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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 Community 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](#).

Chamber to Offer Public Service Academy

Two years ago, the Blair County Chamber created a Public Service Academy to help people in the business community to understand the process of seeking elected office. The Academy program will be offered again this fall. The dates will be September 10th and the 24th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. The cost is \$25/person which covers both sessions as well as pizza and soft drinks beginning at 5:30 p.m.



Donna Gority and John Eichelberger will once again co-chair the Academy. To register to be part of the September sessions, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

Congratulations...

... to [Mount Aloysius College](#) whose 2023-24 graduates in the American Society of Nephrology program achieved a 100% first-time pass rate on their National Council Licensure Examination.

Committee Meetings...

Presidents' Forum Steering Committee, July 29th, noon, Al's Tavern
Public Policy Committee, August 1st, 8:00 a.m., Devorris Center

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We're Bouncing Around Blair!

Our member businesses are so important to us, and we want to visit them. We're Bouncing Around Blair! While we are out and about, we are visiting some of our members and filming a one-minute commercial for them. There are many social media platforms to find the "Bouncing Around Blair" episodes. Visit YouTube and watch our [shorts](#), [TikTok](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#)! Are you interested in being a part of "Bouncing Around Blair"? Email Megan Rossman at mrossman@blairchamber.com to schedule a time for Megan and Brittany Mayer to come visit your business and shoot a dynamic video that will get hundreds of views.

Ribbon Cutting



AB Federal Credit Union

The Blair County Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the new location of AB Federal Credit Union located at 520 Third Avenue, Duncansville. The credit union is open to all people of Blair County. For more information, go to www.abfederalcu.com. On-hand for the celebration are, from left: Carter Cerully, Chamber Ambassador; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Joe Eckels, Board Member; Tricia Eicher, CEO/Branch Manager; Mary Lumadue, Board Member; Arlene Brunner, Board Member; Bill Hollobaugh, Board Member; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; and Greg Haffling, Chamber Ambassador.

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Mile Level Physical Therapy

The Blair County Chamber cut the ribbon in celebration of the 20th anniversary of Mile Level Physical Therapy located at 1200 11th St., Altoona. Mile Level provides a wide variety of services including physical therapy, rehabilitation, gait training, therapeutic exercises and more. For more information, go to www.milelevelpt.com. Taking part in the celebration are, from left: Eva Eagler, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Michael Gentry, PT, owner/CEO; Zack Lieb, Clinical Director PT; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Marcus Edwards, ABCD Corporation; and Kara Bennett, Chamber Ambassador.

Joined a Chamber Committee Yet?

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.

A celebration to honor Joe Hurd for decades of leadership and service.



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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AT THE
THIRD BASE DUGOUT!

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!!