

June 16, 2021

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

Today's Program

Dana Hagen, UTM Physical Plant

Club News:

The Martin Club is nominating the following individuals for awards to be given at the LAMISSTENN District Convention in Biloxi, MS, August 6-8: Layperson of the Year, Harry Henderson; Teacher of the Year, Dr. Ann Gathers; Firefighter of the Year, Captain/Training Officer Kory Green; and Lawperson of the Year, Lt. James R. Hatler.

Portfolios for these persons were originally due June 15, but the deadline has been extended to July 15. If a candidate is successful, he or she will receive an award of \$250 to give to a charity of their choice.

First In-Person Meeting Since March 11, 2020

When **Earl Wright** introduced Weakley County Road Supervisor **Charles Ross** at the June 2 meeting of Kiwanis, Wright said: "Charles Ross has done a great job, and he has done a great job of getting the equipment to do what needs to be done here in Weakley County. We all need to thank Charles for what he does."

Ross, a lifelong Weakley County resident who lives on a farm near Gleason, said that Jim Freeman hired him 27 years ago at a time when he (Charles) did not realize that his career would be in roads. "He gave me an opportunity to put what I knew to use and then I learned a lot on the job. It was great to be employed," he said. Ross said that he has always maintained that attitude of wanting to help. He has worked in multiple capacities over the years, from driving a truck to operating heavy equipment.

Ross explained that in Weakley County there are 925 miles of centerline roads of which 915 are paved, 196 bridges and 4000 culverts. The average cost of building a bridge is \$7,000 a square foot.

"I am proud of our crew," said Ross. "We have 42 people, including me, who are mowing, cutting brush, operating and maintaining equipment, and more. We only missed three days of work during the pandemic."

"When there is a tree across the road, the guys go out," he said. "It takes people and equipment to get things done. We've got the people, and we are

Martin Kiwanis Calendar.

June 16 — Kiwanis Meeting Zoom
June 30 — Kiwanis Social Meeting
Aug. 6-8 — LaMissTenn District Convention, Biloxi, MS

June Birthdays

Jim Clark June 16
Ann Gathers June 26



requesting new equipment, but we are always going to work with what we've got," he said. "We've worked through the challenges of the last year," Ross said. "We've dealt with Covid, the weather, and the declining profits from fuel tax because of the pandemic and the increased use of electric vehicles." He said that he and his crew will continue to work through the challenges before them.

Fishing Derby

In spite of heat a good crowd of parents and fishermen and women turned out last Saturday. A good number of blue gills, bream and catfish were caught. One young participant was especially successful in catching 20 "pretend fish" by dipping his boot into the water and pouring the contents into his bucket!



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 Sudberry
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