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Thursday, Feb. 15

12:00 noon

London Community Center

$10.00 per person

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Annual Banquet

Tuesday, March 6th

6 pm London Community Center

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Board Member Chris Minton Wildcat Harley-Davidson

Our Board of Directors is comprised of fifteen very dedicated business men and women who work hard to keep the Chamber running smoothly. We are excited to put them in the spotlight so that you can get to know them a little better.

Chris Minton is the Marketing Director for Wildcat Harley-Davidson, a dealership that is consistently ranked in the Top 50 of all Powersports dealerships nationwide. Along with marketing, Chris also plans the events for Wildcat, including the Birthday Bash & fireworks, which has become a community staple in the last several years. Wildcat does a lot of events with local charities and community functions, as well as events supporting veterans. His favorite thing about what he does is being able to work with people and seeing new faces, and one of his proudest accomplishments at Wildcat thus far is winning the business award for Best Float at Christmas on Main in 2016.

Chris' enjoyment of working with and for others, along with his love of music, makes him a natural fit as chairman of Thursday Night Live, going into its 13th year this summer. It's his third year as chairman, and fourth year on the committee. Chris is also a member of the London Downtown board, as well as a board member for the Master Musicians Festival in Somerset.

When not working at Wildcat Harley-Davidson or hosting Thursday Night Live, Chris can be found playing music, on a patio somewhere listening to music, in his living room listening to old vinyl records, or traveling with his wife Kim. They went to Memphis and Graceland for their honeymoon, and took a pilgrimage to Muscle Shoals and the legendary recording studios for their first anniversary. They're also frequent visitors to Asheville, NC.

Chris resides in Barbourville with Kim and their three children: Cayden, 13; Jaxon, 8; and Aven, 7, as well as their morkie Eleanor Rigby, and cat Zeppelin. Kim owns the Ugly Mug Coffee House in downtown Barbourville, and has the same involved community spirit as Chris. All three children are involved in extracurricular sports, and Cayden is also a member of the school Academic Team.

BUSINESS PROFILE - AT A GLANCE

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The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest member:

- **Fairfield Inn & Suites**

Welcome!

Renewing Chamber Members

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- Bowling Funeral Home, Inc.
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Bluegrass Care Navigators, previously Hospice of the Bluegrass, is celebrating 40 years of caring!

Having cared for thousands of families in our communities since 1978, we've been expanding our service offerings and have outgrown our name. We now provide expert care long before life's final months.

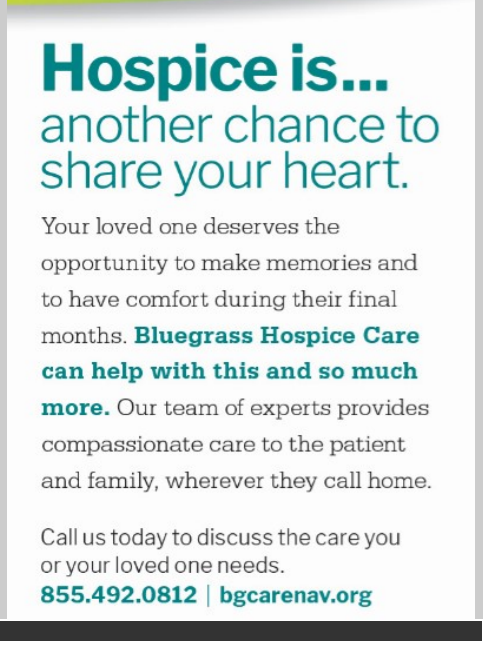
Our services now include:

- Bluegrass Extra Care – personalized home care
- Bluegrass Home Primary Care – for patients who are "home-limited" (Fayette and Jessamine counties only)
- Bluegrass Adult Day Health Care – for conditions resulting from age or illness (Frankfort area only)
- Bluegrass Transitional Care – help with hospital to home
- Bluegrass Palliative Care – pain and symptom relief
- Bluegrass Hospice Care – for life's final months
- Bluegrass Grief Care – support during grief

Through the prestigious national awards we received last year – Modern Healthcare's Best Places to Work, Hospice Honors Elite and a 2017 Circle of Life Award™ – we know our employees, families and health care partners think we are the best.

