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

Today's Program

Brad Thompson

Director of Community Development
City of Martin



Wes Totten, professor and chair, Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources at UT Martin, and agricultural specialists Jeffrey McEwen, Greg

Mathenia, Ryan Winchester, and Raul Ufret informed us about agriculture in West Tennessee at last weeks' meeting

Greg Mathenia said that the following crops are planted each year in Weakley County: 65-70,000 acres of corn, 90,000 acres of soybeans, and 20-25,000 acres of wheat along with some cotton and tobacco. A conservation reserve program (CRP) contracts with farmers who agree to remove sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species improving environmental health and quality. Weakley County has 7,000 acres of vital habitat for honey bees and other pollinators.

Ryan Winchester's office promotes volunteer conservation through structural design and cost sharing. He said that in the past erosion was a big problem but that now through cover crops, the no-till program, cost sharing initiatives, and other assistance, the Natural Resource Conservation programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and keep livestock out of environmentally sensitive areas by not having the water supply come from ponds and creeks. This year Weakley County

Martin Kiwanis Calendar

- Feb. 3 — Board meeting, Martin Public Library, 12 noon
- Feb. 18 — District Mid-Winter-Conference, UTM
- Apr. 29 — May 1 Key Leader, Camp Lakeshore, Eva TN

Birthdays

- Steve..... Jan. 28
- Frank..... Feb. 3
- Jayne..... Feb. 5
- Anna Feb. 27

Anniversaries

- Harry..... Feb. 08

received \$323,000, the second most in the state, to help with cost sharing for conservation. He said: "We support pollinator plots that benefit quail and other wildlife. We have something for everyone!"

Jeffrey McEwen spoke about the farm loan management he provides for Weakley and four other counties. His services help loan money to those actually using the farm and not renting out the land. Rates and terms for farm loans are different from other types of loans. He said: "We can go longer on real estate and equipment," he said, and the interest rates are lower."

We learned a lot!



Thinking about Pancakes!!! David Sudberry hands Jamie Summers a symbolic "golden pancake turner" in honor of his cooking 1875 pancakes at last year's pancake

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