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Walk the red carpet and join us in celebrating Blair County's finest

The stars will be shining at the Chamber's Gala & Annual Celebration, April 28, at the Blair County Convention Center.

Guests will enjoy an elegant evening complete with banquet stations, a memorable awards presentation, and live musical entertainment by The Big Band Sound. With a red-carpet welcome and the perfect excuse to break out your sparkle, this signature event is a

tribute to the people and organizations that make our community extraordinary.

Join us in congratulating this year's award recipients:

ATHENA - Sister Paula DelGrosso

Donna D. Gority Servant Leadership - Travis Seymore

George - Heather Thomas

Joseph P. Rosenhamer Chamber Spirit - Toni White

Judith A. Rossi Educator of the Year - Dr. Randy Frye

Non-Profit Spotlight - Easter for Eli

The Chamber Extra Mile - Briana Shriver

Small Business of the Year - Berry Solutions Group

Business of the Year - Primary Health Network

If you would like personalize your congratulations, reserve your space in the commemorative program book. Contact Jessie at jcovert@blairchamber.com.

Join us for a night of recognition, inspiration, and well-deserved applause. Make your reservations at blairchamber.com.



Apply online

Applications are now open for the Chamber's Leadership Blair County Youth program. This is an exciting program for motivated high school sophomores. If you know a student who is eager to make a difference, encourage them to apply. Applications for the 2026–2027 class are available [online](#) and are due April 24.

Welcome new members!

The Chamber would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members who share our vision of building a strong business community:

[ACE Fix-it Hardware](#)

[Greenland's Lodge](#)

[Health Markets](#)

[Robert Lamark Highway Signing](#)

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YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY

MARCH 31 @ 6 P.M.

**MEET
BLAIR
COUNTY'S
NEWEST
CEOs**

**CATCH THE EXCITEMENT
AS STUDENTS FROM
THE CHAMBER'S YOUNG
ENTREPRENEURS
ACADEMY MAKE
PITCHES TO A GROUP
OF INVESTORS
SHARK TANK STYLE**

**PUBLIC WELCOME
NO COST TO ATTEND**

**DEVORRIS
DOWNTOWN CENTER
1431 TWELFTH AVENUE, ALTOONA**

Ribbon Cutting



Blair School of Martial Arts

A Chamber ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the grand opening of the new location of Blair School of Martial Arts located at 114 Hollidaysburg Plaza, Duncansville. The school is owned and operated by certified master instructor Chelsi Tedeschi, 6th degree black belt with over 20 years experience in Tang Soo Do. Class instruction focuses on traditional Tang Soo Do as well as cardio/fitness kickboxing and self-defense lessons. For more information go to blairschoolofmartialarts.com. Pictured, from left: Stacey Krepps, Chamber Ambassador; Rebecca Culp, Chamber Advocacy & Operations Board of Directors; Chelsi Tedeschi, owner; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; and Courtney Leydig, Chamber Ambassador.

Galapagos cruise meeting this Wednesday

Discover the wonders of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands with the Chamber and [Ketrow KURTZ Travel](#) May 2-9, 2027. Highlights include a 5-day cruise aboard the La Pinta Yacht, luxury hotel stays and seamless transfers. An informational meeting will be held this Wednesday, March 18, at 6 p.m., at the Devorris Center for Business Development, 3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona. There is no cost or obligation to attend. Click [here](#) to register for the meeting.

Don't miss out! Register today.

Team slots go fast for the UPMC Altoona & UMPC Health Plan Chamber Golf Classic. Most years this fun event sells-out. Register your team, or individual golfer, today! The Classic will be held May 14 at Iron Masters Country Club. A new twist this year will be 8 a.m. registration and breakfast, with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Lunch will follow the tournament. Reserve your slot [here](#).

Self-defense workshop filling up fast

The Chamber's WE-LEaD committee has planned a hands-on women's self-defense workshop, sponsored



by [Keller Engineers](#), on March 24, from 5 - 7 p.m., at Blair School of Martial Arts, located at 114 Hollidaysburg Plaza, Duncansville. The workshop will be led by Sa Bom Nim Chelsi Tedeschi. The session is beginner friendly for people of all ages, fitness, and strength levels. Cost to attend the workshop is \$35 for Chamber Members and \$45 for non-members. For easy registration, click [here](#).

Welcome New Chamber Members



The Blair County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome its newest members. Pictured, from left: Megan Rossman, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; John Wilson, [ACE Fix-it Hardware](#); John Fiore, [Fiore Private Wealth](#); Jaime Plunkett and Karinn Gartman, [The Last Juicebox Project](#).

The GOOD IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

A non-profit awareness & engagement event

More than 30 vendors • Free health checks
Food truck • Community resources
March 26 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Station Medical Center
In the common mall area

Open to the public. No cost to attend.

JOB FAIR

Hosted by PA CareerLink[®] Blair County

Job Seekers
Optional Pre-Registration



Preregistration Not Required



Wednesday
April 1, 2026



Jaffa Shrine
2200 Broad Ave,
Altoona, PA 16601



Start Time:
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

JOB FAIR DETAILS

- ✓ No Cost to Attend
- ✓ 85+ Hiring Employers
- ✓ 9:30-10 Reserved for Veterans
- ✓ Job Fair Workshops Available
- ✓ On-the Spot Interviews

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