



Candidate Forum is Tomorrow Night in Altoona

The Blair County Chamber's Public Policy Committee will hold a Candidate Forum tomorrow night, 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. Sponsors of the event are [Blair County Democratic Committee](#) and [Blair County Republican Committee](#). For further information, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com. There is no cost to attend the Candidate Forum. It will also be broadcast at a later time on WRTA Radio, Altoona Public Access and the Chamber's YouTube Channel.

Safety Committee Combining Education and Trivia This Thursday

The Safety Committee of the Blair County Chamber is doubling its pleasure this Thursday, 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 at-



Trivia with Abby Martin

tend is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. Food will be provided and there will be a cash bar. Event sponsor is [W.R. Grace & Company](#). To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

Congratulations...

... to [Mount Aloysius College](#), whose new "Elevated" brand won six awards in four national and global competitions, including four gold awards, one first place and one "best-of." The brand, developed entirely in-house, introduces the college's promise of unmatched support for all students.

... to Jim Frank, who has been promoted to Client Services Director at [P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers](#).



Chamber Recognizes "All-Stars" for April

The Blair County Chamber's ability to offer quality programming, events, recognition and advocacy efforts depends largely on the willingness of sponsors to step up to help underwrite the costs associated with those efforts. Each month we publish a list of businesses or individuals who sponsored anything Chamber-related during the month. All-Stars for April are: [Altoona Sunrise Rotary Club](#), [ARC Federal Credit Union](#), [B4 Club Therapy](#), [Blair County Community Action Agency](#) – [Mountain Lion Backpack Program](#), [Claysburg Rotary Club](#), [DelGrosso Family of Companies](#), [DQ Grill & Chill](#), [Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center](#), [Hollidaysburg Rotary Club](#), [Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania](#), [McCartney's Workplace Solutions](#), [Morrisons Cove Rotary Club](#), [Mount Aloysius College](#), [Reliance Bank](#), [Rotary Club of Altoona](#), [Sheetz, Inc.](#), [South Hills School of Business & Technology](#), [Tyrone Rotary Club](#), [UPMC Altoona](#), [Value Drug](#), [Ward Transport & Logistics Corp.](#)

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18 MAY
2023

 **12:00PM EST**

Dear Fellow Chamber Member:

We are excited to announce our **Summer 2023 Webinar Series**. This series educates busy business owners and executives on critical points to consider in their IT Roadmap and Business Management Solution decision-making.

- **Part One (May 18th)**, we will review how to identify your needs and how to know when you are ready to move to the purchase and implementation process.
- **Part Two (June)**, we will cover key inventory questions and solutions.
- **In part Three (July)**, our presenters will discuss accounting needs and solutions.

You are welcome to attend one or all three.

Please use the button below or [click here to register](#). I will be presenting with Joe Merilli, Founding Principal of PS Solutions. It's our goal to equip owners and executives to have confidence in their IT solutions decision-making.

If you can't make the webinar, please feel free to [schedule a FREE assessment call](#).

Respectfully,

Joe Hasson, President

Empower Business Solutions

Ribbon Cutting



The Juice Shack

A Chamber ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for The Juice Shack located at 195 Glimcher Drive, Duncansville. The Juice Shack specializes in fresh-pressed juice, smoothies and smoothie bowls. All products are gluten free, dairy free and vegan. There is a wide variety of add-ins while providing customers healthy alternatives for treats. For more information, go to www.thejuiceshack.net. Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Nancy McClelland, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; State Senator Judy Ward; Denish Patel, Shannon Pugh, owners; State Representative Jim Gregory; and Carter Cerully, Chamber Ambassador.

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

Non-Profit Committee to Host Annual Legislative Breakfast

The Chamber's [Committee of Non-Profit Businesses](#) will hold its Annual Legislative Breakfast on Friday, May 19th from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., a buffet breakfast follows at 8:00 and a Q&A session featuring [State Senator Judy Ward](#) and State Representatives [Jim Gregory](#) and [Lou Schmitt](#) goes from 8:30 to 9:30. The cost to attend is \$25 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. Corporate sponsor is



[Central PA Community Foundation](#). To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

Retiring Superintendent to Keynote Next Breakfast Club

The next Chamber "Breakfast Club" will focus attention on the important relationship between the business and education communities in Blair County. The event is set for next Thursday, May 11th beginning at 7:45 a.m. at The



Dr. Charles Prijatelj

Casino. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Charles Prijatelj, Superintendent of [Altoona Area School District](#), who is retiring from his position at the end of the current school year. 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. Corporate sponsor of the May Breakfast Club is [Pennsylvania Highlands Community College](#).

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Only 10 Spots Remain for the 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 still being accepted although only 10 of the 144 spots remain. 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 been secured.



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 next Monday, 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



May 8
5-7 p.m.

is \$30 for 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.

JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION!



**HALL OF
FAME**
AND AWARDS OF
DISTINCTION

June 15
11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
The Casino at
Lakemont Park



**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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



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!](#)



Saluting Our Renewals!

We would like to thank those members that have continued to invest with the organization by renewing their membership in the month of April.

Celebrating 40-49 Years

Link & Associates, P.C.

Celebrating 30-39 Years

Industrial Maintenance Systems, Inc.

dba Sermac

Midstate Tool & Supply, Inc.

S & A Homes, Inc.

ServiceMaster by HORELL

United Way of Blair County

Zane Helsel Excavating, Inc.

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Alto Reste Cemetery, Inc.

Central Pennsylvania Humane Society

Conemaugh Nason Medical Center

Fairway Laboratories, Inc.

Grannas Bros.

Kunzler & Company, Inc.

Laurel Eye Clinic

Park Home

Pro Active Sports, Inc.

S&T Bank

Starfleet Productions, Inc.

Wessel & Company

Zeigler Chevrolet, Inc.

Celebrating 10-19 Years

Burchfield & Son Landscaping, Inc.

Central PA Asthma & Allergy Care

Dively, Ronda L. dba H&R Block

Enhanced Eye Care

Freedom Rentals

HomeWaters

Iron Masters Country Club

Kerr Promotions

Lemme Audiology Associates

Oral Surgery Associates of

Central Pa, P. C.

Pennsylvania State Employees

Credit Union

Prough's Masonry LLC

Pyramid Engineering, PC

Rosch Visionary Systems, Inc

Securitas Security Services USA

Shoe Fly Stores

The Knickerbocker Tavern, Inc.

Williamsburg Community

School District

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Alternative Community

Resource Program, Inc. (ACRP)

Blair Planning

Champion Roofing

Creative Expressions Florist/

Deb's Anteeks

Edward Jones Investments,

Michael Harris

Gieg Realty Services

HoneyBaked Ham & Cafe

Hoss's Steak & Sea House

Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co.

Premier Pest Control and Lawn Care

Ron Beatty Carpet and

Upholstery Cleaning, Inc.

Rotary Club of Altoona

UGI Energy Services

Your Electronics Source

Celebrating 1-4 Years

C&J Rental Management LLC

CenClear

Enterprise Truck Rental

J. Ardie (Butch) Dillen

Journey Center LLC

Lexington Clubhouse

Marianna's Fundraisers

Right Elevator Company

State Representative Jim Gregory



Young Professionals Committee

May 2nd

8:15 a.m.

Devorris Center

Healthy Workplace Committee

May 2nd

10:30 a.m.

Devorris Center

Committee of Non-Profit Businesses

May 3rd

11:00 a.m.

Devorris Center

Public Policy Committee

May 4th

8:00 a.m.

Devorris Center

BASICS Early Childhood Subcommittee

May 4th

10:00 a.m.

Devorris Center

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