

## Thursday's "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 this Thursday, 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.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the June Breakfast Club is [Pinnacle Cleaning Services](#).



The Honorable  
D. Brooks Smith

## Business Hall of Fame Luncheon Less Than Two Weeks Away



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.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). The cost to attend is \$40. This is an excellent opportunity for the business community to pay tribute to some of the excellent companies that make Blair County a special place to live and work. To register to attend the Business Hall of Fame Luncheon, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

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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](mailto:jhurd@blair-chamber.com). Cover letters, resumes (including salary and benefit expectations) can be emailed to Joe Hurd as well.

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# Leadership Blair County Adult Class to Graduate Thursday

Since 1994, the Blair County Chamber of Commerce [Leadership Blair County \(LBC\) Adult](#) program has been charged with putting the talent of individuals to work on behalf of the entire community. LBC will graduate 21 participants at its 2022 graduating ceremony this Thursday, June 9th, 5-7 p.m., at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Members of the 2022 graduating class are:



**ANGELA BARONNER**, [First Commonwealth Bank](#); **KARA BENNETT**, [Advantage Resource Group](#); **SUPERMAN BERROW**, [B4 Club Therapy](#); **ANGELA CLECKNER**, [American Eagle Paper Mills](#); **GAYLE CONNER**, [UPMC Locum Clinicians](#); **CARLY COOK**, [Jersey Shore State Bank](#); **BRIAN DETWILER**, [Center City Church](#); **KELLY ELDER**, [Young, Oakes, Brown & Co.](#); **AMANDA FARKUS**, [Penn Highlands Community College](#); **CATHLEEN FULLAN**, [Sheetz, Inc.](#); **HEATHER KENNEDY**, [PMSC AmeriCorps](#); **DWAIN KEY, II**, [Ward Transport & Logistics](#); **JEFF LANE**, [Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.](#); **ZACHARY NIPER**, [Blair Image Elements](#); **JULIA PIPER**, [Juniata United Methodist Church](#); **ANDREA POTEAT**, [Sheetz, Inc.](#); **JONAH SALYARDS**, [Stiffler, McGraw](#); **TRAVIS SEYMORE**, [Alto Markets](#); **KRISTOPHER STERN**, [NPC, Inc.](#); **HOLLY VAUGHAN**, [Reliance Bank](#); **SAMANTHA WATTERS**, [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Blair County](#). For more information on Leadership Blair County call the Chamber at 814-943-8151.

## Chamber Membership Campaign Continues Recruitment Incentive

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 member-



ship, provided they join prior to the June 30th deadline. (For more information, contact Jessie Covert at [jcovert@blairchamber.com](mailto:jcovert@blairchamber.com).)

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## Congratulations...

... to Troy Campbell, President & CEO of [Altoona First Savings Bank](#), who is one of seven new members named by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to its Advisory Committee on Community Banking.



## 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](mailto:ccessna@blairchamber.com).

## Application Period Open For 2023 LBC 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](http://www.blairchamber.com). Deadline to apply for the 2023 class is June 30th.



## Ribbon Cutting



## Morrison's Cove Herald

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held celebrating the grand opening of the new Morrisons Cove Herald office located at 209 Walnut Street, Martinsburg. The community weekly newspaper was founded in 1885. It continues to provide coverage of community news, photos, events and sports for the Morrisons Cove, Williamsburg and Claysburg areas. For more information go to [www.mcheraldonline.com](http://www.mcheraldonline.com). Joined by the Morrisons Cove Herald team are, at the ribbon, from left: Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador; Sue Ann Feather, the office of State Representative Jim Gregory; Allan Bassler, owner/publisher; Dave Snyder, publisher emeritus; Chuck Gjomerac, Morrisons Cove Memorial Park; Anna Baughman, Editor; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; and Bonnie Hand, Chamber Ambassador.



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

## Chamber to Host Trip to Egypt

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with Epic Journeys, will be hosting a Treasures of Egypt trip, March 2 – 13, 2023. The itinerary includes land and cruise adventures to exotic locations such as Tutankhamun's treasures, ancient bazaars, the pyramids and ancient temples, and Valley of the Kings. Ground transportation from Altoona to the airport is included in the trip. An informational meeting will be held on June 22nd at 6 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development, 3900 Industrial Park Dr., Altoona.



