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## Forensic Center to Share Cold Case Successes & Struggles

Do not miss this fascinating Breakfast Speaker Series edition focused on true crime and local cold cases, featuring Knox Co. Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Darinka Mileusnic, and Chief Administrative Officer of the Forensic Center, Chris Thomas.

The program is scheduled for Wednesday July 19, from 7:30am to 9:00am and includes breakfast, networking, and the program itself.

Processing over 2,800 bodies/cases in 2021 (a 47% increase from just three years before), the Knox County Regional Forensic Center not only processes cases for both Knox and Anderson Counties, but also assists with the most difficult cases for an additional 21 area counties. In recent years, this local office and team has seen significant successes in cracking cases that had gone cold for decades; they'll discuss some of those and also detail for attendees what makes a case go cold in

CRIME SCENES



**DR. DARINKA MILEUSNIC: CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER**



**CHRIS THOMAS: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

FARRAGUT WEST KNOX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2023 BREAKFAST SPEAKER SERIES:  
**COLD CASE SUCCESS STORIES**  
FEATURING KNOX CO. REGIONAL FORENSIC CENTER

**LOCATION**  
ROTHCHILD CATERING & CONFERENCE CENTER  
8807 KINGSTON PIKE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

**TIME**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023  
7:30AM - 9AM

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the first place.

Dr. Darinka Mileusnic is a graduate of the University of Rijeka Medical School in Croatia, and Loyola University's Neuroscience Graduate Program in Chicago. In addition

to providing testimony in multiple nationally profiled criminal trials, including the accused Black Widow trial involving the death of a West Knoxville barber, and the tragic Christian-Newsom

trials. She speaks at local and national levels on her main interests in forensic toxicology and pediatric forensic pathology.

Chris Thomas is a retired U.S. Army veteran, and over-

sees daily operations for the center, focusing on media relations and public dissemination of case info. He also serves on several governmental and

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presents

# Business Expo 2023

Wednesday, August 2 | 2 - 6 pm  
ROTHCHILD CONFERENCE CENTER

PRESENTED BY  
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Spaces fill fast for EXPO 2023

Spaces are filling fast for the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce's Business EXPO 2023 presented by TDS Telecom!

Through mid-July, businesses can STILL register for this opportunity for businesses to meet, mingle, network, and learn about the many unique brands, services, and stories behind businesses in our region. Expo booths (8' x 8') are available for chamber members (\$200), non-members (\$300) or restaurants/caterers providing complimentary food samples (\$150). The expo will take place on Wednesday, August 2 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at Rothchild

Catering & Conference Center at 8807 Kingston Pike in Knoxville. The event is indoors in a climate-controlled venue and will take place rain or shine, hot or not!

We appreciate the support of these sponsors: TDS Telecom (Presenting); Slamdot (Expo); Centriworks, Painter1 of Knoxville, and Vantage Point Financial Planning (Business); First Horizon, Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union, NerdsToGo - West Knoxville, Senior Financial Group, Simply Magical Vacations by Amy, Tennessee State Bank (Community); and farragutpress, WFIV 105.3 (media).

Secure your BOOTH or buy your tickets (just \$5 each ahead of event) by visiting farragut-chamber.com > Events > August 2.

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# Networkings

## Hampton Inn West at Cedar Bluff June 8, 2023



(L-R)  
Joe Cargo,  
General Manager -  
Hampton Inn  
West at Cedar  
Bluff and Krisa  
Brown,  
Operations  
Manager -  
Courtyard  
by Marriot  
grab some  
refreshments  
during the  
networking.



(L-R)  
Heather  
Weatherford,  
Director of Sales  
- Commonwealth  
Hotels and  
Chrystal  
Fleenor, Market  
Sales Manager  
- The 9 Group  
smile for a photo  
in the new lobby  
of Hampton Inn  
Cedar Bluff.

