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Next Chamber Luncheon

Thursday, May 18

12:00 noon

London Community Center

\$10.00 per person

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Chamber Night at the Movies

Employees from over 30 different Chamber member businesses converged on Regency Cinema 8 on May 9th for our annual "Chamber Night at the Movies". A great crowd attended the event and enjoyed a free movie, delicious homemade desserts, a chance to win some awesome prizes and of course, a terrific networking opportunity. Special thanks to **Regency Cinema 8** for their sponsorship of this event, which is one of the favorite events that the Chamber holds each year.



Congratulations to

Edward Jones

We are proud to announce that Edward Jones ranked No. 5 on the 2017 Fortune 100 Best Companies to Work For list, according to global research and consulting firm Great Place to Work and Fortune magazine.

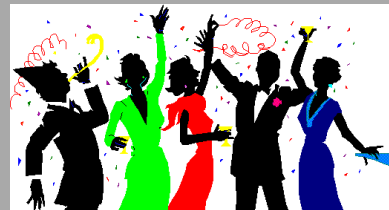
This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Fortune 100 Best Companies to Work For list, and Edward Jones has appeared in 18 of those rankings. Those appearances include top 10 finishes for 14 years, top 5 rankings for seven years and consecutive No. 1 rankings in 2002 and 2003. Last year, the firm ranked No. 10 overall.

The prestigious ranking of the top companies in the U.S. is based on employee ratings of their workplace culture, including the level of trust they feel toward leaders, the pride they take in their jobs and the camaraderie they experience with their colleagues.

According to the Great Place to Work, the companies that made this year's ranking continue to show that a high-trust culture fuels better business results. Great Place to Work research shows that these companies continue to outperform the stock market, beating industry rivals when it comes to talent retention and demonstrating higher levels of productivity than peers.

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

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The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:

- Center Target Firearms & Indoor Range
- Cumberland Workforce Development Area

Welcome!

Renewing Chamber Members

- Akari Studios
- Appalachian Children's Home
- Cornerstone Christian School
- CrossFit Hardcharger
- Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc.
 - Don Franklin Ford Lincoln
 - Dr. Chris Herren, D.M.D.
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 - Hearthside Food Solutions
 - Hibbitts Brothers, Inc.
 - Home Helpers & Direct Link
- KRISHNA Hospitality Inc dba Red Roof Inn
 - Laurel County Chiropractic
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 - Wildcat Flea Market
 - Window World of London, Inc.

Thank you for your support!



Best Places to Work in Kentucky Rankings Announced for 2017

During the Thirteenth Annual Best Places to Work in Kentucky awards ceremony, nearly 1,300 attendees joined in celebrating the 100 Kentucky companies who were recognized for their commitment to focus, measure and move their workplace environments toward excellence.

Winners from across the state have been selected in three categories: small companies of 15-149 employees, medium companies of 150-499 employees and large companies consisting of more than 500 employees. The selection process, managed by Best Companies Group, is based on an assessment of the company's employee policies and procedures and the results of an internal employee survey.

L&N Federal Credit Union, the top winner in the medium company category, has been in business since 1954. With assets over \$1 billion and an array of products and services, L&N can offer everything necessary for someone's personal or business finances. Over 80,000 people have taken advantage of flexible mortgage and consumer loans, free online/mobile banking, free checking, business accounts and more.

Edward Jones, the winner of the large company category for the third year in a row, is the nation's largest financial services firm in terms of branch offices, with more than 12,300 U.S. locations. Every aspect of their business, from investment types to branch locations, is designed to cater to our more than 7 million clients in communities where they live and work.

Other Chamber of Commerce members making the top 100 list are **Software Information Systems, LLC** who ranked No. 4 in the Small Company category and **Forcht Bank** who ranked No. 19 in the Medium Company category. In the Large Company category, **Senture, LLC** ranked No. 29 and **Baptist Health** ranked No. 30.

The Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management (KYSHRM) state council and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce are proud to host the Best Places initiative, as both organizations support the value of workplace excellence as a key component in moving Kentucky forward.

*Congratulations to these Chamber members for their
commitment to excellence!*



SMOKIN' OUT HUNGER A Fundraiser for God's Pantry Food Bank June 10, 2017 at Wildcat Harley-Davidson

Local Grill Masters will be cookin' up some delicious food, which will be available to the public at 12:30 pm. Purchase a ticket in advance for \$8 or for \$10 at the event to sample all items. Get your ticket at the May Chamber luncheon, from any Ambassador or at Wildcat-Harley Davidson.

London-Laurel Wellness Park Celebrates Phase 2 Completion



A ribbon cutting was held on Wednesday, May 10th to celebrate the newest additions to the London-Laurel Wellness Park. Phase 2 includes two volleyball courts, a splash pad, restrooms and additional parking. The London-Laurel Wellness Park offers many recreational activities for the citizens of our community. If you haven't been by there, please make a point to go and check it out soon!



**18 Years of Service
in Our Community.
Thank You.**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and your family for the past 18 years. I look forward to working together with you toward your financial goals in the future.



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First National Bank and Trust has been Claudette Mitchell's home since 2006 as a Loan Officer specializing in Mortgage Loans. Claudette has a strong background in the mortgage industry, having started her career in Lexington Kentucky where she quickly became a mortgage loan specialist for all types of mortgages. She has over 30 years experience helping clients with their home mortgage needs including loans for purchases, refinancing, or even a home equity line of credit. She has mortgage loans available through the Secondary market for Conventional, VA and Rural Development loans. These loans can have fixed rates up to 30 years and offer 100% financing for some customers. She also has available for her customers' in house real estate loans with up to 15 year fixed rates and 30 year amortization without some of the requirements of secondary market loans at very competitive pricing. She prides herself on being able to offer construction loans and the permanent financing all at one place. She also assists her customers with all their financial needs including loans for auto's, home improvements, signature lines of credit, and any deposit products.

