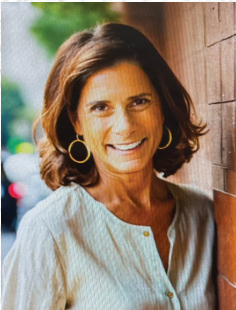


Chamber News

November & December 2025



Celebrate 2025 & Prepare for 2026

What a year 2025 has been for our Chamber! We grew to over 440 members spanning from Clark County across the Bluegrass region and beyond, all connected by their commitment to our community's success. Our Leadership Winchester program launched its largest class ever with 31 participants, developing the next generation of community leaders. Month after

month, we brought members together through well-attended breakfasts, networking events, and ribbon cuttings that celebrated milestones and fostered genuine business relationships.

Our **2025 Annual Report** will be released in the coming weeks, offering a comprehensive look at the Chamber's achievements, member growth, program impact, and the incredible ways our community came together throughout the year. Watch your inbox!

As we step into 2026, I want to personally encourage every member to join us for our **Economic Outlook 2026** event on January 15th from 1:30-3:00 PM at 1919 Rolling Hills Lane. This is your opportunity to gain crucial insights into local and regional economic trends, connect with fellow business and community leaders, and prepare your organization for the year ahead. Whether you're planning for growth, navigating changes in your industry, or simply want to understand what's on the horizon for Winchester-Clark County, this event will equip you with the information you need to make smart decisions. The event is open to members and guests—bring a colleague and RSVP to (859) 744-6420 or teresa@visitwinchesterky.com.

Thank you for being part of our Chamber family. Here's to a 2026 filled with growth, connection, and continued success for Winchester-Clark County!

- Cindy Banks, Executive Director

The Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce serves as an advocate for our members to promote and enhance our community through business, social, cultural and educational programs.



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LunaLuxe is a nurse practitioner-owned practice offering personalized aesthetic, wellness, and Direct Primary Care services in Winchester, Kentucky. Founded on the belief that true beauty and health begin from within, LunaLuxe blends medical expertise with a thoughtful, relationship-centered approach to care.

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Huffman and Huffman Eye Care Center LLC

Huffman & Huffman Eye Care Center, LLC brings together a team of experienced ophthalmologists and optometrists to deliver seamless care—from routine eye exams and diabetic screenings to advanced cataract surgery and corneal care. Our two locations were established when we acquired and revitalized existing ophthalmology practices, creating a co-managed model designed to offer patients the highest standard of care close to home.

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Grahams Boots, Work, and Western Wear

Family owned store with lots of boots, work, western wear and more!

Drew & Lorra Graham - Owners, grahamsbopotstore@att.net

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OPEN YOUR DOORS, BUILD YOUR NETWORK

Host a Chamber Event in 2026

There's no better way to connect with fellow members and put your business in the spotlight than hosting a Chamber Breakfast or After Hours event. We still have 2026 dates available, and now is the perfect time to secure your preferred date!



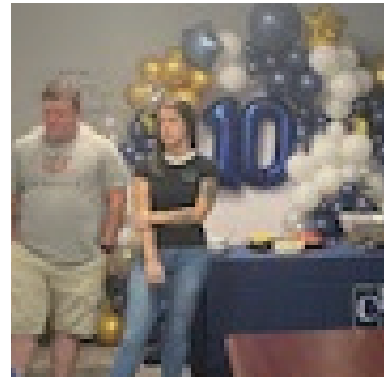
Ale-8-One celebrated launching Ale8 PawPaw at their first ever breakfast!



Partners In Education uses their breakfast as part of the Annual Volunteer Recognition



We met Cindy Frantz over coffee, as part of the welcoming the Scott Family McDonalds.



Community First Insurance Celebrated 10 Years at their Chamber Breakfast.

Why Host?

Connect with Real People, Build Real Relationships Whether twelve or fifty members walk through your door, those face-to-face conversations and genuine handshakes create the kind of lasting business relationships that no email or social media post can replicate.

Celebrate YOUR Way, With OUR Community Grand openings, anniversaries, volunteer recognition, retirements, or simply getting to know your neighbors—Breakfast and After Hours events bring people together to celebrate what matters to you.

Share Your Story in Your Space There's something special about inviting people into your world. Show them the passion behind your business, introduce your team, and let members experience firsthand what makes your organization unique.

SELECT YOUR DATE FOR A BREAKFAST OR AFTER HOURS NOW

Sign up to get your choice of dates! Contact Cindy at (859) 744-6420 or CindyBanks@WinchesterKYChamber.com to reserve your spot on the 2026 calendar. Let's make your business the next great gathering spot for our Winchester-Clark County community!

