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**Next Chamber Luncheon
Thursday, April 15**

12:00 noon

London Community Center

\$10.00 per person

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***Last Chance to Nominate That Special
Teacher—Deadline is Friday***

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 in August. 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 are being sent home with students or emailed to those who aren’t attending in person.



**Nominations must be received in the Chamber
office by Friday, April 16th.**

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

(see page 6 for a Nomination Form)

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Second Mile Behavioral Health LLC



Second Mile Behavioral Health is a multi-specialty behavioral health organization. We provide targeted case management, community support, individual and family therapy, parenting assessment and classes, and substance abuse assessments and treatment.

Second Mile was founded by Michelle Smith, Shane Garland and Ron Smith in the summer of 2019. We opened our London office on July 1, 2019. Second Mile is a faith based agency and gets its name from Matthew 5:41, which says "If a man compels you to go with him one mile, then go two".

Second Mile currently has office locations in London and Russell Springs, and is excited to announce the opening of a Clay County branch on July 1, 2021. Second Mile currently has 26 employees total in both counties.

We pride ourselves in going the extra mile for those in need of help! Our goal is to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT





RIBBON CUTTINGS

Block 300
Downtown London



Local Honey



Redeemed Boutique



The Make Space



Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings...



Second Mile Behavioral Health
Wednesday, April 21st
1:00 pm
Located at 280 Levi Jackson Mill Rd.

Buff City Soap
Thursday, April 29th
9:30 am
Located at 1698 US Hwy 192

The Butcher's Pub LLC
Friday, April 30th
4:00 pm
Located at 121 North Main Street

London Women's Care
Wednesday, May 5th
9:30 am
Located at 803 Meyers Baker Rd.

God's Little Zoo
Wednesday, May 12th
10:00 am
Located at 2009 West Hwy 1376 in East Bernstadt

Hoskins Medical Center
Monday, May 17th
9:00 am
Located at 1120 Reuben Street

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Regency Cinema 8 is now open for business on Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

Show your support and plan to see a movie soon!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR Nomination Form

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?

Tell us who you think should be named "Teacher of the Year", an award sponsored by the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce. This award is open to classroom teachers currently employed in any Laurel County school (a Laurel County, East Bernstadt or private school).

Just fill in the information below to make your nomination. **NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021.**

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY!

TEACHER'S NAME _____ DIVISION (check one) _____ Elementary (K-5)
 _____ Middle (6-8)
 _____ High (9-12)

GRADE(S) TAUGHT _____

SCHOOL _____

YOUR NAME _____

London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce

Teacher



of the Year
Award

TELL US WHY YOU'RE NOMINATING THIS TEACHER (must be completed!)

Return nomination form by April 16 to:

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 409 South Main Street
 London, KY 40741

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Will Your Driver's License Fly?

Six months until enforcement of federal
REAL ID Act begins

**Commonwealth of Kentucky FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 1, 2021) – Do you
Transportation Cabinet have a license that will fly?**

In six months – Oct. 1, 2021 – federal enforcement of the REAL ID Act is scheduled to begin, and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) encourages Kentuckians to be aware of changes that will bring.

One of the most important changes will occur at airports, where an ordinary driver's license or identification card for persons 18 and older will no longer be accepted for boarding a U.S. commercial flight. Nor will it be accepted for entry to restricted federal installations, such as military bases, nuclear plants and the White House.

"After such a difficult year fighting COVID-19 and being separated from our loved ones, I know many Kentuckians will be excited to travel or visit service members when it is safe," said Gov. Beshear. "I want all Kentuckians to know about REAL ID requirements so a long-awaited trip doesn't get delayed or canceled just because someone had the wrong form of ID."

"It's an important change, and we want to help our fellow Kentuckians avoid an unsettling surprise in October," KYTC Secretary Jim Gray said. "Upgrading to a REAL ID license or ID card is a secure, convenient way to ensure continued full access."

Once REAL ID enforcement begins, a standard-issue license will still be good for driving, and as proof of identity, age and residence for purposes of voting and making age-restricted purchases, such as buying alcohol. It also will still be good for accessing such federal facilities as Social Security offices and Veterans Administration hospitals.

