

Duncansville business happy to stay low-key

“I came to work at the business in 1999. I bought it in 2013. We stay pretty low-key here. That’s the way we prefer it.”

Joe Pyzowski’s reluctance to make a lot of noise about the success of Metzler Bros. Tank Truck & Trailer has nothing at all to do with secret formulas or keeping the competition at bay. It has more to do with family values, according to Pyzowski.

“I’m proud of the dedicated and talented staff that we have as part of our team,” he acknowledged. “We are like family. We believe in continuous improvement and feel that it’s important to provide ongoing training and certification opportunities to employees. We continue to diversify our business which has helped us compete and remain relevant in today’s current market.”

Metzler Bros. TT&T, LLC is a full repair shop specializing in fleet maintenance, tank repair and fabrication. The company also leases “Class 8” trucks and oper-

ates a parts sales division. The company was founded by brothers and co-owners Rodney and Don Metzler in 1997 to provide maintenance for Metzler Bros. Transport, a sister company. At the beginning, there was just a general manager and four mechanics. Today, there are more than twenty employees at the company’s location at 709 2nd Avenue in Duncansville.

“Our company is independently-owned and operated and no longer affiliated with Metzler Bros. Transport, although Metzler Bros. Transport rents office space and is a current customer,” Pyzowski reported. “We’ve maintained a good relationship.”

Check the Metzler Bros. TT&T website and you’ll see an extensive list of services that the company provides. You’ll see that they provide 24/7 roadside assistance, PA State & Federal inspections, diagnostic testing and complete engine overhauls, just to name a few. What you won’t see

unless you look closely is the service that brings a broad smile to the face of the company’s owner.

“We build fuel delivery and propane trucks for customers throughout the United States,” Pyzowski admitted. “Some of them have even been sent overseas. We’ve built a solid reputation for quality and that has resulted in frequent inquiries from just about everywhere.”

Like other employers, Metzler Bros. TT&T has faced the double whammy of dealing with a pandemic while trying to maintain a steady workforce. Joe Pyzowski has managed to keep both in perspective.

“It’s been difficult for us as I’m sure it’s been for many businesses,” he disclosed. “We follow the CDC requirements and implement changes as required. We face issues with production schedules, back orders and delays but so far we’ve been able to meet those challenges by being proactive and



Glenn Pearson (left), G.M. of Metzler Bros. TT&T and company owner Joe Pyzowski have worked together for the past 22-years to make the business a national industry standard.

preparing as much as possible for those situations.

“As far as our workforce is concerned, we’ve held-up pretty well. This industry has always been very challenging. We need to hire people with the right training and experience. We invest in

education and provide opportunities for ongoing training if the person is willing to learn. We work hard to provide competitive wages and benefits. This has helped us attract the most qualified candidates.”

Pyzowski is optimistic as

he looks to the future.

“We have plans to expand operations and have purchased land for that purpose. We’re proud to be located in Blair County.”

(Metzler Bros. Tank, Truck & Trailer has been a Chamber member since 2001.)

Young Professionals of Blair County seeks to empower members to make a difference

The Young Professionals of Blair County are taking a page out of the GRYP playbook. GRYP (Growth and Relationships of Young Professionals) was the original program for young professionals created by the Blair County Chamber nearly two decades ago. It was set up as a separate membership with a separate fee that allowed business people in the 21-40 age range to participate in a variety of events and charitable causes as they climbed the corporate ladder.

GRYP ultimately needed a hiatus and the Young Professionals of Blair County stepped-in to fill the void. The separate membership was discontinued and with it some of the participation so essential to building enthusiasm.

On September 9th, YP will officially launch a new initiative that closely resembles GRYP. The age range has changed slightly (it’s now 21-39) but the annual cost to participate is primarily the same. Employees of Chamber-member businesses pay \$40, employees of non-members pay \$50 and employees in which five or more members from the same business join, the cost is \$30 each. The dues cover a



The Steering Committee of the Young Professionals of Blair County consists of, left to right (seated): Marcus Edward, Rebecca Culp, Angel Skipper and Jared Keller. (standing): Sherrie Ayers, Jessica Fisher and Drew Dodson. Absent were: Jaime Bianconi, Ashley Gay Vocco, Corbin Padgett, Kirsten Stratton and Katie Whysong. The Committee meets monthly to plan upcoming events.

number of costs related to programs and events. There’s even a free t-shirt for joining!

A special networking event (Ready to Launch!) will take place on the 9th to get the ball rolling. Sponsored by Berry Solutions Group, the event will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at U.S. Hotel in Hollidaysburg. The cost of \$15 for members and \$20 for not-yet-members includes appetizers and a drink ticket.

Join YP that night and you will also receive a complimentary voucher to attend a Chamber Business After Hours.

“We’re anticipating a good turnout of young professionals,” acknowledged Jared Keller of Keller Engineers, who chairs the YP Committee. “We’re hoping to have representation from a variety of industry sectors. It’s important that employers recognize the professional development

opportunities that YP provides to help their younger staff people to gain insight on Blair County and what great things can happen here.”

Any young professional who would like to access a Membership Application can do so by visiting the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com. That website is also the destination for anyone wanting to make a reservation for the networking event.

Breakfast Club to honor memory of Flight 93

As the 20th anniversary of 9/11 approaches, the focus of that event and how it has changed the lives of so many in our region rises to the forefront.

The Blair County Chamber will recognize that anniversary at its next Breakfast Club, set for August 19th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The keynote speaker at that event will be Stephen Clark, Superintendent of the National Parks of Western Pennsylvania which includes the Flight 93 National Memorial.

Clark’s presentation will talk about the many significant things that have taken place at the Flight 93 site as well as what observances are still to come. One of those observances will take place on September 11th at the Jaffa Shrine. That event – rooted in faith, patriotism and civic pride – will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include a Walk of Honor recognizing local police officers, firefighters, medical work-



Stephen Clark

ers, military members and religious leaders.

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. Corporate sponsor of the August Breakfast Club is Stiffler, McGraw & Associates.

Email newsletter now available to everyone

Every Monday, in addition to the Business Insight, Chamber members have had access to an email newsletter called NETworks Digital News. That publication featured up-to-date information on upcoming Chamber programs and events as well as notes of congratulations and even some well-placed advertising opportunities.

Beginning today, that members-only newsletter is now available to non-members as well.

“There’s a lot of really good information that we’d like people in the community

to be aware of,” explained Chamber President Joe Hurd. “It’s foolish to limit the way we promote members to just other members. And we’re hoping that non-members see the value of becoming a member.”

To subscribe to the newsletter, go to www.blairchamber.com. On the homepage there’s a button that says “click here to subscribe.” Click the button and enter information on the Google form. You’ll then be set up to receive NETworks Digital News. There is no cost to subscribe.



Internship Opportunity

A Chamber internship position is available for the fall semester.

This is a great opportunity to gain valuable experience. Students majoring in marketing, communications, or business are encouraged to apply. Candidates should send a resume to Linda Stotler at lstotler@blairchamber.com.

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