



# WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



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## *2011 Leadership Weakley County Class Project*



The 2011 Leadership Weakley County Class Project was the Weakley County Youth Summit. The goal of the project was to provide leadership training to Weakley County's future - our high school students. The purpose of the summit is to provide training on financial fitness, entrepreneurship, and how to be a team player by getting involved in service opportunities within the county.

The 2011 Leadership Weakley County Class concluded their class year by making a donation to the Carl Perkins Center and to We Care Ministries. Present to make the presentations were: (l-r) Co-Chairperson Tyler Mitchell, Modern Woodman of America; Lori Hendon, Carl Perkins Center; Betty Baker, We Care Ministries; Chairperson Jennifer Hampton, Edward Jones; and class member Sheila Bell, Re/Max United, LLC.

Leadership Weakley County is a leadership training program. It is designed to motivate people to assume leadership roles and to enhance the skills of those already in leadership positions. It increases the participant's knowledge of Weakley County while strengthening the importance of unity across the county. The skills learned through Leadership Weakley County will contribute to both the individual's and county's growth.

Adults wishing to apply for the 2012 Leadership Weakley County Class can obtain an application from the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 67, Dresden, TN, email [wccc@crunet.com](mailto:wccc@crunet.com), or call (731) 364-3787. Tuition for the class is \$250. Application deadline is November 11, 2011.

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## ***Rural Development Partnership Produces Affordable Housing in Martin***



A safe, affordable, and reliable place to live is a necessity to many people. In Martin, that need was recognized by Martin Housing Associates, L.P., and with the help of the Tennessee Housing and Development Authority (THDA) and USDA Rural Development (RD), they were able to fill that local need.

RD State Director Bobby Goode was on hand to announce federal funding in partnership with THDA to assist Martin Housing Associates in acquiring Chapel Ridge Apartments.

Others participating in the event included Sen. Lamar Alexander's representative Matt Varino, Rep. Stephen Fincher's representative Dale Hendon, Weakley County Mayor Houston Patrick, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Tennessee Department of Community and Economic Development representatives Blake Swaggart and Janna Hellums, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Weakley County Economic Development Board President Ronnie Price, University of Tennessee-Martin Provost Dr. Jerald Ogg, LEDIC Management Group Senior Executive Manager Holly Moore, Quad States Development, LLC Project Manager Terone Hawks, RD Area Director Harriet Cannon, and RD Area Staff Denese Hicks, Brenda Horner, and Van Wylie.

For information about Chapel Ridge Apartments, contact Mary Beth Fortner at (731) 587-4888.

## ***USDA Rural Development Eases Agriculture Needs in Martin***



Rural Development State Director Bobby Goode announced that City of Martin received federal funding for the repair of the Ellis Street railroad crossing allowing better access to the Weakley County Farmers Co-op Fertilizer Plant and will increase the employment at the co-op by 42 people.

Others present for the event included Sen. Lamar Alexander's representative Matt Varino; Rep. Stephen Fincher's representative Dale Hendon; Weakley County Mayor Houston Patrick; Martin Aldermen Danny Nanney, Bill Harrison, David Belote, Terry Hankins, and Randy Edwards; Tennessee Department of Transportation representative Whitner Sullivan, Northwest Tennessee Development District Executive Director John Bucy, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development representatives Blake Swaggart and Janna Hellums; Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Barbara Virgin; Weakley County Economic Development Board President Ronnie Price; University of Tennessee-Martin Provost Dr. Jerald Ogg; Weakley County Farmers Co-op representatives Thomas Chandler; RD Area Director Harriet Cannon; and RD Area Staff Van Wylie and Brenda Horner.

USDA Rural Development invests in jobs, infrastructure, homeownership, and affordable rental housing in rural communities. During the last two years the agency assisted more than 1.5 million Tennessee families and businesses, investing more than \$1.3 billion through affordable loans, loan guarantees, and grants.

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*Welcome New Member*



On Friday, September 16, Chad Robey along with the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, hosted a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the opening of his business Crossroads Cycle and ATV. Joining Chad and his staff were: Sharon Mayor Monroe Ary, Mrs. Martha Ary, City of Sharon officials and aldermen, Chamber President-Elect Richard Milam, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, representatives from Ary Tool and Dye, First State Bank, Road Runner Driving Academy, Rountree Business Equipment, plus Chamber members, family, friends, and customers.



Crossroads Cycle and ATV is located at 5401 Hwy 45 South, Sharon, TN. Business hours are Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. To find out how Chad and his staff can help you with your motorcycle or ATV needs, visit his location, call 731-456-2777, or email [crossroadscycles@frontier.com](mailto:crossroadscycles@frontier.com).

# *New Members*

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## *“Picture a Paper Clip Chain”*



He's got connections! How many times have you heard that said about another person? There are positive connections and negative connections. If you connect with someone in a positive manner, or your connection has a positive outcome, those people you connected with have a totally different perception of you than if your connection was negative. But think about connectivity in another way, such as a paper clip chain and how they connect. Think of the “connections” you have out there...are you using them to your full capacity to benefit your business?

Most of you belong to civic organizations, business groups and other associations, or you have great acquaintances through your neighborhood or church. All of these people are your contact sphere, or for a better term, your “connections”.

Think of the “*connectivity*” as a member of the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce. Each individual member is a “*clip*” in the paper clip chain. For instance, when a person inquires about a particular type of business we refer those that are our members. This is a vital link to your membership and also to the paper clip chain. Several other links to the chain include the great events and programs that the Weakley County Chamber is currently working on. The first “*clip*” is the *Chamber Christmas Reception* which is a great chance to socialize and network. The next “*clip*” would be the *Leadership Weakley County* program. Participants will connect for four months gaining additional leadership skills and knowledge of several different areas within the county. Another “*clip*” would be the *Annual President's Banquet*. This particular event offers you the opportunity to network with approximately 350 people. All these events and programs, along with other Chamber functions, add more to the chain. But the chain only continues and connects if you choose to be involved.

The Weakley County Chamber is currently 400 members and as we gain new members not only does the chain grow, but so does your connections. So you are asked to not only get involved with the chain but also to add to the chain. If you know of a neighbor or business not a Chamber member, invite them to join or let the Chamber office know. We will gladly contact them.

Together we can make the chain continue to grow and offer more connections to you. There are many links to our community chain, and our string of connected paper clips only grows if you choose to be involved and stay connected. The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce is glad that you are part of the “*connected*” chain.

# LEADERSHIP

WEAKLEY COUNTY

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 [wccassistant@crunet.com](mailto:wccassistant@crunet.com)

## Calendar of Events

- October 4 - 8  *Fire Prevention Week  
Greenfield, TN* 
- October 6  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm *Small Business Specialist,  
Erik Markin  
Chamber of Commerce Office*
- October 7  
11:00 am  *Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting  
Smart Dollar  
Dresden, TN* 
- October 3 - 9 *UT Martin Homecoming  
Martin, TN*
- October 10 *Columbus Day  
Chamber Office Closed*
- October 15  *Big Cypress Tree Fall Festival  
Greenfield, TN* 
- October 18  
5:30 pm *Chamber Board Meeting  
Chamber Office*
- November 3  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm *Small Business Specialist,  
Erik Markin  
Chamber of Commerce Office*
- November 5  *Veteran's Day Parade  
Martin, TN  
(731) 587-9742* 
- November 6  
2:00 am *Daylight-Saving Time  
Ends*
- December 8 - 11  *Santa's Village  
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