

Chamber News



April 2024



Embracing Change: A Journey To Success



Change is the heartbeat of progress, the engine that drives innovation, and the catalyst for growth. In today's dynamic business environment, it's not enough to simply adapt to change; we must embrace it wholeheartedly.

Change can be daunting, stirring feelings of uncertainty and apprehension. But it's often in the face of change that we discover our true potential. It challenges us to step

outside our comfort zones, to explore new horizons, and to evolve into better versions of ourselves.

As a Chamber of Commerce, we recognize that change is inevitable. The needs of our members, the dynamics of the market, and the landscape of business are constantly evolving. But rather than fear or resist these changes, let's welcome them as opportunities for growth and transformation.

By embracing change, we open ourselves up to new possibilities and fresh perspectives. It allows us to stay ahead of the curve, to remain relevant in an ever-changing world, and to seize the opportunities that lie on the horizon.

So, as we embark on this journey of change, let's do so with optimism and determination. Let's be open to new ideas, flexible in our approach, and resilient in the face of challenges. Together, we can navigate the winds of change and emerge stronger, more agile, and more successful than ever before.

Remember, change is not the end; it's the beginning of something new and exciting. So let's embrace it, embrace the opportunities it brings, and embrace the journey towards a brighter, more prosperous future for us all.

- 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2, Thursday Breakfast

with Clark Energy Cooperative
at 2640 Ironworks Road, 8am - 9:30am

May 7, Tuesday Breakfast

with Kentucky River Foothills Generation Center
at 32 Meadow Street, 8am - 9:30am

May 7, Tuesday Job Fair

with BCTC Winchester Campus
at 2020 Rolling Hills Lane, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

May 8, Wednesday Ribbon Cutting

for Foothills Mobile Health Clinic
at 275 W. Lexington Ave, 1:00pm

May 12, Sunday Mothers Day

May 14, Tuesday Legacy Nights Summer Concert

with Legacy Greenscapes, sponsored by the Chamber
On Stage: The Lauren Mink Band
at Legacy Grove, 1107 Lexington Ave., 5:00pm

May 16, Thursday Leadership Winchester

Agriculture Day with Lauren Frazer

May 17, Friday GRC High School Graduation

at Cardinal Stadium, 7:00pm

May 17, Friday Rock the Block

with Winchester First, sponsored by the Chamber.
on stage: The Fever
at 34 S. Main Street, 7:00pm

May 20 - 27 Beer Cheese Food Week

May 22, Wednesday Legislative Update

at the Extension Office, times to follow

May 23, Thursday Breakfast

with Arts on Main Gallery
at 31 North Main Street, 8am - 9:30am

BEER CHEESE WEEK 2024



THE CHEESIEST WEEK OF THE YEAR
TRY THEM ALL, VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE!
May 20-26



Amy's Asian Kitchen
Crispy Crab & JP's Aged Beer Dip



Bell on Wheels
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Cluck Kick'in Chicken Sliders



Halls
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Whats up Slaw? Pulled Pork Sandwich



La Trattoria
La Beer Cheese Pizza Pie



Loma's
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S. Main Grocery
Fiesta Beer Cheese Salad



