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Thursday, Jan. 17

12:00 noon

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Tuesday, March 5

London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce

ANNUAL BANQUET

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



2019 Legislative Priorities Presented During Kentucky Chamber Visit to London

The Kentucky business community's priorities for the 2019 legislative session were presented by Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Dave Adkisson at a luncheon hosted by the Chamber on December 13th. Special thanks to Laurel Grocery Company for sponsoring the luncheon and to Jackson Energy for hosting the event.

The Kentucky Chamber's visit to London is part of a statewide tour to share information with local communities and chambers of commerce about key business issues the state Chamber will focus on during the session that begins in January.

Adkisson's presentation focused on the following issues:

- ◆ Investing in Kentucky's Infrastructure
- ◆ Improving Kentucky's Tax Code
- ◆ Improving the Legal Liability Climate
- ◆ Enacting Sports Wagering
- ◆ Modernizing Unemployment Insurance
- ◆ Ensuring Affordable Energy Resources
- ◆ Implementing Tobacco-Free Schools
- ◆ Encouraging a Competitive Business Climate to Motivate Broadband Deployment

Adkisson also addressed issues related to litigation before the Kentucky Supreme Court as well as the 2019 governor's race.

"The relationships we have with local communities and chambers of commerce are pivotal to the Kentucky Chamber's success," said Adkisson. "We always look forward to this annual tour to discuss key issues that advance the business community and the Commonwealth."



Pictured above: Dave Adkisson, Deanna Herrmann, Winston Griffin and Michael Sliter.



Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Dave Adkisson

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 - Stepworks



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Chamber Ambassador
Wayne Gentry
Home Helpers Home Care

Wayne Gentry is the owner of Home Helpers Home Care which opened in 2016 in London. Wayne is originally from Pineville, KY and relocated to London, KY in 2009. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in Asset Protection Management. After graduating college, Wayne went into a sales career where he was the top salesperson out of 6,500 employees nationally. With the same company he went into management where he led 3 different sales teams to the top spot out of 600 sales teams nationally and the last role was as Zone Manager where he led 17 direct report managers and 162 indirect employees over 7 states.

After working for 20 years as a leader for Schwan's Food Service, Wayne chose to open a local business for job creation as well as helping seniors like his grandfather because of the personal experience with his own family. He understands what it's like to have someone depend on you as their caregiver. He was the only grandchild of his widowed grandfather and, although he would have loved to care for him personally, He lived more than hour away and often traveled for work. Not knowing where else to turn, his family trusted a young woman his grandfather knew to keep things in order. They eventually learned that she was stealing from his grandfather and the disappointment was ultimately too much for him to bear. He passed away a little over a month later. Wayne is hoping, by offering professional services in this community and hiring top-notch caregivers, he can save someone else from having to go through that kind of heartache.

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Besides leading Home Helpers Home Care, Wayne is an active member/volunteer with the London Laurel Optimist Club, Cornerstone Christian School and during the summer you can find him every weekend on the lake in Tennessee. Wayne is married to Tracy Gentry with 1 son, Anderson (8) still at home.

BUSINESS PROFILE - AT A GLANCE

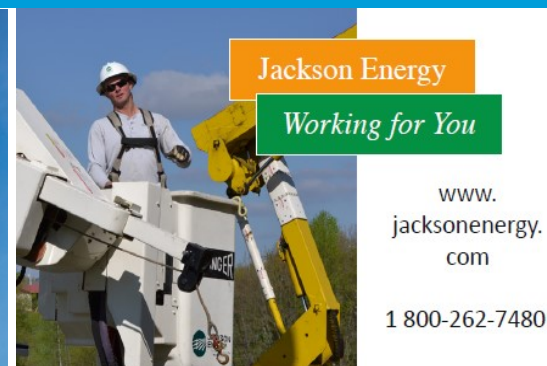
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The Chamber of Commerce is now taking nominations for

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Awards will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Banquet on March 5th.

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 8th.

Nominate a well-deserving business today!



The Chamber celebrated with **Salon 44** at a ribbon cutting ceremony on **December 14th**.

Salon 44 is a upscale hair salon that also offers permanent make-up, teeth whitening, piercings and more. They are located at 1728 West Hwy 192 in London.



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 5th. 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 have been delivered to every school and will be sent home with every student.

Nominations must be received in the Chamber office by Friday, February 1st.

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

2019 Inspirations . . .

- ♦ "Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value."
- *Albert Einstein*
- ♦ "Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right."
- *Henry Ford*
- ♦ "Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." - *Vince Lombardi*
- ♦ "Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve." - *Napoleon Hill*
- ♦ "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." - *Robert Louis Stevenson*



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10:00 am
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December Luncheon Photos

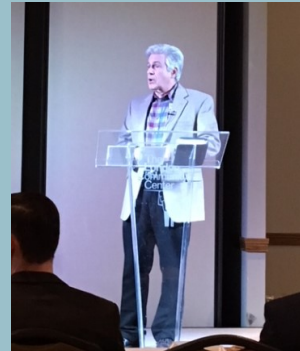


The Chamber would like to express appreciation to the many businesses that donated prizes for our December Christmas luncheon. Thanks to Daniel Carmack and Angela Fischer for sharing their talents with us and to Scott Webster and Julie Rea (a.k.a. Santa and Mrs. Claus). Also, special thanks to our awesome 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!



Along with The Leadership Collective, the Chamber was excited to co-sponsor it's second motivational event for the leaders of our business community on January 8th. The event featured four POWER talks from local leaders Logan Sams, Tom Handy, Vicki Blair and Phillip Johnson. The talks centered around the STAR Qualities - Strong, Transparent, Aligned and Resilient. Those attending came away motivated to have these STAR qualities evident in their lives and their businesses in 2019.



Chamber Calendar



- Jan. 17— Chamber Membership Luncheon
12 noon at Jackson Energy
Sponsor—Northwestern Mutual
- Jan. 19— From this Moment Bridal Show
The Center for Rural Development
- Jan. 18, 19, 20— Kentucky Fishing Expo
The Corbin Arena
- Jan. 29— Ribbon Cutting at 10 am
Sacred Grounds Coffee—Drive-Thru
- Feb. 2 — Saint Joseph London Foundation
Gala for Hope

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 5, 2019

6:00 pm

London Community Center



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