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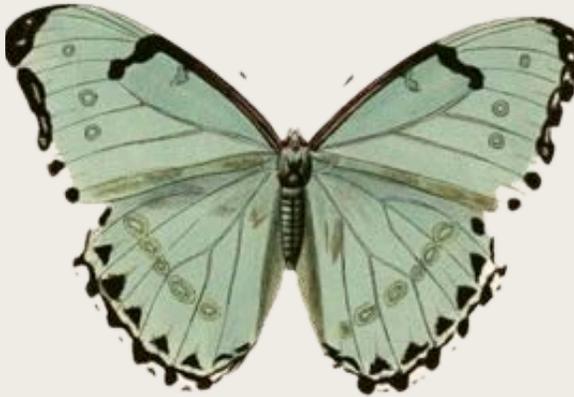
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Upcoming Events:

Juneteenth Celebration

June 14, 2025

5K Run/Walk for Democracy

June 14, 2025

Chamber Luncheon

June 19, 2025

Horizon Health Ribbon Cutting

June 20, 2025

5th Annual Women's Summit

June 26, 2025

Food Truck Fridays

June 20, 2025

London Strong Concert: Lee Newton

June 21, 2025

Brewing Compassion w/ the Red Cross

June 23, 2025

Building Blocks for Success: Creative Problem Solving

June 26, 2025

Red, White, and Boom

June 28, 2025

[Visit our website for additional info.](#)

Online Resources:

- Find and connect with fellow Chamber members via our Member Search database
- Find Member-to-Member Discounts
- Access valuable Business tools

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RECOVERING TOGETHER

In the aftermath of the violent tornado that struck our community on May 16th, we have seen an immeasurable outpouring of love and support from our town, counties across the commonwealth, and people from all walks of life across the United States.

Recovery is a long-haul effort that will continue long after the clean-up crews and contractors are done. To support long-term relief efforts, consider donating to [United Way of Laurel County](#) for their long-term relief fund. All funds that are received stay in Laurel County to administer long-term relief with no administrative fees!



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AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

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AMBASSADOR Spotlight



"My mission is to consistently surpass customer expectations. As a Chamber Ambassador, I recognize the vital role communities play in our collective success. Volunteering and contributing to various community initiatives has been instrumental in my success. By fostering strong community bonds, I aim to contribute to building brighter futures for all."



Wendi Disney

Forcht Bank

Meet Wendi Disney, Assistant Vice President and Financial Center Manager at Forcht Bank and owner of The Pink Zebra Children's Boutique. With over 16 years of banking experience, Wendi has helped consumers and businesses secure everything from new account products to homes, cars, and boats—always pairing customers with the perfect solution for their lifestyle.

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AMBASSADOR *Spotlight*



"As a Chamber Ambassador, our collective focus is geared toward fostering community growth, prosperity, and relationships. I'm proud to help bridge the gap between business and community."



Heather Gilreath

Walmart Supply Chain 6097

Meet Heather Gilreath, People Leader at Walmart Supply Chain 6097 in London, Kentucky. With over a decade of experience in Human Resources, Heather has supported associate programs, recruitment, workplace inclusion and diversity, retention initiatives, and training and talent development. She is dedicated to creating supportive and attractive work environments that foster employee engagement and community partnership. Heather began her HR career in the nonprofit sector, recruiting volunteers, and quickly discovered her passion for building environments where individuals willingly give their best.

Today, as a Chamber Ambassador, Heather actively collaborates with local business leaders and community advocates to foster relationships, promote community growth, and integrate local resources into meaningful workplace initiatives.

BOOKS & BIRDIES

Foundation Golf Scramble

EVENT PRESENTED BY:



On Friday, May 16th, the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce Foundation hosted their inaugural Books and Birdies Golf Scramble

This event helped raise funds to support Dolly Parton's imagination library's mission to put books into the hands of children ages 0-5 in Laurel County.



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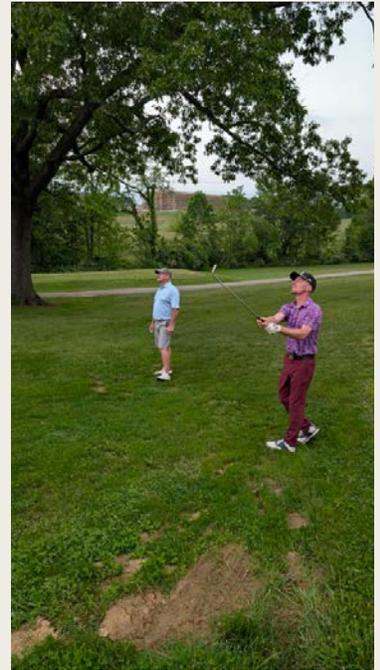
BOOKS & BIRDIES

Foundation Golf Scramble



We would like to extend a massive thank you to the sponsors and the participants for this event!

If you were unable to get involved this year, we would be glad to have you next time.



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As a member-owned cooperative, Jackson Energy embraces the core co-op principle that drives our organization: “Concern for Community.” At the heart of our cooperative lies a commitment not only to providing reliable electricity but also to actively engaging with and supporting the communities we serve.

Did you know Jackson Energy is a not-for-profit business? Co-ops show concern for community by keeping more money in the local economy. Rather than being returned to Wall Street investors, any “profit” Jackson Energy makes is reinvested in the cooperative, used to pay down debts, saved for emergencies or returned to members over time through capital credits.

