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Paducah Chamber January PIP breakfast will feature ‘State of City and County’

The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce’s January 8th Power in Partnership Breakfast will feature the annual “State of the City and County” with Paducah Mayor George Bray and McCracken County Judge-Executive Craig Clymer as the featured speakers. The breakfast is sponsored by the Paducah-McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency.



**Mayor
George Bray**



**Judge-
Executive
Craig Clymer**

the Paducah Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and is a member of Greater Paducah Economic Development and the Paducah Area Community Reuse Organization Boards. He also serves on the Kentucky Nuclear Economic Development Authority (KNEDA), which focuses on expanding the development and advancement of nuclear energy statewide.

The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center. Pre-registration is required by Monday, January 5 by 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.

Mayor George Bray is the 40th Mayor of Paducah and in 2024 was re-elected to his second term—marking the first time a Paducah mayor has been re-elected since 2008. Mayor Bray currently serves as Chairman of the Paducah/McCracken County Industrial Development Authority (IDA), Vice Chairman of

Judge Clymer is in his second term as McCracken County Judge-Executive. He serves as Chair of the Paducah Area Community Reuse Organization Board and on the board of Greater Paducah Economic Development. He previously served as McCracken Circuit Judge from 1998 to 2017. When he retired as Circuit Judge, he joined the law firm of Boehl Stopher & Graves, LLP. He also served as McCracken District Judge from 1993 to 1997 and as a staff attorney for the United States District Court from 1988 to 1993.

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Paducah Chamber Elects 2026 Officers and Board

Kenny Boyd, President of Baptist Health Paducah, has been elected to serve as the 2026 Chair of the Board for the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce. Susan Ybarzabal, who was Chair in 2025, and Paducah Market President for Paducah Bank, will serve as Immediate Past Chair. Todd Buchanan, Program Manager for GEO Consultants Corporation, has been elected as Chair-elect.

Kenny has more than 20 years of experience in healthcare. Just before joining Baptist Health, he was chief operating officer for Maury Regional Health, a non-profit regional hospital system in Columbia, Tennessee.

Boyd has served in a number of leadership roles during his career, including president and CEO of McDonough District Hospital in Malcomb, Illinois; CEO of Girard Medical Center in Girard, Kansas; and CEO of Dickenson Community Hospital in Clintwood, Virginia. Raised in Kentucky, he earned a master's degree in health services management from Webster University in Jeffersonville, Indiana, and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Louisville.

In addition to Boyd, Ybarzabal, and Buchanan, other members of the Chamber's 2026 Executive Committee include: Whitney Denson, McMurry & Livingston, Vice Chair; Jim Garrett, Paducah/McCracken Riverport Authority, Vice Chair of Advocacy; Lisa Lauck, Lauck Marketing Agency LLC, Vice Chair of Membership and Marketing; Dr. Donald Shively, Vice Chair of Education and Workforce; Ines Rivas-Hutchins, INTEC Group, Vice Chair of Small Business; Mike Karnes, Williams, Williams & Lentz, Treasurer; and Sandra

Wilson, President/CEO, Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce.

New Board members joining in 2026 are: Jim Garrett, Paducah/McCracken County Riverport Authority and Angela Mathis, CFBSB.

Continuing Board members are: Johnny Blazina, West Kentucky Media Group; Tammy Courtney, Mission Conversion Services Alliance; Lonnie Crowdus, Crowdus Maintenance & Cleaning; Rick Goins, Mercy Health – Lourdes; John Hodges, Paducah-McCracken Co. Joint Sewer Agency;

Kevin Kauffeld, Independence Bank; Kevin McEwan, P&L Railway and GPED; Chris Miller, CSI; Jason Nyberg, Marquette Transportation; Kevin Peck, PFGW Architects; Jeff Pierce, Atomic City Family Fun Center; Rachel Rayburn, Ingram Barge; Myrna Redfield, Four Rivers Nuclear

Partnership; Dennis Rouleau, Barkley Regional Airport; Jody Stivers, Risk Strategies; and Mark Workman, BFW Engineering & Consulting.

Ex-officio Board members are: Paducah Mayor George Bray; McCracken County Judge Executive Craig Clymer; Bruce Wilcox, Greater Paducah Economic Development; Josh Hunt, McCracken County Schools; Dr. Anton Reece, West Kentucky Community and Technical College; Karami Underwood, Murray State University – Paducah campus; Michelle Campbell, Leadership Paducah Alumni Association; Ben Clayton, Paducah Young Professionals; Katie Englert, Paducah Chamber Leadership Center; J.W. Cleary, Paducah-McCracken County NAACP; Alyssa Phares, Paducah Convention and Visitors Bureau; Kelly Channell, United Way of Western Kentucky; and Dr. Charles Lu, UK College of Engineering – Paducah campus.



