# Chamber News



December 2024



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 business, social, through and educational cultural 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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### **Kentucky Fuel Supply LLC**

Oil & Gas Operators & Marketing

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

### 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!

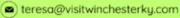
#### **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

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

### LUNCH, SNACK, & REFRESHMENTS **PROVIDED**

\$5 Entry \*Free to Chamber Members

### RSVP Today:









January 23rd 11:30am - 1:00pm

Winchester Chamber of Commerce: 61 South Main Street

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

### February 4, Tuesday **Deadline for Essays**

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







# 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

**\$400 Value** 

\$150 value

\$50 Value

**\$300 Value** 

\$500 Value

**\$200 Value** 

**\$100 Value** 

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

**Total Value: Over \$2.300.00!** 

# **HAPPENINGS**

# Christmas Parade





Leadership Winchester
Health Science Day Hosted by Matt Smith









# **DEC 12**

### After Hours at Burke & Herbert Bank

















May the blessings of the Holidays follow you into 2025!



















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