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Medieval cities and famous landmarks part of England travel itinerary

If castles, palaces, and historic cathedrals are on your travel bucket list then you will want information on the Chamber's Gems of Southern England trip, May 17-24, 2026, with travel partner [Ketrow KURTZ Travel](#). Your adventure includes stops in London, Portsmouth, Windsor, and Bath where you will experience Stonehenge, Windsor Castle, Trafalgar Square, and much more. This trip is filled with history and excitement! The Chamber will be hosting an informational meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m., at the Devorris Center for Business Development. There is no obligation or cost to attend. Just let us know you are coming so we can save you a seat. Contact the Chamber at 814-943-8151 or email chamber@blairchamber.com.



We'll see you Down On The Farm!

Fall is right around the corner! Come celebrate the season with us at Down On The Farm, a fun-filled evening brought to you by the Chamber's Farm-City Committee. This family-friendly event will be held October 2, from 5 - 7 p.m., at Mitchell Farms, 1019 Old Mill Run Road, Altoona. October in Central Pennsylvania is the perfect time of year for outdoor activities and Mitchell Farms is planning plenty of fun for everyone. Your wristband will provide hours of entertainment at Tire Mountain, Corn Box, Farm Animal Center, Duck Races, Hay Bale Climb and dozens more activities. You'll also get to go on a hayride and test your skills in the Noah's Ark themed corn maze. A delicious supper is also included. Additional activities such as



pumpkin painting and paintball, as well as additional food options, will be available for an extra fee. Pick and choose, it's up to you. Added features are payable that evening at the farm. Your Down On The Farm wristband will be at the Chamber registration area. Cost to attend is \$15 for adults and FREE for children ages 10 and under. Reservations are required. Go to www.blairchamber.com. Whether you're young, or young at heart, there's something for everyone to enjoy when you're Down On The Farm!



August All-Stars

Since sponsorships are such an integral part of the Chamber's ability to offer great events and programs to members, we recognize sponsors each month as "All-Stars."

The All-Stars for August are:
[Lung Disease Center of](#)
[Central Pennsylvania](#)
[PNC Bank](#)

Ward and Barger to discuss budget at Breakfast Club



State Senator
Judy Ward



State Representative
Scott Barger

The state budget has dominated news headlines recently. To gain insight on this issue, the next Chamber Breakfast Club, September 18, at the Blair County Convention Center, will feature State Senator Judy Ward and State Representative Scott Barger for a presentation entitled, "The State of the State's Budget: Priorities and Challenges for 2026." The program, sponsored by [Keller Engineers](#), begins at 7:45 a.m. with a full breakfast buffet and will be held in the lower level of the Convention Center. Cost to attend is \$25 for Chamber Members and \$35 for non-members. Register at www.blairchamber.com.

Bringing smiles by the basketful

Each year The Chamber's Leadership Blair County (LBC) Alumni searches for a cause in which they can make a difference in the lives of others. The organization selected by LBC Alumni for the 2025 Gifts of Hope project is Easter for Eli. Elias "Eli" Garrett was a 3-year-old boy who lost his courageous battle with Non-Hodgkin's T-Cell Lymphoma on May 7, 2009. In his memory, Easter for Eli collects items for Easter baskets to be delivered to children who are hospitalized over the Easter Holiday. Items can be dropped off at the Cham-



ber office beginning tomorrow, Sept. 2 through Sept. 19. Candy cannot be accepted, however, monetary/gift card donations are accepted. For more information contact Sherri Stayer at sherris@lungdiseasefoundation.org.

RSVP for LBC Alumni breakfast

Don't forget to register for the Leadership Blair County (LBC) Alumni Breakfast to be held on Friday, September 26th at 7:30 a.m. at the U.S. Hotel. We will be welcoming Dr. Maureen Dodson, our esteemed LBC facilitator, as the keynote speaker. Her presentation will provide an in-depth look at conflict resolution.

"The LBC Alumni Breakfast is a great opportunity to hear Maureen present, as well as see the impact LBC Alumni



Grants and Gifts of Hope make in our community," said Melanie Schildt, LBC Alumni.

Cost is \$25 for non-dues paying attendees and \$20 for LBC dues paying Alumni. Register online at www.blair-chamber.com.

Saluting Our Renewals

We would like to thank those members that have continued to invest with the organization by renewing their membership in the month of August.

