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WE-LEaD Event at Slingers is Wednesday. Still Time to Register!



WE-LEaD
Women Encouraging - Leadership,
Education, and Development

The next WE-LEaD event will take place this Wednesday, September 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 at [Slingers 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.

Missed the Meeting on Alpine Swiss Villages & Rails Trip? Don't Panic!

The Chamber and [Ketrow KURTZ Travel](#) will head to Switzerland next summer for a trip that will involve trains, cogs, cable cars, boats and buses. The Alpine Swiss Villages & Rails trip features a host of great locations including Zurich, Wengen, Bern, Interlaken, Grindelwald, Murren and Lucerne. The trip begins June 18th and concludes on the 26th. If you missed the informational meeting on the trip last Wednes-



day, there's still time to get back in the loop. Call Ketrow KURTZ Travel at (814) 695-1100.

Healthy Workplace Workshop Will Focus on Insurance

Among the many benefits to businesses of having a healthy workplace program is the ability to save money on insurance. The harsh reality is that many businesses are not aware of those savings and consequently miss out on them. The Healthy Workplace Committee of the Blair County Chamber is hosting a workshop on September 28th from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development to answer questions and offer in-

sight. The keynote speaker is Kathy Kelly, Senior Benefits Consultant at [Webber Advisors](#), who will present an unbiased view of what insurance companies are offering and how to access them. The cost to attend the workshop is \$15 for Chamber members and \$25 for non-members. Healthy (and unhealthy) breakfast items are included. To register, call the Chamber or visit www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor is [B4 Club Therapy](#).



Nominations Being Accepted for "Women Making a Difference"

[Pennsylvania Business Central](#) newspaper's Women in Business publication is shining a spotlight on women whose tireless work provides the bedrock of a strong community through its "Women Making a Difference" recognition edition. To nominate someone for this recognition, email editor@pabusinesscentral.com. Deadline to nominate is September 29th.

Chamber Board of Directors to Meet on Thursday

The next meeting of the Blair County Chamber's Board of Directors will be held on September 21st at 7:30 a.m. at the Devorris Center. Anyone who would like to address the Chamber Board should contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 by September 19th.

Ribbon Cutting



Skills of Central PA - Discovery Garden

The Blair County Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Skills of Central PA Discovery Garden located at 1501 N. Juniata St., Legion Memorial Park, Hollidaysburg. The Discovery Garden, a project of the Skills Foundation, is a beautiful award-winning public garden that is handicapped accessible and features an interactive kaleidoscope. For more information go to www.skillsofcentralpa.org. Pictured at the ribbon are, from left, Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador; Diana McClure, Blair County Chamber Board of Directors; Chris Knarr, Skills of Central PA; Val Barner, Skills of Central PA; Rita Brouse, President, Hollidaysburg Area Womens Club; Hollidaysburg Mayor Joe Dodson; JoAnn Propcheck, Hollidaysburg Area Womens Club, Blair Garden Club, Discovery Garden; Leslie Smith, Discovery Garden, Hollidaysburg Area Womens Club; Lisa Merschiltz, Discovery Garden, Blair County Garden Club; and Nancy McClelland, Chamber Ambassador.

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



Leadership Blair County Adult Class Debuts Friday

The 28th Class of the Chamber's [Leadership Blair County](#) program will have its orientation on Friday beginning at 7:45 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. There are 24 members of the 2024 class.



Leadership Alumni to Hold Annual Breakfast

The [Leadership Blair County Alumni Association](#) will hold its Annual Alumni Breakfast on September 22nd from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at [Altoona Grand Hotel](#). To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blair-chamber.com.

Welcome New Chamber Members



The Blair County Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members: seated, from left: Cohen Fisher and Elisia Fisher, [FISHER'S PARTY CENTRAL](#); Seth Seymore, [FORNO ALTO LLC](#); Maura Cruse, [HARVEST WEALTH, LLC](#); Tina Walters, [BLAIR/CLEARFIELD ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND](#); standing, from left: Shannon Tronzo, Katie Clauss, Lorrie Hetager, [UPMC WESTERN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF THE ALLEGHENIES](#); Courtney Musser, [PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION](#); Mike Kasun, [ZZZTOWN MATTRESS](#); Marc Zajac, [KEYSTONE GLASS AND WELLNESS](#). Absent from photo: Ashlyn Dugan, [COFFEE ON 3RD](#).

Anywhere! Anytime!

Register for events at blairchamber.com

GIVE US A CALL
814-943-8151

Ribbon Cutting



Coffee on 3rd

The Blair County Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the one-year anniversary of [Coffee on 3rd](#) located at 1534 3rd Ave., Duncansville. The unique coffee shop includes a drive-thru window, an extensive menu of delicious coffee products and beverages, soups, salads, and more. Coffee on 3rd also hosts a farmers market every Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. On-hand for the ceremony are, from left, Carol Stern, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Michele Ivory, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Ashlyn Dugan, owner; Rodney Estep, Chief of Police; Duncansville Mayor Eric Fritz; and Nancy McClelland, Chamber Ambassador.

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LBC Alumni to Collect Holiday Donations For Troops

The [Leadership Blair County Alumni](#), a program of the Blair County Chamber, is supporting service members by accepting donations to stuff stockings for the troops. [Military Families Ministry](#) is partnering with the alumni to send donations to deployed service members. Their initiative, "Stockings for the Troops," will be providing stockings for troops who will not be home during the holidays. Items for donation may include: stockings (empty or stuffed), individually wrapped Twizzlers, hard candy (no chocolate - must be in a resealable storage bag), lip balm, tooth brush and small tooth paste, hot chocolate packets, oatmeal packets, snack and food bars, cracker packs, individually wrapped cookies (not home-

made), beef sticks and beef jerky, individual drink mixes for water, packets of trail mix, nuts, pretzels, fruit, etc., deck of cards or small card games, and holiday cards (homemade or bought) with message. Donations can be dropped off at the Chamber office located at 3900 Industrial Park Drive, Suite 12, Altoona. The deadline to donate is November 3 at 4:30 p.m. Monetary donations are being accepted as well. Checks must be made payable to [The Chamber Foundation](#). Credit card donations can be made online at blairchamber.com/chamber-foundation. One hundred percent of monetary donations will be used to purchase items for stockings. For more information call 814-943-8151.

Congratulations...

... to Dr. Karen Lemme of [Lemme Audiology Associates](#), who is marking her 30th year of providing healthy hearing to the community.
... to the Chamber's [Young Professionals of Blair County](#) Committee which successfully recruited a full complement of mini golfers for Monday's [Operation Our Town](#) Mini-Golf Tournament. That event is sold out!

Committee Meetings

Chamber Foundation Board
September 20th
8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Farm-City Committee
September 20th
11:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Reserve Your Spot for "Down on the Farm"

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 gift shop will be open as well. The cost is \$10/person and includes great picnic food. Attendees ten and under are free! Event sponsors are [Blair County Conservation District](#), [Farm Credit](#), [Leavitt Group Webber Advisors](#), [Reliance Bank](#) and [Spring Cove Container/Cindy and Dan Hoover](#). To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at www.blairchamber.com.

