



# WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



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## *2019-20 Chamber Board of Directors*



The 2019-2020 Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors held the first meeting of the fiscal year in August. This year's Board of Directors are:

Seated (l-r) - Chamber President Elect Cory Davis, Martin, Performance Chiropractic; Ben Moore, Weakley County Farm Bureau; Chamber President Ty Smithson, Greenfield, Greenfield Banking Company; Jonathan James, Greenfield, J & B Motors LLC; Tyler Mitchell, Greenfield, Greenfield Monument Works; Hal Bynum, Sharon, Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc.; and Sharon Mayor Monroe Ary.

Standing (l-r) - Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin; Misti Edwards, Sharon, Simmons Bank; Greenfield Mayor Cindy McAdams; Callie Smithson, Greenfield, City of Greenfield; Tiffany Browning, Dresden, ClaireBrooke Consignment / NeoTech; Molly Hannah Wilson, Gleason, Gleason Lumber & Supply Company Inc; Jackie Johnson, University TN Martin; Amy Lewellen, Dresden, BancorpSouth, and Kim Hughey, Martin, Weakley County Clerk.

Present but not pictured - Robb Newbill, Martin, Security Bank & Trust Co.

2019-2020 Directors not present - Chamber Past President Charles Anderson, Gleason, Downtown Revitalization; Brad Branscum, Dresden, First Community Bank of the Heartland; Martin Mayor Randy Brundige; Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum; Faron Collins, Weakley County Municipal Electric System; Preston Frazier, Gleason, Bank of Gleason; Randy Frazier, Weakley County Board of Education; Jeffery Hames, Gleason; Maria Lackey, Sharon, Sharon Furniture & Appliance; Bonnie Moore, Dresden, Brundige & Moore Insurance Agency; Gleason Mayor Diana Poole; Dee Pritchett, Martin, Fuller Partners Real Estate Inc; Steven Scott, Sharon, Persimmon Hills Golf Course; Shelby Spurgeon, Weakley County Economic Development Board; Allen Strawbridge, West TN Public Utility District; and Dresden Mayor Jeff Washburn.

# **Welcome New Members**

## **Executive Committee**

President - Ty Smithson  
Past Pres. - Charles Anderson  
Pres. Elect - Cory Davis

## **Board of Directors**

Brad Branscum  
Tiffany Browning  
Hal Bynum  
Misti Edwards  
Preston Frazier  
Jeffery Hames  
Kim Hughey  
Jonathan James  
Maria Lackey  
Amy Lewellen  
Tyler Mitchell  
Bonnie Moore  
Rob Newbill  
Dee Pritchett  
Steven Scott  
Callie Smithson  
Molly Hannah Wilson

## **Ex-Officio**

Monroe Ary  
Randy Brundige  
Jake Bynum  
Faron Collins  
Randy Frazier  
Jackie Johnson  
Cindy McAdams  
Diana Poole  
Ben Moore  
Shelby Spurgeon  
Allen Strawbridge  
Jeff Washburn

## **Staff**

Barbara Virgin  
Executive Director  
  
Marguriet Frazier  
Administrative Assistant

## **Senior Solutions Home Care**

Tabatha Bonds  
215 Hawks Rd., Ste. 12  
Martin, TN  
(731) 513-0047  
E-mail: [tabatha.bonds@sscures.com](mailto:tabatha.bonds@sscures.com)  
Web addr: [www.sscures.com](http://www.sscures.com)  
Home Health (non medical)

## **Blake's BBQ**

Blake Stoker  
Abbey Stoker  
312 N. Lindell St.  
Martin, TN 38237  
(731) 819-4364  
E-mail: [abbeystoker@hotmail.com](mailto:abbeystoker@hotmail.com)  
BBQ Restaurant

## **Higher Ground Coffee Co.**

Stacie Herrell  
147 Commons Dr.  
Martin, TN 38237  
(731) 446-7052  
E-mail: [stacieherrell@gmail.com](mailto:stacieherrell@gmail.com)  
Web addr: [www.highergroundcoffee.com](http://www.highergroundcoffee.com)  
Specialty Coffee Shop & Cafe

## **Buff City Soap**

Charli Gorman  
229 Lindell St.  
Martin, TN 38237  
(731) 780-3192  
E-mail: [charli@buffcitysoap.com](mailto:charli@buffcitysoap.com)  
Web addr: [www.buffcitysoap.com](http://www.buffcitysoap.com)  
Hand-Crafted  
Bath & Body Products

