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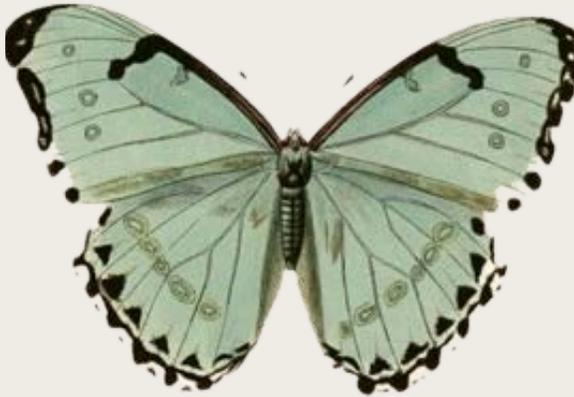
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Latest events, annual banquet recap, workshops, chamber resources, and more!



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Chamber Luncheon  
May 15, 2025

Chamber Foundation Golf Classic  
May 16, 2025

Baptist Health London Campus Open House  
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Problem Solving Power: Practical Solutions for Frontline Success  
May 22, 2025

Boone Trace Commemorative Hike  
May 23-27, 2025

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- Find and connect with fellow Chamber members via our Member Search database
- Find Member-to-Member Discounts
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## SBA KENTUCKY WOMAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Rhonda Cornett, Owner of Cornett Farm Fresh! Rhonda has been selected as the SBA Kentucky Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year! This well-deserved recognition highlights Rhonda's hard work, dedication, and entrepreneurial spirit in making Cornett Farm Fresh a cornerstone of our community.

We are incredibly proud of Rhonda and grateful for her positive impact on the business community in London and Laurel County. Let's all join in celebrating her success!



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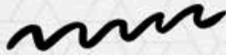
# AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

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## AMBASSADOR Spotlight



"I enjoy serving as a Chamber Ambassador because it allows me to connect with local businesses, support economic growth, and build meaningful relationships within the community. It's rewarding to help businesses thrive while making a positive impact where I live and work."



Meet Caleb Taylor, a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments in London. With a background in accounting and banking, Caleb helps clients make informed decisions and plan for a secure future. Passionate about building lasting relationships, he is dedicated to guiding people toward their financial goals. When he's not working, Caleb enjoys spending time with his wife, Lauren, and their three children.

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## AMBASSADOR *Spotlight*



"Success is not just what you accomplish in your life, it's about what you inspire others to do."



*Keyla Stubblefield*

*The Job Shop*

Meet Keyla Stubblefield, Sales and Marketing Representative at The Job Shop & Technical Staffing Solutions in London, KY. Leveraging her background in recruiting and human resources, Keyla connects clients with top-tier staffing solutions. Her passion for building relationships and creating meaningful connections drives her commitment to helping both businesses and individuals succeed.

Keyla has proudly served as a Chamber Ambassador for the past two years, fostering community engagement and giving back to the area she calls home. She believes in the power of collaboration and community—always striving to create opportunities for others.

# ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET RECAP

On Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce hosted our annual Chamber Banquet. We are so thankful to all of our sponsors, ambassadors, members, and everyone that was able to attend this year's banquet! We would not be where we are today without all of you and our outstanding community.

A special thank you to our presenting sponsor, CHI Saint Joseph Health, our entertainment sponsor, Appalachian Wireless, and our education sponsor, Laurel County Farm Bureau. This program would not have been possible without your continued support!



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# ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET RECAP



Thank you to the businesses and individuals that made our silent auction such a success! Your contributions are so very appreciated.

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# ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET RECAP

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



**Elementary School Teacher of the Year:**  
Bridgett McWhorter--Bush Elementary



**Middle School Teacher of the Year:**  
Tonya Allen--North Laurel Middle School



**High School Teacher of the Year:**  
Mary King--South Laurel High School

# ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET RECAP



## 2025 AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR:

Keyla Stubblefield

The Job Shop & Technical Staffing Solutions

Keyla's unwavering dedication, strong work ethic, and commitment to our community truly exemplifies the spirit of our Chamber. She goes above and beyond to support local businesses, foster connections, and strengthen relationships within our community.

Chamber President Donna Gregorich, of Century 21 Realty, shared her vision of inclusivity, creativity, and shared values that will be a driving force of progress for our local business community.

Additionally, she graciously accepted the passing of the gavel from former president Scott Webster of Tooms, Dunaway, and Webster, PLLC. He was unable to attend, but did receive a plaque to honor his service to the Chamber at a later date.



David Dyer provided an evening of laughs as our comedic entertainment!

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## MAY 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 May 15th. 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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# BUS-TO-BUSINESS 2025

On Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, graduating seniors from North Laurel and South Laurel High Schools participated in the Bus-to-Business program! This once-a-year event is made possible through collaboration with Gear-Up and the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce.

