

## Special Edition HD 500 Free to Chamber Members

For many years, the question of what all the Blair County Chamber does for its members and the community has generally been addressed through newsletters and similar publications. On February 23rd, the Chamber is inviting members and non-members to come and see for themselves. The Chamber will host "HD 500 – Special Edition" from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Discovery Center in Downtown Altoona. The event will feature representatives from all Chamber programs and committees, each at separate tables, who will distribute information and answer questions. Food and beverages at the HD 500 will be provided by LaJo's Italian Sausage and Cook's Kitchen and Too Many Cooks in the Kitchen. There is no cost to Chamber Members to attend HD 500 – Special Edition. Non-members can attend for just \$10 (instead of the usual \$20). To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsors of the event are [PennCrest Bank](#), [Park Security & Installations](#) and [Webber Advisors](#).



## Chamber Board of Directors to Meet Thursday

The Blair County Chamber's Board of Directors will meet this Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the Devorris Center. Among the agenda items will be an update on the Strategic Business Plan as well as an overview of upcoming programs and events. Anyone interested in addressing the Board should contact Joe Hurd by Tuesday at noon at (814) 943-8151.

## Exhibitor Space for 2023 Showcase Nearly Gone

The 2023 Blair County [Home Garden and Healthy Living Showcase](#) is March 3rd, 4th & 5th at Blair County Convention Center and only a few booths are available for businesses to reserve. Anyone who is interested in a booth should contact Stacy Hoover at (814) 943-8151 or email her at [shoover@blairchamber.com](mailto:shoover@blairchamber.com). All sponsorships for the Show have been secured.

## Gift Card Raffle to Benefit Leadership Blair County Youth

Now is the time to try your luck and give some money to a good cause. The Chamber's [Leadership Blair County Youth](#) program is in its 19th year and has helped hundreds of high school sophomores learn about opportunities in Blair County and the importance of servant leadership. Neither the students nor the schools they attend are charged to participate in this program, and it is funded solely by donations to the [Blair County Chamber Foundation](#). To raise additional funds for the program, the Chamber is selling chances to win a \$250 Sheetz Z-card. Raffle tickets cost \$1 for one ticket and \$3 for five tickets. Tickets can be purchased at any upcoming event at the registration



table. You can also stop by the Devorris Center for Business Development to purchase a ticket. The winning ticket will be drawn on March 17th. All proceeds go to the Chamber Foundation and benefit the Leadership Blair County Youth program. For more information, call Brittany Mayer at (814) 943-8151 or email [bmayer@blairchamber.com](mailto:bmayer@blairchamber.com).



**Watch it [here!](#)**

## Ribbon Cutting



### Cook's Kitchen

A Chamber ribbon-cutting ceremony was held celebrating the grand-opening of Cook's Kitchen located at 300 4th Ave., Altoona. Cook's Kitchen offers a combination of home-style comfort food as well as classic Italian dishes and a wide variety of homemade desserts. For more information go to [toomanycookskitchen.com](http://toomanycookskitchen.com). Taking part in the celebration are, from left: Donna Gority, Chamber Ambassador; State Representative Lou Schmitt; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Parker Cook; Ohwen Cook; Gabriel Cook; Jennifer and Chris Cook, owners; Mayor Matt Pacifico, City of Altoona; Alex Seltzer, Blair County Chamber Board of Directors; Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador.

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

## Welcome! New Chamber Members...



The Blair County Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members: seated, from left, Erin and John Isenberg, [MOUNTAIN FILTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.](#); Katelyn Hoover, [SULLIVAN LAW OFFICES, LLC](#); standing, Tina and Lewis Moore, JC Miller, Corey Eicher, [T&L MOORE ENTERPRISES, INC.](#); [3ECHO EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS](#); [CENTRAL PA TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT SALES](#).

