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Next Chamber Luncheon

Thursday, Mar. 15

12:00 noon

Jackson Energy Community Room

\$10.00 per person

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2018 Business of the Year Recipients

Each year at the Chamber's Annual Banquet, we recognize three outstanding businesses for their contributions to our business community. Awards are given in three categories - Large Business, Small Business and Non-Profit. Here are this year's recipients:

LARGE BUSINESS



Highlands Diversified Services, Inc.

NON-PROFIT



**Laurel County
Life Center**

SMALL BUSINESS



PT Pros, Inc.



Another Annual Banquet is in the Books!

The Chamber held it's Annual Banquet on Tuesday, March 6th at the London Community Center with a huge crowd in attendance. The Community Center was beautifully decorated by Uptown Florist and the delicious meal was provided by Shiloh Roadhouse. And, thanks to some very generous Chamber members, there was a great selection of items to bid on during the silent auction.

In addition to the Business of the Year awards (see page 1), the 2017 Teachers of the Year were also recognized. They are: Lenette Avery—Bush Elementary School; Kelly Marcum—North Laurel Middle School and Britt Lawson—South Laurel High School. In celebration of their accomplishment, each teacher was presented a \$1000 check from Laurel County Farm Bureau.

Outgoing Directors Larry Corum and Haskew Hayes were honored for their years of service on the Chamber's Board of Directors. Both of these men have recently retired and we wish them the very best in the days ahead.

The entertainment for the evening was a murder mystery, "Speakeasy of Murder", performed by Murder and Merriment, an interactive murder mystery theatre troupe. Guests were transported back to 1928 Brooklyn, New York where Danny "Lucky" Campisano has just opened his new Speakeasy. The Cabaret singer, Lucia Talenti dies on stage after drinking some poisoned gin and guests much figure out which suspect is the guilty one.

The evening would not have been possible without our sponsors and we would like to extend our appreciation to them for their unwavering support of the Chamber.

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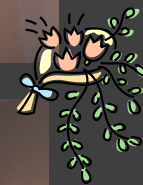
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Annual Banquet Photos



The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:

- ◆ CASA Knox-Laurel Counties
- ◆ Triple Crown Concrete

Welcome!

Renewing Chamber Members

As of March 12, 2018

- Ageless Medical Weight Loss & Med Spa
- Aisin Automotive Casting, LLC
- Cloyd & Associates, PSC
- Commercial Bank
- Country Inn & Suites
- Cumberland Valley National Bank & Trust
- Cumberland Valley Surgical Center
- Finley's Fun Center of London
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- Laurel County Water District #2
- Laurel Grocery Company
- Lexington Bluegrass Association of Realtors
- London Foods, Inc. DBA DQ Grill & Chill
- London Rotary Club
- London Tire Center
- London-Corbin Airport
- Lykins Energy Solutions
- McKnight & Associates, Inc.
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- Precision Duplicating Solutions, Inc.
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- Vietnam Veterans of America 1050



HOME CARE Tips

March

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

1. Take a look at your lawn mower and give it a quick tune up. You'll be needing it soon enough!
2. Examine the exterior foundation grading/slope and ensure water moves away from your home. If water is collecting near the house, you'll want to get things fixed right away.
3. Inspect your roof's surface, flashing, eaves, and soffits; after winter weather, the roof could use a little attention.
4. Drain approximately 2 gallons from your water heater to eliminate sediment.
5. Examine, repair and replace caulk and grout around your tubs and showers.
6. Service your kitchen disposal by grinding several cups of ice cubes.
7. Check your window and door screens in anticipation of warmer weather.
8. Vacuum your bathroom vent covers.

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

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The Center for Rural Development's Business & Community Training Center

Looking to advance your career and build your leadership potential?

The Center for Rural Development's Business & Community Training Center program can provide customized training that fits your needs to remain competitive in today's ever-changing job market.

"Having a well-trained workforce is essential to the success of your business or organization," said training manager Patti Simpson. "But not all businesses are the same. "We work with local and area businesses to customize their training needs and help maximize their employees' potential."

The Business & Community Training Center provides training in topics such as Microsoft Office and Intuit QuickBooks as well as leadership development training.

"If you want to be more efficient in your business, Get Going with QuickBooks is a great class to take," said student and small business owner Marla Bryant. "The training I received in QuickBooks will not only save me time and labor, but it will give me more time to focus on my daily business needs."

