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2026

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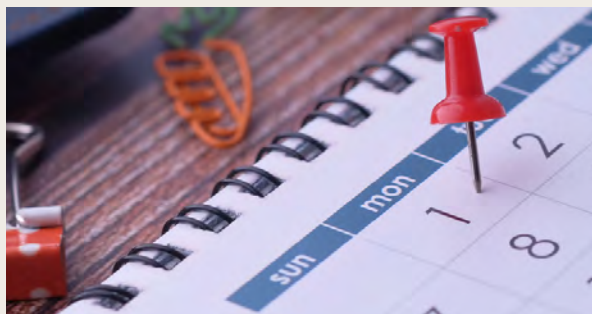


Inside This Month's Issue

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



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Upcoming Events:

Chamber Luncheon

September 17, 2026

Patton Insurance Group Ribbon Cutting

September 18, 2026

Chamber 101

September 22, 2026

World Chicken Festival

September 24-27, 2026

Air Evac Lifeteam Ribbon Cutting

September 28, 2026

Chamber Golf Classic

October 2, 2026

The Job Shop 40th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting

October 6, 2026

Women in Business Coffee Hour

October 13, 2026

Kentucky Family Practice Ribbon Cutting

October 19, 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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2026 OFFICIAL WCF MERCHANDISE



The Chamber is proud to be the official merchandise vendor for the 2026 World Chicken Festival.

These shirts, hats, and stickers will be available at our booth during the festival!

We hope to see you there!

Youth T-Shirts | \$15
Adult T-Shirts | \$20
Adult Baseball Shirt | \$25
Baseball Caps | \$20
Stickers | \$2



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The London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce Foundation is proud to partner with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to provide free books each month for children ages 0-5 in Laurel County. We cover the cost of shipping for Laurel County's 1,600+ children enrolled in the program so that they are equipped with tools for success early in life.

By donating directly to the foundation on a local level, you are ensuring the continuation of this valuable developmental program in Laurel County. All contributions made to the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce Foundation keep your dollars local and go directly toward making sure children in our area receive free books each month.

To donate via PayPal, please click the link below:
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London, KY 40744

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



"Benge Farm Supply Inc. was established in 1938 by Sherman and Leonia Benge. It is still in the same location. In 1988, a new building was built and new products and services were added to better serve our customers--both locally and across state lines.

Owners Charlie and Harold Benge's priority has always been to serve customers in a family-like atmosphere instead of a big 'box store' feel.

We have always supported our local community and FFA organizations--not only locally, but in several other counties as well! We, along with our employees consider it a privilege to be a small part of the growth of such a vibrant community."



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2026 CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC

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Your \$800 Hole Sponsorship includes:

- Full 4-Person Team Registration (Carts included)
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- Custom Hole Signage Featuring Your Business Logo
- Direct Networking Opportunities With Participants

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If you don't, Kentucky will. A plan keeps the decision yours: who gets the house, who keeps the land, and who pays for the nursing home.

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“Dad’s going into a nursing home next month. What happens to the farm?”

Nursing home and Medicaid planning. There are legal ways to qualify for Medicaid and keep more than most people expect. The earlier you call, the more options there are, but there’s usually something to work with even in a crisis.

“We want the kids to get everything. But one of them can’t hang onto a dollar, and we’re not sure about the other one’s marriage.”

Trusts. Leave it outright in a will and it’s theirs the day the estate closes, and so is whatever happens to it. A trust can hold each kid’s share, pay it out over time or for specific things, keep it out of a divorce, and keep it away from most creditors. They still get everything. They don’t get it all at once.

- Wills and trusts
- Guardianship

- Medicaid planning
- Deeds

- Probate
- Trust and estate disputes

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SCAN TO BOOK



Who owns the business next? Who controls it if you cannot?

Business succession planning determines who can manage the company during incapacity, how ownership transfers at retirement or death, and how the result coordinates with your estate plan. Mills Legal Planning helps owners make and document those decisions.

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WOMEN IN BUSINESS



On Friday, August 21st, Women in Business of Laurel County was honored to hear from Alisha Hail, a registered dietician with Common Spirit, Saint Joseph Health. She walked us through how to eat healthy and understand what fuels us--even with the busy lifestyles most of us lead.



Alisha also shared practical tips and tricks, like meal planning, to help each of us find what works best for our own lives. She reminded us that every person's journey with food is uniquely their own, and there's always more to learn about becoming a healthier version of yourself.

If you are a woman in business, consider joining the Facebook group!

Stay updated on the latest events and meetings, make lasting connections, and build community.

Women in Business
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Women in Business LLCC

The London-Laurel Chamber of Commerce spearheads our group of women who own a business or work in London-Laurel County. Our mission is to encourage,...

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AUGUST LUNCHEON

Thank you to Our August Luncheon Sponsor:



NEW MEMBERS

At our August Luncheon, three members were presented with their Chamber of Commerce plaque and had the opportunity to share a bit about their business with everyone in attendance. We cannot wait to see where this journey takes them!



**Southeast Kentucky
Behavioral Health**

Sabrina Henson



Traveling Tractor Works

Jeff Oliver



**Pro4mance Roofing &
Home Improvement**

John Allen, Trevor Coffey



Thank you to Old Town Grill for
providing a wonderful meal for all
those in attendance!



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AUGUST LUNCHEON



Angelia Foster, President of Baptist Health Corbin, shared an exciting progress update on their \$100 Million, 85,000 sq. ft. Patient Care Wing Expansion!

