

Farm-City Dinner is Wednesday in East Freedom

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce Farm-City Committee will host its annual Farm-City Dinner this 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 stuffed chicken breast 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, a longtime employee of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce, who passed away unexpectedly on May 8th. The award will honor Hoover's many years of dedication to the community through her work with the Chamber's Farm City Committee. The deadline to attend the dinner has passed. For further information, call the Chamber at 814-943-8151.



Stacy Hoover



Watch [here](#).

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

Breakfast Club to Feature U.S. Chamber Speaker

The general election on November 7th will settle a few local races and even a couple judicial races statewide. But at the federal level, not much of significance is happening. Not much yet. Once this election ends, a new election cycle begins and 2024 promises to be a whopper! To discuss the details of what all is at stake, particularly for the business community, the Blair County Chamber will welcome Kevin Courtois, Vice-President of the Great Lakes Office of the [U.S. Chamber of Commerce](#), to help sort it out. Courtois has spoken at Chamber Breakfast Clubs on two other occasions. The presentation will take place at the next

Chamber Breakfast Club on November 16th beginning at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The cost to attend is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members.

A buffet breakfast is included. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



Kevin Courtois



Watch [here](#).

Spend Your Holidays in London and Paris in 2024

For the first time ever, the Blair County Chamber will be offering five trips in a single year. And the fifth trip will also debut another Chamber-member travel agency. [Allegro Luxury Vacations](#), located in Altoona, will partner with the Chamber on "London and Paris Holiday" from November 30th to December 8th of 2024. Experience the holiday magic from London to Paris, crossing the channel by train. Enjoy iconic sights like Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the Eiffel Tower. An informational meeting will be held on November 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 and we'll save you a seat!



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Still Some Vacancies on Classical Greece Trip

The Blair County Chamber's upcoming trip to Classical Greece (April 18-30, 2024) still has a few vacancies but those are expected to close quickly over the next two months, according to Cynthia Watters of [Epic Journeys](#). "It's a fabulous trip at a great price," Watters admitted. "I'm really surprised that it hasn't closed already." The highlights of the trip include visits to Athens, Olympia, Delphi and Me-teora. There is also a three-night cruise with stops in Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, Patmos and Ephesus. For further information, contact Epic Journeys at (814) 266-5070.



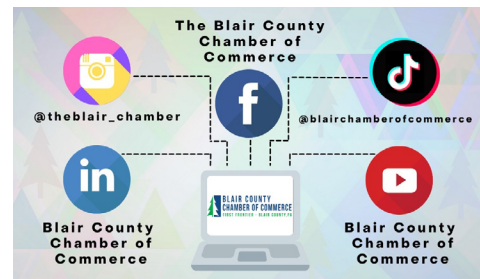
Deadline to Donate to "Stocking for the Troops" is Friday

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 home-made), 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. One hundred percent of monetary donations will be used to purchase items for stockings. For more information call 814-943-8151.



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Committee Meetings

Presidents' Forum Steering Committee
October 30th, Noon
Al's Tavern

Public Policy Committee
November 2nd, 8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Transportation Committee
November 3rd, 8:15 a.m.
Devorris Center

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