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FARRAGUT

4-Chamber Event

BRING BUSINESSES TOGETHER ΤO

On Tuesday, June 29, the Farragut West Knox Chamber will partner with three of its neighboring organizations to co-host the first Regional 4-Chamber Business Networking event.

Co-host chambers include Loudon County Chamber of Commerce, Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce and Roane County Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held at The Venue at Lenoir City, a mutual member of several of the hosting chambers, sponsored by Dixie Lee Wine & Liquors and Classy Caterer.

Chamber CEOs Julie Blaylock (Farragut) and Rodney Grugin (Loudon) co-hosted a similar event in March to the delight of both membership bases. The successful event saw over 185 drop-in guests over the course of two hours. The June event is creating "a lot of buzz" within the chambers and expects to double that attendance.

Blaylock speculated that, "Coming out of the past year, our members are craving the opportunity to meet new faces in person and that's why the March networking with just us and Loudon was so wellreceived. Incorporating two more fantastic organizations will introduce our businesses to even more prospective partners or clients that they'd likely never have met otherwise."

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Roane Chamber

COUNTY

Regional

Networking

June 29th

5:00 - 7:00 pm

The Venue at Lenoir City

There is no cost to attend for members of the hosting chambers; members are encouraged to register with their member chamber. Farragut West Knox chamber businesses can visit farragutchamber. com/events and click for the June 29 event starting at 5pm.



Young Professionals **Open Mic Night**



Wondering Who's Hiring???

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a Success

West Under 40's young professionals weren't sure what to expect from their Open Mic Night presented by Epic Nine Marketing Outfitters on Wednesday, June 9 but by the end of the evening it was clearly a success.

The Open Mic Night, headed by committee member Jared Butler-Payteva, was the young professional group's first fully open in-person event for 2021. West Under 40 wanted to do something fun and unique to reintroduce the group (and area YPs) to the community after a year of nearly all virtual programs. The event was hosted at Hexagon Brewery and gave any YP the chance to

show off whatever talent they had: magic, music/song, poetry, whatever.

A crowd of approximately 40 quickly settled in, summoned up some courage and cheered on friends and strangers as they delivered slam poetry, sang, played instruments and even some stand-up comedy. The chamber's young business intern helped emcee acts and kept the crowd laughing with a slew of jokes. Jeremy LaDuke-Epic Nine helped award the grand prize-a brand new iPad—to singer Mikenna Varvel-PCS, Inc. but even after the official award was won, the

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Left: Incoming YP Chair, Adrian Hall-Movement Mortgage, delivers his first ever composed slam poem.



Networkings

Water into Wine - May 6, 2021





Left: Proprietor Candace Viox, Alex Galindo, and Rachel Simerly prepare for the evening's networking **Right:** FWKCC President Julie Blaylock chats with Shana Love- Knoxville Community Development Corporation, Marianne Morse- Mary Kay, and Kim Fry- Hilton Knoxville Airport

AMR-Rural Metro Fire - May 13, 2021



Left: Jeff Bagwell- AMR-Rural Metro Fire, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Derrick Setterley, Josh Spencer, and Tim Hancock pose with Dolly, a GMR (Global Medical Response) Certified Therapy Dog. She is committed to bring comfort, happiness and support to AMR-Rural Metro crew members. **Right:** Sara Sizemore- Southern Safety Supply, Tom Davis- Suntrust, John Randazzo- Fish Window Cleaning, and Phillip Graves- Centriworks get acquainted over coffee.

CBD American Shaman - May 20, 2021





eft: Todd Bliss and Right: Max Zegwyn-Farragut High Scholl Intern, Cassidy Peterson- Rodan + Fields, Maria Checchin-Keller

Member Briefs

Looking for more details on a specific event, special or job? Go to www.farragutchamber.com to see these and other member items!

