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May PIP breakfast will celebrate Small Businesses

The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce Power in Partnership Breakfast on May 14 will recognize small business owners as part of its annual Small Business Month Celebration. CFSB is the presenting sponsor. The breakfast is one week later due to the Mayor's and Judge Executive's Prayer Breakfast.

The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center. Pre-registration is required by Monday, May 11 at 2 p.m. at paducahchamber.org or by calling 270-443-1746. Power Card holders do not have to pre-register. The cost is \$25.

The program will feature a panel of local small business owners. Panelists include: DeeAnn Bogaczyk of Blended Brews, Chamber Connector; Kevin Peck of PFGW Architects, 2025 Paducah Chamber Small Business of the Year; Carrie Signa of



**DeeAnn
Bogaczyk**



**Kevin
Peck**



**Carrie
Signa**



**Michael
Stone**

The Cork Room, Doe's Eat Place and Max's Brick Oven Café, 2025 Paducah Chamber Citizens of the Year alongside her husband, Paul

Signa; and Mike Stone of Stone-Lang Company, longtime Chamber Member.

They will discuss how they established their businesses, challenges, and rewards.

"Our small businesses power our economy in a big way," said Sandra Wilson, Chamber President/CEO. "Small businesses make up the majority of the Chamber's membership and we know how important it is to provide a variety of services that support their growth, emphasize buy local and help promote their products and services."

Businesses are invited to register for a display booth at the May Breakfast for \$100. Booth registration includes one breakfast ticket. Displays will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and breakfast attendees will be encouraged to visit booths before

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April PIP Breakfast



West Kentucky Community & Technical College was the sponsor of the April Power in Partnership Breakfast. The program featured Dr. Ryan Quarles, President of Kentucky Community & Technical College System. The program also featured Youth LEAD Class #15 Graduation. Pictured from left to right: Sandra Wilson, Paducah Chamber President/CEO; Dr. Ryan Quarles, KCTCS; Kenny Boyd, 2026 Chair of the Chamber Board and Baptist Health Paducah President; and Dr. Anton Reece, WKCTC President/CEO.

Youth LEAD Class #15 Outstanding Student



Youth LEAD Class #15 also graduated during the program. Caroline Roberts, a junior at McCracken County High School, was the recipient of the Outstanding Student Award for Youth LEAD Class #15. Pictured from left to right are: Kenny Boyd, 2026 Chair of the Chamber Board and Baptist Health Paducah President; Molly Thompson, Paducah Chamber Programs & Public Policy Director/Youth LEAD Director; and Caroline Roberts, Youth LEAD Class #15 Outstanding Student.

Welcome New Chamber Members: March 2026

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Paducah, KY 42001
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Firehouse Subs

Restaurants

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Paducah, KY 42001
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Youth LEAD Class #15 Graduation



Youth LEAD Class #15 celebrated their graduation at the April Power in Partnership Breakfast. The class was comprised of high school juniors from McCracken County High School, Paducah Tilghman High School, St. Mary High School, and Community Christian Academy. Youth LEAD Class #15 members are from left to right: Front Row, (L to R): Ashton Wallace, MCHS; Claire Tucker, PTHS; Karlee McNutt, PTHS; Caroline Grumley, PTHS; Katelyn Dillon, MCHS; Addy Richards, MCHS; Caroline Roberts, MCHS; Mason Clements, MCHS; Mollie Canter, MCHS; Neely Nyberg, MCHS; Lilly Hamilton, MCHS; Caroline Adkins, PTHS; Meimei Manea, MCHS; and Anna Grace Everett, MCHS. Back row: Dellanie Horton, PTHS; Ma'Kel Ridgeway, PTHS; Sasha Black, PTHS; Sophie McMillan, PTHS; Sophia Mabry, CCA; Nolan Goode, MCHS; Sophie Stratemeyer, SMHS; Ansh Shah, MCHS; Audrey Sims, SMHS; Sam Dobson, MCHS; Paxton Carver, MCHS; Gavin Schooley, MCHS; Kole Robertson, MCHS; Ethan Dillon, MCHS; Brennen Hartman, MCHS; Brock Wilson, MCHS; Luke Whiteside, MCHS; Daniel Walters, CCA; Braxton Davis, PTHS; Holt Shively, PTHS; Grant Seaton, MCHS; and Aaron Ladd, PTHS.

Student finalists compete at National Civics Bee®, Western Kentucky regional competition

The Western Kentucky regional competition of the National Civics Bee® was held on April 25th at The Carson Center in Paducah. The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce was selected as the host for the regional competition and the Presidential Sponsors for the event are Data Records Management Services and The Carson Center.

