

February 3, 2021

"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time."

Today's Program

Kurt McGuffin, UTM Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

Club News

January's meetings featured Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum and Chelsea White of the Weakley County Health Department.

Mayor Bynum told us of the many challenges and concerns that lie ahead for all in Weakley County as we deal with COVID-19. He also expressed optimism that good things will continue to take place in our county, especially if we follow the recommended safety measures to continue combating the current pandemic.

On December 28, an executive order was issued from his office to extend until February 27 the requirement of wearing masks to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The first executive order about wearing masks was issued on August 11.

Two of the biggest concerns during this time when the "safer at home" challenge is in place are about "long-haulers" and hospital capacity. As defined, long-haulers include two groups of people affected by the virus: those who experience some permanent damage to their lungs, heart, kidneys, or brain, and those who continue to experience debilitating symptoms despite no detectable damage to these organs.

Mayor Bynum said that those at the Weakley County Health Department are "trying to do the very best job they can," yet there are challenges with the distribution of the vaccine. For example," he said, "1,000 doses were expected on January 4 and only 100 were shipped." This was shortly after vaccinations were opened to those 75 and older late in December. He said 660 names were on the waiting list by late on Jan. 4.

Chelsea White gave a perspective inside the Health Dept. She was surprised that her private telephone number was given to individuals seeking a reservation and the long wait for those trying to call the health department number and getting busy signals. Before long regional numbers were used to make reservations (Union City), and when they were overburdened, Jackson. When even Jackson was overwhelmed, Tennessee introduced a means of online access with an easy signup and a single telephone number for those not able to pursue online registration.

Martin Kiwanis Calendar.

Feb. 2 — Board Meeting, Zoom, 12 noon
Feb. 3 — Kiwanis Meeting, Zoom, 12 noon
Feb. 17 — Kiwanis Meeting, Zoom 12 noon
Mar. 27 — Decorated Egg Contest, Martin Recreation Complex

February Birthdays

David Spencer..... Feb. 1
Frank Black Feb. 3
Jayne Parrish Feb. 5
Harry Henderson..... Feb. 8
Anna Clark Feb. 27

Waiting lists are still long, especially since almost all West Tennessee counties are now handling people 70 years or older, but the burden was taken off the swamped local departments. Note that some counties: Davidson, Shelby et. al., have separate health department and are not on that list.

Chelsea also noted that the community support and understanding during this time has been extremely helpful.

Virtually all counties. including Weakley are scheduling vaccinations of people age 70+. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/weakleyco>

Popcorn Final (unless it is not) Total: \$1837 including donations

Linda attended the Region meeting at Dyersburg on Saturday. Through donations from the club and Buff City Soap, she was able to create a basket worth \$110-\$115. One might say they cleaned up! Below are pictures of Greenfield Kiwanis members who attended along with Linda. Also pictured is Martin's basket for the raffle.



Active Members

Bill Austin
Mary Elizabeth Bell
Frank Black
Otha Britton
Anna Clark
Jim Clark
Danelle Fabianich
Ann Gathers
Bettye Giles
Courtney Haley
Vickie Hazlewood
Harry Henderson
Annie Jones
Steve Lemond
John Mayros
Jayne Parrish
Roberta Peacock
Linda Ramsey
Sara Sieber
Clinton Smith
David Spencer
David Sudberry
Jamie Summers
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