



WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



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Welcome 2011-2012 Chamber President



2010-2011 Chamber President Todd Hampton
2011-2012 Chamber President Jake Bynum



The Bynum Family:
Alyssa, Jake, and Ella

Jake Bynum will be serving as the 2011-2012 Weakley County Chamber of Commerce President. Jake and his wife Alyssa are raising their daughter Ella in the Dresden community.

Jake is a Business Development Specialist for First State Bank in Dresden. He is a 2002 graduate of Dresden High School and a 2006 UT Martin graduate with a degree in Business Administration. Since becoming a member of the business community, Jake has been involved in several activities both in and out of the Chamber. He has served on the Chamber Board of Directors for 3 years and is on the First State Youth Leadership and Leadership Weakley County Boards. Jake is a City of Dresden Alderman, WECDB Representative, UT Martin Young Alumni Council member, First State Youth Leadership Alumni, Leadership Weakley County Alumni, volunteer firefighter, past Tennessee Iris Festival Chairman, and former Dresden Rotary Club President. Jake is enthusiastic about the upcoming Chamber year with a goal of continued unification of all Weakley County communities.

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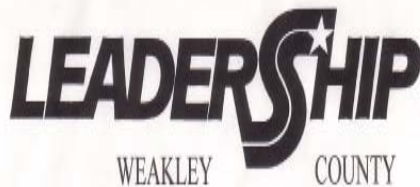
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Nominations for the 2012 Leadership Weakley County Class are now being accepted. Anyone wanting to be part of the class, or wanting to nominate a person, please contact the Chamber Office at (731) 364-3787 or email wcassistant@crunet.com

Attention Members

The Chamber would like to inform you that there are people calling and visiting in our area selling ads for maps and magnets. These people are saying the Chamber is supporting them. The only company that the Chamber is currently endorsing is NovoPrint USA, who do the Weakley County maps. When it is time for new Weakley County maps, the Chamber will inform you through email and the newsletter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office at (731) 364-3787, email Barbara at wccc@crunet.com, or email Marguriet at wcassistant@crunet.com.

Team Building: The Exec's Main Asset

Chamber of Commerce management, while similar in most respects to other corporate management, has an added dimension. Because the leadership of the Chamber changes each year, the Chamber executive is also in the unique position of having to manage those who pay him or her.

The Chamber exec and his or her staff is very dependant upon those persons who volunteer their time, efforts, and talents to accomplish the objectives of the organization.

At the same time, he or she must fulfill the same function as managers of any business...**planning, organizing, directing, and controlling.**

The major difference is that it is the volunteers that implement the goals as opposed to a totally paid staff.

To put it another way, the Chamber exec is a "facilitator". He or she is responsible for making easier the work that is to be done to accomplish the goals.

Several years ago, prior to his retirement from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Harry Cowan put forth some "Principles of Management" that can be helpful to us in managing the many programs that a typical Chamber deals with daily.

1. Consider Substance, Not Form: Have you ever been asked to serve on a committee just because the organization had it last year? It didn't have clear goals and objectives. Did you feel your time was wasted?

2. Determine The Facts: Fact and opinion are two different things and we must sort them out as much as possible. If we act on opinion, it may become a fact.

3. Setting Priorities: Trying to be all things to all people and nothing to anyone are the same thing. We must be careful that we don't build a structure and then build programs around it for the sake of the structure.

4. Follow Through - Don't Get Sidetracked: Opportunity should never be used to determine goals, but should be used to accomplish goals.

Chamber management is "team building" - our major asset is people - the membership of the Chamber. We do not produce a product, but we produce tangible results - new and expanded industries, programs specifically to help small businesses profit, building the image of our communities, solving major community issues, developing leadership, representing the business point of view to government - and the list goes on.

Chamber of Commerce management is different, but most satisfying because of the businessmen and women who have high expectations for their organization and the people they employ as their staff.

