

Thursday's "Breakfast Club" to Feature Pittsburgh Pirates Video Coordinator

Major League Baseball entered the world of high-tech several years ago but Minor League Baseball is in the process of making a similar transition. For that reason, the [Pittsburgh Pirates](#) have promoted Marc Roche as its Technology /Video Coordinator for the minor leagues. Roche will be the keynote speaker at the next Chamber Breakfast Club, set for April 13th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The cost to attend Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register, call (814) 943-8151 or visit [blairchamber.com](#). Corporate sponsor of the April Breakfast Club is [Pinnacle Cleaning Services](#).

Next HD 500 Set For April 19th at B4 Club Therapy

[B4 Club Therapy](#) will host the next Chamber HD500 on April 19th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at its new location at 310 Union Avenue in Altoona. The Chamber Ambassadors will cut the ribbon for the new location at 4:45 that same day. B4 Club Therapy specializes in injury prevention, muscle recovery and functional mobility. Come and hear about the many success stories that have already taken place through their efforts while you enjoy great food, beverages, prizes and con-



versation. The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members (only \$7 if you register by April 12th) and \$20 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](#).

Congratulations...

... to [Sheetz, Inc.](#), which has been included on Fortune Magazine's "100 Best Places to Work in America" list for 2023. It is the eighth consecutive year that Sheetz has been on that list.

... to [Mount Aloysius College](#) and [Penn Highlands Healthcare](#) who recently partnered on a radiography funding and job placement initiative that will provide incoming students up to \$44,000 in educational funding, hiring incentives and guaranteed employment.



Mountain Lion Backpack to Host "Business Before Hours"

[Blair County Community Action/Mountain Lion Backpack](#) will host the next Chamber "Business Before Hours" on April 18th from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at 2301 Beale Avenue in Altoona. There is no charge for Chamber members to attend; non-members can attend for \$10. Stop and get a cup of coffee and a bite to eat. Registration is important so call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](#).

Chamber to Cut the Ribbon For Village-In-Place Physician Services

The next Chamber ribbon cutting will take place on April 18th at 10:00 a.m. for Village-In-Place Physician Services in Martinsburg. Village-In-Place, a branch of [The Village at Morrisons Cove](#), is a primary care provider that offers a variety of health services including sick and wellness visits, physical exams, specialist referrals and care management. For information about ribbon cuttings, contact Linda Stotler at (814) 943-8151 or email her at [lstotler@blairchamber.com](#).

Chamber Check-Up to Help Businesses Know the Chamber Better

Membership in the Blair County Chamber comes with an incredible number of opportunities and benefits. Unfortunately, many Chamber members fail to take the time to learn about those opportunities and benefits so they don't get the maximum value for their membership. To help members (and non-members!) learn about the organization, the Chamber is holding a "Chamber Check-Up" program on April 24th at two different times. The first begins at 9:00 a.m.; the second at 3:00 p.m. Each lasts no more than one hour and is held at the Devorris



Center for Business Development, 3900 Industrial Park Drive in Altoona. There is no cost to attend but registration is encouraged so that we can accommodate all who are interested. Register by calling (814) 943-8151 or online at www.blairchamber.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Safety Committee Combining Education and Trivia

The Safety Committee of the Blair County Chamber is doubling its pleasure on May 4th by hosting an educational program followed by some relevant trivia. The event is set for 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at U.S. Hotel in Hollidaysburg. From 4:00 to 5:00 will be a presentation on "Incident Management: Before, During & After."

Immediately after will be trivia with Abby Martin, one of the area's most accomplished trivia leaders. The cost to attend is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. Food will be provided and there will be a cash bar. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

WE-LEaD to Once Again Offer "Teeing It Up"

Back by popular demand is an event that was a huge success last fall for the Chamber's WE-LEaD Committee. "Teeing It Up" will be held on May 8th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Blair County Golf & Driving Range in Hollidaysburg. John Madey and his staff will provide instruction to women interested in becoming better golfers. The event includes a delicious meal featuring summertime favorites. Bring your own clubs or clubs will be provided by the range. The cost to attend is \$30 for



May 8
5-7 p.m.

Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of Teeing It Up is Blair Companies. WE-LEaD is an acronym for Women Encouraging – Leadership, Education and Development. been secured.



Young Professionals to Hold First Time Home Buyers Seminar

The Young Professionals of Blair County, a program of the Chamber, will hold a "First Time Home Buyers Seminar" on April 26th from noon until 1:15 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development, 3900 Industrial Park Drive in Altoona. The cost is \$15 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. A box lunch is included. The seminar is sponsored by Reliance Bank. Space is limited. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at www.blairchamber.com.



Public Policy Committee to Hold Candidate Forum

The Blair County Chamber's Public Policy Committee will hold a Candidate Forum on May 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Devorris Downtown Center of Penn State Altoona. The forum will bring together interested candidates of both parties who are seeking the position of Blair County Commissioner. The format will be Q&A with questions being created by the committee. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For further information, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com. There will be no cost to attend the Candidate Forum.

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Job Fair is April 26th at Jaffa Shrine

The Blair County Chamber is partnering with PA CareerLink Blair County, Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation, and the GACTC on a Job Fair to be held on April 26th at Jaffa Shrine. More than 80 employers from various industries will be recruiting at this event. Time is set aside for veterans from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. The gen-



eral public can attend from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, call (814) 940-6201.

Chamber to Partner With Saint Francis on Excel Bootcamp

The Blair County Chamber and Saint Francis University are partnering on a bootcamp event entitled, "Excel Bootcamp: Master the Essentials & Advanced Features of Excel." The three-day event will be held on May 22-24 at the Curry Innovation Center in Downtown Altoona. The instructor will be Dr. John Miko. The cost to attend for all three days is \$495. Cham-



ber members, however, get a 20% discount. For more information or to register, contact Lianna Weir at (814) 472-3087.

Have You Registered for the UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic Yet?

The 2023 UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, May 18th at Iron Masters Country Club. Registrations for golfers and sponsors are still 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.



Leadership Blair County to Hold "Casino Night"

Every year the Chamber's Leadership Blair County class creates a project to benefit a local non-profit. This year, the 2023 class have created a casino-themed 200 club to benefit the Booker T. Washington project. Casino Night

200 Club takes place on June 10th at the Bavarian Aid Society and tickets can be purchased at the Blair County Chamber of Commerce. Help support a great cause and the LBC Class of 2023!



Healthy Workplace Committee to Initiate "Fit Facts"

The Chamber's Healthy Workplace Committee is committed to helping local businesses to look out for the health of their employees. The committee is putting together programs aimed at issues that compromise workplace health and one of those programs will involve providing "Fit Facts" in upcoming Chamber newsletters. Those Fit Facts will both educate and inform employers of ways to utilize the resources of the Healthy Workplace Committee to do what many employers might not have the time to do. For more information on the committee, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.



BASICS/Rotary Career Fair Subcommittee

April 10th
1:30 p.m.
Zoom

Chamber Ambassadors

April 11th
8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Attractions/Hotel Roundtable

April 12th
8:15 a.m.
Fort Roberdeau

Sustainable Blair County

April 12th
1:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

