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Annual Golf Classic Recap,
latest events, workshops,
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more!



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Upcoming Events:

Chamber Luncheon

October 15, 2026

Crumbl Ribbon Cutting

October 16, 2026

Honey Bun Day

October 17, 2026

Kentucky Family Practice Ribbon Cutting

October 19, 2026

Chamber 101

October 20, 2026

Strong Women, Strong Coffee with WBC of Kentucky

October 22, 2026

Boo on Main

October 24, 2026

Coffee with the Senator Rand Paul

October 29, 2026

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CHAMBER 101 COURSE

On Wednesday, September 23rd, we were so excited to host our first "Chamber 101" class. This free program was designed to help our members maximize their benefits!

We walked through a comprehensive overview of Chamber benefits, our community initiatives, annual events, sponsorship opportunities, and the many ways local businesses can get plugged in to the business community.

If you want to make sure you are getting the maximum return on your membership, we would love to have you at our next session on October 20th!

Call the Chamber office at (606) 864-4789 to secure your spot for the next free class.

Online Resources:

- Find and connect with fellow Chamber members via our Member Search database
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2026 CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC



Thank you to everyone who helped make our 2026 Chamber Golf Classic such a tremendous success! We had a record-breaking turnout with 33 teams and over 130 golfers on the course!

A huge thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, CommonSpirit – Saint Joseph Hospital – London! We also want to recognize Legacy Golf Cars for sponsoring our Snack & Drink Cart, Heartstrings Mental Health & Wellness, PLLC for serving as our Mulligan Sponsor, Jersey Mike's Subs for being our Lunch Sponsor, and Nesco Resource for fueling our morning with breakfast and coffee.



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2026 CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC

Congratulations to our Winners:



1st Place - Kinetic



2nd Place - Aces High Coal Sales

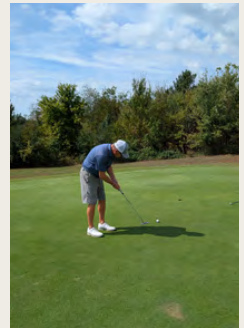


3rd Place - Forcht Bank

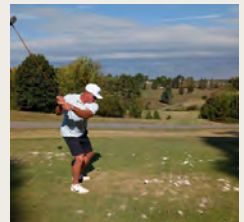
Rank	Team	Score	Place
1	Kinetic	110	1st
2	Aces High Coal Sales	111	2nd
3	Forcht Bank	112	3rd
4	CommonSpirit	113	4th
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25	CommonSpirit	134	25th



A special shoutout to Jessie Eldridge, winner of our Golf Ball Drop, who took home \$800 in downtown restaurant gift cards courtesy of London Downtown! Many thanks to Jackson Energy for providing their bucket truck to make the drop possible.



This premier event would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and players... or without the hard work and dedication of our rockstar Chamber staff and Ambassadors who ensured every golfer had an amazing experience.



Thank you all, and we can't wait to see you on the course next year!

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WOMEN IN BUSINESS



On Tuesday, September 18th, Women in Business was thrilled to host Jean Hale as the featured speaker for September's power hour.

Jean shared amazing advice backed by her incredible decades long career. Some of her biggest takeaways were that developing leadership skills takes work, being successful requires people to work alongside each other, and listening is just as important as speaking. She also encouraged everyone to show that they are passionate about their work if they love what they do!

We are thankful for leaders such as Jean for being so willing to share the wealth of knowledge they hold.



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.

The image shows a laptop on a desk with a small potted plant and a mug. Overlaid on the image is a Facebook post for 'Women in Business LLCC'. The post includes the group's name, a description of its mission, and a link to the Facebook app.

Women in Business
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SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Thank you to Our September Luncheon Sponsor:



A huge thank you to JBN Sales LLC for sponsoring our September membership luncheon at the London Community Center. Beth Bryant, Business Development Manager at JBN Sales, shared an overview of their excavation, site prep, land clearing, utility, pipeline, and fencing services, even hosting a fun game where one lucky guest from each table won a box of delicious cookies.

Our featured speaker, Eastern Kentucky University President Dr. David T. McFaddin, delivered an insightful update on campus growth, local partnerships, and ECU's mission to build Kentucky's workforce through affordable, career-ready education. He also highlighted their upcoming College of Osteopathic Medicine and Kentucky's only FAA-approved university flight program.



