

May 22, 2023



Thank You for the Outpouring of Kindness and Support!

Stacy Hoover's passing on May 8th created an unbelievable sadness, particularly for the Chamber staff. Helping to make the situation more manageable has been the tremendous outpouring of kindness and support from Chamber members. Stacy was a big part of what we do at the Chamber. She always knew and appreciated the commitment of the business community in making the whole community better. Our other staff members do as well. It is truly a blessing to realize that in the worst of times, so many great people have your back! Thank you!

Next "Business Before Hours" Scheduled for Wednesday at Skills

[Skills of Central Pennsylvania](#) will host the next Chamber "Business Before Hours" this Wednesday, May 24th, from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the 5016 Sixth Avenue location in Altoona. Stop on your way to work for some coffee and a bite to eat and learn about some of the great things that Skills is doing in our community. There is no cost to Chamber members to attend Business



Wednesday, May 24

Before Hours. Non-members can attend for just \$10. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

Welcome!

Chamber Board Approves Four New Members

At its May 18th meeting, The Blair County Chamber Board of Directors approved the following new members: [Blair/Clearfield Association of the Blind](#) of Altoona, [Mansion Donut Company](#) of Altoona, [Primary Health Network Charitable Foundation](#) of Sharon, PA, and [ZZZ Town Mattress](#) of Altoona.



Child Care Letter Gets Chamber Approval

The Blair County Chamber Board has agreed to sign-on to a letter from a large group of chambers of commerce throughout Pennsylvania, advocating for viable solutions to the childcare crisis that is plaguing families and businesses. The letter was initiated by the Chester County Chamber, the Delaware County Chamber and the Westmoreland County Chamber. It will be forwarded to members of the PA General Assembly.

SPECIAL EDITION

Reserve your Hall of Fame congratulatory ad space!

NETWORKS

DIGITAL NEWS

Ads will run in the June 12 special edition newsletter

Contact Jessie Covert at jcovert@blairchamber.com

Ribbon Cutting



Escape Altoona Co.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held celebrating the new location of [Escape Altoona Co.](http://www.escapealtoona.com) located at 2229 Broad Ave., Altoona. Escape Altoona features two immersive experiences, The Eye of the Storm and the new Pirate's Quest, in which your team needs to work together to find clues that will allow you to escape. For more information go to www.escapealtoona.com. Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Carol Stern, Chamber Ambassador; C.J. Johnson, from the office of Congressman John Joyce; Rob and Amanda Eberhart, owners; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Matt Pacifico, City of Altoona; and Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador.

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

Welcome New Chamber Members



The Blair County Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members: TK Dean of [DEAN ACCOUNTING](#); Shannon Pugh of [THE JUICE SHACK](#) and [THE SHED PERSONAL TRAINING](#); and Brian Gates of [MBG PROTECTION & INVESTIGATIONS/KARMA](#).



Curry Supply to Host Wednesday's HD 500

One of the great show-pieces of the Downtown Altoona revitalization is the Curry Innovation Center at 1425 Eleventh Avenue in Altoona. If you haven't had an opportunity to tour that building – or even if you have – your next great opportunity is this Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. as [Curry Supply Company](#) hosts the next Chamber HD 500 event. The cost to attend is \$5.00 for Chamber members and \$10 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

**WE ARE
HIRING!**
JOIN OUR TEAM



Chamber Seeking to Hire Events Coordinator

As the Blair County Chamber and the Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation begin the task of charting-out staffing responsibilities as the result of the impending merger of the organizations, the first available position for hire is Events Coordinator. This person will be responsible for planning and overseeing the many programs and events that the new organization will offer. The position is fulltime and will include a competitive salary and benefits package. Interested applicants should send cover letter, resume and salary/benefit expectations to Joe Hurd at jhurd@blairchamber.com by June 9, 2023.

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, Killarney 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.

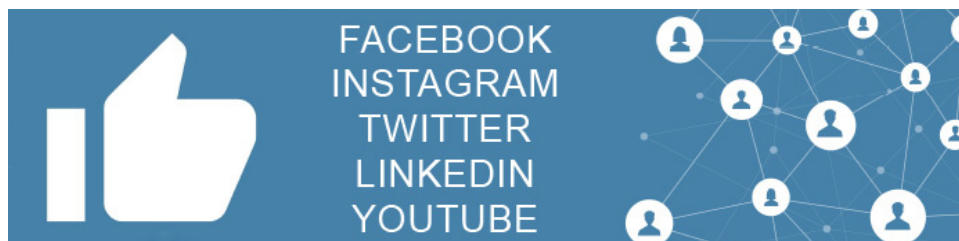
Ribbon Cutting



Angie's Beauty Supply

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of Angie's Beauty Supply located at 521 East 25th Ave., Altoona in the Ivyside Plaza. Angela Williams opened the shop in response to the need for beauty products that reflect the diversity within the community. Products include styling tools, braiding, hair extensions, wigs, weave bundles, hair pieces, accessories and more. For more information go to [Angie's Beauty Supply](#). Taking part in the celebration are, from left: Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Matt Pacifico, City of Altoona; Angela Williams, owner; Barbara Dejesus; Robert Williams; George Jackson; and Jessie Covert, VP - Sales and Membership Development, Blair County Chamber.

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SOLD OUT!

Leadership Blair County Sells-Out of "Casino Night" 200-Club Tickets

The [Casino Night 200 Club](#), put together by the current [Leadership Blair County Adult Class](#), has sold all of the 200 tickets. People can still purchase \$25 general admission tickets that will include entry, meal and three drink tickets. The event, which benefits the [Booker T. Washington](#) project, will take place on June 10th at the [Bavarian Aid Society](#) and \$25 tickets can be purchased at the Blair County Chamber of Commerce. Help support a great cause and the LBC Class of 2023!

Congratulations...

... to [The EADS Group](#), which has been recognized by Engineering News-Record as one of the Top 500 Design Firms. EADS has consistently ranked in the Top 500 since 1987.

Committee Meetings

BASICS Attendance Subcommittee
May 23rd - 8:30 a.m.
Devorris Center

Leadership Blair County Alumni Committee
May 24th - 8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Sustainable Blair County
May 24th - 1:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

Transportation Committee
May 25th - 8:15 a.m.
Devorris Center

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