

Chamber News



March 2026



CHAMPIONS



Success Isn't By Accident

What an extraordinary moment for our community! Our GRC Cardinals girls and boys basketball teams have both claimed the 2026 state championships, making history with this remarkable double victory!

This kind of success doesn't happen by accident.

It takes connection—and isn't that exactly what our Chamber's 2026 mission is all about? Teamwork is just another word for CONNECT. A whole network of people came together to build this double-champion community: the players who showed up game after game, the coaches who believed and strategized, the staff who supported behind the scenes, fellow students who filled the stands, teachers who balanced academics and athletics, parents who sacrificed, and countless supporters who cheered them on. Everyone gave their best, and the result is incredible pride our entire community can share.

We are so proud of the GRC Girls and Boys Basketball teams. You've shown us what's possible when a community truly connects—when everyone plays their part and lifts each other up. You're inspiring us to live in that same spirit of collaboration and mutual support.

The Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce exists to create those same connections in our business community. We link members to members, connect our community to resources and support, and help each other find the partners and opportunities needed to thrive. Just like championship teams need every player, every coach, and every fan working together, our business community thrives when we support one another.

Let's celebrate these champions and carry that winning energy forward as we connect, collaborate, and build our community together. Go Cards!

- Cindy Banks, Executive Director

Congratulations to both the GRC Girls and Boys Basketball Teams on their thrilling wins at the State Championships.

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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NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS



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WHITE RABBITS



BAKERY & CATERING

White Rabbits Bakery & Catering

Nestled within a lovingly restored 200-year-old farmhouse, White Rabbits Hospitality offers an upscale culinary experience that marries historic allure with contemporary sophistication. Our commitment to quality is evident in every detail, from the artisan breads crafted in our state-of-the-art kitchen to the bespoke menus tailored for each event. At White Rabbits, we believe in creating moments that are both elevated and warmly inviting, ensuring that every gathering feels personal and memorable.

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JB's Comic Emporium

Comics and more! New Comics, Comic Subscriptions, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Transformers, GI Joe, Crafts, Board & Card games and More!

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W23

W23 exists to anchor identity in Christ, not performance. Rooted in Matthew 18:20, W23 was built on a simple truth: You don't perform for belonging. You belong to God.

What began as apparel has grown into something larger. w23A faith-rooted identity movement expressed through clothing, community, leadership, and lived experience.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6, Monday Ribbon Cutting

for W23
at Chamber Office, Noon

April 8, Wednesday Breakfast

with Winchester Police Department
at 16 South Maple Street, 8AM

April 9, Thursday Ribbon Cutting

for Centerpoint Internal Medicine
at 160 Pedro Way, Noon

April 10, Friday Medical Madness

with BCTC
at 1919 Rolling Hills Lane

April 12, Sunday Parade for Basketball Champs!

for GRC Girls and Boys Basketball Teams
at Main Street, 5PM

April 16, Thursday Leadership WCC

Tourism Day with Jill Hamlin

April 17, Friday Breakfast

with McDonald's
at 1520 West Lexington Avenue, 8AM

April 21, Tuesday Breakfast

with The Hall on Main Coffee & Cafe
at 17 South Main Street, 8AM

April 22, Wednesday Leadership Central Kentucky touring Winchester!

April 23, Thursday Breakfast

with Partners In Education
at Baker Intermediate 1645 Martin Luther King Jr
Drive, 8AM

April 27, Monday Chamber Board of Directors Meeting

April 30, Thursday Breakfast

with New Beginnings of Winchester
at 139 Jefferson Street, 8AM

Our teams put the WIN in
WINCHESTER!
It's time to CELEBRATE!

LET'S CELEBRATE!



