

## Young Entrepreneurs Academy to Graduate Seventeen

The Blair County Chamber's Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) program will graduate seventeen area students tomorrow at a luncheon held at the Blair County Convention Center. This YEA! class is the fifth since the program was introduced in the fall of 2016. The graduates are: Zac Barton, Anna Batrus, Rece Boland, Kiersten Biddle, Hawke Claycomb, Ayden Craine, Ian DiPangrazio, Tyler Faber, Lucas Hatajik, Caleb Jandora, A.J. Marasco-Keene, Zach Miller, Peyton Paisley, Evan Petrunak, Clay Smith,



Rylie Whitaker and Lucas Zimmerman. For more information on the YEA! program, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at [jhurd@blairchamber.com](mailto:jhurd@blairchamber.com).

## Next Breakfast Club to Focus on Psychological Impact of Covid-19

Students in Blair County schools have been stretched to never-before-seen limits, thanks to the challenges of Covid-19. Many have adjusted their schedules and routines to accommodate the challenges, others have not. The incredible psychological damage that the pandemic has done on students and to some extent on businesses will be the topic of the next Blair County Chamber "Breakfast Club," set for May 13th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Dr. Robert Gildea, Superintendent of the Hollidaysburg Area School District and Dana Melton, RN, LCSW will tag-team on a presentation entitled, "The Profound Impact of Covid-19." The presentation will focus attention on how the mandates of the pandemic have cre-



ated delays in the development of young people. The cost to attend the Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. A buffet breakfast is included. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the May Breakfast Club is South Hills School of Business & Technology.

## Chamber Board Approves Creation of Data Security Roundtable

The topic of data security is posing a considerable challenge for businesses of all size. To direct additional attention to that topic, the Blair County Chamber's Board of Directors has created a Data Security Roundtable to provide business interaction and educational programming. Details on how to join the Roundtable will be available within a few weeks.

## Congratulations!

... to James Gerraughty, program manager of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission Procurement Technical Assistance Center, who has been elected treasurer of the Association of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers. Gerraughty also serves as president of the Blair County Chamber Foundation. ... to Penn England Dairy Farm of Williamsburg which was featured recently on American Dairy Association North East's new video series, "This American Dairy Farmer." The program offers a behind-the-scenes look at local dairy farms and the farmers who operate them.

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## Wellness Chat to Highlight Success Stories

The next Wellness Chat, hosted by the Chamber's Workplace Wellness Committee, will take place on Friday, May 14th at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom. The program, which lasts 30 minutes, will focus on Success Stories involving businesses and individuals who have been able to weather the challenges of the pandemic or who can point to ways that they've encouraged employees to maintain healthier lifestyles. There is no cost for Chamber Members to attend. Non-members can attend for \$10. To register and access the Zoom link, go to [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Anyone who



would like to share their wellness experiences with those on the Wellness Chat should contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at [jhurd@blairchamber.com](mailto:jhurd@blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of this Wellness Chat is Appalachian Running Company.

## Leadership Adult Program Accepting Applications for 2022

One of Pennsylvania's most successful adult leadership programs is accepting applications for its 2022 Class. Leadership Blair County will begin its 27th year in August. The program focuses on the concept of Servant Leadership and provides a comprehensive array of informational sessions that also creates exceptional networking opportunities. Each class is limited to twenty-four participants. To apply, visit the Blair County Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). The LBC Adult application deadline is June 30th.



## Ribbon Cutting



## CBD American Shaman

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand-opening celebration of CBD American Shaman located at 506 3rd Avenue, Duncansville. CBD American Shaman offers a full line of CBD products for overall health and wellness. The Duncansville location is one of over 700 stores nationwide. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information go to [cbdofaltoona.com](http://cbdofaltoona.com). Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Stacy Hoover, VP of Events/Technology, Blair County Chamber; Ken Campbell, owner; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber; and Gwen Querry, VP of Programming/Membership Education, Blair County Chamber.

