



Chamber Office Closed for Memorial Day

To commemorate Memorial Day, the Blair County Chamber Office will be closed today. The office, located at 3900 Industrial Park Drive in Altoona, will reopen tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m. To register for Chamber programs and events, please visit the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com.

Deadline is Tomorrow for Ladies Golf Workshop



If you're a business woman who understands the great networking opportunities that take place on the golf course but who isn't comfortable in looking

like you belong there, you have one more day to change that. This Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., the WE-LEaD Committee of the Blair County Chamber will host a Ladies Golf Workshop at Park Hills Golf Club. The event

will feature a presentation by Jackie Lantzy of CNB Bank on the intricacies of golf including grip, stance and overall golf etiquette. The cost to participate is \$35 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Admission includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and one drink ticket. Reservations are required and must be made by noon tomorrow by calling (814) 943-8151 or registering online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the workshop is [McCartney's Workplace Solutions](#).

Final LBC Adult Session All About Servant Leadership

The very last session of the 2022 Leadership Blair County Adult Class is entitled: "Servant Leaders: Powering Our Future." The session will be held on

Friday beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Trolley Works Business Park. The class will graduate on June 9th at The Casino at Lakemont Park.

Best of Luck to Our YEA! Team!!!



Ashlyn Brown



Marisa White

This Saturday is the National Competition of the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) and the Chamber's YEA! program will be impressively represented. Ashlyn Brown and Marisa White, who were selected as the Most Outstanding YEA! Business by the Chamber's Investor Panel in April will compete in the virtual event with their "Weather the Storm" business. The young ladies are seniors at Hollidaysburg Area High School. For more information on YEA! or to apply for the 2023 Class, visit www.yeausa.org.

Congratulations...

... to Holland Brothers Meats of Dun-cansville which recently won three awards for having the best hot dogs, kielbasa and ham in the state of Pennsylvania. Those awards were presented at the Pennsylvania Meat Processer's Convention.

... to Penelec, which won three awards for outstanding safety performance from the Energy Association of Pennsylvania.

Chamber Recognizes "All-Stars" for May

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 May are:



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Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries
Altoona Curve Baseball
ARC Federal Credit Union
ARM Group
Arrow Land Solutions
Benzel's Bretzel Bakery
Berry Solutions Group
Blair Companies
Blair County Historical Society at Baker Mansion
Blair County Planning Commission
Brian & Melissa Irwin
Burchfield & Son Landscaping
Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation
CrossRoads Physical Therapy
Crystal Springs
Curry Fluid Power
DelGrosso's Family of Companies
Doing Better Business
DQE Communications
Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Altoona
Epic Pyrotechnics
Everest Medical Weight Loss
Farmers Insurance - Debbie Eckenrode Agency
Fidelity Paper & Supply
FirstEnergy Foundation
First Commonwealth Bank
First National Bank of PA
Fulton Bank
Gardners Candies
Gittings Investigations
Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
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Hoss's Steak & Sea House
IPI Security Services
Irwin Financial
Jersey Mike's Subs
Jersey Shore State Bank
Judy Rossi - BASICS
Keller Engineers, Inc.

Keystone Environmental
Lakemont Park
Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.
Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania
Lung Disease Foundation of Central PA
Mama Randazzo's
Marion Heights at Garvey Manor
McCartney's Workplace Solutions
McQuaide Blasko Attorneys at Law
Mountain Research, LLC
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P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers
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PC Works Plus
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Penn Highlands
Penn Highlands Healthcare
Penn State Altoona
Pennsylvania Highlands Community College
Reclamere, Inc.
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Seltzer Financial
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South Hills School of Business & Technology
Splish Splash Car Wash
Spring Cove Container
Stiffler McGraw
Stuckey Automotive
The Baltimore Life Companies
The EADS Group
The Health Insurance Place
United Way of Blair County
UPMC Altoona
Warren A. Gingrich Agency
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Local Students Recognized for Attendance, Essay

At the Chamber's May Breakfast Club, students from Blair County schools received certificates and gift cards for outstanding attendance and one student was recognized for having her school's outstanding essay on career exploration. The attendance winners were: Robert McCloskey, Jr. – Altoona Area H.S., Brianna Markel – Bellwood-Antis, Lucas Steinbugl – Bishop Guilfoyle, Joclynn Ramsey – Central, Kaylee Haney – Claysburg-Kimmel, Cheyenne Ickes – GACTC, Clayton Krupka – Hollidaysburg Area H.S., Mason Swabick – Tyrone, and Ashley Brubaker – Williamsburg. The Essay Contest Winner was Rosalynn Strayer, an eighth grade student at Claysburg-Kimmel.