This state-of-the-art facility will feature 48 private patient rooms and expand Emergency Department capacity to 60,000 patients per year, improving access to modern healthcare right here at home.

Angelia also invited local businesses to support their upcoming Festival of Trees (Friday, Nov 20th) and the A Season To Shine Gala (Saturday, Nov 21st)!

Kentucky State Treasurer Mark H. Metcalf shared valuable insights into his role managing the Commonwealth's finances and highlighted state legislative milestones in reducing debt while achieving budget surpluses.

He also encouraged everyone to check the Kentucky Unclaimed Property database at treasury.ky.gov to see if you, your family, or your business are owed forgotten payroll checks, vendor payments, old accounts, or insurance policies!



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

- Baptist Health Corbin
- Come-Unity Cooperative Care
- FNBM
- Hotwire Productions
- Jackson Energy
- The Job Shop
- Maker's Pride
- Minuteman Press
- Old Town Grill
- Southeast Kentucky Behavioral Health

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OUT AND ABOUT

September 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 September:



Wildcat Harley-
Davidson



Blue Grass Pest
Management



BSL Locksmith
& Security



Meade Tractor



Lipari Energy



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OUT AND ABOUT



The Chamber team had a fantastic time at the Pride of the Counties exhibit during this year's Kentucky State Fair! We are passionate about sharing our love for London and Laurel County! It's great catching up with old friends, connecting with new faces, and inviting folks from across the Commonwealth (and beyond) to come experience everything our beautiful community has to offer! A very special THANK YOU to Flowers Bakery for keeping everyone smiling with all the delicious Honey Buns!



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Congratulations to CommonSpirit – Saint Joseph Hospital – London on their incredible Centennial Gala event on Saturday, August 22nd.

Reaching 100 years of service is a remarkable milestone for our community, and this special evening was a wonderful tribute to a century of dedicated healthcare in our region. Beyond celebrating their rich history, the event raised critical funds to support and expand local oncology care services, ensuring life-saving care remains accessible right here at home.

We were so proud to attend and support such an inspiring celebration. Thank you to the hospital's leadership and staff for a century of healing and for your steadfast commitment to the health and vitality of our region!



On Thursday, August 27th, Chamber CEO, Deanna Herrmann, had the privilege of attending the building dedication of The Michael Finley Building.

This dedication was hosted by David Finley to honor the life of his father, Michael Finley, on the 20th anniversary of his passing. This event honored a pillar of the community and showed how his legacy continues to impact this community to this day.

The Chamber is grateful for the opportunity to participate in such a momentous occasion.



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On Friday, August 28th, Chamber CEO Deanna Herrmann and members of our Board of Directors were honored to participate in and attend the official Groundbreaking Ceremony of Somerset Community College's new Career and Technical Education Building at the Laurel Campus!

This state-of-the-art facility represents a major investment in workforce education, student success, and expanded hands-on learning opportunities across Southeastern Kentucky.

A special thank you to Campus Director and Chamber Board Member Travis McQueen for including the Chamber in this exciting milestone. We are thrilled about what this investment means for London and Laurel County!



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• Full Pad Ad is \$175	• Shared to Social Media

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Welcome New Members!

This month, we would like everyone to help us celebrate and welcome one new member!

- **Southeastern Kentucky Faith-Based Scholarship Fund Co.**

We are so excited to have you with us!

Films, Food, & Fun at Town Center Park to return this month!

Community members will soon have the opportunity to watch free, family-friendly films under the stars. Food trucks will be on site at 7 p.m. at each showing, and the respective films will take the screen at dusk (around 8 p.m.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair.



The Jackson Energy logo features a green circle with a white stylized 'J' and the text 'JACKSON ENERGY' in bold. Below it, it says 'A Touchstone Energy Cooperative' with a small logo of a person with arms raised. The contact information includes the phone number '1-800-262-7480', the website 'www.jacksonenergy.com', and the tagline 'Working for you' in green script. On the left side of the advertisement, there is a photograph of a yellow and white utility vehicle.

The McKnight Properties logo features a blue shield with a white 'M' and the text 'McKNIGHT PROPERTIES' in bold. Below the logo, it lists services: 'Development • Leasing • Management Apartments • Retail • Offices • Self-Storage'. The contact information includes the address '1612 Hampton Road London, KY 40741', the website 'www.mcknightproperties.com', the phone number 'Phone (606) 864-8359', the fax number 'Fax (606) 657-5250', and the email 'info@mcknightproperties.com'. On the right side of the advertisement, there is a photograph of a blue and white utility vehicle.

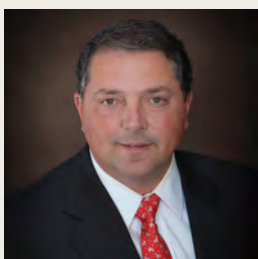
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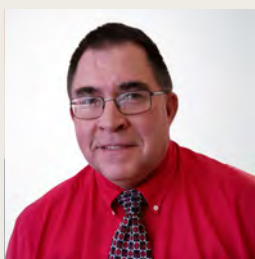
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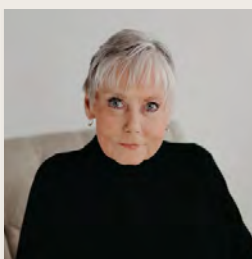
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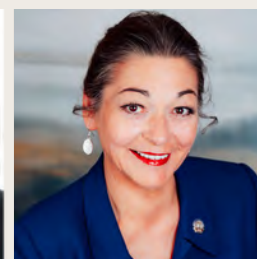
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