MAY NEWSLETTER

A VERY SPECIAL MAY AT THE BCCC!

Cheers to 25 Years at the BCCC!

A milestone made possible by our guests, community, partners, and team.

On May 1, 2026, the BCCC celebrated 25 years of bringing people together! Since opening our doors in 2001, the BCCC has welcomed events of all kinds, from conferences and expos to fundraisers, banquets, meetings, performances, and community celebrations. This milestone is about more than our facility. It's about every guest who has walked through our doors, every group that has trusted us with their event, and every staff member who helps make it all happen. Thank you, Blair County, for 25 unforgettable years!

Celebrating 25 Years of Steve Despot!

Honoring the leadership that has helped keep the BCCC running since day one!

Steve Despot, our Director of Facilities, has been part of the Blair County Convention Center since we opened in 2001! For 25 years, Steve has helped keep our facility prepared, polished, and ready for every event. From set-up and teardown to maintenance, housekeeping, technology needs, and more, his dedication has made a lasting impact on the BCCC. Thank you, Steve!

Sci-Fi Valley Con Returns to the BCCC!

Fandom, fun, and pop culture are taking over the Convention Center this June!

Sci-Fi Valley Con returns to the Blair County Convention Center from June 12–14, 2026, bringing three days of sci-fi, fantasy, horror, gaming, cosplay, celebrity guests, vendors, panels, and more to Altoona. Known as "The Home of Nostalgia" and a place "Where Fandom Becomes Family," this fan-favorite event continues to bring guests from Blair County and beyond together for a weekend packed with creativity, community, and plenty of excitement!

BLAIR COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

THE MEADOWS ORIGINAL FROZEN CUSTARD

This month's Blair County Spotlight shines on **The Meadows Original Frozen Custard**, a Duncansville favorite with a story that goes all the way back to the summer of 1950! What started as a small custard stand opened by J.V., Richard, and Delbert Meadows quickly became a local tradition, with lines forming more than fifty people deep almost immediately. Clearly, Blair County knew a good thing when it tasted one. Today, the original Duncansville location remains in operation and continues to serve the same family recipe that helped make The Meadows a beloved stop for generations.

Known for its smooth, creamy frozen custard made fresh throughout the day, The Meadows offers everything from classic cups and cones to sundaes, shakes, frosts, Arctic Swirls, Italian ice, gelati, smoothies, cakes, and take-home treats. Whether you're grabbing a quick cone on a warm afternoon, treating the family after dinner, or reliving a favorite childhood stop, The Meadows brings a sweet taste of Blair County history to every visit. Stop by the original Duncansville location and experience a tradition that has been making the area a little sweeter since 1950!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 15TH - 31ST

Altoona Jr/Sr Prom:

15TH

UPMC Family Medicine Scholarship Day:

15TH

Imler's Driver Meeting:

17TH

Altoona Athlete of the Year Banquet:

18TH

PORA Risk Management Event:

18TH

Voting:

19TH

Jewish Healthcare Foundation Conference:

19TH - 20TH

AHA Go Red For Women:

21ST

Breakfast Club:

21ST

Mid-Atlantic Lads to Leaders:

23RD - 24TH

2026 PKC/HSSAP Grantee Meeting:

26TH - 28TH

Voices of Valor - Stories From The Front Line:

30TH