



WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



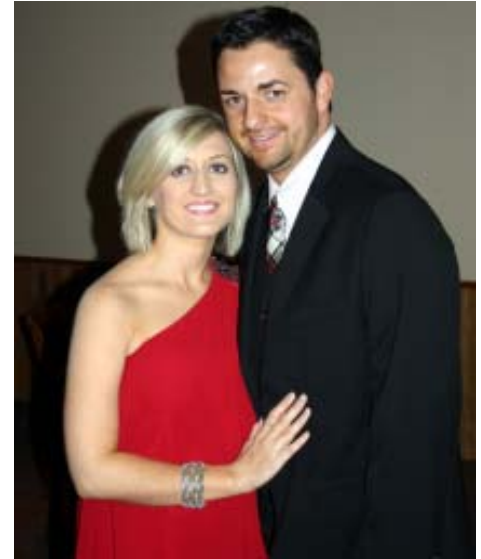
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Comments From the President

On December 15, 2011, the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Christmas Reception at the Dresden Elks Lodge. A large crowd of Weakley County Chamber members turned out for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, Christmas music, and networking. The Chamber would like to thank the following Chamber members for their sponsorship of the Reception: City of Dresden, First State Bank, Primrose Oil, BancorpSouth, Schwarz Supply, Wendell Alexander Enterprises, Bowlin Funeral Home, Bryant Rhodes - Weakley County Farm Bureau, D & M Auto Detail Supply, Farm Credit Services, Frog Properties, Larry Jolley Realty, National Tobacco, Trevathan Brothers, Volunteer Distributing, Dresden/Westan Insurance, Dresden Rotary Club, ET Reavis & Son, Junior Moore Farms, Kerry Killebrew Advertising, Richard Hutcherson, D.D.S., West TN Automotive, Champion Homes of Tennessee, and Joe Sarrio - State Farm. The Chamber would also like to thank the following businesses for providing door prizes that were very much enjoyed by those in attendance: Bob's Pharmacy, Cardon Locksmith Service, Christy's Frames & Things, Dresden Rotary Club, Fastenal, First State Bank, Just Hair, On The Square, Road Runner Driving Academy, Simple Things, Tennessee Iris Festival, and Vaughn Brothers Hardware. Thanks also to Simple Things for your assistance in decorating and to Sound Design Music Services for providing Christmas music. Without your support the event would not have been possible.



Alyssa & Jake Bynum

As we enter a new year, I would like to remind everyone to continue to shop Weakley County first! Each of our towns are filled with many wonderful stores and options when buying for birthdays, anniversays, holidays, our homes, and all other needs.

In closing, I would like to wish each of you a very wonderful and prosperous 2012. The Chamber looks forward to working with its members towards the betterment of Weakley County!

Jake Bynum, Chamber President

Welcome New Members

Lakeway Physical Therapy

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First State Youth Leadership Class of 2012



Team Building Day

First State Youth Leadership of Weakley County Board of Directors is pleased to announce the Class of 2012.

First State Youth Leadership of Weakley County is a countywide youth leadership training program for sophomores. The program provides students educational sessions to encourage involvement in the community, improve decision making, promote leadership roles, and create awareness about the various challenges facing Weakley County. The educational sessions are led by local, regional, and state community leaders and professionals. The purpose of the First State Youth Leadership is to allow students that have demonstrated leadership skills the opportunity to learn more about the community and to enhance his/her leadership roles. All class participants will attend workshops and field trips over a seven month period and will receive high school credit. This program is sponsored by First State and is approved by the Weakley County School System, in partnership with the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce. It is an accredited program recognized through the State of Tennessee and the Governor's Three Star Program.

The students selected have many praises, concerns, and desires for change to make Weakley County a better community. The 2012 Class motto is "Leading and Helping Others Achieve and Believe." Participating in the Class of 2012 First State Youth Leadership are:

Dresden: Nick Cobb, Elizabeth Francisco, Lauren Smethwick, and Blake Stoker

Gleason: Will Clark, Bailee Esch, Dalis Lampkins, Avery Orr, and Leslie Todd

Greenfield: Kendal Cook, Kamlin Gale, Kristen Lusby, Sofia Oliva, and Lauren Rush

Westview: Tanner Bell, Regan Brock, Seth Coleman, Katie Huggins, and Alex Ross



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Weakley County!**



Welcome New Member



Kirkland's Antiques, Gifts, Furniture, and Lighting and the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce celebrated the addition of Kirkland's Lighting section with a Ribbon Cutting. Joining owner Warner Pace and his staff are Chamber President Jake Bynum; Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin; Dale Hendon, Field Representative for Congressman Stephen Fincher; City of Martin officials along with representatives from First State; Fuller Partners Real Estate, Inc.; Rountree Business Equipment; Sandra and Company; WLJT; UTM; J.J.'s Quick Stop; Cowart, Reese, Sargent, PC; Martin Business Association, Thunderbolt Broadcasting, TEC, BancorpSouth, Chamber members, friends, and customers.