Smokin' Howards
This little Piggy Loves Beer Cheese

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De Queso Con Cerveza Burger



The View
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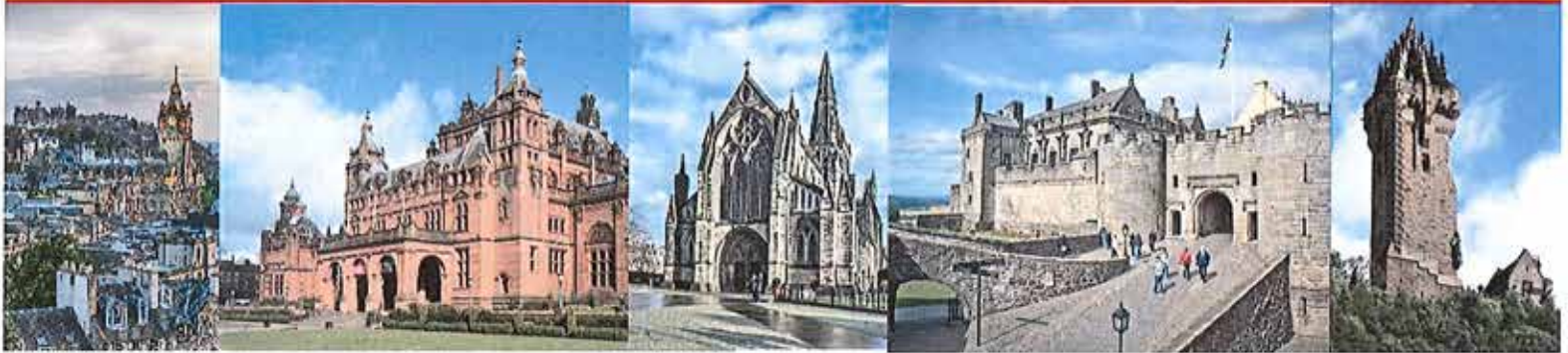
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Oct 5 – 13, 2024

9-Day Package Rate at Just

USD\$3,599

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Your Chamber Trip Includes:

- Roundtrip international airfare & Tax • 9-day deluxe tour package
- 4 & 5-star hotel accommodation, breakfast & lunch • Deluxe bus
- Fluent English-speaking tour guides • Entrance fees to attractions

Day 1 – Cincinnati (CVG)/Edinburgh

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

Day 2 – Edinburgh

Arrive at Edinburgh. You will be met at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to the hotel.

Day 3 – Edinburgh

Full day city tour to explore the Edinburgh Castle, Royal Mile, Scotland Monument, St Giles' Cathedral, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Arthur's Seat, the Old Town, Calton Hill and National Monument of Scotland.

Day 4 – Edinburgh/St Andrews/Pitlochry/Scottish Highland

Bus journey to St Andrews, visit St Andrews Cathedral, St Andrews Castle, Holy Trinity Church, Blackfriars Chapel Ruins. Visit Blair Castle at Pitlochry, then drive to Scottish Highland.

Day 5 – Scottish Highland (Excursion to lake, castle and isle)

Bus journey to the battlefield of Culloden. Pass infamous Lock Ness and visit Eilean Donan Castle. Continue the journey to the coast and cross to Isle of Skye. Board the ferry in Armadale, crossing to Mallaig.

Day 6 – Scottish Highland/Glencoe/Glasgow

Visit Fort Augustus Abbey. Bus journey to Fort William, take views of Britain's highest peak Ben Nevis. Journey through the volcanic ruins and see the "Glen of Weeping" beyond Glencoe. Arrive at Glasgow.

Day 7 – Glasgow

Full day city tour and sightseeing include the regal George Square, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, University of Glasgow, Glasgow Theatre, Buchanan Street, People's Palace and winter Garden, House for an Art Lover, the Riverside Museum of Transport and Travel, Glasgow Botanic Garden, Glasgow Science Center. Visit Glengoyne Whisky Distillery.

Day 8 - Glasgow/Stirling/Edinburgh

Bus journey to Stirling, visit the hilltop fortress Stirling Castle which stands as a symbol of national pride, once the seat of Scottish kings and queens, including Mary, Queen of Scots. View the Wallace Monument from the castle walls. Bus journey return to Edinburgh. Shopping for souvenir and gift before leaving this beautiful country.

Day 9 – Edinburgh/Cincinnati (CVG)

Fly by connection flight to Cincinnati (CVG) International Airport.