It's important to know the difference. A Kentucky REAL ID bears a black cutout star; a standard driver's license features the Kentucky Unbridled Spirit logo.

REAL ID credentials are not the only forms of federally approved ID that authorities will accept beginning Oct. 1. Others include a valid, **unexpired** passport or passport card, military ID or Department of Defense ID. Note that a REAL ID is not a substitute for a passport or passport card for international travel.

In Kentucky, REAL ID licenses and IDs are issued at KYTC Driver Licensing Regional Offices in select counties. In addition, documentation requirements are strict. Guard against having to make a return trip by ensuring you arrive with the proper documents.

For more information, access the website at www.realidky.com.

March Luncheon

Special Thanks to our
Sponsor:



Pictured Left:
Chris Self, with
AdventHealth
Manchester
addresses the
luncheon
attendees.

New Members



Second Mile Behavioral Health
Michelle Allen Smith & Shane Garland



Occupational Therapy Solutions
Paige Oliver



Switch-A-Roo Sale
Katricia Rogers



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

- ◆ Baptist Health Corbin
- ◆ Hotwire Productions.net
 - ◆ Minuteman Press
 - ◆ Nesco Resource
 - ◆ Regency Cinema 8
- ◆ Somerset Community College

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More Luncheon Photos



Donevon Storm gave an update on the project to bring Broadband to rural Kentucky.



Phil Smith updated the attendees on Block 300 in downtown London.



Billie Swanner gave a report on Ladies of Vision.



Amy Cloud, KCCE Executive Director, attended the luncheon to present the awards that our Chamber won last year at the KCCE awards banquet, which was held remotely in September.

Deanna Herrmann was presented the Chamber Professional of the Year award and the Chamber also received awards for Excellence in Website and Excellence in Social Media.

Pictured with Amy and Deanna is Chamber President, **Michael Sliter**, who also manages the Chamber's website and social media accounts through Hotwire Productions.net.



After months apart, Chamber members were glad to be back together again!

The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest member:

- **Buff City Soap**

Renewing Chamber Members

- AT&T
- Benchmark Mortgage
- Bimbo Bakeries USA, Inc.
- Craig Mullins Construction, LLC
- Cumberland Valley Surgical Center
 - Furniture Owlet
 - Grace Health
- Lindsey Wilson College
- London Radio Service, Inc.
- Nolf Properties LLC / Mobile Box Company
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 - PT Solutions
 - Triple Crown Concrete
 - Wal-Mart DC 6097



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Large Business

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Your Chamber Membership can Save you Money



As a member of the Chamber, you have access to several discount programs that you may not be aware of. Keeping reading and find out how we can help you save!



◆ Worker's Compensation Insurance Discount

Members will receive a total of 10% discount off their estimated annual premium on Workers' Compensation Insurance through ClearPath Mutual.



◆ Health Insurance Benefits/Discounts

The Kentucky Chamber has teamed up with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield to offer groups with 2 to 50 employees an opportunity to participate in a larger, self-funded pool that gives you financial protection backed by Anthem's stop loss coverage. This health care solution is called the ChamberAdvantage plan.

Office DEPOT

◆ Office Depot Discount Program

This program is set up for our local Chamber by the Kentucky State Chamber and its contractual agreement with Office Depot. This offer brings exclusive savings to Chamber members with special pricing on hundreds of office depot products that you use every day! The product list is available to members upon request.



◆ Constant Contact Discount Program

As a benefit of your Chamber membership, you can grow your business with Constant Contact's industry-leading online marketing tools: newsletters and announcements; offers and promotions; events and registration; and feedback and surveys. Best of all, you'll enjoy exclusive savings of up to 25%, with plans starting as low as \$20 per month.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Upcoming Chamber Events . . .

Legislative Update with Kentucky State Senator Brandon Storm



Tuesday, April 13th
8 am
London Community Center



Ladies of Vision
May Luncheon

Tuesday, May 11th
12 noon
Old Town Grill



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