



Happy Memorial Day

Office Closed on Memorial Day

The Blair County Chamber Office will be closed on Monday in commemoration of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. To access Chamber information or to register for Chamber programs and events, visit the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com.

Completed Job Vacancy Survey Yet?

The workforce challenges that our region faces have resulted in the creation of a survey by the Chamber to ascertain how many employees are currently needed for businesses to function effectively. The Job Vacancy Survey can be accessed from the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com. It's extremely important that all businesses and organizations, both Chamber members and non-



members, complete the survey. It takes only a few minutes to complete and the data that it yields will help us determine a workable strategy.

Farm-City Committee Looking For More Members

The Chamber's Farm-City Committee is instrumental in helping promote the many benefits of agriculture to our Blair County economy. The committee is working on a number of initiatives during 2021 and is hoping that people within the Chamber membership who support agriculture might be willing to serve on the committee. The commitment is not extensive time-wise. For more information or to join



the committee, contact Stacy Hoover at (814) 943-8151 or email her at shoover@blairchamber.com.



Non-Profit Legislative Breakfast Set for Friday

The Chamber's Committee of Non-Profit Businesses will hold a breakfast meeting with State Legislators this Friday, June 4th from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. State Senator Judy Ward and State Representatives Jim Gregory and Lou Schmitt will attend and answer questions from attendees, specific to issues impact the non-profit community. The cost to attend is \$20 for Chamber members and \$25 for non-members. Breakfast is included. To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or [register online](#). Corporate sponsor of the Legislative Breakfast is Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation.

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Chamber Membership can save you money.

Did you know that the Chamber works in partnership with ChamberChoice, a health insurance plan offered through the Chambers of Commerce Services Corporation? Chamber members have access to a diverse suite of valuable products and services that can benefit your business. [Click here](#) to learn more.

All-Stars Recognized for May

Since sponsorships are such an integral part of the Chamber's ability to offer great events and programs to members, we recognize sponsors each month as "All-Stars." The All-Stars for May are: ABCD Corp., Alto Markets, Appalachian Running Company, ARM Group, LLC, Arrow Land Solutions, BASICS-Judy Rossi, Bella Lucia, Berry Solutions Group, Blair Companies, Blair County Planning Commission, Blair County Planning Commission – WalkWorks, Burchfield and Son Landscaping, Inc., Crossroads Physical Therapy & Rehab., Inc., Crystal Springs, Curry Fluid Power, Dazzling Realty, DQE Communications, LLC, E.B. Endres, Inc., Encompass Health, Farmers Insurance – Billie J. Friday Agency, Farmers Insurance – Debbie Eckenrode Agency, First National Bank of PA, Haberstroh, Sullivan & George, LLP, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Hometown Bank of Pennsylvania, InnerPeaceCounseling, IPI Security Services, Irwin Financial, Inc., Jersey Shore State Bank, Keller Engineers, Inc., Keystone Payroll, Keystone Response Services, Leonard S. Fiore, Inc., Lightner Communications, LLC, L.R. Kimball, Lung Disease Center of Central PA, Luther Lawn Service,



Mama Randazzo's, Marian Heights at Garvey Manor, McCartney's Business Products, McQuaide Blasko Attorneys at Law, Mountain Research, LLC, NPC, Inc., Okonak, Dean & Lechner, PC, P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers, Park Security, PC Works Plus, PennCrest Bank, Penn Highlands Healthcare, Penn State Altoona, Reliance Bank, Roberts Oxygen Company, Inc., Saleme Insurance, Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Seltzer Financial Strategies, Sheetz, Inc., Slingers Throw House, South Hills School of Business & Technology, Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Splish Splash Car Wash, Spring Cove Container, Stiffler McGraw, Stuckey Automotive, The Baltimore Life Companies, The Health Insurance Place, Tyrone Cleaning Services, UPMC Altoona, Warren A. Gingrich Agency, Inc., Young, Oakes, Brown & Company, P.C. and Zito Business.



For a stronger business community

Consider a Contribution to the Unity Fund!

The past twelve months have created a boatload of challenges for Blair County businesses. Even with some of the programs provided by the government, money has been tight and businesses have had to make tough decisions to stay financially afloat. To help those businesses, the Chamber established the Unity Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to allow businesses that have reached inactive status with the Chamber to apply for funding of up to 50% of their delinquent dues. If your business is able to help out with a contribution, contact Cindy Cessna at (814) 943-8151 or email her at ccessna@blairchamber.com.

Data Security Roundtable Begins Recruitment Effort

Back in April, the Blair County Chamber's Board of Directors created a Data Security Roundtable to raise awareness of the many security-related threats confronting businesses of all size. The Roundtable is officially open to any Chamber members that either provide data security or have some interest in the topic. There is no cost to belong. Simply contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.



Committee Meetings

Chamber Ambassadors
June 1st, 8:00 a.m.
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Workplace Wellness Committee
June 1st, 3:00 p.m.
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Young Professionals of Blair County
June 2nd, 8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Committee of Non-Profit
Businesses
June 2nd, 11:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Public Policy Committee
June 3rd, 8:00 a.m.
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Prestash to Speak at Chamber Breakfast Club

Transportation, particularly dealing with roads and bridges, plays a key role in Blair County's economy. Businesses rely on customers having access, travel and tourism relies on visitors being able to move about. So what will the next few months bring in terms of traffic disruptions? To answer that question, Tom Prestash, District Executive of PennDOT District 9, will be the keynote speaker at the next Blair County Chamber "Breakfast Club" on June 10th beginning at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Prestash's presentation is entitled "Maneuvering Around the Cones." He will outline PennDOT's strategy for completing key highway and bridge projects with as little inconvenience as possible for drivers. The cost to attend the Breakfast



Tom Prestash

Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the June Breakfast Club is ChamberChoice.

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. The LBC Adult application deadline is June 30th.

Suicide Prevention is Topic of Next "Wellness Chat"

Wellness covers a variety of important topics and the Chamber's Workplace Wellness Committee focuses attention on many of those through "Wellness Chats." The next Chat, held virtually this Friday from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m., focuses on individuals that experience depression and suicidal thoughts. The presenter will be Jacque Harpster from UPMC Crisis who will talk about The Columbia Lighthouse Project which helps to identify risk and prevent suicide. There is no cost to Chamber mem-



bers to attend the Wellness Chats. Non-members can attend for \$10. To register, go to www.blairchamber.com. Sponsor of the Wellness Chat is Healthy Blair County Coalition.



"To the Team at the Chamber:

Once again as a business we thank you for the support the last year. Everyone did a great job keeping in touch and updating us."

—The Cashman Financial Group



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Congratulations!

... to the Human Resource Management Association of Blair County which has been awarded the EXCEL Platinum Award by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) for the chapter's accomplishments in 2020. The EXCEL Award is given to SHRM state councils and chapters to recognize major accomplishments, strategic activities and tactical initiatives that elevate the HR profession.