

# NETWORKS

## DIGITAL NEWS



## Chamber Office Closed for Presidents Day

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce Office will be closed on Monday in observance of Presidents Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. To register for Chamber programs or events or to access Chamber information, visit the Chamber website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

## YEA! CEO Roundtable Event Set for Tuesday

The current class of the Blair County Chamber's Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) will have an opportunity to hear from a panel of CEO's who built their own businesses. That opportunity will take place tomorrow at the Blair County Convention Center as the annual CEO Roundtable event begins at 8:15 a.m. and concludes at 10:00 a.m. The panel consists of: Reggie Gadsden and Amanda Sullivan of [Executive Barberz](#), Jim Kilmartin of [Pinnacle Cleaning](#), [Joshua House](#) and [Center](#)



[City Church](#), Kira McCall of [Maddie Cakes](#), Tim Parnell of [Crossroads Physical Therapy](#) and Anthony Snare of [Snare & Associates](#). For more information on YEA!, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or visit [www.yeausa.org](http://www.yeausa.org).

## Two Weeks Until the Show! Great Opportunities Abound!

If you're a business planning to exhibit at the upcoming Blair County Home Garden and Healthy Living Showcase, you're almost out of time to reserve a booth. But there are plenty of opportunities to be an attendee and learn about what your competitors might be doing! The 52nd annual event will take place on March 1-3 and it promises to be one



of the best show yet! Anyone interested in reserving one of a handful of remaining booths or purchasing a sponsorship should call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or email [jfleck@blairchamber.com](mailto:jfleck@blairchamber.com).

## Congratulations...

... to the Chamber members who were selected by [PA Business Central](#) magazine for its "2024 Top 100 People:"  
Matt Stuckey-Stuckey Automotive  
Angie Singer Keating-Reclamere  
Karen Young-Jersey Shore State Bank  
Phil Dubrow-WTAJ-TV  
Jeff Stopko-AmeriServ Financial  
Sean McLanahan-McLanahan Corporation  
Eric Renner-1st Summit Bank  
Michael A. Fiore-Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.  
Jeff Long-Jeff S. Long Construction  
John McKeegan-Mount Aloysius College  
Gregory Hayes and Richard Sarfert-Kish Bank  
Michael Peduzzi-CNB Bank  
Tim Harclerode-Conemaugh Nason  
Phil Freeman-Reliance Bank  
Jan Fisher-UPMC Altoona  
Barb Bowker and George Rudolph-PSECU  
Joel Peterson-Clearfield Wholesale Paper  
Jane Grebenc-First Commonwealth Bank  
Mark Ritchey-Curry Supply Holdings  
Bob Pennington-Coldwell Banker  
Town & Country Real Estate  
Clark Stapelfeld-New Pig Corporation  
Travis Sheetz-Sheetz, Inc.  
David Antolik-S&T Bank  
Philip Miles-McQuaide Blasko  
Mark Ickes-Explore Altoona  
Amy Seltzer-Seltzer Financial Strategies  
Vincent Delie-First National Bank  
Elizabeth Burke-Burke & Company  
John Ruane-Martin's Foods  
John Rodgers-PNC Bank  
Philip Devorris-Blair Companies  
Joe DelGrosso-DelGrosso Foods  
Mark Barnhart-NPC Companies  
Julianne Steinbacher-Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak  
Joel Valentine-Wessel & Company  
Steven Fontaine-Penn Highlands Healthcare  
Kevin McGarry-Urish Popeck & Company  
James Troha-Juniata College  
Joe Hurd-Blair County Chamber

## Welcome New Chamber Member



The Blair County Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new member, Doug Brown, (center) representing **ANTIS TOWNSHIP**. Welcoming Doug is Megan Rossman (left), Member Engagement Manager, Blair County Chamber of Commerce and Sherri Stayer, (right) Chamber Ambassador.

## HD500 (Free to Members!) to Focus on Greater Chamber Involvement

For the second February in a row, the Chamber's HD500 event will provide Chamber members and non-members the opportunity to learn about the great things that our committees do to help businesses to prosper here. And how you can get involved. Once again, the event will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Heritage Discovery Center in Downtown Altoona. The date is Wednesday, February 21st. There will be great food from LaJo's, plentiful beverages from Levity Brewing Company and a whole lot of networking possibilities. And for Chamber mem-



bers it's FREE! Non-members can attend for just \$10. If you plan to attend, you also need to register so that we know you're coming. Either call (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). This HD500 is sponsored by **Park Security**, **Stuckey Automotive** and **Webber Advisors**.



## Help High School Seniors Learn How to Interview

The **Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center** is holding Senior Mock Interviews on March 11-14 at the GACTC. The school is looking for employers and other professionals to assist in providing mock interviews on any (or all) of those days. Anyone who is willing to help should email [wbloffice@gactc.edu](mailto:wbloffice@gactc.edu).

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FIRST FRONTIER - BLAIR COUNTY, PA  
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF BLAIR COUNTY



## Topic of Next Non-Profit “Best Practices” is Strategic Planning

Strategic planning for non-profits becomes more challenging than ever as economies become tight and priorities change. To gain insight on how to get the strategic planning process “off and running,” the Chamber’s Committee of Non-Profit Businesses will hold a Best Practices Forum on March 1st from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. Dr. Kevin Sensenig, President and Chief Learning Officer with Good Leadership, will present, “Unlocking the Power of Compelling Strategic Plan-

ning in Non-Profit Organizations.” The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. To register to attend, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or on-line at [www.blair-chamber.com](http://www.blair-chamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the March Best Practice is [Independent Catholic Foundation](http://www.independentcatholicfoundation.com).



Kevin Sensenig

## Chamber, OOT Partnering on March “Breakfast Club”

On what has become a long-standing tradition, the Blair County Chamber and [Operation Our Town](http://www.operationourtown.org) will once again partner on the March 14th Breakfast Club. The event focuses attention on the incredible number of impactful measures undertaken by OOT that make Blair County a safer place to live and work. As part of the Breakfast Club, Blair County District Attorney Pete Weeks will provide an overview of drug trends and several Law Enforcement Awards will be presented. The 2024 OOT Community Partnership

Award will also be presented. The cost to attend the March Breakfast Club is \$20/Chamber members and \$30/non-members. To register to attend, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the March Breakfast Club is [HoopsFest](http://www.hoopsfest.com).



## Reserve Your Spot For the 2024 UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic

Registration is officially open for one of the region’s most popular networking events. The [UPMC](http://www.upmc.com)/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.

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No committee meetings this week.