SCHEDULE TODAY
859-755-6420

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 14, Wednesday Breakfast & Grand Re-Opening

with Members Heritage Credit Union
at 339 Shopper Drive 8:30am - 9:30am

January 15, Thursday Leadership Winchester

Economic Development
Hosted by Brad Sowden

January 15, Thursday Economic Outlook 2026

with the Chamber of Commerce
at 1919 Rolling Hills Lane, 1:30pm - 3:00pm

January 16, Friday Ribbon Cutting

for Hannah McClure Cardinal Community Center
at 30 Beckner Street, 1:00pm

January 27, Tuesday Breakfast for Bluegrass Gives

with Blue Grass Community Foundation
at Leeds Theater 37 N Main, 8:00am - 9:30am

January 27, Tuesday Ribbon Cutting

for Luna Luxe
at 174 Pedro Way, Noon

Economic Outlook 2026

What's Ahead for Our Community

Join the **Winchester–Clark County Chamber of Commerce**
for an informative conversation on economic trends,
opportunities, and what the year ahead may bring for our community.

 **January 15, 2026**

 **1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

 **1919 Rolling Hills Lane**

Why Attend?

- ♦ Gain insight into local and regional economic trends
- ♦ Connect with fellow business and community leaders
- ♦ Prepare your organization for the year ahead

Open to Members & Guests

 859-744-6420 | **RSVP** | teresa@visitwinchesterky.com

Hosted by



Reserve your 2026 Breakfast or After Hours events now! Spots will fill up fast. These low-cost advertising opportunities allow you to showcase your business. Network with fellow professionals, and strengthen your presence within the community and chamber. Please remember that hosts are responsible for the cost of food, drinks and event advertising. If cost is a concern, consider partnering with another chamber member as co-hosts and split the expense.

Secure your dates now for your standout 2026 event.



LEAD THE WAY IN 2026

Corporate Sponsorships Available Now

Want to make a bigger impact in our business community? Now's the time to explore Corporate Sponsorship for 2026! We're building our corporate partner roster this December for January-to-January memberships that offer exceptional visibility and networking benefits. Corporate Sponsors don't just support the Chamber—they lead by example, showing commitment to Winchester-Clark County's economic growth. Ready to step into a leadership role? Let's talk about your 2026 partnership!

Exclusive Benefits

As a Corporate Sponsor, you receive premium benefits designed to maximize your visibility and connections throughout the year:

Annual Banquet

Reserved table for 8
Special Recognition
Prominent Sponsor
Listing in Program



Enhanced Digital Presence

Upgraded Website Listing
Rotating Banner Ad
Hot Deals, Job Posting, and Events Promotion
Social Media Banner
Monthly Recognition in Newsletter

Public Policy Luncheon

Two tickets to stay informed on issues impacting our business community.

Golf Scramble

Complimentary
Team of 4
Hole Sponsorship



Total Value of
Benefits: \$2170.00

Your Investment, Our Community's Future

When you become a Corporate Sponsor, you're doing more than promoting your business—you're investing in Winchester-Clark County's economic vitality. Your sponsorship supports the Chamber's mission to represent local business interests, enhance economic growth, promote development, and provide leadership that keeps our business community thriving.

Corporate Sponsorships provide essential non-dues income that allows us to:

- Expand networking and educational programs for 440+ members
- Develop future leaders through Leadership Winchester (31 participants in 2025!)
- Support new business growth with ribbon cuttings and welcoming events
- Advocate for policies that benefit our local economy
- Create connections that span the Bluegrass region and beyond

One Investment, Year-Round Impact

For a single investment of \$1,600 (in addition to your annual membership dues), you receive all the benefits listed—making this one of the most cost-effective ways to gain year-long visibility while directly supporting programs that strengthen our entire business community.

Your 2026 Corporate Sponsorship isn't just marketing dollars—it's a strategic investment in the economic future of Winchester-Clark County and the success of the businesses that call it home.

Ready to lead? Contact Cindy today to secure your 2026 Corporate Sponsorship.

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HAPPENINGS

NOV 5 Jill Hamlin receives THRAC Champion Award



We're thrilled to celebrate our very own Jill Hamlin, Executive Director of Winchester-Clark County Tourism, who received the THRAC (Tourism, Hospitality, and Recreation Advisory Council) Championship Award from the Bluegrass Area Development District.

This well-deserved honor recognizes Jill's outstanding work in boosting local tourism, supporting businesses, and enhancing visitor experiences throughout our region. Her leadership creates opportunities for our local businesses to thrive and helps tell the story of what makes Winchester-Clark County such a special place.

Congratulations, Jill! We're so proud to have you championing our community!

NOV 6 Brad Sowden receives Community Professional Award

We're thrilled to celebrate Brad Sowden, Executive Director of the Winchester-Clark County Industrial Development Authority, who was named Community Professional of the Year by the Kentucky Association for Economic Development (KAED)!

This prestigious honor recognizes Brad's excellent leadership and unwavering commitment to community economic development. Since 2022, Brad has been the driving force behind successful industrial recruitment and expansion projects that have brought hundreds of jobs and millions in capital investment to Winchester-Clark County.

