

Business Excellence Dinner is Tonight at The Casino

The Chamber's Annual Business Excellence Dinner will be held tonight at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The event will honor NPC's Mark Barnhart with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Excellence. The event is sold out so walk-ins are not a possibility.

"Business After Hours" is Wednesday at Two Locations

Business After Hours will be held this Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The event will be co-hosted by two of the Chamber's outstanding small businesses that are located in the same retail plaza. SCG Hobby and Simply Power Yoga are located at 3200 Pleasant Valley Blvd. in Altoona. 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.



Chamber Foundation to Recruit EITC Funding

Among the objectives of the Blair County Chamber Foundation is to fund the Chamber's BASICS program, which helps with career exploration opportunities for Blair County school students. A major source of that funding in the past has been through the state's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. At Wednesday's Foundation Board meeting, much of the discussion will focus on



ways to get more businesses to contribute to that program. For more information, contact Cindy Cessna at ccessna@blairchamber.com.



Chamber Board to Look at Proposed Budget for 2022

The Blair County Chamber's Board of Directors will meet on Thursday morning at the Devorris Center beginning at 7:30 a.m. The Board will get its first look at the Chamber's 2022 Budget and will also approve new members. To address the Board, contact Joe Hurd by noon tomorrow at (814) 943-8151.



Chamber Seeking Board Nominations

The Blair County Chamber is asking members of the organization to submit the names of potential board members. Nominees must be members of the Chamber in good standing. E-mail nominations, including information on why the person being nominated would be a good board member, to Joe Hurd at jhurd@blairchamber.com by October 22nd.

Choose Your Trip and Travel With the Chamber

The recent informational program on the Blair County Chamber's trip to Iceland next fall completes a series of informational sessions for the four trips being offered by the Chamber in 2022. If you'd like to travel to the Hawaiian Islands in January, Ireland in April, the Canadian Rockies in July or Iceland in October, the Chamber can provide the details and get you on your way.



There is no restriction if you'd like to go on all four trips! Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 to learn more.

Welcome New Members...

The Chamber welcomed new members at a luncheon held October 14.



Pictured, from left: Dakota Biddle and Jordan Greaser, **GREASER CONSULTING**; Dave Longstreth, **PRINT TECH OF WESTERN PA**; Evan Kephart, **PROPHET'S MELT SHOP**; David Korman, **SUPER 8 BY WYNDHAM**.

Ribbon Cutting



The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new location of That Pierogie Guy located at 607 Jaggard St., Altoona. That Pierogie Guy offers seven flavors of homemade pierogies and haluski as well as Holland Bros. kielbasa and sauerkraut. Pierogies can be purchased frozen or hot. Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Debbie Eckenrode, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber; Dave Metzger, Owner; State Senator Judy Ward; Eva Eagler, Chamber Ambassador.



Leadership Adult Session to Focus on History, Culture and Heritage

The first session for the 2022 Class of the Chamber's Leadership Blair County Adult program will be held on Friday. The session, entitled, "Blair County Appreciation: History, Culture and Heritage" will begin at the Devorris Center and will then take class members to a variety of Blair County locations. For more information on the Leadership Blair County program, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or visit the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com.

Committee Meetings

BASICS Steering Committee
October 18th
8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Leadership Blair County Youth Committee
October 20th
3:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

Congratulations...

... to Troy Campbell, President and CEO of Altoona First Savings Bank, who was elected to the Independent Community Bankers of America Federal Delegate Board. ICBA is the nation's voice for community banks.