The Chamber would also like to extend an extra "Thank you" to Texas Roadhouse for providing an amazing meal for everyone in attendance!

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SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON



Garry Conley from Minuteman Press of London KY spoke on the value of client appreciation, bringing chocolate treats and gift towers for guests to sample... including a free chocolate tower giveaway! Garry has everything you need to make sure your top clients feel appreciated this upcoming holiday season.

We were honored to welcome several local leaders and dignitaries today, including Dr. McFaddin, Dr. Terry Gray, Senator Brandon J. Storm, KY State Representative Derek Lewis, and Laurel County Public Schools Superintendent Denise Griebel.



Chamber Ambassadors and Board Members wore pink at the luncheon to celebrate and honor Dolly Parton and our foundation's partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. You can make a donation to the program at <https://paypal.me/lchamberfoundation/>.

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

- Eastern Kentucky University
- Heartstrings Mental Health & Wellness
- Hotwire Productions
- Jackson Energy
- Julie Ross Rea Media
- London Rotary Club
- Old Town Grill

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



JBN Sales LLC was established in 2013 by Keith Nicholson. After years in the construction/contracting industry Keith decided to use his expertise and knowledge to open JBN Sales LLC. Since opening the doors, we have completed hundreds of jobs both personal and commercial.

At JBN Sales we offer services including land clearing, site work, utility work, water line replacement and fencing installation, plus we have added a ground penetrating radar to our already impressive fleet of equipment. With technology now to locate what is underneath the surface before breaking ground it's a great way to avoid extra expense by staying away from buried utilities, pipes, rebar and underground storage tanks.

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OUT AND ABOUT



On Tuesday, September 15th, the Chamber was thrilled to join General Manager Xavier Mathis and Catering Director Abby Douglas to celebrate their one-year anniversary in Laurel County... complete with delicious milkshakes and chicken nibblers!

Thank you to the team at Zaxbys Central KY Chicken for your investment in London and for being such a great partner in our local business community. Here's to many more years of success!

The Chamber is always excited to be the official vendor for the World Chicken Festival's merchandise.

The weather was perfect, the food was tasty, and the Colonel even surprised us with a visit!

We love getting to be part of this fun and unique Laurel County tradition each year!



OUT AND ABOUT



The Chamber was honored to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, September 28th, celebrating the opening of the Robert Stivers Conference Center in Corbin!

During the event, Kate Shanks from the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce presented Senate President Robert Stivers with an engraved Louisville Slugger for "going to bat" for Kentucky businesses. A special congratulations goes out to Corbin Economic Development Director Bruce Carpenter for leading the charge on this incredible project, which will serve as a premier event space for regional growth and collaboration.

It was wonderful seeing so many regional partners in attendance, including representatives from Appalachian Wireless, AISIN Automotive Casting Kentucky, and community leaders from across southeastern Kentucky. Facilities like this strengthen our entire region and open up new opportunities for business and community engagement!



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- **192 Storage**
- **Avizion Glass**
- **Crumb!**
- **SP2 Contracting**

We are so excited to have you with us!

London Tourism & Parks and Flowers Foods will celebrate the 7th Annual Honey Bun Day, which will include an attempt to set the record for the most people eating a honey bun at the same time. Participants in the record attempt will have a chance to win a \$1,000 prize, with winners selected at random. Each participant will receive a numbered card, and participants must be present at 7 p.m. to be eligible.

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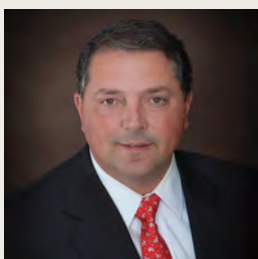
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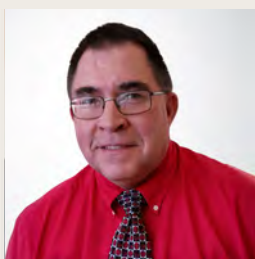
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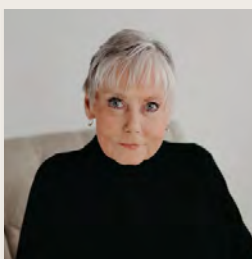
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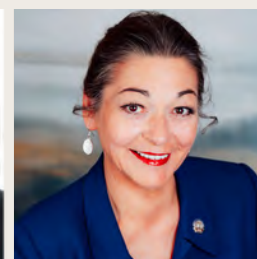
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