*Price reflects double share occupancy
5-star service standard with low group travel rate
Add \$800 for single room supplement
Including post departure group travel protection
Find friendship of Sister-City with Chamber trip
Free shuttle bus on departure and return day
Accept credit card payment without handling charge
Including everything on itinerary and taxMidlothian*

**A trip orientation meeting will be held
5:30 – 7:00 pm, Wednesday March 27, 2024
Winchester Clark Chamber-Commerce
61 South Main Street
Winchester, KY 40391
Call Cindy at Chamber for Details
859-744-5627 859-744-6420**

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FOOD TRUCKS AT 5:00 PM **MUSIC AT 5:30 PM**

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HAPPENINGS

April 10 - Breakfast with Saint Agatha Academy



April 11 - Squared Away Junk Removal Ribbon Cutting



Alicia Meyer cuts the ribbon celebrating Squared Away Junk Removal's membership into the Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce. Squared Away Junk Removal offers furniture/appliance removal, hoarder cleanout, gutter cleaning, yard waste /debris cleanup and storage unit cleanout. For more information call (859) 513-1204

April 11 - Groundbreaking for Washing Penn Plastic Co.



Kentucky Governor, Andy Beshear (left), and Will Torpey, President Washington Penn (right)

State and local officials and representatives from Washington Penn Plastic Co. celebrated the beginning of construction for the company's new manufacturing facility in Clark County. The company's new, nearly 250,000-s.f. facility will be located on 70 acres in Winchester and will help the company produce polypropylene and polyethylene compounds in pellet form to be shipped to customers around the world.

The 88 full-time jobs created with this investment will include production line operators, shipping and receiving technicians, process engineers, supervisors and quality management roles. Construction of the new facility is expected to be completed in 2025.

April 15 - Passing of Chief Marty Jackson



As we mourn the loss of Chief William "Marty" Jackson, let us also celebrate his remarkable life and legacy. He leaves behind a legacy of honor, professionalism, and compassion that will continue to inspire all who follow in his footsteps. May his memory serve as a source of comfort and strength to his loved ones and may we strive to honor his legacy by upholding the values he held dear.

April 15 - Maka Mia Pizza Ribbon Cutting



Mike and Dana Williams cut the ribbon celebrating Maka Mia Pizza's membership into the Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce. Maka Mia Pizza, located 44 South Main Street offers breakfast pizza, sandwiches and burritos, hoagies, pizzas (personal and build your own), pretzel bites, pasta bowls and chicken wings. Hours of operation are Monday -Friday 8AM - 9PM, Saturday 11AM -9PM For more information call (859) 749-5709

April 16 - Happy Birthday Kitty Strode



April 17 - CASA Ribbon Cutting



Victoria Bengé cuts the ribbon celebrating CASA of Madison and Clark Counties membership into the Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) located 120 South Main Street Floor 2, offers volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children in the family court system. Hours of operation Monday -Friday 9AM – 5PM For more information call (859) 353-8608



WINCHESTER NEEDS ASSESSMENT

BCTC is asking you to participate in this 5 minute survey to help evaluate workforce needs in Winchester and Clark County. Your input will inform of future academic and workforce programming. Thank you!



Survey Link



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April 17 - Leadership Central Kentucky Day

35 participants from 8 surrounding counties visit Clark County for the day



April 18 - Leadership Winchester: Tourism Day with Nancy Turner

Grab your walking shoes, hop on the bus and let's explore Winchester and Clark County!

"When you start the day making beer cheese, it can only get better from here," said Winchester's Director of Tourism, Nancy Turner. Nancy was right. We began at Baily Enterprises on Lexington Avenue, where owner Jenny Bailey gave us a tour of her commercial kitchen and guided our group through making their own beer cheese. We all started with sharp cheddar, garlic, cayenne pepper and beer, and our own style - from hot or really hot, to strawberry and mango - all were delicious! The Bailey family makes their own beer cheese, and also rents their kitchen to others who need a commercial facility to make their food items that are sold publicly. Here we learned that Clark County was identified as the birthplace of Beer Cheese by then Governor Steve Beshear.

