

## Altoona Library, PA CareerLink to Host "Business Before Hours"

The next Chamber "Business Before Hours" will give attendees an opportunity to learn about two businesses instead of just one. The [Altoona Area Public Library](#) and [PA CareerLink](#) will co-host the event this Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Library, located at 1600 Fifth Avenue in Altoona. There is no cost for Chamber members to attend. Non-members can attend for \$10. To register, visit [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com) or call (814) 943-8151.

## "Business After Hours" Set for NatureWorksPark

A long-awaited Business After Hours opportunity is finally coming to fruition. [NatureWorksPark](#), located at 108 Bedford Street in Hollidaysburg will host this Thursday's After Hours from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Blair County Conservation District, which oversees the Park, had been scheduled to host the event in 2018. Mother Nature, unfortunately, failed to cooperate. "It was rained-out, rescheduled, rained-out, rescheduled and rained-out again," reported Chamber VP Stacy Hoover. "We're anticipating good weather so that people can see and experience what a really beautiful place this is." The event includes a number of family-friendly activities for all ages including farm animals. Feel free to dress casually. "While you're



there, be sure to take a walk and explore nature on the wetland boardwalk," Hoover encouraged. The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members and includes food and beverages. Children 10-and-under can attend free. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

## Chamber Board Approves Six New Members

The Blair County Chamber Board of Directors has approved the following new members: [Allegheny Orthodontic Associates](#) of Altoona, [Arrows Christian Academy](#) of Altoona, [Cricket Wireless](#) of Altoona, [Fair Winds Wealth Strategies](#) of Duncansville, [Invisible Fence](#) of Altoona and [SERVPRO](#) of Southern Blair and Bedford County of Loretto.



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# Meeting on Egypt Trip to Happen Wednesday

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).

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

# Chamber Foundation to Sponsor Fundraiser

The Blair County Chamber Foundation will hold a Mini Golf Tournament on July 26th at Lakemont Park, 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 Leadership Blair County 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).

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

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Why should you become a Chamber Member?



Philip Devorris  
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# Applied For 2023 Leadership Adult Program Yet?

As the [Leadership Blair County Adult Class of 2022](#) prepares for graduation, the application period for the 2023 class remains open. Applications are available at the Blair County Chamber Office and can also be downloaded from the Chamber Web-



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site at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Deadline to apply for the 2023 class is June 30th.

## Ribbon Cutting



## Western Edge Seafood Outlet

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of Western Edge Seafood Outlet located at 114 Hollidaysburg Plaza in Duncansville. Western Edge Seafood Outlets offer restaurant quality seafood at great prices. Each store boasts a staff of seafood specialists to help with your selections. For more information go to Facebook at [Western Edge Seafood Outlet-Duncansville](#). Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Nicole Berrow, Chamber Ambassador; State Senator Judy Ward; Emily Altmanshofer; Kyle Yarnish; Shannon Yarnish; Stefany Hammond; Mikal Hammond; Superman Berrow, Blair County Chamber Board of Directors; and Carol Stern, Chamber Ambassador.



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to fund a variety of educational programs for the youth of Blair County.

# Congratulations...

... to Robert J. Beck of [Beck, Smith-bower, Ickes Financial, LLC](#) in Altoona who has qualified for the 2021 Million Dollar Roundtable. In addition, he has achieved Top of the Table status for the fifth consecutive year.

## Committee Meetings



Membership Committee

June 20th

10:00 a.m.

Devorris Center

WE-LEaD Committee

June 22nd

8:00 a.m.

Devorris Center

## Welcome



The Blair County Chamber welcomed new members at the June Breakfast Club. Seated, from left: Scott Breindel and Jim Ellenberger, [Deadluck Manufacturing](#); Kyle and Shannon Yarnish, [Western Edge Seafood Outlet](#); standing, from left: Shelley Clinich, Individual; and Irene Miller Wetzel, [PennTerra Engineering, Inc.](#)

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## DQ Grill & Chill

A ground-breaking ceremony was held at the site of the new Duncansville **DQ Grill & Chill**. The new location will continue to delight fans with a refreshing atmosphere, delectable food and frozen treats. Check out their website at [www.dairyqueen.com](http://www.dairyqueen.com). Joining the celebration are, from left: State Representative Lou Schmitt, State Senator Judy Ward, State Representative Jim Gregory, Abigail Fownes, Connor Fownes, H.T. Fownes, Joe Harteis, Allegheny Township Supervisor; Bruce Erb, Blair County Commissioner; Matthew Fownes, and Richard Fownes.



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## Howard Hanna Bardell Realty

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for **Howard Hanna Bardell Realty** located at 300 Orchard Ave., Altoona. The veteran-owned business offers real estate sales, leasing of residential and commercial properties, land and farms, real estate appraisal and property management. For more information go to [www.HowardHanna.com/Altoona](http://www.HowardHanna.com/Altoona). Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Debbie Eckenrode, Chamber Ambassador; Superman Berrow, Blair County Chamber Board of Directors; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Meghan Bardell, Owner; Sean Bardell, Owner/Broker; Maria Strohm, the office of State Representative Lou Schmitt; Richard Johnston, former franchise owner; Tom Ceponis, Howard Hanna Real Estate Services; and Jessica Sheets, Chamber Ambassador.



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