



Chamber Connections

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



I want to take a few moments to express a heart felt Thank You to the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, staff, our membership, Mayor Alexander, Flemingsburg City Council, Fleming County Judge Executive John Sims, Jr., Fleming County Fiscal Court, Explore Fleming County Committee, as well as my family & dear friends for the kindness and support they have shown to me during my recent cancer diagnosis.

I've been made aware that my absence from a couple membership events as well as the temporary change in our hours of operation at the office as sparked some genuine concern and although, I had hoped to keep my diagnosis and my health care journey a private one, but feel that is necessary to publicly sharing without going into detail. I've been blessed with an awesome medical team and a wonderful support system and I appreciate all those who have reached out.

I also, wanted to take a moment to assure our Partners, Members and the community that although there has been a temporary adjustment in the Chamber's office hours to accommodate my treatment schedule, that I have continued to serve/advocate and promote you, your businesses/organizations and our community with the same enthusiasm, dedication and loyalty over the last few months, as I have over the past 20 years as the Chamber's Executive Director. I will continue to work behind the scenes on your behalf, as it has been and continues to be my privilege to do so.

As always, my office door is always open and I invite you to stop by to discuss any issues, concerns or ideas you may have as relates to the Chamber and the services we offer.

Moving forward, I do ask for your patience, positive thoughts, and prayers as I continue to juggle my responsibilities at the office along with my treatment plan.

*Sincerely,
Crystal L. McCall Ruark
Executive Director*

***Together we can achieve positive results! Together we can make a Positive Difference!!
Because We are Better Together our community sees growth!!!***

#FCChamber #SupportSmallBusiness #ShopLocalSupportLocal #SupportLocalBusinessOwners



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Website: www.flemingkychamber.com

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Rose Farm Supply
Simplex Tax and Accounting
Stonegate Rentals
Story's Barbershop
US Bank

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City of Flemingsburg
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Champion Partners:

A.W. Graham Lumber Champions new Chamber Member,
Triple G Meats

Are you taking advantage of the extra benefits associated with your membership in the Chamber?

The following are programs Members have an opportunity to participate in:



- **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!

- **Chamber Gift Check Program**

*Free for Members to participate in, sign up at the Chamber office



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

New Members for 2024

Ada June's Boutique
Bethany Hicks State Farm
Cowan Station Honey Farm
Double D Trailer Parts and Services
Emily B. Sapp Insurance Inc. — **Copper Partner**
Golden Rule Vinyl Inc— **Copper Partner**
Hilman Industries, Inc— **Platinum Partner**
Jent's Tire and Lube— **Copper Partner**
Jill's Spare Thyme Treats, Catering, & More Confections

Kentucky True
LeighAnn's Cream Candy & Creative
Molly Gene Crain
R & W Dumpster Service
Seki Feeder, Inc.
Simplex Tax and Accounting—**Copper Partner**
Story's Barbershop —**Copper Partner**
The Cypress Company
The Picket Fence of Flemingsburg
Triple G. Quality Meats
V&V Catering LLC

*Businesses who joined after November 6th, 2024 will be continued the next edition.

5 Reasons to Join Your Local Chamber

- Opportunities and resources
- Access to information
- Networking
- Publicity and credibility
- Advocacy

#SupportYourLocalChamber



October 16th 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 Chamber membership at our office location 165 W. Water Street, our social media pages, or visit our website



FLEMING COUNTY CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE MEMBERS'

Christmas/Holiday Open Houses

Farm House Blessings	Friday, Nov 1 9-4
Farm House Blessings	Saturday, Nov 2 9-2:30
Truly Blessed Boutique	Friday, Nov 8 11-6
Truly Blessed Boutique	Saturday, Nov 9 10-2
Ada June's Boutique	Friday, Nov 15 10-6
Total Care Pharmacy (both locations)	Friday, Nov 15 9-7
Ada June's Boutique	Saturday, Nov 16 10-4
Rigdon Retrievers & The Retreat	Friday, Nov 29 10-5
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Ribbon Cuttings

The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting on Monday, October 28th for newest Chamber Member and Copper Partner, **Story's Barbershop!** Owner Briley R. Story has been a licensed barber for over 2 years while being established in Tollesboro, Kentucky and now coming to serve his hometown in Flemingsburg. He offers haircuts for men and children along with beard trims. Barbershop prices will be: haircut is \$13, buzz cut is \$10, and beard trim is \$4.

