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Young professional returns to Chamber to volunteer skills

The Chamber has a returning face this summer as it welcomes back Alexis Weyandt. She previously served as an intern for the Chamber in the summer of 2024.

Weyandt graduated *summa cum laude* from Mount Aloysius College in 2024 with a bachelor's degree in marketing. The Mount Aloysius alum currently works for Penn State Altoona in the Athletics Department as an Athletics Communication Assistant. In her role, Weyandt writes recaps, takes stats at sporting events, creates score files for games, and more. In addition to her responsibilities, she creates graphics to announce commitments to the university's women's and men's wrestling teams. Over the summer, Weyandt is looking to gain additional experience in designing and creating marketing pieces with the goal of strengthening her design and marketing skills for future personal and professional projects.

"I knew I wanted to strengthen my marketing, writing, time management, and design skills over the summer, while helping people and businesses in the local community. That made returning to the Chamber a perfect fit for me," Weyandt said.

Weyandt will gain a lot of experience in marketing and design as she will be assisting the Chamber's Marketing & Communications Manager Linda Stotler with a wide variety of projects including the Chamber's NETworks Newsletter (*including the one you are currently reading*) and Leadership Blair County Adult Graduation.

Being familiar with the advantages of Chamber involvement, Weyandt is particularly excited to take advantage of the networking opportunities that the Chamber provides through its work and events.

"I met so many amazing people in Blair County's business community when I interned at the Chamber and now as a career professional I'm looking forward to meeting even more people this summer through the Chamber's events," she stated.

Weyandt recounted a memorable experience from last November when she met the Chamber's 2024 George Award recipient C. David Kimmel who is also a longtime supporter of Penn State Altoona Athletics. For Weyandt, this is just one example of how extensive the Blair County Chamber network is, not only at Penn State Altoona, but the community as a whole.

The Chamber is looking forward to having Weyandt throughout the summer, with Stotler being pleased with how well the onboarding process has been.

Stotler shared, "When Alexis and I first discussed her coming back this summer, I was excited because she truly is a talented young woman. I expect great things from her and for her in the future."



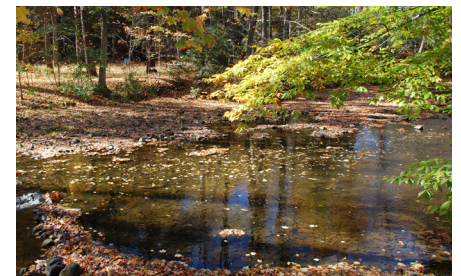
Megan Rossman, Membership Engagement Manager, and Alexis Weyandt discuss an upcoming project.

Local groups can apply for watershed restoration grants

Local governments, schools, non-profits, watershed groups and other organizations have until June 22 to apply for Growing Greener Plus grants to help fund local projects that fix flooding problems and restore watersheds.

Growing Greener Plus helps cover the cost of watershed protection, surface mining conservation and reclamation, and stormwater management planning.

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Ribbon Cutting



Garver Memorial YMCA

A Chamber ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in celebration of the revitalization of Garver Memorial YMCA, located at 819 Grove Street, Roaring Spring. Garver Memorial YMCA is a community-focused organization that offers a wellness center, fitness classes, a licensed nursery school program, a summer rec program and sports programs for youth and adults. Showcased at the facility is the Nason Foundation Wellness Center offering enhanced wellness opportunities for the region. For more information go to ymca.org. Pictured, center, are Scott Muthler, President, Board of Directors, Garver Memorial YMCA; Sharon Jones, Executive Director, Blair Regional YMCA; and Frank Kopriva, Executive Program Director, Blair Regional YMCA. They were joined by members of the Board of Directors, the Nason Foundation, the offices of State Senator Judy Ward and State Representative Scott Barger, Chamber representatives, and community members.

Your reputation is online — whether you know it or not

Running a business can be overwhelming, so make sure to not overlook your online reputation! Take control of your organization's online presence at the Chamber's upcoming Best Practices workshop, **Managing Your Online Reputation**, hosted by the Chamber's Non-Profit Committee. This event will take place on June 12 from 8:15-10:00 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development.

This informative session will cover strategies to empower your organization to stand out and develop trust online. Attendees will learn the best practices for creating and maintaining an effective business website, claiming and managing online listings, and improving visibility. Additionally, the program will cover how to monitor and thoughtfully respond to online reviews. Leading the discussion will be Gavin



Walters of Seven Mountains Media, who will share expert insights on strengthening and managing your digital presence. This session will give you the tools and knowledge to confidently manage your organization's online reputation.

The cost for this event is \$15 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. Registration is required and can be completed [here](#).

Congratulations!

...to the Altoona Area School District, Hollidaysburg Area School District, and Spring Cove School District softball teams who collectively raised \$6,050 through Sideline Cancer games for local families suffering from a cancer diagnosis.

...to Mark Barnhart, owner and chairman of NPC Companies, who was presented with the 2026 Philanthropy Award at Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation's luncheon.

...to Terri Fubio-Shontz, vice president of private label sales at DelGrosso Foods Inc., who was recently honored by the Private Label Manufacturers Association at its annual leadership conference.

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