However, while studies have shown that about 80 percent of patients would prefer to die at home, only about 20 percent do. In 2016, more than 600 people in Laurel County were eligible for hospice care, yet more than half of them were not served by a hospice.

We often hear from families and caregivers, "If only we had called sooner." To learn more about our services, call 855.492.0812 or visit bgcarenav.org.



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Murder & Merriment to provide entertainment at Banquet

With the success of crime drama on TV, it's no secret that audiences enjoy a good mystery! From Columbo, to Barnaby Jones, to The Rockford Files, to Law and Order, to Murder She Wrote, to C.S.I. and NCIS . . . fans have thrilled at "playing detective." The Chamber is excited to announce that they will host an interactive murder mystery during this year's Annual Banquet.

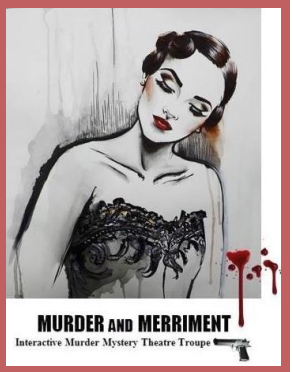
Murder and Merriment will be producing our murder mystery with a cast of 8 to 10 actors. Their performers come from a talent pool of experienced actors from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky. Coupled with intriguing mystery stories, these performers have made their productions a hit with audiences everywhere they have been performed.

Banquet attendees will love the interactive component of the show. Guests will receive specially tailored clue booklets which will give details on the mystery, a dossier on each of the characters (suspects), and a section to take notes. Murder is the game and guests will have the opportunity to play detective by questioning the suspects and examining clues.

The theme for our murder mystery will be:

"Speak Easy of Murder!"

It's 1928, and Mobster and bootlegger, Danny "Lucky" Campisano hosts the Grand Opening of his new Speak Easy for friends and associates. He has ordered a special case of illegal gin just for the occasion. Unfortunately, the gin is poisoned and someone wants to spoil the party!



Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings. . .

41 Liquors
Thursday, February 15
2:30 pm
79 Bravo Lane
(in Shiloh Landing)

New Hope Counseling and Recovery
Friday, March 16
11:00 am
60 Bennett Circle Drive

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Congratulations

Home Helpers Homecare Receives 2018 Best of Home Care® – Provider of Choice Award

Home Helpers Homecare announced today that it has received the 2018 Best of Home Care – Provider of Choice Award from Home Care Pulse. The Provider of Choice Award is granted only to the top-ranking home care providers, based on client satisfaction scores gathered by Home Care Pulse, an independent satisfaction research firm for home care. Home Helpers is now ranked among a select few home care providers across the country who have proven their ability to provide outstanding care.

"We want to congratulate Home Helpers on receiving the Best of Home Care – Provider of Choice Award," says Aaron Marcum, CEO and founder of Home Care Pulse. "Since this award is based on client feedback, it demonstrates their dedication to providing the highest quality of care with a focus on client satisfaction. We are pleased to recognize Home Helpers' dedication to quality professionalism and expertise in home care."

Best of Home Care – Provider of Choice award-winning providers have contracted with Home Care Pulse to gather feedback from their clients by conducting live phone interviews with their clients each month. Because Home Care Pulse is a third-party company, it is able to collect honest and unbiased feedback.

"Knowing the need to have great quality caregivers taking care of our clients is our continued top priority. It is like a 3-legged stool and you must take care of the client first, then the caregiver and once those 2 are taken care of referral sources to gain more caregivers and clients see firsthand the exceptional care given and complete the 3-legged stool. We continue to find ways to increase knowledge and education for our caregivers which in turn results in better care for our clients. Our team is honored with being the Provider of Choice." says Wayne Gentry, Owner.

