



WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



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2018 FCBYLWC Classes Begin



2018 First Community Bank Youth Leadership Class with FCB representatives Bruce Kimbell, President; Greg Gunter, Vice-President; Josh Pirtle, Dresden Banking Center; and Teresa Craddock, Martin Banking Center

The First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County 2018 class began with Team Building session at the University of Tennessee Martin. The Weakley County students participating are:

Dresden: Class Project Chairman Dryver Finch, Kara Needham, Brooke Parker, Tristen Trevathan, and Tinley Winn

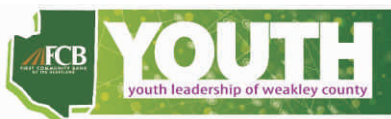
Gleason: Lillie Freeman, Marissa Laws, Martha Nichols, Claire O'Connor, and Libby Smith

Greenfield: Tess Darby, Colton Freeman, Bailey Gordon, Kassidy Harris, and Lydia Hazlewood

Westview: Allie Baker, EmilyGrace Bell, Carson Brigance, Jessie Deal, and Braxton Gunter

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 Weakley County faces. 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 Chamber of Commerce, and other community donations.



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Weakley County Receives Governor's ThreeStar Award



Pictured are (l-r): Brooxie Carlton, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, TNECD; Blake Swaggart, Northwest Regional Director, TNECD; Bob Rolfe, Commissioner, TNECD; Barbara Virgin, Weakley County Chamber Executive Director & ThreeStar Coordinator; TN Governor Bill Haslam; Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum; Jana Hellums, Northwest Regional Business Development Consultant, TNECD; Jody Sliger, ThreeStar Director, TNECD; and Amy New, Assistant Commissioner Rural Development, TNECD

Governor Bill Haslam and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development presented ThreeStar awards at the 2017 Governor's conference on Economic and Community Development in Nashville in October.

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.

"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."

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

Welcome New Members

Weakley County Head Start

Tami Workman
231 S. Wilson St.
Dresden, TN 38225
(731) 364-3913; Fax: (731) 364-5356
E-mail: tworkmank@bellsouth.net
Web addr: www.nwcommunityaction.org
Head Start Program

Fresh Start at Damrons

Diane Sterrett
935 Main St.
Martin, TN 38237
(731) 281-7200
E-mail: freshstartatdamrons@gmail.com
Restaurant, Bakery, BBQ, & Catering

Poppi's Pizza

Jeff Washburn 115 S. Poplar
Dresden, TN 38225
(731) 364-3900
E-mail: jeffwashburn@hotmail.com
Pizza Restaurant
Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting
Dec. 14, 2017 at 3:30 pm

The Grind Mac & Cheese Burger Bar, LLC

Alan Laderman & Mark Laderman
112 Lovelace St.
Martin, TN 38237
(731) 587-6912
E-mail: flamehead@charter.net
Restaurant

Welcome New Members

WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTER OF MARTIN



The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting to welcome Baptist Medical Group Women's Health Center of Martin as a new Chamber member. Participating in the event were Elizabeth Lund, MD; Jennifer Burgart, MD; Melissa Reeves, FNP-BC; Elizabeth Roberts, FNP-BC; Rebecca Johnson, CNM; Jamie Maddox, CNM; representatives and staff of Baptist Medical Group and Women's Health Center of Martin; Chamber President Hal Bynum; Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin; and business and community leaders.

Women's Health Center of Martin, formerly Surgical Associates of Martin, "specializes in various areas of women's health." To see how Women's Health Center of Martin can take care of your health needs, visit their location at 300 W. Peach St., Martin, TN, or call (731) 587-2525.



The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce welcomed new Chamber member Fresh Start at Damrons with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Joining owner / operators Diane Sterrett and George Moufarrej and their staff were Chamber President Hal Bynum, Chamber members, MBA members, customers, family, and friends.

Fresh Start at Damrons is a family owned restaurant, bakery, and caterer offering a wide variety of food. To see the delicious items Fresh Start has to offer, including desserts and daily specials, stop by their location at 935 Main St., Martin, TN, call (731) 281-7200, or like them on FaceBook. Business hours are Monday through Thursday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm and Friday and Saturday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm.

