

Start the New Year With Vim and Vigor!!

As the business community heads boldly into 2022, the Blair County Chamber is looking forward to a banner year in helping members to get back on solid footing. The Chamber is in the process of creating additional programs and events, based on the responses that the organization received in its most recent member survey. Member involvement is the key to a successful chamber of commerce. Recognizing that business people are still challenged by a lack of time, the Chamber is hoping that members will consider carving-out at least a small amount of time each week to either attend an event or join a committee. It helps move our region forward! For more information on how you can get more involved in the Chamber, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.

Annual Meeting Will Have Awards Announced in Advance

A long-standing tradition will be taking a hiatus for 2022. The Chamber's Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation on January 28th at the Blair County Convention Center will now have its award winners announced in advance rather than on the day of the event. "People enjoy the element of surprise but we also have had a number of people who would have attended the event if they knew who the honorees were," explained Chamber Board Chair Richard Fiore, Jr. "So we agreed to try it that way this year." The awards to be presented that morning are: ATHENA Award, Donna D. Gority Servant Leadership Award, Judith A. Rossi Educator of the Year Award, George Award, Joseph P. Rosenhamer Chamber Spirit Award, Small Business Person of the Year Award and Young Professional of



the Year Award. To register for the Annual Meeting, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



All-Stars for December Announced

Since sponsorships are such an integral part of the Chamber's ability to offer great events and programs to members, we recognize sponsors each month as "All-Stars." The All-Stars for December are: DelGrosso's Amusement Park, Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania, McCartney's WorkPlace Solutions, Michael Kasun State Farm Agency, Stuckey Automotive and The UPS Store.

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.

Blair County Commissioners to Speak at Chamber "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 on 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. Send questions to Joe Hurd at jhurd@blairchamber.com. 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 information, 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.

Plessinger Approved to Head Transportation Committee



Tracy Plessinger, Manager of the Altoona-Blair County Airport, has been approved by the Chamber's Board of Directors to be the new chair of the Transportation Committee. Plessinger replaces the late Pat Miller. Any Chamber members interested in serving on the Transportation Committee should call Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.

STAY TUNED FOR...



a recap of your Chamber at work

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Only a Few Spots Remain for Chamber Trip to Ireland

The Chamber's trip to Ireland through Epic Journeys has filled-up quickly and only a few spots remain. Ireland is one of the safest traveling destinations in the world right now and the Chamber trip promises to be a fabulous one. The dates are April 27th to May 6th. If you're interested, contact Cynthia Watters at (814) 266-5070.

Congratulations...

... to UGI Utilities, Inc., which was among 45 utilities companies nationwide to be named a 2021 Customer Champion from Escalent, a human behavior and analytics firm.

... to Healthy Blair County Coalition which was recently awarded the Ray Shaw Community Advocate Award at the Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships Annual Recognition Dinner.



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.



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 December.

Celebrating 104 Years

First National Bank

Celebrating 95 Years

Mauk & Yates Funeral Home, Inc.

Celebrating 82 Years

Penn State Altoona

Celebrating 67 Years

Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.

Celebrating 61 Years

Clyde E. Yon & Associates, Inc.

Warren A. Gingrich Agency, Inc.

Celebrating 52 Years

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.

Sheetz, Inc.

Celebrating 50 Years

Martin Oil Company

Celebrating 40-45 Years

Alpha Assembly Solutions, Inc.

Blair Companies - Signs, Fixtures, Real Estate

Lumax Industries, Inc.

Newborn Enterprises, Inc.

Saleme Insurance Services, Inc.

Stifel

Celebrating 30-39 Years

Altoona-Blair County Development Corp.

DelGrosso Foods, Inc.

Dembert & Hoyne, CPA

Dick's Homecare, Inc.

Gardners Candies, Inc.

Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, Inc.

Imler's Poultry

Professionals Auto Body Shop

Saint Francis University -

Small Business Development Center

Skills of Central Pennsylvania, Inc.

Swan's Trophies Plus

UPMC Home Healthcare of Central

Pennsylvania

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Allegheny Trucks, Inc.

Altoona Housing Authority

C. G. Angle, Inc.

Curry Fluid Power

First Church of Christ

Keller Engineers, Inc.

Keystone Connect

Mill Hill Farm Supply, Inc.

