

# November 15, 2023

*“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.”*

## Today’s Program

Bethany Allen, Director, Weakley County Schools Food Pantry (an expansion of the Backpack Program).

**Last week:** Jeff Cupples, Director of Schools for Weakley County, discussed the rebranding of the district, complete with a new logo design and core values, when he gave a presentation at the November 8 meeting of Kiwanis. The new logo features the colors red, white, and blue with an outline of the county and has the phrase “Growing Our Future” under the capital letters “WCS” for Weakley County Schools. Cupples explained that the new logo design was created to represent Weakley County’s rich agricultural heritage, achievement and growth of students through education, and commitment to preparing students for success. Cupples, who is excited about the possibilities for education in this county, has served for 27 years in public education with 13 of those years in administration. He is a Level 5 teacher in American History and a Level 5 administrator.



## Martin Kiwanis Calendar

Nov. 22—No Kiwanis (Thanksgiving)  
Nov. 29 —Pre-parade Kiwanis Meeting  
Dec. 4 — Kiwanis – City of Martin Christmas Parade, Theme: Deck the Halls. Rain date Dec. 5.  
Apr. 26-28 —Key Leader 2024  
Jan. 4 — January Board Meeting, 12 noon, Martin Library  
Feb. 24 — Pancake Day (or maybe Feb. 17)

### Some actions taken at Nov. 9 Board Meeting:

Voted financial support in the following amounts:

\$150 to support travel to Key Club District Convention, New Orleans

Annual club gift to the Kiwanis District Foundation in the amount of \$8 per member

\$100 gift to City of Martin/Santa’s Village

\$100 to St. John’s Radiothon using (in part) Happy Dollar donations

\$100 to Middle School Beta Club to support travel to Beta Club Convention

### Kiwanis Gifts to local groups as chosen by local nominees

**for district awards:** Laura Taylor (teacher of the year) and Mary Elizabeth Bell (layperson of the year) to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital; firefighter of the year to the Anna Kate Wenz Fight Foundation; and police officer of the year to Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital. Mary Elizabeth Bell received the Kiwanis District Layperson of the Year award with the \$250 going to a charity of her choice.

No meeting Nov. 22



## Active Members

Chris Alexander  
Bill Austin  
Mary Elizabeth Bell  
Otha Britton  
Anna Clark  
Jim Clark  
Danelle Fabianich  
Wayne Fields  
Ann Gathers  
Bettye Giles  
Vickie Hazlewood  
Harry Henderson  
Annie Jones  
Steve Lemond  
Linda Luther  
John Mayros  
Jennifer Medford  
Mary Morgan  
Katie Parr  
Jayne Parrish  
Roberta Peacock  
Vincent Politte  
Linda Ramsey  
Sara Sieber  
Clinton Smith  
David Sudberry  
Jamie Summers  
Laura Taylor  
Joyce Washington  
Earl Wright

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