



## Chamber Office Closed for Memorial Day

The Blair County Chamber Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. To access information about the Chamber or to register for Chamber programs and events, visit the Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

## 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 over-

seeing 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](mailto:jhurd@blairchamber.com) by June 9, 2023.

## Informational Meeting on Scotland/Ireland Trip Set for Wednesday

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

this Wednesday, 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.



## GoFundMe Platform Established on Behalf of Stacy Hoover

A GoFundMe fundraising platform has been established to assist the family of Stacy Hoover. Stacy, a longtime employee of the Chamber, passed away on May 8th. To access the platform, click [here](#).

## BEST PRACTICES

## Fundraising is Topic of Next "Best Practices" Forum

The next Best Practices Forum, hosted by the Chamber's [Committee of Non-Profit Businesses](#), will be held on Friday, June 9th from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. The featured speaker will be Mike Lysakowski of [Skills of Central PA](#) whose presentation will be, "Fundraising in the Fast Lane." The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the June Best Practices is [Skills of Central PA](#).

## Ribbon Cutting



## The Learning Community of PA

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for The Learning Community of PA located at 125 Maple Hollow Road, Duncansville. The Learning Community is a human service provider agency providing personalized support to people in our community while offering services to enhance the lives of those they support. For more information go to [www.tlcofpa.org](http://www.tlcofpa.org). On-hand for the celebration are, front row, from left: Kara Bennett, Chamber Ambassador; Nita Sanders, the office of State Representative Lou Schmitt; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Denny Stewart, Board of Directors; Morey Lawruk, Contractor; Charles Lansberry, Assistant Executive Director; Elise Messner, Executive Director; Landon Stratton; Donna Messner, President, Board of Directors; Michael Stubler, Board of Directors; C.J. Johnson, the office of Congressman John Joyce; Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador; back row: Dave Dillen, Lawruk Associate; Jane Burget, Board of Directors; and Joe Hurd, President/ CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce.

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

## Next "Breakfast Club" to Focus on Impact of Non-Profits

Blair County's non-profits play a significant role in helping Blair County to remain viable both economically and socially. Just what that impact amounts-to will be the focus of the next Chamber "Breakfast Club" on June 8th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Keynote speaker will be Holly Keller, Director of Development at [Garvey Manor](#), Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence and Marian

Heights at Garvey Manor, who will present, "Non-Profits: Our Essential Place in a For-Profit World." The cost to attend the Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the June Breakfast Club is [Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation](#).

# WELL DONE!

## Congratulations...

... to [Holland Brothers Meats](#) of Duncansville which captured several awards at the Pennsylvania Association of Meat Processors Convention in State College. The company won the Best of Pork Award for its grand champion whole bone-in ham as well as Best of Show for being voted best product from all classes and best product out of 326 entries for its specialty apple maple bacon. In all, Holland Brothers took home seven awards.



### Membership Committee

May 31st  
11:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

### Data Security Roundtable

May 31st  
1:30 p.m.  
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### Public Policy Committee

June 1st  
8:00 a.m.  
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### Business Hall of Fame Committee

June 1st  
9:30 a.m.  
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## A Special Power House Ladies Lunch!

*With a few male guests too.*



Each year the Blair County Chamber of Commerce [Athena Award](#) winners donate money to help with [Leadership Blair County Youth](#). The donation request is done around Mother's Day each year as a way to honor their mothers. This year at a luncheon a presentation was given by Dr. Zane Gates as he shared some amazing stories of his mom. Pictured are, left to right (seated): Judge Jackie Bernard, Senior Judge Jolene Kopriva, Dr. Zane Gates, Senator Judy Ward. Standing, from left: Cheryl Johns, Betsy Lehman, Amy Mearkle, Becky Stevens, Carol Gensimore, Ann Benzel, Andrea Cohen, Judy Juda, and Joe Hurd.

## 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!

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