**SUNDAY,
APRIL 12th**



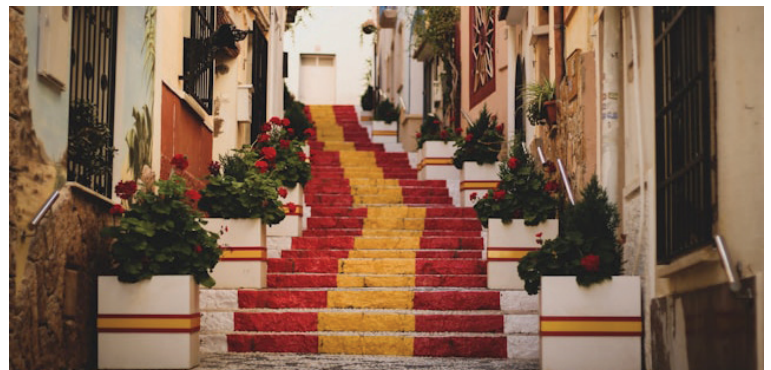
5:00pm



**MAIN
STREET**

George Rogers Clark
High School's Boys &
Girls Basketball Teams
are your 2026 KHSAA
State Champions! Join
us in celebrating
our winning teams
and show your
Cardinal pride!

PARADE - CARDINAL GEAR - SMALL TOWN PRIDE



We're Headed to Spain!

Mark your calendars for October 17th - 25th, 2026 because the Winchester Clark County Chamber of Commerce is packing its bags for an unforgettable 9-day adventure in Spain.

We'll be strolling the colorful streets of Barcelona, soaking in centuries of history in Toledo and experiencing the vibrant energy of Madrid. Think breathtaking architecture, stunning cathedrals, lively plazas, and more culture than we can fit into a suitcase!

Check out the following flyer for additional details in an upcoming promotional meeting and start practicing your "hola!"



Annual Banquet May 7, 2026

BANQUET *and* SILENT AUCTION

Single Tickets \$60

Table of Ten \$600

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WCCC OR
CALL (859) 744-6420 FOR CARD PAYMENT

COMPANY: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

TICKETS NEEDED: _____ TOTAL DUE: _____

FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY MAY 1ST
NO EXCEPTIONS

Please Join Winchester Chamber of Commerce Trip to

Spain

Oct 17–25, 2026

(No optional tours sale)
9-Day Package Trip For Just

USD\$4,199

**PIONEER OF CHAMBER TRAVEL
WORKING WITH 1,200 CHAMBERS**

MADRID

TOLEDO

BARCELONA



Your Trip Itinerary

- Roundtrip international airfare & Tax ● 9-day deluxe tour package
- 4-star hotel accommodation, breakfast & lunch ● Deluxe bus tours
- Fluent English-speaking tour guides ● Entrance fees to attractions

Day 1 – Cincinnati (CVG)/Madrid

Check in at Cincinnati (CVG) International Airport for a connection flight for Madrid. Overnight on the flight.

Day 2 – Madrid

Change the connection flight and arrive at Madrid, the capital of Spain. You will be met at the airport by your tour guide and transfer to the hotel.

Day 3 & 4 – Madrid

Two days city tour and sightseeing covers for the attractions of **the Prado Museum**, with a collection of more than 5,000 paintings, **Buen Retiro Park** and the **Crystal Palace, Royal Palace and Gardens**, the Spanish version of Versailles, **Plaza Mayor**, built during the reign of Phillip III, the **Puerta del Sol**, named after the sun emblem on the old city gate, **Centro de Arte de Reina Sofia**, a contemporary art museum, **Cybele's Fountain**, one of the major monuments stands in a major traffic intersection, ancient Egyptian **Temple of Debod**, **Real Madrid Stadium**, **National Archaeological Museum**, and **Grand Neoclassical Triumphal Arch**.

Day 5 – Madrid/Toledo

Bus journey to Toledo, UNESCO World Heritage City. Sightseeing includes **Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes**, the most important construction

Built by the Catholic Monarchs, **Synagogue of Saint Mary the White**, **Iglesia de Santo Tome**, world famous painting by El Greco at the Church of St. Tome, and **Santa Iglesia Catedral Primada de Toledo**, the most important Gothic Cathedral in Spain.

Day 6 – Toledo/Madrid/Barcelona

Take a train to Barcelona. Visit **Basilica de la Sagrada Família**, Roman Catholic church, designed by Catalan Spanish architect Antoni Gaudí

Day 7 & 8, Barcelona

Visit **Casa Batllo**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and an icon in Barcelona, **Parc Güell**, **Museum Picasso**, **Palau de la Música Catalonia**, one of the world's most unique modernist jewels with an exceptional music program. **Museum Nacional d'Art de Catalunya**, Constructed for the International Exposition of 1929. In 1934 it opened its doors as the **Museum d'Art de Catalunya**, bringing together the medieval collection.

