



Chamber Newsletter

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*Note from the desk of:
Executive Director,
Crystal L. McCall Ruark*

November/December 2023



Wow, where has the year gone? It's so hard to believe that we blinked and it's already time to start promoting Small Business Season. From the Veterans Banner Program, to Christmas/Holiday Open Houses, to new business ribbon cuttings, the Annual Christmas Parade, the Flemingsburg Tourist Commission's Holiday Hoopla and our Shop Small, Shop Local Campaigns....there is just so much to celebrate and support and even more to be thankful for.

We are so blessed to live in a community where so many people want to invest and reinvest in the place that they call Home. I know, I personally have been fortunate over the past 19 plus years to be able to serve and promote our Chamber Partner/Member Businesses, our community's many assets and the multiple events and activities that take place not only for our citizens, but the thousands of guests who have visited our city/county over the years. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to each of you for your continue support of the Chamber and as well as your support of me in this role.

The Chamber Board of Directors and I welcome you to stop by the office and share your thoughts and ideas as to how we might better serve you and your business. The Chamber's Board of Directors come from a variety of backgrounds, talents and interests and they are more than willing and ready to continue moving Flemingsburg/Fleming County forward.

As we move closer to the holidays, please be sure to submit your information regarding your open houses, Christmas specials, special events and activities to the office. We are here ready and willing to promote your business, but in order to do so we need you to share your information with us. You can get that information to us by either: giving us a call at 606-845-1223; email your information to: haylee@flemingkychamber.com or to: crystal@flemingkychamber.com or stop by our location at 165 W. Water Street, Flemingsburg, KY. We look forward to hearing from you.

As always, we invite our members to participate in the FREE Chamber Gift Check Program. If you are not already on the Chamber Gift Check List, give us a call and get your business signed up! This program is part of your membership investment and costs nothing extra to participate in. It's also an excellent way to get folks into your place of business to shop. So, give us a call today at 606-845-1223 to learn more about this wonderful program.

Wishing each of you a Healthy, Safe and Blessed Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Crystal

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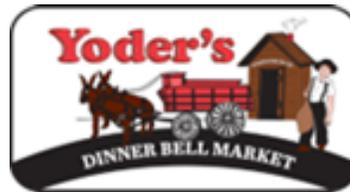
Thank You!

TO OUR PARTNERS!

PLATINUM



GOLD



CHEAP CHEVROLET



SILVER

Edward Jones®

BRONZE

606 Sales & Events, LLC
 Carlisle Contracting
 DJE Construction
 El Caminante Restaurant

McDonald's-Flemingsburg
 PrimaryPlus
 Sims Dairy Queen
 US Bank
 Weaver Roofing

COPPER

A.W. Graham Lumber
 AG Pro—Flemingsburg
 Family Medicine Associates
 Fleming County Golf Association
 Fleming County Public Library
 Flemingsburg Giovanni's
 Hypac Hydraulics
 Jennings's Portable Toilets

Marty & Kathy Voiers
 Michael R. Gray Funeral Home
 Military Adventure Camp at Camp Sousley
 Pollock Solutions
 Rose Farm Supply
 Southern States
 Stonegate Event Rentals
 Overbey's Whitetail



Fleming County Chamber Membership Benefits

Chamber Advance Employer offers Health Insurance

- through Anthem.... Give the Hinton Agency a call to learn more!

Discounts on Workers Comp. Coverage

- through ClearPath Reach out to the Kentucky Chamber to learn more!

Discount on Office Supplies

- through Staples!

Be sure to take full advantage of your investment in the Chamber.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce is to be the bridge which provides information, opportunity, and business development for its invested members and the community.

"Your Bridge to Opportunity"



Please take a moment to complete our Annual Survey for 2023. Members, Partners, and Non-Members are all encouraged to complete this survey as it allows us to reflect on your answers in order to plan for the upcoming events in 2024.



FLEMING COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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WHO WE ARE

We were founded in 1958 and now after 65 years, we support over 180 local businesses, organizations, and individuals through community services, education, and promotion.

We are a membership organization that serves as a collective voice to drive solutions for a thriving community. We create exclusive access, networking, and professional development opportunities to grow your business and employees year-round.

