

Chamber Gets Special Recognition From PA Business Central

The Blair County Chamber has been named by [Pennsylvania Business Central](#) newspaper as one of its "Top 100 Organizations for 2023." The Chamber is the only chamber of commerce named to the Top 100. The newspaper covers 23 counties. "It's a significant honor for the Chamber and it validates the impact that we've been able to make on the county and the region," explained Clark Stapelfeld of New Pig Corporation, who chairs the Chamber Board. "Being the only chamber selected is amazing." A list of other organizations named to the list from within the Chamber membership is included in "Congratulations!" (below).



Chamber to Offer Trip to Amalfi Coast

The Chamber has good news and bad news about its upcoming trip planned for later this year. The bad news is that the trip to Sandals Saint Lucia has been cancelled. The good news is that trip has been replaced by a great trip to Italy's Amalfi Coast. The Amalfi trip will depart October 24th and will return October 31st. An informational meeting on this trip will be held on Tuesday, March 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. There is no cost to attend and no obligation to book the trip. You are asked, however, to call the Chamber (814-943-8151) to let us know that you'll be attending the meeting so that



we can get a sense of how many people to expect. The Amalfi Coast trip is being planned through a partnership between the Chamber and Ketrow KURTZ Travel.

Nominations Invited for "20 Under 40"

The Chamber and the Altoona Mirror are once again partnering on "20 Under 40." This program recognizes people in our community in the 20-39 age range who have been outstanding in business, entrepreneurial spirit and/or community service. To make a nomination, go to the [Altoona Mirror website](#).



Gift Card Raffle Drawing is Friday

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.



Chamber Board to Meet Thursday

The Board of Directors of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce will meet on Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. Anyone who would like to address the Board should contact Joe Hurd by Tuesday at noon at (814) 943-8151.

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. All other sponsorships have already been secured.



Western Edge Seafood to Host HD500

The next Blair County Chamber HD500 event will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at [Western Edge Seafood Outlet](#) located at 114 Hollidaysburg Plaza in Duncansville. HD500 is a perfect way to get over the hump day blues with lively conversation and great doorprizes. Be sure to bring your appetite. The Western Edge seafood specialists are planning a seafood event including recipes and cooking tips. The cost for Chamber members is \$10 and \$20 for non-members. Call the Chamber at 814-943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



... to [UPMC Altoona](#), which was recently recognized by the American College of Cardiology for its commitment to a comprehensive, high quality culture of cardiovascular care.

... to the Chamber-member engineering firms who took part in the "Engineers Fight to CAN Hunger" which raised \$9,421.00 to help the less fortunate in the area. Participating firms were: [Gwin, Dobson & Foreman](#), [Keller Engineers](#), [McLanahan Corporation's Administration and Engineering Departments](#), [P. Joseph Lehman, Inc. Consulting Engineers](#), [Stiffler McGraw](#) and [The EADS Group](#).

... to the Chamber member businesses that were named to [PA Business Central's](#) "Top 100 Organizations for 2023." They are: [1st Summit Bank](#),

[Altoona Pipe & Steel](#), [Baker Tilly](#), [BrandDemon Strategy + Design](#), [CNB Financial Corporation](#), [Curry Supply Company](#), [DelGrosso Foods](#), [Doing Better Business](#), [Explore Altoona](#), [First Commonwealth Financial Corporation](#), [First National Bank](#), [Graystone Court Villas](#), [Gwin, Dobson & Foreman](#), [Homewood at Martinsburg](#), [Jeff S. Long Construction](#), [Juniata College](#), [JWF Industries](#), [Keystone Real Estate](#), [Keystone Payroll](#), [McQuaide Blasko](#), [Miller, Kistler & Campbell](#), [Mount Aloysius College](#), [NPC, Inc.](#), [Penn Highlands Healthcare](#), [PNC Financial Services Group](#), [PSECU](#), [PS Solutions](#), [Reliance Bank](#), [Seltzer Financial Strategies](#), [Sheetz](#), [Skills of Central PA](#), [S&T Bank](#), [Stuckey Automotive](#), [The Giant Company](#), [UPMC Health System](#) and [Wessel & Company](#)



WE-LEaD Development Program Focuses on Salary Negotiation

The next WE-LEaD program on Professional Development will take place on March 23rd from noon to 1:30 p.m. at U.S. Hotel in Hollidaysburg. The program is entitled, "Knowing Your Value & Negotiating Your Salary." The keynote speaker is Rebecca Young, MHRM, SHRM-SCP. The cost to attend is \$25 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the WE-LEaD program is Shelley Clinich for City Council.



Committee Meetings

Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Committee
March 13th, 10:30 a.m.
Devorris Center

BASICS Steering Committee
March 13th, 2:00 p.m.
Devorris Center

Executive Roundtable
March 15th, 7:30 a.m.
The Blairmont Club

Sustainable Blair County
March 15th, 1:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

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