

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

September
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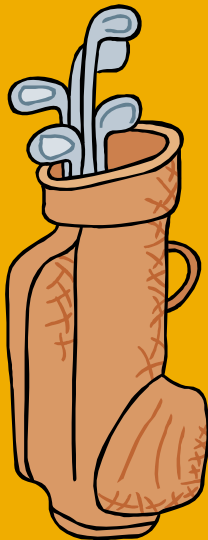
Next Chamber Luncheon
Thursday, Sept. 16th

12:00 noon

London Community Center

\$10.00 per person

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Friday, October 1st
London Country Club

Get in on the action! Register today!

Goody Bag items and Door Prizes are needed. . .
Support your Chamber with a generous donation!

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CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC

Friday,
October 1st
London Country Club

*** Now Enlisting Sponsors ***

Cost of Sponsorship is \$600 and here is what is included:

- A four-member team in the tournament (a \$300.00 value)
- Company Name or Logo on all printed materials regarding golf tournament. This includes the Chamber's massive email data base (over 1000 business contacts), our Chamber newsletter, Chamber website and local media.
- Sponsors will be designated a hole with signage indicating their name/logo the day of the event. Hole Sponsors are encouraged to man their hole and promote their business.

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To sign on as a Sponsor or make a donation, contact the Chamber office at 606-864-4789 or email us at info@londonlaurelchamber.com

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WORLD CLASS SPONSORS



Featured Speaker at September Chamber Luncheon Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles



Dr. Ryan F. Quarles, Kentucky's Commissioner of Agriculture will be the featured speaker at the Chamber of Commerce September luncheon on September 16th. Our luncheon sponsor will be Bengé Farm Supply.

Dr. Quarles was first elected to that position in 2015, and was re-elected in 2019, winning 117 of 120 counties.

Under his leadership, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) started several new programs, including initiatives to combat hunger and connect Kentucky farmers to new markets.

Because of the Department's Kentucky Hunger Initiative, the Commonwealth now has the strongest legal protections for food donors in the nation.

Dr. Quarles's outspoken advocacy for farmers has been recognized on the regional and national level. He currently serves as President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA). He previously served as President of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture (SASDA) and as Chairman of the Republican Agriculture Commissioners Committee (RACC).

Dr. Quarles graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2006 with three undergraduate majors and two graduate degrees. In 2008, he was awarded a full scholarship to Harvard University and graduated with a Master's degree in higher education. He returned to Kentucky in 2010 to complete his legal education at the University of Kentucky. Quarles received his doctorate in higher education from Vanderbilt University in 2018.

From 2010 to 2014, Dr. Quarles represented Scott, Owen, and Fayette counties as a member of the House of Representatives in the Kentucky General Assembly.

Dr. Quarles grew up on his family's farm in Scott County. His family has lived and farmed in central Kentucky for more than 200 years.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us at the London Community Center at 12 noon on Thursday, September 16th!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FOOD
SHOULDN'T
BE AN

IMPOSSIBLE

CHOICE

FOOD OR
MEDICINE?



September is Hunger Action Month!
Join us in taking action in the fight against hunger!



www.GodsPantryFoodBank.org/HungerActionMonth



Upcoming Ribbon Cutting...



RRJ Solutions

Friday, November 5th

10:00 am

Located at 1450 North Main Street

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The World Chicken Festival is four days packed with free music at The Stage of Stars and Sanders' Stage, crazy contests, carnival rides, arts and craft vendors and delicious fried chicken from the World's Largest Stainless Steel Skillet.

The Chamber of Commerce will be selling the official WCF t-shirts again this year. Come see us at our booth in front of Butcher's Pub!

Prices are \$17 for adult sizes; \$13 for youth sizes; \$25 for long-sleeve shirts and \$18 for hats.



FESTIVAL HOURS

Thursday - 5 pm—11 pm

Friday - 10 am—11 pm

Saturday - 10 am—11 pm

Sunday - 1 pm—5 pm

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For over 35 years, SAFY (Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth) has offered behavioral health services, family preservation services, older youth services, and therapeutic foster care in 7 states.

SAFY is a nonprofit organization, licensed through the state to recruit, train, and license therapeutic foster parents to provide a stable home environment to help kids achieve their full potential. In addition, SAFY has a clinical team made up of licensed therapists and case coordinators that travel to our families to ensure our foster family network is equipped with tools such as trauma healing and behavioral coping skills that support each youth's mental, physical, and emotional safety and well-being.

SAFY's goal is to return each child to safety and permanency, be that their family of origin or an adoptive family. Currently, there are over 430,000 children in foster care in the United States, and over 9,000 of those are in Kentucky.

SAFY is always looking for people interested in learning more about therapeutic foster care. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a therapeutic foster parent, please contact Stephanie Justice at the Somerset office - (606)875-0554 or justices@safy.org

Are you hiring? The Chamber wants to help!

Send us your job openings and job fair announcements.

We will post these on the Chamber's website as another service of your London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce and our effort to help grow our Workforce Community.



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Recent Ribbon Cuttings



Fusion Restaurant

Located at 566 Hal Rogers Drive at the London Corbin Airport



Wildcat Harley-Davidson

Located at 575 E. Hal Rogers Parkway

The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:



- Brightview Health
- The Barn at Mills Farm

Renewing Chamber Members

- American Scrub Company
- Begley Properties, LLC
- Benqueil's Jewelry Inc.
- Cumberland Isotopes, LLC
 - H&R Block Income Tax
- Heltaco LLC DBA Orkin Pest Control
 - Kentucky Blood Center
- Laurel County Adult Education & Literacy
 - Laurel County Homecoming, Inc.
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 - Minuteman Press
 - Morgan & White Law Office
 - Performance Auto of London LLC
 - Planet Earth PC, Inc.
 - PT Pros, Inc.
 - Robinson's Premium Meats
 - Secure Stream, LLC
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August Luncheon Photos

Special Thanks to our August Luncheon Sponsor:

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New Member



Kissel Counseling Solutions
Melissa Kissel, Clinical Counselor



Our speaker was **Sarah Jackson**
REAL ID Project Manager
KY Transportation Cabinet



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

- ◆ Air Raid Trampoline Park
- ◆ Donna Gregorich
- ◆ First State Bank of the Southeast
- ◆ Hotwire Productions.net
- ◆ Old Town Grill
- ◆ OneMain Financial
- ◆ Regency Cinema 8
- ◆ Somerset Community College
- ◆ The Job Shop Staffing Services



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 Chamber-Advantage 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.

Coming Soon . . .

Chamber Golf Classic

Friday, October 1st
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Hole Sponsors and Teams Needed!



Did you know?

According to a research study by The Shapiro Group and Market Street Services, when consumers know that a small business is a member of their local Chamber of Commerce, they are 44% more likely to think favorably of it and 63% more likely to purchase goods or services from the company in the future.



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