



Chamber Office Closed Thursday and Friday

The Blair County Chamber Office will be closed this Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on Monday at 8:30 a.m. For information on the Chamber or to register for a Chamber program or event, visit the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com.

2024 Home Garden and Healthy Living Showcase Accepting Exhibitors



The planning process has officially begun for the 2024 Blair County Home Garden and Healthy Living Showcase which will be held March 1-3 at [Blair County Convention Center](#). Exhibitor packets will be sent to businesses that participated in the Showcase in 2023. Any business that didn't participate in 2023 but would like to exhibit in 2024 should call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151. The Showcase is done as a partnership between the Blair County Chamber and [Blair-Bedford Builders Association](#). This will be the 52nd year of the event.



Welcome!

Six New Members Approved by Chamber Board

At last Thursday's Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved the following new members:

- [LifeMaid Easy](#) of Duncansville
- [LiFeSTYLE ALTUS](#) of Altoona
- [Military Family Ministry USA](#) of Bellwood,
- [The Hope Center](#) of Bellwood
- [Stone Cellar](#) of Altoona,
- [Women's Health Services](#) of Roaring Spring.

Congratulations...

... to the law firm of [Steinbacher, Goodall and Yurchak](#) which was recently named a 2024 Best Law Firm by Best Lawyers in its annual Best Law Firm rankings. Best Lawyers is a peer-to-peer ranking service.

Committee Meeting

Home & Garden Show Committee
November 21st
8:30 a.m.
Devorris Center



Welcome New Chamber Members



The Blair County Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members: seated, from left: Rita Brouse, Nicole Clapper Bettwy, Barb Fulton, **GFWC HOLLDAYSBURG AREA WOMEN'S CLUB**; Sheena Ickes, Individual Member; standing, from left: Sara Bougher and D.M. Craig, **BLACK WOLF SECURITY**; and Troy Heatwole, **STEINBACHER, GOODALL & YURCHAK**.

Best Practices Forum to Focus on College Partnerships

Partnerships are important in helping non-profit businesses to work more closely with local colleges and for local college students to have access to opportunities provided by non-profit businesses. The next Best Practices Forum, hosted by the Chamber's Committee of Non-profit Businesses, will focus on the specifics of making great relationships take place where they can do the most good. Entitled, "Colleges and Non-Profits: Partners in Progress," the panel discussion format will feature Lauren Priscilla Jacobson of **Penn State Altoona**, Sara Worley of **Juniata**



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College and Andrew Stopko of **Saint Francis University**. The event will be held on December 1st at the Devorris Center for Business Development. The cost to attend Best Practices is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. Space is limited. Register at www.blairchamber.com or call (814) 943-8151.

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New Technology Committee Seeking Members

What started as a Data Security Roundtable has morphed into a full-scale Technology Committee that will deal with all aspects of technology as they relate to business. Interested in joining? All Chamber members are eligible. Simply call Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.



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