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Next Chamber Luncheon **Thursday, Feb. 17** 

12:00 noon

**London Community Center** 

\$10.00 per person

#### **SPONSORED BY:**





The Chamber of Commerce is now taking nominations for

#### **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

Awards will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Banquet on May 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 <u>name</u> of the business, which <u>category</u> they would fall under, and <u>why</u> you think they should be named "Business of the Year".

All Chamber member businesses are eligible to win and nominations must be submitted by March 31.



Nominate a well-deserving business today!



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#### Motto Mortgage Authority Broker/Loan Originator Rusty Ray Earns Top Award

Rusty Ray Recognized for his Outstanding Business Performance

Rusty Ray of Motto Mortgage Authority has been named a Top 20 Purchase Loan Officer in Kentucky by United Wholesale Mortgage. Ray received the award for the second consecutive year honoring his 2021 achievements. This prestigious award recognizes the top producing loan originators in each state by top ranked wholesale lender United Wholesale Mortgage.

"It's a tremendous honor to receive this award," said Ray. As a Bro-ker/Owner and Loan Originator with Motto Mortgage Authority, I believe in the Motto Mortgage brand and especially what it can offer homebuyers - we provide the scope, scale and support of a large retail lender, while offering the flexibility, autonomy, competitive mortgage options and exceptional customer service of a local mortgage broker. I am extremely proud of this recognition and to be surrounded by an incredibly supportive team."

Ray has 20 years experience in mortgage banking and has been serving his community as an Owner and Loan Originator with Motto Mortgage Authority for 2.5 years. He has extensive experience in Conventional, Government, and Jumbo loan programs.

Each Motto Mortgage franchise is independently owned, operated and licensed.



#### **About Motto Mortgage Authority:**

Motto Mortgage Authority (OFFICE NMLS #1898427) is a locally owned and operated full-service mortgage brokerage serving all of Kentucky, located at 591 Highway 192 W, London, KY 40741. To learn more, please visit (Motto Mortgage office www.mottomortgageauthority.com or call 606-657-5414.



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# Save the Date

# **Tuesday, May 10** London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce ANNUAL BANQUET

**Sponsors** are needed for this event. Sponsorships are \$750 and include a table for 8 at the banquet.

Can we add your business to this prestigious list of sponsors?

- Baptist Health Corbin
  - City of London
- Community Trust Bank
- **Cumberland Valley National Bank & Trust** 
  - Forcht Bank
  - Highlands Diversified Services, Inc.
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    - Jackson Energy Cooperative
      - Kentucky Utilities
    - L&N Federal Credit Union
    - Laurel County Fiscal Court
      - Legacy Nissan
      - Saint Joseph London
    - **Somerset Community College**
    - The Job Shop Staffing Services
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# TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

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 class-room teachers currently employed in any Laurel County school (a Laurel County, East Bernstadt or private school). NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022. To download your nomination form, visit:

https://londonlaurelchamber.com/teacher-of-the-year-nomination-forms-now-available/

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|---|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY!                                       |  |                    |  |                                  |
| TEACHER'S NAME  |  | /ISION<br>eck one) |  | Elementary (K-5)<br>Middle (6-8) |
| GRADE(S) TAUGHT   |  |                    |  | High (9-12)                      |
| SCHOOL  |  |                    |  |                                  |
| London-Laurel County<br>Chamber of Commerce                 | YOUR NAME  TELL US WHY YOU'RE NOMINATING THIS TEACHER (must be |                    |  |                                  |
| Teacher   | completed!)  | Return             | nominatio  | n form by March 31 to:           |
| <b>1</b> 7  |  | -                  | London-Laurel County<br>Chamber of Commerce<br>409 South Main Street<br>London, KY 40741<br>Phone: 606-864-4789<br>Email: info@londonlaurelchamber.com |                                  |
|   |  | Email              |  |                                  |
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# Financial Advisor Jonathon P. Hibbard of Edward Jones Receives Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor® Designation

Financial Advisor Jonathon P. Hibbard of the financial services firm Edward Jones in London, KY has achieved the professional designation of Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor®.

Hibbard successfully completed the Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor, or CRPC®, Professional Education Program from the Denver-based College for Financial Planning. Those who complete the program, pass a final exam, and sign a code of ethics and disclosure form earn the CRPC® designation.

This advanced training program focuses on the pre- and post-retirement needs of individuals. Study topics include principles of retirement planning, sources of retirement income, employer-sponsored plans, deferred compensation plans, plan distributions, investment strategies during retirement and planning for incapacity, disability and long-term care.

# Congratulations to Local Honey on celebrating their One Year Anniversary!



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# Upcoming Ribbon Cutting. , ,



Groups Recover Together
Wednesday, March 2nd
11:00 am
Located at 1501 South Main Street Suite H

#### THE REAL VALUE OF CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

In a study commissioned by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives with support from Small Business Network Inc., Market Street (A part of The <u>Schapiro</u> Group Inc.) was able to determine the real value to companies – in terms of consumer outcomes – of joining and being active in their local chamber of commerce.

# WHAT A LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP SHOWS CONSUMERS:

- 63% of consumers say that you're showing you are involved in the community
- 64% of consumers say that you're showing that you care about consumers
- 69% of consumers say that you're showing that you have a good reputation
- 70% of consumers say that you're showing that you use good business practices

#### BEING A CHAMBER MEMBER HAS VALUE!!



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The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:

- Not Too Shabby Furnishings and More LLC
  - Power Source 1
  - Tri County Pet Resort

#### **Renewing Chamber Members**

- 84 Lumber Company
- A+ Portable Restrooms
  - Abner & Cox, PLLC
- Bowling Funeral Home
- Brown & Breeding, P.S.C.
- Century 21 Advantage Realty
  - Classic Hair Designs
  - Cloyd & Associates, PSC
  - Commercial Bank
- Cumberland Valley Insurance Mgmt., Inc.
- Cumberland Valley National Bank & Trust
  - Delta Natural Gas Co. Inc.
  - Dentures Plus of London, LLC
    - E.C. Porter Store, Inc.
  - Edward Jones Robyn Armstrong
  - First Baptist Church East Bernstadt
    - Flowers Bakery of London, LLC
  - Forcht Broadcasting 103.9 / 96.7 / 1400
- Ford Brothers Inc. Auctioneers-Realtors
  - Friends of Boone Trace, Inc.
    - Furniture Owlet
  - Goodwill Industries of Kentucky
    - House Oil Company
      - J & J Enterprises
    - Jackson Energy Cooperative
      - Jones Petroleum Services
      - Kentucky Outdoorsman
  - L4 Security & Consulting Group
    - Larry Jamieson
  - Laurel County Water District #2
  - LGC Storage & Logistics
    - Lindsey Wilson College
- London Foods, Inc. DBA DQ Grill & Chill
  - London Rotary Club
  - London Tire Center
  - Modern Distributors, Inc.
    - Paul Claiborne
  - Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company
  - Second Mile Behavioral Health LLC
    - Seven Earthmovers, LLC
      - Shoe Sensation
    - The Job Shop Staffing Services
      - The Sentinel-Echo
      - WB Transport LLC
      - Weaver's Hot Dogs





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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.

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# Save the Date

The date for the

Chamber Annual Banquet
has been set . . .

Tuesday, May 10th

Mark your calendar now and make plans to join us!









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