

UPDATE

Cook to Replace Congressman Joyce as Breakfast Club Speaker

A scheduling conflict caused Congressman John Joyce to cancel as the keynote speaker for the next Chamber "Breakfast Club" on October 13th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Fortunately, the Chamber was able to secure a quality replacement. Altoona developer Chris Cook will talk about his vision for Altoona, highlighting the many investments that he has already made in the community. The cost to attend Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the October Breakfast Club is Altoona-Blair County Airport.

"Down On the Farm" is Thursday in Martinsburg

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce annual 'Down on the Farm' event will be held this Thursday, Oct. 6th from 5 – 7 p.m. The host will be Highland Meadows farm located at 548 Rebecca Furnace Road, Martinsburg. Down on the Farm' is a great event for the entire family where you can enjoy an all-you-can-eat farm-to-table buffet, farm tours featuring Scottish Highland cows, activities for the kids and an opportunity to see a maple syrup operation. The Farm Store will be open featuring home-made items as well as



maple syrup. Admission is \$10 per person. Children 10-and-under are free. For reservations, contact the Blair County Chamber of Commerce at 814-943-8151 or online at www.blairchamber.com.

Next Job Fair Set for Wednesday at Jaffa Shrine

The next Job Fair, hosted by Blair County CareerLink, will be held on October 5th at Jaffa Shrine in Altoona. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. as local veterans will have the first opportunity to visit the more than 80 hiring employ-

ers. At 10:00, the Job Fair is open to the public. The Fair will end at 2:00 p.m. The Blair County Chamber is one of the partners on the Job Fair. For more information, contact PA CareerLink at (814) 940-6200.

New YEA! Class Has First Session Tomorrow



The seventh class of the Blair County Chamber's [Young Entrepreneurs Academy \(YEA!\)](http://Young Entrepreneurs Academy) will launch

today at the Sheetz Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence beginning at 8:15 a.m. The class has twenty students from eight Blair County Schools. Tim Gildea is in his second year as the Program Manager of YEA! For more information contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or go to yeausa.org.

Chamber Members Asked to Update Contact Information

As the Chamber begins the process of compiling information for the 2023 Membership Directory, it's extremely important that you let us know if your contact information is up-to-date. And what to do if it's not! You can review your membership information online at www.blairchamber.com. Go to the Chamber Membership tab and then click on the Member Directory link to find your business listing. Members can make changes directly in the database on the website by going to the Chamber Membership tab and clicking on the Members Only link to log into your membership account or by emailing your changes to Marilyn Templon at mtemplon@blairchamber.com.

Ribbon Cuttings



Lemme Audiology Associates

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of Lemme Audiology Associates audiological hearing center located at 214 S. Market Street, Martinsburg. For more than 30 years Lemme Audiology has served the region with a patient-focused extensive hearing care practice offering the most comprehensive treatment available to patients. For more information go to www.lemmeaudiology.com. Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Carol Stern, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; State Senator Judy Ward; State Representative Jim Gregory; Karen Lemme, AuD; Jill Gardner, Office Manager; Jenessa Stiles, AuD; Kristin Seiler, Development Representative; and Jessica Sheets, Chamber Ambassador.

Be a part of the moment. Watch the video [here!](#)



Kelly's Collections

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of [Kelly's Collections](#) located at 3509 6th Ave., Altoona. Kelly's Collections is a unique women's clothing boutique offering distinctive apparel for women of all ages. The exceptional customer service provides a personal shopping experience. Kelly's Collections is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador; Mayor Matt Pacifico, City of Altoona; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Gail Irwin; Kelly Irwin Adams, Owner; Dede Kazmaier; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; and Bonnie Hand, Chamber Ambassador.

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Sustainable Blair County to Hold Trivia Night

The Chamber's [Sustainable Blair County](#) Committee will host a Trivia Night event on October 13th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Zach's Sports & Spirits in Altoona. The event will feature appetizers, prizes and a cash bar. There is no cost for Chamber members to attend. Non-members can attend for \$10. To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of Trivia Night is [Sheetz, Inc.](#)

Congratulations...

... to [Cove Forge Behavioral Health System](#) which recently became certified as a "Veteran Ready Healthcare Organization." The certification will allow Cove Forge to better serve active-duty military members, veterans and their families.

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Restored Grounds

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of Restored Grounds located at 202 S. Market St., Martinsburg. Restored Grounds offers hot and iced specialty coffee and espresso drinks and teas in addition to menu items such as biscuits, sandwiches, pancakes, baked goods and soup. For more information go to restoredgrounds.com. Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Carter Cerully, Chamber Ambassador; Marcus Edwards, ABCD Corporation; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Isaiah Smith, Keyholder; Valerie Clapper, Keyholder; Bethany Lang, Barista; Sunshine Sassano, Owner; Rachel Sassano; Sarah Sassano; Jacob Sassano; Eric Sassano; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; and Donna Gority, Chamber Ambassador.

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Always A Party Rentals

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the new location and ownership of Always A Party Rentals located at 1205 16th St., Altoona. Always A Party Rentals offers a complete line of party and event needs including tents, tables, chairs, decorations, pipe and drape and more. Services include delivery, set-up and pick-up. Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Stacey Krepps, Chamber Ambassador; State Representative Lou Schmitt; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Parker Cook; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Ohwen Cook; Jen Cook, Co-owner; Mayor Matt Pacifico, City of Altoona; Chris Cook, Co-owner; Vince Eilenberger, Facilities Manager; Bruce Erb, Blair County Commissioner, and Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador.

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Business Excellence Dinner is Only Two Weeks Away!

One of the Blair County Chamber's most prestigious events is just two weeks away. The Annual Business Excellence Dinner will be held at the Blair County Convention Center on Monday, October 17th. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner at 6:45. The cost to attend is \$65 for the dinner and \$90 for the dinner and the reception. To register, visit the Chamber website at www.blairchamber.com. This year's Business Excellence honoree is Joe Keller, President of Keller Engineers.



Presidents' Forum Steering Committee

October 3rd
1:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

Workplace Wellness Committee

October 4th
10:30 a.m.
Devorris Center

Young Professionals Committee

October 5th
8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Non-Profit Committee

October 5th
11:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Data Security Roundtable

October 5th
1:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

Public Policy Committee

October 6th
8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center