



# WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



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## *2011 Chamber Banquet Announces Winners*



**Weakley Countian of the Year**  
**Mike Biggs**



**Business of the Year**  
**Harper's Wercker Service**

The Annual Weakley County Chamber of Commerce's President's Banquet was held Tuesday, April 26, at the Boling University Center Ballroom. Present were over 300 Chamber members and guest honoring this year's outstanding citizen, business, and youth of Weakley County.

This year's Weakley Countian of the Year is Mike Biggs. Mike is President of Biggs Greenhouses, Inc. in Greenfield, TN. Biggs Greenhouses, Inc. was featured in the *Our Town Magazine*. This family owned business hosts Leadership Weakley County Class, First State Youth Leadership Class, donates time and products to businesses, schools, churches, and community events. Mike graduated with a B.S. and Masters Degree from the University of Tennessee Martin, taught at Greenfield High School for twenty-eight years, and was honored as Weakley County Educator of the Year. He received special recognition as the first Level Three Teacher in the State of Tennessee. Mike was also elected as President of the Weakley County Education Association. He has been a member of the Greenfield Rotary Club for 38 years and was selected for the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow Award. From 1987 to 1999 Mike served as Mayor of Greenfield and was honored in *Country Magazine* as Country Mayor in 1995. Mike is a member of Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, Greenfield Banking Co. Board of Directors, Weakley County Industrial Board, and has served as a Greenfield City Councilman for 10 years. He is an Elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenfield and an Adult Couples Sunday School Class teacher. Mike and his wife Nancy have three sons; Brad, Jake, and David. They are also the proud grandparents of Reese, Blake, Barkley, Jack, Carman, and Baker.

The 2011 Business of the Year Award went to Harper's Wrecker Service in Martin, TN. Owner's Lynn Harper, his mother Doris Harper, and his father the late Jerry Harper started their business as a car lot with a car hauler. Local garages encouraged them to tow vehicles. Not being licensed to tow they researched the options and soon realized it would be a good business investment. Twenty-five years later, Harper's Wrecker Service own five trucks to service customers throughout the region. Harper's Wrecker Service donates time, money, and services to charities such as: providing training cars for the Martin Police and Fire Departments, Police and Fire Academies, Slow Down / Move Over Law; creator of the Cancer Crash at the Soybean Festival to raise money for Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. Lynn originated the 2011 Touch-A-Truck - a local free fun event for kids of all ages to see, learn, and touch various vehicles including emergency transportation, military equipment, helicopters, service vehicles, trucks, and tractors. Lynn is also chairman of Family Night Out - a free night of concerts and activities for family and friends to enjoy. Harper's Wrecker Service is a member of the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, Martin Business Association, UTM Relay for Life Team, Rolling Thunder TN 6, Main Street Promotions, and at Christmas donates time to Historic Martin. Harper's Wrecker Service awards include: 1995 American Tow Man Ace Award, 1995 placed 3rd in the American Tow Man Magazine's nationwide Tow Truck Beauty Review (three of Harper's trucks have been featured in this magazine), 2008 Order of Tow Man Award (as of 2011 only two of these awards have been given in the state of Tennessee), and 2010 AAA's Excellent Service Award for 20 years of service. This year Harper's Wrecker Service is celebrating 25 years of "hookin and bookin". This thriving business will continue to be a fixture in our community, state, and nation.

## ***Board of Directors***

### **Executive Committee**

President - Todd Hampton  
Past President-  
Randy Huffstetler, Jr.  
President Elect - Jake Bynum

### **Board of Directors**

Joe Brasher  
Faron Collins  
Traci Crawford  
Dusty Frazier  
Gary Hall  
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David Lackey  
Cheryl Lehmkuhl  
Tracy McGehee  
Rob Newbill  
Dee Pritchett  
Scott Smith  
Mark Spain  
Steve Vantrease  
Dannyyelle Williams  
Mike Wilson  
Delores Wright  
Sherrie Wright  
Phil Young

### **Ex-Officio**

Monroe Ary  
Randy Brundige  
Jack Dunning  
Danny Forrester  
Randy Frazier  
Eddie Joe McKelvy  
Junior Moore  
Houston Patrick  
Ronnie Price  
Allen Strawbridge

### **Staff**

Barbara Virgin  
Executive Director

Marguriet Frazier  
Administrative Assistant



**2011 Youth Achievement Award Winner  
Colleen Perkins with  
2010 Winner Maggie Belew**

The 2011 Youth Achievement Award winner is Colleen Perkins. While attending Dresden High School, Colleen was active in FFA - president, secretary, historian, and dairy judging chairman; Beta Club - president, vice-president, and treasurer; Interact; Science Club; Spanish Club - member and tutor; Mu Alpha Theta; Student Council; 4-H - Honor Club President and camp counselor; First State Youth Leadership - co-chair; First State Youth Leadership Advisory Board; and National Agri-Marketing Association - communications coordinator.

