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Escape to the islands at this unbelievable After Hours event

Mark your calendars for July 16, from 5 - 7 p.m., and get ready to experience an After Hours like never before! Your host, LCBC Church, located in the Pleasant Valley Shopping Center, is breaking the mold of our typical evening socials to bring you a family-friendly, wonder-filled night where surprises await around every corner. Bring the kids, bring your friends, and prepare to be spellbound. You will be absolutely amazed as you witness the venue transformation into a life-sized reproduction of an island paradise, complete with immersive sights and tropical energy. It's the ultimate escape right in your backyard, offering an unforgettable adventure for all ages. Don't forget to bring your appetite! You'll be treated to delicious food as well as chances for some great doorprizes. Cost to attend is \$5 per person. Children 12 and under are free. After Hours is a come-as-you-are, come-when-you-can event. Even if you can't stay the entire time, stop by and check it out. Make your reservations [HERE](#).



Penn State graduates making an impact with Young Professionals

Recent Penn State Altoona graduates are making a meaningful impact on the Blair County Chamber Young Professionals, bringing energy, commitment, and fresh perspectives to the group's efforts to connect and engage emerging leaders in the community.

Their involvement can be seen across all aspects of the group's work. By participating in networking events and building relationships with other professionals, these graduates are helping strengthen the next generation of Blair County's business and civic leaders. Their presence adds value to conversations, creates new connections, and reinforces the importance of retaining young talent in the region.

Beyond networking, recent Penn State Altoona graduates have also stepped forward through volunteer and community service opportunities, giving



their time to support local causes and initiatives. Two strong examples are Andrew Tornatore and Zach Rudisill, who have expanded their involvement by joining the Young Professionals Committee to help plan events and shape the future direction of the group.

Their continued engagement reflects both the quality of Penn State Altoona graduates and their commitment to making Blair County a better place to live, work, and grow.



June All-Stars

Since sponsorships are such an integral part of the Chamber's ability to offer great events we recognize sponsors each month as "All-Stars."

The All-Stars for June are:

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of Central Pennsylvania
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senior female

1-2 scholarships
awarded annually

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Donations can be made to CPCF (note: WE-LEaD)



Penn State Employer Consortium

How can the business community ensure that the next generation of young professionals have the skills they need to succeed in their careers? College degrees are valuable, but students often want or need additional skills and experience to obtain employment and advance in their careers.

In response to this ongoing situation, Penn State Altoona has created a work-based learning program called College 2 Career. This program connects Penn State Altoona students with real-world professional experiences that complement their academic studies.

Students gain career skills while providing meaningful work to organizations. Employers benefit through collaboration on workforce development and opportunities to shape the future workforce.

Sarah Kordish, Career Counselor at Penn State Altoona, stated, "College 2 Career is a valuable opportunity for both students and employers. Students gain



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experience and build professional skills that will make them more employable upon graduation. Employers gain access to emerging talent and build stronger relationships with Penn State. The C2C program is a win for everyone involved."

There is no cost to join the consortium. Members collaborate with the college to create meaningful opportunities that support student learning. Employers receive guidance on posting positions, developing high-quality experiences, and assistance with managing student interns. Penn State Altoona strongly encourages paid experiences to ensure they are accessible, equitable, and feasible for students. To join the consortium, fill out the form at altoona.psu.edu.



Finding a balance in work & beyond

Achieving work-life balance isn't about juggling every responsibility perfectly; it's about aligning your daily choices with your core priorities. For women, true balance means setting firm boundaries, releasing the guilt of not doing it all, and making time for personal rejuvenation.

The Chamber's WE-LEaD (*Women Encouraging Leadership, Education, and Development*) Committee workshop on July 13, from 8 - 10 a.m. at Park Hills Golf Club, will provide perspectives and conversations that remind us there is no one-size-fits-all approach.

Whether you are climbing the career ladder, raising a family, pursuing personal goals, or searching for greater balance in your day-to-day life, this event will explore what balance looks like in a life that is always in motion.

Cost to attend is \$35 for Chamber Members and \$45 for non-members. Breakfast will be served. Make your reservations today by [clicking here](#).

Saluting Our Renewals

We would like to thank those members that have continued to invest with the organization by renewing their membership in the month of June.

Celebrating 40-49 Years

Altoona Ophthalmology Associates
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Lawn Doctor of Altoona
Teeter Group

Celebrating 30-39 Years

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Celebrating 20-29 Years

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Carnegie Equipment, Inc.
Empower Business Solutions
Inco Beverage, Inc.
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State Farm Insurance Agency
South Hills School of Business & Technology
US Digestive Health
W. R. Grace & Co.

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Corl-Grove Services, Inc.
Craig Fencing, Inc.
Discovery House
Blair County
Joe Krentzman & Son, Inc.

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham, Altoona
Second Avenue Global
Methodist Church of Altoona
Smith's Welding and Fabrication
The Giorgio Foundation

Celebrating 5-9 Years

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Hometown Bank of PA
PA Simple Cremation

Celebrating 1-4 Years

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Blair/Clearfield Association for the Blind
Clinich, Shelley
Geisinger Health Plan
Print-O-Stat
Werstil Companies

Congratulations

...to the [Jaffa Shrine Center](#) for its recent inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

...to Master Chelsi Tedeschi, owner of [Blair School of Martial Arts](#), who earned first place in weapons, second in empty-hand forms, and grandchampion in adult black belt/masters weapons at Miller's Martial Arts Championships.

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