Outstanding Essay Award



Outstanding Attendance Awards

Board Development is Topic of Friday's Non-Profit "Best Practices"

The Blair County Chamber's Committee of Non-profit Businesses will hold a Best Practices Forum this Friday, June 3rd, from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Patricia Savage, President/CEO of Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries. Her presentation is entitled, "Some Basics of Governance Practices." Assist-

ing her will be Tommi Burchfield, Partnership Manager of Personal Care Medical Associates. The cost to attend the Forum will be \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the Best Practices is **CONTACT Altoona**.

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Chamber position available

The Chamber is currently accepting applications for Vice-President of Programming and Membership Education. This is a full-time job with benefits. The position oversees the Leadership Blair County programs, Young Professionals of Blair County and Women Encouraging Leadership, Education and Development (WE-LEaD). For information, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blair-chamber.com. Cover letters, resumes (including salary and benefit expectations) can be emailed to Joe Hurd as well.

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Next "Breakfast Club" to Feature Judge D. Brooks Smith

With so much turmoil taking place at the judicial level of the federal government, in particular regarding the potential overturning of landmark legal decision Roe v. Wade, it's important for the business community to understand how threats to judicial independence can conflict with the Rule of Law. Judge D. Brooks Smith will be the keynote speaker at the next Chamber Breakfast Club, set for June 9th beginning at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Judge Smith is a senior judge on the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, having previously served as that Court's Chief Judge. He has been a judge for

more than 37 years. His presentation at Breakfast Club is entitled, "Judicial Independence in a Divided America." The cost to attend Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blair-chamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the June Breakfast Club is [Pinnacle Cleaning Services](#).



Judge D. Brooks Smith

Ribbon Cutting



DelGrosso Foods DelGrosso's Park

A ribbon-cutting ceremony held celebrating 75-years of famous food and family fun at DelGrosso Foods and DelGrosso's Park in Tipton. The amusement park and Laguna Splash Water Park has officially opened for the season offering great family entertainment. Visitors can also enjoy a wide variety of delicious food and treats. The DelGrosso Family was joined by friends and community members to recognize the 75th anniversary. For more information go to delgrossos.com.



Be a part of the moment. Watch the video [here!](#)

Golf Classic Winners Announced

The Highmark/Chamber Golf Classic, held May 19th, was a huge success. The weather was beautiful and a host of great volunteers made the day special for a full slate of golfers. The First Place winners were: (A Team) Encompass Health – Ron Hinish, Garth Honsaker, Keith Danner & Ed Smith. (B Team): Burchfield & Son Landscaping and Roof Works USA – Jim Burchfield, Andy Burchfield, Paul Balzano & Ken Lynch. The next Highmark/Chamber Golf Classic will be held on May 18, 2023. Never too early to register!



Chamber Foundation to Sponsor Fundraiser

The Blair County Chamber Foundation will hold a Mini Golf Tournament on July 26th, pitting the 2023 Leadership Blair County Youth Class against members of the Leadership Blair County Adult Alumni. All proceeds will benefit the Leadership Blair County Youth program and LBC Adult Scholarship Fund. Several sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Cindy Cessna at (814) 943-8151 or email her at ccessna@blairchamber.com.

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Recruit a New Chamber Member, Get \$50 in Gift Cards

As the Chamber continues its 2022 Membership Campaign, it's looking forward to working with current members to help attract new members. The campaign itself has been branded, "Catch'22 Membership Challenge." The slogan centers on the opportunity for Chamber members to earn \$50 in gift cards by recruiting a non-member and taking the recruitment process to its completion. For the joining new member, there is an immediate 10% discount off the first year's membership, provided they join prior to the June 30th deadline. (For more information, contact Jessie Covert at jcovert@blairchamber.com.)



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Made Your Business Hall of Fame Reservations Yet?

The Blair County Business Hall of Fame Luncheon will be held on June 16th at 11:30 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The honorees have already been selected and that list can be found on the Chamber Website at www.blair-chamber.com. You can also register to attend the event [here](#). The cost to attend is \$40. The sponsorship deadline for the Hall of Fame has passed.

Ribbon Cutting



Center City Church

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Center City Church located at 1220 12th Ave., Altoona. Center City Church focuses on a multi-service approach to the community. In addition to weekly services it provides food distribution, youth programs and oversees Arrow Christian Academy. For more information go to centercityaltoona.com. Pastors Jim and Jessica Kilmartin welcomed friends, family and community members to the celebration.



Be a part of the moment. Watch the video [here!](#)

Application Period Now Open For 2023 Leadership Adult Program

As the Leadership Blair County Adult Class of 2022 prepares for graduation, the application period for the 2023 class is now officially open. Applications are available at the Blair County Chamber Office and can also be downloaded from the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com. Deadline to apply for the 2023 class is June 30th.

Committee Meetings



Young Professionals

June 1st, 8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Committee of Non-Profits

June 1st, 11:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Public Policy Committee

June 2nd, 8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

BASICS Early Childhood Subcommittee

June 2nd, 10:00 a.m.
Devorris Center