

# NETWORKS

## DIGITAL NEWS

## Leadership Blair County Youth to Graduate Class of 2024

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce [Leadership Blair County Youth](#) (LBCY) program will graduate 24 local students at a ceremony on May 8th at the Port Sky Café at Penn State Altoona. LBCY is a Blair County Chamber of Commerce program open to high school sophomores that focuses on servant leadership. The youth program is formatted similarly to the Chamber's adult leadership program. LBCY has been used as a model for leadership youth programs throughout Pennsylvania and the tri-state region. The LBCY curriculum includes monthly sessions on community focused topics and a class project. Members of the 2024 graduating class are:

Rebekah Adams, Bishop Guilfoyle Academy; Norah Bechtel, Central High School; Margaret Brouse, Altoona Area High School; Evan Brumbaugh, Central High School; Naomi Deweese, Hollidaysburg Area High School; Katherine Dunn, Central High School; Josephine Filan, Grier High School;

Mariah Good, Williamsburg Community High School; Luke Gurekovich, Bellwood-Antis High School; Parker Huey-Kish, Altoona Area High School; Lauren Lehman, Bishop Guilfoyle Academy; Alana Lightner, Bishop Guilfoyle Academy; Cooper Lovrich, Bellwood-Antis High School; Michael Waibel Maharaj, Hollidaysburg Area High School; Willow Miller, Central High School; Macy Norris, Williamsburg Community High School; Brock Patel, Bishop Guilfoyle Academy; Maddalena Pulcinello, Bellwood-Antis High School; Aidan Schurr, Bishop Guilfoyle Academy; Kaya Sprankle, Altoona Area High School; Reese Storm, Hollidaysburg Area High School; Frances Weaver, Tyrone Area High School; Eric Weyant, Altoona Area High School; Parker White, Bishop Guilfoyle Academy. For more information on Leadership Blair County Youth, contact Brittany Mayer at the Chamber at 814-943-8151 or [bmayer@blairchamber.com](mailto:bmayer@blairchamber.com).



LEADERSHIP BLAIR COUNTY YOUTH - CLASS OF 2024

## YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY

## Young Entrepreneur to Speak at Thursday's Breakfast Club

The importance of entrepreneurship will be front-and-center at the next Blair County Chamber Breakfast Club, set for Thursday, May 9th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park.



**Chloe England**

Chloe England, whose business – Chloe Renee Media – was named the 2023 Most Outstanding Business in the Chamber's [Young Entrepreneurs Academy](#) (YEA!) program will be the keynote speaker at the Breakfast Club. England, a senior at Williamsburg High School, will provide an overview of YEA! and challenge employers and schools to help students not only build their own businesses but to keep those businesses local when at all possible. She represented the Chamber at the National YEA! Competition last summer. 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](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the April Breakfast Club is South Hills School of Business & Technology.

## Ribbon Cutting



## The Topsy Tulip

The Chamber held a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of The Topsy Tulip, located at 700 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona. Formerly Vicki's Florist, The Topsy Tulip is a premier, full-service florist offering customers top quality fresh flowers. The shop specializes in unique floral arrangements, plants and gift items. For more information go to [www.tipsytulip.net](http://www.tipsytulip.net). Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Nancy McClelland, Chamber Ambassador; Jennifer Fleck, Operations Manager, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Amanda Benton, owner; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; and Carol Stern, Chamber Ambassador.

## LBC Alumni Accepting Grant Applications

The Leadership Blair County Alumni Committee is now accepting applications for its annual grant program. The grants of up to \$3,000 are available to 501c3 organizations where an LBC Alum volunteers or to non-profit organizations that support the LBC program. If you're a current LBC student or a graduate of the program you're welcome to apply on behalf of a non-profit organization. Contact Jennifer Fleck, Director of Chamber Operations at



[jfleck@blairchamber.com](mailto:jfleck@blairchamber.com) for an application. Applications are to be submitted to Jennifer by email, mail, or in person by 4pm May 20th, 2024. The presentation will be at the LBC Adult Graduation at The Casino at Lakemont Park on Thursday, June 13th.

## Congratulations...

. . . to [Colonial Courtyard at Tyrone](#) which recently earned the U.S. News & World Report 2024 Best Senior Living status by achieving the highest possible rating in Assisted Living.



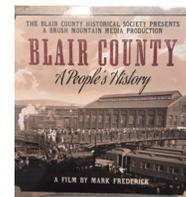
**Young Professionals Committee**  
May 7th, 8:15 a.m., Devorris Center



## All-Stars for April Announced

Since sponsorships are such an integral part of the Chamber's ability to offer great events and programs to members, we recognize sponsors each month as "All-Stars." The All-Stars for April are: [1st Summit Bank](#), [Central Roof Coatings](#), [Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania](#), [McCartney's Workplace Solutions](#), [Pinnacle Professional Cleaning Services](#) and [Solarshield Metal Roofing](#).

## Outstanding Video Available on DVD



The Blair County Historical Society's outstanding video production, "Blair County: A People's History," is now available on DVD for just \$20. Copies can be ordered by mail at BCHS, 3419 Oak Lane, Altoona, PA 16602; online at [www.blairhistory.org](http://www.blairhistory.org) or by calling (814) 942-3916.

## UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic Nearing Sellout

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 and is close to hitting the mark again. Don't delay! Contact Jennifer Fleck at (814) 943-8151.



# Thank you!

## 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.

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### **Celebrating 40-49 Years**

Industrial Maintenance Systems, Inc. dba Sermac  
Link & Associates, P.C.  
Midstate Tool & Supply, Inc.

### **Celebrating 30-39 Years**

Bishop Guilfoyle Academy  
S & A Homes, Inc.  
United Way of the Southern Alleghenies  
WE 3 M's Horell Cleaning  
Zane Helsel Excavating, Inc.

### **Celebrating 20-29 Years**

Central Pennsylvania Humane Society  
Conemaugh Nason Medical Center  
Fairway Laboratories, Inc.  
Grannas Bros.  
K & C Denture Center  
Kunzler & Company, Inc.  
Laurel Eye Clinic  
Park Home  
S&T Bank  
Williamsburg Community School District  
Zeigler Chevrolet, Inc.

### **Celebrating 10-19 Years**

Burchfield & Son Landscaping, Inc.  
Central PA Asthma & Allergy Care  
Creative Expressions Florist/Deb's Anteeks  
Dively, Ronda L. dba H&R Block  
Edward Jones Investments, Michael Harris  
Enhanced Eye Care

HomeWaters

HoneyBaked Ham & Cafe

Lemme Audiology Associates

Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union

Pyramid Engineering, PC

Ron Beatty Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning, Inc.

Rosch Visionary Systems, Inc

Shoe Fly Stores

The Knickerbocker Tavern, Inc.

### **Celebrating 5-9 Years**

Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc. (ACRP)  
Blair Planning  
Hoss's Steak & Sea House #01 DV  
Hoss's Steak & Sea House #06 AL  
Lexington Clubhouse  
Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co.  
Premier Pest Control and Lawn Care  
Rotary Club of Altoona  
Your Electronics Source

### **Celebrating 1-4 Years**

Blair County NAACP Branch #2252  
CenClear  
Enterprise Truck Rental  
J. Ardie (Butch) Dillen  
Joe Zappia & Team - Venn Financial Solutions  
Journey Center LLC  
Lawruk Machine & Tool Company, Inc.  
Marianna's Fundraisers  
MH Electric  
PennTerra Engineering, Inc.