

Chamber Board Approves 2022 Budget



The Blair County Chamber's Board of Directors approved the organization's 2022 budget at its meeting last Thursday. "The budget will provide a number of challenges as we continue to look for ways to help our members get back on their feet," acknowledged Chamber Board Chair Richard Fiore, Jr. "We genuinely appreciate the businesses that have prioritized their membership and stayed involved. We look forward to bringing new members into the organization in 2022."

Young Professionals to Hold Event at Leivity Brewing Company

The Chamber's Young Professionals will hold its next networking event on November 4th from 5:30 to 7:30 at Leivity Brewing Company, 1411 11th Avenue in Altoona. The cost to attend is \$10/person for young professionals who have purchased YP memberships and \$15/person for all other attendees. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Annual

YP memberships (at \$40 for Chamber members and \$50 for non-members) can



be purchased at the Chamber Office, located in the Devorris Center for Business Development or by visiting the [Chamber Website](http://www.blairchamber.com) and downloading an application.

Workplace Wellness Offering Best Practices "Sanity Sessions"

From the committee that brought you "Wellness Chats" comes Best Practices "Sanity Sessions." The Chamber's Workplace Wellness Committee has been hosting Wellness Chats for 30 minutes on the second Friday of each month. Each Chat has addressed some aspect of wellness related to the workplace. The committee decided to commit the last two months of the year to having people share their best practices on some aspect of wellness. "It's been a tough year for everyone," admitted Phyl-

lis Baker, who chairs the Workplace Wellness Committee. "We felt it would be nice to have people share their good thoughts and their frustrations with others, just as sort of a cleansing exercise. That's why we're calling it a Sanity Session." The Sanity Sessions will be held from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. on November 12th and December 10th. Both are on Zoom. There is no cost to Chamber members to participate. Non-members pay \$10. To register and get the Zoom Link, go to www.blairchamber.com.

Welcome!

Four New Members Approved by Chamber Board

Four businesses were approved as Chamber members at the last Board of Directors meeting. The new members are: Fidelity Paper & Supply Company of Lewistown, M D Tax Pros of Altoona, T&M Cleaning Service of Altoona and T-Mobile of Altoona.



The recent 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 Ireland in April, the Canadian Rockies in July or Iceland in October, the Chamber can provide the details and get you on your way. The Chamber's trip to the Hawaiian Islands, which had been scheduled for January has been postponed until September. More details on that trip in the coming weeks. There is no restriction if you'd like to go on all four trips! Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 to learn more.

Ribbon Cutting



Prophet's Melt Shop

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Prophet's Melt Shop, located at 1231 11th Ave., Altoona. Prophet's Melt Shop is a breakfast and lunch eatery featuring specialty grilled cheese sandwiches, homemade soups, snacks and drinks, driven by the desire to make good food for the glory of God. Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Betsy Garach, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Matt Pacifico, City of Altoona; Tyler Brownwell, Manager; Evan Kephart, Owner; State Senator Judy Ward; Bonnie Hand, Chamber Ambassador.

Ribbon Cutting



Greaser Consulting

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Greaser Consulting, located at 1301 Allegheny St., Suite 115A, Hollidaysburg. The Greaser Consulting team provides sales strategy, technology, content and enablement consulting services with results-driven success. Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Michele Ivory, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Kimmie McGregor, Accountant; Derek Vaughn, Customer Success Manager; Jordan Greaser, CEO; Dakota Biddle, HR Manager; Dane Myers, Sales Development Representative; Ian Brumbaugh, Enablement Coordinator; Leah Salyards, Marketing Specialist, Tara Saltzberg, Chamber Ambassador.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available on Business Insight Page

There are sponsorship opportunities available for any business that would be interested in gaining some great exposure by having its ad on the bottom of the Business Insight Page. That page, exclusively of Chamber news, runs each Monday in the Altoona Mirror. The cost is inexpensive and is a great place to advertise for the upcoming holidays. If you're interested, call Jessie Covert at (814) 943-8151.

Committee Meetings

Data Security Roundtable
October 27th
11:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Transportation Committee
October 28th
8:15 a.m.
Devorris Center

Membership Committee
October 28th
10:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Congratulations...

... to Patricia Savage of Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries who recently received the American Heart Association's Leadership Legacy Award. The award recognizes current and alumni volunteers for exceptional service.

... to **First Commonwealth Bank**, which has been named the Small Business Administration's top lender in Western Pennsylvania.