Kenny Boyd

THANK YOU

for your service as the
2025 Chair of the Chamber Board



Susan Ybarzabal,
Paducah Market President
for Paducah Bank

Welcome New Chamber Members: November 2025

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CHAMBER CONNECTORS

Connector of the Month

Debbie Cornwell

Founder & Executive Director
Labor of Love

How long have you been a Connector?

"3 months"

Why do you serve on the Membership & Marketing Committee?

"I wanted to make a difference in my community."

What is your favorite Chamber event?

"The ribbon cutting ceremonies."

Debbie is currently...

Watching Hallmark Channel

Reading *The Freedom of Forward* by Morgan

Richard Olivier

Listening to Megan Woods

Fun Fact!

"I absolutely love popcorn Jelly Belly!"



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS



ANGELA MATHIS
MCCRACKEN COUNTY
MARKET PRESIDENT,
COMMUNITY FINANCIAL
SERVICES BANK



JIM GARRETT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PADUCAH/MCCRACKEN COUNTY
RIVERPORT AUTHORITY

Thank You for Renewing Your Chamber Membership in November!

A & K Permanent Jewelry

American Cancer Society

Mr. Randell Blackburn

Darnell Construction, LLC

EnSite, LLC

Ms. Julie Griggs

Hancock's of Paducah

Insurance Inc. of Paducah

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and More

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The Regenerative Center

Smile Station Family Dentistry

SOMA Cyber, Inc.

Stone-Lang Company

Truist

Value Added Solutions, Inc.

Window World of Paducah, LLC

December PIP Breakfast



U.S. Bank was the sponsor for the Paducah Chamber's December Power in Partnership Breakfast. The featured speaker was Ashli Watts, President and CEO of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. The program also featured Reidland Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Choir. Pictured from left to right: Zach Dunlap, U.S. Bank Business Banking Team Manager; Joshua Bewley, U.S. Bank Business Banking Relationship Manager; Steven Elder, U.S. Bank Senior Vice President and Wealth Management Consultant; Ashli Watts, Kentucky Chamber President/CEO; Susan Ybarzabal, 2025 Chair of the Chamber Board and Paducah Market President for Paducah Bank; Darren Woodruff, U.S. Bank Community President and District Manager; Chase Denson, U.S. Bank Wealth Management Banker; and Sandra Wilson, Paducah Chamber President/CEO.

Public Policy Luncheon



Local state legislators, Representative Randy Bridges, Senator Danny Carroll, Representative Kim Holloway, Representative Chris Freeland and Majority Floor Leader Steven Rudy joined the Paducah Chamber for its Public Policy Series Legislative Luncheon. It was a full house at the Commerce Center as attendees heard about their top priorities ahead of the next Kentucky General Assembly and the Chamber presented its 2026 State Legislative Priorities.

THANK YOU to our outgoing board members!

Katie Englert, Cory Hicks and Jessica Newman were recognized at the Paducah Chamber 2025 Chamber Board & Past Chairs Holiday Luncheon.



Pictured L to R: Sandra Wilson, Paducah Chamber President/CEO; Katie Englert, Owner of Compass Counseling and Chicken Salad Chick, Immediate Past Board Chair; Susan Ybarzabal, 2025 Chamber Board Chair and Paducah Market President for Paducah Bank.



Pictured L to R: Wilson; Cory Hicks, Paducah Power System Chief Strategy Officer; and Ybarzabal.



Pictured L to R: Wilson; Jessica Newman, Advantage Insurance Services and Swift & Staley; and Ybarzabal.



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FEBRUARY 12, 2026



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Join us for the Paducah Chamber's Advocacy Day in Frankfort as we speak in a *unified voice* to our state officials on what is important to the economic health and vitality of our community and the region. The day will also include West Kentucky Thank You Night sponsored by the West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance and C-Link. For sponsorship or participant information, **visit paducahchamber.org or call 270-443-1746.**

SAVE THE DATE

West Kentucky Thank You Night Reception

Thursday, February 12
5:00 - 7:00 P.M. EST
Frankfort Country Club

Coordinated by:



Everyone is invited to attend!

Sponsorships are available at paducahchamber.org or by calling the Chamber at 270-443-1746.

