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Sharpen your bookkeeping skills with FREE local training

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The State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), Saint Francis University Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and Altoona Blair County Development Corporation (ABCD Corp) are partnering to present a free three-part seminar series titled Intro to Book-



keeping. This initiative is designed to equip Blair County business owners with essential bookkeeping knowledge and tools to better manage their financial records. This program will be valuable both for businesses with limited bookkeeping experience seeking a solid foundation, as well as for those with established systems who wish to refine their processes and expand their capabilities.

Led by QuickBooks Certified Pro Advisors, the sessions will cover both Excel and QuickBooks applications, providing participants with practical instruction to strengthen their financial management practices.

- **October 21st, 10 AM (Zoom): Bookkeeping in Excel** – Learn the basics, use premade templates, and generate financial statements.
- **October 28th, 10 AM (Zoom): Bookkeeping in QuickBooks** – Choose the right QuickBooks version, set up accounts, and navigate daily functions.
- **November 6th, 4–7 PM (In-person): QuickBooks Live (4-6pm) & Networking (6-7pm)** – Review accounting basics, prepare financial statements for taxes or loan applications, and connect with local business owners. This session will be held at the Devorris Center for Business Development at 3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona, PA 16602.

Accurate bookkeeping is fundamental to business growth, loan readiness, and tax compliance. This free program offers Blair County businesses the opportunity to enhance their skills, improve financial decision-making, and build valuable connections. Interested business owners can register by clicking [here](#).

Chamber Mixer at Horseshoe Curve

A night of fun, food and entertainment!



This Thursday, from 5-7 p.m., join the Chamber as we celebrate innovation, industry, and railroading, and the 4th Rail, at historic Horseshoe Curve, located at 2400 Veterans Memorial Highway, Altoona. Your host, [Kish Bank](#), is pulling out all the stops in celebration of the bank's 175th anniversary. Join us for food, fun and entertainment. Cost to attend is \$15 per person. Register online at www.blairchamber.com.



Deadline extended to this Thursday!

Leadership Blair County Alumni Gifts of Hope project

Easter for Eli

LBC Alumni is collecting items to fill Easter baskets for children hospitalized during the Easter holiday. Drop off donations in the lobby at the Chamber office.

-No candy donations-

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Welcome New Chamber Members



The Blair County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome its newest members. Pictured, from left: Megan Rossman, Program Manager, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Karinn Gartmann, **EMBER AESTHETICS**; Rob Wentz, **LIT/LEAD IMPACT TRANSFORM**; and Eve Campbell, **MARZONI'S BRICK OVEN & BREWING COMPANY**.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

It's time to go Down On The Farm, a fun event for all ages

Fall is right around the corner! Come celebrate the season with us at Down On The Farm, a fun-filled evening brought to you by the Chamber's Ag Committee. This family-friendly event will be held **October 2**, from 5 - 7 p.m., at **Mitchell Farms**, 1019 Old Mill Run Road, Altoona. October in Central Pennsylvania is the perfect time of year for outdoor activities and Mitchell Farms is planning plenty of fun for everyone. Your wristband will provide hours of entertainment at Tire Mountain, Corn Box, Farm Animal Center, Duck Races, Hay Bale Climb and dozens more activities. You'll also get to go on a hayride and test your skills in the Noah's Ark themed corn maze. A delicious supper is also included. Additional activities such as pumpkin painting and paintball, as well as additional food options, will be available for an extra fee. Pick and choose,



it's up to you. Added features are payable that evening at the farm. Your Down On The Farm wristband will be at the Chamber registration area. Cost to attend is only \$15 for adults and **FREE** for children ages 10 and under. Reservations are required. Go to www.blairchamber.com. Whether you're young, or young at heart, there's something for everyone to enjoy when you're Down On The Farm!

Only a couple of
days left to RSVP!

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Congratulations!

...to **UPMC Altoona** for being one of four UPMC hospitals to be recognized nationally for its commitment to high-quality stroke care by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association.

...to **Sheetz Inc.** for raising \$1,009,466 for Sheetz For The Kidz during its July campaign. This is the first time the campaign exceeded \$1 million during the July event. Sheetz For The Kidz is an employee-driven charity supporting underprivileged children in the communities Sheetz operates in. Last year it raised \$1.81 million in July and December.