

## Home Garden & Healthy Living Showcase Opens Friday

The 2023 Blair County [Home Garden and Healthy Living Showcase](#) begins this Friday, March 3rd, and continues Saturday and Sunday at Blair County Convention Center. All exhibitor



booths have been reserved. Friday's show times are 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday is 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday is 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$5/person. Children 10-and-under are free. Sponsors for the Show are: C&J Cabinets, LeafFilter, Pine Creek Structures, Roof Works USA, Smithmyer Plumbing & Heating and Window World. The Show is a partnership between the [Blair County Chamber](#) and the [Blair/Bedford Builders Association](#).

## Business Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline is Wednesday



The nomination deadline for the 2023 [Business Hall of Fame Awards](#) as well as for the Awards of Distinction is Wednesday at 4:30

p.m. Nominated businesses will then have until March 9th to submit applications. Among the awards are: Business

Hall of Fame, Excellence in Small Business, Young Emerging Business of the Year and Non-Profit Business of the Year. There is also an opportunity to nominate for a Business Specialty Award that recognizes outstanding accomplishment in Safety, Technology, Sustainability or Wellness. To access a Nomination Form, go to [www.blair-chamber.com](http://www.blair-chamber.com).

## Register Now:

## UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic

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 tee/green sponsor for the Classic, call Jessie Covert at that same number.

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## Non-Profit "Best Practices" to Focus on Social Media

The [Committee of Non-Profit Businesses](#) of the Chamber will host a Best Practices forum this Friday, March 3rd from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. The



**Mark Saltzburg**

keynote speaker will be Mark Saltzburg, founder of UpMetrics, who will present, "Social Media and Non-Profits: Getting the Best Bang for the Buck." The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. Space is limited. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blair-chamber.com](http://www.blair-chamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the March Best Practices is [Amtran](#).

## Congratulations...

... to [Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8](#), which is celebrating its 50th year serving the education and business communities.

## Ribbon Cutting



## ModWash

A Chamber ribbon-cutting ceremony was held celebrating the grand-opening of ModWash located at 530 West Plank Road, Altoona. ModWash is an express car wash with a commitment to quality service while giving back to communities. There are affordable monthly memberships as well as single washes, all with complimentary vacuums, carts with detailing towels and window cleaners. For more information go to [www.modwash.com](http://www.modwash.com). Pictured at the ribbon, from left, Carter Cerully, Chamber Ambassador; Diana McClure, Blair County Chamber Board of Directors; Desi Pence, Keyholder; Makayla Mock, Keyholder, Mike Chisolm; Jessica Yingling, General Manager; Alex Ringheimer; Mike Tantimonico, District Manager; Krystle Lydard-McCaulley, Assistant General Manager; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; State Representative Lou Schmitt; Eva Eagler, Chamber Ambassador.

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

## "Operation Our Town" to Present Awards at Breakfast Club



In what has become a long-standing tradition, the Blair County Chamber and Operation Our Town are once again partnering on the next Breakfast Club. That event will be held on March 9th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Highlighting the agenda will be the presentation of Operation Our Town's Community

Partnership Award to Central PA Landlords' Association. There will also be a number of additional awards presented to local law enforcement personnel. Keynote speaker will be Blair County District Attorney Peter Weeks. The cost to attend Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the March Breakfast Club is [Value Drug Company](#).

## Committee Meetings

**Public Policy Committee**  
March 2nd  
8:00 a.m., Devorris Center

**BASICS Career Shadowing Task Force**  
March 3rd  
1:00 p.m., Devorris Center

## Special Thanks!!

Last Thursday's HD500 event was a tremendous success! The Chamber would like to thank the sponsors of that event – [Park Security & Installations](#), [PennCrest Bank](#) and [Webber Advisors](#). Their sponsorships allowed us to cover the costs of HD500 so that Chamber members could come for free. Thank you also to Chris and Jen Cook of the [Heritage Discovery Center](#) who donated the facility to the Chamber for the night. And a huge thank you to the many Chamber committee members who worked the display tables so that attendees had access to information about the Chamber!

## 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 Brit-tany Mayer at (814) 943-8151 or email [bmayer@blairchamber.com](mailto:bmayer@blairchamber.com).