"Our goal at Home Care Pulse is to empower home care businesses to deliver the best home care possible," says Aaron Marcum. "We are happy to recognize Home Helpers as a Best of Home Care – Provider of Choice and to celebrate their accomplishments as a trusted home care provider."

To find out more about Home Helpers' commitment to excellence, please visit https://www.homehelpershomecare.com/londonky/home or call **(606)-657-9441.**

About Home Helpers

Home Helpers was founded in April of 2016. Our mission as a company is to give people the freedom to live in the comfort of their own home for as long as possible with a little help.

Do you have a tip or an informational article that you would like to pass on to your fellow Chamber members? If so, contact the Chamber office and we will include your article in our next newsletter!

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RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS

Edward Jones—Jonathon P. Hibbard, Financial Advisor
Located at 1574 North Main Street

Katee Loftis State Farm Insurance Agency
Located at 792 S. Laurel Road

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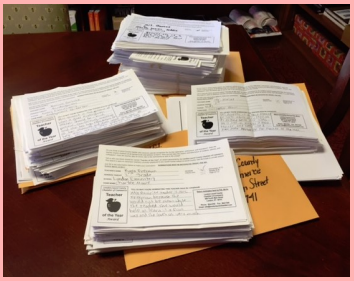
Teacher of the Year Nominations are In!

In early January, the Chamber delivered **Teacher of the Year** nomination forms to all Laurel County schools. A week later the nominations began to roll in for all the awesome teachers that encourage and inspire our students each and every day.

Now comes the hard part for our Education Committee, who must go through each nomination and decide which well-deserving teachers will be selected.

Teachers will be selected in these categories: Elementary, Middle and High School. The winners will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Banquet on March 6th and will each receive a check for $1000. This monetary award is sponsored by **Laurel County Farm Bureau.**



The London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce has been recognizing our outstanding teachers since 2002 and we hope to continue this tradition in the future.

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AUCTION ITEMS FOR THE CHAMBER'S ANNUAL BANQUET

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January Luncheon Photos

Special thanks to our Luncheon Sponsor:

Northwestern Mutual®

Pictured Left:
Phil Smith, Field Director for Northwestern Mutual spoke to the luncheon attendees about what it takes to have a Happy New Year in 2018.

Pictured Right::
Ryan Wilson, Senior Director of Regional Programming at Eastern Kentucky University was our guest speaker.

New Members Receive Plaques

Katee Loftis State Farm Insurance Agency

Law Office of Kevin R. Smith

AirMedCare Network

East West Martial Arts, Inc.

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

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- First National Bank and Trust
- Home Helpers & Direct Link
- Hotwire Productions.net
- Jackson Energy Cooperative
- L&N Federal Credit Union
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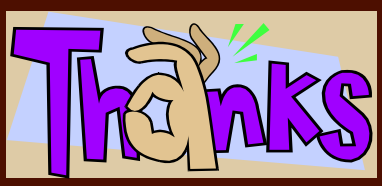
- Smokey Bear's BBQ
- The Job Shop



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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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Chamber Calendar

Feb. 15— Chamber Membership Luncheon
12 noon at London Community Center
Sponsor—The Sentinel-Echo
Feb. 15— Ribbon Cutting at 2:30 pm
41 Liquors
Feb. 22— Leadership Tri-County Banquet
Williamsburg Convention Center 5:30 pm
Feb. 24 — I Said Yes Bridal Extravaganza
10 am-2 pm at London Community Center
Mar. 1— East West Karate Blood Drive
2:00—7:00 pm
Mar. 16— Ribbon Cutting at 11:00 am
New Hope Counseling & Recovery

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

Don't miss the Chamber's Annual Banquet

Call the Chamber office to reserve your seat today!

MARCH 6th

*** 606-864-4789 ***

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