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Thursday, Sept. 14

12:00 noon

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# CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023  
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## WORLD CLASS SPONSORS



## National Civics Bee

We are so proud of Jade Smith and Caleb Hammons of South Laurel Middle School for competing at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation National Civics Bee at the Kentucky State Fair. Congratulations Jade and Caleb . . . You made London - Laurel County proud!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**Pictured above:**  
Regional finalists from across the state participate in the Kentucky State Finals.



**Pictured left:**  
Winners of our regional Civics Bee, Jade Smith and Caleb Hammons, with Deanna Herrmann.

**Pictured below:**  
Chamber Directors from across the state that participated in the Civics Bee.





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Friday,  
October 6th  
London Country Club

\*\*\* Now Enlisting Sponsors \*\*\*

Cost of Sponsorship is \$700 and here is what is included:

- *A four-member team in the tournament (a \$400.00 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.*

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



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](mailto:info@londonlaurelchamber.com)

Chamber Ambassadors get the job done!



The Chamber Ambassadors meet once a month to plan upcoming Chamber events. They are shown above at the August meeting making plans for the Chamber Fall Golf Classic. We appreciate all they do to make our Chamber the BEST!

# Thank you Aisin Automotive Casting!

Aisin Automotive Casting President, Mr. Kawai, presented a donation to the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce Foundation in support of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This donation will directly fund free monthly books for Laurel County children ages 0—5.

We feel this program is so important to instill a love of reading into our children at a young age.



Some states across the U.S. are looking at 3rd grade reading levels to determine the size and needs of their prisons. Studies have shown that the trajectory of someone's life can be greatly influenced by 3rd grade based on their reading level.

Thank you Aisin Automotive Casting for being a part of the solution!



## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library UPDATE

**Total Enrollment - 1305 Currently Active - 1129 Graduated - 176**

**Would you or your business like to support the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library project?**

The London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce Foundation is currently seeking individuals and businesses who would financially support this very worthy cause. Instilling a love of reading at a young age can make a huge difference in the lives of these children as well as in our community as a whole.

If you are interested, please contact us at 606-864-4789 or email us at [info@londonlaurelchamber.com](mailto:info@londonlaurelchamber.com)



# Putt Putt for a Cause

Thank you to everyone that participated in our 2nd Annual Putt-Putt Scramble at the Laurel County Homecoming! With your help, we raised \$1,700 for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to provide free books for Laurel County children ages 0 - 5. Congratulations to Hotwire Productions on their first-place win!

Photo credit to Levi Jackson Wilderness Road Park.





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 Pour Boyz!

Prices are \$25 for t-shirts; \$25 for hats.



## FESTIVAL HOURS

Thursday - 5pm—11pm    Friday - 10 am—11 pm  
Saturday - 10am—11pm    Sunday - 1 pm—5 pm

*See you at the festival!*

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# August Luncheon Photos

Special Thanks to our August Luncheon Sponsor:

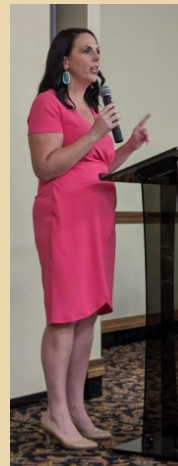


Speaking on behalf of AdventHealth was James Couch, Vice-President of Operations.

# New Member



London-Laurel Co. Rescue Squad  
Tyson Baker, Darren Wyatt & John Allen



Our speakers were Ashli Watts, President and CEO of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and Kevin Smith with Beam Suntory.



Pictured Left: Judy Nicholson, Executive Director of United Way Laurel County, along with Cam Cornett and Board members Dwight Larkey and Jason Jones, presented a check to the Chamber Foundation in support of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

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

- ◆ American Scrub Company
- ◆ Donna Gregorich
- ◆ Edward Jones—Jonathon Hibbard
- ◆ Forcht Bank
- ◆ Hotwire Productions.net
- ◆ Jackson Energy
- ◆ Kinetic by Windstream
- ◆ London Rotary Club
- ◆ Monticello Banking Company
- ◆ Old Town Grill
- ◆ Somerset Community College
- ◆ The Job Shop Staffing Services
- ◆ Transamerica Agency Network

*The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:*



- ◆ Embrase Med Spa
- ◆ Family Health Care Associates
- ◆ First United Methodist Church
- ◆ HHO of Southern KY, LLC
- ◆ Hibbard's Concessions, Confections & Catering
  - ◆ Kiwanis of London
- ◆ London-Laurel County Rescue Squad
  - ◆ Millstone Community Theater
  - ◆ Red Rock Home Center, LLC

## Renewing Chamber Members

- American Embroidery
- American Scrub Company
- Cumberland Isotopes, LLC
  - Exela Technologies
- Laurel County History Museum
  - Flowerworks
  - OneMain Financial
- Professional Home Health Care Agency
  - PT Pros, Inc.
- Revolution Physical Therapy
- Robinson's Premium Meats
  - Robinson Stave, LLC
  - Secure Stream, LLC
    - Starr's Liquor
  - The Barn at Mills Farm
- Tooms, Dunaway & Webster, PLLC
  - Times Tribune



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# Upcoming Ribbon Cutting...

**Bluegrass International - Friday, Sept. 15th - 10:00 am**  
Located at 202 Faith Assembly Church Road

# Chamber Fall Golf Classic

**October 6th**

**London Country Club**

Register your team today!

**Coming Soon!**  
**September**  
**21st—24th**



## Your Chamber Board of Directors



### Executive Committee

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