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**Next Chamber Luncheon:
Thursday, May 16**

12:00 noon

Jackson Energy Community Room

\$10.00 per person

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Coming soon . . .
**Chamber Night
at the Movies**

Tuesday, June 5th
REGENCY CINEMA 8



Who can pass up a **Free** Movie??

*We hope to see you at
this annual Chamber event!*

FREE movie
for **all**
employees of
Chamber member
businesses!

6:00 - 6:45 pm Social Time
6:45 - 7:15 pm Movie Start Times

There will be refreshments and door prizes so come out early for some networking opportunities and then stay and enjoy a movie of your choice.

*Family Members & Guests
may purchase a ticket for \$5*

See you at the Movies!

Congratulations

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce teamed up with the Best Companies Group of Harrisburg, PA to rank the state's top 100 employers. Companies named Best Places to Work in Kentucky for 2019 were divided into 31 large companies, 27 medium-sized companies and 42 small-sized companies based on the number of people they employ in Kentucky.

We are happy to report that **Edward Jones** was ranked **No. 1** in the Large Company category and **L & N Federal Credit Union** was ranked **No. 1** in the Medium Company category.

Other Chamber members that received recognition were:

Senture, LLC, who ranked #22 in the Large Company category

Winterwood Inc., who ranked #13 in the Medium category

Forcht Bank, who ranked #19 in the Medium category

Software Information Systems, who ranked #4 in the Small category

Congratulations to all these members for this awesome recognition!



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Edward Jones

Financial Advisor Robyn Armstrong

Robyn Armstrong is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 financial services firm. In January 2018, Robyn partnered with thirty year veteran Financial Advisor David Vickers.

Robyn is a 2001 graduate of South Laurel High School. She attended Georgetown College before earning her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Samford University where she graduated summa cum laude. Robyn and her husband Jesse have been married for over thirteen years and live here in London. They have a seven year old son named Jack. Together as a family they enjoy traveling, playing sports and being active in their church.

After ten years as a pharmacist, Robyn's passion for helping people led her to a career with Edward Jones. She has had the unique opportunity to be able to watch her father, David Vickers, build a career centered around helping his clients. Robyn has continued the tradition of putting the clients' needs first. This tradition is at the root of the Edward Jones culture and the driving force behind it's nearly 100 years of success.

Robyn believes people deserve financial advice and a coach to keep them on track. Whether you are planning for retirement, living in retirement, saving for college or trying to protect the future of the ones you care for the most, she specializes in working with you to develop specific strategies to help you achieve your goals.

If you would like more information about the services Edward Jones offers please call Robyn at [\(606\)864-8500](tel:6068648500) to schedule an appointment. Her office is located at [908 West Fifth Street](https://www.edwardjones.com/locations/london-ky) here in London.




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EKU's New Aviation Maintenance Technician Training Program

Gov. Matt Bevin recently joined Congressman Hal Rogers and Congressman Andy Barr, along with officials from Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), Kentucky Community & Technical College System (KCTCS), and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), to promote **EKU's new Kentucky Appalachia Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Training Project**.

Accompanied by state and local officials and community leaders, the group held four fly-in press conferences — at Central Kentucky Regional Airport (Richmond), **London-Corbin Airport** (London), Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport (Chavies), and Big Sandy Regional Airport (Debord) — to discuss this exciting workforce training initiative that will enhance economic development in Eastern Kentucky and across the Commonwealth.

“Kentucky’s aerospace industry is soaring to new heights, and this innovative program is poised to provide additional fuel to propel our growth,” said Gov. Bevin. “The Kentucky Appalachia AMT Training Project represents a unique collaboration between EKU, KCTCS, and our regional airports, and we are grateful for ARC’s significant investment supported by Congressman Rogers and Congressman Barr. This cutting-edge workforce program will provide strong economic opportunity for citizens of Eastern Kentucky and will further solidify the Commonwealth’s position as the center of engineering and manufacturing excellence in America.”

EKU's Appalachia AMT Training Project was recently awarded a \$1.46 million ARC Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) grant. Enrollment for the 18-month program will begin soon, with instruction set to start in January 2020. Students will receive classroom instruction at EKU or KCTCS campuses, in addition to hands-on training at the four participating regional airports.