Shop Kirkland's Antiques, Gifts, Furniture, and Lighting, for your home, personal, or gift giving needs. Visit Warner and his staff at their location at 232 Lindell St., Martin, TN, call (731) 587-6910, or "like" Kirkland's Antiques, Gifts, Furniture, and Lighting on FaceBook to see what all they have to offer. Store hours are Monday through Saturday 10:00 am till 5:00 pm.



Welcome New Members



Dresden Pharmacy



Dresden Pharmacy celebrated their Grand Opening as Weakley County's newest independently owned pharmacy with a ribbon cutting. Present were: Front row (l-r) Dr. Volker Winkler, Dr. Jay Phipps, Dr. Donald Dunn, Trish Bodine, Christy Suratt, Laura Fulcher, Jonathan Chamberlain, and Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin. Back row (l-r) Lonnie Jarrett, Rachel Carroll, Cindy Farrar, Rhonda Anderson, Emily Glisson, Debbie Hubble, Patricia Turner, Jill Mayo, Jan McCaleb, and Angela Hacker.

Dresden Pharmacy provides traditional pharmacy services such as the filling of prescriptions, basic pharmacy compounding, and providing of a variety of vitamins and over-the-counter medications. Dresden Pharmacy is located at 136 South Wilson Street inside the Dresden Specialty Clinic. In addition to walk-in service, patients can pick up their prescriptions through the convenient drive-thru. Dr. Donald Dunn, the Pharmacist-In-Charge, and Rhonda Anderson, Pharmacy Technician, welcome patients Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 6 pm. For more information call 731-364-4923.



Tennessee Quality Homecare & Hospice

Tennessee Quality Homecare and Hospice celebrated National Homecare and Hospice month in November with an Open House. Free blood pressures, blood sugar tests and refreshments were offered. Present for the signing of the National Homecare and Hospice declaration were: (l-r) Glenda Temple, Marketer; Danny Neal, Hospice Priest; Kalesia Pitts, HHA; Melisa Yates, Medical Secretary; Courtney Harris, Social Worker; Lexi Edmison; Martin Mayor Randy Brundige; Jennifer Jennings, Homecare Clinical Manager; and Melanie Zarecor, Homecare Manager.

Tennessee Quality Homecare and Hospice is located at 215 Hawks Rd., Suite 12, Martin, TN. For more information about what they have to offer; please call (731) 587-0072 or visit their web site at www.tnhomecare.com.

Hope of Martin



Hope of Martin Community Development celebrated the grand opening of a new home located at 409 Jackson St. in Martin. Joining the Hope of Martin team of Gene Busby, Executive Director; Ameigh Weidenback, Office Administrator; Board members Brian Harris and Marchell Gardner; and Kevin Ledford, Engineer; are Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Weakley County Mayor Houston Patrick, Chamber President Jake Bynum, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, plus representatives from Fuller Partner Real Estate Inc, UT Martin REED Center & TSBDC, Rountree Business Equipment, First State, and WCMES.

Hope of Martin Community Development provides affordable housing and community services for citizens of West Tennessee. For more information call 731-588-5057.



2011

Chamber Christmas Reception

Save the Dates

Get Your Year in Gear!

Start With a Plan!



January 5, 2010 9:00 - 11:00 am

Erik Markin, Small Business Specialist

Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Office

Business planning is an essential step in starting a business. This course is designed for individuals who want to increase their chances for self-employment. This 2-hour seminar covers the parts of a business plan, how to get your ideas organized and on paper, key make-it or break-it points for success, common mistakes, and much more.

Registration is required.

Call 731-587-7333 or register on-line at www.utm.edu/reed.

**Legislative
Breakfast**

**February 10, 2012
7:00 am**

**UT Martin
Boling University Center**

**RSVP
731-587-7333
lfuqua@utm.edu**

Calendar of Events

**January 17
5:30 pm**

**Chamber Board Meeting
Chamber Office**

**January 20
11:00 am**



**Ribbon Cutting / Grand Opening
The Whispering Tree Boutique
Martin, TN**



**February 2
9:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Small Business Specialist,
Erik Markin
Chamber of Commerce Office**

**February 21
5:30 am**

**Chamber Board Meeting
Chamber Office**



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