

# London Chamber Luncheon highlights Shriners, encourages funding for Dolly Parton Library



**Jim Robinette, a member of the Board of Governors with Shriners Children's Lexington, was this month's featured speaker at the chamber luncheon.** | PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD

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LONDON — The London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce gathered for its monthly luncheon last week — featuring updates from community partners, a healthcare presentation and a donation supporting early childhood literacy efforts.

The meeting opened Thursday with a prayer followed by introductions of chamber board members and ambassadors. Attendees also welcomed a new member, Veterans Contracting. Representatives Parker Eden and Trey Eden shared that the Kentucky-based roofing company will be working in London over the coming months as development begins at The Place at Court Road.

Chamber officials provided updates on upcoming

events, including several ribbon-cuttings scheduled throughout April. NECCO Foster Care will host a ceremony on April 9, followed by Mills Legal Planning on April 15, Quick Stash Storage on April 17 and Elder Law Office on April 20. The chamber's annual banquet is set for April 21 at the London Community Center, with sponsorship opportunities and silent auction donations still available.

The luncheon was sponsored by AdventHealth, with President and CEO Nick Bejarano delivering remarks on the organization's regional impact and mission. Bejarano noted the health system's continued growth and its emphasis on whole-person care.

"Our goal as an organization is really to be the pre-eminent, faith-based, consumer-focused, clinical care

company that helps those that we serve feel whole," Bejarano said.

He added that AdventHealth Manchester served more than 190,000 patients in 2025 and has expanded services in cardiology, inpatient dialysis and telehealth. Bejarano also said the hospital reduced patient transfers by more than 600 through telemedicine partnerships and continues to support community outreach projects, including building wheelchair ramps and assisting with home repairs.

Representatives from Shriners Children's Lexington also addressed the chamber, sharing information about the facility's services and its upcoming 100th anniversary. Local Shriner Jim Robinette highlighted the organization's longstanding presence and

impact in the region.

"Approximately 6,000 patients a year are treated at the Lexington facility, and many of those are from our home state. You probably have a family member or someone you know treated at Shriners," Robinette said. "We treat kids up to the age of 18."

Robinette noted that the Laurel County Shrine Club, chartered in 1983, has contributed more than \$2 million over the years to support the Lexington hospital and assist with patient transportation. In addition to fundraising at local events such as the World Chicken Festival, the organization partners with area businesses through an annual donation program that recognizes contributors with plaques.

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## CHARGES

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Waibel faces an additional charge of distribution of obscene matter to a minor, with the indictment alleging obscene photographs were shown to a minor.

The men were initially arrested by the Laurel County Sheriff's Office, at approximately 6:07 a.m. on Jan. 31, after deputies were dispatched by London-Laurel County 911 to a report of a suspicious vehicle.

According to authorities, deputies responded to a residence off a side road along US 25, about seven miles south of London, where a silver vehicle bearing Illinois license plates had reportedly stopped.

The occupants of the vehicle allegedly told the mother of a 17-year-old girl that they were there to pick up her daughter, claiming she was the girlfriend of one of the men.

The mother reportedly instructed the individuals to leave and contacted LCSO.

When deputies arrived, they spoke with the mother and the teen — learning the juvenile had allegedly been communicating online for approximately two months with one of the suspects, who is 19 years old.

Authorities said the man

allegedly intended to take the juvenile back to Texas.

While at the residence, deputies observed footprints in the snow near the home and an outbuilding that were believed to have been made by the suspects. Sgt. Reed continued the investigation at the scene while Dep. Smith later located the suspect vehicle at a business parking lot along US 25, approximately eight miles south of London.

In other cases, the grand jury indicted:

— Ronnie Dewayne Lockaby, 46, of London, who faces charges stemming from incidents alleged to have occurred between Dec. 1 and Dec. 25, 2025. Lockaby was indicted on one count of first-degree sexual abuse involving a victim under the age of 14, as well as first-degree unlawful transaction with a minor.

Lockaby was also indicted as a first-degree persistent felony offender based on prior felony convictions.

— Benjamin Lee Mayton

III, 38, of London, who is charged with failure to comply with sex offender registration after reportedly failing to report a change of address

to the Kentucky State Police registry. Mayton is additionally charged as a second-degree persistent felony offender.

*An indictment is a formal*

*charge that does not imply guilt or innocence. All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY  
SOUTHERN DIVISION AT LONDON**

HBKY, LLC,  
Plaintiff,  
Civ. No. 6:21-cv-00101-GFVT-HAI  
v.  
KINGDOM ENERGY RESOURCES, LLC, ET AL.,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE & APPOINTMENT OF APPRAISERS**

Comes the undersigned, Court appointed Special Master, and gives notice that pursuant to the Order of Sale [Doc# 1137] entered in the above-captioned case on February 25, 2026 he will on **MAY 1, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.** at the door of the Bell County Courthouse facing the United States Post Office on Walnut St., in Pineville, Kentucky, offer for sale at public auction and outcry to the highest and best bidder the hereinafter described real property in Bell and Knox Counties, Kentucky, more particularly described in the Order of Sale (the "Realty"):

**FORMER LEFT FORK MINING PROPERTY, KENTUCKY HIGHWAY 66,  
LEFT FORK OF STRAIGHT CREEK, BELL COUNTY PVA MAP # 099-00-00-001.00**

**AND:**

**FORMER LEFT FORK MINING PROPERTY, ROARING FORK OF  
STINKING CREEK, KNOX COUNTY PVA MAP #192-00-00-001.00**

The Realty is being sold to pay the principal judgment of \$45,260,810.90, plus interest, costs, and fees and in accordance with the Order of Sale and terms therein, and subject to [Doc #335], including those terms related to credit bidding. **GENERAL SALE TERMS:** (1) A minimum bid which is greater than or equal to 67% of the appraised value of the Realty will be required in order to bid (the "Minimum"), with the Minimum to be paid to the undersigned by certified check or cashier's check by a bidder before any bid will be accepted (i.e., **a bidder must pay the Minimum in order to bid at the sale**), which shall be held by the undersigned until the sale has concluded and refunded to any unsuccessful bidder within 10 days of the sale; (2) the balance of any bid in excess of the Minimum shall be paid to the undersigned within 20 days after the sale, by a certified or cashier's check payable to the "United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky"; and (3) if the successful bidder fails to timely pay the balance due, the certified or cashier's check for the Minimum shall be forfeited and shall be applied to cover the expenses of the sale, including any commissions due, with any amount remaining remitted to the Plaintiff and applied to reduce the Plaintiff's aforesaid judgment, and the Realty shall then be offered again for sale.

The Realty will be appraised by Kevin Bisceglia and Jonathan Evans, two disinterested, intelligent housekeepers actively engaged in or having at least one year of experience in the field of real estate. Their appraisals will be filed in the record once received by the undersigned and may be obtained from the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned attorney, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was electronically filed on March 19, 2026 through the ECF system, which will send notice of electronic filing to all parties in the electronic filing system in this case. Additionally, service is made on those not in the ECF filing system and not in default pursuant to the master service list in this case.

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