SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER IN FULL SWING!

DATA CENTERS & PENNSYLVANIA'S POWER GRID

A Free Community Information Session!

The BCCC will welcome Reps. Andrea Verobish and Scott Barger on September 24 for a free informational meeting focused on data center development across Pennsylvania. The presentation will explore the state's preparation for future data centers, their electricity needs, and potential impacts on the regional power grid. Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions, with an RSVP requested by September 18 for those planning to attend in person.

PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES

Transportation Takes Center Stage at Breakfast Club!

The BCCC will welcome the Blair County Chamber of Commerce on October 1 for another Breakfast Club, this time focused on the transportation investments shaping Blair County's future. Panelists representing Amtrak, PennDOT, the Altoona-Blair County Airport, and the Pennsylvania Senate will discuss rail, aviation, and highway infrastructure, along with the important role transportation plays in economic growth, business development, and the region's continued success.

SCI-FI TAKES OVER THE BCCC!

Three Days of Fandom, Cosplay & More!

Sci-Fi Valley Con returns to the BCCC October 16-18 for a full weekend celebrating sci-fi, horror, fantasy, gaming, and pop culture. Guests can meet celebrity guests, explore hundreds of exhibitor tables, compete in cosplay contests, enjoy tabletop and video gaming, and take part in panels, trivia, and special events throughout the weekend. Whether you're a longtime fan or discovering something new, there's something for everyone at Sci-Fi Valley Con!

BLAIR COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

BIDDLE'S BREWING

This month's Blair County Spotlight heads to Williamsburg for a visit to Biddle's Brewing Coffee house & Bakery, a locally owned business that got its start in 2021 as a small coffee truck. Founded by Mike and Britt Biddle, Biddle's began with a simple goal of bringing great coffee and a gathering place to their hometown. Since then, the business has grown into a permanent Williamsburg coffeehouse offering hot and iced coffee, specialty drinks, fresh baked goods, and plenty of reasons to stop in and stay awhile!

What started in Williamsburg has continued to grow, with Biddle's expanding to Loretto and working toward additional locations in Bellwood and Ebensburg. Even as the business grows, its focus remains rooted in supporting small communities and reinvesting in the towns that helped make it possible. From creating local jobs to giving residents a place to meet over a cup of coffee, Biddle's is proof that big ideas can start in small towns. Next time you find yourself in Williamsburg, consider this your excuse to grab a coffee, something from the bakery, and see where it all began!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 15TH-30TH

- **Blair County LEPC SARA Summit:**
  15TH
- **BHARP Trauma Symposium:**
  16TH - 17TH
- **Authority Board Meeting:**
  16TH
- **AHAR Affiliate Showcase / Membership Meeting:**
  17TH
- **USDA Farm Service Agency Training:**
  22ND - 24TH
- **Blair County Chamber - Business Excellence Reception:**
  22ND
- **Kiwanis Annual Banquet:**
  23RD
- **State Rep Barger & Verobish - Data Centers:**
  24TH
- **LBC Alumni Annual Breakfast:**
  25TH
- **KEMA Conference:**
  27TH - 29TH