

## 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](http://www.blairchamber.com).



## BASICS/Rotary Career Fair to Be Held at the Convention Center

Nearly 1,200 high school sophomores from twelve area schools will converge on the Blair County Convention Center this Wednesday as the Chamber's **BASICS Committee** and the six Blair County **Rotary Clubs** host the 2023 **BASICS/Rotary Career Fair**. Sponsors of the event are: **ARC Federal Credit Union**, **DelGrosso Family of Companies**, **Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center**, **Mount Aloysius College**, **Reliance Bank**, **South Hills School of Business & Technology**,



**Altoona Sunrise Rotary Club**, **Claysburg Rotary Club**, **Hollidaysburg Rotary Club**, **Morrisons Cove Rotary Club**, **Rotary Club of Altoona** and **Tyrone Rotary Club**.



## 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](http://www.blairchamber.com).

## Next HD500 Set For April 19th at B4 Club Therapy

**B4 Club Therapy** will host the next Chamber HD500 this Wednesday 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 conversation. The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

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

The next Chamber ribbon cutting will take place tomorrow 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](mailto: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](http://www.blairchamber.com).

## Welcome! New Chamber Members...



The Blair County Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members: seated, from left, Angela Williams, [ANGIE'S BEAUTY SUPPLY](#); Tanya Weber, Kirk Fisher, [HOMEWATCH CAREGIVERS ORGANIZATION](#); Tyler Tomlinson, Kaitlyn Tomlinson, [HUMMINGBIRD CHILDCARE CENTER](#) and [LoCOL CO-WORK & BUSINESS CENTER](#); standing, Ashley Skelley, Bonnie Skelley, [INFUSED STUDIO SPACE](#); Mark Hott, Eric Hott, [MH ELECTRIC](#); Mark Hoover, Jeff Wright, [AERIAL COMMUNICATIONS](#).

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a recap of your Chamber at work

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## Chamber Board of Directors to Meet Thursday

The Board of Directors of the Blair County Chamber 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 at (814) 943-8151 by noon on Tuesday.

## Committee Meetings

Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Committee

April 17th • 10:30 a.m.  
Devorris Center

BASICS Steering Committee

April 17th • 2:00 p.m.  
Devorris Center

WE-LEaD Committee

April 18th • 8:30 a.m.  
Devorris Center

Finance Committee

April 18th • 10:30 a.m.  
Devorris Center

Leadership Blair County Youth Committee

April 19th • 3:30 p.m.  
Devorris Center

Business Hall of Fame Committee

April 20th • 9:00 a.m.  
Chamber Office

## 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. Sponsor-



ship opportunities are available. For further information, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at [jhurd@blairchamber.com](mailto:jhurd@blairchamber.com). There will be no cost to attend the Candidate Forum.

## 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](http://www.blairchamber.com).



Trivia with Abby Martin



## 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 general 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.

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# EXCEL BOOTCAMP

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

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## Congratulations...

... to Jeff Starkey of Kooman & Associates who was recently named to the Forbes Top Wealth Advisors Best-In-State list. The list recognizes advisors from national, regional and independent firms.

## 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 Chamber members and \$40 for non-



**May 8**  
5-7 p.m.

members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://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.

## 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 uti-



lize 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](mailto:jhurd@blairchamber.com).

## 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. 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.



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



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## 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!](#)

Don't miss out on an opportunity to make a difference in your community and your life. [Apply](#) now for the Leadership Blair County class of 2024!

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