There is no obligation or cost to attend. To register, call the Chamber at 814-943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).



## Committee Meetings

### Attractions/Hotel Roundtable

June 8th

8:15 a.m.

DelGrosso's Amusement Park

### Business Hall of Fame Committee

June 9th

10:30 a.m.

Chamber Office

### Farm-City Committee

June 9th

11:30 a.m.

Devorris Center

### Sustainable Blair County

June 9th

1:30 p.m.

Devorris Center

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## 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 May.

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### **Celebrating 56 Years**

Frye's Sweeper & Sewing Center, Inc.

### **Celebrating 45 Years**

Frederick Lock & Key, Inc.

### **Celebrating 42 Years**

Dennis L. Olewine, Contractor

### **Celebrating 30-37 Years**

AgChoice Farm Credit, ACA  
Black's Home Sales, Inc.  
Tony D. Branda Mustang & Shelby Parts  
The Casino at Lakemont Park  
Copy-Rite Banner Zone  
Cove Forge Behavioral Health System  
DeGennaro's Used Cars & Service  
Gieg Law Offices, LLC  
Holidaysburg Manor Apartments  
Kimmen Plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
Minetech Engineers, Inc.  
New Pig Corporation  
Park Hills Golf Club  
Ritchey Well Drilling, Inc.  
E. Merrill Smith Funeral Home, Inc.

### **Celebrating 20-29 Years**

Altoona Beauty School, Inc.  
Altoona Center for Nursing Care  
Altoona Water Authority  
The Baltimore Life Companies  
Blair County Golf & Driving Range  
First Stop Shop, Inc.  
Hines Feed Store  
Maple Brook Nursery

Penn State Extension, Blair County Office  
Press Box Printing  
Wells Fargo Advisors

### **Celebrating 10-19 Years**

Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC  
AseraCare Hospice - Altoona  
Empire Communication Systems, Inc.  
Genter Enterprises, Inc.  
dba Sinking Valley Lawn Care  
Griffith Family Foundation  
Intermunicipal Relations Committee COG  
Lightner Communications  
D.B. Mackey Insurance Agency  
Mels Business Systems, Inc.  
dba MBS Keystone  
Pennsylvania Highlands  
Community College  
Retirement Plan Solutions  
Rosch Visionary Systems, Inc.  
Senior Life Altoona  
Society of St. Vincent DePaul -  
Altoona-Johnstown  
Southern Alleghenies Service  
Management Group

### **Celebrating 5-9 Years**

Beauchamp Plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
Blair School of Martial Arts, LLC  
Coldwell Banker Town & Country  
Real Estate/Scott White  
Epic Journeys, LLC  
Gieg Realty Services  
The Good Funeral Home, Inc.  
Grane Hospice Care

HealthCare First Credit Union  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
Holiday Pools and Spas  
Luther Sitework Solutions, LLC  
MacInnis Group, LLC dba PennStress  
Merakey  
Monarch Cleaners  
Mountain View Eye Associates  
Outsource Bookkeeping Services, Inc.  
dba Liberty Tax Services  
PeopleOne Health  
Prough's Masonry LLC  
Sylvan Veterinary Hospital  
TRS Roofing, Inc.  
Young Life of Central Pennsylvania

### **Celebrating 1-4 Years**

Allied Mechanical & Electrical  
Appalachian Running Company  
BrandDemon Strategy+Design  
Curry Designs  
Elite Office Cleaning  
The Film Center  
Great Commission Schools  
Just Breathe Salt Spa & Yoga Studio, LLC  
LaJo's Italian Sausage  
Rev. Evelyn Madison  
Rita's of Altoona  
Roaring Spring Paper Products  
Simply Clean Carpet & Upholstery  
Services, LLC  
Spring House Grille  
Top Hat Chimney Sweeps  
Ventura Construction Services, Inc.  
Veterans Leadership Program