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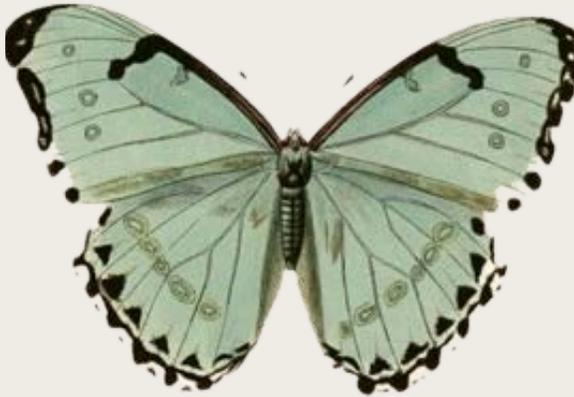
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April 17, 2025

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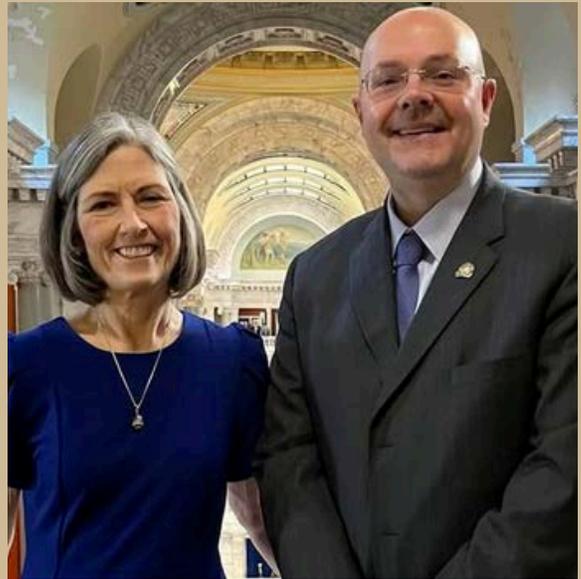
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BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE

Last month, it was noted that the efforts of Senator Brandon J. Storm of the 21st District, and Jane Rice Williams of Parkinson's in Motion were not in vain. The two have worked incredibly hard to establish a Parkinson's Disease Research Registry in Kentucky. With the passage of SB 27, that will soon become a reality.

This will play a crucial role in researching potential causes and cures for Parkinson's Disease.

For further information and updates on this development, [visit](#) the Sentinel Echo!



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AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

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AMBASSADOR Spotlight



"Being an Ambassador with the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce has allowed me to not only spread my passion for dentistry, but also to promote all the departments of London Women's Care, which is not only world-class women's care, but world-class care for the entire family."



Meet Renee Nicholson, RDH, BSDH from London Women's Care Dental, where she serves as the Dental Manager. With a career as a dental hygienist spanning since 1994, Renee has excelled in private practice, dental hygiene education, and administration—demonstrating her never-ending passion for dentistry.

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"Working alongside top industry professionals has challenged me to become a more effective leader in serving our community. I am grateful for the professional and personal relationships I have been fortunate to build while volunteering with the Chamber."



Meet Julie Rea, founder and creative director of Julie Ross Rea Media Consulting—a firm dedicated to empowering locally owned businesses through strategic media engagement. With over 20 years of expertise in media relations, marketing, and brand management, Julie helps small businesses and athletic teams amplify their voices and connect with their target audiences. A graduate of Cumberland College in Communication/Theatre Arts, Julie proudly calls London home, where she lives with her husband Houston, dog Rio, cat Rosie, and their son Isaiah.

We're honored to have Julie as a vital part of our Ambassador Club, driving innovation and community engagement!



