

# NETWORKS

## DIGITAL NEWS

## WE-LEaD Networking Event at Dazzling Realty is This Wednesday

The Chamber's WE-LEaD Committee will hold its first event of 2024 – a networking opportunity from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday, January 31st at Dazzling Realty, LLC, located at 521 North 4th Avenue in Altoona. That building is the new home to Mama Randazzo's Catering and Behe Brothers Brewing. The cost to attend this event is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the WE-LEaD event is [Blair Companies](#).



## Home Show Details Coming Together Quickly

With still more than a month to go until the 52nd Blair County Home Garden and Healthy Living Showcase, details of the event are coming together "fast and furiously," according to the members of the Show Committee. "Three businesses have stepped-up as sponsors," reported Jennifer Fleck, the Chamber's Event Coordinator. "We're still looking for a couple more. The promotional value of sponsorship is always high for this event." Already signed-on as sponsors are Breezeline, Champion Roofing and Smithmyer Plumbing & Heating. Exhibitor recruitment is also going well. "There are a number of exhibitors who



have been part of previous shows but some new people as well," Fleck pointed out. "The businesses that have been here before understand that this is more than just a Home Show. It's a full-family event. That's a major reason why it has been popular for so many years." Anyone interested in reserving a booth or purchasing a sponsorship should call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or email [jfleck@blairchamber.com](mailto:jfleck@blairchamber.com).



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## Committee Meetings

### BASICS/Rotary Career Fair Committee

January 29th  
1:00 p.m.  
Devorris Center

### Public Policy Committee

February 1st  
8:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

# Blair County Court System is Topic of Chamber "Breakfast Club"

The Court System in Blair County plays an integral role in the health and safety of the community. It also helps businesses operate more effectively by assuring that lawbreakers are punished for any of a number of crimes that impact the local economy. Recent surveys indicate that how the courts operate is still a mystery to a lot of citizens, particularly in the business community. To unravel some of that mystery, the next Chamber Breakfast Club on February 8th will feature a Q&A with Blair County President Judge Wade Kagarise. Judge Kagarise will answer questions submitted by the Chamber's Public Policy Committee as well as from the audience (time permitting). Blair County's other three judges – Jackie Bernard, Dave Consiglio and Fred Miller are also expected to attend



**President Judge Wade Kagarise**

the event so that attendees will have an opportunity to meet them. The cost to attend Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. The event begins at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

# Informational Meeting on African Safari Trip Set

One of the Blair County Chamber's most popular trips will allow additional travelers as the result of securing additional dates. The African Safari Trip, which quickly sold out its October 5-19, 2024 dates late last year will now also have an identical trip from October 1-15. The Chamber will hold an informational meeting on the African Safari, which also includes Amboseli National Park, Nairobi and Lake Eyasi, on October 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. There is no cost or obligation to attend but it's requested that you call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 to let us know you're coming.



# Congratulations...

... to the four Chamber-member businesses that recently received grant funding from [WISE Women of Blair County](#) (another Chamber member). The businesses are: [Blair County Historical Society](#), [Family Services, Inc.](#), [The Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation](#) and the [Roaring Spring Community Library](#).  
... to Bill Ward, Jr., who was officially introduced as the new President/CEO of [Ward Transport and Logistics](#).



# UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic

Registration is officially open for one of the region's most popular networking events. The UPMC/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 early. Contact Jennifer Fleck at (814) 943-8151.

