March Chamber Breakfast to feature Regional Economist Charles S. Gascon

A Regional Economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Charles S. Gascon, will be the featured speaker for the March 5th Power in Partnership monthly breakfast of the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce. The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Julian Carroll Convention Center and is sponsored by Lundberg Medical Imaging. Gascon will deliver an economic update focused on the Paducah region.

As a regional economist, Gascon analyzes economic conditions in the Eighth Federal Reserve District and reports on conditions to the Bank president and staff economists prior to Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meetings. He is responsible for writing the bank’s Beige Book report on local economic conditions and contributes to other bank publications. His work has been cited in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times and in local media outlets.

Gascon is a member of the American Economic Association and the National Association for Business Economics, has a master’s degree in economics from State University of New York at Albany and an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis.

Below are the details of the breakfast:
When: Thursday, March 5, beginning at 7:30 a.m.
Where: Julian M. Carroll Convention Center, Ohio Room
Speaker: Charles S. Gascon, Regional Economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
Sponsor: Lundberg Medical Imaging
Cost: $15 members, $25 non-members

Non-Chamber power card holders, should make a reservation by 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, at paducahchamber.org or call 270-443-1746 or info@paducahchamber.org
February Power in Partnership Breakfast

The McCracken County Chapter of the NAACP and the McCracken County Community Career Endowment (MCCCE) were the sponsors for the Paducah Chamber’s February Power in Partnership Breakfast. The speaker was Daniel Cameron who was elected in November as the 51st Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He is the first African American independently elected to statewide office in Kentucky’s history. Pictured are (l-r): Leon Owens, who introduced Attorney General Cameron; J. W. Cleary, representing the McCracken Co. Chapter of the NAACP; Attorney General Cameron; Chad Beyer, 2020 Chair of the Paducah Chamber Board of Directors and owner of i5 design group; Deborah Edmonds, who spoke on behalf of the NAACP and MCCCE; and Don Mitchell representing MCCCE.
The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Meeting and Business Celebration sponsored by Mercy Health and CSI was held at the Julian Carroll Convention Center on January 31 with a crowd of more than 700 attendees.

Outgoing board chair Daniel Jones, Co-Owner of Strawberry Hills Pharmacy, officially passed the gavel to Chad Beyer, Owner and President of i5 design group, inc., as the board chair for 2020.

The entertainment for the evening was Libby Spears. Her message was funny, inspirational and informative. Suzanne Farmer (Mercy Health) and Todd Faulkner (WPSD Local 6) served as the emcees for evening.

The Chamber honored several area businesses and individuals with their annual awards:

**Business of the Year (more than 15 employees) – Four Rivers Nuclear Partnership (FRNP)**

Four Rivers Nuclear Partnership began operations only a few years ago but has quickly made a huge impact. Since beginning work at the Paducah Department of Energy Site, FRNP has been committed to serving this community through regional purchasing, education and contributions to community projects.

In May 2017, they were awarded the $1.5 billion, up to 10-year contract to perform environmental cleanup and deactivation of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The company spends approximately 75% of dollars on small businesses and invests approximately $140 million annually in the community through payroll and purchases. Representing FRNP was President and CEO Myrna Redfield.

**Small Business of the Year (15 or less employees) – TempsPlus, Inc.**

Founded in 1988 by two local business leaders, TempsPlus has been assisting businesses in the Purchase Area with all facets of human resources for more than 30 years. They are locally owned and operated and tailor their services to what their customers need. In 2016 they moved into a state-of-the-art facility that includes private interview rooms and computer stations to help expand the potential of local job seekers. John Anderson III, President and CEO accepted the award.

**Entrepreneur of the Year – Katie Englert, President/Owner with Compass Counseling**

Katie Englert has expanded her practice to include 11 licensed therapists, opened a second location in Owensboro and developed unique services to support clients such as customizable Employee Assistance Program.
Programs, wellness workshops and telehealth counseling services throughout the state of Kentucky. She and her team have also started a podcast called “Mapping Healthy Minds” which can be found online on iTunes and Spotify. Katie Englert accepted the award.

**Non-Profit Organization – Hope Unlimited Family Care Center**

Hope Unlimited was established in 1989 and is committed to loving people and enriching the lives of families, especially through difficult circumstances. They provide free and confidential services through their Family Care Centers in Paducah and Metropolis, IL. Their staff, board members and volunteers provide hope and ongoing support to families in the areas of pregnancy, addiction recovery, life skills and much more. Hope Unlimited Family Care Center was represented by Executive Director, Nicole Farley. Hope Unlimited received a $1,000 award sponsored by Paducah Bank.