## What our members have been up to...



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### Young Entrepreneurs Academy Committee

February 13th • 10:30 a.m.  
Devorris Center

### BASICS Steering Committee

February 13th • 2:00 p.m.  
Devorris Center

### Chamber Ambassadors

February 14th • 8:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

### Sustainable Blair County Committee

February 15th • 1:30 p.m.  
Devorris Center

### Data Security Roundtable

February 15th • 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom

### Business Hall of Fame Committee

February 16th • 9:00 a.m.  
Chamber Office



**Register Now:**

## UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic

After many years, the name sponsor of the Blair County Chamber's Golf Classic will undergo a change. UPMC will now be that sponsor. So the 2023 UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, May 18th at Iron Masters Country Club. Registrations for golfers and sponsors are now

being accepted. The event sold-out last year nearly two months before it was held. So don't wait! Call Stacy Hoover at the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 to register a foursome or just as an individual. If you'd like to be a sponsor for the Classic, call Jessie Covert at that same number.

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## TōST at Market Square at the Wingate by Wyndham

Closed throughout the pandemic, [Tōst](#), located in the Wingate by Wyndham, 909 Chestnut Ave., Altoona, has officially re-opened, where guests can enjoy a modern, yet warm and welcoming atmosphere. Tōst features cocktails, imported and domestic beer and wine, and an all-new Bar Bites menu featuring a variety of delicious culinary options. Tōst is open to the public as well as hotel guests. On-hand for the celebration are, from left: Jessica Sheets, Chamber Ambassador; State Representative Lou Schmitt; Mayor Matt Pacifico, City of Altoona; Julie McConnell, General Manager; Jim Colombo, owner; Patrick Schurr, Director of Sales and Marketing; William Baumann, Area Manager; Bruce Erb, Blair County Commissioner; Mark Morath, CEO, Hospitality Asset Management Company; Alex Seltzer, Blair County Chamber Board of Directors; Nicole Berrow, Chamber Ambassador.

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## We want to keep you connected!

Take a minute to check your membership information on the Chamber's website at [blairchamber.com](http://blairchamber.com).

**Submit all changes by 4:30 p.m., Feb. 16, to be included in the 2023 Membership Directory.**

Send all changes to Stacy Hoover at [shoover@blairchamber.com](mailto:shoover@blairchamber.com).



## Congratulations...

... to Anna Baughman, Editor of the [Morrisons Cove Herald](#), who was recently recognized as a young leader in Journalism by Editor & Publisher magazine. Baughman was chosen in the "25 Under 35" category.

... to the Chamber members who were recently recognized by [Pennsylvania Business Central](#) in its 2023 Top 100 People. They are: George Rudolph and Barb Bowker of [PSECU](#), Nora Habig of [M&T Bank](#), Joe DelGrosso of [DelGrosso Foods](#), Bob Pennington of [Coldwell Banker Town & Country Real Estate](#), Scott Filler of [Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital](#), Jane Grebenc of [First Commonwealth Bank](#), Eric Renner of [First Summit Bank](#), Amy Seltzer of [Seltzer Financial Strategies](#), Phil Freeman of [Reliance Bank](#), Jeff Long of [Jeff S. Long Construction](#), Philip Devorris and Andrea Devorris Cohen of [Blair Companies](#), Dr. Steven Nunez of [Pennsylvania Highlands Community College](#), Deb Dellaposta of [Doing Better Business](#), James Troha of [Juniata College](#), Jeffrey Stopko of [AmeriServ Financial](#), Tim Harclerode of [Conemaugh Nason Hospital](#), Cathy Griffith of [Griffith Family Foundation](#), Karen Young of [Jersey Shore State Bank](#), John Sepp of [PennTerra Engineering](#), Michael A. Fiore of [Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.](#), John Snyder of [McQuaide Blasko](#), Vincent Delie, Jr. of [FNB Corporation](#), John McKeegan of [Mount Aloysius College](#), David Antolik of [S&T Bank](#), Father Malachi Van Tassell and Dr. Randy Frye of [Saint Francis University](#), Jan Fisher of [UPMC Altoona](#), Matt Stuckey of [Stuckey Automotive](#), Dan Bradley of [Young Oakes Brown & Company](#), Clark Stapelfeld of [New Pig Corporation](#), Joel Valentine and Patrick Bearjar of [Wessel & Company](#), Steven Fontaine of [Penn Highlands Healthcare](#), Michael Peduzzi of [CNB Bank](#), John Moore of [Moore Power Sales](#) and Mark Barnhart of [NPC](#).

... to [Penn Highlands Tyrone](#) which recently received the Patient Perspectives Award from the Chartis Center for Rural Health.