Students representing seven area middle schools were selected for the finals based on an essay about a problem facing their community and how a citizen might solve that problem.

The Paducah Chamber was chosen by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to host the West-

ern Kentucky regional competition. The top three winners at the Western Kentucky regional competition now advance to compete against other middle school students from across the state at the Kentucky Chamber National Civics Bee® during the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville in August.

The National Civics Bee® is an initiative by The Civic Trust of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, aimed at encouraging more young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. The names of the winners will be featured in the June edition of the Chamber Connection.

2026 PUBLIC POLICY SERIES



2026 Presenting Sponsors:



PUBLIC POLICY SPRING MINI SERIES A FRONT-ROW SEAT TO THE CONVERSATIONS SHAPING OUR COMMUNITY.

Your participation helps make these events possible and allows the Chamber to engage candidates and voters in meaningful discussions prior to the election.

**ALL FORUMS WILL BE HELD AT THE
PADUCAH-MCCRACKEN CO. CONVENTION CENTER**

U.S. SENATE FORUM - REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

FRIDAY, MAY 8 | 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.



Cong. Andy Barr



Daniel
Cameron



Nate Morris

MCCRACKEN CO. JUDGE EXECUTIVE FORUM

TUESDAY, MAY 12 | 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.



County Comm.
Richard Abraham



Judge Exec.
Craig Clymer



Matt Moore

Purchase your ticket online at paducahchamber.org
*Ticket price includes lunch

THE U.S. SENATE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FORUM WAS
PREVIOUSLY HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 27TH



Charles Booker



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Leadership PADUCAH

CLASS #40 Applications Opening May 4!

Experience
the Tradition of
Leadership Paducah

- ✓ Learn a broader and deeper perspective of how the community runs
- ✓ Visit local sites and facilities
- ✓ Meet local and state leaders
- ✓ Develop and expand network of contacts

Deadline to Apply:

MAY 29

Apply online
beginning May 4 at
paducahchamber.org

Congratulations on your Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations to Clark Elementary School on the ribbon cutting of their new playgrounds. The students at Clark Elementary have two new playgrounds thanks to the fundraising efforts of their PTO — a K-2 playground and a 3-5 playground!



Congratulations to Love Right at Home, LLC, 222 Kentucky Ave., Suite 104, on their ribbon cutting. Their services include meal preparation, light housekeeping, assistance with respite and comfort care and more! Call 270-201-4885.



Congratulations to the Love family on the groundbreaking for their 5th McDonald's location in Paducah. The new restaurant will be located at 5345 Hwy 60.



Congratulations to Signet Federal Credit Union on their groundbreaking. Their new Southside location will be at 2551 Irvin Cobb Drive.



Congratulations to Lee Upton - Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance, 2765 Wayne Sullivan Dr., on their ribbon cutting. They offer auto insurance, homeowners' insurance, life insurance, farm insurance, commercial insurance and more. They are open Mon. - Fri. from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call 270-575-1035.

BREAKFAST

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and after the breakfast. From 9 to 9:30 a.m., participating businesses will be able to take part in a Business to Business networking session – to meet each other, share business cards, and see how they can do business together. Interested businesses can register online at paducahchamber.org or email info@paducahchamber.org.

Additionally, Chamber members with 15 or fewer employees are asked

to submit a short 75-word bio about their business. Bios will be compiled and featured at the May 14 breakfast, and on the Chamber's website and social media. From the bio submissions, the name of one small business will be drawn to receive one month's use of a digital billboard located on Lone Oak Road and sponsored by Hibbs Insurance. Additionally, three names will be drawn to be highlighted during the breakfast.

To submit a business bio, visit paducahchamber.org, click on the May 2026 PIP Breakfast event and then the bio submission form. The deadline is Monday, May 11.

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MONDAY

JUNE 8

**COUNTRY CLUB
OF PADUCAH**

LUNCH: 11:00 A.M.

SHOTGUN START: 12:30 P.M.



TEAM REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

**SPONSORSHIPS
AVAILABLE**

Register online at
paducahchamber.org

**PANEL DISCUSSION:
CONFIDENCE IN THE
WORKPLACE**

MONDAY, MAY 11TH
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Commerce Center,
Paducah Bank Community Room

PYP paducah
young professionals
engaging young leaders of the future
PYP IS SPONSORED BY **ARNOLD**
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Join us for a PYP Panel Discussion to hear from experienced leaders and peers on how to build confidence, contribute with purpose, and show up with clarity in the workplace.

