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December Power in Partnership Breakfast will feature newly appointed Executive Director & CEO of Kentucky Educational Television (KET)

The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce's December 3 Power in Partnership Breakfast will feature keynote speaker Renee Shaw, newly appointed Executive Director & CEO of Kentucky Educational Television (KET). The breakfast is sponsored by U.S. Bank.


Renee Shaw

The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center. Pre-registration is required by Monday, November 30th by 2 p.m. at paducahchamber.org or call 270-443-1746. Power Card holders do not have to pre-register. The cost is $25.

Renee Shaw is the newly appointed Executive Director & CEO of Kentucky Educational Television (KET). In this new role, Shaw will oversee all of KET's services, including public affairs, cultural and historical programming, and educational resources for classrooms across Kentucky.

An award-winning journalist and longtime leader at KET, Shaw has served as Director of Public Affairs and host of several signature programs, including Kentucky Edition, Kentucky Tonight, and Connections. Throughout her career, Shaw has played an instrumental role in expanding KET's public affairs coverage and highlighting important issues impacting Kentuckians.

Shaw is a three-time regional Emmy Award winner and has received numerous honors for her contributions to journalism and public service from civic, education and community organizations. She was inducted into the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame in 2017, Western Kentucky University's Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2023, and the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame in 2025. She is also a graduate of Leadership Kentucky and a sought-after speaker and moderator throughout the Commonwealth.

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November PIP



Baptist Health Paducah was the sponsor for the Paducah Chamber's November Power in Partnership Breakfast. The program featured keynote speaker Seema Sheth, Senior Vice President and Regional Executive, Louisville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. The program also featured the Chamber's annual "Salute to Education," and attendees were able to visit with local educators and students who had displays highlighting their school programs and students' accomplishments. Comcast and FT Home Loans were the supporting sponsors of the November PIP. Pictured from left to right: Sandra Wilson, Paducah Chamber President/CEO; Kenny Boyd, 2026 Chair of the Chamber Board and Baptist Health Paducah President; and Seema Sheth.

Paducah was well represented in Arizona at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's TPM® Healthcare Industry Summit!



Pictured (L to R): Dr. Kristy Bell, Nursing Program Coordinator, WKCTC; Dr. Dina Byers, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Murray State University; Dr. Katie Walker, Programs and Public Policy Director, Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce; Kriste Blumetti, Vice President of Human Resources and Education, Baptist Health; Dr. Mike Muscarella, Chair, Purchase Area Health Education Center; Rick Goins, Chief Operating Officer, Mercy Health - Lourdes Hospital.

Mike Muscarella and Katie Walker had the opportunity to highlight our region's collaborative workforce development efforts to business, education and workforce leaders from across the country.

The summit provided a great opportunity to showcase Paducah's successes while gaining new ideas and connections to strengthen our region's workforce!

Welcome New Chamber Members: October 2026

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Mr. Peter Barnett
110 Broadway
Paducah, KY 42001
peter@cupofpipers.com

Domino's Pizza
Restaurants
Mr. Ed Razban
3219 Lone Oak Rd
Paducah, KY 42003
(270) 519-6392
arazban@apex.net
pizza.dominos.com/kentucky/paducah/3217-lone-oak-rd

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Excavation/Drainage/Erosion Solutions
Mr. Mason Stoll
5958 Hunerkoch road
Metropolis, IL 62960
(270) 556-0757
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CHAMBER CONNECTORS

Connector of the Month

Amy Wright | Owner and Lead Photographer, Wright Photography & Video, LLC

How long have you been a Connector?
"Almost one year, though I've been a Chamber member for three years."

Why do you serve on the Membership & Marketing Committee?
"Making connections is one of the most important parts of my job. You never know who your next client will be, and building those relationships strengthens both my business and the community as a whole."

What is your favorite Chamber event?
"The EmpowerHER Banquet. It's a chance for women like me to gather, celebrate, and support one another."



Amy is currently...

Watching ***Seeking Persephone, Lost on a Mountain in Maine, and Gifted Hands*** (Angel Studios)

Reading ***Uniquely Human*** by Dr. Barry M. Prizant, PhD, and ***The Whole-Brain Child*** by Dr. Daniel J. Siegel, MD, and Dr. Tina Payne Bryson, PhD

Listening to Broadway Musical Scores

Thank You for Renewing Your Chamber Membership in October!

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Nominations being accepted for Chamber's Annual Meeting and Business Celebration awards

The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for local businesses and citizens to be recognized during the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting and Business Celebration on Friday, January 29, 2027, at the Paducah-McCracken County Expo Center.

Nominations are being accepted for the Chamber's annual awards including:

- Business of the Year
- Small Business of the Year
- Entrepreneur of the Year
- Non-Profit of the Year
- Citizen of the Year
- Summit Award
- Chamber Volunteer of the Year
- Leadership Alumnus of the Year

The deadline for nominations is Friday, December 11 at 5 p.m. Learn more about the award criteria and submit nominations at paducahchamber.org. All awards may not be presented.

