

# NETWORKS

## DIGITAL NEWS

## Transportation survey results for the 12-Year Program now available

The State Transportation Commission and PennDOT have released the results of the 2025 Public Comment Period for the 2027 12-Year Program Update. The Public Comment Period began on March 3, and concluded on April 30. During that time, they received thousands of responses and compiled the transportation survey results into reports and interactive tools for the public to easily view. Survey responses were also shared with Pennsylvania's Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations (MPOs/RPOs) for future planning. Everyone is encouraged to review and share the results with their audience. Feedback is a critical part of the statewide planning process and helps shape both statewide and regional Transportation Improvement Plans. View the [statewide and regional summaries](#) or check out the [interactive map](#).



For information on the Blair County Chamber's Transportation Committee initiatives, email Steve McKnight at [stevem@abcdcorp.org](mailto:stevem@abcdcorp.org).

## Pennsylvania Agriculture Economic Analysis results released

Agriculture is big business in Blair County. It's our largest industry sector and contributor to the local GDP. The Chamber was pleased to host PA Department of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding at its June Breakfast Club. The Secretary's presentation discussed current market trends impacting the agriculture sector and public policies being considered to help advance the industry.

The Team Pennsylvania Foundation recently released the Pennsylvania Agriculture Economic Analysis 2025 which highlights the sector's strengths and growth opportunities, focusing on trends from 2012 through 2022. The analysis emphasizes agriculture's crucial



role in the state's economy, with a particular focus on food processing and forestry processing. Key areas include harnessing technology, enhancing international trade, and strengthening the internal value chain.

To read the full story as it appeared in the Altoona Mirror, click [here](#).

To read the full report, go to [www.teampa.com](http://www.teampa.com).

## Recognizing All-Stars for June

Since sponsorships are such an integral part of the Chamber's ability to offer great events and programs to members, we recognize sponsors each month as "All-Stars." The All-Stars for June are: 1st Summit Bank; Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries; Altoona First Savings Bank; Beck, Smithbower, Ickes Financial, LLC; Benzel's Bretzel Bakery, Inc.; Berry Solutions Group; Blair Companies & American Eagle Paper Mill; DelGrosso Family of Businesses; First Commonwealth Bank; First National Bank; Graystone Villas; Hometown Bank; Keller Engineers, Inc.; Kish Bank; Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.; Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania; M&T Bank; McCartney's WorkPlace Solutions; New Pig; NPC, Inc.; P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers; Penn State Altoona; Pennstress; Reliance Bank; Roaring Spring Family of Businesses; Rural King; Servpro; Sheetz, Inc.; Skills; Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak; Stuckey Automotive; UDNI; UPMC Altoona; Value Drug; Ward Transport & Logistics Corp.; Webber Seltzer Wealth Advisors; and Young, Oakes, Brown & Company P.C.



**TAKING A BREAK**  
There will be no HD500  
or Breakfast Club in July.

Watch your inbox for information about an exciting Breakfast Club on August 14.

***You don't want to miss it!***

# Ribbon Cutting



## LCBC Church Altoona

The Chamber celebrated the opening of the new location of LCBC Church Altoona located at 3415 Pleasant Valley Blvd., in the Pleasant Valley Shopping Center. Launched in 1986, LCBC (Lives Changed By Christ) Church, started with a small group of people in Lancaster County. It has grown to include 24 locations throughout Pennsylvania. LCBC Church welcomes people of all ages and offers exciting programs for youth. For more information go to [www.lcbcchurch.com/locations/Altoona](http://www.lcbcchurch.com/locations/Altoona). On-hand for the celebration are, from left: Toni White, Chamber Ambassador; Megan Rossman, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Ace, Mara, and Duke Blockus; Pastor Corey Blockus; State Senator Judy Ward; and Tara Saltzburg, Chamber Ambassador.

## 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  
Amtran  
Lawn Doctor of Altoona  
Teeter Group

### Celebrating 30-39 Years

Bettwy Electric, Inc.  
Blair County Oil & Supply  
Burchfield Organization, Inc.  
Child Advocates of Blair County, Inc.  
Corle Construction  
Image Signs, Inc.  
Joseph A. Oricko, Architect  
Lakemont Park  
Mountain Research, LLC  
NPC, Inc.  
Santella Funeral Home  
The Cashman Financial Group, Inc

### Celebrating 20-29 Years

Altoona Curve Baseball  
Balford, Inc.  
Bellwood-Antis School District  
Blair County Convention & Sports  
Facilities Authority  
Carnegie Equipment, Inc.  
Inco Beverage, Inc.  
Lisa Mancinelli, State Farm Insurance Agency  
Makdad Industrial Supply Co., Inc.

South Hills School of Business & Technology  
US Digestive Health  
W. R. Grace & Co.

### Celebrating 10-19 Years

Barr's Auto Electric, Radiator & Air Conditioning  
Bella Lucia, Inc.  
Canary Labs  
Corl-Grove Services, Inc.  
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown  
Discovery House Blair County  
Groundhog Solar  
Joe Krentzman & Son, Inc.  
Keystone Environmental, Health, &  
Safety Services, Inc.  
Smith's Welding and Fabrication  
The Giorgio Foundation  
Williamsburg Public Library  
Window World of Altoona

### Celebrating 5-9 Years

Craig Fencing, Inc.  
PA Simple Cremation

### Celebrating 1-4 Years

Blair/Clearfield Assoc. Blind  
Shelley Clinich  
Frick/Ketrow Insurance Agency  
Geisinger Health Plan  
Mansion Donut Company  
Print-O-Stat

## Pack your bags and travel with the Chamber

A new travel adventure has been added to the Chamber's itinerary. Experience Best of Austria and Switzerland, scheduled for June 8 - 20, 2026, with travel partner [Epic Journeys](#). Your adventure begins when you arrive in Vienna where you will meet your tour director and enjoy a welcome dinner. Scenic Alpine landscape and architecture abound as you explore Salzburg, with plenty of photo opportunities as you continue your travels to St. Moritz, Bern, Lucern and more. To learn more about this trip, the Chamber has scheduled an informational meeting on July 17 at 6 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. There is no obligation or cost to attend. Let us know you are coming by calling the Chamber at 814-943-8151.

*Congratulations*

...to [First National Bank](#), the largest subsidiary of F.N.B. Corporation, for being recognized by Newsweek as one of America's Greatest Workplaces for 2025.

...to the [Tyrone Area School District's](#) Tyrone Indoor Percussion Ensemble, for achieving a first-place finish at the TIA Atlantic Coast Championships in Wildwood, New Jersey.

...to [Blair Auto Service](#) on celebrating 75 years in business. Started in 1950 by John and Mable Werking, the business continues to serve the community offering full service auto repairs, power equipment, and lawn and garden tractors.

**Anywhere! Any time!**

**Register for events online**

**[blairchamber.com](http://blairchamber.com)**