



Chamber Office Will Close at Noon on Good Friday

The Blair County Chamber Office, located in the Devorris Center for Business Development, will close at noon this Friday in observance of Good Friday. The office will reopen on Monday at 8:30 a.m.

YEA! Investor Panel Selects England, DelGrosso as Top Businesses

The Chamber's [Young Entrepreneurs Academy \(YEA!\)](#) program held its Investor Panel Event last Tuesday and more than \$12,000 was distributed to students to assist in the completion of their businesses. The panel of investors also selected its top two businesses to represent the YEA! class at the National YEA! Competition that will be held in June. Chloe England, a student at [Williamsburg High School](#), was selected as the top business; Sofia DelGrosso of [Bellwood-Antis](#) was selected as runner-up. The runner-up represents the class at the Competition in the events that the top business is unable to participate. A story on the YEA! Investor Panel Event will appear in an upcoming issue of the [Altoona Mirror](#) on the [Chamber's Business Insight page](#).



April "Breakfast Club" to Feature Pittsburgh Pirates Video Coordinator

Major League Baseball entered the world of high-tech several years ago but Minor League Baseball is in the process of making a similar transition. For that reason, the [Pittsburgh Pirates](#) have promoted Marc Roche as its Technology /Video Coordinator for the minor leagues. Roche will be the keynote speaker at the next Chamber Breakfast Club, set for April 13th at 7:45 a.m. at [The Casino at Lakemont Park](#). The cost to attend Breakfast

Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register, call (814) 943-8151 or visit [blair-chamber.com](#).

Corporate sponsor of the April Breakfast Club is Pinnacle Cleaning Services.



Chamber Recognizes "All-Stars" for March

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 those efforts. Each month we publish a list of businesses or individuals who sponsored anything Chamber-related during the month. All-Stars for March are: [C&J Cabinet Co.](#), [LeafFilter Gutter Protection](#), [Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania](#), [McCartney's Workplace Solutions](#), [Pine Creek Structures](#), [Roof Works USA](#), [Servello Family Studios](#), [Shelley Clinich for City Council](#), [Smithmyer Plumbing & Heating](#), [The UPS Store](#), [Value Drug](#), [Western Edge Seafood Outlet](#) and [Window World of Altoona](#).

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LARGEST OUTDOOR 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Chamber Member:

We are excited to release the news that HoopsFest will once again be held in Downtown Altoona **on July 22nd, 2023**.

During the 2022 HoopsFest, despite a two year lapse due to Covid, we had over 3000+ attendees, 681 players representing 5 states, and 115+ volunteers from across the region. This event is an incredible way to promote your organization's brand while also supporting your community. In 2023 we anticipate 300 teams and 5000 people.

Each year we aim to make this a memorable event for the whole community by providing divisions from youth (8 and under) to adults (60 and over) and all skill levels. Along with great basketball, we have a \$500 shot contest, a motivational speaker, a kids zone, and a food and activities vendor area. Our dunk contest is always a huge draw that showcases regional talent.

Your support in 2023 will go a long way in helping youth programming through Joshua House. Our outreach does and will continue to impact our community. We hope you will take the time to review the enclosed sponsorship opportunities. If you have questions before committing, we are happy to schedule a call or meeting. Please reach out to 814-201-2454.

If you are ready, feel free to complete the [sponsorship form](#) and return to 1220 12th Avenue, Altoona PA 16601.

Respectfully,

Jim Kilmartin
HoopsFest
1220 12th Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601

Save the Date: 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. Sponsorship opportunities are avail-

able. For further information, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com. There will be no cost to attend the Candidate Forum.



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!](#)



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. The event sold-out last year nearly two months before it was held. 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.



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.

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.

Committee Meetings

Young Professionals Committee, April 4th, 8:15 a.m., Devorris Center

Healthy Workplace Committee, April 4th, 10:30 a.m., Devorris Center

Non-Profit Committee, April 5th, 11:00 a.m., Devorris Center

Public Policy Committee, April 6th, 8:00 a.m., Devorris Center

BASICS Attendance Subcommittee, April 6th, 1:30 p.m., Devorris Center





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 March.

