Mini Session
Carroll County, August 14th, 2014

This year Carroll County hosted the Mini Session. This session showcased the many positive things happening in Carroll County and showed how tourism affects the county. This program provided the participants with information and ideas that can be shared with other communities regardless of the size. We took a beautiful boat tour of the Carroll County Lake, toured The Dixie Performing Arts Center, and visited the Holland Farms to learn about the Land Trust. A big thank you to Mayor Kenny McBride, Mayor Jill Holland, and Mayor Dale Kelley for welcoming us to such a fine community.

FutureStar and RisingStar Leadership Summits
October 30, 2014 and November 20-21, 2014

The 4th Annual FutureStar (7th & 8th Grade) and RisingStar Summits (11th & 12th Grade) will be held in October and November this year. FutureStar will include Obion, Weakley, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lauderdale, Henderson, Madison, Haywood, Chester, and Carroll Counties. RisingStar is open to any student leader in the 21 West Tennessee Counties. Also, FutureStar is offered FREE of charge to the 7th and 8th grade students that will attend. We are asking that the counties provide sponsorship for the FutureStar students. If you would like to sponsor a child to attend, the cost is $50 for the day. WE NEED YOUR HELP in locating students for RisingStar. These are the juniors and seniors in high school. If you are familiar with any school official in the counties the Summits are offered in, please pass along the information and help recruit students. For more information on each of these, visit our website or call 731-881-3298.

New WestStar Board of Trustees

We want to welcome new Board of Trustee Members whose term is effective July 2014 to July 2017.

Kyle Etheridge
Hardin County
Class of 2011

Michael Harper
Henderson County
Class of 2011

Lisa Carlton
Haywood County
Class of 2011

Emory Bradley
Henry County
Class of 2012

Jack Mathis
Madison County
Class of 2013

Bob Kirk
Dyer County
Class of 2004

Denise Watts
Shelby County
Class of 2008

New WestStar Alumni Council Members:

We welcome these new council members effective July 1st. The new WestStar Alumni’ Council’s term started July 1st.

Michele Atkins
Henry County
Class of 2013

Tammy Hall
Dyer County
Class of 2014

Travis Martin
Madison County
Class of 2014

Gem Bell
Haywood County
Class of 2013

Shelby Kee
Gibson County
Class of 2013

Ted Moore
McNairy County
Class of 2001

Leslie Fisher
Tipton County
Class of 2012

Emily Land
Lauderdale County
Class of 2013

Sandy Stanfill
Henderson County
Class of 2014
You are invited by Mayor Randy Brundige and the City of Martin to attend the 9th Annual WestStar Soybean Luncheon.

**When:** Friday, September 5, noon

**Where:** First State Bank, Martin

This is a multi-purpose luncheon—it is the WestStar Weakley County monthly lunch and it is also celebration of the Tennessee Soybean Festival. [http://www.tnsoybeanfestival.org](http://www.tnsoybeanfestival.org). Mayor Brundige and his staff always do a superb job in filling us up with food and entertainment and he promises to do the same this year. Menu is Barbecue Ribs and all of the trimmings….Can’t beat the great food & fellowship, especially since it is FREE!

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**WestStar Applications On-line**

For the past several years now, the WestStar Application process has been available on-line. On our website you will find the Nomination Form, Application Form, and Reference Form. [Click Here](#).

If you would like to nominate someone, fill out the “form” and an email will be sent to them with the application link for them to complete.

Each application has a spot for two references and their emails. An email will be sent to the reference with a form attached. If an applicant asks for your reference, please fill out the form ASAP. (Board of Trustees are not allowed to be references.) Their application will not be considered complete until two references are received. A late reference form could result in a denied application. Please follow up with nominees to make sure they get all requirements in by October 15th.

Paper applications and reference forms are available upon request for those without regular access to a computer. Please contact the WestStar office, 731-881-7298, if you would like a paper version.

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**County Meetings are being scheduled**

If you are a county coordinator, please be scheduling your county meetings in the month of September or October.

The following Counties have scheduled their alumni meetings:

- **Thursday, September 4 – Haywood**
- **Monday, September 8 – Dyer**
- **Monday, September 8 – Carroll**
- **Wednesday, September 10, Fayette**
- **Tuesday, September 16, Gibson**
- **Wednesday, Wednesday 17, Obion**
- **Hardin County met 8/1/14**
- **Madison County met 8/11/14**

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**Welcome Jones to WestStar Staff**

We would like to welcome Jordan Jones to the staff of WestStar. She has assumed Jackie Johnson’s duties effective August 4th. Some of you may have heard by now that Jackie accepted another position on campus. She was a tremendous asset to Virginia and Charley over the years she has been associated with WestStar and the university.

Jordan’s email is jjone239@utm.edu. Charley and Virginia have the utmost confidence in Jordan’s abilities and know she will represent WestStar and the university well. You will be seeing Jordan around so please welcome her to the WestStar family.

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**Alumni Updates**

- **Lindsay Frilling, ’01** - Congratulations on Lindsay’s graduation from Institute for Organizational Management
- **Katie Pace, ’12** - She is no longer with the Jackson Downtown Development. Katie has decided to stay home with her two daughters.
- **Glenn Baker, ’01** - Congratulations to Glenn on his retirement from Tennessee Technology Center in Covington
- **Pat Riley, ’92** - Congratulations on serving as Vice Chair of the National Gas Vehicle Committee through the American Public Gas Association
- **Jake Bynum, ’13** - Congratulations on being elected as Weakly County Mayor
- **Sheronda Rogers Green, ’02** - Congratulations on being elected as Haywood County Commissioner
- **Congratulations to all recent re-elected officials!**

Please send newsletter contributions to weststar@utm.edu. Remember, you can publicize community events on our Facebook page.