Day 9 – Barcelona/Cincinnati (CVG)

Visit **Plaça Catalunya**, famous by its fountains and statues, **Las Bambles**, famous La Boqueria located here. Fly by connection flight to Cincinnati (CVG) International Airport, where you will arrive on the same day.

*Price reflects double share occupancy
5-star service standard with low group travel rate
Add \$900 for single room supplement
Including post departure group travel protection
Valid passport required
Free shuttle bus on departure and return day
Accept credit card payment without handling charge
Including everything on itinerary and tax*

**A trip orientation meeting will be held
5:30 – 7:00 pm, meeting day to be advised
Winchester Clark Chamber-Commerce
61 South Main Street
Winchester, KY 40391
Call Cindy at Chamber for Details
859-744-5627 859-744-6420**

Plan now to join Winchester Chamber group for this Spain adventure. Please call Cindy 859-744-5627 for the trip details, email registration to cindybanks@winchesterkychamber.com Web site www.winchesterkychamber.com Tour Operator: Citslinc International, Inc. 1-844-262-1100 Email citslinc@aol.com Web site www.citslinc.us

REGISTRATION FORM

Please use a separate form for each person traveling.

Contact Information

Full name (by Capital Letters) and attached with your passport name page:

First

Middle

Last

Your Chamber name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail (by Capital Letters): _____

Who you are sharing a room with: _____

Who you would like to travel with: _____

Type of Room (please check one): 1 King Bed 2 Queen Beds Triple Beds

** When making your reservation, **IF YOU DO NOT PAY THE SINGLE SUPPLEMENT** you will be paired with another passenger of same gender who is also traveling alone, that has the same itinerary .

Deposit Information

A non-refundable registration fee of USD\$400 per person is due with your registration and is included in your total tour fare. The balance is due on or before June 30, 2026.

Check Enclosed (Payable to Chamber) Check # _____

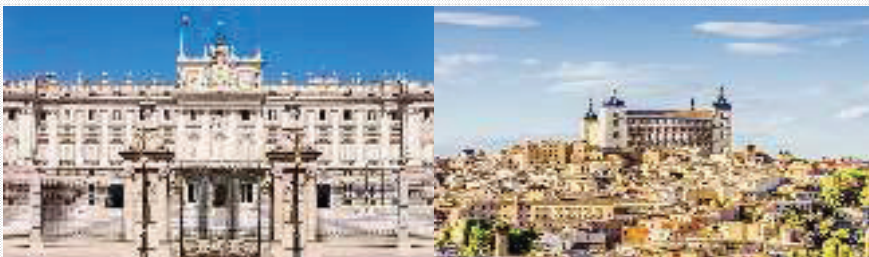
Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV Code _____ Name on Card _____

A valid passport is on passengers' responsibility. Please attached the jpeg copy of your passport information page.

Signature _____ Please mail registration to Chamber. Tour Operator: Citslinc International, Inc. 925 S. Atlantic Blvd., # 203A, Monterey Park, CA 91754 ♦ Toll Free (844) 262-1100, Email: citslinc@aol.com Web: www.citslinc.us

A non-refundable registration fee of USD\$400 per person is required and due at the time you register. This will be deducted from your total tour fare, the balance of which will be due by June 30, 2026. If you need to cancel the trip for any reason after June 30, 2026 you will be at a loss of USD\$2,000 on top of the USD\$400 registration fee, otherwise you will receive a full refund (minus the USD\$400 non-refundable registration fee). Since our post departure travel insurance does not cover for the travel cancellation, you might buy additional travel cancellation insurance from Triple A Club.

Securing or updating a passport is your responsibility. Passports must be valid 6 months past travel date. The U.S. and Canadian residents do not need for any visa application. There will be a valuable pre-tour briefing for all participants; date, time and location will be announced. We will answer all of your questions and familiarize you with details you will need to know. Citslinc International Inc. has 43 years of experience in the travel industry and we are confident we can respond to your inquiries to your satisfaction.



Please check all that apply:

- I will attend Oct 17 - 25, 2026 trip
- I wish to upgrade my airfare to Int'l Business Class - USD\$9,000
- Please upgrade me to a single room for an additional USD\$900 (Accommodations are based on double-share)
- I will pay for deposit by my credit card At \$400
- I enclosed my deposit check \$400

WE CONNECT!