Congratulations on your Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations to Rose Garden Florist, 809 Broadway, on their ribbon cutting. They are under new ownership! They are open Mon. - Fri. from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sat. from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Visit rosegardenfloristky.com



Congratulations to Shepherd's Lantern Acres, 9165 Moore Rd., on their ribbon cutting. They offer a unique stay for travelers, weekend getaways, weddings, or anyone seeking a quiet peaceful stay in the country. Each cabin sleeps up to 4 people with 2 full baths and are dog friendly with dog spa/showers. Booking will be available soon via Airbnb!



Congratulations to StudioWorks Inc., 100 Television Lane, on their ribbon cutting. StudioWorks offers spacious office rentals and is fully equipped for all your production needs. Their newly renovated building was previously home to WPSD. Visit studioworksop.com

Nominations being accepted for Young Leader of the Year Award

The Paducah Sun, in partnership with the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce, is 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 2025 within their profession and community. The nominee can't be a former recipient of the Young Leader award but can have been a past finalist. Current elected officials or those running for office are not eligible.

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 Friday, January 2. For information and to receive a nomination form, send an email to: young-leaders@paducahsun.com.

Finalists will be featured in a January 2026 issue of The Paducah Sun. The winner will be announced during the Paducah Chamber's Annual Meeting and Celebration Gala on January 30, 2026, at the Paducah-McCracken County Expo Center. A profile of the award winner will be featured in The Sun in February.



CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

#NationalCivicsBee Applications now open!

All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in Kentucky have the chance to participate in the National Civics Bee! The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to host the regional competition in Paducah in April.

**Deadline to Submit Essay:
February 3, 2026 at 11:59 CST**
Submit an essay at paducahchamber.org/ncb

WKCTC Workforce Solutions and The Leadership Center Collaborate to Create a One-Stop Hub for Leadership and Professional Development Education in West Kentucky

West Kentucky Community & Technical College Workforce Solutions and The Leadership Center, a program of The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce, are announcing a partnership, combining their unique strengths to provide a one-stop, single regional hub for all West Kentucky leadership training and professional development needs.

Through this collaboration, businesses and individuals will gain access to a robust and diverse range of educational options, including hundreds of courses. Working together, the two organizations will help local employers strengthen their teams, support individuals in achieving their career goals, and cultivate a highly skilled workforce that drives growth and opportunities throughout the region.

WKCTC President Dr. Anton Reece, stated, "The retention and recruitment of organizational talent is essential for workforce development and future growth. Therefore, WKCTC is excited to have a partnership and ongoing collaboration with the Paducah Chamber Leadership Center to provide customized training to the regional business

and industry stakeholders."

"When we launched The Leadership Center, one of our key goals was to provide world-class training opportunities for our area businesses," said Sandra Wilson, President/CEO of the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce. "This partnership strengthens and expands those offerings to our local businesses."

Ashley Burns, Director of WKCTC Workforce Solutions, added, "This partnership is about expanding access to professional development opportunities for our community. Everyone deserves the chance to grow both personally and professionally, and by working together, we're creating more short-term, accessible options that meet people where they are and help them take their next step forward."

Businesses or organizations can contact either WKCTC or The Leadership Center to discuss their training needs and how they can be best met by one or both of the institutions.

Additionally, a quarterly public workshop series featuring courses on a variety of essential business and leadership topics will launch in January 2026.



Pictured L to R: (First Row) Dr. Anton Reece, WKCTC President; Sandra Wilson, Paducah Chamber President/CEO; (Second Row) Ashley Burns, WKCTC Director of Community, Workforce and Economic Development; and Frank Bennett, The Leadership Center Executive Director.



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<p>2026 POWER CARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 8 • Feb. 5 • Mar. 5 • Apr. 2 • May 14 • June 4 • July 9 • Aug. 6 • Sep. 3 • Oct. 1 • Nov. 5 • Dec. 3 <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce Power in Partnership Breakfast</p>	<p>2026 Power Cards are NOW available!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No need to RSVP every month. Flexible for any employee to use.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">January – December \$300</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visit paducahchamber.org to order your card TODAY!</p> <p>The Power Card entitles you and your employees to special benefits as a frequent attendee at the Power and Partnership Breakfasts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Convenience of one payment for the entire year! ➤ NO NEED to RSVP every month! ➤ Company flexibility for key employees!
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Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for a reception and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIP TODAY AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

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

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS ON SALE IN EARLY JANUARY!

Visit paducahchamber.org for sponsorship information