

## Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Class Starts Tomorrow



The eight class of the Blair County Chamber's [Young Entrepreneurs Academy](#) program kicks-off tomorrow at 8:15 a.m. at the Sheetz Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence. There are sixteen students in the 2024 Class. The class roster will appear in next Monday's newsletter. The YEA! program runs for 25 weeks. For more information on YEA!, go to [www.yeausa.org](http://www.yeausa.org).

## Visit to Industry is Wednesday at DelGrosso's New Sauce Plant

The Farm-City Committee of the Blair County Chamber will hold its annual "Visit to Industry" as part of Farm City Month this Wednesday at [DelGrosso Food's](#) new sauce plant, located at 198 Kristel Lane in Altoona. The event will

include a tour of the facility and a luncheon at DelGrosso's Park. Unfortunately, the Visit to Industry is sold out. For more information on upcoming Farm-City events, visit the Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).



## Job Fair is Also Wednesday at Jaffa Shrine

The Blair County Chamber is once again partnering with [PA CareerLink Blair County](#) on a Job Fair that will bring more than 90 businesses, agencies and organizations into Jaffa Shrine on Wednesday. Interested job seekers

can access the event at 10:00 a.m. There is a Veteran's Priority opportunity beginning at 9:30 that morning. The Job Fair ends at 2:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend. The Jaffa Shrine is located at 2200 Broad Avenue in Altoona.

## Committee Meetings

Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Committee, October 2, 10:30 a.m., Devorris Center  
BASICS Steering Committee, October 2, 2:00 p.m., Devorris Center  
Young Professionals Committee, October 3, 8:15 a.m., Devorris Center  
Healthy Workplace Committee, October 3, 3:00 p.m., B4 Club Therapy  
Non-Profit Committee, October 4, 11:00 a.m., Devorris Center  
Public Policy Committee, October 5th, 8:00 a.m., Devorris Center



## Chamber Recognizes "All-Stars" for September

The Blair County Chamber's ability to offer quality programming 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 September are: [B4 Club Therapy](#), [Graystone Court](#), [Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.](#), [Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania](#), [McCartney's Workplace Solutions](#), [Park Home](#) and [Sickler Tarpey & Associates](#).

## Congratulations...

... to [PS Solutions](#) and [Healthy Blair County Coalition](#) for their collaboration on The Columbia Lighthouse Project that will help prevent suicide and violence, not only in Blair County but around the world.

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# Ribbon Cutting



## Dauntless Strength and Athletics



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The Blair County Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Dauntless Strength and Athletics located at 1633 E. Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, in the Pines Plaza, Greenwood. Dauntless is a 24/7 fitness facility that allows members to work out at their convenience. It features state-of-the-art equipment for all types of workouts. Also offered are classes, boot camps, and one-on-one personal training with experienced fitness professionals. For more information go to [www.DauntlessStrength.com](http://www.DauntlessStrength.com). Pictured at the ribbon, from left, Kara Bennett, Chamber Ambassador; Kevin Walter, owner; Leah Sines, owner; Megan Rossman, Member Engagement Manager, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; and Jessie Covert, VP - Sales and Membership Development, Blair County Chamber of Commerce.

## Farm Bureau VP to Speak at October "Breakfast Club"



Tommy Nagle

The next Blair County Chamber "Breakfast Club" will feature a presentation by Tommy Nagle, Vice-President of [Pennsylvania Farm Bureau](#) on October 12th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park, in observance of Farm-City

Month. Nagle's presentation is entitled, "Challenges and Opportunities in Modern Agriculture." The cost to attend Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for on-members. A breakfast buffet is included. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

**Anywhere! Anytime!**  
Register for events at your convenience.  
[blairchamber.com](http://blairchamber.com)



## Chamber Scheduling African Safari For Next October

For the second time in the past five years, the Blair



County Chamber is offering a trip to Africa. An African Safari to Kenya and Tanzania will depart from the Chamber's parking lot on October 5, 2024 and return on October 19th. The trip, done in partnership with [Epic Journeys](#), includes Nairobi, David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, Out of Africa Farmhouse, Amboseli National Park, Shanga Workshop, Karatu, Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti and Lake Eyasi. There will be an informational meeting about the trip on October 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. There is no charge or obligation to attend but please call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 so we can save you a seat.



