OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

SPOOKY SEASON IN FULL SWING!

29 YEARS OF LINKUP!

Thanks for joining us on October 14 for Central PA's largest technology conference at the BCCC!

The 29th annual LinkUp Technology Conference took over the BCCC on Wednesday, October 14, bringing Central PA's tech community together for a day of learning and networking. Up to 30 education sessions, an expo floor of the latest hardware, software, and solutions, and a closing business mixer highlighted a free, one-day event that turns tech insights into lasting connections for local businesses!

18 YEARS OF GIRLS NIGHT OUT!

Join us Wednesday, October 21, at the BCCC for an amazing cause!

Girls Night Out Altoona returns to the BCCC on Wednesday, October 21, for its 18th annual event, uniting more than 1,000 guests in support of breast cancer research, education, and patient support. Silent and live auctions, themed baskets, and survivor tributes highlight an evening that has raised over $1.7 million since 2008 and turns community celebration into real hope for families!

PRIZE-A-PALOOZA IS BACK!

Help us support Sheetz for the Kidz!

Sheetz For the Kidz Prize-A-Palooza returns to the BCCC on Friday, October 23, from 6 to 10 PM, bringing the whole community together to support underprivileged children across Sheetz communities. Prize and basket raffles, drawings, food, and drinks highlight a fun-filled evening with 100% of proceeds benefiting a charity that has brightened the holidays for more than 180,000 children and counting!

BLAIR COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

GARDNERS CANDIES

This month's Blair County Spotlight heads to Tyrone for a visit to Gardners Candies, a sweet Blair County tradition that got its start in 1897 when sixteen-year-old James "Pike" Gardner opened a small candy store downtown. Pike began by selling candy, popcorn, and peanuts from a horse-drawn wagon at local fairs and carnivals, and his ideas helped inspire the iconic heart-shaped candy box. More than 125 years later, Gardners is still making treats in the town where it all began, from boxed chocolates and peanut butter favorites to seasonal specialties!

That small-town start grew into a regional favorite, thanks in part to the Original Peanut Butter Meltaway®, perfected in the early 1960s with help from Penn State's Food Science Department. Today, Gardners has stores across Central PA, including Tyrone and Altoona's Logan Town Centre, both with ice cream to match, plus a fundraising program that helps hundreds of organizations across multiple states. Next time you find yourself in Tyrone, consider this your excuse to grab a box of meltaways and see where it all began!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 15TH-31ST

SciFi ValleyCon:

16TH - 18TH

Girls Night Out:

21ST

HR of Blair County Meeting:

21ST

Prayer Breakfast of the Alleghenies:

22ND

Sheetz Prize-a-Palooza:

23RD

Imler's Poultry Expo:

27TH - 28TH

PSACC Fall Conference:

28TH - 30TH

Tuscarora IU11 Unified In-Service Day:

29TH

Fisher's Auto Parts:

29TH

PACTA Executive Committee Meeting:

29TH - 30TH