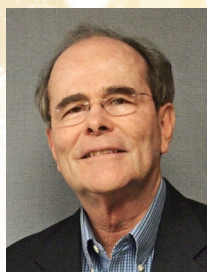


Dan Hoover to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award



Dan Hoover, Co-chair/CEO of Spring Cove Container and Allegheny Mountain Spring Water, will be the 21st recipient of the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Excellence. That award will be presented at the Business Excellence Dinner, to be held on October 23rd at Blair County Convention Center. Hoover was chosen from a number of nominees submitted from the business community.

Want to Become a More Effective Speaker? Check Out This 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!

WE-LEaD Schedules Axe-Throwing Event

The next WE-LEaD event will take place on September 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 at [Slings Throw House](#) in Altoona. The cost to participate is \$30 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Food is included. To register, contact the

Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor is [Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.](#) WE-LEaD is an acronym for Women Encouraging: Leadership, Education and Development

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FOR SAFETY

to feature Bubba Fatula

The Chamber's Home Run for Safety will have some new speakers, vendors and attractions but two attention-getters from the past will be back "by popular demand" again this year. Bubba Fatula, president of [Fatula Group](#) will return as keynote speaker and the [FirstEnergy](#) Electrical Safety Trailer will also be returning. 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. Cost to be a vendor is just \$75 and includes one registration (including breakfast and lunch). For information on sponsorships and vendor opportunities or to register as an attendee, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151.



Bubba Fatula

Committee Meeting

Transportation Committee
August 24th
8:15 a.m.
Devorris Center

Welcome New Chamber Members



The Blair County Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members: seated, from left: Christy Terza, [RED ROBIN RESTAURANT](#); Joe Brown, [SERVICE-MASTER BY REQUEST](#); Marty Malone and Husam Obeid, [A.T.C.S., P.L.C.](#); standing: Allison Herbaugh, [ALLISON HERBAUGH, LLC](#); Kayla Miller and Heather Maher, [CEDARWOOD REHABILITATION & HEALTHCARE CENTER](#); Todd Holsopple, [PEOPLE FIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION](#).

"Down on the Farm" Event to Include Lots of Fun!!

The ultra-traditional After Hours "Down on the Farm" will be held on October 11th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at [Piney Creek Greenhouse](#) in Martinsburg. A number of activities for kids are planned as well as demonstrations on planting and a whole lot of other stuff! The cost is \$10/person and includes great picnic food. Attendees under ten and under are free! Event sponsors are [Blair County Conservation District](#), [Farm Credit](#), [Leavitt Group Webber Advisors](#), and [Reliance Bank](#). To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at www.blairchamber.com.



Healthy Workplace Committee



FITFACT

E is for Emotional 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 "E" in SPIES stands for Emotional Wellness. Among the ways to deal with emotions at work are: Embrace your emotions, Accept that you can't pick your co-workers, Create boundaries, Use your vacation days, Get adequate sleep, Step away for lunch, Know your limits, Be willing to acknowledge your emotions, and Don't be afraid to get professional help!

Congratulations...

... to [Homewood at Martinsburg](#) which was recently awarded the Altoona OVR Office's Worksite/Employer of the Summer Award. OVR is the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Both Homewood and OVR are members of the Chamber.

... to [NPC, Inc.](#) whose Dodgeball team captured the first-ever Dodge 'N Dive-23 championship which was held last Saturday at Lakemont Park to benefit the [Blair County Chamber Foundation](#). The team from [Central States Manufacturing](#) finished second in the eight team tournament.



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