## Reserve Your Spot for "Down on the Farm"

"Down on the Farm" will be held on October 11th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at [Piney Creek Greenhouse](#) in Martinsburg. A number of activities for kids are planned as well as demonstrations on planting and a whole lot of other stuff! The Piney Creek gift shop will be open as well. The cost is \$10/person and includes great picnic food. Attendees ten and under are free! To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

# 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 September.

## Celebrating 40-49 Years

Domestic Plumbing & Heating

## Celebrating 30-39 Years

Benzel's Bretzel Bakery, Inc.  
Railroaders Memorial Museum &  
World Famous Horseshoe Curve

## Celebrating 20-29 Years

Advanced Regional Center for  
Orthopedics & Podiatry  
Altoona-Blair County Airport  
B & B Mobile Power Cleaning &  
Restoration System  
Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies  
Moore Power Sales,  
Affiliate of Sandler Training  
Servpro of Altoona  
The Blairmont Club  
The Winds At Mattern Orchard

## Celebrating 10-19 Years

Blair County Community  
Action Agency  
Blair County Historical Society  
Fort Roberdeau  
Keystone Industrial Sales  
& Service, Inc.  
Jeff S. Long Construction

Notary & Copy Stop, Inc.  
PA Health Partners, LLC  
Phoenix Rehabilitation and  
Health Services  
Roaring Spring Community Library  
Salon Professional Academy  
Shirley's Cookie Company, Inc.  
The Nehemiah Project  
Urish Popeck & Co., LLC

## Celebrating 5-9 Years

DQE Communications LLC  
Dreams Go On  
Eastern Cambria Chamber of  
Commerce  
Epic Pyrotechnics, LLC  
Garvey Manor Nursing Home  
Pro Disposal, Inc.  
RE/MAX Results Realty Group -  
Jodi Johnson  
Toni White Insurance Services LLC

## Celebrating 1-4 Years

Aircon Engineering Inc.  
Innovative Manufacturers Center (IMC)  
Rhodes Curbside Creamery LLC  
Slingers Throw House  
The Juice Plus Co. - Diane Crebs

# LBC Alumni to Collect Holiday Donations For Troops

The [Leadership Blair County Alumni](#), a program of the Blair County Chamber, is accepting donations to stuff stockings for the troops. [Military Families Ministry](#)

is partnering with the alumni to send donations to deployed service members. Items for donation may include: stockings (empty or stuffed), individually wrapped Twizzlers, hard candy (no chocolate - must be in a resealable storage bag), lip balm, tooth brush/small tooth paste, cocoa/oatmeal packets, snack and food bars, cracker packs, individually wrapped cookies (not homemade), beef sticks and jerky, individual drink mixes, packets of trail mix, nuts, pretzels, etc., deck of cards or small card games, and holiday cards with messages. Donations can be dropped off at the Chamber office located at 3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona. The deadline to donate is November 3 at 4:30 p.m. Monetary donations are being accepted as well. Checks must be made payable to [The Chamber Foundation](#). Credit card donations can be made online at [blairchamber.com/chamber-foundation](http://blairchamber.com/chamber-foundation). For more information call 814-943-8151.



# WE-LEaD Workshop to Feature Inspirational Speaker/Author

The WE-LEaD Committee of the Blair County Chamber will host an interactive workshop on October 20th from 8:00 a.m. until noon The Columns Banquet Center in Altoona. The event will feature a presentation by inspirational speaker/author Beth Caldwell. That presentation, entitled "Overcoming Impostor Syndrome," focuses on what happens when girls and women believe what society has to say about them and how that can impact personal and professional growth. Beth Caldwell is a social worker turned personal trainer. A respected writer and columnist, she is the author of many books on leadership and personal development. She currently hosts the webTV program, The Morning Mastermind,

and has received numerous leadership awards throughout her career. The cost to attend the workshop, which includes a full buffet breakfast and breakout sessions is \$55 for Chamber members and \$65 for non-members. Each attendee will also receive a copy of Beth Caldwell's new book. Corporate sponsor of the event is [Benzel's Bretzel Bakery](#). To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at [blairchamber.com](http://blairchamber.com).



**Beth Caldwell**