**Summit Award – Chambers Roofing Company**

Chambers Roofing Company was established in 1943 and has been serving the Paducah area for 76 years as a locally owned family business. The company exhibits a high level of craftsmanship, customer service and generosity. This business has grown from two employees doing handyman-type jobs to a multiple-crew company operating out of a 29,000 sq. ft. warehouse and providing both residential and commercial services. Chambers Roofing was represented by brothers Mark and Joe Chambers.

**Leadership Paducah Alumnus of the Year – Jim Sigler, Leadership Paducah Class #8**

This award is selected and presented by the Leadership Paducah Alumni Association (LPAAA). Nick Morris, President of the LPAAA, presented the award. He stated: “Leadership Paducah Alumni Association Board has the opportunity to recognize an alum who we believe has gone above and beyond to make a difference in our community. Jim Sigler served in the United States Navy as an officer in the JAG Corps where he was deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm. He has served as President of the Paducah-McCracken County United Way, President of the Rotary Club, President of the McCracken County Bar Association, Chairman of the Paducah-McCracken Convention Center Corporation and as a member of the board of directors for the Paducah Visitors Bureau and the Carson Center. He is a partner at Keuler, Kelly, Hutchins, Blankenship & Sigler, LLP.”

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Peel & Holland announces merger with Riddle Insurance and its subsidiary R. Barga and Company

Peel & Holland Insurance announced its expansion through a recent merger with Riddle Insurance of Madisonville and its subsidiary, R. Barga and Company Insurance of Benton. The companies provide business property and casualty insurance, surety and bonding, family insurance, and employee benefits plans, along with workplace wellness programs. This merger, which was finalized January 1, combines teams totaling 83 employees in seven regional office locations across Western Kentucky.

From an operational standpoint, Roy Riley, President of Peel & Holland, explains that Riddle Insurance, R. Barga and Company, and Peel & Holland each will continue to function as independent insurance agencies with access to multiple carriers. This enables them to offer clients a broad choice of products and deliver highly personalized advisory services.

New employees at Paducah Bank

Michael Searcy has joined Paducah Bank as the senior credit underwriter and portfolio manager for metro markets and Ben Clayton has joined Paducah Bank as a consumer & residential mortgage relationship manager.

Searcy, longtime Louisville resident is a 25-year banking veteran with extensive experience in credit underwriting, analysis, and loan review. Searcy spent 15 years as vice president and credit review officer of First Capital Bank of Kentucky in Louisville and eight years as a consultant with ProBank Austin. He is a graduate of Hanover College with a bachelor of arts degree in business administration and a concentration in accounting.

Clayton, a Paducah native, is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and minor in finance. Clayton most recently was a portfolio manager in sports and entertainment banking at Triumph Bank in Nashville.

Ron Henley promoted at Baptist Health

Baptist Health Paducah recently named Ron Henley as director of Facilities, with responsibility for engineering/maintenance, biomedical engineering, pbx, emergency management, valet, construction, security and safety. Henley previously served as the safety officer for Baptist Health Paducah since 2016.

Henley has a bachelor’s degree in organizational leadership from Mid-Continent University, as well as HVAC and welding degrees from the former West Kentucky Vocational School. He is a former master electrician, and is a certified Healthcare Facility Manager, Healthcare Safety Professional and Healthcare Engineer, as well as a Registered Indoor Air Quality Manager.

City National Bank staffing

City National Bank of Metropolis has recently announced two new hires and two officer appointments.

City National Bank, established in 1907, is a community bank located in Massac County, Illinois. CNB has recently announced two new hires and two officer appointments.

Van Aldridge has been hired as Assistant Vice President and IT Manager. Aldridge has over 30 years of IT experience in the financial industry. He most recently worked as a Professional Services Engineer with Computer Services, Inc.

McKell Hillebrand has been hired to the position of Loan Officer. Hillebrand has three years of experience in Agriculture Lending, most recently with River Valley Ag Credit. Hillebrand has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Murray State University.

Lisa Parmer has been appointed to Collections Officer. Parmer has worked for CNB for 13 years, in various capacities. Her previous titles include Teller, Customer Service Representative, Operations Assistant and Compliance Assistant. Parmer has an Associate of Arts from Shawnee Community College.

Jacob Pegram has been appointed to Loan Officer. Pegram has been with CNB for five years. After starting as a teller, he was moved to Loan Operations and Collections, then promoted to Loan Representative. Pegram has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Business from Murray State University.

Carrie Dillard Joins Paducah Chamber

Carrie Dillard has joined the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce as Programs and Public Policy Director. Dillard will be responsible for the Chamber’s focus on workforce development initiatives and programs and the Chamber’s business advocacy efforts including the development and communications of the Chamber’s legislative agenda.

Most recently Dillard was the Editor of The Paducah Sun. She joined The Sun in May 2014. She was promoted to Editor in 2018, managing a staff of 14 at The Sun and other weekly newspapers owned by Paxton Media Group. She worked previously at other Kentucky newspapers in London and Morganfield.

