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Next Chamber Luncheon

Thursday, Jan. 19

12:00 noon

London Community Center

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Tuesday, March 7

London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce

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6 pm London Community Center

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Chamber Ambassador Randy Brock WYMT-TV

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!

Even though you may never have seen him on TV, WYMT Account Executive Randy Brock has become a familiar face for many residents and business owners of downtown London and all around Laurel County.

He began working with WYMT over ten years ago as the sales/marketing representative for the Cumberland Valley market which includes Laurel, Whitley, Knox, Bell, Harlan and Pulaski Counties. His media background includes ten years of TV and digital advertising experience as well as thirteen years as general sales manager for radio station WKKQ FM. He was instrumental in rebranding the station as Mix 96.1 as well as bringing Bob & Sheri to the tri-county area. Randy also has a Bachelor of Science in Broadcast Television from Lincoln Memorial University. He considers being selected by the Kentucky Broadcast Association to attend the National Association of Broadcasters executive development program in Washington DC as a highlight in his career.

In addition to serving as a London-Laurel Chamber Ambassador, Randy also volunteers his time to serve in the same capacity with the Southern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. He is also a graduate of Leadership Eastern Kentucky.

Although TV is his Monday through Friday job, many of you might also recognize Randy in his weekend position as the co-owner/race director for Vibe 5 race management, a TN based company that organizes and manages 5K's. Most of the money generated from their events benefits non-profits like veterans groups, hospice, Main Street programs, etc. In fact, he is currently working on an ovarian cancer awareness 5K run for London in early May with the local non-profit Turn The Town Teal.

His other hobbies include running (of course), coaching travel basketball, foreign travel and trying to keep up with his two kids, Jaden and Dakota.

We are proud to have the opportunity to share a little bit about Randy 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.



BUSINESS PROFILE - AT A GLANCE

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Website: www.wymtnews.com
Phone: 606-436-5757

Advertisement for Forcht Bank featuring Michael Sharpe and contact information for the London Banking Center.

Advertisement for Jackson Energy featuring a worker on a lift and contact information for the company.

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

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The London - Laurel County Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize our

WORLD CLASS SPONSORS



The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:

- Furniture Owlet
- Moses Family Motors
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Renewing Chamber Members

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We'd LOVE to see you!

On **Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 8:30 a.m.** Ladies of Vision will be having a Morning Meet -Up at Jackson Energy Cooperative off Hwy. 229. This will be a great way to start out the New Year by networking, having fellowship, and learning valuable info!

Our guest speakers include Gay Slone, a trainer at **Powerhouse Gym** and Coach at **Diet Free Life**, who will be discussing Diet Free Living, and Amber Madden from **Madden Wellness**, who will share how to set goals and keep them this year!

Breakfast will be provided by **Jackson Energy** and there will be *door prizes*!

SAVE THE DATES!

The following are upcoming L.O.V. meeting dates/times, we have some exciting events coming up!

Evening Meet & Greets:

Feb. 21st @ 7:00 pm
April 18th @ 7:00 pm

Morning Meet-Ups:

March 21st @ 8:30 am

Locations and activities to be announced.

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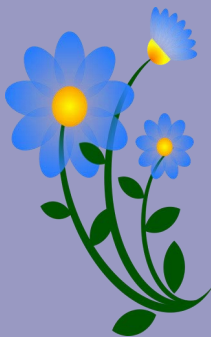
Each month the Laurel County School system introduces students to a “Character Word of the Month.” The words represent qualities and actions we want our students to follow to be good students, but also positive leaders in their communities. The word for the month of January is “integrity,” which means to be honest and have strong moral principles.

It is a simple word, but it carries such importance in how we should treat others and how we should lead our daily lives. It is a character trait that we learn and have the option of demonstrating through our daily interactions. This month we as a nation will watch a new President and Vice President be sworn in to lead us for the next four years. During this past campaign season the word “integrity” was thrown around often by candidates when describing themselves or tearing down their fellow opponent.

Children are innately observant, they demonstrate and often simulate actions they observe. The behaviors of adults and leadership figures can often normalize those behaviors for constituents. Our actions either directly or indirectly can shape a child’s perception of what is right and wrong. So, whether through our work as an employer or employee, an athletic coach or one who volunteers time in our community let us also have integrity in our actions.

The late President Dwight Eisenhower said, “character in many ways is everything in leadership. It is made up of many things, but I would say character is really integrity.” Let us show our future leaders that integrity is a practice that will lead to true success.

Join us this month and every month in demonstrating positive character traits in our everyday lives.



*Article Submitted by
the Laurel County
School District*

Character Word of the Month

Month	Charter Trait
January	Integrity
February	Honesty
March	Sportsmanship
April	Trustworthiness
May	Perseverance
June	Self –control
July	Patriotism
August	Fairness
September	Responsibility
October	Respect
November	Citizenship
December	Caring



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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 February 7th.

Nominate a well-deserving business today!



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 1st. 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 under “BLOG”.

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

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

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December Luncheon Photos



The Chamber would like to express appreciation to the many businesses that donated prizes for our December Christmas luncheon. Thank you to Daniel Carmack and Tim Smith for sharing their talents with us. Also, special thanks to our awesome group of Ambassadors, who prepared lots of crazy games for us to play. With so many prizes, everyone who attended went home a winner! The room was filled with Christmas spirit. . . no scrooge to be found!

Thanks



*Would your company like to be a
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We are now enlisting sponsors for 2017

As a World Class Sponsor you will receive:

- ◆ " Annual Banquet Sponsorship - \$500 value
- ◆ " Monthly Lunches (2 per month) - \$240 value
- ◆ " Golf Sponsorship including team - \$500 value
 - ◆ " 1 Year Advertising on Website - \$500 value
- ◆ " Company Logo in Chamber Newsletters - \$600 value
- ◆ " Advertising at all lunches and events - \$1000 value
 - ◆ " Softball Tournament Team - \$250 value

Total Value of Package is \$3590

**Total Cost to become a World Class Sponsor
is only \$2500**

To sign up, contact the Chamber office today
at 606-864-4789 or visit our website for more information at
www.londonlaurelchamber.com

January Chamber Luncheon will feature Speaker Mike Gooch

Mike Gooch is an Independent Certified Coach, Teacher and Speaker with The John Maxwell Team. Mike frequently conducts workshops and seminars to aid in personal and professional growth through study and practical application of John's proven leadership methods. His goal is to move you and/or your team or organization in the desired direction to reach your goals.

Come to the Chamber luncheon on January 19th at the London Community Center to hear Mike speak.

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THE AMBASSADOR PATROL STRIKES AGAIN!

The Chamber Ambassadors continued their “patrol” last month and surprised five 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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December Ribbon Cuttings



Club Store Select

Located at 209 London Shopping Center



Baskin Robbins / Dunkin Donuts

Located at the corner of Whitley St. & the 192 By-Pass



Chamber Calendar



- Jan. 19 - Chamber Luncheon at 12 noon
London Community Center
Jan. 21 - Open House at Pittsburg Marine 8 am
Feb. 2 - Ladies in Red Educational Seminar
5:30 pm at The Arena
Feb. 4 - Saint Joseph London's Mardi Gras Gala
6 pm at the London Community Ctr.
Feb. 9 - "Every Life is a Gift" Prayer Vigil
6:30 pm at Laurel Co. Life Center
Feb. 11 - Rotary International Dinner
7 pm at the London Community Ctr.
Feb. 21 - Leadership Tri-County Banquet
5:30 pm at the Corbin Center

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

Save the Date

CHAMBER ANNUAL BANQUET
March 7, 2017



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