His shop can be located on 307 Foxspring Avenue, Flemingsburg, Kentucky 41041 (in with Southern Roots by Jordan) Briley can be found on Facebook under 'Briley Story' and can be contacted by phone number, 606-748-5919. The hours of operation for his business are Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. Story's Barbershop will also be taking advantage of the Chamber Gift Check Program and will be accepting Chamber Gift Checks through the purchase of any of his services.

Congratulations and welcome back to Flemingsburg!



Pictured left to right: Chamber Board Director Jennifer Hazelrigg, Lisa Emmons, Patrick Story, Avery Hickerson, Joyce Story, Paige Story, Owner Briley R. Story, Ava Emmons, Nathan Story, Shelly Hickerson, Emma Gorman, Addison Story, Chamber Board Director Stephanie Hardin, and Chamber Board Director Amanda McIntyre.

Present but not pictured: FC Chamber Administrative Assistant, Haylee Marshall.

welcome

The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting on Monday, September 23rd 2024 for **Double D Trailer Parts & Services, LLC.** Double D Trailer Parts & Services can be located at 240 Tollegate Dr, Flemingsburg KY 41041 and Owner, Daryl Esh can be contacted by phone number, 606-748-9841. His website is: ddtrailerparts.com and Facebook page is: Double D Trailer Parts & Services so be sure to follow to stay updated! His hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am-12:00pm, and closed on Sundays. His services include: trailer parts, repair, and new trailer sales. He also stocks a full line of trailer wheels and tires.

Congratulations!



Pictured from left to right: Chamber Directors Betsy Case and Dabney Hart, City Councilman Danny Carpenter, Judge John Sims Jr., Chamber President Mark Smith, Member of Economic Development Woodie Reeves, Owner Daryl Esh, Mayor Van Alexander, Superintendent/Magistrate Joe Dunaway Jr., Chamber Directors Becky Bowling & Melanie Jones, and Chamber Vice President Charlie Masters.

Present but not pictured: Chamber Executive Director Crystal L. McCall Ruark and Administrative Assistant Haylee Marshall.



Please join us on Friday, November 15th for our last Connections Over Coffee Event for the 2024 year! This one is sponsored by Rhonda Curran Koth, a financial advisor at Edward Jones.

This event is from 7:30 am—9:00 am and is come and go style. This event will be held at the Chamber Office, (165 W. Water St. Flemingsburg, KY 41041) and is FREE!

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Chamber, please attend this event to learn more and network.

JOIN US FOR...

CONNECTIONS OVER COFFEE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

7:30 A.M - 9:00 A.M

Thank you to **Rhonda Curran Koth- Edward Jones Financial Advisor** for sponsoring our November Coffee Talk!



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

165 W. WATER ST, FLEMINGSBURG, KY 41041

Connections Over Coffee

The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce held their Connections Over Coffee Event on Friday, September 20th at the Fleming County Hospital, sponsored by Fleming County Hospital. They held a mini health fair as well during the event! We had 13 business representatives present, thank you to Fleming County Hospital for sponsoring the event.



Small Business Season

The Holiday Season is right around the corner and so is the start of shopping season for your gifts. 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 3 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 or email: Haylee@flemingkychamber.com

Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 30th 2024

Be sure to support your local businesses on this day!



SMALL BUSINESS SEASON

The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce, The Fleming County Museum Society, and the DAR hosted the 2024 Flemingsburg/Fleming County First Responders Parade on Monday, November 4th 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Grand Marshals were Sergeant Dylan Marshall, Sergeant Matthew Dugan, Specialist Ethan Robinson, and Specialist Alberto Sanchez. They had just returned from active military service in the Middle East.

