



Next Chamber Luncheon

**Thursday
December 15**

12:00 noon

London Community Center

\$10.00 per person

Make plans to join us!

*Come and celebrate the Christmas season
at the
Chamber's annual Christmas luncheon.*

Along side our festive feast, business networking is most definitely at the top of the menu. The Chamber Christmas Luncheon always creates an ideal atmosphere for forging fresh business contacts and renewing contacts you have made over the course of the year.

Enjoy games, contests and Christmas-related activities with a chance to win great prizes donated by our Chamber and its members. There may even be a surprise or two!

Be sure to bring plenty of festive cheer and invite your co-workers to join us on Thursday at the London Community Center for the Chamber's Annual Christmas Luncheon. Ho Ho Hope to see you there!!

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Thank you!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Chamber Ambassador
Jamie Harrison
Community Trust Bank

Our Ambassadors love to help us serve our community by promoting Chamber members, planning new programming and looking out for the best interests of our membership. Now, let's put them in the spotlight!

Jamie Harrison is the Commercial Lender for Community Trust's five branches in the Williamsburg Market area, which includes London, Corbin, Williamsburg and surrounding areas. Jamie began his banking career in 2000, and has been lending since 2011. As a commercial lender for Community Trust Bank, Jamie offers loans for all business purposes. His office is located at 38 Shiloh Drive in London KY just off West Hwy 80 near Shiloh's Steakhouse. Community Trust Bank Inc. was founded in 1903 in Pikeville, KY and currently serves the people and communities of Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia through a network of 80 banking locations.

Jamie is a 2004 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in Finance. In addition, he has earned numerous industry designations, including the Institute of Internal Auditors' Certified Financial Services Auditor certificate in 2007 and BAI's Certificate in Loan Review in 2010. He is a 2011 graduate of KBA's Commercial Lending School, 2014 graduate of KBA's General Banking School, and 2015 graduate of Leadership Tri-County. He has also been named "Best of the Best" Loan Officer by the readers of The Sentinel Echo for the past four years.

Besides banking, Jamie's passions include giving back through community service. He has been privileged to serve on many non-profit Boards including London Downtown, The Bennett Center of London, London Tree Board, and London Rotary Foundation. He currently serves on the United Aid Auction Board, as Board member and Treasurer for Shop with a Cop Inc, and is active with the London Rotary Club and Thursday Night Live Committee of London Downtown. While he doesn't yet own any classic cars, he enjoys reading about them and attending car shows. Corvette ownership is on his bucket list.

Jamie resides in East Bernstadt with his fiancé Jennifer and their two girls, Kinley (5) and Abigail (2).

We are proud to have the opportunity to share a little bit about Jamie in this month's newsletter; he is a vital part of our team of Ambassadors and we appreciate all of his hard work and dedication.

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Surplus Sales is a 2nd generation family owned home improvement business that takes pride in providing quality products at discount prices. Since opening its doors in 1995, the company has experienced steady growth which has led to a great deal of expansion and development of a number of products.

The name **Surplus Sales** came from the business model of buying closeout/surplus home improvement goods on the wholesale market and selling them to the public at discount prices. After years of selling only "surplus" merchandise, the company now has shifted its focus to carrying more 1st Quality inventory as well as factory surplus goods and still prides itself in keeping prices much lower than its competition.

Surplus Sales is a Kentucky based company whose home office is located in **Corbin KY**. Other locations are in **Guthrie, KY** and **Paducah, KY**. The company employs over 40 team members.

Surplus Sales stocks 6 full lines of kitchen and bath cabinetry, hardwood flooring, laminate flooring, tile flooring, carpet, vinyl flooring, custom cut countertops and much, much more. The location in Corbin, KY also sells landscaping material (decorative rock, mulch, etc.) and offers delivery service for this material.

Surplus Sales is dedicated to offering top-notch customer service and knowledge in the home improvement field and strives to make sure every guest has a pleasant buying experience with the company. The company provides material to nearly all skill levels, from do-it yourselfers to experienced contractors.



We need your help!

**PRIZE DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE
CHAMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**



Spread some Christmas cheer by donating an item to be given away at this month's Christmas luncheon. Suggestions for prizes include a gift item from your business, gift card from a local restaurant, wreaths and other Christmas décor, UK items, car wash certificates and holiday goodies. Just bring your item with you to the luncheon. Not coming to the luncheon? No problem! Just call the Chamber office and we will be happy to pick up your donation. **THANKS SO MUCH!!**

Nominations now being Received for Teacher of the Year

Do you know a Laurel County teacher who deserves special recognition for his/her dedication, enthusiasm and innovation? Does the teacher inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn? Does he/she have the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues? Does the teacher play an active role in the community as well as the school?

The London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce is now taking nominations for our “**Teacher of the Year**” awards, which will be presented to three well deserving teachers at the Chamber’s Annual Banquet on Tuesday, March 7th. A teacher will be selected from the Elementary, Middle and High School levels.



Nominations are open to classroom teachers currently employed in any Laurel County school (a Laurel Co., East Bernstadt or private school). Nomination forms are being delivered to every school and will be sent home with every student.