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Weakley County!**



Welcome Members
Tennessee Technology Center
Weakley County Campus



The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce hosted a Relocation Ribbon Cutting to announce the new location of the Tennessee Technology Center's Weakley County Campus. Guests were welcomed by TTC Director Dr. Bradley White; Student Services Staff Ron Hinton, John Ridgeway, Sue Berry; and instructors Maureen Sledd and John Mehan. Present were Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Chamber President Todd Hampton, Dresden Mayor Danny Forrester, Weakley County School Superintendent Randy Frazier, along with representatives from Edward Jones, Rountree Business Equipment, Hamilton-Ryker, TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development, First State, Dresden City Officials, BancorpSouth, Que Shack, and Weakley County Campus TTC students.



The TTC Weakley County Campus is an extension facility of the Tennessee Technology Center in McKenzie. They are located at 8250 Hwy 22, Dresden, TN, in the Adult Learning Center. For more information about programs offered at the Weakley County Campus, call (731) 352-5364 or email John Ridgeway, Enrollment Counselor, at john.ridgeway@ttcmckenzie.edu.



Happy 25th Anniversary

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How to Prevent Falls in the Workplace

It is a fact that more than 16 percent of all workplace falls result in injuries or illness that affect the productive environment of a workplace. It becomes essential then to employ means to prevent falls at the workplace. Falls at the workplace are mainly of two kinds: those that happen in single-story structures and those that occur from a higher level.

Most falls occurring from slips and trips at the same level are caused due to slipping on an icy surface or tripping over an object. A fraction of the falls occurring from different levels happen when people fall off ladders, steps, or a higher floor. It is also a fact that falls at the workplace can be prevented. Although accidents are not easy to guess, it's still quite possible to prevent them from happening. Doing away with unsafe acts and conditions can control such accidents. Look for ways to prevent slips, trips, and falls from occurring at the workplace. Once these hazards are eliminated you can usually prevent accidents from taking place.

Some of the precautions you can take to avoid accidents are:

- * Ensure that all spills and wet surfaces are immediately cleaned up from the floor. Do not allow any residual slimy leftovers to be lying around on the floor as it could be a cause for a potential slip or fall.
- * See to it that all walking pathways in the office are clutter-free. Do not allow normal walkways to be littered by any object that might result in people tripping and falling over.
- * In case you need to reach up to something that's high up in the office, always use a safe stepladder. Never use chairs or desks to climb up to access things above your head.
- * Make sure that you only carry loads that you can safely handle. While carrying objects, make sure that your line of vision is not affected and that you are not carrying a load that is too heavy. Weighty objects may make you stumble under their weight.
- * Always have good illumination around the office space. Whether indoors or near to the exteriors, ensure that lighting is adequate and visibility is not affected.
- * Always wear good footwear when you are walking about. We may not have control over the condition of the surface that we walk on, but we do have control over what we choose to wear on our feet. Increasing friction between the soles of your shoes and the surface on which you are walking greatly reduces the risk of slip-injuries.
- * Follow safety tips to choose the right shoes for the prevailing conditions. Wear hard rubber soles for greasy, concrete, or wood flooring. Soft rubber shoes are good for dry surfaces. Crepe soles are best for rough concrete surfaces, dry or wet. Neoprene soles are good and safe on most wet or dry surfaces.



**Happy 30th Anniversary
Donaldson Brothers
Rentals**

Calendar of Events

**August 23
5:30 pm**

**Chamber Board Meeting
Chamber Office**

August 28 - September 5

**Tater Town Special
Gleason, TN**

September 3 - 11



**Tennessee Soybean Festival
Martin, TN
www.tnsoybeanfestival.org**



September 5

**Labor Day
Chamber Office Closed**

**September 20
5:30 pm**

**Chamber Board Meeting
Chamber Office**

October 4 - 8



**Fire Prevention Week
Greenfield, TN**



October 15



**Big Cypress Tree Fall Festival
Greenfield, TN**



December 8 - 11

**Santa's Village
Ned McWherter Ag Complex
Martin, TN**



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