

## 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.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the August Breakfast Club is [Stuckey Automotive](#).



## Business Excellence Award Nominations End Next Week

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.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

## We're Looking For Women Drivers!

Business women looking for ways to effectively network on the golf course and impress your golf group at the same time, take notice! The WE-LEaD Committee of the Blair County Chamber is holding an event called "Teeing It Up" on August 16th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Blair County Golf & Driving Range in Hollidaysburg. The event will feature hands-on instruction from John Madey and his staff on how to drive the ball farther and in the desired direction. It will also feature a great buffet meal from Holland Brothers and a variety of beverages from Levity Brewing. The cost is just \$35 for Chamber members and \$45 for non-members. Corporate sponsor of Teeing It Up is [Seltzer Financial Strategies](#). To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Bring your own clubs or borrow some from the range!

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**August 12-14**

Admission - \$10 - Children 5 & under free

Friday - 5-9 p.m.

Saturday - 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday - 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Lumberjack Shows**

**Fireworks**

**Games & Rides**



**Lakemont  
PARK**

# Save the Date: Home Run for Safety Set for September 7th

One of the region's most popular events is returning in September. The "Home Run for Safety" will be held at PNG Field on September 7th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The event is hosted by the Blair County Chamber's Safety Committee in association with the Altoona Curve. Keynote speaker is Tony Samento, president of Samento Industrial Training Systems in Mechanicsburg, PA. There will be Safety Stations on topics like CPR/First Aid, Emergency Action Plans, Fire Safety. Electrical Safety, Incident Management and

Ticks/Lantern Fly. There will also be vendor booths. Businesses can become vendors by contacting Stacy Hoover at (814) 943-8151 or emailing her at [shoover@blairchamber.com](mailto:shoover@blairchamber.com). The cost to attend Home Run for Safety is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members if registered by August 19th. After August 19th it goes to \$30 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. To register, visit [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Breakfast sponsor for the event is Care Smart Solutions.

## Congratulations...

... to [Celebration Villa of Altoona](#) which has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a 2022-23 Best in Senior Living. Celebration Villa achieved the highest possible rating.

## Interested in Serving on a Chamber Committee?

The Chamber has a large number of committees that deal with some aspect of business. They are also great networking opportunities for Chamber members looking to connect with potential clients and customers. If you, or someone from your business, would like to serve on a Chamber committee, contact Joe Hurd at [jhurd@blairchamber.com](mailto:jhurd@blairchamber.com). A list of Chamber committees can be found on the Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).



## Committee Meetings

### Workplace Wellness Committee

August 2nd  
10:30 a.m.  
Devorris Center

### Young Professionals Committee

August 3rd  
8:00 a.m.  
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### Committee of Non-Profits

August 3rd  
11:00 a.m.  
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### Public Policy Committee

August 4th  
8:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

### BASICS Early Childhood Subcommittee

August 4th  
10:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

## The Chamber Foundation When a community pays it forward



The Chamber Foundation held its first annual Mini Golf Tournament last Tuesday pitting the 2023 [Leadership Blair County Youth](#) class against [Leadership Adult Alumni](#). Both teams, as well as the spectator gallery, enjoyed the evening of competition. The Foundation would like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors for their generosity of time and financial donations. It is through continued community support that enables The Foundation to apply all proceeds from the event directly to the Leadership Blair County Youth program and LBC Adult Scholarship Fund.





## 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 36-37 Years

Advantage Resource Group  
Blair Mill Outlet  
Hoss's Steak & Sea House Corporate Office  
Lena's Café  
Oak Spring Winery

### Celebrating 30-35 Years

American Cancer Society  
Blair-Bedford Builders Association  
Burgmeier Hauling, Inc.  
Consolidated Graphic Communications  
Cresson Motors, Inc.  
Irwin Financial, Inc.  
Knisely & Sons, Inc.  
Kooman & Associates, LLC  
Morrisons Cove Herald  
Okonak, Dean and Lechner, P.C.  
Reilly, Creppage & Co., Inc., CPA  
Smith Transport, Inc.  
Southern Alleghenies Planning  
& Development Commission

### Celebrating 20-29 Years

Austin's Texas Hot Dogs, Inc.  
Comfort Inn Altoona  
Gearharts Moving & Storage, Inc.  
Giant Food Stores, LLC  
Hilecrest Angus  
Home Instead Senior Care  
Junior Achievement of Western PA  
Overhead Door Company of Blair County, Inc.  
Preferred Healthcare System  
Presbyterian Village at Hollidaysburg  
ProCare Physical Therapy, LP

### Celebrating 10-19 Years

Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8  
Central Blair Recreation & Park Commission  
Chicago Rivet & Machine Co.  
City of Altoona

Comfort Suites  
Dixon Electric, Inc.  
Envision Laser Centers  
Evergreen Insurance, LLC  
Freedom Excursions by Scully, LLC  
Global Live Line, Inc.  
Groundhog Solar  
Dennis M. Hallinan, Optometry  
Hollidaysburg Veterans Home  
Jilco, Inc.  
Joshua House, Inc.  
Pennsylvania Business Central  
Peter C. Pham, DDS, PC  
Sheehan Ins., LLC  
S. Smith Books  
Spring Lane Hunt Club, LLC  
T2B Commercial Interiors

### Celebrating 5-9 Years

Altoona Grand Hotel  
Altoona Roofing & Sheet Metal, LLC.  
Atlas Therapy  
Bennetti Tree Service, Inc.  
Cracker Barrel Old Country Store  
Dale Oxygen, Inc.  
Days Inn & Suites, Altoona  
Fairfield and TownePlace Suites  
by Marriott Altoona  
Independent Private Investigations, LLC  
Sandi Kaminsky  
McCloskey's Landscaping, Inc.  
Quaint Corner Children's Museum  
& Discovery Center

### Celebrating 1-4 Years

Being Liang  
Forr, Stokan, Huff, Kormanski & Naugle  
Lawruk Real Estate  
Rabenstein Heating, Air Conditioning  
& Plumbing Inc.  
Revival Fitness & Rehab

## LBC Alumni to Raise Funds For Children

The [Leadership Blair County Alumni Association](#), a committee of the Blair County Chamber, will be launching a campaign called "Hope for Families" that will raise funds to purchase bedding as well as accepting bedding donations for needy children. This initiative replaces Basket of Hope. Bedding donations should include new bedding (pillows, pillow cases, comforters, sheets, blankets or even a complete bedding set) in neutral colors and gender neutral prints – twin size only. Monetary donations will be accepted with 100% used toward the purchase of bedding. The campaign goal is to provide bedding for 125 children, ages 5-16. Donations can be dropped off at the Chamber Office on August 29, 30, 31 and September 1 and 2 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## ACE Award Nominations Being Accepted

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. To access a nomination form, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or visit the Chamber website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). The deadline to nominate is September 2, 2022.





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