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Small Business Series Features Quality Machine and Welding Company

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs interviewed Jeff Roth, owner of Quality Machine and Welding Company, as part of his latest video series highlighting small businesses.

Throughout the series, the Mayor has conducted interviews with small business owners and operators, providing them the opportunity to talk about how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted their families and employees, and helping them share any plans they hold for the future. A new vignette runs each week on the county and Mayor's various social media platforms.

During a recent interview, Mayor Jacobs noted that one of his passions is promoting career and technical education but unfortunately, it's something that is lacking right now.

Roth agreed, adding that he currently works in a tech program that helps expose high school students to the trades.

"We really are in a bind for labor," Roth said.

The two also discussed just what Quality Machine and Welding Company does and how COVID-19 could affect its business in the future.

"COVID put a hole in architect and engineer work and owners – when owners were making financial decision on whether to processed with a project – they hit the brakes on it," Roth said. "So, I think we will see it at our level six or eight months down the road."

Roth added: "Anything that impacts our community is going to impact businesses and it's going to have long range impact. COVID is going to have long range impacts on us, our employees and on society."

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

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