

Future Ready Expo Prepares 8th Graders for Careers

The Chamber is again partnering with the Hamblen County Department of Education and Walters State Community College to plan the upcoming Future Ready Expo. This year's theme – Find Career Picks in 2026 – directs 8th grade students to explore the various career and job opportunities in Morristown and the Lakeway Area. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at the Walters State Great Smoky Mountains Expo Center. Over 2,400 from 7 counties are anticipated to attend this year's event.



The event planning committee is currently seeking business and organization exhibitors. Participation is FREE of charge. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide information that could guide students as they begin their high school path of instruction. If you and your business/organization are interested in being an exhibitor at this year's FRE event, please go to <https://www.futurereadyexpo.com> to sign up. Deadline is August 21st. For questions, feel free to contact Jodi Barnard at the Chamber office at 423/586-6382.

Leadership Morristown '26 Applications Now Available

Applications for the 2026 Leadership Morristown Class are now available at the Chamber.

Leadership Morristown was established in 1984 with a mission to *identify individuals who have been put in positions of leadership or who have the potential to become community leaders and provide them with the contacts, training, and encouragement to achieve and excel in leadership roles.* Since its inception over 400 individuals have completed the program and have gone on to serve Morristown and Hamblen County in various capacities.

A schedule of sessions is included on pages 5 & 6 of this issue of the *Morristimes*, including tuition costs, deadlines and how to obtain an application. The class will be limited to 20 individuals. Any questions about the application process or program should contact Debra Williams at the Chamber, 423-586-6382 or manager@morristownchamber.com



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May 1st - OCT 31st
TUES, THUR & FRI
8:00AM - 5:00PM

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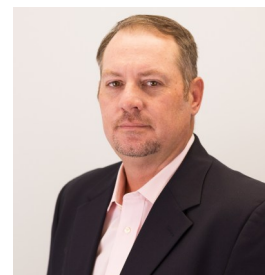
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PRODUCE, MEAT, BAKED
GOODS & CRAFTS

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A Message from the President ...Marshall Ramsey



What is Leadership

What is leadership? How do you create leaders in your community? Many leaders that we know are born leaders. You see it through school. You see it in careers and you just know sometimes that someone is a born leader. There are also many people that you interact with daily that can be developed into a leader. We see that through our military in their training.

Morristown has always taken a special interest in developing the future leaders of our community through our Chamber Leadership Morristown program. This program creates opportunity to network, interact with, learn about, and develop your personal skills to becoming a future community leader, or a leader within your own organization. This program gives participants the opportunity to network with other similar minded future community leaders where skills can be developed to keep and retain those unseen leaders in our community.

Leadership is the opportunity to challenge oneself, to understand your personality and skill set, to learn how you work best with others. Leadership is the understanding that we were born with two ears and one mouth for a reason. I think that says a lot about listening twice as much as you speak. In my mind, a good leader is a good listener, a good communicator, a mediator that makes sure all parties end deals happy. A leader makes tough decisions that can sometimes be unpopular and that's one thing our community has always experienced is that we have leaders that are willing to take risks and make the right decisions for our community as we push forward.

Hopefully you feel inspired enough that when you see the information on the Leadership Morristown program included in this *Morristimes*, you will consider applying for the program or encourage some of your employees to participate in the program. Leadership is very much like education, it is not suitable to think you can learn everything in one set number of years, but it takes a lifetime of education and leadership to truly be educated and to be a trained as a leader in a community.

Women
IN BUSINESS

JULY 10TH
8:00AM | TCAT MORRISTOWN

\$90

Community Resources
Building a Stronger Hamblen
County Together

United Way
Hamblen County

Haley Fugate

Interested in joining? Contact Debra (manager@morristownchamber.com) or Lauren (membership@morristownchamber.com) today.

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6:00-9:00PM

FIRST FRIDAY

CONCERT SERIES & NIGHT MARKET

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..... Looking to Make More Impact?



Looking to keep making connections outside the usual business hours? Sponsoring a Membership Breakfast or Business After Hours event offers a valuable opportunity to promote your business to 70-100 attendees. The Chamber provides support with room setup, a sound system, nametags, registration, and a list of potential caterers to streamline planning and ensure a successful event.