Colleen was nominated and won many outstanding awards and honors: Top Ten in class, elected Most Dependable in Senior Class Who's Who' Iris Festival Hostess Princess Queen, DAR Good Citizenship Award, and through FFA she received the Star Greenhand Award and Most Lionhearted Award. She has also received a State Farmer Degree at the Tennessee FFA Convention and is a collegiate 4-H member while attending UTM.

Colleen has attended FFA CDE competitions, Tennessee 4-H Congress, Tennessee School Boards Scope Conference in Nashville, American Legion Girls State in Murfreesboro, FFA Leadership Training at Camp Clements, and Washington FFA Leadership Conference. Her volunteer services include various church activities and Iris Festival events.

Colleen is the daughter of Ronald and Deborah Perkins. She is a freshman at the University Tennessee of Martin.



**First State Youth Leadership**

Front row (L-R): Audrey Waterfield, Paige Lowry, Sarah Casey, Magan Davis, Yvee Garcia  
Second row (L-R): Falcon Belew, Brooke Baker, Taylor McAlpin, Callie Croom, Rachel Roberts  
Third row (L-R): Hunter Crouse, Austin Perry  
Blake Taylor, Will Freeman, Austin Maxey, Tony Robinson

Not pictured: Tucker Kail, Megan Jones, Hailey McGehee, and Abby Marshall



**Leadership Weakley County**

Front row (L-R): Steve Vantrease, Nan Rountree, Cheryl Lehmkuhl, Monica Shumake, Shelia Bell  
Second row (L-R): Kate Moore, Lana Carpenter, Jennifer Hampton, Kayla Tyler  
Third row (L-R): Scott Smith, Ttyler Mitchell, Don Parks, Toya Bell, Alex Bynum



**2010 Weakley County Chamber  
President Todd Hampton with  
2011 Chamber President Jake Bynum**



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Weakley County!**



***Welcome New Members***



**A to Z  
Supply**



The official grand opening of A to Z Supply was marked by a ribbon cutting. Joining owner Chris Mallon, wife Amy, employees, and pets were Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Weakley County Mayor Houston Patrick, Dresden City Officials, and representatives from Westan Insurance, Reelfoot Bank, BancorpSouth, Rountree Business Equipment, Thunderbolt Broadcasting, Kerry Killebrew Advertising, First State, Weakley County Municipal Electric System, and Relaxing Effects Day Spa.

For information concerning your pet, vet, livestock, or breeder supplies, visit A to Z Supply's location at 9876 Hwy 22, Dresden, TN. A to Z can also help with your gardening supplies. Store hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. You can also speak with one of A to Z's vet supply experts at (731) 364-5522 or (800) 979-2869. You can also visit their web site at [www.atozvetsupply.com](http://www.atozvetsupply.com).



***"Much More Than a Pet Supply Store"***



# *Welcome New Members*



## **QUE SHACK BBQ**



On April 29, Que Shack BBQ celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting. Owner Wayne Fields welcomed Chamber President Todd Hampton, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, and representatives from Road Runner Driving Academy, Weakley County Press, Martin Community Development, Cardon Locksmith Services, Thunderbolt Broadcasting, Edward Jones, First State, and Fuller Partners Real Estate, Inc.

Check out Que Shack's lunch special and their custom cooking menu at their location at 12533 Hwy 45 N., Martin, TN. To place an order call (731) 587-6794, (731) 332-0153, or email Wayne at [wwfields@frontiernet.net](mailto:wwfields@frontiernet.net). Que Shack is open Monday - Saturday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.



*The Orchard Boutique*  
*"An Upscale Consignment Shop"*

The Orchard Boutique hosted a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting event to celebrate their opening. Joining owner Brandy Daniel and her husband Chad were Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Weakley County Mayor Houston Patrick, Dresden City Officials, and representatives from Joe Sarrio State Farm, Thunderbolt Broadcasting, BancorpSouth, First State, Weakley County Municipal Electric System, Rountree Business Equipment, family, and friends.

Stop by The Orchard Boutique to see the wide selection of items for sale. The Orchard Boutique is located at 403 Linden St., Dresden, TN. Store hours are Tuesday thru Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more information please call (731) 819-8954.



