

Annual Meeting Award Recipients Announced

The Blair County Chamber's Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation will be held on January 28th at the Blair County Convention Center. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a buffet breakfast, followed by the installation of the 2022 Chamber Board of Directors and the Board of the Blair County Chamber Foundation. In all, eight awards will be presented. The ATHENA Award, sponsored by First Commonwealth Bank will be presented to



Becky Stevens of Morgan Stanley. The Judith A. Rossi Educator of the Year, sponsored by DelGrosso Family of Companies, will be presented to Nicole Zernick of the Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center. Dee Martin-Spallone of Martinsburg will be the recipient of the George Award, sponsored by Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries. The Joseph P. Rosenhamer Chamber Spirit Award, sponsored by P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., will be presented to Jamie Stumph of Advantage Resource Group. Rebecca Culp of Berry Solutions Group is the Young Professional of the Year. That award is sponsored by Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation. The Donna D. Gorty Servant Leadership Award recipient is Scott Brenneman of Sheetz, Inc. That award is sponsored by Reliance Bank. There are actually co-winners of the Small Business Person of the Year, sponsored by First National Bank. Travis and Katy McCabe of Greenbean Coffee House share that honor. And there is even a special "Leadership Fellow" award being presented to Sue Griep for her outstanding work with the Leadership Blair County program. To register for the Annual Meeting, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

Annual Meeting Sponsorships Still Available

The Chamber's Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation is one of the most heavily attended of the Chamber's events each year. It's also a great opportunity for a business to gain some marketing exposure by serving as an event sponsor. Let the

business community know who you are and that you support the efforts of the Chamber in keeping Blair County as a great place to work. For sponsorship information, contact Jessie Covert at (814) 943-8151 or email her at jcovert@blairchamber.com.

Young **YP**
Professionals
—of Blair County

Young Professionals Networking Event is Thursday at Marzoni's

The Young Professionals of Blair County will hold its first networking event of 2022 next Thursday, January 13th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Company in Greenwood. The event will include appetizers and a cash bar as well as a gift card giveaway. The cost to attend is just \$10 for Young Professionals Members and \$15 for those who have not yet joined. The event is sponsored by Reliance Bank. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



Blair County Commissioners to Speak at Thursday's "Breakfast Club"

The Chamber will continue its tradition of hosting the Blair County Commissioners at its first Breakfast Club of the New Year. This year, that event will take place this Thursday, January 13th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The format will continue to be a Q&A with questions being submitted in advance by Chamber members and formatted by the Chamber's Public Policy Committee. Chris Michelone, Policy Committee Chair, will moderate the Q&A session. The cost to attend Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. A breakfast



buffet is included. To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the January Breakfast Club is Keller Engineers.

Sponsor and Exhibitor Recruitment Underway for Upcoming Show

The 51st Annual Blair County Home Garden & Healthy Living Showcase is nearly three months away but the enthusiasm for the event (and the nice weather that often accompanies it) has already begun. Sponsorships are available as are exhibitor opportunities. This is the first-ever Home Garden & Healthy Living Showcase held at the Blair County Convention Center so don't wait to secure your sponsorship or your booth. For more informa-



tion, contact Stacy Hoover at (814) 943-8151 or email her at shoover@blairchamber.com. The Showcase is a partnership between the Blair County Chamber and the Blair-Bedford Builders Association.

Informational Meeting Set for Canadian Rockies Trip

The Chamber's Canadian Rockies Trip is still "a go!" for July 16-22. The trip includes Glacier National Park, Waterton Lakes National Park, Chateau Lake Louise and Athabasca Glacier. An informational meeting on the trip will be held this Wednesday,

January 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. No cost or obligation to attend. Just let us know that you're coming by calling (814) 943-8151. The trip is being done in partnership with Epic Journeys and Collette Vacations.

Remember...

Be sure to check your Chamber Membership listing so your information will be correct in the next Membership Directory.

Send your changes to Cindy Cessna at ccessna@blairchamber.com.

Committee Meetings

BASICS Steering Committee
January 10th / 8:00 a.m.
GACTC

Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Committee
January 10th / 10:30 a.m.
Zoom

Presidents' Forum Steering Committee
January 10th / 1:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

Home & Garden Committee
January 11th / 8:30 a.m.
Devorris Center

Non-Profit Committee
January 11th / 10:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Safety Committee
January 12th / 8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Sustainable Blair County
January 12th / 1:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

Congratulations...

... to Gardners Candies which is celebrating 125 years in business. The company opened in 1897.

No "Business After Hours" in January

The Chamber will not hold a Business After Hours in January. The normal After Hours date is the January 27th – the day before the Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation. The next Business After Hours will be on February 24th at C&J Rentals at The Columns. Mark your calendars. This will be a major grand opening event!