Next, we were back on the bus to Leeds Center for the Arts on Main Street. Leeds Theatre, named for the president of the Winchester Amusement Company, S.D. Lee, Leeds was one of Winchester's first movie houses (and the first building in Winchester to have air conditioning!). There, we heard a presentation from UK students who presented findings and recommendations to Leeds for growth, development and better marketing. Look out tiktok and snap, Leeds is on the way!



We headed to the outskirts of town and visited Trip Sweeney at his newly formed Kentucky River School on Boonesboro Road. This startup non-profit has a lot of energy and ideas for an environment centered around community, sustainability, creativity and eco-tourism. The team described the idea as a natural progression to create the model they are building. This will include a school/gap-year program for students to build and restore the facility, a garden that will produce for farmer's market and eventually a field to table cafe that will all be on the four-acre property. Additionally, the property includes acreage on the Kentucky River in Madison County as part of its campus. Trip and his team are very excited and we can't wait to see this project grow.



Then we headed down to the Kentucky River for lunch at The Waterfront hosted by owner Deborah Garrison. We enjoyed a delightful lunch on the patio by the river, and the weather couldn't have been more perfect. Here we learned about the Beer Cheese Trail in Clark County!

We followed the backroads of Clark County to Harkness Edwards Winery where our young and vibrant host, Nini Edwards, provided us (the adults) with a wine tasting, and an overview of their family-owned and run vineyard. We sat outside the Peach House and enjoyed the fruits of Edwards family's labor. Nini takes a lot of pride in her parent's hard work and innovation in the winery industry in Kentucky. Fun fact: the first vineyard in America was located in Kentucky! Harkness Edwards hosts ongoing and weekly events - check out their webpage for your next outing!

We headed back into downtown Winchester and visited the beautifully curated Bluegrass Heritage Museum. Director Sandy Stults gave a brief history and overview of the exhibits and allowed the group space to explore all three floors on our own. There are impressive military artifacts, agricultural industry overviews of Clark County, an in depth music exhibit on Homer Ledford, medical exhibits from the old Guerrant Mission Clinic and Hospital and much, much more! I was impressed to learn that the telephone arrived in Winchester when the East Tennessee Telephone Company began providing service in 1879, and Clark County was the hub for the south-central region of the United States!

(Story continues on next page.)

Next, we got to see the moonshine distilling process up close and personal at Regeneration Distillery. Quoting from their website: "The tour begins with an introduction to the history and philosophy of Regeneration Distilling Co. Our commitment to sustainability and using locally-sourced ingredients from Mt. Folly Farm set us apart from other distilleries in the area. Visitors can learn about the company's efforts to sequester carbon in ag soils, which aligns with their commitment to regenerative agriculture." We learned about Laura's Mercantile that sells products from the distiller and other farm to table items like Harkness Edwards wine, locally grown beef, etc. We also learned about the Moonshine Trail, which extends down the Mountain Parkway into Eastern Kentucky. Owner Ben Pasley gave those willing a sample of Sweet Potato Moonshine.



Last stop of the day was at Abettor Brewing Company, and to again quote our fabulous Director Nancy Turner, "I can think of 'Abettor' way to end the day." Owner Tyler Montgomery first created Brewer Magazine, and the idea to open his own brewery came from that. It's first location opened in 2019 after several years of trying to pin a location, and moved to the current location on North Highland Street in 2021. Abbetor has food trucks and hosts community events regularly and is a great space for families and friends to gather. I did have to leave this stop early, but there were also beer samples to end the day.



After eating and drinking our way through town, I can personally say this had to be the most fun day we've had at Leadership Winchester 2023-2024! We learned a lot about what tourism brings into our community and how it helps our community prosper as a whole. It was a fantastic day, with a fantastic host - CHEERS!

April 18 - After Hours at Leeds Center for the Arts



April 24 - Breakfast with Partners In Education



April 25 - After Hours at Hall's on the River, a joint venture between the Richmond Chamber of Commerce and WCC Chamber of Commerce



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