

# CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

March  
2024

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## Next Chamber Luncheon Thursday, Mar. 21st

12:00 noon

London Community Center

\$13.00 per person

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# Annual Banquet

*Presented by* CHI Saint Joseph Health

*Tuesday, April 16th*

6 pm London Community Center

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## AUCTION ITEMS FOR THE CHAMBER'S ANNUAL BANQUET

The Chamber's Annual Banquet is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Please consider a donation for our SILENT AUCTION.

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**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



We are now seeking **SPONSORS** for the Chamber's Annual Banquet on April 16th.

Are you interested?

Your \$750 Sponsorship will include:

- \* Eight (8) tickets to the event
- \* Corporate Signage at the event
- \* Mentions of your company in the event program, local media, Chamber website and other promotional materials sent out from the Chamber office.
- \* Post-banquet mentions in local media and Chamber publications.

To sign on as a sponsor or for more information, contact the Chamber office at 606-864-4789, or simply respond to this e-mail.

Thank you for supporting Your Chamber!

## Chamber Annual Banquet Entertainment Comedian Josh Sneed

Josh Sneed is a nationally touring comedian who's had appearances on Comedy Central, including his own comedy special. He's been seen on Last Comic Standing and is one of the most played artists on Sirius/XM radio.

Josh's new special, "Josh Sneed: Live in the Desert", was released in 2018 by Dry Bar Comedy. Clips from the special have been viewed more than 60 million times. He has performed at the prestigious "Just For Laughs" Comedy Festival in Montreal, the Aspen Comedy Festival, and was chosen by Comedy Central to perform in their inaugural South Beach Comedy Festival. Josh finished 2nd out of 100 of Comedy Central's top comedians in the Annual Stand-up Showdown Competition, and released an album on Comedy Central Records called "Unacceptable", which iTunes selected as one of the Top 10 comedy albums released that year. His follow-up album, "Unsung Hero" also debuted at the Top of the iTunes comedy chart. He's shared the stage with Dave Chappelle, Bill Burr, Jim Gaffigan, Ron White, and Kevin Hart.

Josh is a headliner in standup comedy clubs around the country and has performed at numerous private and corporate events.

He currently resides in the Cincinnati area with his wife, two kids, and a pug named Ham.

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# Small Business Day at the Capitol

The Ambassador Club proudly represented London - Laurel County at Small Businesses Day at the Capitol, hosted by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Business owners from across the Commonwealth gathered in Frankfort on February 28th for the Kentucky Chamber's Small Business Day at the Capitol. Lawmakers heard testimony from the business community in the House Small Business and Information Technology Committee, where Kentucky Chamber Senior Manager of Public Affairs John Hughes emphasized the impact of small businesses in Kentucky and their role in the legislative process.

House Small Business and IT Committee Chair Phillip Pratt, a small business owner himself, stressed the work being done by the General Assembly in recent years to improve the climate for business and highlighted the importance of small businesses.



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We look forward to talking with you!  
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## LYP AFTER HOURS KICK-OFF SOCIAL

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 • 6 - 8 PM

THE PALACE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER  
1803 N MAIN ST, LONDON, KY 40741

*Chamber of Commerce*  
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You won't want to miss the Laurel Young Professionals After-Hours Kick-Off Social on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at The Palace Family Entertainment Center from 6 PM - 8 PM.

Tickets to attend are \$35.00 even. Tickets are non-refundable. We will have a guest speaker from 6:10 - 6:30 PM and a sponsor speaker from 6:30 - 6:35 PM. From 6:35-8 there will be networking opportunities and lots of fun!

Ticket includes Entry to the patio, reserved area for program speakers, food and soft drinks. Also unlimited access to: Go Karts, Laser Tag, Escape Rooms, Pool Tables, Bowling Lanes, Golf simulator and first 25 people to register will receive a \$25 game card for The Palace Family Entertainment Center.

If you have any questions or are interested in coming, please contact Abby Harris 606-312-9864 or [abby@londonlaurelchamber.com](mailto:abby@londonlaurelchamber.com).

