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Mayor Jacobs Small Business Series Focuses on City County Cafe

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs interviewed George Ferguson, operator of the City County Café located inside the City County building. The café offers an array of options highlighting consumer trends while focusing on quality ingredients.

Mayor Jacobs' bi-weekly small business series is comprised of video interviews airing on Wednesdays on the county and Mayor's various social media platforms. The discussions offer folks the opportunity to talk about what they do; highlight their work; and share any plans for the future.

"You interact with the employees of the building every single day," said Ferguson. "You know what they want. You know exactly what their order is. They treat you like family. You treat them like family. So, it makes us feel like we're actually doing something for the community and the employees that work in the building."

Before launching a career spanning almost two decades with Roddy Vending Company, which owns the café, Ferguson worked in various jobs throughout the food service industry. That experience made him the right fit to help transform the café into a restaurant serving 320 people daily.

"I enjoy cooking. I enjoy managing. I mostly enjoy creating different dishes. A lot of places think cooking is hard but if you like it, it's much easier," said Ferguson.

The Mayor and Ferguson also discussed the challenges of running a restaurant, the remodeling process to renovate the café and how customer input matters in the food service industry.

To hear more of what was said during the interview, check out the video.

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