MARCH NEWSLETTER

Get Lucky at the BCCC!

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PURPLE PURSE

Supporting survivors one purse at a time!

The 9th Annual Purple Purse returns to the Blair County Convention Center on Wednesday, April 1 from 5–9 PM! Since 2016, this incredible event has raised over $200,000 to support the Victim Services Program of Family Services Incorporated, providing critical resources to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Blair County. With nearly 500 attendees at last year's event, it's a powerful night of community and purpose you won't want to miss. Grab your tickets now!

YOUR HEALTH CHECK STARTS HERE!

Discounted blood screenings brought to you by the Altoona AMBUCS.

AMBUCS is back at the Blair County Convention Center with their annual Blood Screening Voucher Program! Stop by the Upper Level on Saturday, April 11 or Saturday, April 25 from 9 AM–3 PM to pick up a voucher for a discounted 36-test screening designed to help with early detection of various health risks. Support your health and a program that gives back to the community!

MAC'S IRISH BASH ROCKED THE HOUSE!

Over two decades of honoring Mac's legacy and supporting local students.

The 2026 Mac's Irish Bash took over the BCCC on March 13th for another unforgettable night! Since 2004, the McEldowney Academic Scholarship Fund has been honoring Mac's memory by helping local students pursue their dreams of higher education. Thanks to the incredible support of the community, local businesses, and everyone who came out to celebrate, Mac's legacy continues to make a lasting impact in Blair County!

BLAIR COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

LENA'S CAFE

This month's Blair County Spotlight is all about **Lena's Cafe**, an Altoona institution that's been serving up homestyle Italian cooking since 1939! What started as a small operation by Lena Sidler, making sandwiches and spaghetti for railroad workers, has grown into one of the most beloved restaurants in Blair County. Now in the hands of the next generation, Lena's has stayed true to its roots for over 85 years, still using Lena's original recipes and fresh, made-from-scratch ingredients. If you ask any local where to find the best spaghetti and meatballs in town, chances are Lena's is the first name out of their mouth.

Beyond the legendary pasta, Lena's menu is full of standouts; from their famous crab cakes and veal parmesan to homemade gnocchi, stuffed shells, and bracciole slow-cooked in their signature red sauce. But what really sets Lena's apart is the experience. The cozy atmosphere, the staff who've been there for decades, and the feeling that you're part of the family the moment you walk through the door. It's the kind of place where generations of families have shared meals together, and new customers quickly become regulars. If you haven't been to Lena's yet, you're missing out on a true Blair County gem; and if you have, you already know why people keep coming back!

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Lena's
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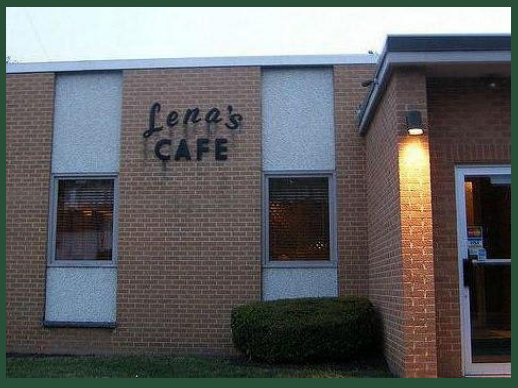

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 16TH - 31ST

Voting:
17TH

The H.T. Hackney Co. Food Show:
18TH

BCCC Authority Board Meeting:
18TH

HR of Blair County Meeting:
18TH

Boobilee Jubilee:
19TH

Eads Group Meeting:
19TH

Precious Life, Inc. Annual Banquet:
20TH

Altoona Community Theatre Benefit Gala:
21ST

PA International Pageant:
21ST

Independent Practice Physician Party:
21ST

PA Head Start Conference:
24TH - 26TH

Allegheny Mtns. Chapter - Safari Club International:
28TH

ELRC PD Event:
28TH

AMTMA Train Show:
29TH