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GOLF CLASSIC RECAP

Teams vie for top bragging rights



The UPMC Altoona/UPMC Health Plan Chamber Golf Classic, held last Thursday at Iron Masters Country Club, was another huge success! A big thank you goes out to all sponsors and the hard working volunteers that make the Chamber Classic successful each year. Coming in as the top teams are: First Place - Doug Bair, Brad Mikolajczyk, Phil Ringler, and Craig Wood. Second Place - Bill Burmeister, Justin Kobuck, Bryan McClellan, and Bob Strawser. Third Place - Jeff Chesney, Clay Jewell, Tim Noye, and Mike Wilkinson. Congratulations! Keep practicing those swings and we'll see you on the green in 2027.

It's your reputation; protect it!

Take control of how your organization is seen online at the upcoming Best Practices, "Managing Your Online Reputation," hosted by the Chamber's Non-Profit Committee and sponsored by [NAMI Blair County](#). The workshop will be held June 12, from 8:15-10 a.m., at the Devorris Center for Business Development.

Leading the discussion is Gavin Walters, Creative Director of Sales at Seven Mountains Media, who will share expert insight and real-world tips.

This informative session will cover key strategies to help your organization stand out and learn best practices for creating and maintaining an effective business strategy to improve visibility.



Gavin Walters

The program will also dive into one of the most critical aspects of reputation management - how to filter, monitor, and thoughtfully respond to online reviews.

Cost to attend is \$15 for Chamber Members and \$20 for non-members. Register [HERE!](#)

BLAIR COUNTY BREAKFAST CLUB *Series*

Featuring Blair County Judges

Join us this Thursday, May 21, at the Blair County Convention Center for an engaging Blair County Chamber Breakfast Club, brought to you by Series Sponsor [Altoona-Blair County Airport & Contour Airlines](#), for a conversation featuring Blair County judges:

President Judge Wade A. Kagarise, Judge Jackie Atherton Bernard, Judge David B. Consiglio, Judge Louis C. Schmitt, Jr., and Judge Paula M. Aigner.

This special Q&A session, sponsored by [HoopsFest](#), will give attendees the opportunity to hear directly from our local judiciary about their backgrounds, priorities, and perspectives on serving the community, and the important role the courts play in Blair County.

Whether you are interested in community leadership, public service, the legal system, or simply want to stay informed on local issues, this promises to be a unique and valuable morning of networking and discussion.

Breakfast Club begins at 7:45 a.m. Make your reservations [HERE](#) for a delicious breakfast buffet, conversation, and an opportunity to connect with some of Blair County's judicial leaders.

Ribbon Cutting



Duncansville Borough - Beau's Dog Park

A Chamber ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in celebration of the grand opening of the new Duncansville Borough Beau's Dog Park, located at 601 Park Drive, Duncansville. The park was created through the efforts of volunteers from the Duncansville Community Events board, a local eagle scout, and local citizens. The park is open 7 days a week from dawn to dusk and is free to the public with areas for small and large dogs. Pictured at the ribbon are, from left: Amanda Walker, Chamber Ambassador; Jennifer Carper, Duncansville Borough Community Events Committee; Jerrica Long, Borough of Duncansville; Morgan Koziar, Discover Blair County; State Representative Scott Barger; Eric Fritz, Mayor; Aran Corey, Scout; Nicole Flanders, Volunteer; Megan Rossman, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Eva Egler, Chamber Ambassador.

Ribbon Cutting



The Sweet Spot Creamery

A Chamber ribbon-cutting ceremony was held celebrating the opening of [The Sweet Spot Creamery](#), located at 1524 3rd Ave., Duncansville, behind Coffee on 3rd. The ice cream shop is a partnership between the Hollidaysburg Area School District mentor program and Coffee on 3rd, whose owner, Ashlyn Dugan, provided the space which will be staffed by students. Joining in the ceremony are, from left: Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador; Karsten Lolas; Henry Dolphin; Jacob Sidney; Rebecca Culp, Blair County Chamber Board of Directors; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Ashlyn Dugan, owner; State Representative Scott Barger; Deb Faith, Foundation Director, Hollidaysburg Area School District; Curt Whitesel, Superintendent, Hollidaysburg Area School District; Jillian Buffone; Olivia Panaro, Taylor Muth; Greg Haffling, Chamber Ambassador.

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...to the [Blair County Conservation District](#) in celebration of the 60th anniversary of its commitment to the natural resources and to the agricultural community within Blair County. The Blair County commissioners approved the creation of the conservation district in January 1966.

...to [Juniata College](#) in recognition of its 150th anniversary. What began in 1876 as the vision of founders Andrew, Henry, and John Brumbaugh to prepare students to lead lives of purpose and meaning has grown into a vibrant learning community with a global impact.