Above: Wisteria had overtaken this pergola until Kris Smith of Volunteer Lawn Care and More trimmed it back to reveal a beautiful structure and flower beds, below.

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## Variety is the spice of life for Volunteer Lawn Care and More

By Benita Evans Special to the Press

Starting a new business in a town you just moved to is a daunting task, but Kris Smith of Volunteer Lawn Care and More has already left a favorable impression in Weakley and Obion counties.

Smith is originally from Newbern and moved to Weakley County after his twin boys were born to be close to his wife's family. He married Rachel Snider Smith, a Dresden native and entrepreneur.

He always wanted to go into the lawn care business and said that it began when he was 13-years-old. He broke his foot that summer and got bored. His neighbor had a goldfish pond with a rock garden that inspired him. He said, "I just went outside and started digging a hole. I

built a fish pond in about a month by myself."

He went on to say, "I just liked doing the landscaping part of it. Then later on I worked for a guy that did that." He said he enjoyed the work, but it just wasn't a stable income at the time.

He went to school and then went to work with plans to return to the landscaping business some day.

Smith noted, "I just got burned out with what I was doing. After about six months of contemplating on what I was gonna do, I put a plan in place, and said the first of 2019 I'm going to go to work and see what happens."

Smith is still getting acclimated to the area, but is seeing an increase in business. He said he has had to do a lot of advertising to get the Volunteer name in people's minds.

The company does a

variety of jobs including mowing, planting, brush removal and more. Smith gives free estimates and has done several jobs in the Weakley County area.

Smith works out of a shop at his home at the moment, but hopes that in 2020 he will be able to build a greenhouse. He also is looking to have a full-service landscaping supply service.

Though he does perform work in other counties, he plans on keeping his business located in Weakley County.

Volunteer Lawn Care and More is looking to expand their customer base and will do lawn care for churches, apartments and businesses around the area.

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