## Regional 6-Chamber Networking June 13, 2023



The Roane County Chamber of Commerce gathers for a quick photo at the Regional Networking at The Venue Lenoir City.



(L-R)  
Kristi Reynolds  
and Kelly Henry of  
Second Harvest  
Food Bank East  
Tennessee show  
off the 240lbs of  
peanut butter  
collected at the  
regional event.

## Edward Jones Corey Gerlach Networking June 15, 2023



(L-R)  
Kristen Munson,  
Branch Office  
Administrator,  
Corey Gerlach,  
Financial Advisor,  
and David Lipsey,  
Attorney -  
Lipsey Morrison  
Attorneys smile  
for a quick photo.



(L-R)  
Charlene  
Waggoner,  
Advertising  
Manager -  
farragutpress  
and Whitney Kent,  
Account Executive  
- WVLT enjoy  
the morning  
networking.



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Knox Chamber of Commerce.

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community taskforces regarding drug related and motor vehicle deaths. Sponsorships are available at three levels. We appreciate the support of Knox County and Town of Farragut for this event. Tickets are \$35 each for members, \$40 for non-members, and tables of 8 are available for \$300. Visit [farragutchamber.com](http://farragutchamber.com) > Events to register.

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to learn more or to book for this year!



# Ribbon Cuttings

## Kooky Cookies

1 Year Anniversary June 6, 2023



Owner of Kooky Cookies Margarita McClure gathers with everyone for the Kooky Cookies 1 year anniversary ribbon cutting ceremony.

# Skintentional Beauty Spa

## Grand Opening June 20, 2023



Owner Daisy Sanders, along with friends, family, and Chamber members celebrate the grand opening of Skintentional Beauty Spa.

# Turning Knox Rental

## Grand Opening June 28, 2023



Yvonna Landes and daughter Adrienne celebrate the grand opening of Turning Knox Rental surrounded by family, friends, and Chamber members.

# Member Briefs

Looking for more details on a specific event, special or job? Go to [www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com) to see these and other member items!

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# Welcome New Members!

The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in June!

Did you know businesses/organizations can submit an application & payment online? Visit [www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com) and click "Join the Chamber!"

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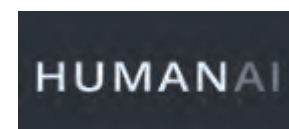
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## Thank You for Renewing Your Membership!

*The Farragut/West Knox Chamber thanks these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of June 2023. 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 its 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 Captain Enterprise Membership!**



**Thank you for your Anchor Enterprise Membership!**



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## Calendar of Events: July/August 2023

Members can quickly RSVP for events in their Member Portal at <http://members.farragutchamber.com/login>. Call 675-7057 or email [Suzanne@farragutchamber.com](mailto: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](http://www.farragutchamber.com) > "Events") and registering under "Not a member?".

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**Thursday, July 13, 2023 • 4:30p**  
*Networking -First Citizens Bank*  
Parkside Drive Branch  
10118 Parkside Drive, Suite 120  
Knoxville 37922

**Wednesday, July 19, 2023 • 7:30a**  
*Breakfast Speaker Series –*  
*Cold Case Success Stories featuring*  
*Knox County Regional Forensic Center*  
Rothchild Catering & Conference Center  
8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

**Thursday, July 20, 2023 • 5:30p**  
*Young Professionals Regional Mixer*  
Blount Partnership Patio  
201 S Washington St  
Maryville, TN 37804

**Thursday, July 27, 2023 • 8a**  
*Networking – Hilton Knoxville Airport*  
Hilton Knoxville Airport  
2001 Alcoa Hwy.  
Alcoa 37701

**Wednesday, August 2, 2023 • 2-6p**  
*Business Expo*  
Rothchild Catering & Conference Center  
(Grand Ballroom)  
8807 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37923

**Thursday, August 10, 2023 • 4:30p**  
*Networking – Element West*  
Element Knoxville West  
400 N. Peters Rd.  
Knoxville 37922