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Secure your space today for the Blair County Home Show



Plans are already underway for the Chamber's highly anticipated Blair County Home Show, returning to the Blair County Convention Center on February 19, 20, and 21, 2027. If you want to position your business in front of thousands of local consumers, now is the time to secure your booth space for prime visibility.

The Blair County Home Show, brought to you by the Blair County Chamber of Commerce and Mid-Penn Building Industry Association, has built a reputation as a premier marketing opportunity. In fact, many of our exhibitors return year after year because of the exceptional value and the high volume of quality leads the event consistently generates. Even beyond the direct sales, the immense promotional exposure your business receives throughout the weekend makes the investment completely worthwhile.

In addition to traditional home improvement businesses, vendor space is wide open for independent sales, including home decor, unique hand-crafted items, specialty food products, and much more.

The Blair County Home Show is a fantastic, family-friendly event with value-packed admission. Tickets for adults are just $5—which covers admission for all three days of the show—and children ages 10 and under get in for free.

Don't miss your chance to stand out. Go to www.blairchamber.com/homeshow to lock in your booth space before it fills up!

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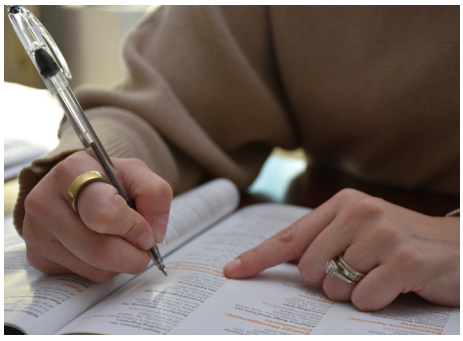
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Is your Chamber listing ready for print?

We are officially starting production for the 2027 Blair County Chamber Membership Directory, and we want to ensure your business is represented correctly. Both our print directory and our online membership listings are resources used by residents, visitors, and businesses to find trusted local professionals. The 2027 printed directory will include contact information in categorical and alphabetical listings for each member. Thousands are distributed each year.

To make sure your contact details, description, and categories are accurate before we head to print, please take a moment to log into your online member account and review your listing. If you notice any changes or outdated details, you can update them instantly. Don't have an online account set up yet? No problem! Just email us at chamber@blairchamber.com, and we will get you connected.

Using your member portal is incredibly easy and efficient. Beyond updating your listing, your account allows you to pay invoices, register for events, and upload information about your own events and news. Don't miss out on maximized visibility for 2027. Log in and check your information.



Applications open for Shophand Small Business Boost Grant

Running a small business is a full-time juggling act — operations, marketing, systems, customers, finances, content, and somehow remembering to eat lunch. Technology should make that easier… but most small business owners don't have the time (or desire!) to learn it all.

That's where Shophand comes in. The Shophand $5k Small Business Boost Grant is awarded twice a year to give small business owners the support they need to overcome their biggest tech or operational challenge.

Each Boost winner receives $2,500 in cash, $2,500 in Shophand technical support and services which can include AI and automation, marketing and technology support, software setup, operations assistance, and other services based on the business's needs.



The end result? More clarity. More confidence. Less chaos.

Eligible businesses must be U.S.-based, for-profit businesses with fewer than 50 employees and under $5 million in annual revenue. Applications are free, and the current application deadline is November 30, 2026.

For more information or to apply go to the Shophand Grant website.

Pack your bags and book your next adventure with the Chamber

Whether you are looking to cross a major destination off your personal bucket list or simply want to explore a new corner of the world, the Chamber and our trusted travel partners have you covered for 2027. Our upcoming travel calendar features a diverse mix of destinations that offer something for everyone to enjoy.

Make plans to go on a remarkable adventure with Epic Journeys as you explore breathtaking landscapes on the Canadian Maritimes and Coastal Wonders trip that will take you to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Peggy's Cove, and more.

Maybe a cool adventure is on your travel bucket list, then book your seat with Epic Journeys for a once-in-a-lifetime experience when you travel to Antarctica.

Does your travel wish list include sand, sun and wildlife encounters? Then join Ketrow Kurtz Travel for an exciting Ecuador & Galapagos Islands Cruise.



Not to be outdone is an exotic getaway on the Visions of Japan excursion with Ketrow Kurtz Travel. This adventure features an eleven day tour from Tokyo to Kyoto.

No matter which destination is calling your name, the Chamber and our travel partners take the stress out of planning. For more details and booking information contact the Chamber at chamber@blairchamber.com.

FDIC
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Money Smart for Small Business

There will be a special national webinar on November 17, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM ET, where the FDIC, in collaboration with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), will introduce the redesigned Money Smart for Small Business (MSSB) curriculum.

MSSB is a free, ready-to-use financial education program that equips banks, community-based organizations, small business educators, coaches and instructors with practical resources to help aspiring and existing entrepreneurs develop the financial skills needed to start, manage, and grow successful businesses.

During this session, topics that will be covered include:

- Learn about the redesigned MSSB curriculum, including new modules on small business financing and profitability.
- Explore the enhanced instructional elements and classroom ready tools.
- Preview new interactive, self-paced online learning experiences covering essential small business topics, including banking services, business credit, and financing.
- Learn how these resources can support entrepreneurs, expand financial education opportunities, and strengthen your community development efforts.

For more information about the program, go to fdic.gov/moneysmart.

Anywhere! Any time!
Register for events online
blairchamber.com