10 Reasons to Join the Chamber!



2023's New Members

Arrick's Propane
AussGard Kennels
Classic Cravings

DJE Construction—**BRONZE PARTNER**

Dynamic Restoration
El Mixteco Mexican Bar & Grill

Pollock Solutions—**COPPER PARTNER**

Southern Roots by Jordan
Sunset Farm Wedding Venue
The Laser in the Loft
Truly Blessed Boutique

New and Renewing Members for the months of September/October

B & K Stop & Shop

Welcome!

***Businesses who joined in November/December will be added onto the next Newsletter.**

October 18th was national #SupportYourLocalChamber Day!

Each day, we aim to serve as a catalyst for economic growth and to provide vital support to the small businesses of our community.

Learn more about a Chamber membership at our office location 165 W. Water Street, Flemingsburg, KY; our social media pages; or visit our website.....

<https://www.flemingkychamber.com/>

Supporting Small Businesses
without spending any money.

01 Share their posts
02 Like their posts
03 Tag a friend
04 Comment on something nice
05 Post a picture
06 Leave a positive review

FLEMING COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

5 Reasons to Join Your Local Chamber

- 01 Opportunities and resources
- 02 Access to information
- 03 Networking
- 04 Publicity and credibility
- 05 Advocacy

#SupportYourLocalChamber



Are you looking for a job or are you a business that is wanting to hire?

Be sure to get added to our weekly email list,

"Wake Up & Work Wednesday"

where we share businesses that are hiring in the local area!

To ensure that your open positions are included email them to:

haylee@flemingkychamber.com

Annual Awards Dinner

The 2023 Fleming County Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner was held on Saturday, October 7th. We want to say Congratulations to our Winners and to those who were nominated!

We gave special recognition to three of our board members whose terms will expire on December 31, 2023: Kenney Gulley, Daniel Pollock, & Lori Ulrich. During the business portion of the evening we confirmed and welcomed two new board members whose terms will begin on January 1, 2024: Becky Bowling, ABC Administrator & Jennifer Hazelrigg, Realtor.

Thank you to the following:

FC Chamber Director Daniel Pollock for MC'ing the event, Becky Bowling for the use of centerpieces, Cody Shannon and the staff at Double S. Entertainment for the use of the facility and for serving a delicious meal, Ole Seasons Shoppe for our awards, 606 Sales & Events for running our live auction, and FCHS FBLA Students for presenting the awards: Macy Hyatt, Harlee Watson, Madi Prather and Chamber Co-Op Student Jesse Conn. Thank you to the Chamber Board of Directors for a great evening, those who donated and placed a bid on our auction items, and especially thank you to our FC Chamber Members and/or Partners for your participation and continued support of your local Chamber.



Citizen of the Year -
Kevin Cornette



Business of the Year -
B&K Stop&Shop



Educator of the Year -
Carla McRoberts Prather



Ag Leader of the Year -
Cowan Station Honey Farm

Health and Wellness -
Dr. Michael Dunaway

New Business of the Year -
606 Sales And Events, LLC

Community Service -
Flemingsburg Tourism



Honoring our Veterans

The Explore Fleming County Committee would like to say a special thank you to Danny Shrout, Jimmy Hunt and Steven Underwood with the City of Flemingsburg for assisting us with getting the Banners up.

Through this program we have been able to honor 358 of our Community's Veterans. Thank you also to Fleming County Judge Executive John Sims Jr for helping to get some of the shrubbery around the back part of the justice center trimmed which provided for better visibility of the banners!

The Veterans Banners Program has been made possible through the sponsorship from the Families, Friends, Loved Ones, Employers/ Co-Workers, etc....of the Veterans listed. The Committee invites you to take a moment, park your car, and get out and walk around and see the names of all those who sacrificed so much for the freedoms we enjoy each and every day.

The Veterans Banners can be found hanging on Courthouse Hill, several are in front of the Justice Center and the remaining ones are hanging in the parking area beside the Dudley House and Justice Center parking lot and our KIA are in the City Parking lot across from the Museum. The banners will remain hanging up in town until mid-November.



Somernite's Car Cruise



The Explore Fleming County Committee had the opportunity to welcome and host members of the Somernites Covered Bridges of KY Car Cruise on October 26th during their 2023 Fall Covered Bridge Tour. There were 45 vehicles, and over 100 participants who represented over 6 states. The cruisers stopped by the Goddard Covered Bridge where they were greeted with smiling faces, refreshments and a photo op before they traveled on to Ringos Mill and Grange City Covered Bridges.

