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WE-LEaD to Host Professional Bio Workshop and Headshot Session

The Chamber's WE-LEaD Committee will be hosting a Professional Bio Workshop and Headshot Session on July 16th from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at [Forno Alto](#), 5923 Sixth Avenue in Altoona. The Session, entitled "Shaping Her Narrative," will be led by Paula Lamb of [Lamb Solutions Advertising Agency](#). Photography will be by Barbara Fiore. The cost to attend is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. Coffee bar and breakfast sandwiches are included. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of this event is [Retirement Plan Solutions](#).



New PIDA interest rates announced



The PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) released third quarter interest rates for the PIDA program effective July 1. For real estate projects, rates are as low as 4.25%. Equipment projects can secure

a loan at 5.25%. Eligible borrowers include manufacturing, industrial, health-care, daycare, warehousing and logistics companies and more, who commit to creating or retaining jobs in Blair County. If your business has a real estate or equipment project and are in need of financing, contact [Tom Seasoltz](#) at ABCD Corporation today!

August Breakfast Club to Feature DCED Secretary



Rick Siger

Although the Blair County Chamber doesn't have a Breakfast Club during July, the program on August 8th will be one that the business community won't want to miss. The speaker at that event will be Rick Siger, the Commonwealth's Secretary of the Department of Com-

munity and Economic Development. Siger, a Pittsburgh native and graduate of Columbia University, was appointed to his position in May of 2023 by Governor Josh Shapiro. The cost to attend the Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the August Breakfast Club is [Care Compass](#).



LEADERSHIP BLAIR COUNTY ADULT

Still Time to Apply for Leadership Adult Program

There is still time for interested people to apply to be part of the 2025 Leadership Blair County Adult Class. Interviews for that program will be starting within a short time. Send applications to Brittany Mayer at bmayer@blairchamber.com. Those applications can be found on the Chamber website at www.blairchamber.com.

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Chamber Inviting Committee Participation

As the Chamber prepares to upgrade many of its programs and events during June and July, this is also a time of opportunity for members who would like to become involved in any of the organization's broad array of committees. Committee participation is another way to maximize a member's benefit while helping move the business community forward. Interested in belonging to a Chamber committee? Check-out the



list of committees on the Chamber website at www.blairchamber.com. If you find something that appeals to you, contact Joe Hurd at jhurd@blairchamber.com.

Save the Date:

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

One of last summer's more popular events will return in 2024 but not until later this year. The Blair County Chamber Foundation Dodgeball Tournament will be held on November 9th at Building II in Altoona. The tournament

will include food trucks, a beer garden, giveaways and more! Proceeds from the event will go toward the multiple youth programs funded by the Foundation. Be sure to add the date to your calendar!!



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