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Next Chamber Luncheon
Thursday, May 20

12:00 noon

London Community Center

\$10.00 per person

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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 August 10th.

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 July 2nd.

*Nominate a well-deserving
business today!*



CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT



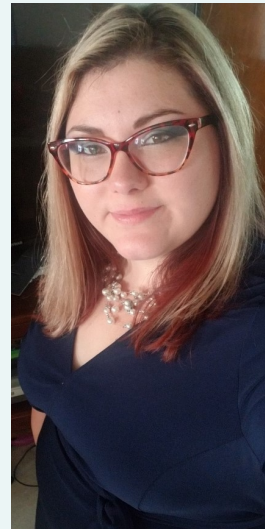
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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Hello! My name is Jessie Eldridge and I am the newest Advertising Representative for the Sentinel Echo & Times-Tribune. A little bit about myself. I am a native of Laurel County and I have lived on the same road on Hwy. 229 my whole life. I just turned 30. I graduated from North Laurel High School in 2009. In the fall I started college at the University of the Cumberland's where I studied as a Vocal major with a communications minor. Over the years I had a few different jobs just trying to find where I fit in the world. 2020, like for most people was a rough start. I ended up job hunting in July and I somehow stumbled onto the greatest opportunity of my life. I dreamed my whole life that I would have a job not only that I loved but also where I could serve the great community of Laurel County. I somehow found my place in the world and I am forever grateful for the opportunity that the Sentinel Echo & Times-Tribune has given me.

As an Advertising Representative, I consult with area businesses to find their marketing needs and then I design a marketing plan that fits those needs. I want to make sure every business or organization succeeds to its fullest. We offer weekly ads in the newspaper, but we do so much more! We offer multiple special sections, magazines, TV guides, and even Digital options! The Times-Tribune and the Sentinel-Echo are both available online and are updated daily. You can also view our special sections and magazines as they are published. Most of those are viewable for a full year! All the ads link right to the advertiser's website. We offer ad views on both our websites. Our Websites have readers all over Kentucky! We also offer digital packages such as Google driven searches, Geo Fencing, Site retargeting, Google Business pages, Facebook advertising and so much more! I would love to help your business or organization receive the most Bang for your Buck with advertising! If you want to find out more about the Advertising opportunities that we offer please email/call or text me!



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Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings...



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

Saint Joseph London's New EMS Lounge
Friday, May 21st
11:00 am
Located at 1001 Saint Joseph Lane

Save-A-Lot
Wednesday, May 26th
9:00 am
Located at 825 South Laurel Road

London Lighting
Wednesday, June 2nd
12 noon
Located at 303 Madison Square Shops, S. Main St.

Town Center Park
Friday, June 4th
6:30 pm
Located in Downtown London

It's Girl Time Studio
Friday, June 11th
10:00 am
Located at 4900 South Laurel Road



New Member

The Chamber would like to welcome **Buff City Soap** as a new member.

Buff City Soap is on a mission to create handmade products that are free of harsh ingredients and full of nourishing plant-based goodies to make your skin happy. They take tremendous pride in handcrafting each and every soap in their Soap Makery.

They are located at 1698 US Hwy 192 here in London and are open 7 days a week.



What's important to you? Let's talk.



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RIBBON CUTTING



The Chamber conducted a ribbon cutting at London Women's Care on May 5th. They have expanded their adult & pediatric primary care services and added dental care services in their new building (#6) at 803 Meyers Baker Road in London, KY.

Congratulations to London Women's Care!



- **OB/GYN**
- **Primary Care**
- **Pediatrics**
- **Behavioral Health**
- **Dentistry**

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RIBBON CUTTINGS



Buff City Soap
Located at 1698 US Hwy 192



The Butcher's Pub
Located at 121 North Main Street





RIBBON CUTTINGS



Second Mile Behavioral Health

Located at 280 Levi Jackson Mill Rd.



Donevon Storm Insurance Agency

Located at 1456 W. Cumberland Gap Parkway in Corbin



Kentucky, Other States Advised of 19-Month Extension of REAL ID Enforcement Deadline

COVID-19 pandemic limited nation's capacity to issue licenses, IDs

Gov. Andy Beshear announced that Kentucky and other states have been advised by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that full enforcement of the REAL ID Act is being extended by 19 months.