## **Blue Oak Oyster Bar & Grill**

Chris Hayden  
Ben Coffey  
301 S. Lindell St.  
Martin, TN 38237  
(731) 261-8091  
E-mail: [blueoakoyster@gmail.com](mailto:blueoakoyster@gmail.com)  
Restaurant Serving Fresh Seafood,  
Hand-Cut Steaks, and More

## **Gleason City Drug**

Andrea Owen  
102 Main St.  
Gleason, TN 38229  
(731) 648-5146  
E-mail: [gleasoncitydrug@gmail.com](mailto:gleasoncitydrug@gmail.com)  
Web addr: [www.gleasoncitydrug.com](http://www.gleasoncitydrug.com)  
Pharmacy

## **Budget Inn**

Labh Thakar  
8563 Hwy 22  
Dresden, TN 38225  
(731) 364-3151  
E-mail: [labhthakar@yahoo.com](mailto:labhthakar@yahoo.com)  
Motel

## **A.B. Cheatham's, LLC**

Myra Hoffman  
230 S. Lindell St.  
Martin, TN 38237  
(731) 281-7474  
E-mail: [hoffmanmc08@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmanmc08@gmail.com)  
Restaurant / Bar

## **Cam Cleaning Company**

Josh McCallister  
1155 Woodlawn Rd.  
Greenfield, TN 38230  
(731) 514-6349  
E-mail: [josh@camcleaningco.com](mailto:josh@camcleaningco.com)  
Web addr:  
[www.camcleaningco.com](http://www.camcleaningco.com)  
Janitorial Services, Custodial  
Services, & Floor Care



# Save The Dates

*Save the dates for these upcoming  
Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting / Open House /  
Business After Hours Events*

## Thursday, Oct. 3rd

Ribbon Cutting - 4-5 pm  
Open House - 5-7 pm

*Wendell Alexander /  
Top Tier Auctions /  
Skyhawk Rentals*

Alex Bynum, Brent Croom,  
& Ashley Pinkston  
224 S. Lindell St.  
P. O. Box 872  
Martin, TN 38237  
(731) 281-1220

Real Estate, Auctions,  
& Rental Property

## Thursday, Oct. 10

Ribbon Cutting - 4 pm  
Business After Hours - 4-6  
pm

*A.B. Cheatham's  
Downtown Tavern*

Myra Hoffman  
230 S. Lindell St.  
Martin, TN 38237  
(731) 281-7474

Restaurant & Bar

## Friday, Nov. 15

New Location  
Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting -  
11 am

*Martin Motor  
Company*

Adam Adkins  
8489 Hwy 45 S.  
Martin, TN 38237  
(731) 587-2777  
Fax: (731) 587-4181

Automotive Sales

## **Wake Up & Smell the Coffee**

**At  
Greenbrier Meadows**



**October 22, 2019  
7:30 am - 9:30 pm**

**Greenbrier Meadows  
436 Hannings Lane  
Martin, TN 38237  
(731) 587-9303**

**December 12, 2019**

*5-7 pm*

*Weakley County Chamber of Commerce  
Christmas Reception  
Sponsored by Greenfield Chamber Members*

**April 21, 2020**

*6 pm*

*Chamber Awards Banquet*

**May 14, 2020**

*43rd Annual Stephen Wright Memorial  
Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament*

**Save  
the  
Date**



**Upcoming Chamber  
Events**

# Grand Openings



## *Carl Perkins Center* *of Weakley / Obion Counties*



The Weakley / Obion County Carl Perkins Center celebrated the opening of their new location with an Open House and Ribbon Cutting ceremony. Carl Perkins Center's new location is 408 N. Lindell St, Martin, TN. Director Amber Whitten and her staff welcomed Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Chamber members, MBA members, local businesses, friends, family, and Carl Perkins Center supporters.

The Weakley / Obion County Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse mission is to "provide support to families in preventing and dealing with child abuse in West Tennessee, and to help both parents and children meet the practical needs of preserving and improving the quality of family life. Services include a 24-hour crisis hotline, crisis intervention, parent training and parenting groups, divorce education program, child advocacy services, child victims program, child sexual abuse victim's group, relative caregiver program, drug endangered/exposed children's program, emergency assistance, food and clothing assistance, Stewards of Children training, child abuse prevention, and community awareness programs."

