



## Chamber Office Closed Monday for Columbus Day

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

## Agriculture is Topic of Thursday's "Breakfast Club"



Tommy Nagle

The next Blair County Chamber "Breakfast Club" will feature a presentation by Tommy Nagle, Vice-President of [Pennsylvania Farm Bureau](#) this Thursday, October 12th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park, in observance of

Farm-City Month. Nagle's presentation is entitled, "Challenges and Opportunities in Modern Agriculture." The cost to attend Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. A breakfast buffet is included. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the October Breakfast Club is [PSECU](#).



## Informational Meeting on African Safari Set for Tuesday

For the second time in the past five years, the Blair County Chamber is offering a trip to Africa. An African Safari to Kenya and Tanzania will depart from the Chamber's parking lot on October 5, 2024 and return on October 19th. The trip, done in partnership with [Epic Journeys](#), includes Nairobi, David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, Out of Africa Farmhouse, Amboseli National Park, Shanga Workshop, Karatu, Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti and Lake Eyasi. There will be an informational meeting about the trip tomorrow, October 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. There is no charge or obligation to attend but please call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 so we can save you a seat.



## Congratulations...

... to [Galliker Dairy Company](#), which has been named Dairy Vendor of the Year by International Dairy Queen. The Dairy Vendor of the Year Award is granted annually to a DQ dairy vendor that goes above and beyond to deliver quality service to franchise owners while serving as a key resource throughout the year. Galliker Dairy has been a Blair County Chamber member since 1981.

... to Barry and Marlene Halbritter of [Midstate Tool & Supply](#) who were recently presented the 2023 Distinguished Citizens Award by the Kiwanis Club of Altoona at the club's 105th Anniversary Installation & Awards Banquet.

Blair County's future needs a strong foundation.

Support the Chamber Foundation and its youth programs.



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# WE-LEaD Workshop to Feature Inspirational Speaker/Author

The WE-LEaD Committee of the Blair County Chamber will host an interactive workshop on October 20th from 8:00 a.m. until noon The Columns Banquet Center in Altoona. The event will feature a presentation by inspirational speaker/author Beth Caldwell. That presentation, entitled "Overcoming Impostor Syndrome," focuses on what happens when girls and women believe what society has to say about them and how that can impact personal and professional growth. Beth Caldwell is a social worker turned personal trainer. A respected writer and columnist, she is the author of many books on leadership and personal development. She currently hosts the webTV program, The Morning Master-



mind, and has received numerous leadership awards throughout her career. The cost to attend the workshop, which includes a full buffet breakfast and breakout sessions is \$55 for Chamber members and \$65 for non-members. Each attendee will also receive a copy of Beth Caldwell's new book. Corporate sponsor of the event is [Benzel's Bretzel Bakery](#). To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at [blairchamber.com](#).

# LBC Alumni to Collect Holiday Donations For Troops

The [Leadership Blair County Alumni](#), a program of the Blair County Chamber, is accepting donations to stuff stockings for the troops. [Military Families Ministry](#) is partnering with the alumni to send donations to deployed service members. 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/small tooth paste, cocoa/oatmeal packets, snack and food bars, cracker packs, individually wrapped cookies (not homemade), beef sticks and jerky, individual drink mixes, packets of trail mix, nuts, pretzels, etc., deck of cards or small card games, and holiday cards with messages. Do-



nations can be dropped off at the Chamber office located at 3900 Industrial Park Drive, 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](#). For more information call 814-943-8151.



The ultra-traditional "Down on the Farm" will be held on October 11th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at [Piney Creek Greenhouse](#) in Martinsburg located at 334 Sportsman Road, Suite 1. A number of activities for kids are planned as well as demonstrations on planting and a whole lot of other stuff! The Piney Creek 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](#).



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**We know you are tired of receiving all these emails.  
To be honest – we're tired of sending them.**

From now on, we are freeing up your inbox! Expect three emails from the Chamber each week. The first email will contain the NETworks Digital News and the second will have a copy of the Business Insight page attached. If you do not receive these publications and would like to, visit [blairchamber.com](http://blairchamber.com) to subscribe! The final email of the week will have a list of upcoming events. All flyers will be attached and will have a link to the event page for you to register. You may find special email in your inbox every now and then, but don't worry, those are just for really important messages. Keep an eye out for those three emails and keep up-to-date with all things Chamber-related on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, and LinkedIn.

## Registered for Business Excellence Dinner Yet!

The Chamber's Business Excellence Dinner is only two weeks away (October 23rd) at the Blair County Convention Center. This year that event honors Dan Hoover with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Excellence. It all starts with a reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:45. Corporate tables are still available. All seats are reserved. Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).



**Stay connected.**



**Blair County Chamber of Commerce**



## Presbyterian Village to Host October's HD500

The next Chamber "HD500" will be held on October 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Presbyterian Village in Hollidaysburg. Chamber members who register to attend by this Wednesday pay just \$7.00. After that, it's \$10. Non-members can attend for \$20. Presbyterian Village is located at 201 Jackson Street. To register for HD500, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).



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Presbyterian Village



## Committee Meetings

**Chamber Ambassadors**  
October 10th  
8:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

**Experiences & Lodging Roundtable**  
October 11th  
8:15 a.m.  
Blair Regional YMCA

**Sustainable Blair County Committee**  
October 11th  
1:30 p.m.  
Devorris Center