PANELISTS INCLUDE:



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MANSFIELD**
CHIEF GROWTH OFFICER
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PADUCAH YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
**EXCLUSIVE TOUR:
PURPLE TOAD
WINERY & DISTILLERY**

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST
4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

This experience will feature a private guided tour of the winery followed by a tasting. Tickets are \$20 and includes a tasting and light refreshments.

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Register online at
paducahchamber.org

Purple Toad
WINERY
&
DISTILLERY



The Paducah Chamber's Small Business Month Celebration kicks off in May and includes educational seminars, small business recognition, Business to Business networking and more!

SMALL BUSINESS PANEL DISCUSSION AT MAY 14TH PIP BREAKFAST

HEAR FROM THIS PANEL OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS:

Breakfast sponsored by:



DEEANN BOGACZYK
Blended Brews



KEVIN PECK
PFGW Architects



CARRIE SIGNA
The Cork Room,
Doe's Eat Place,
and Max's Brick Oven Cafe



MIKE STONE
Stone-Lang Company

SMALL BUSINESS DISPLAYS

Let's do business together! Sign up to showcase your business at the May 14th PIP Breakfast with a display booth for \$100. Price includes one breakfast ticket. Businesses are invited to set up their booths from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on May 14th. Breakfast attendees will have the opportunity to visit your booth before and after the event. From 9:00 to 9:30 a.m., participating businesses can take part in a Business to Business networking session — a great chance to meet fellow business owners, exchange business cards and see how you can do business together.

Register online at paducahchamber.org, email us at info@paducahchamber.org or call Cindy at 270-443-1746. **We're almost sold out— secure your spot today.**

SMALL BUSINESS RECOGNITION

We want to hear from you! Chamber members with 15 or fewer employees are invited to submit a short 75-word bio about your business at paducahchamber.org. These bios will be compiled and featured on our website, social media and distributed at the May 14th Power in Partnership Breakfast.

At the May 14th Power in Partnership Breakfast, three business bios will be randomly selected to be featured during the event. Additionally, one lucky small business will be drawn from the bio submissions to receive a complimentary one-month digital billboard display on Lone Oak Road, generously sponsored by Hibbs Insurance.



Register for a booth and submit your bio online at paducahchamber.org



SMALL BUSINESS SEMINARS

WHAT COULD AI DO FOR YOU? STAY COMPETITIVE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING BUSINESS LANDSCAPE

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JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY IN MAY
FOR *SMALL BUSINESS IN THE AGE OF AI: TOOLS, RISKS
AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY'S BUSINESS OWNERS*

MAY 5
8 AM-9 AM

AI TOOLS EVERY SMALL BUSINESS SHOULD KNOW

Discover practical ways AI can support marketing, research, planning, and everyday business tasks. This session will feature live demonstrations and examples of tools that business owners can start using immediately.

Speaker: Aaron Harned, Kentucky Small Business Development Center in Paducah

MAY 12
8 AM-9 AM

AI IN ACTION: HOW LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE USING IT

A moderated conversation with local business leaders experimenting with AI tools in their daily operations. Panelists will share what they've tried, what's worked, and lessons learned along the way.

Speakers: Justin Lange, One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning; John Stopka, Liberty Pest Control; and Jordan Vaughn, Happy ZZZ's Sit n' Sleep

MAY 19
8 AM-9 AM

HOW AI IS CHANGING THE FUTURE OF WORK

Artificial intelligence is transforming the workforce and creating new opportunities for businesses willing to adapt. This session will explore how AI is shaping skills, education, and the future of work.

Speakers: Michael Ramage, Director of CCIT Center for Cybersecurity Network Management at Murray State University; Melanie Tapp, Director of Workforce Solutions, Madisonville Community College

MAY 26
8 AM-9 AM

AI RISKS: FRAUD, PRIVACY & PROTECTING YOUR BUSINESS

AI technology is creating new opportunities, but also new risks. This session will explore emerging fraud threats, data privacy concerns, and practical steps businesses can take to protect themselves.

Speakers: Barry Hatcher, CFE, CPA, Of Counsel, Kemper CPA Group; Jessica Newman, CEO, Advantage Insurance Services; Johnny Sanders, Co-Founder & EVP, SOMA Cyber

All seminars will be held at The Commerce Center,
Paducah Bank Community Room

300 S. THIRD STREET

For more information or to register, visit
paducahchamber.org
No cost to attend. Pre-registration is requested.