Welcome New Member



A Ribbon Cutting was held to celebrate the Grand Opening of J & B Motors of Greenfield, LLC. Joining owners Jonathan James and Joey Spellings were Greenfield Mayor Cindy McAdams, Chamber President Hal Bynum, Greenfield City elected officials and staff, Chamber members, Greenfield Advancement Association, staff, customers, friends, and family.

For your next vehicle purchase, stop by J & B Motors at 2306 N. Meridian St., Greenfield, TN, check out their web site at www.jbgmotors.com, like them on FaceBook, or call (731) 678-0300. Business hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to noon.

“Our goal is to provide Greenfield and the surrounding areas with the best buying experience possible.”

Community Sharing Program

UT Federal Credit Union *Little Free Library*



UT Federal Credit Union and the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce had a Ribbon Cutting to announce the opening of the Little Free Library. Joining UT Federal Credit Union manager Karen Hicks and her staff were Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Chamber President Hal Bynum, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Chamber members, MBA members, and friends.

“The Little Free Library offers a way to connect with your neighbors and share favorite books of all kinds.” It contains books for readers of all ages. At the Little Library, if you see a book you would like to read, take it. When you are finished with it, you can either return it, pass it on to a friend, or keep it and bring back a different book to share with others. This is a great way to share your favorite titles.



The Little Free Library is located outside UT Federal Credit Union at 103 Hurt St, Martin, TN. The Little Library is always open and is even equipped with a place to leash pets for people walking their pets in the neighborhood. For more information or to donate books, call Karen and her team at (731) 587-5451 or go to www.littlefreelibrary.org.

Grand Openings



Savant
Learning Systems



The community showed support to Savant Learning Systems, Inc. at a celebration of the opening of another newly renovated office. President and CEO Dr. Nassar Nassar, Executive VP and CFO Tommy Legins, and Savant staff welcomed gubernatorial candidate Randy Boyd, Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Chamber President Hal Bynum, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, and a host of business and community members to the ribbon cutting.

Savant Learning Systems Inc. “is an innovator in the development and delivery of online training and education. They present turn-key e-learning solutions to colleges and universities, businesses, and national government agencies, including public safety and corrections.” They are a dedicated team of education and technology professionals working to improve the way people learn online.

Savant Learning Systems Inc.’s newest location is 242 S. Lindell St. (the former Regions Bank), Martin, TN. To find out more about products and support services offered by Savant, go to www.savantlearningsystems.com.



West Kentucky and Tennessee Telecommunications Cooperative was welcomed to Weakley County by the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Joining WK&T representatives Ellen Thomas, Carrie Huckeby, Karen Jackson-Furman, Trevor Bonnstetter, Susan Walker, Becky Scott, Natalie Morgan, and Tiffany Myers were Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Chamber President Hal Bynum, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Weakley County Young Professionals President Jackie Johnson, Chamber members, MBA members, and City of Martin officials.

West Kentucky and Tennessee Telecommunications Cooperative is working to build an advanced fiber-to-home network in Martin, TN. To learn more about this project, go to www.fiberformartin.com.

WK&T is located at 207 S. Lindell St, Martin, TN. To find out more about the services available through WK&T, stop by their office, call 1-877-954-8748, visit their web site at www.mywkt.net, or like them on FaceBook. Business hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

“Our mission is to offer leading-edge technology, excellent customer service and support to our members with a goal to achieve complete customer satisfaction.”

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
Bob's Discount Pharmacy
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Dresden Enterprise
E. T. Reavis & Son
Finney's Floor & Home Center
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Spot Not Car Wash
Urban Designs
Vaughan Brothers Hardware

Gleason:

Gleason Hardware
Gleason Lumber & Supply Company
Master Tire & Auto Service
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Greenfield:

Biggs Greenhouses, Inc.
Subway

Sharon:

Sharon Furniture & Appliance
Tracy's Place

Martin:

5 Seasons Men's Shop
A Country Pet Resort & Spa
BB's Furniture & Mattress Gallery
Cardon Locksmith Service
Color Shop Construction
Comet 1 Hr. Cleaners & Laundry
E. W. James & Sons
Factory Connection
General Supply
J. J.'s Quick Shop
Kirkland's Antiques, Gifts, Interiors,
& Lighting
Murphy Florist
Opera House
Relaxing Effects Day Spa
Reynolds Bros. Tire Company
Sammies
Shoe Shack
Six Toe Gallery
St. Charles Flowers & Gifts
Sugar & Spice
Taylor HomeWorks
Vicki's Designer Touch
Weakley County Press