Join a Chamber Committee!

Our 2026 theme says it all: We Connect. And nowhere is that connection more powerful than in our committees, where members from different industries, backgrounds, and experience levels come together to build something bigger than themselves. Committee work isn't just about completing tasks—it's about the relationships you build, the perspectives you gain, and the people you meet who you might never cross paths with otherwise.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Chair: Chelsea Reese

This is where the magic happens! Special Events plans our Annual Banquet, Golf Scramble, and exciting new programs like Women in Business. These are the most visible folks in our Chamber—the ones who breathe life into our network by creating the moments where connections flourish. Whether you're a detail-oriented planner or a big-picture thinker, you'll work alongside members from all walks of business life to create experiences that bring our entire community together.

MEMBER SERVICES

Chair: Alyshia Martin

There's something special about watching new connections form. This committee connects seasoned business owners with fresh entrepreneurs, pairing enthusiasm for supporting local with the wisdom of experience. You'll work with people who remember what it was like to be new in town or new in business, and together you'll create that "welcome home" feeling for our newest members. It's mentorship, hospitality, and community-building all rolled into one.

FINANCIAL

Chair: Tim Duncan

Transparency builds trust, and trust builds community. This committee brings together members with financial expertise and those who want to understand the business side of running a chamber. You'll review the Chamber's finances with a fine-tooth comb, ensuring accountability while gaining valuable insight into nonprofit management. It's a unique opportunity to connect with detail-oriented professionals who care deeply about fiscal responsibility and the Chamber's long-term sustainability.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Chair: Josh Wood

Here's where different generations and skill sets come together to figure out what makes our community tick—and yes, (maybe) TikTok! Tech-savvy members collaborate with traditional business owners to amplify our members' voices online. It's a learning process for everyone, and that's what makes it exciting. You'll connect with people outside your usual network while discovering how to showcase the incredible diversity of Winchester-Clark County businesses in the digital age.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Chair: Jake Vaughn

We're revitalizing this committee to create the ultimate intergenerational connection! Young entrepreneurs (ages 17-40ish) will connect with experienced mentors, peers navigating similar challenges, and community leaders invested in the next generation's success. This isn't just networking—it's building the bridges between where you are now and where you were or want to be.

Connect Beyond Your Usual Circle

Committee work brings you face-to-face with Chamber members you might never meet at your typical networking event. The event planner connects with the banker. The social media guru learns from the seasoned entrepreneur. The young professional finds a mentor. The established business owner discovers fresh perspectives. That's the power of We Connect.

Contact Cindy at (859) 744-6420 or CindyBanks@WinchesterKYChamber.com, or reach out directly to any committee chair. Let's make 2026 the year you connect with the people who will change your business—and maybe even your life.

HAPPENINGS

MAR
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Cardinal Community Center Breakfast

Excerpted from *The Cardinal Rule*

<https://www.ccps-cardinal-rule.com/post/chamber-breakfast-offers-sneak-preview-of-community-center>



Once home to Hannah McClure and Clark County Preschool, the building has been reimagined as a hub where residents, organizations, and businesses can come together.

“Seeing the building continue to serve Winchester and Clark County as the Hannah McClure Cardinal Community Center feels like the perfect next chapter instead of letting the building sit empty or be sold,” [RE/MAX realtor Michelle Blackburn] said.

CCPS was proud to host this month’s Chamber breakfast and offer Chamber members a preview of what the Center will become.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious breakfast spread prepared by CCPS Food Services, and learned more about what the Community Center has to offer.

Superintendent Dustin Howard praised Board of Education members for making the project possible, and emphasized that the Center reflects the district’s broader vision for education and community partnership.

Center director Christy Bush said the building is already becoming a gathering place.

“I believe Ms. Hannah McClure is very happy today,” Bush said, referencing the building’s long history in the community.

The facility includes a gym, meeting rooms, office space and areas for classes and activities. Interest has been strong even before the official ribbon cutting.

The center will host a variety of activities — from art and yoga to sewing classes and indoor pickleball

Several partners have helped bring the project to life, including the Winchester-Clark County Industrial Authority, Stock Yards Bank & Trust, Lowe's and numerous individuals.