\$300 (plus cost of food)

8 Available (Each)

- Estimated 85-100 people (Breakfast) or 45-65 people (after hours)
- Invitation with logo published in Morristimes
- Email blasts with company logo sent to entire membership
- Chamber staff manage RSVPs and nametags for you
- 15-20 minute speaking opportunity
- List of all attendees for your business to follow-up

Are you looking for an opportunity to get in front of 80-100+ businesses in the Lakeway Area? Perhaps you're celebrating a milestone anniversary, are launching a new product, or are looking for opportunities to increase your brand awareness. No matter your motivation, hosting a Chamber Membership Breakfast or Business After Hours is a great way to get your name out there. Spots are limited for the rest of 2026, so if you are interested in hosting one of these networking events, contact Lauren at membership@morristownchamber.com or call 423-586-6382.

2027



ANNUAL CELEBRATION

February 5, 2027

Morristown Landing
4355 Durham Landing
6pm - Cocktail Hour
7pm - Dinner
Attire: Cocktail

Entertainment:
Emerald Empire Band

For more info about this event or sponsorship opportunities, contact Lauren at membership@morristownchamber.com



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Save These Dates!

You are invited to apply to participate in the Chamber's Leadership Morristown program, designed to familiarize the participants with various aspects of life in our community and introduce them to those individuals and organizations responsible for "making things happen."

Session dates and topics are listed here. A more complete description of the activities included in each session is on the reverse side of this flyer, along with tuition costs.

Participation is limited to 20 individuals.

To request an application, please contact Debra Williams at the Chamber, manager@morristownchamber.com.

Thursday, August 13
Team Building/DISC Profile

Tuesday, August 25
Social Services/Project Visioning Part 1

Tuesday, September 1
Project Visioning Part 2
Local Gov't & Public Safety—City

Tuesday, September 22
Arts & Recreation

Wednesday, September 30
Education—Higher Ed & Private Schools

Tuesday, October 13
Local Gov't & Public Safety—County

Thursday, October 22
Education—Public Education K-12

Thursday, October 29
Local Economy

Thursday, November 5
Healthcare & Senior Services

Wednesday, November 18
Public Infrastructure

Class members will be recognized at the Chamber Annual Celebration on Friday, February 5, 2027.

Make-Up/Extra Credit Sessions will be scheduled as needed.

Leadership Morristown 2026 Schedule & Program Outline*

Thursday, August 13— Team Building/DISC Profile (personality assessment tool)—at Walters State Community College.

Tuesday, August 25— Participants will visit a number of local non-profit organizations, learn about the services they provide and participate in some “hands-on” work with the agencies.

Tuesday, September 1—Participants will continue to hear from/visit local non-profit agencies and incorporate information on community needs and develop project(s) they would like to work on during the program. In the afternoon, the class will focus on the City of Morristown and will include a tour of Fire Station #3, hear a presentation from the MPD’s Narcotics Division and conclude by attending a City Council meeting.

Tuesday, September 22—This session will familiarize participants with arts & recreational opportunities available in our community. The group will visit some of our parks and recreational options and get a first hand look at what’s happening with the arts in our community. Class participation will be a TREAT!

Wednesday, September 30 —Focusing on Higher Education & Private Schools, the class will visit a private elementary school. They will also hear about higher education options, including TCAT and WSCC and the role they play in developing our workforce.

Tuesday, October 13—This session will focus on Hamblen County and will include a tour of the Hamblen County Justice Center and conclude by attending a County Commission meeting.

Thursday, October 22—Focusing on Public Education, the group will meet Hamblen Co. School Superintendent Arnold Bunch, learn about public education initiatives, and visit local public schools Pre-K—12.

Thursday, October 29—Participants will start the day attending the Chamber Industrial Appreciation Breakfast. The class will visit Downtown Morristown and learn about the economic impact of rehabilitation of historic buildings and it’s impact on tourism. Industrial tours and discussion with the Chamber Economic Development team will be a part of the day.

Thursday, November 5—This session will acquaint participants with some of the newest technology and services provided at our local hospital, and learn about services and health care options offered to our senior citizens.

Wednesday, November 18—The day will begin with a Chamber Membership Breakfast at Morristown Utilities and include the opportunity to learn about what goes on behind the scenes with the infrastructure that makes our community run smoothly. The day will include tours and information on utilities, public works, transportation services and other public infrastructure

Friday, February 5, 2027)—GRADUATION RECOGNITION at the Chamber Annual Meeting. Complimentary tickets for each graduate and their spouse/guest will be provided.

**Specific activities subject to change*

Most sessions will be held between 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Times are subject to adjustment—participants will receive e-mail agenda at least 1 week prior to each session. Additional opportunities may be available as the class progresses. Participants should not miss more than 2 sessions in order to graduate from the program. Tuition is \$1000 per person; \$900 for Gold-Star Members and \$750 for 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organizations.