Register now at <https://londonlaurelchamber.com/.../lyp-after-hours-kick.../>.



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  - Signature Jackson Manor
  - SperoHealth
- The Center at Kentucky Highlands
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- London Lighting
- London Radio Service, Inc.
- London Technology Services, LLC
- London Travel Plaza
- London-Corbin Airport
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London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce

# February Luncheon

Thank you to our Luncheon Sponsor:



## New Members



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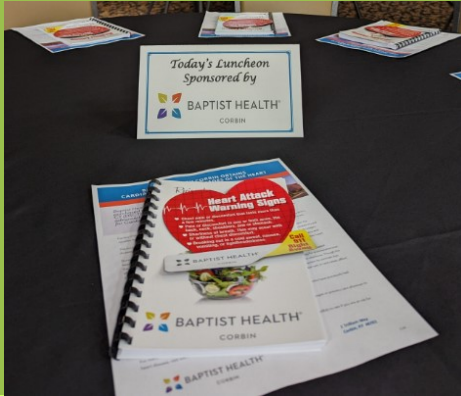


**Hampton Monument Services**  
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More Photos from the  
**February Luncheon**



Baptist Health Corbin was our luncheon sponsor and they provided Heart Healthy Cookbooks for all attendees.



Patrick Kinsella with Collett Travel spoke to Chamber members about the upcoming trip to London & Paris.



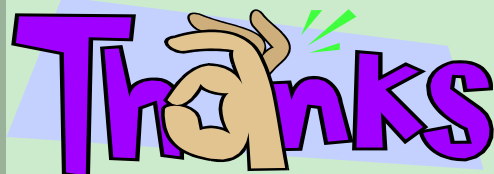
Dr. Kevin Croce spoke on behalf of Baptist Health.



A great crowd attended our February luncheon. Mark your calendar for March 21st and join us for the next luncheon!

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

- ◆ Edward Jones—Jonathon Hibbard
- ◆ Hotwire Productions.net
- ◆ Jackson Energy
- ◆ London Technology Services
- ◆ Old Town Grill
- ◆ The Job Shop
- ◆ Truist





## Ambassador Patrol Is Back!!

Chamber Ambassadors are back on patrol! It is always great to surprise a few of our members with a visit and gifts from our Ambassadors. It's fun to meet with fellow Chamber members and learn more about their business. *Be on the lookout. . . next month they might be visiting you!*



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108 Short Street



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202 North Hill Street, Ste. 100



**First United Methodist Church**  
301 W. 5th Street



**Edward Jones—Todd Strouse**  
209 N. Main Street



**Davis & Hessel Tax Services**  
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## Dolly Parton Imagination Library UPDATE

Total Enrollment - 1563  
Currently Active - 1256  
Graduated - 307

### Additional Ambassador Patrol Pictures



**Moody Cows**  
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**True Choice Health Cafe**  
202 West 7th Street

## Bowling Funeral Home

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*Bowling Funeral Home was founded in 1965 by Ed Bowling. The funeral home began on Dixie Street in a small home where the Farmer's Market is now. Ed's son, Doug, carries on his legacy, with the help of his son Barkley and nephew Jordan as the third generation of funeral directors at Bowling Funeral Home. We strive to treat everyone with the respect and dignity they deserve in such a difficult time in their lives. At Bowling Funeral Home we take pride in our customer service in every aspect of serving families. We personally answer our phones 24 hours a day, every day of the year. You will always be talking to a member of our family no matter the time of day or night. The Bowling family continues our personal care throughout the arranging process and conducting of services. This ensures that you, as well as your loved one, are lovingly cared for from the initial call to their final resting place. This sets us apart, as families are able to lean on our family at all times. The Bowling family love the people of London and Laurel County, and we feel honored to serve this wonderful community. Bowling Funeral Home is the most experienced funeral home with the most qualified funeral directors in Laurel County, and we will always strive for excellence for the families we serve.*



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