

## Chamber Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

The Blair County Chamber Office will be closed this Thursday and Friday in recognition of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on Monday, November 29th at 8:30 a.m. To access information on the Chamber or to register for Chamber programs and events, visit the Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).



## Support Small Businesses This Saturday (and All Other Days Too!)

This Saturday is "Small Business Saturday." Once again, the Blair County Chamber is partnering with American Express to promote the importance of small businesses in our community. The Chamber has a small number of Small Business Saturday bags as well as some facemasks carrying the message of small business. They were made available at our Breakfast Club and at Business After Hours so if any



remain, they can be procured at the Blair County Chamber Office, located in the Devorris Center for Business Development.

## Missed the Ireland Trip Meeting? Call the Chamber for Details

If you were unable to attend last Wednesday's informational meeting on the Chamber's Trip to Ireland, you can still access details about that trip by calling Marilyn Templon at the

Chamber Office at (814) 943-8151. That trip is from April 27 – May 6 and is done in partnership with Epic Journeys and Collette Vacations.



## Chamber Foundation Board Seeking Scholarship Donors

The Blair County Chamber offers a number of important programs to young people in the community, primarily to assist with leadership and career development. Those programs are funded through the efforts of the Blair County Chamber Foundation. Any business or individual who would like to know more about the Foundation or contribute to its programs should contact Cindy Cessna at (814) 943-8151 or email her at [ccessna@blairchamber.com](mailto:ccessna@blairchamber.com).

## Chamber Board of Directors Approves



At its meeting last Thursday, the Blair County Chamber Board of Directors approved the following new members: From the Heart of Hollidaysburg, Humble & Kind Boutique of Altoona, Northstar Audio Video of Altoona and Synthex Organics of Altoona.

## Two "Business After Hours" Hosting Opportunities Available in 2022

Any Chamber member-business interested in hosting a "Business After Hours" in 2022 might just be in luck. Hosting opportunities are available in both January and March. To express interest in either, contact Stacy Hoover at (814) 943-8151 or email her at [shoover@blairchamber.com](mailto:shoover@blairchamber.com).



## Help Struggling Businesses Through "The Unity Fund"

Many businesses in our region continue to struggle to regain solid financial footing. To help those businesses continue as members of the Blair County Chamber, the Chamber established The Unity Fund which encourages businesses and individuals who are able, to contribute to help those who need some help. The Fund will pay up to half of a member's dues if they are eligible. As the holidays ap-



For a stronger business community

proach, it's especially nice to make a difference. To make a donation to the Unity Fund, contact Cindy Cessna at (814) 943-8151 or email her at [ccessna@blairchamber.com](mailto:ccessna@blairchamber.com).

## Sponsorship Opportunities Available on Business Insight Page

There are sponsorship opportunities available for any business that would be interested in gaining some great exposure by having its ad on the bottom of the Business Insight Page. That page, exclusively of Chamber news, runs each Monday in the Altoona Mirror. The cost is inexpensive and is a great place to advertise

Click below for the Business Insight.



for the upcoming holidays. If you're interested, call Jessie Covert at (814) 943-8151.

## Congratulations...

... to Jeff Starkey of Kooman & Associates, who was recently named a member of the 2021 Chairman's Council. The Council recognizes the top 100 advisors (out of 4,000 nationwide) within the independent channel of financial services firm Raymond James.

## Committee Meetings

Leadership Blair County  
Alumni Committee  
November 23rd  
8:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

Membership Committee  
November 23rd  
10:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

## BENEFact

The 2022 **Brand Enhancement Guide** is now available! Now is the time to secure your 2022 sponsorships and receive the 10% package discount!

Tons of opportunities are available exclusively to Chamber member businesses. Something for every budget! Contact Jessie at [jcovert@blairchamber.com](mailto:jcovert@blairchamber.com) to get a copy emailed to your inbox.



## Watch it!

Click [here](#), or below, to watch a highlight reel of a Young Professionals of Blair County networking event!