The Center for Rural Development partners with ExecuTrain of Kentucky, a leading provider of business education, to offer a series of exclusive leadership training courses. Topics include communication skills, business writing, leadership development, and more.

For more information, call Patti Simpson at 606-677-6000; email psimpson@centertech.com

or visit www.centertech.com for a complete list of available courses.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



RIBBON CUTTING HELD AT 41 LIQUORS



41 Liquors is located at 79 Bravo Lane in Shiloh Landing



**Come to the Chamber Luncheon
Thursday and fill out your
NCAA brackets for a chance to
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February Luncheon Photos

Special Thanks to our February Luncheon Sponsor:



Pictured right: Chamber President Michael Sliter hands the microphone to Dave Eldridge, Regional Publisher for The Sentinel Echo, Richmond Register and Corbin Times.



Katee Loftis and Marcus Kuhl spoke to the Chamber membership about the possibility of starting a Young Professionals group within the Chamber.



Steve Baker, Superintendent of the London Utility Commission was our featured speaker at the luncheon.



Kayla Sergent with the KCEOC Community Action Partnership spoke to the attendees about their mission, which is to recognize human potential, improve communities and create opportunities for change.

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

- ◆ Home Helpers & Direct Link
- ◆ Hotwire Productions.net
- ◆ Jackson Energy Cooperative
- ◆ L&N Federal Credit Union
- ◆ Martin's Insurance Group
- ◆ Old Town Grill
- ◆ Regency Cinema 8
- ◆ Smokey Bear's BBQ
- ◆ The Job Shop Staffing Services
- ◆ The Sentinel-Echo



*Congratulations to our
2017 Teachers of the Year!*

*London-Laurel County
Chamber of Commerce*

Teacher



**of the Year
Award**

Lenette Avery

Bush Elementary School

Kelly Marcum

North Laurel Middle School

Britt Lawson

South Laurel High School

Special Thanks to



**LAUREL COUNTY
FARM BUREAU**

For sponsoring our Teacher of the Year Awards

Are you hiring?

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Send us your job openings and job fair announcements.

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- Community Trust Bank
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- Cumberland Valley National Bank & Trust
- Donna Gregorich, Century 21
- Dr. Jeremy W. Allen Family Dentistry
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- Hampton Inn
- Home Helpers & Direct Link
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- I'm So Fancy
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- Kemper Home Furnishings
- Kentucky Bourbon Tours
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- Nancy Vaughn
- Nesco Resource
- Oak Hill Gardens
- Oakley Chiropractic Center
- Old Town Grill
- OneMain
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- The Job Shop Staffing Services
- The Party Palace
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- Tri-State Wholesale
- Uptown Florist
- USA Realty
- Walgreens
- Watkins Realty and Associates
- Weaver's on 4th
- Wildcat Harley-Davidson
- Windstream
- WYMT-TV

Thanks to these businesses and their generous donations, our Silent Auction was a huge success!

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 February general membership luncheon. The purpose of the Ambassador Patrol is to let members know that we appreciate their commitment and support of our Chamber and to encourage participation in Chamber events.

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



Benge Farm Supply



USA Realty, Inc.



London Corbin Airport



House Oil Co. Inc.



Kentucky Surveys, Inc.



E. C. Porter Store, Inc.

Chamber Calendar

Mar. 15 – March Chamber Membership Luncheon

12 noon at Jackson Energy

Mar. 15 – Ribbon Cutting at Legacy Auto Parts 2 pm

Mar. 16 – Ribbon Cutting at New Hope Counseling & Recovery

11:00 am

Mar. 20 – Community Trivia Bee

7:00 pm at the Jackson Energy Community Room

Mar. 21 – Ribbon Cutting at Alexander & Associates

11:00 am

Mar. 23 – Rotary International Dinner

7:00 pm at The Arena in Corbin

Mar. 26 - Ribbon Cutting at I'm So Fancy 1 pm

Apr. 13 – Carolyn Marcum Lackey Rotary/CCC Golf Scramble

8:30 am at the London Country Club



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

Did you know?

According to a research study by The Shapiro Group and Market Street Services, when consumers know that a small business is a member of their local Chamber of Commerce, they are 44% more likely to think favorably of it and 63% more likely to purchase goods or services from the company in the future.



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