Celebrating 60-69 Years

PennCrest BANK

Celebrating 50-59 Years

Kiwanis Club of Altoona, Inc.

Saint Francis University

Celebrating 40-49 Years

Doing Better Business, Inc.

Fiore True Value Hardware & Rental

John Hill Real Estate

Klesius & Sheedy, Inc.

McLanahan Corporation

Celebrating 30-39 Years

American Roofing, Inc

Blair County Arts Foundation

Boyer Refrigeration, Heating & Air Conditioning

Courtesy Ford, Inc.

J & O

Logan Valley Mall

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Altoona Area Public Library

Altoona Arthritis and Osteoporosis Center

Altoona Shoe Fly Stores

Begin With Us Child Care & Preschool, Inc.

Degol Organization

Family Services Incorporated

Hampton Inn Altoona

Holiday Bowl, Inc.

Holland Bros., Inc.

Sickler Tarpey & Associates

Small Tube Products

Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

Yeager & Eberhardt

Celebrating 10-19 Years

Advanced Vein Care

Barash Media

Blair County Tax Collection Bureau

Blair HealthChoices

CORE Physical Therapy and Sports Training

Edward Jones Investments

Edward Jones Investments, J.T. Tidd

John K. Bolger Funeral Home, Inc.

Lake Raystown Resort

Levine Engineering, LLC

PA CareerLink® Blair County

Penn England Farms

Prime Sirloin (Vision Restaurant Group, Inc.)

Quaint Corner Children's Museum &

Discovery Center

Roaring Spring True Value

UPMC Altoona

Wagner & Finn Attorneys at Law

Celebrating 5-9 Years

AnswerLinks, Inc.

Beck, Smithbower, Ickes Financial, LLC

Bickel's Surplus Too

Blair County Farm Bureau

Bright Ideas Childcare and Preschool, Inc.

Days Inn & Suites, Altoona

Every Life Matters (ELM)

Pregnancy Support Services

Housing & Redevelopment Insurance Exchange

KMS Interior Design, LLC

LAMB Solutions Advertising Agency

Tussey Landscaping, LLC

We CARE Foundation

Your Next Contractor

Celebrating 1-4 Years

Altoona Area Business Community

Berry Solutions Group

Burns Excavating, Inc.

Dr. Karen Srba

East Freedom Surgical Associates, LLC

Edward Jones Investments - Katlin Webb

Full Motion Technologies

Fulton Financial Advisors

Just Play - Slinky

Legacy Auto Worx, LLC

Locher Candles

Marcus & Mack, PC

Park Security & Installations, Inc

Servello Orthodontics

Solensky Insurance Agency, Inc.

Sorge Funeral Home & Crematory

Spring Cove Container

State Representative Jim Gregory

The Columns

Vicki's Florist



United Datacom Networks, Inc.
2032 E. Pleasant Valley Blvd. Suite 7
Altoona, PA 16602

United Datacom Networks, Inc. (UDNI)

Altoona, PA – (15 March 2023) — Founded in 2012, UDNI has been a progressive IT leader in the Central Pennsylvania area for over 10 years. Bringing over 30 years of technology experience, the formation of the company was made up of three prominently established local businesses with roots in the Central PA area. Dedicated employees trailblazed the path for the past, present and future of UDNI.

Today [UDNI](#) is a leader in Managed Cybersecurity and IT Services, Network Infrastructure and Voice Solutions. In October of 2022, the fourth acquisition of local technology leader, [PC Works Plus](#) was announced, which strengthens and solidifies UDNI's position in Central PA. This increases UDNI's ability to offer industry leading solutions while advancing support capabilities and responsiveness, improving overall value to clients.

UDNI's mission is to arm local businesses with industry best practice defenses against today's technology security threats, and to assist in keeping businesses up to date with the ever-evolving technology landscape.

Finally, UDNI wants to thank the Blair County Chamber and clients for their continued business and support over the years.



Help Us Love Altoona



CLEAN UP DAYS: WEDNESDAYS DURING MAY
3RD, 10TH, 17TH AND 24TH FROM 5-8PM

MEETING LOCATION: JEFFERSON PARK 118 FOURTH AVE.

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