Calendar of Events

*Nov. 19
1 - 4 pm*

*“Fill The Fire Truck” for Santa’s Helpers
Court Square, Dresden, TN
Collecting toys, coats, and clothing*

Nov. 23

*Thanksgiving
Chamber Office Closed*

Nov. 25

Small Business Saturday

*Dec. 2
8 am - 3 pm*

*Annual Country Christmas Bazaar
St. Jude Catholic Church, Martin, TN*

Dec. 4

*Kiwanis Christmas Parade
Martin, TN*

*Dec. 7
5 - 7 pm*

*Chamber Christmas Reception
Sponsored by: Sharon Chamber Members
Dresden Elks Lodge, Dresden, TN*

Dec. 7 - 10

*Santa’s Village
West TN Ag Pavilion, UT Martin
Martin, TN*

*Dec. 9
6 - 11 am*

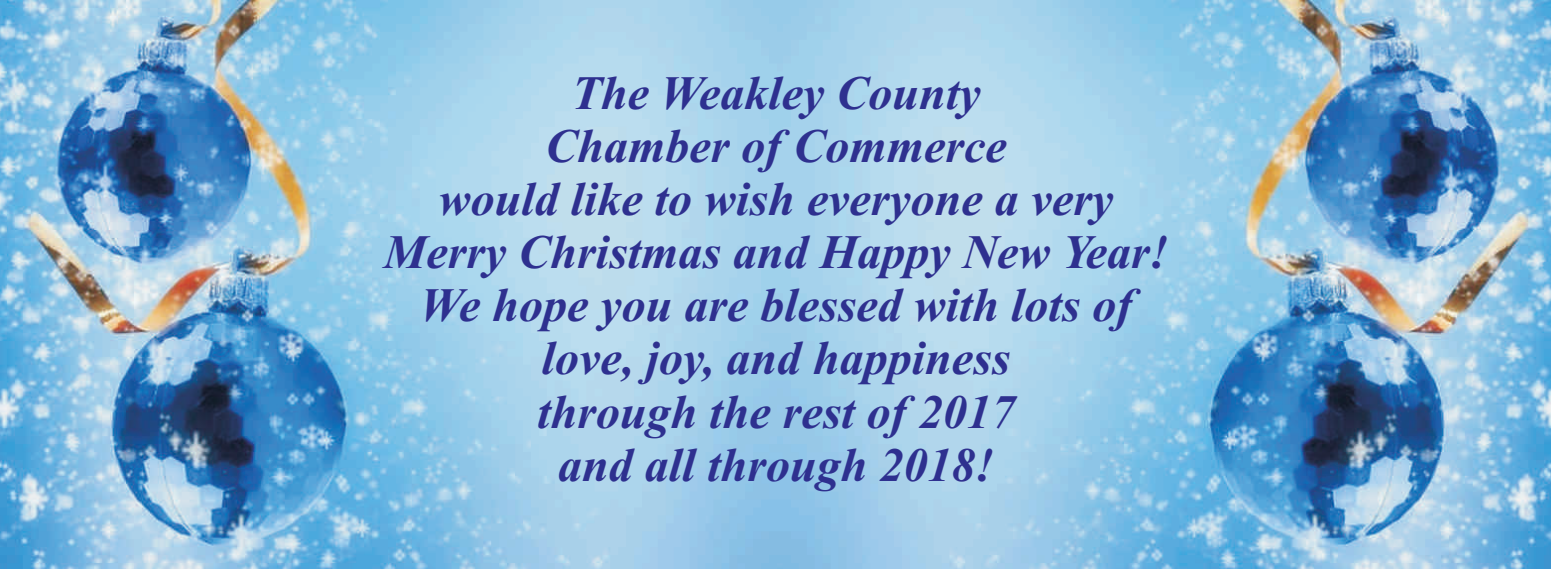
*Rotary Club Ham Breakfast
Martin Elementary School, Martin, TN*

*Dec. 14
3:30 pm*

*Poppi’s Pizza
Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting
115 S. Poplar St, Dresden, TN*

Dec. 25

*Christmas
Chamber Office Closed*



*The Weakley County
Chamber of Commerce
would like to wish everyone a very
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
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love, joy, and happiness
through the rest of 2017
and all through 2018!*

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