

February 25, 2026

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

Today's Program

Kiana Roberson

Weakley County Health Department

Last Week's Meeting

Developing Young Leaders

Courtney Echols, director of the Weakley County Prevention Coalition (WCPC) and Kiwanis member, described the goals of the Tennessee Teen Institute (TTI) when she spoke to Kiwanis on Feb.18. She explained that TTI is a five-day camp designed to provide education and training in youth development, leadership, and prevention. The program, held on the UT Martin campus, offers various formats of training including workshops, seminars, and activities that help young people grow to be strong, healthy individuals who will have the skills needed to make a difference in the community in which they live. Echols said that approximately 500 teen leaders, adult team advisors, and TTI staff attend each year. The 2026 TTI will be held June 7 -12, and students from across Tennessee will attend. Katie Parr presented Courtney with a certificate noting that Kiwanis is making a contribution to the Weakley County Prevention Coalition in her honor.



Martin Kiwanis Calendar

Feb. 28 — Pancake Breakfast at Martin Elementary School

Mar. 4 — Shelly Long, UTM Math Department Outreach Program

Mar. 6 — Board Meeting, Noon, MPL

Apr 24-26 Key Leader —Lakeshore Camp & Retreat

From local Kiwanis FB page: Joining the Kiwanis Club of Martin offers you a meaningful way to give back to your community and directly impact the lives of children right here in Martin. It's an opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who share a passion for service, build lasting friendships, and be part of a positive force for change. If you're looking to make a real difference and contribute to a brighter future for the next generation, this is a fantastic way to do it.

In case you wondered: the four organizations/recipients of donations in honor of our speakers are (in order beginning quarterly October 1, 2025) include the **Captain's Pantry at UT Martin**, the **Weakley County Prevention Coalition**, the **UTM Sail Program**, and the **Weakley County Schools Food Pantry**.



Refurbished Park at Martin Recreation Complex

Active Members

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Bill Austin
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Hannah Bilger
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Anna Clark
Jim Clark
Kayla Colvin
Courtney Echols
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