



# WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS

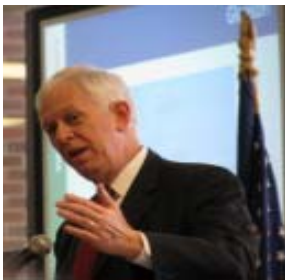


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## *2010 Legislative Breakfast a Huge Success*



**Bill Gibbons (R)**  
Gubernatorial Candidate

The 2010 Legislative Breakfast held at the UTM University Center on Friday, February 12, was a great success. Nearly 200 state, county, and city elected officials along with community leaders from Weakley County and throughout the region attended to hear reports on economic development related to Northwest Tennessee.



**Rep. Judy Barker**  
District 77



**Kim McMillan (D)**  
Gubernatorial Candidate

Attending the event were Gubernatorial Candidates Bill Gibbons (R) and Kim McMillan (D) along with representatives for Bill Haslam (R) and Zach Wamp (R). Also attending were Sen. Roy Herron; Rep. Mark Maddox; Rep. Judy Barker, District 77; and Dr. Ron Kirkland, Republican Congressional Candidate 8th District. The Honorable Tommy Moore was the master of ceremonies.



**Rep. Mark Maddox**



**Sen. Roy Herron**

The Legislative Breakfast was a joint effort of the Weakley County Economic Development Board and the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce. Breakfast was provided by the Weakley County Economic Development Board and AT&T.



**Honorable Tommy Moore**

## *2010 President's Banquet & Leadership Graduation*

**Tuesday, April 27, 2010  
6:00 pm**

**Boling University Center Ballroom  
UT Martin, Martin, TN**

**Reservations & payments by April 15 to:  
Weakley County Chamber of Commerce**

**P.O. Box 67  
Dresden, TN 38225**

*Reservations confirmed upon receipt of payment.*

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## *Nominations Being Accepted*

Nominations are now being accepted at the Chamber Office for the 2010 Weakley Countian of the Year, Business of the Year, and Youth Achievement Award. Anyone wishing to make a nomination, please call the Chamber office at 364-3787 or email [wcaassistant@crunet.com](mailto:wcaassistant@crunet.com) for more information about rules and voting forms. **Nominations must be submitted to the Chamber by April 1, 2010.**

## Leadership Days



Education Day



Economic Development Day

### *33rd Annual Stephen Wright Memorial Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament & Dinner*



*Persimmon Hills  
Golf Course  
Thursday  
May 20, 2010*

*2010  
Weakley County  
Maps are now  
available at the  
Chamber Office*

*Mon - Fri  
8 am - 5 pm*



## **2010 Census Timeline: Key Dates**

*February - March*

Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.  
**Please fill out and return.**

*April 1  
May - July  
December*

Census Day  
Census takers visit households that **did not** return a questionnaire by mail. By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to the president of apportionment.

*March 2011*

By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

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***Ribbon Cutting / Grand Opening***

***Friday, March 5***

***10:00 am***

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# PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST FRAUD & SCAMS

## Identity Theft Fraud

Identity theft fraud affected nearly 10 million Americans last year. It refers to all types of crimes in which someone wrongfully obtains and uses another person's personal data that involves deception or fraud, typically for financial gain. Ways in which criminals obtain this information include:

- \* **Dumpster Diving** - People go through your trash to steal your personal information.
- \* **Mail Theft** - Your unattended mailbox is a prime target for thieves looking for your personal and financial information.
- \* **Purse/Wallet Theft**
- \* **Imposters** - You could be a victim of someone claiming to be an official at a bank or business with which you do business.
- \* **Online Data** - Individuals or companies posing as a legitimate concern ask you to submit personal data regarding accounts, passwords, Social Security numbers, etc.

## Steps to Avoid Identity Theft

There are specific steps you can take to avoid your identity information getting into the wrong hands:

- ✓ **Shred Documents** - Make sure to shred unnecessary financial documents including old bank statements, invoices, and unwanted pre-approved credit card offers.
- ✓ **Promptly Retrieve Your Mail** - Take your incoming mail out of your mailbox as soon as possible and do not put outgoing mail in your residential mailbox.
- ✓ **Be Aware of Missing Mail** - If regular bills or statements stop reaching you, call the company from which you receive them. Someone may have filed a false change of address notice to divert your mail.
- ✓ **Never Give Out Personal Information** - Unless you are certain the person or company you are dealing with is legitimate, don't give your personal information, account numbers, or Social Security information to unsolicited requests. Unless you initiate the call or contact, be suspicious of information verification solicitations.

## Lottery Scams

Lottery scams are another common deception to fraudulently get your money or personal information. Here's how it works:

You receive an official-looking letter notifying you that you've won a foreign lottery and have only a few days to collect your prize. However, in order to receive your cash prize, you first have to pay the taxed and handling fees. After you pay these fees, you learn there is no cash prize, and you've been taken for hundreds, even thousands of dollars that cannot be recovered.

## How to Protect Yourself From Lottery Scams

- ✓ **Don't Pay Advances** - You shouldn't pay anything in advance to collect a prize in a legitimate lottery.
- ✓ **Be Aware of Lottery Sponsors** - Sponsors of legitimate contests identify themselves prominently.
- ✓ **Be Suspicious of Prize Offers** - Bona fide offers disclose the terms and conditions and usually, the odds of winning.
- ✓ **Look at the Postage** - If your notification of winning was sent via "bulk rate" postage, chances are it is a scam.
- ✓ **Make Sure You Entered the Contest** - Be suspicious of telemarketers who say you've won a contest you didn't enter.
- ✓ **Never Give Personal Information** - Bank account or personal identification information should never be given over the phone.
- ✓ **Don't Send Money** - Scam artists like to ask you to send a money order or check by overnight delivery.
- ✓ **Verify the Lottery Company** - Scammers often use a variation of a recognizable lottery name to mislead you.

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# Calendar of Events

March 20  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm



*Martin Beautiful Seminars  
Local Nurseries Speak  
C.E. Weldon Public Library  
Martin, TN*



April 2

*Good Friday  
Chamber Office Closed*

April 3  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm



*8th Annual Model Train Display  
Greenfield Community Room  
Greenfield, TN*



April 24

*The Carl Perkins Center  
"Taste of Weakley & Obion Counties"  
Gala Auction  
Volunteer Distributing Co., Inc.  
Dresden, TN*

April 24 to May 1



*Tennessee Iris Festival  
Dresden, TN  
[www.tennesseeirisfestival.com](http://www.tennesseeirisfestival.com)*



April 27  
6:00 pm

*President's Banquet &  
Leadership Graduation  
UTM Boling University Center*

May 20



*Industrial Appreciation  
Golf Tournament  
Persimmon Hills Golf Course*



May 21



*Weakley East Relay for Life  
Northwest TN Motorsports  
Gleason, TN  
[www.relayforlife.org/weakleyeast](http://www.relayforlife.org/weakleyeast)*

June 4

*Weakley Southwest Relay for Life  
Greenfield School Football Field  
Greenfield, TN*

June 11

*Weakley West Relay for Life  
UTM Football Stadium Parking Lot  
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