Thank you to all of our First Responders for your service to our community. Thank you to Double S. Entertainment for allowing the line up to begin at your business and for the dinner served to our First Responders. Thank you to Simons Middle School for allowing us to use the schools grounds to complete the parade and serve the dinner. Thank you to the Museum Society and DAR for making delicious desserts to give to our First Responders. Thank you to City Councilmen, Alan Davis for the music played during the Parade. Thank you to Fleming-Mason Energy for the use of the trucks to set the flag at the entrance of SMS and thank you to Justin Dailey with Fleming-Mason Energy for fixing the flag for our parade.



Somernites Covered Bridge Car Cruise

The Explore Fleming County had a great time hosting the Somernites Cars at the Goddard Bridge on Thursday, October 24th. They had over 60 vehicles participating!



The Explore Fleming County would like to say a special thank you to the City of Flemingsburg for allowing us to display the Veteran's Banners once again this year and to the City Employees for putting the banners up for us. We hope that you will stop downtown to look at the banners as they recognize over 200 individuals.

If your business is doing something special for Small Business Saturday, let us know and we can promote that for you! Just reach out to our office by either phone, 606-845-1223 or email: Haylee@flemingkychamber.com



**Are you a Chamber Business
who is in need of additional employees?**

Reach out to us with your information so we can get you added to our weekly
"Wake Up & Work Wednesday" email list and social media posts.

We generate a list of businesses that are hiring within our community and region not only to assist our
businesses with finding the right employee but to educate those seeking a new job as to whose hiring.

To ensure that your open positions are included in our **"Wake up and Work Wednesday"**
email them to:

haylee@flemingkychamber.com

****Reminder: Once you have filled your positions, please let us know so that we can removed your business from the list.**



Explore Fleming County

Seeking new members/volunteers to join us in
promoting the many assets we have here in
Flemingsburg/Fleming County From
Covered Bridges, Murals, Barn Quilts, Historic
Building and Architecture, walking trails and so
much more. Our next meeting will be held at the
Chamber office.

165 W. Water Street, Flemingsburg
on Monday, November 18th @ 9:00am

**Fleming County Christmas Parade
and
Window Decorating Contest**

This years **parade is December 13th,
2024.**

The theme is Christmas through the
Decades. (Pick your favorite
decade and bring it to life on your float)

Lineup will be from 4:00pm till the
parade starts at 6:00pm. Parade will
start at Farmers Stockyards and end at
the bowling alley. Will have an open
division and a non-profit division for the
float contest. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, place
will be selected in each division.

Winners will be announced after the
parade during the Christmas tree
lighting. If you are entering the float
contest please try to be there early as
the judges will be walking around
during lineup. The window contest will
be the same theme and 1st, 2nd, and
3rd place will be selected.

**Please call/text 606-301-1783 if you
are entering the window contest.**

Mark your calendar for this year's

Holiday Hoopla

December 13th and 14th, 2024
Frank L. Newman Memorial Park

Watch Social Media for more details

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

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, WFLE Radio, FCA-TV as well as our
Facebook page...

Fleming County Chamber of Commerce

Fleming County Chamber Businesses who are accepting Chamber Gift Checks

Ada June's Boutique
A.W. Graham Lumber, LLC
Buffalo Trace Surveying, LLC
ByPass Total Car Care
Café de Morales
City of Flemingsburg
Cheap Chevrolet
Community Trust Bank (Main Office Only)
Creativity Yours Salon
Donna J. Hendrix, CPA PSC
Double S. Entertainment/JB's Grill
Doyle Family Produce
El Mixteco Mexican Bar and Grill
Explore Fleming County
Farm House Blessings
First Choice Animal Clinic
Fizer's Carpet
Fleming-Mason Energy
Fleming County Hospital
Fleming County Golf Association
Fleming County Public Library
Fleming County Water Association
Flemingsburg Giovanni's
Flemingsburg Lions Club
Hinton Mills (Flemingsburg only)
Hypac Hydraulics
Jent's Tire and Lube
Jill's Spare Thyme Treats, Catering, & More
Jimmy Hall Trees & Shrubs
Ken's Fresh Foods