Dillard served on the Kentucky Press Association Board of Directors, as a state-at-large member, from January 2017 to January 2020. She was named KPA’s Most Valuable Member in 2019. Dillard graduated cum laude from the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.
Thank You for Renewing Your Chamber Membership in January!

Atlas Physical Therapy  
Atmos Energy Corporation  
Auburn Place Hotel & Suites  
Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc.  
Bluegrass Event Planning  
Boehl Stopher & Graves, LLP  
Burkeen Appraisals  
Ms. Olivia Ann Burr  
Chandler Park Apartment Homes  
Columbia Theatre Restoration Project  
Crounse Corporation  
Crowdus Maintenance/Cleaning  
Culligan of Western Kentucky  
Dream Green  
Drury Inn & Suites  
Dusty’s Outdoor Media, LLC  
Eli Lilly & Company  
Flooring America  
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GCC Engineers, LLC  
GEO Consultants  
Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.  
Grayhawk Safety & Health Consulting Company  
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Marcum Engineering, LLC  
McDonald’s  
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Norton Children’s Hospital  
Owen Cleaners  
The Paducah Bank and Trust Company  
Paducah Chiefs  
Paducah Dental Care  
Paducah Symphony Orchestra  
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STEWART GIRL MINISTRIES  
Stone-Lang Company  
Strawberry Hills Pharmacy  
Usher Transport, Inc.  
Vapors 4 U  
Vue Magazine  
Walker Hall Events Center  
Warren Heating & Air  
Williams, Williams & Lentz, LLP  
Yeiser Art Center  
ZebraGraphics  
Mr. Thomas R. Zinn

Ribbon cuttings

Barrel and Bond, located at 100 Broadway in Downtown Paducah, held a ribbon cutting to celebrate their opening. This specialty bar has more than 1,200 bourbons in stock with more to come. For more information visit barrelandbond.com.

CrossFit Dig Deep, located at 857 McGuire Avenue, held a ribbon cutting and grand opening of their new location. CrossFit is a group fitness class that combines elements of cardio and strength training to provide total body fitness and is scalable to all fitness levels. Personal training and nutrition consulting are also available. For more information contact Co-Owner Brandy Key at 270-556-5698 or visit mygymisdifferent.com to see the schedule of classes.
Welcome New Members:
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Young Leaders of Western Kentucky – Cory Hicks

This award is selected by The Four Rivers Business Journal published by The Paducah Sun. Bill Evans, Publisher of The Paducah Sun presented the award. He stated: "Paducah is indeed fortunate to have so many young leaders willing to use their time and talents to help make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family.

Our 2019 Young Leader of Western Kentucky, Cory Hicks, is someone who knows how to navigate our community, our state and the halls of DC; he chose to move here after a very successful career in DC and is making a difference in our community through his leadership in several organizations focusing on community growth.”

Other finalists included: Kristen Beck, Total Anesthesia Solutions and The Moses Basket; Lucas Bremer, U.S. Bank; Jim Dudley, KeeFORCE; Craig Felker, formerly with EZ Portable Buildings and now with Paducah Bank; Zach Hosman, Paducah Bank; Dusty Luthy, McCracken County Public Library and New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church; Magan Mansfield, Veolia Nuclear Solutions Federal Services; Nick Morris, formerly with Peel & Holland and now with Paducah Bank; and Sarah Suitor, Paducah Bank.
March 4 • 8:30 a.m. • Youth LEAD Class #9 • Health Care Day

*March 5 • 7:30 a.m. • Power in Partnership Breakfast
  • Sponsor: Lundberg Medical Imaging • Speaker: Charles S. Gascon, Regional Economist and Senior Coordinator at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

March 5 • 8:30 a.m. • Leadership Paducah Class #33 • Business & Economy Day

March 6 • 11 a.m. • Ribbon Cutting • Little Tractor & Equipment Co. • 4801 Cairo Road

March 6 • 12 p.m. • Business Advocacy

March 6 @ 4 p.m. • Ribbon Cutting • Furniture World Galleries • 3330 James Sanders Blvd, Unit 950

March 10 • 9:30 a.m. • Membership & Marketing Committee

March 11 • 11 a.m. • Finance Committee

*March 12 • 5-7 p.m. • Paducah Young Professionals • BlackJack Basics
  • Harrah’s Metropolis • 100 East Front Street • Metropolis, IL

March 13 • 7:30 a.m. • Executive Committee

March 17 • 4 p.m. • Board of Directors

*March 24 • 12 p.m. • Out to Lunch • Big Ed’s • 701 N. 8th Street

March 25 • 3 p.m. • Leadership Paducah Foundation Board

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