From a community perspective, Ms. Blackburn said she believes the center fills an important need.

“From a community and business perspective, I think the CCPS vision is exactly what our town so desperately needs,” she said. “Spaces that bring people together for activities, wellness, and events help strengthen the entire community, and I’m grateful to see this come to fruition.”



MAR
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Ribbon Cutting WinCity Media



Pete Koutoulas and Chuck Witt, founders of WinCity Media, cut the ribbon celebrating opening their office in the McEldowney Building. Located at 5 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 300, WinCity Media is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit media company dedicated to publishing local voices and sharing community stories. Under the non profit are WinCityVoices, WinCity Helps, and WinCity Media.

WinCity thanked Cindy and Teresa at the Chamber of Commerce, to Jon Paul Martin for the photos and the idea to do it on the rooftop, to the WinCity Voices advisory board and the WinCity Media Board of Directors, to all our donors and content creators, our readers, and to all those who came out.

Access WinCity Voices anytime at wincityvoices.org

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Ribbon Cutting RM Global Concrete



Bobby Roberts and Rodney Conner cut the ribbon as the Chamber welcomed RM Global Concrete. Located at 35 Pendleton Street, RM Global Concrete offers residential and commercial concrete services. Give them a call if you need a solution for your driveways, sidewalks, pool decks, slabs, retaining walls, or other concrete projects.

Their team is available Monday through Saturday 7am - 7pm. Give them a call at 859-771-6494.

MAR 17

Breakfast with Freedom Realty and Property Management and Martin Appraisal



March Madness with a side of snow! Freedom Realty and Martin Appraisal warmed us up with hot biscuits-n-gravy and a Bracket Challenge.



MAR 19

Leadership Winchester Education Day

Photos and Text from *The Cardinal Rule*

<https://www.ccps-cardinal-rule.com/post/ccps-hosts-morning-session-of-leadership-winchester->



Education Day with the 2026 Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class was a great morning of learning and connection.

From touring GRC and the Area Tech Center, to visiting our new preschool and hearing about early learning initiatives, to lunch at the Hannah McClure Cardinal Community Center, our guests got a firsthand look at the incredible things happening across Clark County Public Schools.

We wrapped up by sending everyone off to Bluegrass Community & Technical College for the afternoon session with CCPS gift bags in hand.

It is always an honor to host the Leadership Class on Education Day. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for your continued partnership and support of our schools and community.



MAR
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Ribbon Cutting Kindred's Blooms & Gifts



Deanna Kindred and Charlene Tarvin cut the ribbon celebrating Kindred's Blooms and Gifts grand opening! Located at 865 Bypass Road, Haggard's Flowers is under new ownership. Don't worry Eddy is still there, letting her creativity shine. Kindred's offers fresh & Faux arrangements, home decor, accents, gifts and more.

Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:30pm and Saturday 10am - 2pm. For more information (or to order flowers for that special someone) call 859-744-8088

MAR
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Ribbon Cutting Cardinal Community Center



Dustin Howard, CCPS Superintendent, and Christy Bush, Director of Community Schools, cut the ribbon celebrating the opening of the Hannah McClure Cardinal Community Center. The Center features two indoor pickleball courts, a recreation room equipped with ping pong tables, a music room, an art room, and multiple rooms for meetings and trainings. A large conference room, the former school library, is an ideal space for large-scale meetings.

Learn more at *The Cardinal Rule*: <https://www.ccps-cardinal-rule.com/post/hannah-mcclure-school-reimagined-as-a-center-for-connection>

**MAR
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Ribbon Cutting Centerpoint Health



Centerpoint Health unveiled their new signs with a ribbon cutting. The new name and branding comes with the same commitment to wellness as Clark Regional. "This is not a change in leadership, just a refreshed brand that better reflects who we are and the care we continue to provide to our community every day.

**MAR
27**

Breakfast with Winchester Fire Department

Giving new meaning to "working breakfast" is the Winchester Fire Department. While networking at the Chamber breakfast the men received a call and off they went. We are proud to call them friends, neighbors, and family.



2025 - 2026 Winchester-Clark County
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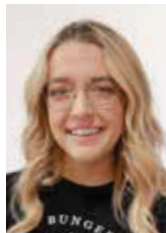
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