



# WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



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## *Comments From the President*



Chamber President Mike Wilson & wife Lori

It was great seeing so many of you recently at the Chamber Christmas Reception at the Dresden Elks Lodge. Thanks to all the contributors and our Chamber staff for making this years event a success.

I think everyone can agree that we are facing challenging times in the coming year. Shrinking sales and increased costs force us all to become more “lean and mean”, to quote Dad. Many of you in the coming year will be looking for ways to help you become more competitive and efficient. I urge you to take full advantage of the resources available to you as a Chamber member to help you strengthen your business and Weakley County.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and has a Blessed New Year. I look forward to seeing you at Chamber events in the coming year.

Mike E. Wilson

## *2009 President's Banquet & Leadership Graduation*

Mark you calendar and plan to attend the 2009 President's Banquet. It will be Tuesday, April 28, at 6:30 pm at UT Martin Boling University Center Room 206. This marks the Chambers 50th Anniversary. Starting February 1, reservations can be made at 364-3787 or at [wccassistant@crunet.com](mailto:wccassistant@crunet.com). Deadline for reservations will be April 15.

## *New Chamber Members*



### **Clothesline**

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### **Staff**

Barbara Virgin  
Executive Director  
  
Marguriet Frazier  
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**February 13**  
**Legislative Breakfast**  
**UT Martin**  
**Boling University Center**

## **CLOTHESLINE**



On November 7, 2008, the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce hosted a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting at Clothesline in Martin, TN. Present were (l-r) Barbara Virgin, Chamber Executive Director; Weakley County Mayor Houston Patrick; Dr. Phil Young, UTM; Shelly Bowers, WCMES; Leslie Moore, Century 21 Overton Real Estate; Karen Saldana, WCMT/WCDZ; Amy Keathley, WCMT/WCDZ; Jennifer Rivas, Owner/Manager; Linda Parris, Regions Bank; Martin Mayor Randy Brundige; Kimberly Craddock, Martin Community Development; David Sudberry, Frontier; Holly Holt, REED Center; Landy Fuqua, REED Center/WCEDB; Sharis Chandler, Hamilton-Ryker; and Lynn Davis, Fuller Partner Real Estate. Present but not pictured was Ms. Kay Durden, W.C. Chamber. Clothesline is located at 104 Broadway St., Suite B, Martin, TN. For more information about their clothes, apparel, and shoes please call (731) 281-4269.



## **The Clothing Exchange**

One November 14, 2008, the Weakley County Of Commerce hosted a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting at The Clothing Exchange in Greenfield, TN. Pictured at the ceremony are (front row l-r) Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin; Bro. Wendell Jellison; Tim Chandler, Owner; Lana Chandler, Owner; Lyndsey Chandler; Tiffany Chandler; Lana Caudle, Greenfield Banking Company; Mrs. Patricia Williams; Mr. Jimmy Williams; Lauren Lassiter; and Sarah Robinson. (back row l-r) Weakley County Mayor Houston Partick; Paul Richmond, Alderman; Kay Durden, Chamber member; Greenfield Mayor Eddie Joe McKelvy; Jerica Spikes, Greenfield City Clerk; Danny Nanney, Alderman; Amy Lewellen, BancorpSouth; Joe Grooms, Alderman; Sherri Wright, First State Bank; Karen Saldana, WCMT/WCDZ; and Shelly Bowers, WCMES.

The Clothing Exchange is located at 105 Broad Street. Store hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm. For more information call (731) 235-3000 or check out their web site at [www.clothingexchange.org](http://www.clothingexchange.org).

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## Ribbon Cuttings



### *Monograms & More*



Monograms & More celebrated their Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting hosted by the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce. Present that day were (l-r) Todd Hampton, Edward Jones; Weakley County Mayor Houston Patrick; Debra Ams, Greenbrier Meadows; Randy Huffstetler, Greenfield Banking Company; Vicky Reynolds and Erica Reynolds, First Citizens; Linda Parrish, Regions Bank; Maxine Patrick, First Citizens; Richard Milam, Road Runner Trucking Academy; Martin Mayor Randy Brundige; Anita Allen, Owner; Jennifer Rivas, Clothesline; Kristy Dyer, Job World; Brittany Nanney, Manager; Sharis Chandler, Hamilton-Ryker; Tracy McGehee, Office Products; Glandia Brashfield, First Citizens; Dr. Phil Young, UTM; Dee Pritchett, Fuller Partners Real Estate; David Sudberry, Frontier; Kimberly Craddock, Martin Community Development; Miranda Butts, Road Runner Trucking Academy; and Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin.

Monograms & More is located at 413 S. Lindell Street in Martin, TN. For more information about the items they have available, and about their embroidery and monogram service, please call (731) 514-8004 or visit their web site at [www.monograms-martin.com](http://www.monograms-martin.com).

# *2008 Chamber Christmas Reception*

*Sponsored by  
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## *2008 First State Youth Leadership Sessions*



**Leadership Training Day**



**Quality of Life Day**



**Education Day**



**Local Government Day**

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# THANKS


The Chamber would like to thank following businesses for their donations to the 2008 Chamber Christmas Reception:

WCMES	Tri-County Building & Siding Co.	Best Wade Petroleum
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Your contributions helped make this reception another huge success.

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## Calendar of Events

<i>January 8</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>		<i>LWC Introductory Dinner</i> <i>UT Martin</i>
<i>January 20</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>		<i>Chamber Board Meeting</i> <i>Chamber Office</i>
<i>February 13</i> <i>7:30 am</i>		<i>Legislative Breakfast</i> <i>Boling University Center</i> <i>UT Martin, Room 206</i>
<i>February 17</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>		<i>Chamber Board Meeting</i> <i>Chamber Office</i>
<i>March 17</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>		<i>Chamber Board Meeting</i> <i>Chamber Office</i>
<i>April 25 - May 2</i>		<i>Tennessee Iris Festival</i> <i>Dresden, TN</i> <a href="http://www.tennesseeirisfestival.com">www.tennesseeirisfestival.com</a>
<i>April 28</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>		<i>President's Banquet &amp;</i> <i>Leadership Graduation</i> <i>UTM Boling University Center</i>



## Chamber Trivia



In honor of the Weakley County Chamber's Golden Anniversary, we have come up with a Chamber Trivia Game. Each month a different question concerning the Chamber or Weakley County will be included in the newsletter. You can call the office for the answer or wait till the next newsletter to get the answer. At our anniversary celebration, all the questions will be asked again to see who has the most correct answers.

**This month's question:**  
When was Sharon incorporated and how did the name originate?



**Answer to last month's question:**  
Incorporated in 1874 and was named in honor of William Martin who had owned the land.



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