

## Dan Hoover's Special Night is Tonight!



The Chamber's Business Excellence Dinner is tonight 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. Unfortunately, registration for the event is closed. The Chamber congratulates Dan on being the 21st recipient of that prestigious award.

## Non-Profits to Host "Business Before Hours"

The Chamber's Committee of Non-Profit Businesses will host the next "Business Before Hours" this Thursday, October 26th from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. More than a dozen non-profit businesses will attend to interact with those who would like to know more about the many things that non-profits do in the community and ways that non-profit and for-profit businesses can work together for a stronger Blair County. There is no cost to attend the Business Before Hours for Chamber members (\$10 for non-



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members) and there will be great food, courtesy of the [U.S. Hotel](#). People are encouraged to register for the event so that a food count can be established. Register at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com) or call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151. Corporate sponsors of Business Before Hours are [CONTACT Altoona](#) and [Central PA Community Foundation](#).

## Chamber Committees Merge

Two Blair County Chamber committees have announced their intentions to merge. The Chamber Ambassadors will merge with the Membership Committee to more effectively recruit and retain members. The new committee will go under the name "Chamber Ambassadors."



## Chamber Board of Directors Approves Two New Members

At its October 19th meeting, the Blair County chamber's Board of Directors approved the following members: [GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club](#) and [Black Wolf Security of Ebensburg](#).



## BASICS Steering Committee Gets New Co-Chairs

The Chamber's [BASICS](#) Steering Committee is having a significant leadership change. The Chamber's Board of Directors approved Craig Wallace of [Link Computer Corporation](#) and Mark Harrington of [Altoona Area School District](#) as co-chairs of that committee, effective in November. The two replace Neil Hollander of [Altoona Pipe & Steel](#), whose term expired and Chris Farrell, formerly of [Penn Highlands Community College](#), who is no longer working for a Chamber-member business.

*Congratulations...*

... to [Keller Engineers](#) of Hollidaysburg which was recently named one of the Best Places to Work in Pennsylvania by Central Penn Business Journal and Lehigh Valley Business.

## Welcome New Members



Jamie Stumph, (right), Blair County Chamber Board of Directors, welcomes new Chamber members Allison Reese representing [Multi-Color Corporation](#), and Dennis Foltz of **FOLTZPLAN**.

## Farm-City Dinner Set for November 1st in East Freedom

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce Farm-City Committee will host its annual Farm-City Dinner on Wednesday, November 1st, at Freedom Township Fire Hall, 139 Municipal Street, East Freedom. A milk punch reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a family-style chicken dinner at 6:30 p.m. The featured speakers for the evening will be Ann and Max Benzel of [Benzel's Bretzel Bakery](#). The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the 2023 Blair County Agricultural Community Excellence (ACE) Award. The award will be presented posthumously to Stacy Hoover, longtime employee of

the Blair County Chamber of Commerce, who unexpectedly passed away on May 8th. The award will honor Hoover's many years of dedication to the ag community through her work with the Chamber's Farm City Committee. Cost to attend is \$20 per person. For reservations, contact the Blair County Chamber of Commerce at 814-943-8151 or online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).



**Stacy Hoover**



Watch [here](#).

Tune-in and watch video clips from Down On The Farm!

## Data Security Roundtable Becomes Technology Committee

The Blair County Chamber's Data Security Roundtable will be getting an upgrade. The Roundtable, effective October 19th, is now the Technology Committee. The change will allow the committee to address more aspects of

technology than just data security. Chamber members interested in becoming Technology Committee members should contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at [jhurd@blairchamber.com](mailto:jhurd@blairchamber.com).

## 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/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. Donations 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](http://blairchamber.com/chamber-foundation). For more information call 814-943-8151.



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