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UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic Tee's-Off Thursday

The long-awaited [UPMC Health Plan](#) and [UPMC Altoona/Chamber Golf Classic](#) will be held this 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. In all likelihood, by the time you read this, the event will be completely sold out. Just in case it isn't or to get on the waiting list, contact Jennifer Fleck at (814) 943-8151.

Chamber Offering a Trip to Scandinavia during 2025

The Blair County Chamber's array of trips for 2025 has expanded by one and that one is a blockbuster. From August 14-24, 2025 (11 days), the Chamber and [Ketrow KURTZ Travel](#) will present "Highlights of Scandinavia." Among the tour highlights are a visit to Stockholm, the Vasa Ship Museum, a tour of Oslo, the Norwegian Folk Museum, Vy Train from Oslo, Aurlands Fjord Cruise, Sheep Farm with Local Beer and Snack Tasting, Bergen City Tour, Copenhagen City Tour and the Tivoli Gardens. There will be an in-



formational meeting this Wednesday, May 15th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. If you plan to attend, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151.



WE-LEaD to Hold Golf Clinic

The Blair County Chamber's WE-LEaD Committee will hold an instructional Golf Clinic on June 5th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Blair County Golf & Driving Range in Hollidaysburg. The cost to attend is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. Enjoy a fun evening on the driving range to practice your hole-in-one shot or to simply learn the basics. John Madey and his staff will be on-hand to provide instruction. You can bring your own clubs or clubs will be provided for you. The event will include light hors d'oeuvres and the opportunity to BYOB. To register, visit the Chamber website at www.blairchamber.com. The sponsor of the Golf Clinic is [Value Drug Company](#).

Committee Meetings

Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Committee

May 13th
10:30 a.m.
Devorris Center

BASICS Steering Committee

May 13th
2:00 p.m.
Devorris Center



Welcome New Chamber Members



The Blair County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome its newest members. Pictured, from left: Megan Rossman, Member Engagement Manager, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Michael Gentry of [MILE LEVEL PHYSICAL THERAPY](#); Heather Lane and Katie McIntire of [AseraCare HOSPICE](#).

Committees Collaborating on "EcoNight"

The Chamber's Committee of Young Professionals and Sustainable Blair County Committee will partner on an event on June 6th from 5:30 to 7:30 at [NatureWorks Park](#) in Hollidaysburg. Chelsey Weyant, Stormwater Coordinator and Lisa Haas, Conservation Education Specialist will be educating attendees on the features of NatureWorks Park, programs of the Blair County Conservation District and their newest volunteer opportunities. There will also be a "picnic in the pavilion."

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AT NATUREWORKS PARK

Cost to attend is \$15/person. [Berry Solutions Group](#) is the event sponsor. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at www.blairchamber.com.

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Congratulations...

... to the Blair County Chamber members who were recently selected to [PA Business Central's](#) Non-Profit Female Leaders List. They are:

ERIN KAY

[CONTACT Altoona](#)

SHAWNA HOOVER

[Operation Our Town](#)

SUE GRIEP

[United We Can](#)

DEBBIE PROSSER

[Southern Alleghenies Planning](#)

[& Development Commission](#)

CINDY BROWN

[Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund](#)

ANDREA SCHURR

[Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries](#)

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[Garvey Manor](#)

MICHELLE PETERSON

[Improved Dwellings for Altoona](#)

SHARON JONES

[Blair Regional YMCA](#)

VAL BARNER

[Skills of Central Pennsylvania](#)

Non-Profit Committee Plans "Best Practices"

The next "Best Practices" program by the Blair County Chamber's Committee of Non-Profit Businesses will be held on June 14th from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. Mike Lysakowski, Senior Director of Marketing and Communications at [Skills of Central Pennsylvania](#) will present, "Media Relations 101: Why Your News Release Got Trashed." The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. Skills is also the sponsor of the Best Practices. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at www.blairchamber.com.

Students Recognized for Essays



At the Chamber's May Breakfast Club, two local students received scholarships and recognition for their outstanding essays on career exploration. More than 1,200 sophomores attended the Chamber's BASICS/Rotary Career Fair held recently at the Blair County Convention Center. Pictured is Marissa Cacciotti (left) of [Bellwood-Antis High School](#); Natalie Beaver, Career Fair Committee Member; and Michael Waibel Maharaj of [Hollidaysburg High School](#).



LBC Alumni Accepting Grant Applications

The Leadership Blair County Alumni Committee is still 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 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.

Ribbon Cutting



The Backyard

The Chamber held a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of The Backyard, an exciting extension of [Coffee on 3rd](#), located at 1524 Third Ave., Duncansville. The Backyard is a vibrant community hub designed to foster connections. The unique space features specialty shops, farmers market, live music and community events. Taking part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony are, from left: Kara Bennett, Chamber Ambassador; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Annette Lewis, Duncansville Borough Council; Cody and Ashlyn Dugan, Owners; Renae Lynn, Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation; Rudy Fusco, Altoona First Savings Bank; Steve McKnight, President/CEO, Blair Alliance; Pastor Rich Morris, Hicks Church; and Nancy McClelland, Chamber Ambassador.



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