Kentucky True
Lasting Impressions Flowers & Gifts
LeighAnn's Cream Candy & Creative Confections
McDonald's of Flemingsburg
Masters Acres
Ole Seasons Shoppe
Pollock Solutions
R & W Dumpster Service
Rigdon Retrievers & The Retreat
Rose Farm Supply
Save-a-lot
Shear Style Hair Salon
Simplex Tax and Accounting
Sims Dairy Queen
Sloan's Paint & Wallpaper
Southern States
Steve's Ace Hardware
Story's Barbershop
Stonegate Rentals
The Hairloft
The Picket Fence of Flemingsburg
Tire World of Flemingsburg
Total Care Pharmacy—Clark & Main St.
Truly Blessed Boutique
ValleyView Service
WFLE Radio—95.1 FM
Yoder's Dinner Bell Market



Another Awesome Chamber Benefit

Are you participating in this program? If not, Why?

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 as 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.

NOTE: It is our recommendation that if someone uses a Gift Check with your business and they do not use the entire amount, that you offer them a store credit/gift card for the remaining balance. This is just a recommendation as this program was designed to support local Chamber Businesses and if you are giving back change, there's no guarantee that the remaining balance will be spent locally. If someone purchases, for an example, a Walmart Gift Card they can only use that gift at Walmart and Walmart does not give back cash on monies remaining on their card. Again, this is only our recommendation. As a business owner you're free to handle the remaining balance from the gift check as you see best.

Upcoming Events



**The Fleming County
Covered Bridge Museum
open hours:**

**Wednesdays: 10-4
Saturdays: 12-4**

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

November:

4th: First Responders Appreciation
Parade and Dinner @ 5:30 pm
5th: General Election Day
6th: Chamber Directors Meeting
@ 9am
11th: Veterans Day /Chamber
Office Closed
11th: City Council Meeting
12th: Fiscal Court Meeting
15th: Connections Over Coffee w/
Rhonda Curran Koth
7:30 am-9:00am
18th: Explore FC Meeting @ 9am
20th: 7th Grade Reality Store
@ SMS
21st: NKY Tourism Meeting
27th: Radio w/ WFLE
28th: Thanksgiving
28th-29th: Office Closed
29th: Cowboy Christmas @ 606
30th: Small Business Saturday
30th: Rotary's Memorial Tree
Lighting

December:

4th: Chamber Directors Retreat
6th: Week #1 Chamber Bucks
Drawing
9th: City Council Meeting
10th: Fiscal Court Meeting
13th: Christmas Parade & Hoopla
13th: Week #2 Chamber Bucks
Drawing
14th: Holiday Hoopla
20th: Week #3 Chamber Bucks
Drawing
24th: Christmas Eve (Office Closed)
25th: Christmas Day (Office Closed)
31st: New Years Eve
(Chamber closes at noon)



The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce
will have the following revised
office hours starting
Monday, July 29, 2024.

Mondays - 9am to 4:30pm
Tuesdays - 9am to 4:30pm
Wednesdays - 9am to 4:30pm
Thursdays - Closed
Fridays - 9am to 4:30pm



If you need assistance feel free to contact one of our Chamber
Board of Directors (list can be found on our website) or email:
crystal@flemingkychamber.com or
haylee@flemingkychamber.com

The Chamber Office will be closed for the following Holidays:

- Closed on November 11th for Veterans Day
- Closed on November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving
- Closed on December 24th and 25th for Christmas
- Closed on December 31st at noon for New Year's Eve

Follow our Facebook Pages:

- Fleming County Chamber of Commerce
 - Discover Flemingsburg
- Sparkle & Shine, It's Christmas Time
 - Fleming County Jobs
- Kentucky Covered Wooden Bridge Trail
- Fleming County Work-Ready Community
 - Explore Fleming County

Follow our other social media sites:

Instagram: @flemingkychamber

Website: www.flemingkychamber.com

YouTube: @flemingcountychamberofcommerce