

Job Vacancy Survey Results Will Spearhead Strategies

The results of the Chamber's Job Vacancy Survey will help set strategies in at least two important directions. The results will be used by the Chamber's Public Policy and BASICS Committees to determine how to address staffing shortages, particularly within certain industry sectors. It will also assist the Chamber Alliance in discussing regional workforce initiatives. 155 businesses completed the survey. For more information on the survey, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.



POSTPONED

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

Missed the Healthcare Presentations? Here's How to Catch-Up

The Chamber's series on healthcare options, presented during the last few weeks of June, was videotaped so that those unable to attend could download it and watch it at their convenience. Unfortunately, the third part of the series, which featured Your Benefits Advisor, had technical difficulties and will be re-presented at a later time. To access the previous two presentations, go to: [Hampton Medical : Healthcare Series pt.2](#) [Hampton Medical DPC 6-22-21](#) -



[YouTube](#) and [Empower 360: Healthcare Series pt.1](#) [Empower360 6 16 21](#) - [YouTube](#).

Committee Meetings

Home Garden & Healthy Living Showcase Committee
July 13th, 8:30 a.m.,
Devorris Center

Farm-City Committee
July 15th, 11:30 a.m.
Devorris Center

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.



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 com-

mittees 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@blairchamber.com.

Data Security Roundtable Schedules Second Meeting

The first meeting of the Chamber's Data Security Roundtable, held last Thursday, was a huge success in terms of generating great conversation among technology providers who deal in some meaningful way with data security. A second meeting has been scheduled, this one on July 28th at 11:00 a.m. at the Devorris Center for

Business Development. The meeting will be in-person but will also offer a Zoom option. The purpose of this meeting is to devise a game plan to help local businesses better understand data security issues and be proactive in preparing for them. To attend the meeting, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.

Ribbon Cutting



Frick/Ketrow Insurance Agency

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held recently for grand-opening of the newest location of Frick/Ketrow Insurance Agency located at 4614 East Pleasant Valley Blvd., Tyrone. Frick/Ketrow offers an extensive line of insurance products for auto, home, life and business. The newest location is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 5:00 p.m. For more information go to www.frickins.com. Joined by the Frick/Ketrow Insurance Agency team are, at the ribbon, from left: Amanda Walker, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; State Senator Judy Ward; Thomas Frick, Sr., Founder; Thomas Frick, Jr., Owner; Gianna Frick; Thomas Frick, III; Jessica and Bianca Frick; Beth McCale, Office Manager; and Tara Saltzburg, Chamber Ambassador.



Congratulations...

... to First Commonwealth Bank that has been recognized by Forbes as one of America's Best Banks for 2021, the second year in a row it has been included on the list. The recognition follows the acknowledgment from Forbes earlier this year that included First Commonwealth as one of the World's Best Banks for 2021.

... to Hollidaysburg Area Public Library Director Janet Eldred who was featured in a recent Altoona Mirror "Monday Spotlight."

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