We would like to say Thank you to the Goddard Methodist Church for the use of the restroom and their grounds for our event. Special Thank you to the Fleming County Sheriff's Office and the Flemingsburg Police Department, Somernites Cruise participants and all those who helped make this event such a huge success for our out of town guest.

Fleming County Chamber Businesses who are accepting Chamber Gift Checks

Ag-Pro Companies
 A.W. Graham Lumber, LLC
 B&K Stop&Shop
 Big Dawg Mowing
 Buffalo Trace Surveying
 ByPass Total Car Care
 Café de Morales
 Cheap Chevrolet
 City of Flemingsburg
 Classic Cravings
 Colorful Threads
 Commercial Signs
 Community Trust Bank (Main Only)
 Creatively Yours Salon
 Days to Remember
 Donna Hendrix, CPA PSC
 Double S Entertainment/JB's Grill
 Doyle Family Produce
 Echo Valley Winery
 Explore Fleming County
 Farm House Blessings
 Fizer's Carpet
 Fleming-Mason Energy
 Fleming County Hospital
 Fleming County Golf Assoc.
 Fleming County Public Library
 Fleming County Water Association
 Flemingsburg Giovanni's

Hinton Mills (Flemingsburg only)
 Ken's New Market
 Kentucky True
 Lasting Impressions
 Flowers & Gifts
 Masters Acres
 McDonald's of Flemingsburg
 Michael R. Gray Funeral Home
 Peoples Bank of Kentucky
 Rigdon Retrievers & The Retreat
 Rose Farm Supply
 Save-A-Lot
 Shear Style Hair Salon
 Sims Dairy Queen
 Sloan's Paint & Wallpaper
 Southern States
 Steve's Ace Hardware
 Stonegate Tent Rentals
 Take Ten Vending Services
 The Hairloft
 The Picket Fence II
 The Sweet Grounds
 Tire World of Flemingsburg
 Total Care Pharmacy—Clark & Main
 Truly Blessed Boutique
 ValleyView Service
 WFLE Radio—95.1 FM
 Yoder's Dinner Bell Market



The **Fleming County Chamber Gift Check Program** is a **FREE** program to any/all Chamber Members who wish to participate in! **Chamber Gift Checks** can be redeemed at over 60 Chamber Business which are listed above towards the purchase of a Good and/or Service.

Example: If you receive \$25 in Chamber Gift Check and use it at any location above that accepts Chamber Gift Checks, then the business gets to deposit that check in their business account is if it were a personal check. The person spending/paying with the gift checks aren't out anything! It becomes a win-win situation for both parties.

Disclaimer: The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce does NOT profit from the Gift Checks Program. All money goes directly towards the business(es) in which the gift checks are used.

Thank You!



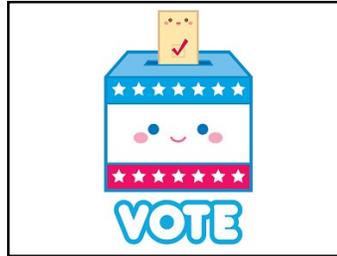
Explore Fleming County

Seeking new members to join us in promoting all the assets Fleming County has to offer From Covered Bridges, Murals, Barn Quilts, Historic Building and Architecture, walking trails and so much more.

Our next meet will be held at the **Chamber office**

**165 W. Water Street
on November 14th @ 9am**

Election Day is Tuesday,
November 7th



Thanksgiving is on
Thursday, November 23rd



Veteran's Day is
Saturday,
November 11th



Christmas is Monday,
December 25th



FCHS FBLA Student
Presenters for the Chamber
Awards Dinner:
Jesse Conn, Harlee Watson,
Macy Hyatt, & Madi Prather

Congratulations to Brian Bowling
on being presented the
Community Leadership Award for
Fleming County by the BTADD
Awards Dinner.



Amish and Mennonite Tour

The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce's Annual Amish & Mennonite Business Tour sponsored by Peoples Bank of Kentucky was held on Tuesday, September 26th. There were 33 individuals who participated in touring the 5 different locations on the tour route.

Our first stop was to True Built Barns located at 6841 Morehead Rd, Flemingsburg, KY. We were welcomed by owner/operator Jacob Yoder.

Next was River Valley Mulch/BlueBank Enterprise & Green Thumb Gardens which are located at 7769 Morehead Rd, Flemingsburg, KY. At River Valley, we met with Luke Coblentz.