Congratulations, Brad! We're so proud to have you leading our economic growth!



NOV
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East Kentucky Power Breakfast

Thank you to East Kentucky Power for hosting breakfast. Their breakfast continues to be one of the top Chamber events every year.



NOV
10

Clark County Community Services Breakfast

The crew at Clark County Community Services set up a beautiful breakfast for us at CC's Closet. What a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season with fellowship, service, and of course shopping!



NOV
11

Ribbon Cutting World War II and Korean War Veterans' Memorial

Text and Photos from ClarkCountyWarMemorial.org



Veterans Council members David Ward, Dianna Layne, Greg Yates, Don Rose, Chuck Witt, and Dee Birkes watching as Council President Roy Hudson did the honors of cutting the red ribbon to officially open the memorial.



On a cold but sunny Veterans Day morning—just one day after Winchester's first snowfall of the season—the culmination of over 20 years of work was celebrated, as the ribbon was cut on the Clark County World War II/ Korean War Memorial. An estimated crowd of 250 or more braved the icy air to witness the historic event.

The monument and park, located on East Broadway, just off Main Street, is a refuge of green space in the middle of Winchester's central business district. Designed by Winchester retired architect and US Marine Corps Veteran, Chuck Witt, the site is now finished and ready to receive visitors.

The site memorializes the 77 Clark County troops who perished in World War II and the 19 lost in the Korean conflict. Each fallen service member has a bronze plaque and a number that references the location of their death on one of two granite maps engraved and mounted on pedestals at both ends of the monument.

In addition, the walkway connecting the monument to the street is paved with memorial bricks purchased by people who wish to honor a veteran, another family member, or a friend.

Learn more at ClarkCountyWarMemorial.org

NOV
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After Hours with WWKY

We had a great After Hours event at our local radio station - WWKY! Thank you to our gracious hosts former Mayor and radio conasuer Ed Burtner, President of WWKY Hays McMakin, Account Rep Herb Triplett and Newscaster Jeff Ray.



NOV
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Breakfast with the Clark County Homeless Coalition

We started our day with wonderful folks at the Clark County Homeless Coalition. Thank you for sharing your warmth and hope.



NOV
20

Leadership Winchester Non-Profits Day Hosted by Chelsea Reese & Halee Cunningham



Thank you to Chelsea Reese, Marketing Director for Rosemary C Brooks Place, and Halee Cunningham, General Counsel and Director of Planned Giving at Blue Grass Community Foundation, for taking the Leadership Class to some of the most impactful organizations in Clark County!

Participant Anthony Kersey isn't sure about Ale-8 - yet!!!

NOV
20

Chamber Sip & Shop



Thank you to all our Sippers & Shoppers who showed up to support local! Events like this are so important for our smallest retailers—your purchases and presence help these entrepreneurs grow and succeed right here in Winchester-Clark County. Extra thanks to The Fly Witches for hosting and making it all possible!z

DEC
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Bluegrass Heritage Museum Breakfast

We kindled that Christmas nostalgia at the Bluegrass Heritage Museum Breakfast! Below, Ms. Claus AKA Sandy Stultz, Director of the Bluegrass Heritage Museum, poses with the winners of the door prizes: Latonia Bell of Clark County Public Schools, and Mel Kimmel and Charlie Boland of Kentucky American Water Company,



DEC
11

Leadership Winchester Clark-County Health Services Day with Matt Smith

Leadership Winchester's Health Services Day with Matt Smith opened eyes to the incredible advanced technologies available in our community. The class was thrilled to explore cutting-edge healthcare services and equipment without having to check in as patients! It's wonderful to know Winchester-Clark County offers this level of sophisticated care close to home.



DEC
11

After Hours at Burke & Herbert Bank

The annual Holiday After Hours at Burke & Herbert Bank was a fabulous celebration! This event has long been one of our best-attended Chamber gatherings, and this year was no exception. Thank you to Burke & Herbert for hosting an evening filled with fun, frivolity, and the wonderful community spirit that makes our growing Chamber family so special!



DEC
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Riding the Airwaves at WWKY



Chamber Executive Director Cindy Banks, Chamber President Time Duncan, and Mornings on Main Host Ed Burter took to the radio to talk about all things Chamber! We recapped recent events, looked to the future, and shouted out to Chamber members.

DEC
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Ribbon Cutting for The Past Time



What a thrill finished out the year by welcoming a new downtown business! Owners Jack and Jessica Jarrell cut the ribbon to The Past Time. Located at 24 North Main Street, The Past Time offers drinks while you line dance, listen to live music, or join in on a open mic night. For the tobacco aficionados out there, you can become a member of their Cigar Club.

Hours of Operation are Monday - Thursday 5PM - 10PM and Friday - Saturday 5PM - 1PM. For more information call 606-422-0958.

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