NAPA Auto Parts, Altoona Distribution Center

RE/MAX Results Realty Group

Stultz Real Estate

Tyrone Area School District

Celebrating 10-19 Years

Altoona Chapter of AMBUCS

Blair Roofing, Inc.

DBD Staffing

Dennis C. Dobbins, D.M.D.

Glass Mender Mirror & Plate Div., Inc.

Jack & George's

The New Specialty Lift Truck, Inc.

Station Medical Center

Tom & Joe's Restaurant

Traficante Family Chiropractic

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Adler's Landscape Nursery, Inc.

Aerotek

Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund

Five Star Mitsubishi Altoona

Five Star Powersports

Lang Real Estate and Tax Service

Overflow Church

Peterson Accounting Group, P.C.

Pro Disposal, Inc.

Thrivent Financial (Hollidaysburg)

Wellness Essentials, LLC

Celebrating 1-4 Years

The Altoona Salvation Army Worship Center

Appliance Station, LLC

B4 Club Therapy

Central PA Digital Learning Foundation

Cornerstone of Claysburg

Debbie Eckenrode, Farmers Insurance

Double Tap Gun Range

Ingenuity Media

Ketrow KURTZ Travel

Miller Home Furniture & Mattress

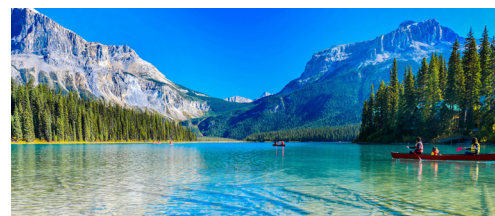
Packaging Services Industries

Pinnacle Cleaning Services

SCG Hobby

Gerald and Linda Smith

WPSU Penn State



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 on 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.

"Winter Kickoff" Networking Reception Open to All Chamber Members

The Blair County Chamber is one of more than 30 chambers from throughout Pennsylvania who will be part of the 2022 Winter Kickoff on January 7th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion, PA. All members of the Blair County Chamber are invited to attend this annual networking event. Enjoy cocktails and light fare at this gathering of business professionals. Discounted room rates and lift tickets are available to all participants.

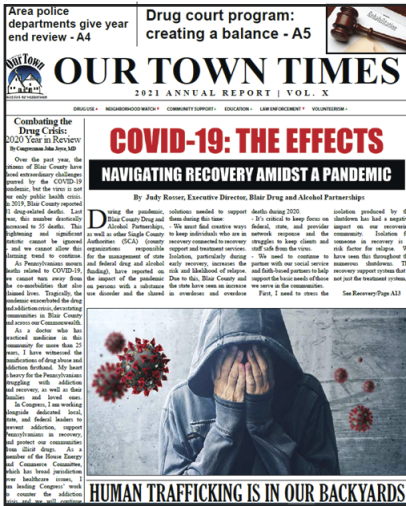
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[WinterKickoff2022.com](https://www.blaircountychamber.com/WinterKickoff2022.com).



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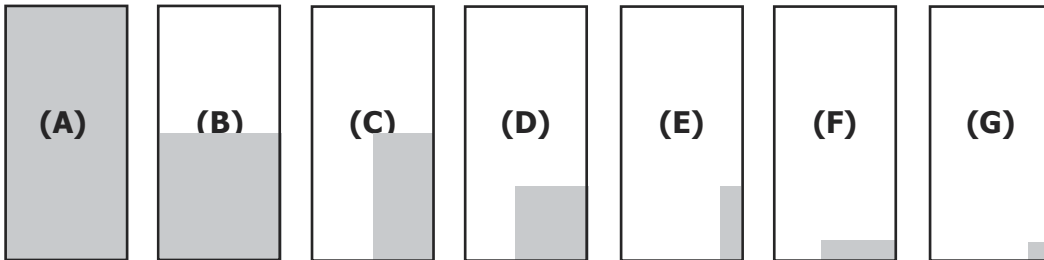
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SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PRIDE!

The 2022 report will provide an update to the readers from this past calendar year. We will hear from law enforcement, treatment providers, healthcare professionals, business leaders and others in our community about the impact Operation Our Town has made over the past 15 years and the importance of prevention.

Get the inside scoop from Operation Our Town Roundtables on their projects and efforts to help keep our community safe!

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