

## Orientation Set for 20th Leadership Youth Class

The Chamber's [Leadership Blair County Youth](#) program will hit an important milestone in 2023 as its 20th class begins the yearlong journey toward servant leadership. Orientation of the 2024 Class will take place tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Members of the new class are: Rebecca Adams – Bishop Guilfoyle, Norah Bechtel – Central High School, Margaret Brouse – Altoona High School, Evan Brumbaugh – Central High School, Naomi DeWeese – Hollidaysburg High School, Katherine Dunn – Central High School, Josephine Filan – Grier School, Mariah Goof – Williamsburg High School, Luke Gurekovich – Bellwood-Antis High School, Parker Huey-Kish – Altoona High School, Lauren Lehman – Bishop Guilfoyle, Alana Lightner – Bishop Guilfoyle, Cooper Lovrich – Bellwood-Antis High School, Michael Waibel Maharaj – Hollidaysburg High School, Willow Miller – Central High School, Macy Norris – Williamsburg High School, Brock Patel – Bishop Guilfoyle, Maddalena Pulcinello – Bellwood-Antis High School, Aidan Schurr – Bishop Guilfoyle, Kaya Sprankle – Altoona High School, Reese Storm – Hollidaysburg High School, Frances Weaver – Tyrone High School, Eric Weyant – Altoona High School and Parker White – Bishop Guilfoyle.



## Nominations Being Accepted for Business Excellence Award



The prestigious "Life-time Achievement Award for Business Excellence" will be presented by the Blair County Chamber at its [Business Excellence Dinner](#), set for October 23rd at the Blair County Conven-

tion Center. The award recognizes an individual who, during at least the past twenty-five years, has been regarded as a business leader in the region who has positively impacted the Blair County business community. Nomination forms are available on the Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Deadline to nominate is August 7th.

## Not Too Early to Register for "Home Run For Safety"

Once again this year, the Safety Committee of the Blair County Chamber will be partnering with the [Altoona Curve](#) on an event that has had a huge following in the past, particularly among people in the safety and security fields. Home Run For Safety will be held on Wednesday, September 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Peoples Natural Gas Field. The event will feature a variety of presenters, demonstrations and exhibitors. For information on sponsorships and vendor opportunities or to register as an attendee, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151.

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## Ribbon Cutting



## Clean EatZ

The Chamber cut the ribbon celebrating the grand opening of Clean EatZ located at 174 Falon Lane, Altoona, in the Logan Town Centre. Clean EatZ offers nutritional products and meals carefully crafted to meet the needs of every type of lifestyle. There are healthy dine-in options, catering, a large selection of already prepared Grab'N'Go Meals, and affordable weekly meal plans. For more information go to [www.cleaneatz.com](http://www.cleaneatz.com). On-hand for the celebration is, from left: Carter Cerully, Chamber Ambassador; Nancy McClelland, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Leigh Barrows, Owner; State Senator Judy Ward; and Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador.

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

## Chamber Members Invited to Tri-County Mixer

Lake Raystown Resort will host a tri-county mixer on August 10th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in recognition of "National S'mores Day." Members of the Blair County Chamber, [Bedford County Chamber](#) and [Huntingdon County Chamber](#) are invited to attend this free event. The event includes a fire pit S'mores bar on the terrace, high-end S'mores themed cocktails and mocktails, games for adults and kids, a number of give-aways and, perhaps the most appealing, a showboat cruise. "We salute [Lake Raystown Resort](#) for not



### NATIONAL S'MORES DAY

only planning a quality night out but creating an opportunity for members of three chambers to get together and enjoy the beautiful scenery," acknowledged Chamber President Joe Hurd. Even though there is no cost to attend, it is still necessary to register by August 2nd. Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at [blairchamber.com](http://blairchamber.com).

## Assembled Your DODGEBALL Team Yet?

On August 12th, the [Blair County Chamber Foundation](#) will be holding a Dodgeball Tournament at [Lakemont Park](#).

"Dodge N' Dive – 23" will pit local business teams against one another in a spirited competition that will be part of a great day. Among the other highlights of the day will be food trucks, a beer garden, a basket raffle and more! The cost to enter a team (minimum of six people, maximum of ten) is just \$150. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or email Brittany Mayer at [bmayer@blairchamber.com](mailto:bmayer@blairchamber.com).

### Summer Blockbuster



a recap of your Chamber at work

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Missed the combined June/July episode?  
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## Congratulations...

... to [Penn Highlands Healthcare](#), which recently announced the opening of The Rehabilitation Center at 417 Sabbath Rest Road in Altoona. The Rehabilitation Center offers Physical, Occupational and Speech therapies.

... to Jessica Fisher of the law firm [McQuaide Blasko](#) who has been named a 2023 Pennsylvania Super Lawyer's Rising Star in the practice areas of Estate Planning & Probate Law. Jessica is currently a board member of the Blair County Chamber Foundation.



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## Ribbon Cutting



## Blair/Clearfield Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

A chamber ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in celebration of the new location of Blair/Clearfield Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, located at 2612 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona. The Association provides support services and life-skills meetings to blind and visually impaired clients. It also offer eye safety programs and vision screenings for pre-school aged children. For more information go to [www.bcabvi.org](http://www.bcabvi.org). Joining in the celebration are, from left: Donna Gority, Chamber Ambassador; Maria Strohm, the office of State Representative Lou Schmitt; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Tina Walters, CEO; Mayor Matt Pacifico, City of Altoona; Violet Aller, client; Kim Chase, PSE Director; Lysa Knowles, Support Service Driver; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; and Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador.

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## Missed the Greece Meeting? Still Time to Get Onboard

The Blair County Chamber is going back to Greece. "It has been several years since we last hosted a trip there and we've had several people wondering when we're heading back there," acknowledged Chamber President Joe Hurd. "This trip will include a few of the attractions that the last one didn't. We're excited to let people know what a great opportunity this is." This trip, done in cooperation with [Epic Journeys](#) and [Globus](#), is a land and cruise tour that includes Classical Greece, ancient Turkey and the breezy Greek



Isles. Among the destinations are Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Knossos and Santorini. For more information, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or call Epic Journeys at (814) 266-5070.

## Healthy Workplace Committee



# FITFACT

## I is for Intellectual 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 "I" in SPIES stands for Intellectual Wellness. By definition, that means your ability to engage in mentally stimulating activities to expand your knowledge and experiences. Being mentally fit helps us to improve memory, boost focus, better mood, reduce depression and much more. Break out a puzzle or Sudoku, meditate, do things with your non-dominant hand or view things upside down which helps work both sides of the brain.



## Committee Meeting

**Presidents' Forum  
Steering Committee**  
July 24th  
1:30 p.m.  
Devorris Center

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