Donevon Storm, Agency Manager

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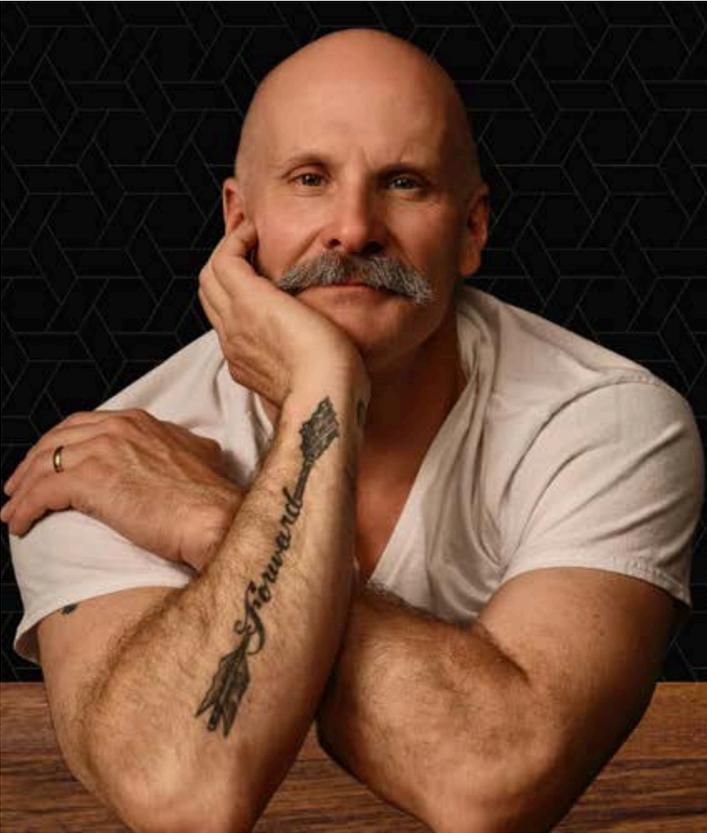
2025 ANNUAL BANQUET SPONSORS



Join us for a night of celebration as we honor the businesses and cornerstones of our community. Take a night off and enjoy our silent auction, entertainment, Business of the Year award presentations, Teacher of the year award presentations, and dinner. We would be thrilled to have you in attendance!

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We are excited to have comedian David Dyer join us as the entertainment for our 2025 Chamber Annual Banquet, presented by CHI Saint Joseph Health. Dyer has been performing stand-up at comedy clubs, theaters, and corporate events for over twenty-five years.

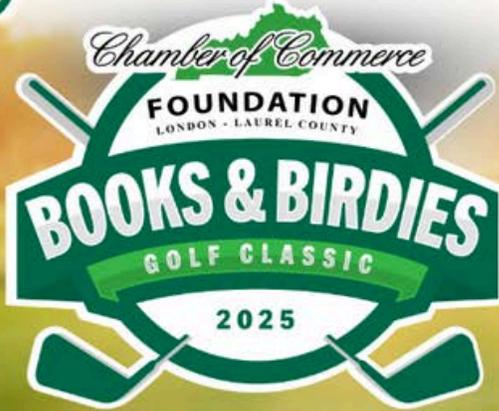
Additionally, Dyer has been a contributing writer to NBC's "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon." Also, he is a frequent guest on the nationally syndicated "Bob and Tom Show" and often appears on the roster for their comedy tour.

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We are so excited to host “Books & Birdies”--the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce Foundation Golf Classic on Friday, May 16th! All proceeds for this event will be used to put books in the hands of children ages zero to five in Laurel County as part of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.

Support childhood literacy, and [join us](#) for this incredible event!

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WOMEN IN BUSINESS EXPO



Empowering Women in Business: A Celebration of the Entrepreneurial Spirit

On Tuesday, March 25th, Women across the commonwealth from a variety of industries gathered at the London Community Center for the Women in Business Expo.

This event, hosted by the Women's Business Center of Kentucky, showed just how many great things are possible when the business community supports each other. The workshops, networking opportunities, and premium keynote speakers helped cultivate an inspiring environment for all attendees.

If you are a woman in business, and you were unable to attend this year, we highly suggest planning for next year. You won't be sorry!



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APRIL MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Each month, our chamber likes to give our members the opportunity to win a feature in the monthly newsletter! To enter for next month's giveaway, make sure you're at the luncheon on April 17th. It is a great opportunity to connect with your peers, network, and stay updated on the things your chamber is working tirelessly to achieve for you and the community.