We then traveled over to Hillside Drive, Flemingsburg where we found Country Lane Shoes & Lengacher's Grocery & Custom Kitchens. Amos Graber and his family who is Amish greeted us at Country Lane Shoes. While at this location we walked on over to Lengacher's Grocery. Their address is 6961 Mt Carmel Rd., Flemingsburg.

The final stop on our tour was to Yoder's Dinner Bell located at: 1532 Maysville Rd, Flemingsburg, KY. We met with Lee & Karla Yoder as they led us to the sitting area for a delicious lunch they had prepared for us.

While we enjoyed our lunch which was sponsored by People's Bank of Kentucky, Chamber Director and Board Member for the Flemingsburg Tourism Commission, Melanie Jones shared about many events to be hosted in our community and encouraged the tour participants to come back and enjoy those as well.



The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Staff would like to say a very special thank you to People's Bank of Kentucky for organizing and sponsoring this business tour and to the Amish and Mennonite Businesses for allowing us to tour their businesses. To Jana Hunt, Rodney & Gary and Licking Valley CAP for assisting us with transportation for the day. Thank you also to those who joined us for the tour.



Holiday Season is around the corner and so it the start of shopping season. Give us a call today to make sure your business is signed up to participate in the Holiday **Chamber Bucks Program!**

This is where customers can sign up in your place of business for a chance to win \$50 to \$25 in Chamber Gift Checks starting the last week of November. Drawings will be held the first 4 Fridays in December.

This is a **FREE** program for members. For more information and to get signed up give our office a call at: **606-845-1223**

Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 25th 2023

Be sure to support your local businesses on this day!

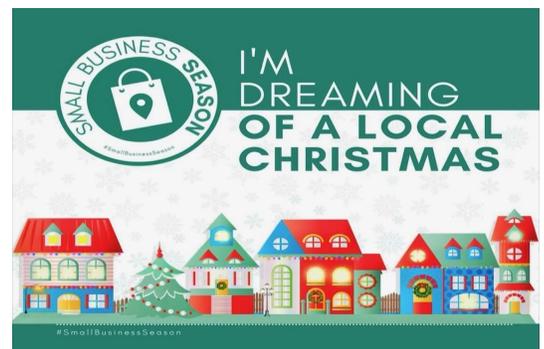


Where you spend your money matters because without the patronage from local residents, small businesses do not always survive.

Helping doesn't always mean spending money though!

Here are some way you can help support small businesses within your community without money.

- Write a review
- Refer your friends
- Share their posts on social media
- Participate in giveaways or contests



SMALL BUSINESS SEASON



JOIN US FOR OUR

COFFEE TALK

NOVEMBER 10TH
7:30 A.M - 9:00 A.M

SOCIALIZE & NETWORK WITH OTHER
BUSINESSES WHILE HAVING YOUR
MORNING CUP OF COFFEE

THANK YOU TO **PIONEER
TRACE NURSING & REHAB**
FOR SPONSORING OUR
NOVEMBER COFFEE TALK!




If you would like to sponsor a Coffee Talk in the
future, contact the Chamber Office: 606-845-1223

165 W. WATER ST, FLEMINGSBURG, KY 41041

FC Chamber's Coffee Talk Networking Event

Friday, November 10th, 2023

Time: 7:30 am to 9:00 am

Location: Chamber Office (165 W. Water Street)

Sponsored by: Pioneer Trace Nursing Home

Free Come and Go Networking Event before work ...

Fleming County Christmas Parade and Window Decorating Contest

The Christmas Parade will be *Friday,
December 8th, 2023.*

Line up will start at 4:30pm. Please be aware
there is a new start time this year! The parade will
start at **6:00pm**. Theme this year for the float
decorating contest will be **Winter Wonderland!**

All floats entering the contest please try to be
there and in line prior to 5:30pm. Judging will take
place promptly at 5:30pm. There will be two
categories, Open and Non Profit. They will select
a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category.

Winners in each category will receive prize
money and an award. **Winners will be
announced @ Christmas Tree Lighting
Ceremony.**

This years **Window Decorating Contest** theme is
Winter Wonderland. Judging will take place
on *Friday, December 8th, 2023 at 2:00pm.*

If you want to enter this year's contest you must
let them know by sending them a message on
their Facebook page or by calling/texting
Amanda Maynard at 606-301-1783.
No late entries after judging begins.