Students are given facility tours, an overview of day-to-day operations, benefits packages, and what education levels are required to obtain a career with them. This opportunity not only benefits the students, it gives businesses the chance to connect with the future of our workforce as they are preparing for post-high school graduation life. Here is a glimpse of the places the students had the privilege of visiting this year!



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# BUS-TO-BUSINESS 2025



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A big thank you to all the students and businesses who participated in Bus-to-business! We are excited to see these students explore the career paths available to them and look forward to helping them find one they're passionate about!



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**Don't miss out on this special offer to start your health journey with savings!**

# LAUREL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CAREER READINESS SEMINAR



On Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Seniors from North Laurel and South Laurel High School attended a career readiness seminar to help make their transition into adulthood a bit less intimidating. The seminar included classes on Banking/Budgeting, Interview Skills and Resume Building, Personal Branding, and Artificial Intelligence.

Additionally, we had several businesses in the area attend the event and chat with the students about their career and what opportunities lie within their company.



The Chamber would like to extend an extra thank you to everyone that contributed to the success of this event! Nothing we do would be possible without your collaboration.

# *A New Chapter At*



**Please join us in celebrating a new milestone for Hometown Bank! After 25 years of dedicated leadership, Tim Barnes is passing the role of President to Corey Chesnut, while continuing to serve as our CEO.**

**We are grateful for Tim's vision and leadership, and excited to welcome Corey as he helps lead Hometown Bank into the future with the same commitment to our community, our customers, and our hometown values.**

**Thank you for being part of our journey!**

# OUT AND ABOUT

On Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Chamber Staff attended a Chamber Professionals Bootcamp in Bowling Green Kentucky. This event was hosted by Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives and provided the opportunity for your London-Laurel County Chamber staff to connect with other Chamber professionals from across the Commonwealth. Additionally, it provided enlightening information, some refreshers, and brought forth new ideas on how we may be able to better serve our community.

We are so thankful for the opportunity to be able to attend these events and gain insight on potential programs that can help our area thrive!



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# APRIL LUNCHEON

**Thank you to Our April Luncheon Sponsor:**



## NEW MEMBERS

In April, we gained two new members! One member was presented with their Chamber of Commerce Plaque and attended their first luncheon as an official member. We cannot wait to see where this journey takes them!



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# APRIL LUNCHEON



Thank you to everyone that came out for our April Membership Luncheon! We always look forward to seeing your lovely faces each month.

Last month, everyone in attendance got to witness as Golden Corral catered their first Chamber event!

We were so pleased with their dedication, customer service, and the delicious meal they provided for us. Join us on May 15<sup>th</sup> for the next one!



Secretary Michael Adams joined us from Frankfort to speak about the role his office plays in elections and Kentucky businesses.

Additionally, he provided updates on his work with essential programs such as Safe at Home and Kentucky Businesses Against Trafficking!



Letch Day of AirEvac Lifeteam provided insight regarding what their company provides and the importance of Air Evacuation Teams in rural areas.



Chris Robinson with City of London Tourism wrapped up the event with an overview of the exciting events and initiatives coming to London in 2025, including updates on the Laurel County Fairgrounds and more.

# APRIL LUNCHEON



**1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
Bill Gray (JTS)**



**2nd Place:  
Mike Hacker (CVNB)**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tie:  
Garry Conley  
(Minuteman Press)  
&  
Jason Burton  
(Hometown Bank)**

The winners of our NCAA Bracket Contest were presented with gift cards to a chamber business of their choice during last month's luncheon! Congratulations to: 1st Place winner Bill Gray (JTS), 2nd Place winner Mike Hacker (CVNB), and tied for 3rd Place winners Garry Conley (Minuteman Press) & Jason Burton (Hometown Bank).



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

- Edward Jones – Jonathon Hibbard
- Hotwire Productions
- L & N Federal Credit Union
- Old Town Grill
- The Job Shop
- The Center at Kentucky Highlands

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

## Welcome New Members!

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

- **Kentucky Pool and Spa**
- **FireHeart Chimney, LLC**
- **Auto Sales of London**

We are so excited to have you with us!

At May's Chamber board meeting, CEO Deanna Herrmann had the honor of presenting Scott Webster, Immediate Past President of the Chamber, with a plaque in recognition of his outstanding service. We are incredibly grateful for Scott's leadership during his term as Chamber President and are thankful for his continued service on the board of directors.

Thank you, Scott!



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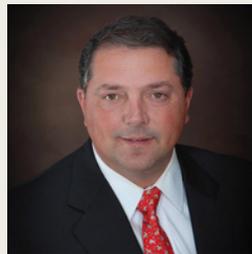
## Meet Our Officers



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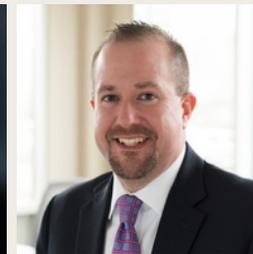
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