

## Thursday's "Breakfast Club" to Feature 9/11 Presentation

As the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 approaches, the focus of that event and how it has changed the lives of so many people in our region rises to the forefront. The speaker at the next Chamber Breakfast Club, set for this Thursday, August 19th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park, will be Stephen Clark, Superintendent of the National Parks of Western Pennsylvania which includes Flight 93 National Memorial. Clark's presentation will talk about the many significant things that have taken place at Flight 93 as well as what observances are still to come regarding the anniversary. The cost to attend Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. A buffet breakfast is included. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the August Breakfast Club is Stiffler, McGraw & Associates.



## Completed Your "Membership Satisfaction Survey" Yet?

If you're a member of the Blair County Chamber you should have received a link to a Membership Satisfaction Survey that will help the Chamber determine some future strategic direction. "It's important for us to understand what our members think about the programs, events and benefits that we currently offer," explained Chamber Board Chair Richard Fiore, Jr. "Later on we'll do a follow-up survey asking for input on what our members would like to see that we're not already doing." Both surveys are integral parts of the Chamber's Strategic Business Plan. The Membership Satisfaction Survey will be done via Survey Monkey. It will go specifically to those members on the email newsletter list. Fiore emphasized that an effort would



be made to capture a broad response. "We recognize that not all our members received our email newsletter. So we'll place the link on the Chamber Website so that other members can find it there." The deadline for members to complete the survey is August 27th. Direct any questions/concerns to Stacy Hoover at (814) 943-8151 or email her at [shoover@blairchamber.com](mailto:shoover@blairchamber.com).

## "Business After Hours" is Thursday at Park Home

Park Home, located at 2134 Plank Road in Duncansville, will host the next Chamber "Business After Hours," set for this Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

## Chamber Executive Committee to Meet Wednesday

Since the Chamber's Board of Directors doesn't meet in either July or August, the Board's Executive Committee meets instead to approve new members, the financials and whatever else has a degree of urgency. The Executive Committee meets this Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. Any Chamber member who would like to address the Board should contact Joe Hurd by noon today at (814) 943-8151.

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# New Way to Register to Receive This Newsletter

If you're reading this, there's a pretty good chance that you're already on the list to receive this newsletter on a regular basis. But if you know of someone – Chamber member or not – who might want to receive it, send them to the Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). On the homepage, there is a button that says “click here to subscribe.”

**SUBSCRIBE**



Once you click you will be sent to a Google form to get information (such as name and email). The person will then be set up to receive NETworks Digital News.

*Thank you!*

## 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 July.

### Celebrating 35-37 Years

Advantage Resource Group  
Blair Mill Outlet  
Crystal Springs  
Hoss's Steak & Sea House Corporate Office  
Lena's Café

### Celebrating 30-34 Years

Bavarian Aid Society  
Blair-Bedford Builders Association  
Burgmeier Hauling, Inc.  
Consolidated Graphic Communications  
Cresson Motors, Inc.  
Irwin Financial, Inc.  
Knisely & Sons, Inc.  
Kooman & Associates, LLC  
Okonak, Dean and Lechner, P.C.  
Reilly, Creppage & Co., Inc., CPA  
Smith Transport, Inc.  
Southern Alleghenies Planning  
& Development Commission

### Celebrating 20-29 Years

Austin's Texas Hot Dogs, Inc.  
Comfort Inn Altoona  
William C. Emeigh Excavation  
Hilecrest Angus  
Home Instead Senior Care  
Junior Achievement of Western PA  
The McCabe Group, Inc.  
Overhead Door Company of Blair County, Inc.  
Preferred Healthcare System  
ProCare Physical Therapy, LP

### Celebrating 10-19 Years

Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8  
CBT Bank A Division of Riverview Bank  
Central Blair Recreation & Park Commission

Chicago Rivet & Machine Co.  
City of Altoona  
Comfort Suites  
Damin Printing Company, LLC  
Envision Laser Centers  
Evergreen Insurance, LLC  
Freedom Excursions by Scully, LLC  
Gearharts Moving & Storage, Inc.  
Global Live Line, Inc.  
Dennis M. Hallinan, Optometry  
HCS Inc. Cleaning Services  
Joshua House, Inc.  
Peter C. Pham, DDS, PC  
Sheehan Ins., LLC  
T2B Commercial Interiors

### Celebrating 5-9 Years

Altoona Grand Hotel  
Altoona Roofing & Sheet Metal, LLC.  
ARM Group Inc.  
Atlas Therapy  
Bennetti Tree Service, Inc.  
Cracker Barrel Old Country Store  
Dixon Electric, Inc.  
Fairfield and TownePlace Suites  
by Marriott Altoona  
IPI Security Services  
Jilco, Inc.  
Charles Kaminsky

### Celebrating 1-4 Years

Being Liang  
Dale Oxygen, Inc.  
Eardley Financial Agency  
Evolution Expressions  
InspectionGo, Inc.  
Gerald and Linda Smith

## Committee Meetings

BASICS Steering Committee  
August 16th, 8:00 a.m.  
Penn Highlands Community College

YEA! Steering Committee  
August 16th, 10:30 a.m.  
Zoom

Finance Task Force  
August 17th, 3:30 p.m.  
Devorris Center

Farm-City Committee  
August 19th, 11:30 a.m.  
Devorris Center

Home Garden & Healthy Living  
Committee  
August 20th, 8:30 a.m.  
Devorris Center

*Congratulations...*

... to UGI Utilities which was among 38 utility companies nationwide that received the “Most Trusted Brand” status in the recent 2021 Cogent Syndicated Utility Trusted Brand & Customer Engagement Report. It's the fourth consecutive year that UGI has earned that status.

## BENefact

Has your business been recognized for an outstanding achievement? Do you have a special event going on you want everyone to know about? This FREE member benefit allows your business to share the good news. Just send us an email with the details and we will share it on the homepage of our website in Members In Motion. Visit [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com) today to see what's happening with your fellow member businesses!



## *Nomination Form*

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce's Farm-City Committee is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the ACE Award.

The ACE Award is the acronym derived from Blair County Agricultural Community Excellence Award and was started as a continuation and expansion of The Chamber's successful Farm Family of the Year Award which was initiated in 1970.

In addition to farm families, the ACE Award also allows for nominations of agriculturally oriented individuals, agribusinesses and nonprofit organizations. Activity and participation in Blair County community affairs and the promotion of Blair County agriculture will be the criteria used for selection. Nominations may be submitted by individuals, organizations, businesses, farm families and/or through self-nomination if desired.

The recipient of the ACE Award will be presented with the award at the November 10, 2021 Farm-City Dinner.

This award, with expanded categories for nomination, is an effort of The Chamber to recognize all facets which make agriculture a primary industry of Blair County. From an individual to organizations, from farm families to agribusinesses, all these components of this industry deserve the opportunity of recognition.

**A brief bio on your nominee must be included with this Nomination Form. Please also include any comments on why you feel this nominee is deserving of this Award.**

I wish to nominate the following as candidates for the ACE Award: (NOTE: You do not have to have a nomination in each category.)

☐ INDIVIDUAL   ☐ FARM FAMILY   ☐ FARM ORGANIZATION   ☐ AGRIBUSINESS

Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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**(If you need more space, please use the back of this form.)**

**DEADLINE for nominations is Friday, September 17, 2021.**

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this nomination form to:

The Chamber, 3900 Industrial Park Dr., Suite 12, Altoona, PA 16602,  
fax 814-943-5239 or email to [shoover@blairchamber.com](mailto:shoover@blairchamber.com).