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Next Chamber Luncheon
Thursday, May 16th

12:00 noon

London Community Center

\$13.00 per person

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Regional Civics Bee

On April 23rd, the Chamber hosted the regional competition for the National Civics Bee in partnership with the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation**. Congratulations to our Top 3 finalists, Cole Cox, Isabelle George, and Addy Dillingham who will advance to the state level event at the **Kentucky State Fair** this fall!

Many thanks to Daniel Carmack for emceeding this event, our sponsor Scott Webster, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and our judges, Tina Gabbard Cook, Erin Swann Moses and Douglas Bengé.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



2nd Place Isabella George



3rd Place Addy Dillingham



1st Place
Cole Cox





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MAY 21ST • 5:30 - 10:00 PM

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Dolly Parton Imagination Library UPDATE

Total Enrollment - 1608
 Currently Active - 1256
 Graduated - 352

Chamber Hosts Senate Breakfast

The Kentucky Senate kicked off their tour of Eastern Kentucky with a stop in London on May 7th. The Chamber hosted community and business leaders at **The Calico at Creekside Gardens** as **Senate President Robert Stivers** and **Senator Brandon J. Storm - Kentucky, 21st District, Vice-Chair of the Transportation Committee**, outlined the historic funding that London & Laurel County received in the budget. This includes funding for the following projects:

- \$130 M For Laurel County Road, Bridge & Highway Projects
- \$6M for Hal Rogers Parkway Widening / RAISE Grant
- \$53K for Resurfacing of Hoskins Lane
- \$1M for London Tourism & Parks Fairground Project
- \$1M for City of London City Plaza (911 Dispatch & Police Department)
- \$4.9M for Corbin Utility Commission (Sewer Line Ext in Whitley & Laurel)
- \$3.5M for City of Corbin (Land Acquisition, Construction & Tourism)

Thank you Senator Storm for supporting London & Laurel County! This funding will ensure we are able to continue the strong economic growth we have achieved in our area through partnership and investment.



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Local business owners and dedicated professionals gathered for a Goal Setting Workshop Power Hour this April at Pearl Apparel. Takeaway tips: Ensure your goals are SMART to begin forward progress! Meaning they are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound.

Mark your calendar for the May Power Hour on May 14th at 8:30 am at Somerset Community College. Our guest speaker will be Tina Wei Smith, Executive Director of Rural Up, Inc. and Senior Policy Manager of the Prichard Committee.

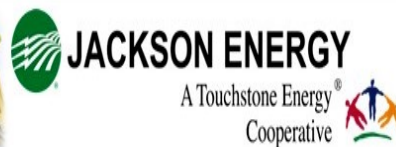


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Ambassadors On Patrol . . .

The Chamber Ambassadors continued their “patrol” this month and surprised six of our members with gifts and goodies. Each business was also given a Free Lunch certificate for this month’s membership luncheon. It’s always fun to visit members and learn more about their business.

Be on the lookout. . . next month they might be visiting you!



Blue Grass Pest Management
444 McWhorter Road



Professionals in Eye Care
356 McWhorter Road, Suite 1



Highlands Diversified Services
250 Highlands Diversified Drive



Benge Farm Supply
870 East Fourth Street



E.C. Porter Store, Inc.
714 East 4th Street



God's Pantry Food Bank
1215 East 4th Street

April Luncheon

Thank you to our Luncheon Sponsor:



New Members



A & B Cabinets, LLC
Bradley Smith



Signature at Jackson Manor
Sarah Dodd & Sandra Hall



CN Studio
Cody Nottingham



Fast Forward Business Solutions
Robert Hicks



**Miss Betty's Home Décor
& Fine Furniture**
Betty Clark & Jonathon Hibbard

More Photos from the **April Luncheon**



Thoroughbred was our April luncheon sponsor.



Our program featured a Legislative update presented by State Representative Shane Baker, Representative Tom O'Dell Smith and State Senator Brandon Storm.



Jeff Garrison spoke on behalf of Thoroughbred.



Jessie Eldridge & Lisa Harrison presented a check from The Sentinel-Echo to the Chamber from the ad sales received for the newly published Chamber Directory.

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

- ◆ Anthony Ortega
- ◆ Baptist Health
- ◆ City of London
- ◆ Donna Gregorich
- ◆ Hotwire Productions.net
- ◆ Jackson Energy
- ◆ Monticello Banking Company

- ◆ Scott Webster
- ◆ The Job Shop



The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:



- Burritos & Bowls Express
- Heartstrings Mental Health
- London Urgent Care

Renewing Chamber Members

- AdventHealth Manchester
- Animal House Veterinary Clinic
- Cornerstone Christian School
- Creekside Gardens / Southern Lawn Care
- Day Bros Auto & RV Sales LLC
- East Bernstadt Eye Center
- Groups Recover Together
- Hometown Medicare Market & More
 - Horizon Health
- Keller Williams Legacy Group of London
 - LaDonna's Catering
- Laurel County Health Department
 - Laurel Gardens Inc.
- London-Laurel Co. Economic Development Authority
 - McTribe dba McDonald's
 - Plaza Drug of London LLC
 - Senture, LLC
- Servpro of Pulaski & Laurel Counties
 - Slim Chickens
- Smith Heating & Cooling
- Storm Security, LTD
- Summit Sales



Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings...

Killer Esthetics Skin + Lash Studio

Monday, May 20th

1:00 pm

Located at 321 East 4th Street

Williams Elite Realty

Friday, May 24th

1:00 pm

Located at 205 London Shopping Center

Miss Betty's Home Decor & Fine Furniture

Thursday, May 30th

9:30 am

Located at 1746 West Hwy 192

Do you know of a new business opening in our community?
Let us know . . . we would love to contact them about a ribbon cutting!



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