

# NETWORKS

## DIGITAL NEWS

### WELCOME ABOARD!

## Advocacy and Operations Board Approves Five New Members

At its February 15th meeting, the Chamber's Advocacy and Operations Board approved the following new Chamber members: [Duncansville's CBD Vapes n Skillz](#); [Gloria Gates CARE](#) of Altoona, [Garver Memorial YMCA](#) of Roaring Spring, [The Well Ministry Center](#) of Blair County of Altoona; and [Williamsburg Community Farm Show](#).

## WE-LEaD to Host Program Celebrating "Equal Pay Day"

The Blair County Chamber's WE-LEaD Committee will hold an educational program celebrating "National Equal Pay Day" on March 12th from noon to 1:30 p.m. at 33 on MAC, located at 2206 Seventh Avenue in Altoona. Guest speaker will be Mary Kay Loftus, President of Impressia Bank. The title of her presentation will be "Women, Business and Banking." The cost to attend (including lunch) will be \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. To register, call



the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). [Impressia Bank](#) is the corporate sponsor of the event. WE-LEaD (Women Encouraging Leadership, Education and Development) is an innovative program of the Blair County Chamber.

## Young Professionals to Hold March Madness Trivia Night

The Young Professionals of Blair County will hold a March Madness Trivia Night on March 12th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Zach's Sports & Spirits in Altoona. The event will feature a mix of Saint Patrick's Day and March Madness Trivia. There will be complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. Cost is \$10 for Chamber members and \$15 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at [!\[\]\(d3102649f02e825ddb76dc3de0190154\_img.jpg\)](http://www.blair-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

[chamber.com](http://chamber.com). Corporate sponsor of March Madness Trivia Night is [Key-stone Environmental Health and Safety Services](#). Young Professionals of Blair County is an innovative program of the [Blair County Chamber of Commerce](#).



## All-Stars for February 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 February are: [1st Summit Bank](#), [Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.](#), [McCartney's Workplace Solutions](#), [Park Security](#), [Stuckey Automotive](#) and [Webber Advisors](#).



### Committee Meetings

#### Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Committee

March 4th  
10:30 a.m.  
Devorris Center

#### Young Professionals Committee

March 5th  
8:15 a.m.  
Devorris Center

#### Public Policy Committee

March 7th  
8:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

#### BASICS Early Childhood Subcommittee

March 7th  
10:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

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# 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 February.

## Celebrating 50-59 Years

Burke & Company, LLC  
dba S.P. McCarl & Company, Inc.

## Celebrating 40-49 Years

Bovard Heating and Cooling -  
A Division of Goodco Mechanical  
Allegro Restaurant

## Celebrating 30-39 Years

ARC Federal Credit Union  
Improved Dwellings for Altoona, Inc.  
HH Brown Shoe Co., Inc.  
Holidaysburg Area School District  
Blair Senior Services, Inc.  
Mosebach Electric  
Park Hills Golf Club

## Celebrating 20-29 Years

Fine Line Cabinets, Inc.  
Bettwy Systems, Inc.  
County of Blair  
Credit Control Collections  
Complete Insurance Services, Inc.  
Secure-Tec Inc.  
Neil Port & Associates, LLC  
Ravine, Inc.  
Stephen C. Pramuk, CPA, PC  
Reclamere, Inc.  
Blair Regional YMCA  
Adams Electric

## Celebrating 10-19 Years

Brown and Decker, Inc.  
Al's Tavern, Inc.  
HealthFirst  
Budget Blinds of Altoona  
DiAndrea Media, Inc.  
WISE Women of Blair County  
Mamie's Café and Bakery  
DelGrosso's Amusement Park  
Roberts Oxygen Company, Inc.  
Serviam Construction, LLC  
J.C. Orr & Son