# Welcome New Members



## IAAP

### International Administrative Assistants Professionals Martin Chapter



April 26 was Administrative Professionals Day. On that day, the Martin Chapter of the International Administrative Assistants Professionals hosted a luncheon for Administrative Assistants throughout Weakley County. The luncheon was held in the Boling University Center Ballroom. Afterwards, a Chamber membership plaque presentation was held. Pictured are (l - r) Tracie Moss; Marcia Tuck, Treasurer; Rose Johnson, President; Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin; Stacy West; and Rebecca Baker, Vice President.

Anyone interested in more information about joining IAAP feel free to contact Rose Johnson at [a\\_rosewj@yahoo.com](mailto:a_rosewj@yahoo.com).

## New Members



### The Orchard Boutique

Brandy Daniel  
403 Linden St.

Dresden, TN 38225  
(731) 819-8954

Email: [brandyapples31@gmail.com](mailto:brandyapples31@gmail.com)  
Consignment shop



### Jason Young & Barbara Virgin Young Apairy Services

Jason Young  
1007 Old Troy Rd.  
Martin, TN 38237  
(615) 804-8755

Email: [youngapiaries@gmail.com](mailto:youngapiaries@gmail.com)  
Honey bee removal service

### Huffstetler & Sons Seed, Inc.

Mark Huffstetler  
484 Hwy 45 South  
Greenfield, TN 38230  
(731) 235-2167

Email: [huffseed@yahoo.com](mailto:huffseed@yahoo.com)  
Seed cleaning & sales

### Shelton's

Jamion or Jim Shelton  
4460 US Hwy 45  
Sharon, TN 38255  
(731) 456-2447

Email: [jimmynoon57@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmynoon57@hotmail.com)  
Restaurant

## Ribbon Cutting

TN Technology Center /  
Weakley County Campus  
8250 Hwy 22  
Dresden, TN 38225  
(731) 364-0183

June 3, 2011  
10:00 am



## *Business After Hours HealthSouth Cane Creek Martin, TN*



## *34th Annual Stephen Wright Memorial Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament & Dinner*



### Tournament Winners:

#### First Place:

Keith Carver, Sr.  
Rich Hughey  
Bubba Kelly  
Bobby Phillips  
Richard Smith  
Joe Winberry

#### Second Place:

Jim Bushart  
Al Campbell  
Ronnie Price  
Chad Snider  
Larry Snider  
Matt Spellings

#### Third Place:

Tyler Arrington  
Dusty Frazier  
Colin Johnson  
Robin McCaig  
Bryan McDaniel  
Joe Sarrio



#### Eighth Place:

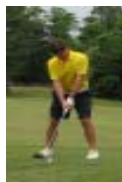
Ricky Carter  
Denis Montgomery  
Steve Pectal  
Andy Quillen  
Austin Smith  
Scott Smith

#### Ninth Place:

Chris Harris  
Randy Huffstetler, Jr.  
Graylon Perkins  
Bob Rawls  
Derek Rawls  
Greg Robinson

#### Tenth Place:

Justin Bell  
Alan Cary  
David Hart  
John Hatler  
Tommy Legins  
Scott Sims



### Course Winners:



Longest Drive on #3  
Closest to Hole on #4  
Closest to Hole on #5  
Closest to Hole on #8  
Closest to Hole on #9

Lance Wheelles  
Austin Smith  
Al Campbell  
Joe Taylor  
John Hatler



# THANKS

The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone for participating in the 34th Annual Stephen Wright Memorial Industry Appreciation Golf Tournament. All the team prizes, hole sponsorships, door prizes, and favor donations were appreciated. Thanks to all team Sponsors, Super Sponsors, and Industries playing this year. A special thanks to the Golf Tournament Committee for all their hard work. The day turned out to be a big success. Hope to see you again next year!

## Thanks

### Prize Sponsors & Donators:

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## Thanks

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 Volunteer Comm. Hospital - Wellness Center  
 Volunteer Distributing Company  
 Weakley County Economic Development Board  
 Weakley County Municipal Electric System  
 Weakley County Farm Bureau  
 Westan Insurance

## Calendar of Events

*June 2*  
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

*Erik Markin, Small Business Specialist*  
 Chamber Office

*June 3*  
 10:00 am

*Weakley County Campus*  
*TN Technology Center*  
*Relocation Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting*

*June 3*



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

*June 10*

*Weakley West Relay for Life*  
*UTM Football Stadium Parking Lot*  
*Martin, TN*  
[www.relayforlife.org/westweakley](http://www.relayforlife.org/westweakley)

*June 17*  
 9:00 am

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



*July 4*

*Chamber Office Closed for*  
*Independence Day*



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