Visit paducahchamber.org for more information or call the Chamber at 270-443-1746.

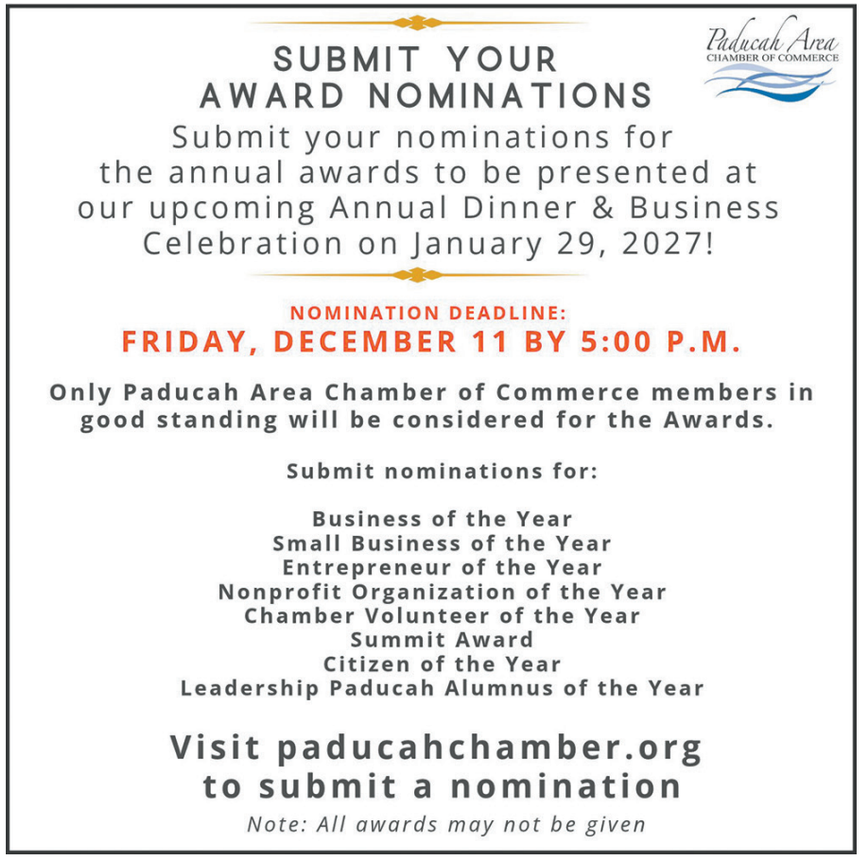
YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Paducah Sun, in partnership with the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce, is also seeking nominations for the area's best Young Leaders.

Nominees should be between the ages of 25-40; live or work in McCracken County; and have made a difference in 2026 within their profession and community.

The Young Leader of the Year will receive a $1,000 scholarship for professional development. The deadline for nominations for the Young Leader Award is December 11. For information and to receive a nomination form, send an email to: youngleaders@paducahsun.com.

Finalists will be featured in a January 2027 issue of The Paducah Sun. The winner will be announced during the Paducah Chamber's Annual Meeting and Business Celebration on January 29, 2027, at the Paducah-McCracken County Expo Center. A profile of the award winner will be featured in The Sun in February.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAMBER BOARD CHAIR



KENNY BOYD
PRESIDENT
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There's something special happening in Paducah. You can see it in the growth of our businesses and feel it in the energy of our community. As I reflect on my year serving as Board Chair of the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce, the momentum our community is experiencing is no accident. It's the result of a community that believes in working together.

We started the year with a celebration worthy of our community's accomplishments! Our Annual Dinner & Celebration Gala honored the Paducah Chamber's recognition as the 2025 National Chamber of the Year. As a three-time recipient of this prestigious award, we have so much to be proud of. It was the perfect way to kick off a year focused on building upon that success.

Throughout the year, we had countless opportunities to celebrate the growth and success of our members. From ribbon cuttings and groundbreakings to exciting announcements of new investments and expansions, the momentum in our community has been undeniable. Each celebration serves as a commitment to our region.

We also continued investing in the people who will shape Paducah's future. Through programs like Leadership Paducah, Paducah Young Professionals, Youth LEAD and our Intern Initiative, the Chamber is helping develop the next generation of leaders and inspire them to return to the Paducah community to start their careers. I had the privilege of serving as the featured speaker at this year's Breakfast with the Interns, sponsored by CFSB. It was an incredible opportunity to connect with Paducah Young Professionals and local area college interns who are just beginning their careers and share some of the lessons I've learned along the way. Experiences like these give me tremendous confidence in the next generation of leaders and the future of our region.

