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Next Chamber Luncheon:

Thursday, Feb. 21

12:00 noon

Jackson Energy Community Room

\$10.00 per person

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Don't miss the Chamber of Commerce...

Annual Banquet

Tuesday, March 5th

6 pm London Community Center

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Teacher of the Year Nominations are In!

In early January, the Chamber delivered **Teacher of the Year** nomination forms to all Laurel County schools. A week later the nominations began to roll in for all the awesome teachers that encourage and inspire our students each and every day.

Now comes the hard part for our Education Committee, who must go through each nomination and decide which well-deserving teachers will be selected.

Teachers will be selected in these categories: Elementary, Middle and High School. The winners will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Banquet on March 5th and will each receive a check for \$1000. This monetary award is sponsored by **Laurel County Farm Bureau**.

The London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce has been recognizing our outstanding teachers since 2002 and we hope to continue this tradition.



Pictured above: **Education Committee** members Tina Cook, Lindsey LaBore, Kathryn Hardman and Julie Rea.



Mentalist Keith Matheny to provide Entertainment at the Chamber's Annual Banquet

From the moment Keith Matheny takes the stage, he will captivate, amuse, inform and inspire your audience. A creative speaker and entertainer, he shares with his audiences the keys to help unlock imaginary boundaries and mysteries of the human mind.

Over the past decade, Matheny has toured nationally with a unique brand of motivation that combines audience participation with fun demonstrations of the power and ability of the mind. His high-energy show combines audience participation, good-natured humor and motivational words that are guaranteed to refresh and inspire, with messages geared toward helping people improve self esteem, gain confidence in their abilities and achieve results far beyond the norm. His programs are ideal for groups and companies who are looking to drive up sales, overcome change and raise their level of performance.

Mixing his talents as an extraordinary and entertaining mentalist with powerful messages, Matheny's show is not only baffling and mind-boggling, it's also very funny. Packed with audience participation, Matheny will have your audience doubled over in laughter and at the same time, scratching their heads in amazement.



The owners of Christian Sturgeon, PLLC are pleased to announce that Travis K. Collins, CPA has become a partner of the Firm, effective January 1, 2019. Travis graduated from South Laurel High School in 2002 with the Commonwealth Diploma. He attended Eastern Kentucky University and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting, graduating in May 2006. He worked as an intern in public accounting at Christian Sturgeon in London, Kentucky his last year of college and joined the firm full time upon graduation. Travis provides accounting and income tax services to small businesses and individuals, as well as audits of financial statements for various entities, including financial institutions, nonprofit organizations, government entities, and service companies.

He is married to Christy Collins from London and they have 3 children – Colt (6), Brielle (4), and Lacey (6 months).

Travis is a member of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Christian Sturgeon, PLLC is an established accounting firm located in London, Kentucky. The Firm is a successor to the practice started by Mr. Fred Christian in the 1950's and provides a full range of audit, accounting, income tax, and business consulting services to a wide variety of clients. The Firm caters to the special needs of small and medium sized businesses and organizations.

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The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:

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- ◆ Regina Caldwell LLC
- ◆ Sonny's BBQ
- ◆ Staffmark
- ◆ The Loft of London LLC

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- Citizens Guaranty Bank
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- Laurel Grocery Company
- Laurel-London Optimist Foundation
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- London Auto Truck Center
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- London Tire Center
- London-Corbin Airport
- Maple Leaf Furnishings
- McKnight & Associates, Inc.
- Mountain Valley Insurance
- Nancy Vaughn
- Nesco Resource
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Ormsby Hardware
- Patton Chesnut Binder Insurance
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- Precision Duplicating Solutions, Inc.
- Professional Home Health Care
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- Rock Bottom Soap Company
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- Sheffield Place H.O.A.
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- Smith Properties of Corbin LLC
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- The Sentinel-Echo
- The White Lily Florals & Gifts, Inc.



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Congratulations to the Forcht Bank London Market!

At the annual Forcht Bank Employee Recognition Dinner held in Lexington, the London Market was presented with the 'Community Spirit Award' for their involvement in numerous community events. Teaching local students Junior Achievement classes, raising money for Relay for Life, collecting canned food donations for local food banks, and handing out free ice cream are just a few of the rewarding events in which they participated. We're incredibly proud of our staff in the London Market - congratulations!



Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings...



Texas Roadhouse

Monday, March 25

11:30 am

1024 West Hwy 192

The Grind Coffee Shop

Thursday, April 25

10:00 am

202 East 4th Street



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What does it mean to be a 2019 Best of Home Care® Leader in Excellence?

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Do you have a tip or an informational article that you would like to pass on to your fellow Chamber members? If so, contact the Chamber office and we will include your article in our next newsletter!



RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS



Sacred Grounds

Located in Carnaby Square Shopping Center



Saint Joseph London Comprehensive Wound Care

Located at 1001 Saint Joseph Lane, 6th Floor



Hometown Hemp

Located at 1750 Hwy 192 West, Suite 3

January Luncheon Photos



Pictured Left:
Phil Smith, Field Director for
Northwestern Mutual.

Special thanks to our
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New Member Receives Plaque



**Our speaker was Bonnie
Hackbarth with Foundation for
a Healthy Kentucky.**



**Jones Petroleum Services
James Smith**

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

- ◆ Allegra Print Sign Design
- ◆ Donna Gregorich, Century 21
- ◆ First National Bank and Trust
- ◆ Home Helpers & Direct Link
- ◆ Jackson Energy Cooperative
- ◆ L&N Federal Credit Union
- ◆ Martin's Insurance Group
- ◆ Mr. Electric
- ◆ Regency Cinema 8
- ◆ Somerset Community College
- ◆ The Job Shop



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 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.



ATS Construction
761 Moretown Road



Secure Stream
1001 Moretown Road



Fairfield Inn & Suites
201 Shiloh Drive



Budget Host Westgate Inn
254 Russell Dyche Mem. Hwy & Bravo Lane



American Embroidery
150 Dog Patch Trading Center



American Scrub Company
150 Dog Patch Trading Center

Chamber Calendar



Feb. 21— Chamber Membership Luncheon

12 noon at Jackson Energy

Sponsor—Baptist Health

Feb. 23— Masquerade Ball

8 pm at Old Town Grill

Feb. 25—Economic Update Luncheon

12–1:30 pm at Jackson Energy

Feb. 26—Go Red for Women

10:30 am at the London Community Center

Feb. 28— Leadership Tri-County Banquet

London Community Center 6 pm

Mar. 25— Ribbon Cutting at Texas Roadhouse

Reception at 11 am; RC at 11:30 am

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

Don't miss the Chamber's Annual Banquet

Call the Chamber office to reserve
your seat today!

**MARCH
5th**

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