A 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place window will be picked
and winners will receive a prize.

**Winners will be announced at the Christmas
tree lighting ceremony following the
Christmas Parade!**



**Are you staying up-to-date on the many events, activities and
happening taking place in our community and with
our Chamber Businesses?**

If not, we invite you to not only check out our
online calendar of events at www.flemingkychamber.com
but to also tune into **WFLE 95.1 FM** and listen to 'Our Town' to learn more.

The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce's segment of airs on "Our Town"
on the First Friday of each month at roughly 10:00 a.m.

Follow us as well in the **Fleming Shopper,**
Flemingsburg Gazette, Ledger Independent & FCA-TV

WFLE
95.1 FM



Explore Fleming County invites you to participate in
*Sparkle and Shine,
It's Christmas Time*

Dig out those Christmas lights from the attic and get creative. Traditional style, inflatables or Griswold Family style, we want to see it all!

- *Contest Division: Individuals, Businesses, and Churches/Nonprofits
- *Deadline to enter : December 8th, 2023
- *Photo of finished display (taken at night) must be submitted by Dec. 8th
- *No controversial or political displays, this is a family friendly event
- *Prizes will be given away to 1st and 2nd place in each category

The community will be the JUDGE!
We will be counting the votes from our Facebook voting poll. So be sure to follow our page and have your friends & neighbors vote.

To receive a complete list of rules:
Stop by the Fleming Co Chamber of Commerce Office located at 165 W Water St, Flemingsburg, KY 41041
email information@flemingkychamber.com or call 606-845-1223

Let's send 2023 out on a **BRIGHT** note!

Explore Fleming County is not responsible for broken or damaged displays on homeowner's property

The Explore Fleming County invites you to participate in Sparkle and Shine, It's Christmas Time Contest!

The contest divisions are: Individuals, Businesses and Churches/Nonprofits.

The deadline to enter is Friday, December 8th, 2023.

Photo of finished displays (taken at night) must be submitted by December 8th as well.

See our Facebook Pages, Local Newspapers, or stop in our office to see the details, rules, and entry form for the Sparkle and Shine, It's Christmas Time Contest!

Mark your calendar for this year's
Holiday Hoopla
December 8th and 9th, 2023
Frank L. Newman Memorial Park
Watch Social Media for more details

The Annual FFA Tractor Parade was held on Friday, October 6th and surpassed last years record of 253 entries, with 269 entries this year!




Let's Get Connected for Our Latest News & Updates

Fleming County Chamber of Commerce

Follow Us on Social Media



on Twitter @flemingkychmbr

on Facebook, 'Fleming County Chamber of Commerce'

on Instagram @flemingkychamber

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Upcoming Events



The Fleming County Covered Bridge Museum

is open to the public on:

Wednesdays : 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturdays : 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Admission is FREE

The number to the Museum for Wednesdays and Saturdays is:
[606-845-6224](tel:606-845-6224)

For a full Calendar of Events, please check out the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce website at:
www.flemingkychamber.com

November:

1st: 9 am Directors Meeting @ Fleming-Mason Energy
4th: Christmas Open Houses begin
4th - Ribbon Cutting for Kentucky True in Ewing, KY
5th: Daylight Savings Time
7th: Election Day
10th: 7:30—9:00 am Coffee Talk @ Chamber Office
11th: Veteran's Day
18th: Rotary Memorial Trees will be ready to decorate at Fleming-Mason Energy
13th -17th: FC Museum's online auction
23rd: Thanksgiving
25th: Small Business Saturday
25th: Rotary Memorial Tree Lighting @ Fleming-Mason Energy
26th: Chamber Bucks Program begins
28th: 7th Grade Reality Store
30th: NKY Tourism Meeting

The Chamber Office will be closed on the following days in November: Thursday the 23rd and Friday the 24th.

December:

1st: Chamber Bucks Drawing #1
6th: Chamber Directors Annual Retreat @ Lowe's Lake
4th: The Gauntlet @ SMS
8th: Christmas Parade
8th: Chamber Bucks Drawing #2
8th-9th: Holiday Hoopla
15th: Chamber Bucks Drawing #3
22nd: Chamber Bucks Drawing #4
24th: Christmas Eve
25th: Christmas Day

The Chamber Office will be closed on the following days in December: Monday the 25th, Tuesday the 26th.



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