



MORRISTIMES

Over a Century of Service

January Edition

You're Invited To
THE 115TH

Annual Meeting

TUESDAY

20th

JANUARY

6:30pm

Walters State Community College

500 S Davy Crockett Pkwy

Business Attire

Tickets: \$75/each; Tables of 8 Available

Contact Debra Williams to Purchase Tickets:

manager@morristownchamber.com

Scan for Menu



A Message from the President ...Marshall Ramsey



“Monkeying” with Our Priorities

As we move into the new year, I think a Chamber push is needed for some extra positivity. Isn’t it amazing that a loose monkey can refocus a community away from a jail and roundabout, both needed projects for the community. I will mention that the monkey was caught by Chamber Ambassador of the Year Adam Ivy! Social media no doubt has some value for fast communication and marketing but is fuel for a lack of focus.

Think about the positivity of the new justice center. Think about what could have happened 20 years ago if naysayers had not been allowed to insert themselves into the decision making process. We would be sitting with a similar product at 20% of the cost while all the negative individuals did was delay costing the taxpayers more. A proactive, positive push is often needed from the business community as you are the main tax payers. Your opinion frankly just matters more. Why should you pay more because a few individuals want to wait? Why let a few micromanage the future of our business community as you deserve results.

There are few certainties in life but one is for sure, the cost of construction rarely decreases and sadly, that is just another lesson learned. Our community is so unique with our low tax rate yet services offered that not one other country in the state offers like countywide garbage pick up, that it has allowed many to become spoiled at how lucky they are to be here. I would love to say living in Hamblen County is a privilege and not just a right, but we all can’t have our dreams come true I guess....now back to the monkey.

Chester is back home in Alabama and our Ambassador of the year Adam refused the \$500 reward. We would expect no less as we have high expectations for our Ambassadors and he has made us all proud. You haven’t lived life until you hear a local banker sweet talking a monkey and telling it he loves him to keep him calm.



Fourteen Community Leaders Complete Leadership Morristown 2025 Program

Fourteen individuals representing various segments of the community—small business, government, education, non-profits, industry, utilities, service & finance—have completed the 2025 Leadership Morristown program. The 2025 program included eleven sessions focusing on all aspects of how Morristown and Hamblen County function.

In addition to the sessions which included hands on experiences, tours and classroom discussions, the class also divided into three groups and each group developed and carried out a project for the benefit of the community. The Leadership Morristown participants will present their projects at the Chamber’s Annual Meeting on January 20 where they will also be recognized and awarded their graduation certificates and an appreciation gift from the Chamber.

A graphic featuring the graduates is included on page 3 of this issue of the Morristimes.

Leadership Morristown Class of 2025



Kaci Acevedo
Colortech, Inc.



Leslie Brenna
Habitat for Humanity



Josh Cole
City of Morristown



David Cook
Morristown Utilities



Charles Elmore



Cody Fleming
First Peoples Bank



Casey Ford
Local Comfort Solutions
Heating & Cooling



Shannon Grissette
Walters State
Community College



Scott Noe
Morristown Utilities



Jill Reuschel
Hamblen County
Department of Education



Drew Robinson
Citizen Tribune



Bianca Salva
Luttrell Staffing Group



Kayla Willis
Double H Tennessee LLC



Emily Wood
City of Morristown





LAKEWAY AREA'S *Young Professionals*

\$75/YEAR | AGES 20-45

The mission of HYPE is to Help Young Professionals Excel and to attract, engage, and retain young professionals in the Lakeway Area.

- 3 Lunch n' Learns
- 1 beverage ticket for either
 - Happy Hour
 - HYPE Rise N' Shine
- Concert meetups
- Community service opportunities
- Mentorship opportunities

To join, contact Lauren Seaver at membership@morristownchamber.com or call 423-586-6382.



Scenes from New Year's Eve on Main



**Thanks to
our NYE
Sponsors!**

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Thanks to Our DJ Antonio Gomez with Inspire Muzik



**Thanks to
1907
Brewing Co
for providing
beer service**



**We appreciate
our local law
enforcement
personnel
who helped
keep our
event safe for
everyone!**



Upcoming TOSHA Events: Maintenance Related Standards

This full-day seminar provides an overview of TOSHA's most commonly cited maintenance-related hazards, including Lockout/Tagout, Machine Guarding, Electrical Safety, Confined Spaces, Health Hazards, and key emergency requirements. Participants learn how to identify and correct violations, protect workers from hazardous energy and machinery, and strengthen overall workplace safety programs.

