

# NETWORKS

## DIGITAL NEWS

## WE lead announces scholarship program for young women

*By Laura Green, Chair, WE-LEaD Committee*

To celebrate its 20th anniversary, WE-LEaD is proud to announce the launch of the WE-LEaD Scholarship Fund in partnership with the Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation.

"Since our inception, WE-LEaD has fostered both professional and personal growth. We are thrilled to empower the next generation of female leaders," said founding member Andrea Cohen.

"For years, establishing a scholarship has been our vision. This fund represents our mission—Women Encouraging Leadership, Education, and Development," added past committee chair Sara Fiore-Gunnett.

The scholarship will be awarded to a female student attending a Blair County high school who demonstrates leadership and plans to pursue higher education or a trade program. Each year, the committee will present either one \$1,000 scholarship or two \$500 scholarships, depending on the applicant pool. The fundraising goal is \$15,000 in the first year, a target the committee is confident it will reach through strong community support.



*thank you*  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## We couldn't have done it without you

The Chamber would like to extend its sincere appreciation to all of the advertisers and sponsors who supported last week's Farm-City Dinner. Your generosity played a key role in the success of the event and in helping us honor the vital role that agriculture plays in our community. Because of your partnership, we were able to bring together farmers, businesses, and community members to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and innovation that sustain our local agricultural economy. Thank you for your continued commitment and for helping make this annual tradition possible.

## Congratulations!

...to the [Tyrone Area School District](#) FFA livestock judging team and several AgriScience Fair competitors who represented Pennsylvania at the 98th National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis. The students earned this opportunity by winning the state Agri-science Fair in April and the Livestock Evaluation contest in June.

## Grab A Bag, Get Some Swag

### *Celebrate Shop Small Saturday with the Chamber!*

Once again the Chamber is partnering with American Express for the 16th annual "Small Business Saturday". November 29th has been designated as a special day to bring awareness to our local small businesses while celebrating the important role each plays within our communities. The Chamber has received several promotional items to help celebrate the occasion. If you are interested in receiving any items, email Brittany Mayer at [bmayer@blairchamber.com](mailto:bmayer@blairchamber.com) while



supplies last. This is a great way to support our small business community while finding some awesome holiday gifts as well.

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# ACE AWARD

## Celebrating Excellence in Agriculture



Each year the Blair County Chamber's Farm-City Committee has the privilege of honoring an individual, farm family, or agribusiness with the Agricultural Community Excellence (ACE) Award. This recognition was presented at the annual Farm-City Dinner which was held last week. This year, the ACE Award was presented to Gary Long, owner of Long's Field Service. Long's dedication is evident in his many years of service in leadership roles tirelessly advocating on behalf of the agricultural community. Congratulations Gary!

## YEA! Class off to an amazing start

Known for its innovative spirit and forward-thinking approach, the Blair County Chamber embraces new ideas and initiatives that have the potential to bring significant benefits to the local economy. Launching a new program that could prove to be a valuable asset to the business community is a high priority.

Ten years ago, the Chamber took that initiative and launched the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) which teaches students entrepreneurship while assisting them in starting their own businesses. Throughout the 26-week course, students have the opportunity to meet with local business leaders and experts while building their business plan. Each YEA! class has featured an impressive group of students—this year is no exception.



"I'm very pleased with this year's class. The way they challenge and support each other to really dive into their business ideas is remarkable—and not something we typically see at this stage," said Jamie Stumph, YEA! program instructor.

For more information about YEA! go to [www.yeausa.org](http://www.yeausa.org).

Looking for something fun to do this holiday season?

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS  
OF BLAIR COUNTY

## Holiday Trivia NIGHT

Gather your friends and colleagues to test your knowledge of holiday movies, music, and traditions.

**Marzoni's Brick Oven  
& Brewing Co. - Duncansville**

**Thursday, December 4  
5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**\$15 per person**

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## Check out the new digital small business catalog

Before you scroll on your phone, take some time to click through our [Small Business Catalog](#) and see what's available right here in Blair County.



While Small Business Saturday is officially November 29th, we want to make sure our local small businesses have as much exposure as possible.