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Job Fair Set For Wednesday at Jaffa Shrine

More than 100 businesses will be on hand to greet prospective employees as Pennsylvania CareerLink hosts a Job Fair on this Wednesday, April 17th at the Jaffa Shrine in Altoona. The Fair will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a special half-hour devoted just to job-seeking veterans. All other job-seekers can attend from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend and some employers will be offering workshops or on-the-spot interviews. The Blair County Chamber and Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation are among the sponsors of the Job Fair. For more information, call (814) 940-6201.



Submit Your Nominations for Upcoming Chamber Awards



The Chamber is rolling out the Red Carpet at a new event this June. The Awards Gala will be held at the Blair County Convention Center on Thursday, June 20th. The event will include a Red Carpet Reception, recognize the award recipients and end the evening with a live band and dancing. "We value the opportunity to recognize people and businesses who are making an impact in the community," explained Jennifer Fleck of the Chamber. "The nomination process is now open

and we've streamlined the process. You can find the award criteria and the nomination form on the Chamber website at www.blairchamber.com." The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 26th. Among the awards to be presented are:

- ATHENA
- Business of the Year
- Small Business of the Year
- Non-Profit Spotlight
- Judith A. Rossi Educator of the Year
- Donna D. Gority Servant Leadership
- Joseph P. Rosenhamer Chamber Spirit
- George Award

Committee Meetings

Chamber Ambassadors
April 16th, 8:00 a.m., Devorris Center

Sustainable Blair County Committee
April 17th, 1:30 p.m., Devorris Center

Election is Next Week: Compare the 80th District Candidates



Gregory



Barger

The Public Policy Committee of the Blair County Chamber spent its regularly scheduled meeting on April 4th learning more about the business priorities of the two Republican candidates for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Now our members can learn it too. The Q&A session with incumbent Jim Gregory and challenger Scott Barger can be viewed by going to the [Chamber's](#) and [City of Altoona's](#) YouTube Channels.

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Welcome New Chamber Member



The Blair County Chamber of Commerce welcomes new member, Josh Burke, (center) of [CENTRAL ROOF COATINGS](#). Welcoming Doug is Megan Rossman (left), Member Engagement Manager, Blair County Chamber of Commerce and Diana McClure, (right) Chamber Advisory/Operations Board. Absent from photo is Dwayne Zimmerman of [CROWSNEST BROADBAND, LLC](#).



The Blair County Chamber will once again partner with South Central Mountains Regional Task Force on a Homeland Security Symposium that focuses attention on Safety, Security and Health. The event will be held April 30th and May 1st at Blair County Convention Center. There is no cost for Chamber members to attend. To register or learn more, click [here](#).

UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic Filling-Up Quickly

Registration is continuing for one of the region's most popular networking events. The [UPMC Health Plan](#) and [UPMC Altoona/Chamber Golf Classic](#) will be held on Thursday, May 16th at [Iron Masters Country Club](#). As always, the Classic will feature great food and beverages, great prizes and, on occasion, great golf. Golfers can register as teams or as individuals. The event has



sold out for the past several years so register now! Contact Jennifer Fleck at (814) 943-8151 or email at jfleck@blairchamber.com.

Not Too Late to Learn More About the Chamber's Costa Rica Trip

The Blair County Chamber is going back to Costa Rica! The Chamber had a very successful trip there eleven years ago in partnership with [Epic Journeys](#) and [Collette Vacations](#). "It's a very popular trip and somewhat inexpensive," explained Cynthia Watters of Epic Journeys. "We've had a number of people requesting that we return there." That return trip will be from February 20-28, 2025. Among the highlights are: San Jose, Arenal Volcano, Cano Negro Refuge, Lake Arenal Cruise and Monteverde Cloud Forest. If you're interested and couldn't make last week's informational meeting, simply call Epic Journeys at (814) 266-5070 or pick up a brochure at the Chamber Office.



Congratulations...

... to Katie Millward, general manager of the [Fairfield Inn and Marriott Towne-Place Suites](#) in Altoona, who was named 2023 General Manager of the Year by Plamondon Hospitality Partners.

... to Anna Batrus of Altoona and Andrew Tornatore of Tipton who were two of the students recently inducted into the 13th class of Sheetz Fellows. That program, established for students at [Penn State Altoona](#), offers unique opportunities that ignite and inspire the entrepreneurial mindset by fostering critical thinking, ingenuity, leadership and problem-solving skills. Batrus was a graduate of the Chamber's [Young Entrepreneurs Academy](#) (YEA!) program; Tornatore is a graduate of the Chamber's [Leadership Blair County Youth](#) program.

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2024**

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Deadline to sponsor - April 17