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**Next Chamber Luncheon
Thursday, June 15
12:00 noon
London Community Center**

\$10.00 per person

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Smokin' Out Hunger

A good crowd turned out Saturday for the first annual **Smokin' Out Hunger** charity event at Wildcat Harley Davidson. Eight teams competed for \$1,600 in prizes donated by Jackson Propane Plus to see which one could cook the best pork butt. The event was co-sponsored by Wildcat Harley-Davidson, Jackson Propane Plus and the London-Laurel Co. Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds from the event, which totaled around \$2500 will go to **God's Pantry Food Bank**.



In a close contest, judges determined that **Sgt. Ball's Mess Hall** of London was the winner of the best side item for their baked beans. The team won a Yeti 65 cooler valued at \$400 from Jackson Propane Plus. From left are David Ball, with Sgt. Ball's Mess Hall; Deanna Herrmann with the Chamber of Commerce; Chris Minton with Wildcat Harley Davidson; Mike Halligan with God's Pantry Food Bank; and Wayne Reed of Jackson Propane Plus.



A team of four judges determined that Duane Hess with **Ole Whitley BBQ** had the best tasting pork in the competition. He won a Big Green Egg valued at \$1,200, donated by Jackson Propane Plus. **Ole Whitley BBQ** was sponsored by chamber member **Aisin Automotive Casting**. From left are Deanna Herrmann, Michael Halligan, Chris Minton, Duane Hess of Ole Whitley BBQ; and Wayne Reed.



HOME CARE Tips

June

You can keep your home in top shape with simple tasks throughout the year. This month, be sure to:

1. Check foundation walls, floors, concrete and masonry for cracking, heaving or deterioration.
2. Check all wood surfaces for weathering and paint failures.
3. Trim back all tree limbs and other vegetation away from your roof.
4. Check for leaks under sinks and around toilets.
5. Replace or clean your furnace filter.
6. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
7. Clean and lubricate garage door tracks.

Article submitted by *Mary Ann Anderson*
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Do you have a tip or an informational article that you would like to pass on to your fellow Chamber members? If so, contact us here at the Chamber office (606-864-4789) and we will include it in our next newsletter!



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Get a competitive edge over non-members with exclusive training opportunities on a variety of hot topics.

MEMBER EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

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Raise your reputation through membership.

DISCOUNTS
Increase your purchasing power through members-only discounts and perks.*

HAVE A VOICE
Gain a say in what happens in government through the Chamber advocacy efforts.

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May Ribbon Cutting



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AAC has an overall system that includes turn-key process from die cast to assembly of components, a process required to meet the increasing number of vehicles and engines produced by automotive manufacturers in the United States.

AAC currently makes parts for Toyota, GM, Nissan, Chrysler and OTICS, and awarded ISO/QS 9000, TS16949 and ISO-14001 Quality Certifications.

Currently AAC will be producing the Center Support product for transmissions that will go into the Toyota Highlander and Sienna.

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Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings...

Center Target Firearms & Indoor Range

Friday, June 16th

1:00 pm

Located at 607 Don's Drive



London Tire Center

Friday, June 23rd

10:30 am

Located at 512 South Main Street

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AT&T Brings Faster Network to Laurel County Customers

4G LTE Expansion Will Give Customers Better Access to Mobile Internet

AT&T has added a new cell tower to its 4G LTE network in Marydell, just south of the Hal Rogers Parkway. AT&T has also upgraded 3 cell towers on its 4G LTE network in London and East Bernstadt to give customers faster, more reliable wireless service in Laurel County.

Those on the AT&T wireless network in Laurel County can now enjoy more capacity. We added 3 layers of frequency (on 2 cell towers), known as “carriers.” The upgrades enhance reliability, coverage, speed and overall performance.

Our investment will help customers get the most out of their mobile devices. With 4G LTE service, customers will experience better network connectivity while streaming videos, sharing on social media or texting family and friends.

“New cell sites like the one in Marydell are vital for businesses and families in our community,” said Rep. Tim Couch. “It is encouraging to see these continuing examples of the business community meeting the needs of Kentuckians and providing the modern services they demand.”

“A robust communications network plays a key role in our Commonwealth’s economic future, and through private investments like this one, our economy grows stronger,” said Sen. Albert Robinson. “Today’s businesses do not rely solely on wired connections, so high-speed wireless connectivity through the upgraded 4G LTE network is vital to keeping businesses connected and operating efficiently.”

“We want our customers to have a great experience. They’ll be able to download, upload, stream and play games faster than ever before on our 4G LTE network—which is the nation’s best data network²,” said Hood Harris, AT&T. “We’re always working to provide better coverage. And we’re investing in our wireless network to do that.”

At **AT&T**, we’ve invested nearly \$700 million in our Kentucky wireless and wired networks during 2014-2016. These investments drive a wide range of upgrades to reliability, coverage, speed and overall performance for residents and businesses. They also improve critical services that support public safety and first responders.

We know how important it is for our customers to stay connected. This helps Kentucky residents get the best possible experience over the AT&T network wherever they live, work and play.