For more information, contact Debra Williams:

manager@morristownchamber.com or 423-586-6382



HYPE Mentor Program Off to a Strong Start

The HYPE Mentor Program is officially underway, and our 18 mentor-mentee pairs have spent the first two months laying the foundation for a year of intentional leadership growth and professional development.

During the program's opening phase, participants focused on building strong mentoring relationships by establishing trust, setting expectations, and identifying meaningful personal and professional development goals. Each mentee created a roadmap for the year, while mentors began serving as trusted guides—offering encouragement, perspective, and thoughtful coaching rather than simply providing answers.

Last month, participants shifted their focus to self-awareness through personality exploration using the Myers-Briggs assessment. Together, mentors and mentees are discussing how personality influences communication styles, decision-making, workplace relationships, stress responses, and leadership effectiveness. These conversations are helping participants better understand their strengths, recognize potential blind spots, and develop strategies for working effectively with others.

The HYPE Mentor Program is designed to go beyond networking by creating meaningful, one-on-one relationships that encourage personal growth, leadership development, and long-term professional success. Throughout the next ten months, participants will continue exploring topics such as emotional intelligence, communication, leadership styles, decision-making, professional influence, resilience, and strategic relationship building.

We're grateful to the mentors who have generously invested their time and experience and to the mentees who continue showing up ready to learn, reflect, and grow. We look forward to seeing the impact these relationships will have—not only on the participants themselves, but on our businesses and community as a whole.

If you're interested in being part of this initiative by mentoring someone or being mentored yourself, contact Lauren at membership@morristownchamber.com or 423-586-6382.

FREE EVENT

FROM THE MORRISTOWN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SEPT
10

2PM-3PM B2B
3PM-6PM

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MORRISTOWN LANDING
4355 DURHAM LANDING
80+ LOCAL BUSINESSES

MORRISTOWN AREA CHAMBER of COMMERCE TENNESSEE

BUSINESS SHOWCASE

Presented By
Citizen TRIBUNE

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- LOGO/NAME DISPLAYED ON INSIDE AND OUTSIDE BANNERS
- ONLINE AD WITH CITIZEN TRIBUNE - 10,000 VIEWS
- BOOTH AT SHOWCASE

\$500 - 3 AVAILABLE

EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

- LOGO/NAME ON CHAMBER ADVERTISING
- BOOTH AT SHOWCASE

\$350 - 7 AVAILABLE

STANDARD BOOTH

- BOOTH AT SHOWCASE

\$195 - EARLY BIRD (DEADLINE: AUG 15TH)

\$250 AFTER AUG 15TH

\$350 - NON-MEMBERS



FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT LAUREN AT MEMBERSHIP@MORRISTOWNCHAMBER.COM OR 423-586-6382



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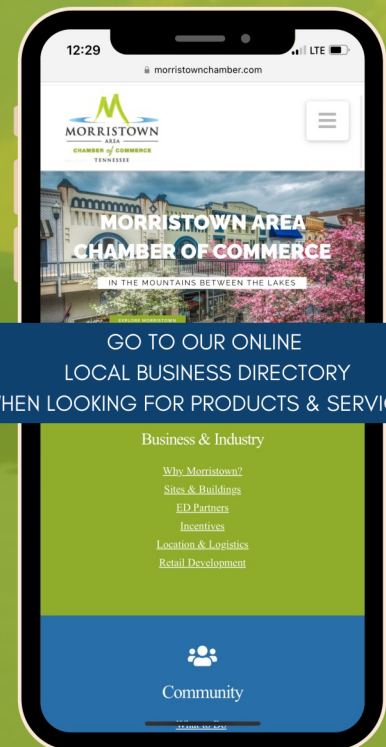
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AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH



Becky Hodge
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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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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

Wednesday, July 8 th Jeff County Ribbon Cutting – AllDogs Canine Care Center 939 E Old Andrew Johnson Hwy	12:30pm
Friday, July 10 th Women in Business TCAT Morristown, 821 W Louise Avenue	8:00am
Tuesday, July 14 th Groundbreaking – Rusty Wallace GMC Kia 426 Kuhn Lane	1:00pm
Tuesday, July 14 th Ribbon Cutting – Morristown Dental Center 1025 W 1 st North Street	3:00pm
Thursday, July 16 th Ribbon Cutting – Jones Trolling Motor Repair Center 2040 Buffalo Trail	1:00pm
Tuesday, July 21 st HYPE Happy Hour – The Heavy Petal 132 W Main Street	5:00-6:30pm
Friday, July 31 st New Member Orientation Chamber Board Room, 825 W 1 st North Street	8:30am

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 ONLINE: www.morristownchamber.com



FRIDAY

**JULY
31ST**

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