Best Community Leader: Martin Mayor, Randy Brundige

Residents of Martin have chosen him to represent them as the city's leader in every election held in the last 16 years. With a team of aldermen at his side, the City of Martin has seen balanced budgets and no property tax increases with Mayor Randy Brundige serving at the helm.

With just those accomplishments, it is apparent why Brundige has also been chosen as the Best Community Leader in the Weakley County Press' Reader's Choice Awards eight times in the contest's history. It is common for people to find the Martin mayor throughout his community, supporting civic organizations, attending various events, welcoming people to Martin, and continuing to pave the way as a statesman for his constituents.

"Being a good leader means surrounding yourself with good people. My successes depend largely on the people I work with on a daily basis," Brundige said.

"I would like to thank the City

Board, City Recorder, department heads, committees, and our city staffers for the hard work they do very single day for the citizens of Martin. Municipal staff work along side me daily to ensure quality services for our residents," the mayor added.

When Brundige took on the role as city leader, he continued to carry out the goals of growing the City of Martin and providing its residents with a community they could take pride in being a part of.

Since his tenure began, Brundige has been at the forefront of numerous expansion projects. Just last year, the City of Martin laid the groundwork, literally, to become a high-speed internet city after the installation of 150 miles of a fiber optic network.

Brundige has worked with the county's largest manufacturer, MTD Products, for the company's expansion in the industrial park. He also welcomed Dong-A, a parts company that took over



the spec building space in the industrial park.

He continues to work with the University of Tennessee at Martin to maintain the strong Town and Gown partnership.

From sidewalk and greenway projects throughout Martin to the

continuing revitalization of its Historic Downtown, Brundige has seen these goals come to fruition. Small businesses welcome him to their ribbon cuttings and open houses. Civic organizations look to him to help spread their message. Area government leaders seek his wisdom and counsel. And citizens take advantage of his open-door policy as City of Martin mayor.

Martin continues to expand and grow. This growth creates needs for public safety personnel.

Brundige has worked with his local fire and police departments, as well as his board of aldermen, to ensure both public safety departments are equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and well-trained personnel. The City of Martin now has a safe room and new Senior Adult Center; a law enforcement complex that features technology and safety features; a new fire station; and in the works, a 21st Century

public library.

Martin can boast an awardwinning community festival with its annual Tennessee Soybean Festival as well as a Farmer's Market that has grown exponentially each year.

As Brundige remains committed to the progress of his city and their residents in a society that often poses a struggle for rural communities, citizens of Martin can take pride in a safe, economically-booming, expanding, diverse township.

The Martin mayor's dedication to the township is apparent as residents and guests travel throughout the city witnessing the transformations that continue to bring community members together. With each year in office, Brundige's vision for the City of Martin and the surrounding communities within the county remains steadfast — promote the region and continue to keep it a place one can be proud to call home.

