

Sixth YEA! Class Begins Sessions Tomorrow at Sheetz Center



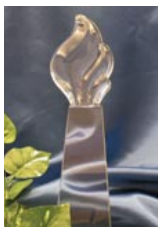
The sixth class of students in the Blair County Chamber's Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) program begins educational sessions tomorrow at 8:15 a.m. at the Sheetz Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence. The class meets each Tuesday for 26 weeks and will graduate next April. There are twenty students in this year's class. YEA! is a national program headquartered in Rochester, New York which helps students in grades 6-12 to build an actual business. For more information contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or visit www.yeausa.org.

Job Fair is Wednesday at Jaffa Shrine

The Blair County Chamber is partnering with PA CareerLink on a Job Fair to be held at Jaffa Shrine this Wednesday, October 6th. Eighty employers from all industries will be recruiting at the event. The Job Fair is open to the public. It all begins at 9:30 a.m. with an initial half-hour limited strictly to veterans seeking employment. From 10:00 to 2:00 p.m., any job seekers are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Greg Crooks at (814) 940-6219 or email him at gcrooks@pa.gov.



Only Two Weeks Until Mark Barnhart's Big Night!



The Chamber's Annual Business Excellence Dinner will be held on Monday, October 18th at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The event will honor NPC's Mark Barnhart with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Excellence. If you haven't made your reservations, you can do that by calling the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



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Businesses

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Non-Profit Networking Event Scheduled for Thursday

Join the Chamber's Committee of Non-Profit Businesses for a Night Out this Thursday, October 7th from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Buccinese Society in Altoona. Enjoy an evening to connect with old and new friends over an Italian buffet. Cost to attend is \$18 for Chamber Members and \$25 for non-members. For-profits can attend as well. Call the Chamber at 814-943-8151 to make a reservation or [register online](#).

Committee Meetings

Committee of Non-Profit Businesses
October 5th • 11:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Sustainable Blair County
October 5th • 1:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

Workplace Wellness Committee
October 5th • 3:00 p.m.
Devorris Center

Young Professionals of Blair County
October 6th • 8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

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WE-LEaD to Hold Panel Presentation on October 13th

The WE-LEaD Committee of the Blair County Chamber will hold a panel presentation next Wednesday, October 13th from noon to 1:30 p.m. at The Blairmont Club. The title of the presentation is, "Women Mean Business – Balancing Work, Family and Advanced Education." The panelists are: Nicole Bauman and Jessica Dunlap (both from Saint Francis University) and Dr. Amy Miller from Chestnut Ridge School District. The cost is \$30 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Lunch is included. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at



www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the event is Penn Highlands Community College.

Secretary of Agriculture to Speak at Chamber Luncheon

The Blair County Chamber has moved its monthly Breakfast Club on October 14th to a luncheon instead to accommodate the schedule of its speaker. Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding will address attendees at that event about the critical role that agriculture plays in Blair County's economy. October is Farm-City Month. "We appreciate that the Secretary recognizes the importance of talking to an audience of mostly city people about how they can help strengthen the county's number one industry," explained

Chamber Board Chair Richard Fiore, Jr. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. Corporate sponsor of the luncheon is DelGrosso Family of Companies. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



Russell Redding

Choose Your Trip and Travel With the Chamber

Last week's informational program on the Blair County Chamber's trip to Iceland next fall completes a series of informational sessions for the four trips being offered by the Chamber in 2022. If you'd like to travel to the Hawaiian Islands in January, Ireland in April, the Canadian Rockies in July or Iceland in October, the Chamber can provide the details and get you on your way. There is no restriction if you'd like to go on all four trips! Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 to learn more.

Chamber All-Stars Recognized for September

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 September are: AgChoice Farm Credit, Appalachian Running Co., Berry Solutions Group, Blair County Conservation District, Harry's Construction Kitchen and Bath Design Center, Homewood at Martinsburg, Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania, McCartney's WorkPlace Solutions, Morgan Stanley, Reliance Bank, SCORE, Stuckey Automotive and The Nehemiah Project

Spring Dam Brewing Company to Host Young Professionals Networking Event

If you're a young professional between the ages of 21 and 39 and enjoy interacting with other young professionals in a relaxed environment, the Chamber's Young Professionals of Blair County has a great opportunity for you. The YP Committee is hosting a networking event on October 14th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Spring Dam Brewing Company, located at 269 East Main Street in Roaring Spring. Enjoy a variety of appetizers and craft beers at one of the county's newest breweries. The cost is just \$15/person. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the YP Networking Event is McQuaide Blasko, Inc.



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 September

Celebrating 46 Years

Razor's Edge, Inc. Salon and Hair Loss
Center Greenwood LLC

Celebrating 34 Years

Benzel's Bretzel Bakery, Inc. 34

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Altoona-Blair County Airport
The Blairmont Club
Gordon L. DeLozier, Inc.
Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies
MailPro, Inc.
Moore Power Sales,
Affiliate of Sandler Training
Norfolk Southern Corporation
Servpro of Altoona
The Winds At Mattern Orchard

Celebrating 10-19 Years

Advanced Regional Center for
Ankle & Foot Care
Always A Party Rentals
B & B Mobile Power Cleaning &
Restoration System
Blair County Historical Society
Circle of Life Holistic Health Center, Inc.
E. B. Endres Inc.
Firestone Complete Auto Care
Gordon's Therapeutic Massage
Graystone Court
Keystone Industrial Sales &
Service, Inc.
Jeff S. Long Construction
Miller, Kistler & Campbell

The Nehemiah Project
PA Health Partners, LLC
Pennsylvania Business Central
Phoenix Rehabilitation and
Health Services
Shirley's Cookie Company, Inc.
Urish Popeck & Co., LLC

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Blair County Community Action Agency
Epic Pyrotechnics, LLC
Epworth Healthcare and
Rehabilitation Center
Fort Roberdeau
Garvey Manor Nursing Home
McCloskey's Landscaping, Inc.
Notary & Copy Stop, Inc.
RE/MAX Results Realty Group -
Jodi Johnson
Roaring Spring Community Library
Salon Professional Academy
The Sullivan Agency/Allstate

Celebrating 1-4 Years

Aircon Engineering Inc.
Delaney Insurance
DQE Communications LLC
Dreams Go On
Eastern Cambria Chamber
of Commerce
Lightning Bug Gift Co.
PHN - Altoona Behavioral Health
Slings Throw House
Swinston Travel
United We Can of Blair County

Congratulations...

... to Booker Moore, CEO of L.R. Webber Associates in Duncansville, who announced his retirement after 32-years of service. Moore was a staunch supporter of the Chamber and earned many industry awards including the Million Dollar Roundtable.

... to the Blair County Chamber members who were recently recognized by PA Business Central magazine in its "Signature Leaders Under 30" list. They are: Andrew McIntyre of New Pig Corporation, Alison Caddy of Conemaugh Nason Medical Center, Colin Sullivan of Blair Regional YMCS, Emily Boyer of 1st Summit Bank, E.J. Madey of Blair County Golf and Driving Range, Danielle Nazaruk and Michael Alexander of First Commonwealth Bank, Evan Sokira and Marissa Cinko of Wessel & Company, Annie Choiniere of Altoona Curve, John Ciprich of The EADS Group and Jared Keller of Keller Engineers.

BENEFact

Did you know...

The Chamber's advocacy efforts create positive change for our members by working closely with the U.S. Chamber, the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry and other Chamber's in the area when policy decisions are being made that might affect the business community. Through a number of active committees, particularly the Public Policy and Transportation Committees, the Chamber advocates on the local, state and federal levels.

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