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Honoring Excellence:
An amazing evening celebrating our business community

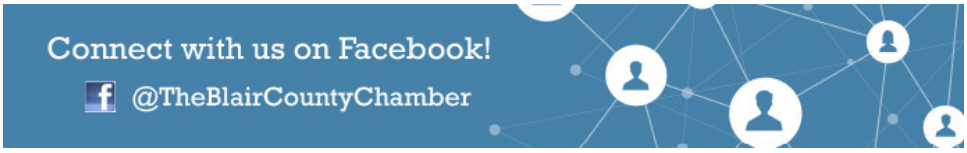


What an incredible evening celebrating the very best of our local business community! This year's Business Excellence Dinner brought together the leaders, innovators, and visionaries who drive our regional economy forward, culminating in the presentation of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award to Patty Shaw, C.E.O. of Shirley's Cookie Company. Under Patty's leadership, tradition, pride, and family have remained the key ingredients for continued success, and it was a privilege to honor her many accomplishments alongside so many familiar faces at the Blair County Convention Center.

An evening of this magnitude would not be possible without the incredible network of people who support our mission. We want to extend our deepest gratitude to all of our generous sponsors, whose commitment ensures we can continue to spotlight business excellence in our region. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended. Your continued engagement is what makes our business community so vibrant. We look forward to achieving even greater milestones together in the year ahead.







Breakfast Club this Thursday

Register now for this Thursday's Breakfast Club at the Blair County Convention Center. The panel presentation, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles: Connections for Commerce", will discuss major cross-modal investments in Blair County's transportation system that are impacting our future economic and community development efforts.

Panelists include State Senator Judy Ward; Vince Greenland, District 9 Director, PennDOT; Tracy Plessinger, Executive Director, Altoona-Blair County Airport Authority, and Robert Gleason, Amtrak Board of Directors. Stephen McKnight, President, ABCD Corporation will serve as moderator.

Breakfast Club, brought to you by series sponsor Altoona-Blair County Airport and Contour Airlines, begins at 7:45 a.m. Speaker sponsor is PennStress. Cost to attend is $25 for Chamber Members and $35 for non-members. Click HERE to make your reservations.

A salute to agriculture

The deadline is fast approaching to submit your nomination for the Chamber's Agricultural Community Excellence Award. This is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the amazing contributions that the agriculture community brings to Blair County's economy. You can nominate individuals, families, agribusinesses, and nonprofit organizations that champion agriculture. Nomination forms can be downloaded HERE. Deadline is Oct. 9.

All treats, no tricks: YP Trivia and Costume Contest

By Marcus Edwards, YP Committee

Get ready for a spooky evening of trivia, networking and Halloween fun with the Young Professionals of Blair County! Join us on Thursday, October 15th from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Zach's Sports & Spirits, 5828 6th Avenue in Altoona, for our annual Halloween Trivia & Costume Contest.

This event is a great opportunity to step away from the workday, connect with fellow young professionals and enjoy a relaxed evening with a little friendly competition. Put your knowledge to the test during Halloween-themed trivia, team up with friends and colleagues, and don't forget to come dressed for the occasion. A costume contest will also be part of the evening, giving attendees another chance to get creative and join in the Halloween spirit.



Whether you're a trivia buff, looking to meet new people, or simply searching for a fun way to celebrate the season, this event offers something for everyone.

The cost to attend is $15 per person. Register at BlairChamber.com.

Special thanks to our event sponsors, Blair School of Martial Arts and Thrivent Financial: Centre Associates, for helping make the evening possible. We hope to see you there!

Unwind and Dine: After Hours at Presbyterian Village

Ready to trade your mid-week blues for amazing hospitality? Prepare to unwind on Wednesday, October 14, when we head to Presbyterian Village at Hollidaysburg for a Chamber After Hours event focused entirely on exceptional food and lots of fun. The event will be held at the Inglenook Building at 201 Jackson Street.

If you have ever been to Presbyterian Village, you already know they don't hold back when it comes to rolling out the red carpet—and the buffet table. Come hungry and be ready to enjoy incredible treats and the kind of welcoming atmosphere that makes you forget all about your mid-week stress. Catch up with old friends, make a few new ones, and enjoy a laid-back evening out in the community. Who knows? You might even walk away with a great doorprize.



"We are excited to be hosting the upcoming After Hours event. We look forward to welcoming local business leaders, fostering meaningful connections, and showcasing our beautiful community and amazing food while celebrating the partnerships that strengthen Blair County," said Reagan Metzger, Sales Director, Presbyterian Senior Living.

The fun kicks off at 5:00 p.m. and keeps rolling until 7:00 p.m. Cost to attend is only $5 per person; it's a deal you just can't beat! Mark your calendar and get ready for a fantastic night. Register HERE.



Unforgettable family fun

Bring the family and go Down On The Farm this Thursday to experience life on a working dairy farm. You can look forward to a fun-filled evening packed with hayrides, close-up animal encounters, and plenty of interactive kids activities to keep the little ones entertained. To top it all off, everyone will get to enjoy a delicious, farm fresh meal. This fun event will be held at Corle Homestead Farm located at 283 Corle Homestead Road in Martinsburg, from 5 - 7 p.m. Cost to attend is only $15 per person. Children 10 and under are FREE. Don't miss it. Register today.

Congratulations

...to Quant Corner Children's Museum & Discovery Center on celebrating its 40th anniversary. Founded in 1986, Quaint Corner was created to provide an innovative, interactive space for children to explore science, art, music and learning.

...to Jeff Long on being honored by the Kiwanis Club of Altoona with the Distinguished Citizen Award. The award recognizes individuals who have significantly contributed to the betterment of our community.

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