## Committee Meetings

Membership Committee  
April 29, 10:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

Farm-City Committee  
April 29, 11:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center



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# Chamber Partnering With Penn State Altoona on Student Showcase

This Friday, Penn State Altoona will hold its spring Student Showcase. The event will be held virtually and will be done in partnership with the Blair County Chamber and the Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation. The Showcase provides the campus community and the general public with a firsthand look at how Penn State Altoona students are using knowledge from the classroom to enhance the operations of many organizations. A complete schedule



of the day's presentations may be found at [altoona.psu.edu/showcase](http://altoona.psu.edu/showcase). Contact Leisha Ott at [llo1@psu.edu](mailto:llo1@psu.edu) or Anna Rose Eckenrode at [are125@psu.edu](mailto:are125@psu.edu).

## LBC Class Raising Money to Benefit Covid-19 Response Fund

The Chamber's Leadership Blair County Adult Class held an Easter fundraiser with Bedford Candies. Class member Aaron Lantzy said, "The money raised from this fundraiser, which was just over \$1300, will be used as the seed money to cover the costs of our upcoming Day at the Races Around the Bases fundraiser to be held May 22 at the Altoona Curve." The event will begin at 2 pm and will include an afternoon of betting on virtual horse racing, an all you can eat buffet, live auctions, raffles, 50/50's and other games of chance. The 2021 LBC Class



is raising money for the Blair County COVID-19 Response Fund managed by The United Way of Blair County. To reserve tickets or for more information, please contact McQuaide Blasko Attorneys at Law by calling (814) 283-2000.

## Still Time to Host "Business After Hours" in 2021

With the anticipated relaxation of the Covid-19 rules regarding gatherings, the Blair County Chamber is resuming networking programs. Business After Hours heads that list. The first After Hours in 2021 will be on May 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Blair County Convention Center. More are sure to follow. "We're in the process of contacting businesses that had signed-up to host in 2021 to make sure that they are still onboard," explained Stacy

Hoover, the Chamber VP who oversees Business After Hours. "We will also contact businesses that were scheduled to host in 2020 but had their event cancelled to determine if they wanted to be considered for vacancies in the future. And we'll be recruiting new sign-ups." Any Chamber member interested in hosting a Business After Hours should contact Stacy at (814) 943-8151 or email her at [shoover@blairchamber.com](mailto:shoover@blairchamber.com).

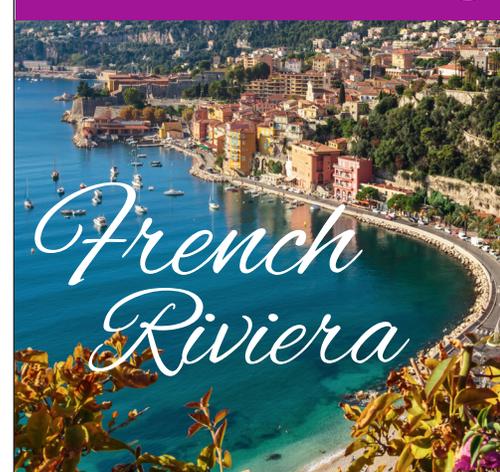
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## Community Involvement

The Chamber has a finger on the pulse of what's important in the business community. As a Chamber member, you are provided the opportunity to have your voice heard through participation in one of the various Chamber committees covering a wide variety of up-to-the-minute issues pertinent to today's business community.

[Click here](#) for a complete list of Chamber Committees and find out how you can make a difference in your business community today!

## Informational Meeting



October 30 - November 7, 2021

An amazing nine-day retreat to the beautiful French Riviera!

Nice St. Tropez Monte Carlo  
Cannes Monaco

Join us for a virtual meeting to learn more about this exciting adventure!

**May 12 • 6 p.m.**

No cost or obligation. Call for ZOOM link.  
**814-943-8151**