

## WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



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# 2020 FCBYLWC Classes Begin



The First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County 2020 Class began with Team Building session at the University of Tennessee Martin. The Weakley County students participating are:

**Dresden:** Parker Ferrell, Ryeson Greer, Anna Lackey, Jacey McClure, and Paige Mallon **Gleason:** Kolton Crochet, Tallon Legens, Carrington Lifsey, Gracie Long, and Grace Stafford

**Greenfield:** Edie Darby, Garreett Garner, Destiny Griffin, Will Harris, and Zane High **Westview:** Brian Hicks, Gloria Hogan, Amy Kang, Sophia Shaw, and Natalie Williams First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County is a community leadership program that identifies and assists talented students who want to learn about the challenges Weakley County faces. They develop and apply community leadership skills, make informed decisions, and network with like-minded peers to discuss problem solving solutions. Sessions include Team Building, Quality of Life, Leadership Training, Local Government, Community Service Project, Financial, Economic Development, Education, State Government, and

FCBYLWC is sponsored by First Community Bank of the Heartland with additional

Agriculture. Students who successfully complete the program earn high school credit.



support by Weakley County Schools, Weakley County Municipal Electric System, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, volunteers, and other community donations.



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### Weakley County Receives Governor's ThreeStar Award



Pictured from left to right: Bob Rolfe, TNECD Commissioner; Jody Sliger, ThreeStar Director; Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum; TN Governor Bill Lee; Shelby Spurgeon, Weakley County Economic Development Board Director; Janna Hellums, Northwest Regional Business Development Consultant, TNECD; Blake Swaggart, Northwest Regional Director, TNECD; Callie Smithson, City of Greenfield & Weakley County Chamber Board of Director; Ty Smithson, Weakley County Chamber President; and Brooxie Carlton, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, TNECD

Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development presented ThreeStar awards at the 2019 Governor's Conference on Economic and Community Development in Nashville.

"ThreeStar is a strategic community development program developed to assist communities in preparing for a better future. The ThreeStar program now incorporates asset-based planning initiatives and a two-year time line to accomplish goals. The asset-based planning component helps communities develop goals to maximize their local assets to drive economic development. Starting in 2019, biennial grants will be available to counties to align with one of the community's identified goals."

To learn more about the ThreeStar program, call (615) 741-1888, visit tn.gov/ecd/rural-development/threestar.html, or email ECD.Communications.Office@tn.gov.

# 2020 First Community Bank Youth Leadership Weakley County Quality of Life Session











## Welcome New Members

### Blue Oak Oyster Bar & Grill



The Weakley County Chamber of Comerce and Martin Business Association welcomed Blue Oak Oyster Bar & Grill to Weakley county with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Owner / operators Ben Coffey, Amanda Hayden, and Chris Hayden and their staff welcomed Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Chamber Past President Hal Bynum, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Chamber members, MBA members, customers, friends, and family.

Blue Oak Oyster Bar & Grill is located at 301 S. Lindell St., Martin, TN. They serve fresh seafood, hand-cut steaks, and more. Stop by to see all the delicious items available on the menu. For more information like them on FaceBook or call (731) 261-8091. Business hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm; Friday, Saturday - 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm.





A Ribbon Cutting/Business After Hours was held to celebrate the Grand Opening of A.B. Cheatham's Downtown Tavern. Joining owner / operator Myra Hoffman and staff were Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Chamber President Ty Smithson, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Chamber members, MBA members, customers, friends, and family.

A.B. Cheatham's Downtown Tavern is located at 230 S. Lindell St., Martin, TN. A wide variety of tasty items is available on their menu. For more information stop by their location, Like them on FaceBook, or call (731) 281-7474. Business hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10:30 am-1:00 am and Sunday brunch 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

# Grand Openings

### Wendell Alexander Realty, Top Tier Auctions, Skyhawk Rentals



The community showed support to Wendell Alexander Realty, Top Tier Auctions, and Skyhawk Rentals at a celebration of the opening of their second location. Owners Alex Bynum, Brent Croom, and Ashley Pinkston along with their staff welcomed Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Weakley County Economic Development Board Director Shelby Spurgeon, Chamber President Ty Smithson, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Chamber members, MBA members, a host of business and community members, clients, friends, and family to their Grand Opening, Ribbon Cutting, Open House event.

Wendell Alexander Realty, Top Tier Auctions, and Skyhawk Rentals are located at 224 S. Lindell St., Martin, TN. For your buying, selling, or rental needs, stop by their Martin location or stop by 8719 Hwy 22, Dresden, TN. For more information call Wendell Alexander Realty and Top Tier Auctions at (731) 281-1220 or (731) 364-5368, Skyhawk Rentals at (731) 587-2937; visit their websites at <a href="www.wendellalexanderrealty.com">www.wendellalexanderrealty.com</a>, <a href="www.toptierauctions.com">www.toptierauctions.com</a>, or <a href="www.skyhawkrentals.com">www.toptierauctions.com</a>, or like them on FaceBook.

Wendell Alexander Realty, Top Tier Auctions, and Skyhawk Rentals are ready to help YOU!