 Maintenance Related Standards
January 20, 2026 | Morristown, TN

 Maintenance Related Standards
January 28, 2026 | Jackson, TN

 Maintenance Related Standards
February 24, 2026 | Murfreesboro, TN

 Maintenance Related Standards
February 25, 2026 | Cookeville, TN

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APRIL 21 - SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

MAY 1 - FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT

JUNE 1 - GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 5 - FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT

JULY 3 - FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT

AUG 7 - FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT

SEPT 4 - FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT

SEPT 10 - BUSINESS SHOWCASE

SEPT 16 - FUTURE READY EXPO

OCT 2 - FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT

DEC 3 - CHRISTMAS PARADE

**SAVE
2026
THE
DATE**

Welcome New Members!

Foothills Title Services

121 Station Drive
Maryville, TN 37801
Phone: 863-977-9220
Email: tinaclevenger@foothillstitle.biz
www.foothillstitle.biz

Tina Clevenger, Closing Agent
Racquel Abowd, Business Development & Marketing
Title Company

S&ME, Inc.

5801 Middlebrook Pike, Ste A
Knoxville, TN 37921
Phone: 865-970-0003
Email: davidmintzer@smeinc.com
www.smeinc.com

David Mintzer, Sr. Business Developer
Ronald Matney, Office Principal
Civil Engineering, Consultants, Geotechnical Services, Environmental Services

3R Outdoor

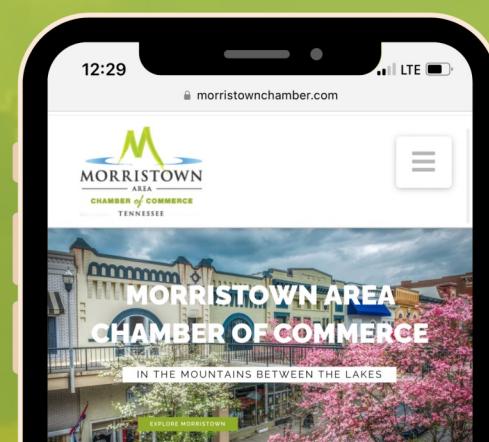
Morristown, TN & Surrounding Areas
Phone: 423-300-7921
Email: 3Routdoor@gmail.com
3routdoor.com

Wilson Smyth, Owner
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When you are Looking for a product or service

Don't forget to use our on line Membership Directory at www.morristownchamber.com

To support the businesses who support our community through their Chamber investment.



GO TO OUR ONLINE
LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY
WHEN LOOKING FOR PRODUCTS & SERVICES!

Business & Industry
Why Morristown?
Sites & Buildings
ED Partners
Incentives
Location & Logistics
Retail Development

Community



AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH



Becky Hodge
CITY OF MORRISTOWN - FIRST FIRE TRUCK FUND



AMBASSADOR OF THE QUARTER



Preston Thompson
FIRST HORIZON BANK



Featured Gold Star Members



The Chamber boasts over 110 member businesses designated as Gold Star Members. Each month we are proud to feature, on a rotating basis, these special investors. Below are our GS Members for this month.



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Swann & Carter, PLLC**
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www.littledutchmorristown.com

The Gold Star designation is for members who support the mission and program of work of the Chamber through increased financial investment. Gold Star members receive special recognitions and benefits throughout the year in return for this increased investment. If your company would like more information on becoming a Gold Star member, please contact

Lauren Seaver, 423.586.6382 or membership@morristownchamber.com

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, January 15 th Ribbon Cutting – Morristown Signs 1701 E Morris Blvd	9:00am
Tuesday, January 20 th 115th Annual Meeting Walters State Community College, 500 S Davy Crockett Pkwy	6:30pm
Thursday, January 29 th HYPE Happy Hour with Rotary Morristown Country Club, 1635 Doyal Dr	5:00pm
Friday, January 30 th New Member Orientation Chamber Boardroom, 825 W First North St	8:30am
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New Member Orientation

- 1-Hour Orientation to all things “Chamber of Commerce.”
- Learn about how to make the most of your Chamber Membership.
- Receive your Welcome Packet that contains your membership plaque, decal, + more!

RSVP: macc@morristownchamber.com



FRIDAY

**JANUARY
30TH**

**8:30 AM
825 W First North Street
Chamber Board Room**