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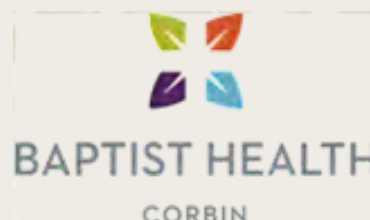
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Annual Golf Classic Info,
latest events, workshops,
chamber resources, and
more!



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Upcoming Events:

Chamber Luncheon

August 20, 2026

Women in Business: Nutrition for Success

August 21, 2026

Grateful Dental Ribbon Cutting

August 25, 2026

Laurel County Homecoming

August 28-29, 2026

Women in Business Coffee Hour

September 11 2026

Women in Business September Power Hour

September 15 2026

World Chicken Festival

September 24-27, 2026

[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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Annual Golf Classic Sponsorships Now Open!

The London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting sponsorships for our annual Chamber Golf Classic on Friday, October 2nd.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, visit our website at <https://londonlaurelchamber.com/events/golf-classic/>.

Sponsorships fill up quickly, so please reach out if you are interested. We would love to spend the day out on the green with you and your team!

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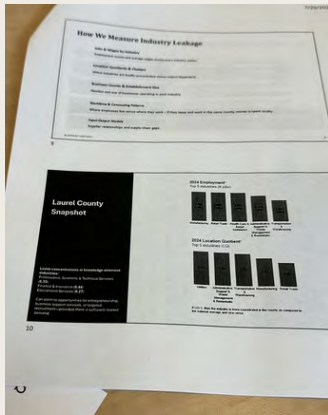
WOMEN IN BUSINESS



On Tuesday, July 21st, Women in Business of Laurel County had the privilege of hearing from Simona Balazs, research director for Blueprint Kentucky.

Simona provided beneficial facts and figures regarding the economic landscape of our area and showed how to use the resources available to the business community to understand things such as industry leakage.

This valuable session gave tools and resources to everyone in attendance to help them identify what new markets may lie within their reach.



WOMEN IN BUSINESS PRESENTS:

NUTRITION FOR SUCCESS

with Alisha Hail

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11 AM-12 PM



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JULY LUNCHEON

Thank you to Our July Luncheon Sponsor:



Thank you, Zaxby's for providing a wonderful meal for all in attendance! It was great!



Kim Collier, Executive Director of the Tourist Commission, got us excited for the upcoming World Chicken Festival, which is just a few weeks away now!

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Jessie Eldridge shared details on the Chicken Invasion event. Local businesses are encouraged to buy and decorate a wooden chicken to be displayed at the festival. Fans will vote on their favorites, and all proceeds benefit the London Rotary Club.



2 for \$200 Speaker Spotlight: William Hornaday with Robinson Stave/Cumberland Cooperage updated members on the fascinating work they do crafting staves and barrels for Buffalo Trace spirits. If you know energetic, driven individuals looking for a great career, reach out to their team.

Sandi Curd with Kentucky Highlands Innovation Center introduced India Turner (Rural LISC) and Angela Walton (Verizon) to share a wealth of resources available through Verizon's Small Business Digital Ready Program.

This incredible free program helps small businesses thrive in the digital economy by offering online courses on AI, branding, cybersecurity, and digital marketing.

"Ask the Expert" events and virtual workshops.

Community networking and exclusive grant opportunities!



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

- AdventHealth Manchester
- Hotwire Productions
- Jackson Energy
- The Job Shop
- Minuteman Press
- Old Town Grill

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August 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 August:



Edward Jones -
Robyn Armstrong



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Martin's
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Phil McDonald
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Hometown Bank

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OUT AND ABOUT



Chamber Executive Director Deanna Herrmann was honored to visit AISIN Automotive Casting as they presented her with a check for the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce Foundation's collaboration with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

AISIN continues to be a steadfast, dedicated champion of childhood literacy in London - Laurel County. Thanks to their consistent support, local children, ages 0 - 5, can register to receive a brand-new, high-quality, age-appropriate book delivered straight to their homes every single month. completely free of charge to their families.

Investing in early literacy creates a strong foundation for lifelong learning, and we could not keep this vital program growing without corporate partners like AISIN who care so deeply about our community's youngest readers and future leaders



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Chamber CEO Deanna Herrmann was honored to attend a special check presentation ceremony at the London-Corbin Airport, celebrating a \$6,000,000 investment for airport terminal renovations and tornado recovery efforts.

It was a fantastic gathering of local and regional leaders dedicated to moving our community forward. These kinds of strong regional partnerships lead to big results! Thank you to Congressman Rogers, Senator Brandon Storm, and all of our leaders for their continued advocacy and investment in the future of the London-Corbin Airport.



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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Welcome New Members!

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

- **Backyard and Beyond**
- **King's Ransom Collectibles**
- **Revenue Boosters**
- **Sun Valley Painting**
- **Total Tech**

We are so excited to have you with us!

Chamber CEO Deanna Herrmann recently had the honor of presenting Dr. Jeremy Kidd with his official recognition as the 2026 Kentucky Association of School Administrators Administrator of the Year!

Dr. Kidd, thank you for your outstanding leadership and for the difference you make in the lives of so many students, staff, and families in Laurel County. On behalf of the entire London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce, congratulations on this incredibly well-deserved honor!



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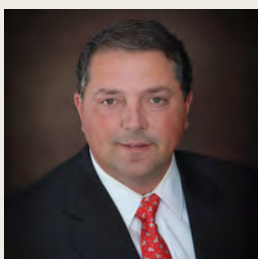
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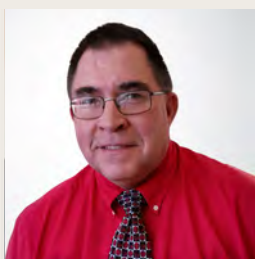
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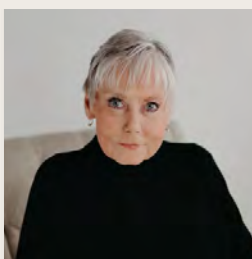
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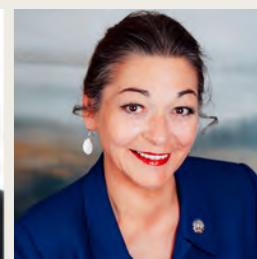
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