New Horizons of East TN is offering Buy One, Get One Free on select Power Point Courses: PowerPoint 2019 – Part 1 on June 11 from 9a-5p; and Part 2 on June 21 from 9a-5p. In-person Excel 2019 Part 1 Training on June 22 from 9a-5p and Part 2 on July 13 from 9a-5p. Contact Santiago Ramirez, Learning Facilitator at (865) 297-3279 or www.etnewhorizons.com

Kruggel Lawton CPAs named Best of Accounting Award by ClearlyRated- third year in a row! This award means so much since it's entirely based on ratings provided by their clients. Congratulations Kruggel Lawton. For more information, visit http://www. klcpas.com

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Williams, and Carly Ferrell- Pioneer Heating & Air gather for the morning's networking

Prime West Knoxville - May 27, 2021



Left: Debbie Vinsant, Brett Massey, Stacey Swinney, Christine Hampton, and Don Horvat proudly show off this beautiful senior living apartment facility at this morning's gathering. **Right:** Rhonda Clay and Kelly Hayman- both with Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley pause at the check-in table before the start of the networking



Above, left: The winner of the grand prize, Mikenna Varvel-PCS, Inc., thanks the audience for their votes! Above, center: Attendees enjoy the evening's entertainment. Above, right: Max Wegzyn, Business Intern for the Chamber, entertains everyone between acts.

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evening just kept going. West Under 40 chair, Chloe Pool-First Utility District also announced the passing of the torch to new chair, Adrian Hall-Movement Mortgage. On top of that, they debuted their first branded shirts, sponsored by Adrian Hall, Movement Mortgage Lending; payteva; Patdome Promotions; Bin There Dump That Knoxville; First Citizens Bank; First Utility District; Epic Nine; and Landry & Azevedo Attorneys. West Under 40 is currently planning their July and August programs; event sponsorships are available for \$200. Contact the Chamber at 675-7057 or info@farragutchamber.com.

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Ribbon Cuttings



Simply Magical Vacations by Amy - May 4, 2021

Amy Shewmake- center, in blue dress is surrounded by family, friends, and Chamber members as they welcome her the Chamber business communitv!







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The Trusty **Notary** - May 12, 2021

Brittney Hernandez- in blue & white top is celebrated by her family and Chamber members as she prepares to cut the ribbon!





Trevor Hobbs- Farragut Assistant Town Administrator, Tom Sharp- viamedia, Sherry x County Clerk, Nick McBride- Knox County Register of Deeds

Rural Metro Fire Station #16

- May 21, 2021

County Trustee, Jason Zachery- Tennessee State Representative, Jerry Harnish, Glenn Jacobs- Knox County Mayor, John Schoonmaker- Knox County Commissioner, Larsen Jay-Knox County Commissions, Rick Herrell- Rural Metro Fire Assistant Fire Chief, Brandon Douglas- Rural Metro Fire Battalion Chief, Dan Johnson- Rural Metro Fire Fire Marshal, Blake Stout- Rural Metro Fire EMT/Firefighter, unidentified man, and Jon Arena- Rural Metro Fire EMT/Firefighter are on hand to open this new fire station located on Bluegrass Rd.



Pinnacle Assisted Living Grand Reopening - May 25, 2021

Gathering after COVID restriction have lifted are, 1st row: Pinnacle Assisted Living staff 3rd from left Michael Clark, Beth Watts, Dee Ann Kelly, and Dana Watkins- jointly holding scissors. 2nd row: Tracey Berkley, Fay Jago, and Christina Trentham. Chamber members round out the celebration!

TSBDC

SBDC's are America's nationwide network of Small Business Development Centers, a partnered program of the SBA, who are hosted by universities, colleges, state economic development agencies and private sectors. Knoxville SBDC is your local SBDC and your resource to help write a business plan, access capital and find funding for your business, provide mentorship, and help start and grow your small business.

