

# FLEX FLEX Your Ideas

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## FLEX to Recognize Young Professionals - Friday, April 29

Our annual young professional recognition event, FLEX Presents, is set for Friday, April 29, at the DeBence Antique Music World in Franklin, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

At the event, we will celebrate all nominees (listed below) and their efforts to make our region better through entrepreneurship, civic engagement, and leadership, and name one young professional of the year for 2022.

“We’re back to a public event, after limiting our attendance last year,



and we’re excited to invite the community to join us,” said FLEX President Saxon Daugherty. “This is an enjoyable evening to celebrate not only the 11 nominees, but all local young professionals who go above and beyond for our region.”

The event will include hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and networking, and a presentation about FLEX and this year’s nominees.

Tickets for the event are \$20. RSVP at [venangochamber.org/events](https://venangochamber.org/events), or contact the Chamber at [flex@venangochamber.org](mailto:flex@venangochamber.org) or (814) 676-8521.

**Sponsorship opportunities are also available!** Find the form at [venangochamber.org/flex-presents](https://venangochamber.org/flex-presents).

*Thank you to our first sponsor—UPMC Northwest!*

## CONGRATULATIONS NOMINEES!

Becky Deeter  
Jessica Hilburn  
Kieran Irwin  
Jennifer Mosher-Johnson

Will Price  
Andrew Ritsig  
Aaron Ritsig  
Ashley Smith

Stephanie Staub  
Megan Weber  
Devin Zagar

*Find bios on inside pages →*

These 11 nominees were put forward by community members for their commitment to Venango County through civic engagement, entrepreneurship, and leadership.

*“The Future of Venango Area Business!”*

## BECKY DEETER

*AgChoice Farm Credit*

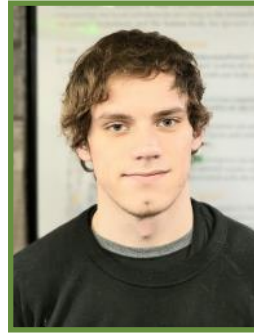
Becky Deeter is an Account Specialist at AgChoice Farm Credit, where she assists loan officers in serving the rural community through financing, and was instrumental in the origination of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans. She is involved with 4-H and volunteers with the Canal Ag 4-H Club and Venango 4-H Teen Council. Becky is also a photographer and won the PA Cattlemen's Association photo contest and will be featured in three magazines in 2022.



## KIERAN IRWIN

*Bandit's Gambit*

Kieran Irwin is the owner of Bandit's Gambit, a CBD store in Seneca. He previously worked for "Your CBD Store" as General Manager, then opened his own store at the age of 24. He often gives items to raffles and collects donations for local organizations, and has volunteered with the Tri-County Humane Society. Kieran has worked several places throughout the community before his current career, and was often promoted for setting records for sales.



## JESSICA HILBURN

*Benson Memorial Library*

Jessica Hilburn is Executive Director at the Benson Memorial Library. She volunteers with the Titusville Renaissance Inc., Crawford County Planning Commission, Oil Region Alliance, Titusville Literacy Council, Drake Well Oil Field Journal Publication Committee, and Hydettown Borough. She also created the Titusville Community Calendar, helps with web design for the City of Titusville, has published a book, and is a writer for InformationToday Magazine.



## JENNIFER MOSHER-JOHNSON

*Oil City Area School District*

Jennifer Mosher-Johnson is the high school broadcasting, newspaper, and English teacher for at Oil City High School. She has worked to bring streaming of school events to the OCHS YouTube channels and is a previous assistant basketball coach. She's a photographer and takes photos for free at sporting events and for senior photos and often photographs various areas throughout Venango County to encourage an active and healthy lifestyle for her students.



## WILL PRICE

*United Way of Venango County*

Will Price is the Director of the United Way of Venango County, and has worked as manager at his family's business Deets' Sugar House for 20 years. He is a committee member for the Venango Chamber's Education Committee and the Children Task Force for Venango County, and serves on the board for the Venango County Fair, Venango County Human Services, and United Way of Pa. He is also a member of the Franklin Rotary Club.



## AARON RITSIG

*Northwest Commission*

Aaron Ritsig is a Government Contracting Specialist at the Northwest Commission Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC). He recently earned his bachelor's degree in Technology Leadership through Clarion University and was a member of the Serve Club. Aaron is a member and volunteer for FLEX, volunteer with the Franklin Civic Operetta Association, and at -large member of the Worship Committee for Seneca United Methodist Church.



