

Chamber News



December 2024



Looking Back, Looking Forward: 2024 CHAMBER HIGHLIGHTS AND A CALL FOR INPUT



We're proud to reflect on a year filled with growth, connection, and community impact. With 440 current members, including 21 corporate members, our Chamber continues to thrive as a hub for business development and collaboration.

Here's a snapshot of this year's highlights:

- **Operating Budget:** \$163,000—invested in resources and opportunities for members.
- **Golf Scramble:** 43 teams teed off on September 9.
- **Annual Awards Banquet:** Over 300 attendees celebrated community achievements on August 8.
- **Shop and Sip:** November 13 brought 21+ vendors and plenty of holiday spirit.
- **Leadership Programs:** Both Winchester Leadership and Leadership Central KY welcomed over 25 participants.
- **Member Engagement:** 17 breakfasts, 9 after-hours events, and 12 ribbon cuttings kept us busy and connected.

Looking ahead to 2025, we're committed to building on this momentum. That's where you come in! We're seeking your input to make the Chamber even more valuable to your business. Have ideas for Lunch & Learn topics, networking events, or educational programs? Let us know! Together, we can create opportunities that support your growth and strengthen our business community. For those of you ready to elevate your business in 2025, there's still time to become a Corporate Member.

Reach out today—we're here to support you, your business, and our shared vision for 2025!

- 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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NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Crown Staffing

Chad Countiss founded Crown Services, Inc. in 1968 as a small, family-owned staffing company in Columbus, Ohio. Ever since, Crown Staffing has been connecting character-driven professionals with businesses looking for staffing solutions. With specialties in light industrial, office and healthcare, we are dedicated to being subject matter experts on complex and unique staffing needs. We are a family-owned organization with a respected national presence. Higher standards. Hire character.

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The 1943 Mercantile

At Big Dog Farms we work hard to ensure that everything from our merchandise to our livestock are locally sourced, ethically handled, and are the top quality. We're a family farm, so if we wouldn't use it, eat it, or buy it - then you won't either.

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SOMETIMES ALL IT TAKES IS A LITTLE SUPPORT.

Support your business—and your community—by hosting an event!

Let your business shine in our Chamber community! By hosting a Lunch & Learn, Breakfast, or After Hours, you're not only showcasing your expertise—you're also contributing to the support network that strengthens our entire business community.

Why Host?

Support Your Business: Raise your profile and connect with fellow Chamber members who value your products and services.

Engage with the Community: Share insights, foster relationships, and create a space where businesses can learn and grow together.

Empower Others: Lead the way in providing valuable resources and knowledge that benefit everyone.



At the Chamber, we believe in supporting the businesses that support us. Let's work together to make your event a success and continue building a thriving business ecosystem for all.

Ready to get started? Call Teresa at 859-744-6420 to schedule your 2025 event!

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 23, Thursday Lunch & Learn

with Envision AI Solutions
at the Chamber Office 61 South Main St.
11:30am - 1:00pm

February 4, Tuesday Deadline for Essays

for the National Civics Bee Competition for 6th, 7th,
and 8th Grade Students.

AI - THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS

Interested in how AI can transform your business? Join us on January 23rd at the Winchester Chamber of Commerce for a lunch and learn, where we'll demystify AI, covering the basics and practical applications. Discover how AI can streamline operations, enhance customer engagement, and keep your business competitive in today's market!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- AI Basics for Business
- Real-World AI Applications
- Data-Driven Insights
- Efficiency & Cost Savings
- Elevating Customer Experience
- Future-Proofing Your Business
- Overcoming AI Barriers
- Interactive Q&A Session



LUNCH, SNACK, & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

\$5 Entry
*Free to Chamber Members

RSVP Today:

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Interested in AI Solutions?
Learn more at:
envisionaisolutions.com



National Civics Bee Competition

The National Civics Bee® is an annual competition that inspires young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. Join us in this nonpartisan initiative to enhance civic literacy, skills, and participation.



WHO: 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

WHEN: INDEPENDENT ESSAYS DUE FEBRUARY 4TH

WHERE: SUBMIT ESSAYS ONLINE

PROMPT AND ESSAY GUIDE

Visit the website below to view the prompt questions, rubric, and writing guidance.

www.civics.uschamberfoundation.org/student-essay-guide/

ONLINE ESSAY SUBMISSION

Visit the website below to create an account to access the essay application form.

www.nationalcivicsbee.org

Corporate Membership is one of the Best ways to Enhance your Membership!

This investment of \$1,600.00 (in addition to your annual membership dues) will maximize your sponsorship dollars, streamline our process of collecting those funds and ultimately SAVE you money!! Call today to sign up!

Corporate Membership Gets You

Website rotating banner ad	\$400 Value
Enhanced listing on website	\$150 value
Website Hot Deals, Job Posting & Events	\$50 Value
Listing in each newsletter as Corporate Sponsor	\$300 Value
Four Complimentary Players in Chamber's Annual Golf Scramble	\$500 Value
Hole Sponsor for Annual Golf Scramble	\$200 Value
8 complimentary tickets to Annual Banquet with reserved seating	\$600 Value
Special recognition at banquet and sponsor listing in program	\$100 Value
Corporate Sponsor poster with your logo located in the Chamber Office lobby and at Chamber Events	\$ Priceless

Total Value: Over \$2,300.00!

HAPPENINGS

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Christmas Parade



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Leadership Winchester Health Science Day Hosted by Matt Smith



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After Hours at Burke & Herbert Bank



May the
blessings of the
Holidays follow
you into 2025!





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