If you would like to donate to the Weakley / Obion County Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse call (731) 587-0768.



The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and Martin Business Association welcomed Buff City Soap to Weakley County with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Owner / operator Charli Gorman and her staff welcomed Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum; Martin Mayor Randy Brundige; Greenfield Mayor Cindy McAdams; Ed Jackson, TN 8th Congressional District Regional Director for Congressman Kustoff; Chamber President Ty Smithson; Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin; Chamber members; MBA members; customers; friends; and family.

Buff City Soap offers "handcrafted, plant based soaps and body products that are good for your skin and smell great too. No animal products, no artificial detergents." Each bar is made by hand in-store.

Buff City Soap is located at 229 S. Lindell St., Martin, TN. Stop by their location to watch the soap making process. Charli Gorman and her staff will be glad to show you exactly what goes into their products and on your skin. For more information call (731) 780-3192, visit their website at [www.buffcitysoap.com](http://www.buffcitysoap.com), or like them on FaceBook.

Buff City Soap is open Wednesday through Monday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Tuesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

# *We Are Customers To Each Other*

It's that time of year again. Everyone's busy, stressed out, and short of time. It can be easy to forget to thank people. It shouldn't be. However, sadly, it is.

We can usually remember to thank our customers. We probably don't have any trouble thanking family. However, there is a group of people often left out of the "thank you" pile.....our co-workers!

Co-workers are people we spend most of the day with side-by-side. They are thought of as our "home away from home" family. Sure, we argue and disagree with co-workers just like our family. That's ok because most of us have a family environment in our office. We understand that. It's our office family. With this in mind, this column goes to our co-workers, our internal customers.

The word of the day is WACTEO. No need to look it up...it's made up. Here are the ground rules for WACTEO (We Are Customers To Each Other).

**1. Understand Your Role** - Each employee should know the mission of their organization and the role they play. Those of us who are in a small department of a large company can oftentimes miss the big picture. If you don't know the mission of your company, ask for it. Keep it at your desk. It will help you with the big picture. You may start to understand the "why" of the things you're asked to do sometimes and "why" internal customer service is everyone's responsibility from president to maintenance. If management isn't doing their part, oftentimes the entire customer service program will go out the window. We don't want double standards. Remember it starts at the top!

**2. Respect Employee Differences** - Cub fan? Cardinal fan? Rock music, classical, whatever. Just because we don't agree with someone doesn't make us right. Differences are crucial for an organization. Differences are key to understanding people. If everyone thought the same way, most of us wouldn't be needed. It's not healthy to argue just because a co-worker isn't doing it the way you would or thinking the way you do. Learn to respect the differences. That's why we have chocolate and vanilla ice cream.

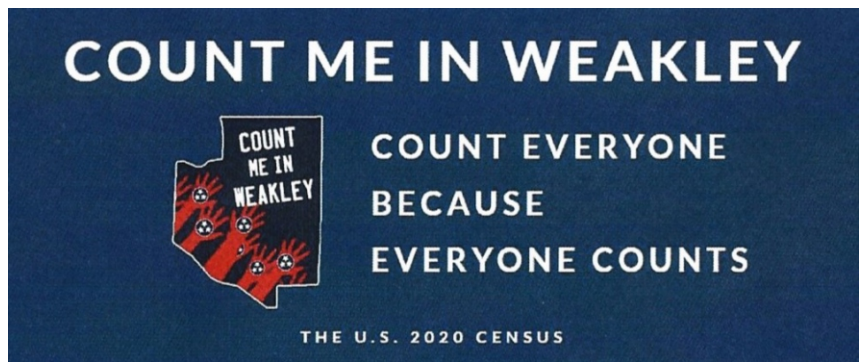
**3. Recognize the Personal Space of Others** - Simply put, this boils down to the golden rule. Those who can work with a radio playing music may disturb others around them who aren't able to concentrate. Loud voices around someone who's on the phone with an external customer can be annoying also. If you're working in a cubical or sharing an office or area, we need to recognize there are others around you. Be sensitive to their wishes, as you would hope they would be to yours.

**4. Work to Resolve Conflicts** - Who hasn't had unkind words with another employee? Or perhaps you and a co-worker strongly disagree on a project or idea. Not trying to make it work can only lead to more stress and frustration. Learn to work it out (notice I didn't say "try" and work it out) even if you need to call in a professional in the area. Normally someone from HR or another trusted employee can usually be of help on conflict resolutions.