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## ANDREW RITSIG

*Bon Appetit*



Andrew Ritsig is the Administrator and Bookkeeper for Bon Appetit at Grove City College. He is involved with the Franklin Civic Operetta Association, where he has volunteered for events and recently accepted his first directional job. He graduated from Clarion University with a degree in Technology Leadership, and volunteers with Serve Club, FLEX, Oil Region Historical Society's Cemetery Walk, and Seneca United Methodist Church.

## ASHLEY SMITH

*Venango County Planning Commission*



Ashley Smith is Deputy Director of the Venango County Planning Commission and owner of Zaccari Home Inspections LLC. She is a board member for the Franklin Fine Arts Council, Franklin Historic Architectural Review Board, Northwest Hospital Foundation, Franklin Meals on Wheels, and Venango County Democratic Committee. Ashley is a Be Here Ambassador, FLEX member, Leadership Venango graduate, and Franklin High School Marching Band Bandfront coach.

## STEPHANIE STAUB

*Oil City Area School District*



Stephanie Staub is a K-4 STEM Teacher and Technology Integrator at the Oil City Area School District. She teaches yoga for Trailasana Yoga Studio and has opened two businesses—Steph's Silhouettes and Staub & Co. Succulents. Stephanie is planning an event for Remake Learning Days and teaches for Kids in College. She is also a member of multiple education-related associations and has volunteered with numerous organizations.

Find full bios at [venangochamber.org/flex-presents](http://venangochamber.org/flex-presents)

## Join us at Oil City Clean-Up Day!



FLEX is volunteering for the 12-4PM shift for Oil City's Clean-Up Day on Wednesday, April 20. We invite you to join us for a short time during your lunch break, or during the whole shift!

If you can volunteer, please email us at [flex@venangochamber.org](mailto:flex@venangochamber.org).

## MEGAN WEBER

*Komatsu Mining Corp.*



Megan Weber is a Service Planning Analyst at Komatsu Mining Corp. and the mayor of Clintonville Borough. She is a FLEX member, Be Here Ambassador, and participant in Leadership Venango. Megan is a member of the local MOPS Group, Zonta International, Franklin Rotary Club, Franklin Elks Club, and Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association. She serves on the board for the Venango County Humane Society and Venango County Planning Commission.

## DEVIN ZAGAR

*7 Foot Productions and Marketing LLC*



Devin Zagar is the owner of 7 Foot Productions and Marketing LLC, and recently graduated from the College of Wooster with his bachelor's degree in Political Science. He is a member of FLEX and a participant of the Venango Leadership Class of 2022. He has volunteered with Junior Achievement's "JA In A Day," and is the co-host of the By Reason of Insanity Podcast.

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## Event Photos: St. Patty's Day Social & First Friday Lunch



## April Events & Meetings:

**First Friday Lunch:** Friday, April 1 • 12 p.m. • Karma Coffee, Oil City

**Events & Fundraising Committee:** Tuesday, April 19 • 12 p.m. • Zoom

**Oil City Clean-Up Day:** Wednesday, April 20 • 12-4 p.m. • Downtown Oil City • Email [flex@venango.org](mailto:flex@venango.org) to sign up to volunteer with us!

**FLEX Monthly Meeting:** Monday, April 25 • 12 p.m. • Zoom

**Marketing Committee:** Thursday, April 28 • 4:15 p.m. • Zoom

**FLEX Presents:** Friday, April 29 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • DeBence Antique Music World, Franklin • Register at [venangochamber.org/events](http://venangochamber.org/events)

*Contact us for meeting zoom links at [flex@venangochamber.org](mailto:flex@venangochamber.org), or find links in our Weekly Update email.*

## MEMBERSHIP

**Interested in joining FLEX?**  
Membership is a one-time fee of \$15. Email the FLEX Membership Committee Chair Joslyn Dechant with questions at [joslyn.dechant@gmail.com](mailto:joslyn.dechant@gmail.com) or join online: [VenangoFLEX.org](http://VenangoFLEX.org).

**FLEX MISSION:** FLEX represents the needs and interests of Young Professionals by positioning ourselves as leaders, entrepreneurs and advocates for the sustainability of the Venango Area through civic engagement, leadership development, and networking.

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