True to the cooperative spirit of giving back, Jackson Energy donates time, energy and resources to charities, schools and community events. Jackson Energy members help us give back too! Through the Operation RoundUp program, members can round up their energy bills to the next dollar amount, and the extra change goes toward helping those in need, right here in our communities. Since 2004, Jackson Energy members have donated over \$540,000 to community programs and services through the Operation RoundUp program.

Several organizations in Laurel County have been awarded grants through the Operation RoundUp program – such as, Millstone Community Theatre Guild, Parkinson’s in Motion, Cornerstone Christian School, Come-Unity Cooperative Care, Laurel County Life Center, Laurel County 4-H Club, London-Laurel County Rescue Squad, Faith Christian Camp and many local fire departments – just to name a few.

Whether it’s sponsoring special events such as the Touchstone Energy Honor Flight or charities such as the Ronald McDonald House of the Bluegrass or providing grants for local community projects, Jackson Energy is dedicated to investing in the long-term success of our communities.

For more information on Operation RoundUp – visit Jackson Energy’s website at jacksonenergy.com/operation-roundup.



Pictured: Brandon Wagers accepts a \$750 Operation RoundUp grant on behalf of the London Fire Department.

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OUT AND ABOUT

June 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 June:



Independent Opportunities



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Martin's Peterbilt



The Kitchen by Brandon

OUT AND ABOUT



BAPTIST HEALTH CORBIN: NEW PATIENT WING GROUDNBREAKING CEREMONY

We were incredibly honored to attend Baptist Health Corbin's groundbreaking ceremony for their new patient care wing. This project will advance healthcare in our community in an extraordinary way, and we are so thrilled to be part of this journey! We are looking forward to seeing this new facility change lives and positively impact patients and families in our area.



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MAY LUNCHEON

Thank you to Our May Luncheon Sponsor:



Thank you to everyone that sponsored and attended our May Membership Luncheon! If you were unable to attend May's event, mark your calendar for June 19th, we would love to see you there!



Additionally, thank you El Dorado for catering our wonderful meal and adding a fun twist with your specialty drink station!



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MAY LUNCHEON



We heard from John Yanes, President of CHI Saint Joseph London, as he shared the profound impact Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia have on individuals and families. He also encouraged everyone to support the Southeast Kentucky Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 4, 2025, at Town Center Park in downtown London, KY.

Jennifer Ford with Bluegrass Senior Living shared valuable insights into the services they provide. They offer a safe and supportive environment for seniors living with Alzheimer's, dementia, or other memory challenges, giving them the dignity, independence, and comfort they deserve.



We were also thrilled to welcome State Representatives Tom O'Dell Smith, Shane Baker, and Derek Lewis, who gave us an update on important issues facing the Commonwealth and shared news from Frankfort. We truly appreciate these elected officials for taking the time to keep our community informed!

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

- Donna Gregorich
- Hotwire Productions
- Heartstrings Mental Health LLC
- Jackson Energy
- Maker's Pride
- Old Town Grill
- Saint Joseph London
- The Job Shop

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Welcome New Members!

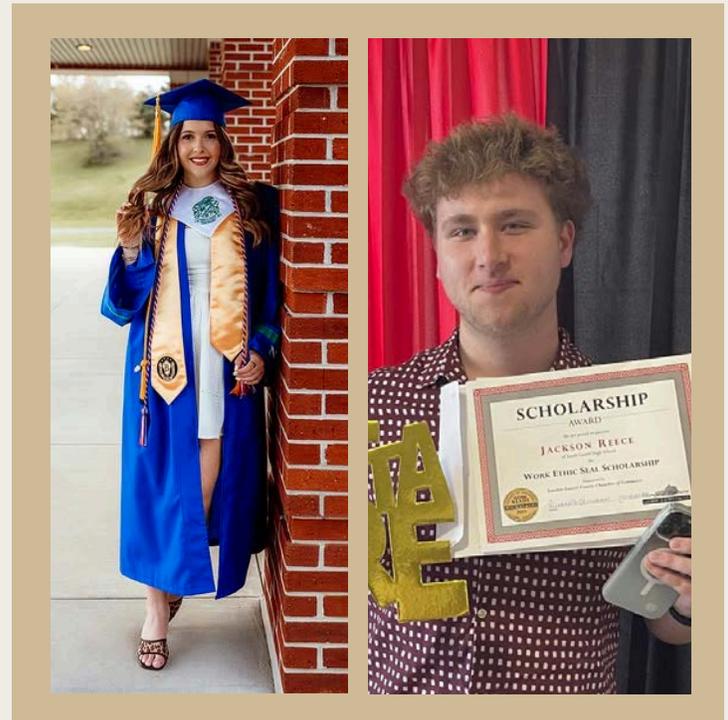
This month, we would like everyone to help us celebrate and welcome four new members!

- **Mills Legal Planning**
- **Serene Spaces by Rhe**
- **Regency Cinema of London**
- **Dave's Window Cleaning**

We are so excited to have you with us!

Congratulations to Kaelyn Harvey and Jackson Reece for receiving the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce's Work Ethic Seal Scholarship! This scholarship is presented by Community Trust Bank and we are so proud to have brilliant young minds such as Kaelyn and Jackson as part of our thriving community.

We are so proud and wish all of our 2025 Graduates mountains of success in their future!



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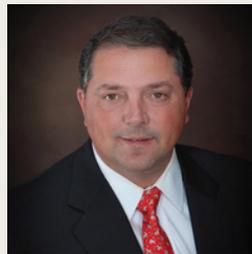
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