Claudette's personal life includes being married to Wade Mitchell. Together, they have two sons and a grandson. Son Anthony and his wife Lea, along with grandson Max live in Wesley Chapel, Florida. Son Jonah attends Metropolitan State in Denver, Colorado. She and her family are big UK Basketball and Football Fans attending as many games as possible together. Highlight of the year is when grandson Max visits in the summer.

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Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings...

Country Pickers Antique Mall Wednesday, May 24th

1:00 pm

Located on East 4th Street
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Center Target Firearms & Indoor Range Friday, June 16th

1:00 pm

Located at 607 Don's Drive

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A Note to Say Thank You!

The close of the 2016-2017 school year is quickly approaching and we are preparing to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating seniors. Graduation is a huge capstone in a person's life, many would say it is the moment a student becomes an adult. While graduation is a celebration of the student and their accomplishments, it would be remiss not to recognize the commitment and support that others have played in a student's success.

Our school district is fortunate to have many community partners who volunteer their time and knowledge to our students. This year in collaboration with the London-Laurel Chamber, we are graduating our first group of students who will receive the Laurel County Work Ethic Seal certification. The 13 students who completed the Work Ethic Seal program demonstrated the qualities and skills needed to be an employee in a 21st Century workforce, good attendance and commitment to learning and growing, whether it be in academics or employment.

The students who completed the program will be recognized with a special seal on their diploma, preferential treatment when applying for employment with a member of the London-Laurel Chamber and the opportunity to earn scholarship money to further their education. Yet, what may be the most valuable part of the program cannot be measured in recognition or through monetary contribution, but instead the knowledge the students gained from their local business community on what is needed to be a productive employee. How their education can be applied to their daily work and that education does not stop when they graduate from school, but will continue for the rest of their lives.

The Work Ethic Seal program would not have been possible without the commitment of the London and Laurel County business community to the future of our youth. The Laurel County Public School District offers our sincere thanks to the London-Laurel Chamber and to the individuals who gave their time. The students who completed this program will one day be seated at a chamber luncheon and be the future leaders of our community.

Congratulate our inaugural class of the 2017 Work Ethic Seal program, but also thank your fellow chamber members for volunteering.

2017 Work Ethic Seal Business Partners

Katie Dotson - Jackson Energy
Mike Sharpe - Forcht Bank
David Jackson - Hacker Brothers
LeeAnn Dearer - Hearthside Foods
Elizabeth Heath - Hearthside Foods
Garry Conley - Minuteman Press
Rusty Ray - Forcht Bank
Larry Corum - London-Corbin Airport
Troy House - Old Town Grill
Heather Gillreath - Wal-Mart
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Jim Mathews - Hearthside Foods
Mike Ward - Hearthside Foods
Shannon Weaver - Fairway Mortgage Company
Bridget Dunaway - Tooms, Dunaway & Webster
Heather Gilreath - Wal-Mart
Angela Murray - Wal-Mart

Article submitted by the Laurel Co. School District

April Luncheon Photos



Pictured Left: Mike Sharpe, Regional President of Forcht Bank addresses the Chamber membership.



Special Thanks to our April Luncheon Sponsor

New Members



Home Helpers & Direct Link
Wayne Gentry, Gina Taylor & Berdie Dixon



Global Connections to Employment
Vonda Martin



Pictured Left: Scott Frasure gave a presentation about the American Red Cross.

Pictured Right: Chip Armishaw with the Boys Scouts of America speaks to luncheon attendees.



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

- ♦ Allegra Print Sign Design
- ♦ Cheddar's
- ♦ Edward Jones—Jonathon Hibbard
- ♦ ECU—Community Garden
- ♦ Elysian Med Spa
- ♦ First National Bank & Trust
- ♦ Forcht Bank
- ♦ Hotwire Productions.net
- ♦ Inktown Tshirts & Screenprinting
- ♦ L&N Federal Credit Union
- ♦ Nesco Resource
- ♦ Old Town Grill
- ♦ Regency Cinema 8
- ♦ The Job Shop
- ♦ Tincher Williams Chev/Buick/GMC
- ♦ Vibe 5 Race Mgmt.



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American Red Cross—Southeastern KY
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THE AMBASSADOR PATROL STRIKES AGAIN!

The Chamber Ambassadors continued their “patrol” last month and surprised four 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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Center off of the Hal Rogers Parkway



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Located at 830 South Main Street

Kentucky Mountain Land Title
with Penny Lake



Chamber Calendar



**May 24 — Ribbon Cutting at 1:00 pm at
Country Pickers Antique Mall**

**May 29 — Murph Challenge at CrossFit Hardcharger
8:00 am**

**June 3 — Boone Trace Hike
9 am at Levi Jackson State Park**

**June 10 — Smokin' Out Hunger at Wildcat Harley-
Davidson Open to public at 12:30 pm**

**June 10 — Baptist Health Silver Ball Gala
at The Arena in Corbin**

**June 16 — Ribbon Cutting—Center Target Firearms
& Indoor Range 1:00 pm**

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

Coming soon to London . . .

AJGA City of London Junior Championship

Junior-Am Fundraising Tournament

July 24, 2017

Crooked Creek Golf Club 1:30 pm



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