**5. Show Appreciation** - We saved this for last because being appreciated, showing you care with a genuine "thank you," is critical to WACTEO. It can be a note, a phone call, or just stopping by an office and letting someone know they did a great job. This makes a huge difference in our internal relationships. There are surveys upon surveys that show how much a genuine pat on the back of appreciation is thought of as a way of special compensation.

# United States Census 2020

*Begins  
April 1, 2020*



## *Everyone Counts in Weakley County*

Once per decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States, creating national awareness of the importance of the census and its valuable statistics. The census not only counts our population and households, it provides the basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to support states, counties, and communities vital programs - impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy.

The next census kicks off on April 1, 2020. Data collected in the U.S. Census brings the right amount of federal money to your local community for local programs that help you and your neighbors. For every household that doesn't get counted, we lose \$39,000 over a 10-year period.

**Count Me in Weakley** is Weakley County, Tennessee's Census 2020 awareness campaign to educate residents about the importance of being counted in the 2020 Census, and how to be counted. This site will keep you informed as we get closer to April 1, 2020.

### **Quick Facts About the Importance of the Census - The Cost of an Incomplete Count**

- \* There are 300 federal programs allocated \$675 billion per year on census driven data (Decennial and the American Community Survey)
- \* In 2015, 37 out of 50 states received a majority of their funding from federal dollars in 5 major programs
  - > Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
  - > Medicaid (Traditional and Part D)
  - > Title IV-E Foster Care
  - > Title IV-E Adoption Assistance
  - > Child Care and Development Fund
- \* Funds loss per person range from a low of \$533 in Utah to \$2,309 in Vermont
- \* Tennessee was the median state
- \* Federal Funds Loss per person in Tennessee are estimated to be **\$1,091 per person not counted** in the census
- \* Every **1% of population** in Tennessee **under-counted reduces funding by \$69,205,364**

For more information on *Count Me in Weakley*, go to [www.weakleycountyttn.gov/census2020.html](http://www.weakleycountyttn.gov/census2020.html).

**LEADERSHIP**  
WEAKLEY COUNTY

**Nominations for the 2020  
Leadership Weakley County Class  
are now being accepted. Anyone wanting to join the class or  
nominate a future leader, please contact the Chamber at (731)  
364-3787, go to [www.weakleycountychamber.com](http://www.weakleycountychamber.com), or email  
[wccc@weakleycountychamber.com](mailto:wccc@weakleycountychamber.com).  
Application deadline is November 1, 2019.**

# Calendar of Events

*Sept. 28 - Oct. 3*

*Sharon Corn & Music Festival  
Sharon, TN*

*Oct. 5  
(Rain Date: Oct. 12)*

*2nd Annual Octoberfest & Car Show  
Courtsquare  
Dresden, TN*

*Oct. 9 - 12*

*Fire Prevention Festival  
Greenfield, TN*

*Oct. 15  
5:30 pm*

*Chamber Board Meeting  
Chamber Office  
Dresden, TN*

*Oct. 18  
5:00 pm*

*Weakley County Relay For Life  
UT Martin Stadium Parking Lot  
Martin, TN*

*Oct. 19  
Time TBA*

*2nd Annual Haunted 5K  
Brian Brown Memorial Greenway  
Martin, TN  
Sponsored by Weakley County Young Professionals*

*Oct. 31  
5 - 7 pm*

*Trunk or Treat  
Front St.  
Greenfield, TN*

*Nov. 8 - 10*

*Retail Review to Christmas Event  
Martin, TN*

*Nov. 9  
10:30 am*

*Veterans Day Parade  
Sponsored by Rolling Thunder TN Chapter VI  
Martin, TN*

*Nov. 19  
5:30 pm*

*Chamber Board Meeting  
Chamber Office  
Dresden, TN*

*Nov. 28 - 29*

*Thanksgiving  
Chamber Office Closed*

*Nov. 30*

*Small Business Saturday*

*Dec. 12  
5 - 7 pm*

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

*Dec. 12 - 15*

*Santa's Villiage  
Ned McWherter Ag Pavilion  
Martin, TN*

Events are also listed on the Chamber website at [www.weakleycounty-chamber.com](http://www.weakleycounty-chamber.com).  
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