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## Business Hall of Fame is Thursday at The Casino

The Chamber's Annual **Business Hall of Fame** Luncheon will be held this Thursday, June 15th beginning at 11:30 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The new Hall of Fame members are **Greenwood Pools & Spas** and **Shoe Fly Stores**, two businesses with outstanding reputations for growth. In the Awards of Distinction, **J&O Fireplaces** will be honored in the Excellence in Small Business category, **Just Breathe Salt Spa & Yoga Studio** is the Young Emerging Business and **Operation Our Town** is Non-profit of the Year. The deadline to attend the luncheon has already passed. However, it may be possible to sneak a few more people in. Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151.

## Five to Represent Blair at "Chamber Day at the Capitol"

The Annual Chamber Day at the Capitol will be held this Tuesday in Harrisburg. The event brings together chambers of commerce from throughout Pennsylvania who have an opportunity to meet with legislators on a variety of issues related to business. Representing the Blair County Chamber at Chamber Day will be President/CEO Joe Hurd, Public Policy Committee members Steve McKnight of **ABCD Corporation**, Tim Balconi of **UPMC Foundation** and Diana McClure of **Keller Engineers**. Devin Saylor, a member of the **Chamber's Young Professionals** Committee, will also attend.



For more information or to join the Public Policy Committee, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151. Chamber Day is co-sponsored by the **PA State Chamber** and the **PA Association of Chamber Professionals**.

## Chamber Board Meets Thursday

The Board of Directors of the Blair County Chamber will meet this Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. The Board will continue to discuss details of the

upcoming merger with **Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation**. To address the Board, contact Joe Hurd by noon Tuesday at (814) 943-8151 or email him at [jhurd@blairchamber.com](mailto:jhurd@blairchamber.com).

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# Chloe England to Compete at Friday's National YEA! Event



The national competition for the [Young Entrepreneurs Academy \(YEA!\)](#) will be held virtually this Friday, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Representatives from nineteen YEA! programs will par-

ticipate including Chloe England, a junior at [Williamsburg High School](#), who will represent the Blair County Chamber's YEA! program. England was selected by the Investor Panel in March as the Most Outstanding Business. To watch the competition, click [here](#).

## Young Professionals Trivia Night Focuses on Juneteenth

The [Young Professionals of Blair County](#), a program of the Chamber, will host a Trivia Night on June 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at [Zach's Sports and Spirits](#) in Altoona. The theme of the trivia questions will be Juneteenth which is celebrated the day before Trivia Night. The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members and \$15 for non-members. There will be light



appetizers and a cash bar. The event is sponsored by [African American Heritage Festival](#). To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](#).

Healthy Workplace Committee



# FITFACT

## S is for Social Wellness

When we introduced the new "Fit Fact" feature, created by the Chamber's [Healthy Workplace Committee](#), we reminded employers that they have SPIES in their businesses. From the wellness standpoint, the first "S" in SPIES stands for Social Wellness. Positive social habits can help you build support systems and stay healthier mentally and physically. To find new social connections: Get organized. Ask for help. Keep up with your hobbies and interests. Join a care-givers support group. Eat health foods and exercise. Build your skills.

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# Missed the Informational Meeting on Chamber's Scotland/Ireland Trip?

The Chamber and [Ketrow KURTZ Travel](#) will offer a "Taste of Scotland & Ireland" from August 7-16, 2024. If you missed last week's informational meeting on that trip, you can still have information sent to you. The trip in-

cludes reserved seats for the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Among the locations on the trip are: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dublin, Killarney and Bunratty. Call Ketrow KURTZ Travel at (814) 695-1100.



## Mark Your Calendar!

Some great events are coming up at the Chamber in the next couple months. On July 25, the [Blair County Chamber Foundation](#) will hold a Mini-Golf Tournament from 1:00 to 3:00 at Lakemont Park to benefit the [Leadership Blair County Adult](#) and [Youth](#) programs. On August 12th, the Foundation will be holding a Dodgeball Tournament, also at Lakemont Park. For information or to



register for either of these programs, visit the Chamber website at [www.blair-chamber.com](http://www.blair-chamber.com).

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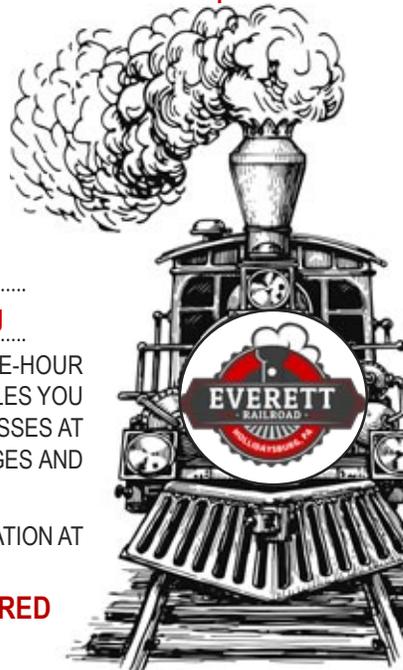
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## Congratulations...

... to Tom Ritchey upon his retirement as [Central High School](#) ag instructor and [Central Cove FFA Chapter](#) Advisor for the past 37 years. Tom was a huge help to the Chamber's [Farm-City Committee](#) on a number of projects promoting agriculture.



## Committee Meetings

### BASICS Steering Committee

June 12th  
2:00 p.m.  
Devorris Center

### Chamber Ambassadors

June 13th  
8:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

### Attractions/Hotel Roundtable

June 14th  
8:15 a.m.  
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### Sustainable Blair County

June 14th  
1:30 p.m.  
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