

Business Excellence Award Nomination Deadline is August 7th

The prestigious "Lifetime 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 Convention 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. Deadline to nominate is August 7th.



Chamber Members Have Opportunity to Attend Free Event

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 only planning a quality night out but



NATIONAL S'MORES DAY

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.

Dodgeball Teams Gearing-Up for "Dodge N' Dive"

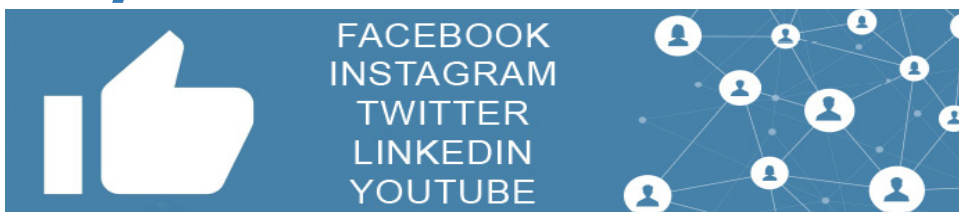
On August 12th, the [Blair County Chamber Foundation](#) will be holding a Dodgeball Tournament at [Lakemont Park](#).

"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.

"Home Run For Safety" a Great Event for Information, Networking

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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Chamber to Partner With Toastmasters on 4-Part Workshop

One of the greatest challenges that many people in business have as they move up the corporate ladder is the ability to speak effectively in front of large groups or small. To help address that, the Blair County Chamber and [Toastmasters International](#) will partner on "Speechcraft," a hands-on workshop delivered in four two-hour sessions created to help people hone their

speaking skills. The sessions will be held from 3-5 p.m. every Tuesday from September 12th to October 3rd at the Devorris Center for Business Development. The cost is just \$50 for Chamber members for all four sessions and \$75 for non-Chamber members. Class size is limited to ten people. Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 to secure your spot!

Ribbon Cutting



Dairy Queen - Hollidaysburg

The Chamber cut the ribbon for the area's newest Dairy Queen located at 1811 North Juniata Street, Hollidaysburg. World-renowned for its tasty frozen treats, Dairy Queen also offer full breakfast, lunch and supper menus. The family-owned Blair County franchise also operates a second location in Logan Town Centre. For more information go to www.DQAltoona.com. Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Donna Gority, Chamber Ambassador; Don DeLozier, Donald C. DeLozier, Inc.; Cory Gehret, Blair County Chamber Board of Directors; Matthew Fownes, owner; Judy Lynn-Craig, Franchisor-Dairy Queen Southwest, PA; State Senator Judy Ward; Bruce Erb, Blair County Commissioner; and Kara Bennett, Chamber Ambassador.

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

Save the Date

DOWN ON THE FARM

The ultra-traditional "Down on the Farm" will be held on September 27th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at

**PINEY CREEK GREENHOUSE
MARTINSBURG**

More details to come!



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Chamber Committees Recruiting Additional Members

Ask anyone who currently serves on a Chamber committee and they'll likely tell you what a great experience it is, both based on what they learn and who they meet. After most committees have taken a well-deserved hiatus during July, it's time to move-on to the August calendar. And the opportunities for Chamber members to join committees, subcommittees and roundtable groups is ideal. The Chamber currently has nearly two dozen ways that are available for members to get involved. The listing is on the Chamber website at www.blairchamber.com. If you or someone from your business would like to join a committee, contact Joe Hurd at jhurd@blairchamber.com.

Committee Meetings

Young Professionals Committee

August 1st, 8:15 a.m., Devorris Center

Healthy Workplace Committee

August 1st, 10:30 a.m., Devorris Center

Non-Profit Committee

August 2nd, 11:00 a.m., Devorris Center

Public Policy Committee

August 3rd, 8:00 a.m., Devorris Center

BASICS Early Childhood Subcommittee

August 3rd, 10:00 a.m., Devorris Center