

CHAMBER CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER 2020



2020 Industry Appreciation Golf Tournament

On September 4th, we were able to hold our Annual Golf Tournament that had been postponed due to Covid-19. We had a total of 38 teams (148 players), 17 Exclusive Hole Sponsors, 5 Driving Range Sponsors, and 5 Putting Green Sponsors. The Chamber awarded over \$1500 in prizes to three flights of winners.

Special thanks to Benefits, Inc for refreshments, Tristar Bank for lunch, and Frank's Vending for all of the soft drinks, water, and Powerade. We also want to thank Greystone Golf Club for all of their hard work to help us put on the tournament. We are so grateful to all of our sponsors that help make this event a success year after year.



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Letter from the President

The last three months have had many changes as we continue to navigate this “new normal.” One of the most significant changes that I feel has the most impact for our members and business community was the newest legislation involving COVID-19:

·Limits the ability for someone to sue a business or school if that contract COVID-19. Gov. Bill Lee’s legislation substantially raises the legal bar for anyone filing suit alleging loss, damage, injury or death from the coronavirus must prove a defendant’s “gross negligence or willful misconduct.”

Other exciting news for the Chamber is that we will be having our Annual Farm to Table event this year. We did make several changes, including decreasing number of ticket sales, changing seating arrangements to encourage social distancing, and we are on the terrace at the newly remodeled Lodge at Montgomery Bell State Park. We look forward to a wonderful evening fellowshiping with our local community.

Be on the lookout for upcoming events and happenings in the community. As we continue through the remainder of the year, we will have Chamber Coffees, Business Afterhours, Ribbon Cuttings, and many more opportunities to grow and network your business.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to finishing out this unique year of 2020!

Sincerely,



Corey Albert, President/CEO



Upcoming Events

October 22: Farm to Table at Montgomery Bell State Park SOLD OUT!!

October 1: Tickets go on sale for Drive-in Concert

November 13: Drive-in Concert at the Dickson County Fairgrounds

December 3: Christmas with the Mayors and Holiday Open House



UT Extension delivers educational programs and research-based information in the areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, 4-H Youth Development and Community Economic Development to citizens. Working with farmers, families, youth, and communities, Extension helps improve people’s lives by addressing problems and issues at the local, state, and national levels. Educational programs are open to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex or disability.

·**Agriculture and Natural Resources** programs focus on maintaining the competitiveness of agriculture, enhancing environmental stewardship, protecting agriculture communities from natural or induced threats, and improving the viability of rural communities. Assistance with soil testing, lawn, garden and landscaping is available as well as education and support for Dickson County Farmers Market vendors.

·**Family & Consumer Sciences** programs “strengthen families, individuals and communities through education” in health, nutrition, financial management, personal development, leadership and other areas.

·**The Tennessee Nutrition and Consumer Education** Program (TNCEP) is a federally funded grant, driven by a local coalition, which provides nutrition education for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, eligible families and individuals in partnership with UT Extension.

·**4-H Youth Development** includes in-school club meetings, project groups, and summer camps for grades 4-12 that provide opportunities for young people to learn and grow. Youth Leadership Dickson County participants develop personal skills while learning about the community through tours, workshops, guest speakers, and other ‘hands on’ activities.

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Welcome from the Chamber Board Chair



My hope for our chamber, as we welcome fall and continue to navigate the changes of our new normal, is for our great little community to continue to prosper and grow!

I am excited to have our Chamber Luncheons starting back. The Chamber has done a great job of encouraging social distancing to keep our members safe during these events. We have also had the privilege to hear some excellent speakers who have shared some important information for our local businesses. I am looking forward to Farm to Table at the remodeled Montgomery Bell Lodge next month.

These activities are partially due to the hard work of the past board members that completed their term in June of this year: Paula Eleazar with Cajun Lake Lodge; James Sager with Greater Dickson Gas Authority; and Renee Boehm with The Dickson County Help Center. We are grateful for all your service and hard work. The new board members are a great group of leaders with a lot to offer our community: John Ratliff with Benefits, Inc.; Craig Purdie with Colton's Steakhouse; Alicia Svarda with Mirror Lake Recovery; Susan Park with ALP; and Ron Crittendon with Zochem. We are honored to have you serve with us and look forward to working with each of you.

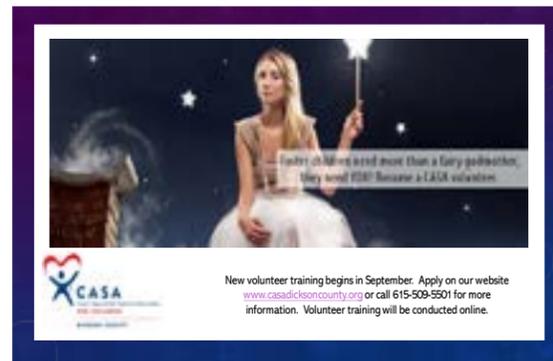
As we approach the last quarter of 2020, most of our businesses have regained their footing and are getting back to normal, our schools are open, and the Chamber is gearing up for more events. Continue supporting your local businesses and community as we grow and learn together.

Stay safe, be kind, and love each other!
Dale Karshenas
Dickson County Chamber Board Chair



Chamber Members,

Please take the time to thank and support a local business/industry for their commitment to the Dickson community. In April the unemployment rate for Dickson County ballooned to 14% due to the global COVID challenges. The most recent data from the State of Tennessee Workforce team shows that Dickson County's unemployment has continued to decline month-over-month since April and is currently the #11 lowest unemployment rate in the State of Tennessee at 7.5%. Our diverse business sector and the resiliency of our local companies have put our community in great position for short-term and long-term success.



When a child is abused or neglected, and removed from their home for their own safety, he or she can sometimes get lost in the court process. They need a voice. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers are the eyes and ears of the court, and the voice of the child. CASA volunteers listen, observe, summarize their findings and advocate for the needs and wishes of the child. CASAs use the information they gather to report back to the judge about the status of the case and the well-being of the child.

Volunteers come from all walks of life, you do not need to be a social worker or lawyer. You simply need to care about children.

CASA volunteer training is completely done online. Please call 615-509-5501 or email executivedirector@casadicksoncounty.org for more information.



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