You will also find a nomination form on our website at www.londonlaurelchamber.com.

Nominations must be received by Wednesday, Feb. 1st.

*Nominate your favorite teachers
today and give them the
recognition they deserve!*



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Have you ever googled your company's address on Google maps? You might be surprised at what people find! Google Maps is popular and a great tool but it's up to the business owners to check for corrections.

At J & J Enterprises, we often deal with people moving into the area and they usually ask for the addresses of our residential properties so they can check it out on Google maps. They want our business address so they can get their directions before they arrive in town. It's important to us that they see the right information—and

we have had to correct every address associated with J & J.

It is easy to make corrections to Google's Map service. You will need a google account to sign in.

- Open Google Maps and make sure you're signed in.
- Search for an address.
- In the bottom right of screen, click on Send feedback.
- Choose Report a data problem.
- Follow the instructions.
- Click Submit.

Google will send you an update when the correction has been made.

Article submitted by Peggy Catron, J & J Enterprises



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**To sign up, contact the Chamber office today
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The deadline is December 31, 2016.

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RECENT RIBBON CUTTING



Buddy's Liquor

Located at 1574 South Main Street in London

The Chamber of Commerce is now taking nominations for **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

Awards will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Banquet
on March 7th.

The following categories will be presented:
Small Business Award (< 100 Employees)
Large Business Award (> 100 Employees)
Non-Profit/Civic Club Award

To nominate a business, simply send an email to
info@londonlaurelchamber.com and tell us the name of the business,
which category they would fall under, and why you think
they should be named "Business of the Year".

All Chamber member businesses are eligible to win and nominations
must be submitted by January 31st.

Nominate a well-deserving business today!





Being a Friend to the Future

“There are generations yet unborn whose very lives will be shifted and shaped by the moves you make and the actions you take today. And tomorrow. And the next day. And the next.” This quote is what Laurel County businessman Garry Conley strives to live by each and every day.

Mr. Conley is owner of Minuteman Press in London, he can frequently be seen at community events or volunteering with the London-Laurel Chamber or the London Rotary Club. Yet, his volunteer passion often leads him into classrooms throughout the Laurel County School system. A few years ago Mr. Conley began to volunteer at South Laurel High School in a program called Junior Achievement Career Success. A 7 week program where community volunteers come to a high school classroom once a week for 45 minutes and teach youth the skills and tools needed to work in today’s 21st century workforce while also being a mentor.

During the 7 week course the volunteers are provided with curriculum material that focuses on the 4C’s: critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity. Mr. Conley describes the curriculum as “amazing,” adding that it “allows for personal connection and reflection.” Students each session are tasked with different scenarios and problems that have to be finished individually or as a group. Mr. Conley said he is often “amazed” at the talent of the youth.

In addition to the 4C’s the curriculum puts emphasis on skills and tools involving science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) related industries. Students learn about employment in those industries, including different career opportunities and job outlook. “Junior Achievement prepares students for entering a 21st Century workforce,” said Mr. Conley.

Mr. Conley said he wanted to be a positive influence and be part of the “help pick them up crowd,” instead of being negative. He explained that youth today are growing up in a very different environment than the childhood he experienced. He believes youth today need “somebody in their corner and many don’t have anyone.”

The Laurel County School system is fortunate to have volunteers like Mr. Conley throughout the entire school system who volunteer and invest their time in today’s youth. Students need role models and mentors within their community to inspire and guide them to be ready to be productive adults within their community.

The students who have been a part of the Junior Achievement Career Success program with Mr. Conley not only gained insight into running a business, but also gained a friend who is cheering them on. Are you going to be cheerleader for your future leaders? If you are a business owner or a business and interested in volunteering with youth through the school system there are numerous opportunities including Junior Achievement, the Work Ethic Seal Program, career panels and many other opportunities.



Article Submitted by the Laurel County School District

November Luncheon Photos

*Special Thanks to our
November luncheon sponsor:*



A New Member plaque is presented to Barry Mays for Smokey Bear's BBQ.



Chamber Vice-President Michael Sliter addresses the luncheon attendees.



Delaney Stephens from The Center for Rural Development was our guest speaker at the luncheon.



A New Member plaque is presented to Ron Thomas and Morningstar Thomas for The Main Course.

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

- Cheddar's
- First National Bank & Trust
- Hotwire Productions.net
- Jackson Energy Cooperative
- L&N Federal Credit Union
- Minuteman Press
- OlympiClean Car Wash
- The Job Shop Staffing Services



THE AMBASSADOR PATROL STRIKES AGAIN!

The Chamber Ambassadors continued their “patrol” last month and surprised three 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!



Crooked Creek Golf Club



The Main Course



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Chamber Calendar



- Dec. 15 – Chamber Christmas Luncheon at 12 pm
London Community Center**
- Dec. 19 – Holiday Hero Blood Drive
1:30–6:30 pm at Laurel Co. Annex
Community Room**
- Dec. 20 – Ladies of Vision Breakfast Meeting
8:30 am at Brie’s Brews**
- Now–Dec. 20 - Food Drive at Forcht Bank**
- Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas**

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

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CHAMBER ANNUAL BANQUET

March 7, 2017



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