

## Chamber Opposes Proposed Tax Increases

The Blair County Chamber joined other chambers and employer associations in sending a letter to the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation opposing employer tax increases included in the \$3.5 trillion spending bill. The tax hikes would be devastating to Pennsylvania's recovery, competitiveness and economy for years to come. Raising the corporate tax rate from 21% to 26.5% would result in Pennsylvania businesses having to pay a combined rate of 36.49%. That's more than ten points higher than the weighted average of every other developed nation on earth. The proposed tax increases would stifle economic growth, lowering GDP by 1% over ten years.

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## Informational Meeting on Iceland Set for Tuesday

The Blair County Chamber, in partnership with Ketrow KURTZ Travel, will be traveling to Iceland from October 26th to November 1st of 2022. The first informational meeting will be this Tuesday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. If you'd like to attend that meeting, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151. For information on any Chamber trip, call Marilyn Templon at that same number. It's time to travel. Let the Chamber show you how!



## Non-Profit Networking Scheduled for the Buccinese Society

Join the Chamber's Committee of Non-Profit Businesses for a Night Out on October 7th from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Buccinese Society in Altoona. Enjoy an evening to connect with old and new friends over an Italian buffet. Cost to attend is \$18 for Chamber Members and \$25 for non-members. For-profits can attend as well. Call the Chamber at 814-943-8151 to make a reservation or [register online](#).



## “Down on the Farm” is Thursday in Martinsburg

The Chamber's “Down on the Farm” is this Thursday. This year's event is hosted by Kulp Family Dairy, located at 1691 Millerstown Road in Martinsburg from 5:00 - 7 p.m. There will be lots of fun things to do including hayrides, farm tours, and kid's activities. The cost is \$10 per person and free for ages 10 and under. Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber at 943-8151 or [register online](#). Sponsors for the Down on the Farm event are AgChoice Farm Credit, Blair County Conservation District, Homewood at Martinsburg, Reliance Bank and Stuckey Automotive.

## Committee Meetings

Ambassadors/Membership  
Committees  
Sept. 28th • 8:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

Presidents' Forum Steering  
Committee  
Sept. 29th • 1:30 p.m.  
Devorris Center

## Chamber Partnering With PA CareerLink on Job Fair

The Blair County Chamber is partnering with PA CareerLink on a Job Fair to be held at Jaffa Shrine on October 6th. Eighty employers from all industries will be recruiting at the event. The Job Fair is open to the public. It all begins at 9:30 a.m. with an initial half-hour limited strictly to veterans seeking employment. From 10:00 to 2:00 p.m., any job seek-



ers are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Greg Crooks at (814) 940-6219 or email him at [gcrooks@pa.gov](mailto:gcrooks@pa.gov).

## Ribbon Cutting



## Everest Medical Weight Loss

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Everest Medical Weight Loss located at 5822 6th Ave., Altoona. Everest Medical Weight Loss offers traditional science-based weight loss help as well as alternative treatments including Ultra-Slim light therapy. For more information go to [everestmedicalweightloss.com](http://everestmedicalweightloss.com). Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Nancy McClelland, Chamber Ambassador; Mayor Matt Pacifico, City of Altoona; Dr. Alan Kanouff; Melody Kanouff; Amy Constable; Haley Nagle; Nicole Merrbach, Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador.

## WE-LEaD to Hold Panel Presentation on October 13th

The WE-LEaD Committee of the Blair County Chamber will hold a panel presentation on October 13th from noon to 1:30 p.m. at The Blairmont Club. The title of the presentation is, "Women Mean Business – Balancing Work, Family and Advanced Education." The panelists are: Nicole Bauman and Jessica Dunlap (both from

Saint Francis University) and Dr. Amy Miller from Chestnut Ridge School District. The cost is \$30 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Lunch 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 event is Penn Highlands Community College.

## Attention Business Leaders: Help Develop Your Young Professionals!

The recent special networking event for young professionals was a big success and the Chamber's Committee of Young Professionals are hoping to build on the momentum in attracting more 21-39 year olds to be part of new membership group that will direct attention strictly to business people in that age group. The cost to join is just \$40/year for Chamber members and \$50/year for non-members. For more information or to download an application, visit the Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). We're hoping that our business leaders who are no longer in that 21-39 age group will encourage those at their business who are to get involved with YP. It's a great opportunity for professional development!

## Congratulations...

... to Gary Drenning, who was awarded the Leadership Blair County "Fellow Award" by the LBC Alumni Committee for his outstanding work in advancing the LBC's Adult and Youth programs. Gary is the former owner of National Property Inspections. He recently retired from that business but continues with LBC.

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