



Weakley County law enforcement officer, court officials and DCS personnel joined together again this year to help raise funds to provide a Merry Christmas to 50 deserving voungsters.

'Shop with Sheriff Smith and Justice' program makes Christmas brighter

Weakley County Sheriff's Department, Martin Police Department and Dresden Police Department, Weakley County Circuit Court Clerk's office, Department of Children's Services and Weakley County 911 Center personnel, took 50 underprivileged children

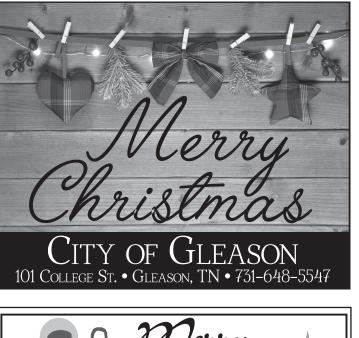
from Weakley County shopping for Christmas. The "Shop with Sheriff Smith and Justice" program, which is named after a children's book written by Weakley County Sheriff's Investigator Eric Smith entitled, "Sheriff Smith and Justice Investigate the Bedroom Monster," is intended to make Christmas a little brighter for some of the less fortunate children of Weakley County.

Each child was given \$100 to buy clothes and toys, and they were escorted through Martin's Wal-Mart by officers. The

On Thursday night December 13, 2018, members of the Department of Children's Services also supplied a blanket and other items to each child, and the officers gave Bibles to the youngsters.

The program, which is made possible by donations and fundraisers, began in 2015 as a way for Weakley County Investigator Eric Smith and the Sheriff's Department to give back to the community and help out children who might not have such a merry Christmas.

Those involved with the "Shop with Sheriff Smith and Justice" program expressed their appreciation to each person or business that donated money or played in the fundraising golf tournament - especially those that sponsored a hole during that golf tournament



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Guests at this year's Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Reception enjoyed good food, fellowship and door prizes - all provided by Chamber members from the City of Gleason.

Chamber of Commerce Hosts Christmas Reception

The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce held its annual Christmas reception on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Dresden Elks Lodge.

It was Gleason's turn to host the reception, and they put on a good spread of food and drink for

the guests. "We were very pleased with the turnout," said Weakley County Chamber Director Barbara Virgin. "We had another record number with over 200 guests attending the standing room only event.

Anderson, our "Charles Chamber president this year, did a remarkable job. He worked hard to get door prizes, donations and sponsorships.

"The food, which was catered by Simply Southern of Gleason, was exceptionally good," director Virgin said. She stated, since Gleason, which is also known as 'Tater Town', is a large producer of the tasty tuber, guests were treated to a sweet potato bar. "Everyone had a great time at

the festive Christmas occasion," she said.

Next year's Chamber president will be Ty Smithson of Greenfield, and it will be Greenfield's turn to sponsor the Chamber Christmas Reception.

"Chamber presidents try to get as many people as they can to come to the reception and to become Chamber members," director Virgin said.

"The Chamber is working with the various towns to get better communications with the businesses," she said.

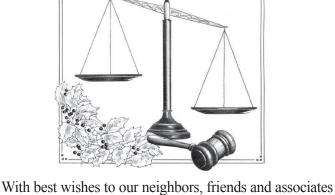
The annual gathering gives chamber members a chance to network and catch up on the latest happenings in local municipalities and discuss upcoming events.

"We try to let everyone know what we do to benefit Weakley County, and we appreciate everyone's support," she said.

Looking back on 2018, director Virgin stated it was a good year for businesses moving into Weakley County, and the situation is getting better.

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