

NETWORKS

DIGITAL NEWS

Helping small businesses succeed

The SBA 504 Loan Program is a great financing tool available to a wide variety of businesses. The program helps businesses create/retain jobs, supports the long-term success of businesses through affordable capital, and preserves cash through a low-down payment. The hallmarks of the program include a partnership between a CDC, such as Altoona Blair County Development Corporation (ABCD Corp.), and private sector lenders. This program has been in existence for over 60 years with a mission to foster economic development. They are committed to helping small businesses access capital and build local communities. The SBA 504 loan programs offer a fixed interest rate and are at no cost to the taxpayer. Interested in learning more? Email Marcus Edwards at marcuse@abcdcorp.org.



UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic Don't miss out, register today!

The UPMC Altoona/ UPMC Health Plan Chamber Golf Classic is set to take place on May 15 at Iron Masters Country Club. The shotgun start will begin at noon. The golf tournament is an annual event hosted by the Chamber and sponsored by UPMC Altoona and UPMC Health Plan. The outing gives Chamber members the opportunity to network and golf at one of the local golf courses. There are multiple opportunities to participate in the tournament. Teams of four can register on the website under a company or as a group. Another way to get involved is to volunteer for the tournament. Volunteers are stationed at different tees and greens, or they will be asked to drive snack and beverage carts. Lunch, dinner and snacks are provided at the tournament as well as a beverage token. A surprise gift will also be given to all golfers who register for the



tournament. Golfers can form their own team, or they can sign up individually to be added to a team. Classic packages are also available that come with two mulligans and a play-it-forward. There are also opportunities to win prizes, like a 50/50 drawing and skill contests. To register a team or an individual, visit blairchamber.com. Registration will close April 28.

WALK THE RED CARPET!



The highly anticipated 2025 Awards Gala is right around the corner. Join the Chamber on June 26th at the Blair County Convention Center. This annual event honors amazing individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to our community. The prestigious awards that will be presented that evening include: ATHENA, Business of the Year, Small Business of the Year, Non-Profit Spotlight, Donna D. Gority Servant Leadership, George, Joseph P. Rosenhamer Chamber Spirit, and Judith A. Rossi Educator of the Year. In addition to this outstanding line-up, guests will be greeted on the red carpet for photos and complimentary champagne. Be sure to come with an appetite. The chef-inspired multi-station buffet won't disappoint. Afterward, enjoy a delectable dessert buffet and entertainment featuring a 17-piece band.



*Scan QR code to make
your reservations!*

CONGRATULATIONS

...to F.N.B. Corporation for being named a Best Bank Awards winner by Crisil Coalition Greenwich. In 14 consecutive years of recognition, FNB has now garnered more than 115 awards from the analytics company at both the national and regional level.

Ribbon Cutting



Phoenix Physical Therapy

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the new location of Phoenix Physical Therapy located at 1550A East Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona. Phoenix is a PT/OT clinic that offers therapy for all ages, workers' comp, and employer solutions services. Whether for prevention, treatment, or recovery, the highly trained team will develop a personalized patient care plan. For more information go to www.phoenixphysicaltherapy.com/altoona. Pictured at the ribbon, from left, are Emily Sollenberger, Chamber Ambassador; Jessica Perlozzo, Executive Vice President; Alicia Bell, Director, Clinic Operations; Brooke George, PTA; Anthony Soucy, PCC1; Lynne Bowser, PCC2; Lori Seiler, PT, Clinic Manager; State Senator Judy Ward; John Hallinan, OT; Jessie Covert, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; and Toni White, Chamber Ambassador.

REGISTER NOW!

Still time to make your reservations for these upcoming events...

Pathways to Sustainability

April 16th from 8:00 a.m. to noon, at Liberty Hall at U.S. Hotel. The event is focused on providing a platform for professionals to learn about sustainable initiatives and practices that can positively impact both our community and the environment. [Register](#)

HD500 at Hampton Inn

April 23 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. If you're trying to find new customers, this is the place to be. Feel free to pass around your business cards while enjoying great food, beverages and door prizes. Don't feel like networking? Then just hang out and relax after a long day at work. Remember, you don't have to stay the entire time! [Register](#)

Leadership Blair County Youth

Okay, you caught us! You don't need a reservation, but you do need an application. The deadline to apply for the class of 2026 is right around the corner! The LBC Youth program is focused on exploring Blair County and learning how to be a servant leader taught in a fun, hands-on environment. The youth class accepts 24 students going into their sophomore year of high school through a blind application process. Applications and referral forms are due April 25th. Applications can be found at blairchamber.com on the [Programs page](#). Many times we hear from students and their families how this program was a life changing experience while creating lifelong connections.

Pennsylvania
CareerLink®

Job Fair

Hosted by
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Thursday
April 17

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Jaffa Shrine
2200 Broad Ave., Altoona

- No Cost to Attend
- 80+ Hiring Employers
- On-the-spot Interviews

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Do you have a copy?

The Chamber's Experience Guide is fresh off the press. The publication will show you the many reasons why people want to Visit, Stay, and Play in Blair County. You will also get a full listing of Chamber members. Stop by the Chamber office at 3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona, and get your copy today!



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS...RECHARGED!
HD500
HumpDay@5:00

Wednesday, April 23
5-7 PM



180 CHARLOTTE DRIVE, ALTOONA

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Chamber Members • \$10 / Non-members • \$20

Register online at
www.blairchamber.com