Visit our website to register for free advising www.tsbdc.org

Check out our live training events, register in advance. We want to help turn your business into reality. Join our newsletter: Knoxville SBDC Newsletter

> June online Training Events: • Business startup Basics: June 15th 9:00am • Understanding Numbers of Marketing Analytics: June 15th 9:30am • Ecommerce for Business: June 29th 10:00am

> Register for our events by visiting our website: www.tsbdc.org



BUSINESS FACTS with Max

BK Lash & Skin Boutique

Name: Beverly Kobus

What service is your favorite to provide? This is a hard question. I have so many services that I love to provide. It

is all about the client and what I can do to make them feel amazing. I have a Red Carpet facial that is one of my favorite facials to give and then a lash lift and tint. They are both instant results!

To get yourself? I love getting the Red Carpet Special!!!

On average, how many appointments do you have a week? 18 to 20

How do you benefit from our chamber? I joined the Chamber the day I started my business after moving to Knoxville. The Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce has so many great benefits for business owners. From working with the board and ambassadors to the members has been amazing. The networking events are an absolute must.

Describe your business in three words. Lash & Skin Boutique

What dream are you currently in process of achieving?

It is extremely important to continue learning. I will be taking multiple continued education courses this year, as well as continuing to offer training to others in the industry.

What is the best career advice you have ever heard?

View every person you meet as a door that may lead you to a new opportunity.

What is the worst career advice you have ever heard?

Work in a big company because owning your own business will be too difficult.

If you could have any other job, what would it be? Founder of a non-profit organization

If your business was a dessert what dessert would it be? Raspberry cheesecake

If you had to redeco-



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Welcome New Members!

The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in the month of May! *Did you know businesses/organizations can submit an application & payment online? Visit www.farragutchamber.com and click "Join the Chamber!"*

AFS Foundation & Waterproofing Specialists Taylor Johnson 3025 E. Governor John Sevier Hwy, Knoxville, TN 37914 (865) 290-1305 Website: https://www.afsrepair.com

All My Graphics Tara James (865) 463-1199 Website: http://www.allmygraphics.com

Always Abounding Multimedia Kaleb Buckner 4301 Washington Pike, Knoxville, TN 37917 (931) 252-4361 Website: http://www.alwaysabounding.co

Blinds & More of East TN John Kidd (865) 386-6574 Website: http://blindsandmore.org

BW James Jewelers Broderick Hicks 11623 Parkside Drive, Knoxville, TN 37934 (865) 328-0421 Website: http://bwjamesjewelers.com

Carington Health Services, PLLC Dr. Saleh Shahid 149 Durwood Road, Knoxville, TN 37922 (865) 327-CARE Website: http://caringtonhealth.org

Central City Heating & Air Conditioning Christine Dean 121 Oak Drive, Kingston, TN 37763 (865) 717-9191 Website: http://www.centralcityhvac.com

Childhelp Stephanie Erb 623 Lindsay Place, Knoxville, TN 37919 (865) 637-1753 Website: http://www.childhelpTN.org

First Citizens Bank – Parkside Cody Barnes 10118 Parkside Dr., Suite 120, Knoxville, TN 37922 (865) 288-6100 Website: https://locations.firstcitizens.com/tn/ knoxville/10118-parkside-dr GAMA Networks Solutions LLC Susan Moser 9219 Middlebrook Pike, Suite 300, Knoxville, TN 37931 (865) 693-2188 Website: http://www.gamanetworks.com

Hilton Garden Inn – Papermill Sharon Sivley 6200 Papermill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919 (865) 351-6200 Website: http://www.knoxvillepapermilldrive.hgi.com

Hydrodog Ralphie Brooke Penfield Knoxville, TN 37923 (615) 772-3519 Website: http://www.Hydrodog.com/Ralphie

Knox Speed & Diesel Ryan Taylor 227 Sherway Road, Knoxville, TN 37922 (865) 437-8634 Website: http://Knoxspeedanddiesel.com

Meadow View Greenhouses & Garden Center Lisa Grugin 9885 Hwy 11E, Lenoir City, TN 37772 (865) 986-7229 Website: http://www.meadowviewgreenhouse.com