“We are thrilled to launch a program that will help Kentucky’s workforce with a highly sought skill that is relevant to our region’s economic and industrial growth, most notably the region’s emerging aerospace industry cluster,” said EKU President Michael Benson. “This FAA certified program will be strategically located within Kentucky’s Appalachian counties so those who need to train can become certified aviation mechanics without having to leave their communities.”



EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

DAY BROS. RV Customer Appreciation Week

May 16-19

Food • Fellowship • Deals • Door Prizes



Daily Door Prize Drawings!

Thursday and Friday:
8am - 6pm
Saturday:
9 am - 5 pm
Sunday:
12 pm - 5 pm

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The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:

- ◆ The Grind Coffee Shop
- ◆ Day Bros RV Sales

Welcome!

Renewing Chamber Members

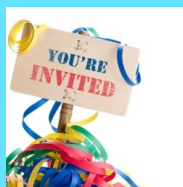
- ◆ AdventHealth Manchester
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 - ◆ Don Franklin Ford Lincoln
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- ◆ Edward Jones - Mike Fiechter
 - ◆ First Baptist Church
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 - ◆ Triple Crown Concrete
 - ◆ Wildcat Flea Market
 - ◆ Wildcat Fun Zone
 - ◆ Windstream Communications
 - ◆ WYGE Christian Radio



OPEN HOUSE



Wednesday, May 29th
10 am—12 pm
Located at 1334 South Laurel Road



RIBBON CUTTING

Creekside Gardens / Southern Lawn Care

Located at 1303 South Main Street in London



Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings...



Dreaming Creek Brewery

Friday, May 17th 2:00 pm
121 North Main Street

Excel Physical Therapy

Tuesday, May 21st 10:00 am
87 CVB Drive

Gypsy & James Boutique

Thursday, May 23rd 11:00 am
1752 Hwy 192 West, Suite 2

The Pink Zebra

Monday, June 10th 11:00 am
530 Keavy Road



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Q2/19 GROW!

Along with The Leadership Collective, the Chamber was excited to co-sponsor it's third motivational event for the leaders of our business community on April 17th. The event featured four talks from local leaders Geoff Marietta, Gabbi Hartzell,

Kayla Fields and Judge John Chappell. In relation to spring, the theme of this event was "Grow". Students from the Center for Innovation were responsible for the technology used for the event and they were also in attendance. The crowd has continued to grow each quarter. If you haven't attended one of these events yet, make plans now to attend the Q3 event in August.



Gabbi Hartzell



Geoff Marietta



Kayla Fields



Judge John Chappell





RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS



The Loft of London LLC
Located at 94 Dog Patch Trading Center, Suite 1



The Grind Coffee Shop
Located at 202 East 4th Street

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

April Luncheon Photos

Special thanks to our Luncheon Sponsor:



Staff of Transamerica Agency Network

New Member Receives Plaque



Grace Health
Alesia Anderson, Michael Stanley & Chad Stevens



Our speaker was Mike Cables,
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet



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

- ◆ Donna Gregorich
- ◆ First National Bank & Trust
- ◆ Flowers Bakery of London
- ◆ Jackson Energy Cooperative
- ◆ L&N Federal Credit Union
- ◆ Martin's Insurance Group
- ◆ Nesco Resource
- ◆ Regency Cinema 8
- ◆ Sonny's BBQ
- ◆ The Job Shop
- ◆ Transamerica Agency Network



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.

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



Information Capture Solutions, LLC
25 Airpark Drive



First Care Clinics
1649 Hwy 192 West



Laurel County Chiropractic
164 London Shopping Center



Laurel Financial Company
1108 South Main Street



Laurel County PVA Office
101 South Main Street, Room 127



Adrenaline Cycles Co. LLC
600 South Laurel Road

Chamber Calendar



May 16— Chamber Membership Luncheon

12 noon at Jackson Energy

Sponsor—The Job Shop Staffing Services

May 17—Ribbon Cutting at Dreaming Creek Brewery

2 pm

May 21— Ribbon Cutting at Excel Physical Therapy

10 am

May 23 — Ribbon Cutting at Gypsy & James

11 am

May 29— Open House at Kemper Home Furnishings

10 am—12 pm

June 4 — Chamber Night at the Movies

6 pm

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

Don't miss Chamber Night at the Movies!

Tuesday, June 4th

6:00 pm—Social Time

6:45—7:15—Movie Start Times

Regency Cinema 8

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& Family
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