBYL graduating class are: President Bruce Kimbell, Executive Vice President Greg Gunter, Brad Branscum, Teresa Craddock, Dustin Frazier, and Kim Wheat.

Leadership Weakley County



Leadership Weakley County 2019 Graduates are: Jennifer Bane, Erica Bell, Penny Crowell, Keith Cursey, Cory Davis, Tkaira Davis, Phillip Fuqua, Brittany Henderson, Rick Johnson, Ben Jones, Melesa Lassiter, Katie Mantooth, John Mayros, Krista Paul, Ashley Pinkston, Emily Pitt, Sara Reagan, Shelby Spurgeon, Chris Stachewicz, Rachel Stephens, Laura Suiter, Thomas Tansil, Michele Thomas - Community Project Chair, and Whitney Wright.

The 2019 Leadership Weakley County class organized the Weakley County Mentoring Program as their class community project.

Welcome New Members



Rolling Hills Miniature Golf was welcomed to Weakley County by the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Gleason with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Owner / Operators Audie and Bobbie Ruble and their staff greeted Gleason Mayor Diana Poole, Chamber President Charles Anderson, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Gleason City Officials, Chamber members, customers, friends, and family.

Rolling Hills Miniature Golf, DBA Rolling Hills Entertainment, LLC, features an “18 hole course offering all the fun twist and turns one expects, plus a few challenging holes. The course is designed with 9 holes to accommodate handicap friends and families with specially designed clubs to make their experience awesome.”

Rolling Hills Miniature Golf is located at 4583 Hwy 22, Gleason, TN. For more information. To see pictures of the beautiful course, visit their website at www.rollinghillsminiaturegolf.com or like them on FaceBook, Rolling Hills number is (731) 358-2648. Summer course hours are Monday-Thursday 10 am to 10 pm, Friday and Saturday 10 am to 11 pm, and Sunday 1 pm to 10 pm.

The Lilly Pad Flowers & More



The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and City of Dresden welcomed The Lilly Pad Flowers & More to Dresden, TN with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Owner / Operators Chrystal Mize and Nathan Lilly and designer Augustina Finch welcomed Dresden Mayor Jeff Washburn, Weakley County Economic Development Board Director Shelby Spurgeon, Chamber President Charles Anderson, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Dresden City officials, Dresden Community Development, Chamber members, customers, friends, and family.

The Lilly Pad Flowers and More is located at 110 Church St, Dresden, TN. The Lilly Pad can assist with all your flower needs for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, proms, funerals, and more. They offer a large variety of gift items too. Stop by their location, call (731) 819-9102, or like them on FaceBook. Business hours are Monday - Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday 9 am - noon. For after hours assistance, call Crystal at (731) 514-0422, Nathan at (731) 335-0818, or Augustina at (210) 219-2464.



Grand Opening

Life Is What You Bake It Bakery & Earthen Vessels Pottery & Gifts



The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and Martin Business Association held a Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the opening of Life Is What You Bake It Bakery and Earthen Vessels Pottery & Gifts' new location. Owner / Operators Maria McClain and Jim Keeling welcomed Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum; Martin Mayor Randy Brundige; Ed Jackson III, Regional Director for Congressman David Kustoff; Shelby Spurgeon, Weakley County Economic Development Board Director; Chamber President-Elect Ty Smithson; Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin; Martin City officials; Chamber members; MBA members; customers; friends; and family.

Life Is What You Bake It offers "fresh from scratch bakery items: cinnamon rolls, muffins, cupcakes, cookies, bread, and so much more" that can be enjoyed with your choice of specialty coffee. Earthen Vessels Pottery & Gifts carry beautiful handmade pottery perfect for yourself or for a gift. Visit Life Is What You Bank It and Earthen Vessels Pottery & Gifts at 108 Lindell St, Martin, TN, to see the delicious items and beautiful pottery available. You can also call (731) 819-9769 and like them on FaceBook. Pre-orders are accepted. A 15% discount is given to military and law enforcement on in-store purchases.

Business hours: Monday - Friday 6:30 am to 3:00 pm and Saturday 7:00 am to noon.

Calendar of Events

June 20
7 pm

Music In The Park - "Jazz Night"
Festival Park
Martin, TN

June 27
7 pm

Music In The Park - "A Star-Spangled Celebration"
David Johnson Chorus & Martin Community Band
Festival Park
Martin, TN

July 4th

Chamber Office Closed

July 4th
5 pm

July 4th Celebration
Wilson Park
Dresden, TN

July 4th
6:30 pm

Martin Loves America
Martin Recreation Complex
Martin, TN

42nd Annual Stephen Wright Memorial Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament



First Place: First Community Bank



Second Place: Frog Properties



Third Place: Westan Insurance

Closest to Pen Winners

Hole #4	Ben Hopkins
Hole #8	Richard Smith
Hole #15	Mike Spence
Hole #18	A B Wilhite

THANKS

The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone for participating in the 42nd Annual Stephen Wright Memorial Industrial Appreciation golf Tournament. All team prizes, hole prizes, and hole sponsorships 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 huge success. **Mark your calendar now for the 43rd Annual Tournament on May 14, 2020.** Hope to see you next year!

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Refreshments Donated By:

Fred's Pharmacy, Union City Coca-Cola, Kountry Korner Pepsi, Volunteer Distributing, Weakley County Officials - Jake Bynum, Marci Floyd, Kim Hughey, April Jones, & Jennifer Killebrew

Thank You Team Prize & Hole Sponsors

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Eighth Place: Imerys



**Ninth Place:
 Alexander Thompson Arnold, Cary Insurance, & Taylor HomeWorks**



**Tenth Place:
 Persimmon Hills Wildcats**

**Straightest Drive Winner
 Hole #12 Scott Mansfield**

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