Celebrating 100-109 Years

Lamar Advertising, Inc.
M & T Bank
Penstan Supply/Division of
Hajoca Corp.

Celebrating 90-99 Years

Altoona Mirror
Young, Oakes, Brown
& Company, P.C.

Celebrating 80-89 Years

Altoona First Savings Bank
Kranich's, Inc.
Peterman's Flower Shop

Celebrating 60-69 Years

Fiore Furniture
Lytle's Transfer &
Storage Company
Veeder-Root Company

Celebrating 50-59 Years

Making Waves Hair Salon

Celebrating 30-39 Years

Cumming Motors, Inc.
East Side Concrete
Supply Co., Inc.
Horseshoe Curve Lodge
McCartney's Workplace
Solutions
Penn Mont Academy
Value Drug Company
Your Building Centers, Inc.

Celebrating 20-29 Years

611 MRI Altoona
Altoona Symphony Orchestra
Benton Insurance Center, Inc.
Blair County Conservation
District
Investment Savings Bank
Webber Seltzer Wealth Advisors

Celebrating 10-19 Years

Allegheny Pain Management, P.C.
Buccinese Society
Hollidaysburg Area
Public Library

Mihalko's General Contracting
The Everett Railroad Company
The UPS Store #6512

Celebrating 5-9 Years

A B Federal Credit Union
Alto Markets
Caporuscio Plumbing &
Heating, Inc.
Dave Moses Technology
Services, Inc.
Global Power Line Academy, Inc.
KIZ Resources, LLC
The Health Insurance Place
The YaZo Group

Celebrating 1-4 Years

A.T.C.S., P.L.C.
Allison Herbaugh LLC
Center for Community Action
Courier Payroll Service LLC
Everest Medical Weight Loss
EZtouse.com
Gary Drenning
Kelly's Collections

Poland meeting next Tuesday

The Chamber, in partnership with [Ketrow KURTZ Travel](#), will be hosting a trip to Poland, October 13-22, 2026. Many of Poland's cities are known for their well-preserved historic centers and cultural heritage. This adventure will take you to signature sites such as the Castle of the Teutonic Knights, Wieliczka Salt Mine, and the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp Museum. An informational meeting will be held at the Devorris Center on Sept. 9 at 6:00 p.m. There is no obligation or cost to attend. Let us know you are coming. Call 814-943-8151.

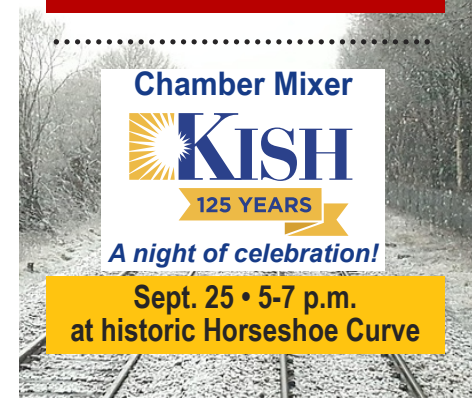
Register at blairchamber.com

Celebrating railroad history month!

HD500 Networking Event



Sept. 10 • 5-7 p.m.
Includes 1-hour train ride



Congratulations!

...to [Conemaugh Nason Medical Center](#) which was recognized with the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines - Stroke Silver Plus quality achievement award.

...to [Colonial Courtyard at Tyrone](#) for earning IntegraCare's Silver Level Award for its prompt handling of residents' call bell requests during the second quarter of 2025.

Friends of Scouting 2025 Dinner Dance



JOIN OUR HOSTS

Bill and Judy Ward

The Chief Logan District Dinner Dance is an event that brings together members of the community for an evening of camaraderie, celebration, and fundraising. Held at the U.S. Hotel in Hollidaysburg, the event features a delightful dinner followed by lively music and dancing, providing a perfect opportunity for attendees to socialize and enjoy each other's company.

Supported by volunteers and local businesses, the Dinner Dance serves as a vital fundraiser, with proceeds supporting Scouting youth programs within the district. It's a night where community spirit shines, fostering connections and creating memories that last long after the final dance. (Attire is business casual)

The evening of Saturday, September 20, 2025

U.S. Hotel located at 401 S Juniata St, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Juniata Valley Council - Scouting America - Chief Logan District



**\$75
per
Ticket**

Doors Open 5PM/Dinner 6PM/Band 7PM

Register and support the event using the QR
code or this link:

<https://scoutingevent.com/497-99061>