



A Devastating Loss Creates Incredible Sadness

Stacy Hoover, the Blair County Chamber's VP of Events and Technology, died unexpectedly last Monday. She was 47. Stacy was one of the Chamber's youngest employees but had the longest tenure at 27 years. The Chamber's reputation for planning and holding top-shelf events was built largely on the relentless attention to detail that people like Stacy Hoover and Judy Juda brought to the organization. They often say that no one is irreplaceable. But filling the Stacy Hoover void as a co-worker and as a person will take a very long time. It is not something that any of us at the Chamber look forward to.

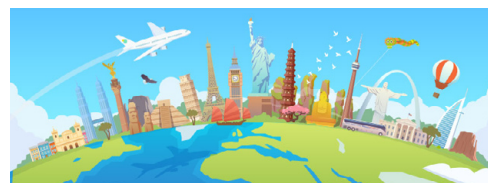
Get Prepared for Tomorrow's Election – Watch the Candidate Forum!

The Blair County Chamber's Public Policy Committee held a very successful Candidate Forum recently that involved all six of the candidates for the office of Blair County Commissioner. If you weren't able to attend that event, all is not lost. You can find the taped version of the Forum in a number of places. It's

available on the [Blair Chamber YouTube Channel](#), on Public Access Channel #14 and on the WRTA Facebook Page. With such an important Primary Election on the horizon, there's no good reason not to learn about the candidates. Limited opportunities to do that between now and tomorrow!

UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic Sells-Out Again

This Thursday is the [UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic](#) at Iron Masters Country Club. As has become the tradition, the event is completely sold-out. However, we are still looking for volunteers who can help with a variety of tasks that day. Many of those tasks involve spending time in the beautiful sunshine (which we are guaranteed to have!). If you or any of your employees would like to spend a few hours on Thursday helping the Chamber, please contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.



Informational Meeting on Peru Trip Will Be Rescheduled

Some unavoidable circumstances caused the cancellation of the informational meeting on the Chamber's trip to Peru which was scheduled for last Wednesday. A new meeting date will be announced during the next few weeks. The Chamber and [Epic Journeys](#) will be offering the Peru trip from April 27 – May 6, 2024. The trip includes Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca. Stay tuned for further information!

SPECIAL EDITION

Reserve your Hall of Fame
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Ads will run in the June 12
special edition newsletter

Contact Jessie Covert at jcovert@blairchamber.com

Non-Profit Committee to Host Annual Legislative Breakfast

The Chamber's [Committee of Non-Profit Businesses](#) will hold its Annual Legislative Breakfast on Friday, May 19th from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., a buffet breakfast follows at 8:00 and a Q&A session featuring [State Senator Judy Ward](#) and State Representatives [Jim Gregory](#) and [Lou Schmitt](#) goes from 8:30 to 9:30. The cost to attend is \$25



for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. Corporate sponsor is [Central PA Community Foundation](#). To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

Ribbon Cutting



DelGrosso Foods Inc.

DelGrosso Foods Inc., America's oldest major family-owned producer of pasta sauce, celebrated the grand opening of a new food processing plant that will double the company's previous capacity and allow for the production of new food products. The 166,000-square-foot facility is located at 198 Kristel Lane, Altoona. This marks the largest expansion in the company's 76-year history. For more information go to www.delgrossos.com.

Leadership Blair County to Hold "Casino Night"

Every year the Chamber's [Leadership Blair County](#) class creates a project to benefit a local non-profit. This year, the 2023 class have created a casino-themed 200 club to benefit the [Booker T. Washington](#) project. [Casino Night](#)

[200 Club](#) takes place on June 10th at the [Bavarian Aid Society](#) and tickets can be purchased at the Blair County Chamber of Commerce. Help support a great cause and the [LBC Class of 2023!](#)

Congratulations...

... to Abe Onkst of [Penn State Altoona](#) who was one of three winners in the "Craft It, Pitch It, Win It Competition," held recently by [Altoona LaunchBox](#) and the Penn State Altoona Sheetz Fellows Program. Onkst was a former [Young Entrepreneurs Academy \(YEA!\)](#) graduate who was voted Most Outstanding by the YEA! Investor Panel in 2019.

... to the Blair County Chamber members who were selected as the 2023 Top Non-Profit Female Leaders by Pennsylvania Business Central. They are: Michelle McIntyre of [Roaring Spring Community Library](#), Lisa Hann of [Family Services Incorporated](#), Erin Kay of [CONTACT Altoona](#), Donna Gority of [ArtsAltoona](#), Cindy Harmon of [Lexington Clubhouse](#), Jodi Cessna of [Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation](#), Shawna Hoover of [Operation Our Town](#) and Kate Rimbeck of [Blair County Historical Society](#).

Chamber Offering a Trip That Combines Scotland, Ireland

If you're looking for a trip that combines two outstanding destinations, how about Scotland & Ireland? The Chamber and [Ketrow KURTZ Travel](#) will offer a "Taste of Scotland & Ireland" from August 7-16, 2024. The trip includes reserved seats for the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Among the locations on the trip are: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dublin, Kilarney and Bunratty. An informational meeting will be held on May 31st at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. No cost or obligation to attend. Register at (814) 943-8151.

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in loving memory *Stacy Hoover*

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As you release the butterfly, let me go.
There is something better, God wants us to
know. As the butterfly flutters with peaceful
delight, it represents my heavenly flight.

