



Chamber Office Closed Monday for Independence Day

The Blair County Chamber Office, located in the Devorris Center for Business Development, will be closed on Monday, July 5th in recognition of Independence 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.

Data Security Roundtable to Meet This Thursday

The Chamber's Data Security Roundtable was created 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. The first meeting of the Roundtable will be held this Thursday, July 8th at 11:00 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business



Development. For more information, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.

Salvation Army Offering Free Masks

While some people in our community are hoping never to see or wear a facemask again, others are reluctant to go completely "mask-less" too soon. For that second group, the Salvation Army is making re-usable masks available at no cost. Simply call (814) 942-8104 and ask for Pastor Larry, Pastor Ashley or Jamie.



Chamber All-Stars Recognized for June

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 June are: Boutique Air, Healthy Blair County Coalition, McCartney's Business Products, My Benefit Advisor, Pennsylvania Highlands Community College and Slingers Throw House.



Congratulations...

... to State Senator Judy Ward who received the NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award from the National Federation of Independent Businesses. The award is given to lawmakers who small businesses can truly count-on.

Great Opportunities Exist for Committee Participation

As the Chamber heads into the heart of the summer, many Chamber committees are already gearing-up for a busy fall. To get that process underway, those committees are looking for additional members to tackle significant objectives. The committees that would like to add to their numbers

are: Workplace Wellness, Sustainable Blair County, Committee of Non-Profit Businesses, Farm-City and Membership. Anyone who has an interest in being part of any of these committees should contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blair-chamber.com.

Chamber's Canadian Rockies Trip Postponed Until 2022

The delayed opening of the Canadian border with the United States has resulted in the postponement of the Chamber's trip to the Canadian Rockies. Since the trip drew considerable interest, the Chamber and Epic Journeys have rescheduled the trip until July 16-22, 2022. Anyone who had booked the trip for 2021 can rollover

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their reservations until next year. Those who don't plan to take the trip in 2022 will get a full refund including travel insurance.

Ribbon Cutting



Defiant Distillery & ReKlaimed Vines Winery

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held recently for Defiant Distillery & ReKlaimed Vines Winery located at 8674 Woodbury Pike in East Freedom. Products include a wide variety of unique wines with various blends and flavored neutral spirits featuring fruit infused vodkas and gin. For more information go to www.defiantdistillery.com. On-hand for the celebration were from left, Bonnie Hand, Chamber Ambassador; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Jamie, Charles and Kristy Knouse, owners; and Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce

Committee Meetings

Young Professionals of Blair County Committee
July 7th, 8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Data Security Roundtable
July 8th, 11:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

BENEFact

Did you know that as a Chamber member business, both you and your employees can now receive discounted rates to educational programs and networking events held throughout the year? Increase your professional network and save money when you register to attend at www.blair-chamber.com.

JOIN OUR TEAM
DIGITAL MEDIA MANAGER

-- Full-time position --

To apply for this position, email a resume and cover letter to Joe Hurd at jhurd@blairchamber.com.

SPREAD THE NEWS!

Get your Buy Here. Thrive Here. yard sign today!





Saluting Our Renewals!

We would like to thank those members that have continued to invest with the organization by renewing their membership in the month of June.

Celebrating 58 Years

Union Tank Car Company

Celebrating 41-44 Years

Amtran

Lawn Doctor of Altoona

Celebrating 35-40 Years

Altoona Ophthalmology Associates

AMED

Teeter Group

Celebrating 30-34 Years

Bettwy Electric, Inc.

Blair County Oil & Supply

Burchfield Organization, Inc.

Tom Burkholder's Antiques

The Cashman Financial Group, Inc

Child Advocates of Blair County, Inc.

Corle Construction

Image Signs, Inc.

Jaffa Shrine Center

Lakemont Park

Mountain Research, LLC

NPC, Inc.

Joseph A. Oricko, Architect

Rea, Rea & Lashinsky

Santella Funeral Home

L. R. Webber Associates, Inc.

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Albemarle Corporation

Altoona Curve Baseball

Carnegie Equipment, Inc.

Empower Business Solutions

The Hancock Group, Inc.

Inco Beverage, Inc.

Makdad Industrial Supply Co., Inc.

Lisa Mancinelli,

State Farm Insurance Agency

McAleeer's Plumbing, Heating & A/C, Inc.

Metzler Brothers Tank,

Truck & Trailer, LLC

South Hills School of Business

& Technology

Starfleet Productions, Inc.

James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center

The Village at Morrisons Cove

Celebrating 10-19 Years

American Rescue Workers, Inc.

Balfurd, Inc.

Bellwood-Antis School District

Blair County Convention & Sports

Facilities Authority

Blair Gastroenterology Associates

Canary Labs

Derman Funeral Home, Inc.

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Discovery House Blair County

Groundhog Solar

Holiday Financial Services

Joe Krentzman & Son, Inc.

The Milky Way

Second Avenue United

Methodist Church

S. Smith Books

Smith's Welding and Fabrication

Snare & Associates Mortgage

Services, LLC

Spring Lane Hunt Club, LLC

Window World of Altoona

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Barr's Auto Electric, Radiator
& Air Conditioning, Inc.

Bedford Candies

Bella Lucia, Inc.

Corl-Grove Services, Inc.

Craig Fencing, Inc.

The Giorgio Foundation

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Innovative Technologies, Inc.

JW Hoist & Crane, LLC dba

Altoona Hoist & Crane

Keystone Environmental, Health,
& Safety Services, Inc.

Lake Raystown Resort

Microtel Inn & Suites by

Wyndham, Altoona

Williamsburg Public Library

Celebrating 1-4 Years

Paula Binus

Royce Ann Boyd

J.W. Fleming, Inc.

Hometown Bank of PA

Impressions WHQ, Inc.

K&D Factory Service Inc

PA Simple Cremation

Ronald McDonald House

Charities Mid-Penn

Staples - The Office Superstore

UGI Energy Services

United We Can of Blair County

YTI Career Institute

BLAIR COUNTY'S LARGEST **FREE**

BASKET AUCTION

BENEFITING THE GIORGIO FOUNDATION — 100% OF ALL PROCEEDS GOES TOWARD NF1 RESEARCH

BLAIR COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER (OUTSIDE)

SATURDAY
AUGUST 21 2021

11 AM - 5PM RAIN OR SHINE

NO ADMISSION FEE!

\$5 FOR 25 TICKETS
10 OF THE BASKETS WILL INCLUDE
A HIDDEN \$50 BILL!

OVER 150 BASKETS!

FOOD & ADULT BEVERAGES AVAILABLE

BEER, WINE, SODA, WATER
CHICKEN, PULLED PORK,
BAKED BEANS, BBQ RIBS,
HOT SAUSAGE



FOOD PREPARED BY TOM SCHILLING,
CONVENTION CENTER EXECUTIVE CHEF.

(MUST BE 21 TO PURCHASE ADULT BEVERAGES)

BASKETS DRAWN THROUGHOUT THE DAY

LOT A: 1:00 pm LOT C: 3:00 pm
LOT B: 2:00 pm LOT D: 4:00 pm

ALL WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY
TEXT OR PHONE. BASKETS CAN BE
PICKED UP BY 5PM SATURDAY, OR AT
THE CONVENTION CENTER BETWEEN
3PM & 5PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 23.

LIVE MUSIC 1PM - 4PM



PITTSBURGH ACOUSTIC TRIO
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
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THE
Giorgio
CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION FOR NF1

The Giorgio Children's Foundation is a nonprofit
dedicated to funding medical research for a cure
for Neurofibromatosis (NF1).