And of course, we continued making sure Paducah's voice was heard through our advocacy efforts! Our advocacy efforts remained a major priority with approximately 80 community leaders traveling to Frankfort for our annual Paducah Chamber Day. We also made history with our largest-ever delegation to Washington, D.C. for our DC Fly-In bringing 92 attendees together to advocate for the priorities that matter most to our region. Closer to home, we hosted three candidate forums as part of our Spring Public Policy Mini Series. Our public policy events provided additional opportunities to engage with elected officials and stay informed on issues impacting our community at a state and federal level. These efforts demonstrate the power of showing up and speaking with a unified voice. When Paducah comes together, we make an impact!

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the leadership of Sandra Wilson and the entire Chamber staff. Their dedicated work behind the scenes makes a difference in our community. I am also incredibly grateful to my fellow Board members for their leadership and commitment throughout the year. It has been an honor to serve alongside such a dedicated group of individuals.

One of the most rewarding parts of serving as Board Chair has been the opportunity to meet and connect with so many incredible people throughout our community. This role has opened doors to new experiences that I will carry with me long after my time as Chair comes to an end.

Serving as Board Chair has been an experience I will always value. Through it, I've had the opportunity to see firsthand the dedication and collaboration that continue to make our Chamber and community so special. As I reflect on my year as Board Chair, I am reminded that the Chamber's greatest accomplishments are never the work of just one person or one year. Instead they are a culmination of continuous dedication by many with the singular focus of making Paducah and West Kentucky the best place to live, work and play and I am proud to have been a small part in that work and look forward to seeing all that the Chamber will accomplish in the years ahead.

Ribbon Cuttings



Congratulations to B'Well Medical Aesthetics, 2408 New Holt Rd., on their ribbon cutting. B'Well is a nurse practitioner led med spa in Paducah that offers several services including Botox, filler, microneedling, laser, personalized skincare consultations and more. Call 270.519.2330 or visit www.paducahbwell.com.



Congratulations to EZ Pizza Pie, 701 Washington St., Unit B, on their ribbon cutting. Enjoy your favorites by the slice or grab a whole pie to share! They are open Mon. - Wed. from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Thurs. - Fri. from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Congratulations to Lifeline Recovery Center on their ribbon cutting for their new Saint Monica Women's Campus, dedicated in honor of Ray and Kay Eckstein.



Congratulations to Crafted & Made Home of Touch of Fudge, 2201 Broadway St., Suite 101, on their ribbon cutting. Crafted & Made is home to Kenzie's Kreations, Johana's Ohana Drink Stop and Touch of Fudge.





Congratulations to Community Financial Services Bank on the Groundbreaking Ceremonies for two new locations in McCracken County. These are the new McCracken West Banking Center located at 5435 Highway 60 West (left photo) and the Lone Oak Banking Center located at 2470 Lone Oak Road.

Ribbon Cuttings



Congratulations to West Kentucky Community & Technical College on their ribbon cutting for their newly approved Aviation Maintenance Technology Program. This new program was made possible by $2.3 million in Kentucky legislative funding. This funding request has been part of the Paducah Chamber's State Priorities. The program will create a new local pathway to high-demand aviation maintenance careers, preparing students to inspect, maintain and repair aircraft.



Congratulations to Epic Collective, 132 S 3rd St., on their ribbon cutting. Whether you're looking for the perfect gift or your new favorite outfit, they have you covered! They are open Mon. - Sat. from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Visit shopepiccollective.com.

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"BEST CLASS EVER" ANNUAL CELEBRATION WRAP-UP

Our "Best Class Ever" Annual Celebration was a success! It was fun seeing everyone again! Thank you to Mark Whitlow, 2025 LPAA Outstanding Alum who was the featured guest.



Mark Whitlow, 2025 OutstandingLeadership Paducah Alumni and member of Leadership Paducah Class #2 (right) was interviewed by Steve Christmas, LPAA Past President(left).



Leadership Paducah Class #38 claimed the "Best Class Ever" traveling trophy with the most class members in attendance.

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Congratulations to the Graduates of the Sixth Class of Small Business Cohort!



These are the participants of the sixth class of the Paducah Chamber Small Business Cohort. SBC started in July, and participants recently graduated in November. Cohort members include: (First Row, L to R) Joelle Bright, Realtor, EPIC Group/ EXP Realty; Daegon Byers, DRD Mobile Detailing and DRD Automotive; Kim Cates, KC Coaching; Jacqueline Crawford-Jones, mooknjac brew project; Cathy Hutchins, Hutchins Flooring America; (Second Row, L to R) Katelyn Myrick, Hillside Counseling; Tammy Owen, Signature Travel; Victor Sredl, Victor Enterprises, Inc.; Benjamin Strong, Mrs. Sweet Strong, LLC; Tara Wilson, My 360 ProBooks.

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Make plans to join us and showcase your business at our biggest Chamber celebration of the year! Sponsorship opportunities are now available. The program will recognize our community's many great successes and recognition of our Chamber members, honoring several local businesses and individuals.

Visit paducahchamber.org for more information!