## Celebrating 5-9 Years

Edward Jones - John Barton  
Best Window & Door Company  
Lung Disease Center of  
Central Pennsylvania, LLC  
Lung Disease Foundation of  
Central Pennsylvania  
Sleep Disorder Network  
Clearfield Wholesale Paper  
Bartlett Tree Experts  
Old Carolina Barbecue Company  
Cheryl Johnson  
TranSystems

## Celebrating 1-4 Years

Billie J. Friday Agency  
Mountain Filtration Systems, Inc.  
Aerial Communications  
Webber Advisors  
Sullivan Law Offices

# Congratulations...

... to [First Commonwealth Bank](#), which received a 2023 Greenwich Excellence Small Business Banking Award for over-all satisfaction in the Northeast. Coalition Greenwich evaluated the small business banking platforms of more than 500 banks but only 39 were accepted to receive a Greenwich Excellence Award.

... to the Chamber-member businesses that were included in [PA Business Central's](#) "Top 100 Organizations in 2024."

They are:

1st Summit Bank  
Altoona Beauty School, Inc.  
Altoona Pipe and Steel Supply Company  
American Eagle Paper Mills  
Baker Tilly  
Blair Image Elements  
CNB Financial Corporation  
Curry Supply Holdings  
Dale Oxygen, Inc.  
DelGrosso Foods  
Evergreen Insurance  
Explore Altoona  
First Commonwealth Financial Corp.  
First National Bank  
Gwin, Dobson & Foreman  
Homewood at Martinsburg  
Juniata College  
Keystone Real Estate Group, LP  
Kish Bank  
McQuaide Blasko Attorneys at Law  
Mount Aloysius College  
NPC, Inc.  
P. Joseph Lehman, Inc.,  
Consulting Engineers  
Penn Highlands Healthcare  
PennTerra Engineering, Inc.  
PS Solutions  
PSECU  
Reliance Bank  
S&T Bank  
Seltzer Financial Strategies  
Sheetz, Inc.  
Skills of Central Pa  
Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak  
Stiffler McGraw  
Stuckey Automotive  
UPMC  
Veteran Community Initiatives, Inc.  
Wessel & Company  
Young, Oakes, Brown & Company P.C.

## Informational Meeting Set on Danube Cruise

With some great travel experiences already available in 2024, the Blair County Chamber has made some exciting commitments for 2025. And the opportunity to learn about them will take place very soon. The Chamber will hold an informational meeting on March 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development for a "Romantic Danube River Cruise Tour. That tour, scheduled for April 29 – May 10, 2025, includes stops in Prague, Regensburg, Vilshofen, Passau, Linz, Weissenkirchen, Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest. The Chamber is partnering with [Ketrow](#)



[KURTZ Travel](#) and Ama Waterways on this cruise. If you plan to attend the informational meeting, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151. We'll save you a seat!



## Jersey Shore State Bank Gives Back



Jersey Shore State Bank generously donated \$2,500 to the [Blair County Chamber Foundation](#). The Foundation uses funds from donations like this to assist with the Leadership Blair County Youth, Young Entrepreneurs Academy, and BASICS programs. These programs are focused on helping students succeed as leaders and business owners in Blair County. Pictured, from left: Chris Kirwin, Commercial Lender; Megan Rossman, Membership Engagement Manager, Blair County Chamber; Karen Young, President, Jersey Shore State Bank; Tracy Plessinger, Chair, Blair County Chamber Foundation Board of Directors; Krista Gephart, Regional President; Carly Cook, Branch Manager; and Terry Glunt, Commercial Lender.

## Booked Your Spot for the 2024 UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic Yet?



Registration is continuing 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.



**Taking Back Our Neighborhoods**

## Chamber, OOT Partnering on March "Breakfast Club"

On what has become a long-standing tradition, the Blair County Chamber and [Operation Our Town](#) 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 for Chamber Members and \$30 for 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](#).

## Our Mistake!

When the Chamber ran its list of members a few weeks ago who were selected by PA Business Central newspaper as its "Top 100 People for 2024," we omitted Brandi Noye of [Doing Better Business](#), who was part of that list.

***Congratulations Brandi!***



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