

Nominations Are Being Accepted for Business Excellence Award

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce will present its 20th Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Excellence on October 17th at its annual Business Excellence Dinner. Nominations for that award will be accepted until the end of the business day on August 12th. "This award recognizes a Blair County business leader who has made a substantial impact on our business community for an extended period of time," explained Richard Fiore, Jr., chair of the Chamber's Board of Directors. "This event was created solely to pay tribute to just that one person." The first recipient of the award, in 2001, was the late Ernie Wissinger. The most recent recipient, chosen in 2020 but not recognized until 2021 due to Covid-19, was Mark Barnhart of NPC. Nomination forms are available at www.blair-chamber.com.

Chamber Foundation Fundraiser is Tomorrow

The Blair County Chamber Foundation will hold a Mini Golf Tournament tomorrow, July 26th, pitting the 2023 [Leadership Blair County Youth Class](#) against members of the [Leadership Blair County Adult Alumni](#). All proceeds will benefit the Leadership Blair County Youth program and LBC Adult Scholarship Fund. Spectators are welcome! For more information, contact Cindy Cessna at (814) 943-8151 or email her at ccessna@blairchamber.com.



People One Health to Host Thursday's "Business After Hours"

The Chamber's next Business After Hours will be held on Thursday, July 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at [PeopleOne Health](#), 2525 Ninth Avenue, Suite 2B in Altoona. The cost to attend for Chamber members is \$10.00. Non-members can attend Business After Hours for \$20.00. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blair-chamber.com.



Welcome!

Executive Committee Approves Seven New Members

At its meeting last Thursday, the Chamber's Executive Committee approved the following new members: [Center for Community Action](#) in Everett, [Innovative Extracts](#) of Hollidaysburg, [JK Electrical Services](#) of Duncansville, [Kelly's Collections](#) of Altoona, [Model Uniforms](#) of Altoona, [Solana Aesthetics](#) of Altoona and [Trigger Printing Services](#) of Hollidaysburg.



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Senator Ward to Speak at Next Chamber "Breakfast Club"

State Senator Judy Ward will be the keynote speaker at the next Blair County Chamber Breakfast Club, set for Thursday, August 11th beginning at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The format for the presentation will follow the normal guidelines for elected officials. Chris Michelone, chair of the Chamber's Public Policy Committee, will ask questions to the Senator that were submitted by the committee and by Chamber members. If time permits, the Senator will answer questions from the audience.

The cost to attend Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register to attend, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blair-chamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the August Breakfast Club is [Stuckey Automotive](#).



LBC Youth Orientation is Tomorrow at The Casino

The 21st class of the Chamber's [Leadership Blair County Youth](#) program will officially begin its yearlong foray into servant leadership with an orientation beginning at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The class will be facilitated by Tami Chadick, District Manager of Hoss's Steak & Sea House. There are twenty students in the LBC Youth class.

Congratulations...

... to [Altoona Dance Theatre](#) which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this month.

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ACE Award Nomination Process Begins

The [Farm-City Committee](#) of the Blair County Chamber has announced that nominations are now being accepted for the 2022 Agricultural Community Excellence (ACE) Award. The award allows for nominations of agriculturally-oriented individuals, agribusinesses and non-profit organizations that make a positive impact on agriculture in Blair County. The ACE Award will be presented on November 2nd at the Chamber's Farm-City Dinner. Download a nomination form at www.blair-chamber.com.