### **Christian Family Medicine of Weakley County**



The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and Martin Business Association joined Christian Family Medicine of Weakley County to celebrate the relocation of their office. Angie Cursey FNP, Sarah Beth Huffstetler FNP, Jennifer Jennings FNP, and their staff welcomed Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Greenfield Mayor Cindy McAdams, Weakley County Economic Development Board Director Shelby Spurgeon, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, Chamber members, MBA members, clients, friends, and family.

Christian Family Medicine's new location is 189 Nount Pelia Rd., Martin, TN. They are a family practice clinic treating a variety of acute and chronic illnesses. Appointments and walk-ins are accepted. For more information stop by their office, call (731) 281-4760, visit their website at <a href="https://www.christianfamilymed.com">www.christianfamilymed.com</a>, or like them on FaceBook. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

## Welcome New Members





The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Dresden welcomed Be The Village to our community with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Be the Village Board President Sandra Taylor, Vice-President Kayla Dyer, Treasurer Tracy King, Recorder Melesa Lassiter, and volunteers welcomed Jerry Gallimore, Vaughan Brothers Hardware; DeDe Morris, Dresden Community Development; Jennifer Branscum, City of Dresden; Brad Branscum, First Community Bank of the Heartland; and Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin.

Be The Village is a "Christian based foster care closet based in Dresden, TN. They provide clothing, toiletries, baby care items, school supplies, and so much more to foster families in the area. They know it takes a village to raise a child and would like to help anyway they can all while spreading God's words."

Be The Village is located in the log cabin at 216 Pikeview St., Dresden, TN. For more information about the organization, like them on FaceBook or call (731) 225-7646. Anyone wishing to donate to Be The Village can stop by their location when volunteers are there or call (731) 225-7646.





Manpower of the Mid-South was welcomed to Martin by the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and Martin Business Association with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting event. Joining Branch Manager Brandi Stewart and her staff were Shelby Spurgeon, Weakley County Economic Development Board Director; Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin; Chamber members; MBA members; clients; and friends.

Manpower of the Mid-south is located at 201 University St., Martin, TN. To see how Manpower can help with your employment needs, go to their office, call (731) 281-4221, visit their website at <a href="https://www.manpowermidsouth.com">www.manpowermidsouth.com</a>, or like them on FaceBook. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

"We work everyday to connect the people of our communities with jobs."







"Wake Up & Smell the Coffee" at Greenbrier Meadows











# Welcome New Members

### Web Support by Max West

Max West P.O. Box 348 Sharon, TN 38255

Email: webinfo@websupportbymaxwest.com Web addr: www.websupportbymaxwest.com

Website design and support

### **Burkes Outlet**

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bmckinley@beallsinc.com

Retail

### Whitledge & Biehslich PLLC

Allison Whitledge 226 S. Lindell St. Martin, TN 38237 (731) 281-1350

Email: allison@thewblaw.com Web addr: www.thewblaw.com

Law office

### Be the Village

Melesa Lassiter 216 Pikeview St. Dresden, TN 38225 (731) 225-7646

Email: melesa@martinhousing.org Non-profit organization providing necessary items to help aid the needs of local area foster children



### **Weakley County Young Professionals**

Whitney Stover, President P.O. Box 734 Martin, TN 38237

Email: wcyoungprofessionals@gmail.com Club / Organization

#### **Fulton Fine Furniture**

Ronnie Webb 400 E. Lake St. Fulton, KY 42041 (270) 208-1022 Email:

ronniesbuscharter@gmail.com Furniture store

### Clarence Washington Jr.

303 Peter Jones Rd. Martin, TN 38237 (901) 238-9446 Email:

clarencewashington541@yahoo.com Individual

#### Joshua Moore, Woodmen Life

Joshua Moore 112 Hyndsver Rd. Martin, TN 38237 (731) 514-1218

Email: jtmoore@woodmen.org

Web addr: www.woodmenlife.org/reps/JoshMoore Insurance & financial services

# Calendar of Events

Nov. 14 4:30-6:30 PM Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting / Business After Hours
Whitledge & Biehslich PLLC
226 S. Lindell St.
Martin, TN

Nov. 19 5:30 pm

Chamber Board Meeting Chamber Office Dresden, TN

Nov. 28 - 29

Thanksgiving Chamber Office Closed

*Nov. 30* 

Small Business Saturday

Dec. 6 9:00 am Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting Westan Insurance's New Location 302 Broadway St. Martin, TN

Dec. 12 5 - 7 pm Chamber Christmas Reception Dresden Elks Lodge Dresden, TN Sponsored by Greenfield Chamber Members

Dec. 12 - 15

Santa's Villiage Ned McWherter Ag Pavilion Martin, TN

Dec. 25

Christmas
Chamber Office Closed

Jan. 21, 2020 5:30 pm Chamber Board Meeting Chamber Office Dresden, TN

Apr. 21, 2020 6:00 pm

Chamber Awards Banquet UT Martin Boling University Center Martin, TN

Apr. 25 - May 2, 2020

Tennessee Iris Festival Dresden, TN

The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We hope you are blessed with lots of love, joy, and happiness through the rest of 2019 and all through 2020!

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