By building out our 4G LTE network, we are laying the foundation for our 5G Evolution, the next advance in network technologies. We are increasing network speeds and capacity, as we continue to expand the availability and capacity of our network using the latest technology.



May Luncheon Photos

Special Thanks to our May Luncheon Sponsor



Pictured Left: Speaking on behalf of Sunrise Children's Services—Randy Greene, Director of Philanthropic Initiatives.



New Members



Combined Insurance
Paige House



Center Target Firearms & Indoor Range
Sheena Robinson & Dan Smoot



Pictured Left: Jamie Mosley gives an update on the plans for the new Laurel County Jail.

The Chamber would like to thank the following businesses that donated prizes at our May luncheon. . .

- ◆ Allegra Print Sign Design
- ◆ Edward Jones—Jonathon Hibbard
- ◆ First National Bank & Trust
- ◆ Hotwire Productions.net
- ◆ L&N Federal Credit Union
- ◆ Martin Insurance Group
- ◆ Regency Cinema 8
- ◆ Sunrise Children's Services
- ◆ The Job Shop
- ◆ Tincher Williams Chev/Buick/GMC



Financial Gifts Can Help Dad for Years to Come

Father's Day is almost here. Dad will probably like any gift you give him, of course, but this year, why not go beyond the ordinary? By presenting your father with an appropriate financial gift, you can bring him some benefits that can keep on giving.

For starters, how about a back-to-school gift for Dad? If you have children, you may already be familiar with 529 plans, which many parents use to help their children pay for college. But 529 plans have no age limits, so there's nothing stopping you from reversing the usual formula and opening an account for your father. While 529 plans are commonly used to pay for four-year colleges, the money can also go toward most two-year community colleges and trade schools, so if Dad has a future interest in learning about anything from anthropology to auto repair, the 529 plan you've established can give him the gift of knowledge and enjoyment.

As the owner of a 529 plan, your earnings can accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax, and a 10% IRS penalty on the earnings.) Furthermore, if you invest in your own state's 529 plan, you might be able to deduct the contributions from your taxes.

Here's another suggestion: Help Dad reach a distant goal. For example, if you know your father will be retiring in, say, 10 years, you could give him some type of bond that matures just when he retires. During those 10 years, he will receive regular semiannual interest payments, and when the bond matures, he'll get the original principal back. He can then use this money to help fulfill a long-held dream – perhaps one of traveling the world or even opening a small business. Whatever he decides to do with the money, it will make a nice retirement gift.

If you're giving Dad a corporate bond, make sure it's "investment grade," which means it has received one of the highest ratings for safety from one of the major bond-rating agencies. Investment-grade bonds are generally the least likely to default. If your father is in one of the upper tax brackets, he might benefit from a municipal bond, whose interest payments are exempt from federal income taxes and possibly state and local taxes, too. (Some municipal bonds, however, are subject to the alternative minimum tax.)

Finally, you may want to help Dad plan his legacy. Although your father may be interested in what sort of legacy he will leave, he may not yet have taken any steps in this area – in particular, he might not have created a comprehensive estate plan.

You might consider giving your father some resources on estate planning, such as books or online articles. Better yet, though, consider setting him up with a consultation with a legal professional. It will take considerable time and effort to create the necessary documents, such as a will, a living trust, a durable power of attorney, and so on – and since the future is not ours to see, it's best to take care of these tasks sooner, rather than later.

Father's Day is just a blip on the calendar. But by giving Dad some valuable financial gifts, you can help brighten all his days.

Article Submitted by Jonathon Hibbard, Edward Jones Investments



London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce



CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

THE AMBASSADOR PATROL STRIKES AGAIN!

The Chamber Ambassadors continued their “patrol” last month and surprised six of our members with balloons and cookies in hand. Each business was also presented a “free lunch” certificate to our general membership luncheon. The purpose of the Ambassador Patrol is to let our members know that we appreciate their commitment and support of our Chamber and to encourage further participation in Chamber events.

Be on the lookout. . . next month they might be visiting you!



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Located at 1024 Hwy 192 West



Hibbmars Fine Jewelry

Located at 1226 South Main Street



L&N Federal Credit Union

Located at 120 Wendon Way



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Located at 1732 Hwy 192 West



Center Target Firearms & Indoor Range

Located at 607 Don's Drive



P T Pros, Inc.

Located at 1690 West Hwy 192

Chamber Calendar



- June 16 – Ribbon Cutting at 1:00 pm**
Center Target Firearms & Indoor Range
- June 17 – Wildcat Harley-Davidson Birthday Bash**
2 pm; Fireworks at 9:30 pm
- June 23 – Ribbon Cutting at 10:30 am**
London Tire Center
- June 24 – London-Corbin Airport Open House**
10 am to 4 pm
- July 20 – March for Babies Community Kickoff**
6–7 pm at The Corbin Center
- July 24 – AJGA City of London Junior Championship**
1:30 pm at Crooked Creek Golf Club

For more information on any of these events, contact the Chamber office at 864-4789 or info@londonlaurelchamber.com

Coming soon . . .



RED, WHITE & BOOM
4th of July Celebration
July 1, 2017



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