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"For 47 years, London-Laurel County has been more than just my home; it's been my extended family. Like many, I used to think life insurance was just a distant, 'just in case' thing. Then, my dad, Ken Harvey, was diagnosed with dementia, and my world shifted. Suddenly, I saw the profound value of life insurance's living benefits – the critical support it offers during life's most challenging moments. That experience was a real wake-up call. I realized how crucial it is to lock in your health rating early, to have those options when life throws unexpected curveballs.

It made me think about my neighbors, my community: how would their families cope with a critical illness? Do they know about long-term care riders, the ways they can protect their future? I saw an opportunity to help local businesses build lasting security for their employees. And, honestly, who wouldn't want tax-free access to funds for those big dreams? That's when I knew I had to change careers. I wanted to share this knowledge, to help my Kentucky family understand how life insurance can be a strategic, life-changing part of their own stories." -Kelly Burton

REGIONAL CIVICS BEE



2025 National Civics Bee Regional Live Event

On Tuesday, April 8th, students from across the region gathered to show off their civic knowledge and compete for a chance to advance to the state level and obtain a cash prize--courtesy of the Kentucky Chamber. We are continually astounded by the young people in our region. Their dedication to bettering their community and their courage to address the issues they see, is something that everyone should take note of.

Students from Laurel, Leslie, Jackson, and Clay Counties represented their region well! There is no doubt that these kids will have a positive impact on our region in the near future, and we are so excited to see them prosper.

We would also like to extend a thank you to our Judges: Brandon Keck, Tina Cook, Erin Moses, and our Emcee, Jordyne Carmack!



Left to right:

- 3rd Place: Sophia Callahan
- 2nd Place: Alyssa Oster
- 1st Place: Will Begley



OUT AND ABOUT

April Ambassador Patrol

Each month our ambassadors look forward to showing some extra love to our amazing members! Here is a look at who they visited in April:



Animal House
Veterinary Clinic



Daylight to Dark LLC



ATS Construction



Boss Waste
Solutions



Amazon



Burritos and Bowls

OUT AND ABOUT

Kentucky Chambers of Commerce Maiden Race at Red Mile



On Monday, March 24th, Chamber staff was honored to have joined chambers of commerce from across Kentucky at Sandy Ridge Racing at Red Mile in Lexington. The Northeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the Kentucky Quarter Horse Racing Association honored the commonwealth's local chambers during the third maiden race.

Director Amy Cloud of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives was bestowed the honor of presenting the trophy for the race. We were absolutely delighted to be part of this memorable moment and stand with the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce, and Southern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

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MARCH LUNCHEON

Thank you to Our March Luncheon

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NEW MEMBERS

In March, we gained five new members! Three members were presented with their Chamber of Commerce Plaques and attended their first luncheon as official members. We cannot wait to see where this journey takes them!



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MARCH LUNCHEON



We were absolutely ecstatic about the turnout for our March Luncheon. If you were unable to make it last time, make sure to put our April Luncheon on your agenda, you won't want to miss it!



William Gray, Senior Benefits & Sales Consultant with JTS Financial shared how JTS's first-class employee benefits solutions make benefits administration more efficient and cost-effective.



Featured speaker Rodney Kuhl of Kentucky SBDC in Eastern Kentucky, highlighted the wide range of support available--from startup assistance and training to cybersecurity guidance and disaster recovery--to help local businesses launch, grow, and thrive

The chamber would like to extend an extra thanks to the businesses that donated prizes at our March Luncheon!

- Hotwire Productions.net
- Old Town Grill
- JTS Financial
- Kelly Burton, Transamerica
- Baptist Health
- The Job Shop
- Texas Roadhouse

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Welcome New Members!

This month, we would like everyone to help us celebrate and welcome two new members.

- **MedAdvantage Health Advisors**
- **Chase F. McWhorter Law, P.S.C.**

We are so excited to have you with us!



NCAA BRACKET WINNER

At our March Luncheon, we gave each attendee an NCAA Bracket to fill out, and it was March Madness indeed. It has been so fun to see how each person determined their winner. The chamber is happy to congratulate William Gray, you are this year's Bracket Master!



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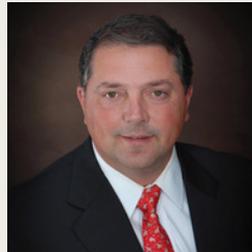
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