The extension will give license issuance agencies time to recover operating capacity that was restricted to abide by health guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new enforcement date is May 3, 2023. Before the announced extension, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and its counterparts in other states were preparing for enforcement to begin Oct. 1, 2021 – just over five months from now.

As of the new enforcement date, every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or identification card, state-issued enhanced driver's license, or another TSA-acceptable form of identification at airport security checkpoints for domestic air travel.

KYTC Secretary Jim Gray said Kentucky's issuance of REAL ID licenses and IDs will continue, as will the transition of all driver licensing services – standard-issue licenses and permits as well as REAL ID-compliant credentials – to KYTC Driver Licensing Regional Offices and away from the Office of Circuit Court Clerk in each county.

"The extension can be viewed as a needed grace period," Secretary Gray said. "But our advice to drivers is still the same: If you want a REAL ID, make a plan now."

Information is at www.realidky.com.



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April Luncheon

Special Thanks to our Sponsor:



Pictured Left: Brad Hall with University of the Cumberlands is pictured with Ed Hyde, owner of Legacy Nissan.

New Members



The Butcher's Pub
Cole Atkinson



WB Transport LLC
Randall Weddle, Kyle Gray & Josh Morgan



Jessie Eldridge with The Sentinel-Echo presents a check to Deanna Herrmann.

Pictured Right: Dr. Shelley Stanko was our guest speaker. She gave a presentation on the COVID-19 pandemic and the available vaccines.



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

- ◆ Baptist Health Corbin
- ◆ Bluegrass Care Navigators
- ◆ Eastern Kentucky University
- ◆ Edward Jones—Jonathon Hibbard
- ◆ Hotwire Productions.net
- ◆ Legacy Nissan
- ◆ Minuteman Press
- ◆ Somerset Community College

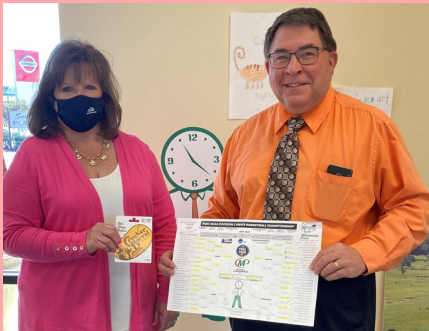


Congratulations

to the winners of our NCAA Bracket contest!
Each winner was awarded Chamber Bucks to the Chamber business of their choice.



Our 1st Place winner was Shane Garland.
Shane won \$100 from **Kentucky Outdoorsman**.



Our 2nd Place winner was Garry Conley.
Garry won \$75 from **Cracker Barrel**.



Our 3rd Place winner was Kyle Gray.
Kyle won \$50 from **Local Honey**.

Legislative Update with Kentucky Senator Brandon Storm

On April 13th, the Chamber welcomed KY State Senator Brandon Storm to the London Community Center for his second Legislative Update since taking office. We appreciate Senator Storm's willingness to come and keep us informed about what is going on at the state level.



Senator Storm with Sherri Craig, Saint Joseph Health and Rebecca Webster, Saint Joseph London.



Senator Storm is pictured here with Bryan Mills, Regional Field Representative for U.S. Senator Dr. Rand Paul.

The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:



- *Front Line Public Safety Equipment*
 - *Mobile Notary Service*
 - *Next Opportunity Events*
 - *The Bluegrass Baker, LLC*

Renewing Chamber Members

- Alexander & Associates, LLC
- Creekside Gardens / Southern Lawn Care
- Cumberland Workforce Development Area
- Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc.
 - Don Franklin Ford Lincoln LLC
 - Eagle Financial Services Inc.
- Eastern Kentucky University - Corbin/Manchester
 - Edward Jones - Mike Fiechter
 - First Baptist Church
 - First National Bank of Manchester
 - Flowers Bakery of London, LLC
 - Hearthside Food Solutions
 - LaDonna's Catering
 - Laurel Financial Company, Inc.
 - Laurel Gardens
- London-Laurel County Tourist Commission
 - MAXIMUS
 - McTribe dba McDonald's
 - PB&J Tshirt Company
 - PNC Bank
 - Smith Heating & Cooling
- Southern Tier Housing Corporation
- Stan Owens Insurance Agency
 - Summit Sales
- Window World of London, Inc.
- Windstream Communications
 - WYGE Radio



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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 . . .

Chamber Annual Banquet



Tuesday, August 10th
6 pm
London Community Center



Chamber Golf Classic

Friday, October 1st
London Country Club



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