Mikel Davis (865) 684-1507

Nerds ToGo – West Knoxville Don Dally 11110 Kingston Pike, Suite 140, Knoxville, TN 37934 (865) 672-9900 Website: https://www.nerdstogo.com/location/knoxville-tn/

Omega Digital Solutions Marcus Blair Maryville, TN 37804 (865) 219-3928 Website: https://omegadigital.us/

Restoration Chiropractic Trent Hippard 120 Capital Drive, Suite 103, Knoxville, TN 37922 (865) 474-1479 Website: http://www.RCKnoxville.com

Welcome Back Renewing Members!

The Farragut/West Knox Chamber welcomes back these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of this past May. We are privileged to count them as Farragut/West Knox Chamber of Commerce members! We urge members to patronize one another when the goods or services a member can provide are needed. It is also our hope that area residents recognize the commitment a business makes to its community when it becomes part of its local chamber of commerce and reward that commitment with their patronage.

A special thank you goes to these renewing members who are continuing their support of our chamber and the businesses it serves through their above and beyond Enterprise Membership:





Thank you for your Admiral Elite Enterprise Membership!



Thank you for your Anchor Enterprise Membership!

AA-Air Company Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant AFLAC - Cynthia Moore Asset Planning Corporation Autumn Care Assisted Living - Farragut Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell, & Berkowitz Bin There Dump That - Knoxville Burns Mailing & Printing, Inc. Cellular Sales of Knoxville, Inc. East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC Hampton Inn West at Cedar Bluff Home2Suites by Hilton Hush Puppy's Pet Services Independent Cabi Stylist Christy Fitzgerald Kroger Lovell Crossing Apartments Maple Street Biscuit Company - Hardin Valley Reuben N. Pelot, III, DDS, PLLC



rate your office what color would you repaint the walls? Lavender and sage

> **Max Wegzyn**, student intern from Farragut High School

Southern Safety Supply, LLC Villages of Farragut; The Visit Knoxville Volunteer Ministry Center Work Space Solutions

June/July 2021 Calendar of Events

Members can quickly RSVP for events in their Member Portal at http://members.farragutchamber.com/login. Call 675-7057 or email Suzanne@farragutchamber.com for a link to create your account! Visitors/Guests can register by clicking the links on the Chamber Calendar (www.farragutchamber.com > "Events") and registering under "Not a Member?".

> **Please NOTE: The chamber returned to in-person events as of April 8th.** Events which are virtual will be listed as such with the online platform being used.

June 17 8:00-9:00am	Networking – Volunteer Ministry Center 511 N. Broadway, 37917	9:00am	Concord Road to Boring Road Parade Start: Farragut High School (line-up)
June 22 11:00am	Ribbon Cutting: Creative Cuts Barbershop 10427 Kingston Pike, 37922	July 5	Chamber Closed (Independence Day Observance)
June 24 5:00-6:00pm	Networking – New York Life Insurance 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 102, 37919	July 6 3:30pm	Ribbon Cutting: Omega Digital Solutions 11826 Kingston Pike, 37934 (Chamber office lobby)
June 29 5:00-7:00pm	Regional 4-Chamber Networking – Farragut, Loudon, Oak Ridge, Roane 7690 Creekwood Park Blvd, 37772 (The Venue at Lenoir City)	July 8 8:00-9:00am	Networking – Park Place of West Knoxville 10914 Kingston Pike, 37934
June 30 3:30pm	Ribbon Cutting: Pinnacle at Turkey Creek Fountain Plaza Remodel 11251 Parkside Drive, 37934	July 14 3:30pm	Ribbon Cutting: Blue Ridge Yoga & Wellness Center \$100K Give Back Milestone 623 N. Campbell Station Rd, 37934
July 3 8:30am	Town of Farragut Independence Day Parade Road Closure: Kingston Pike from	July 15 8:00-9:00am	Networking – Hilton Knoxville Airport 2001 Alcoa Highway, 37707

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