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**Upcoming Events**

**Sat., March 14**
Annual Awards Dinner
@ Gemmell MPR Clarion University

**Wed., April 1**
5th Annual Clarion Wine Walk tickets go on sale
@ Chamber Office and Northwest Savings Bank

**Thurs., April 9-Sat., April 11**
Clarion Outdoor & Recreation Show
@ Clarion Mall

**Thurs., April 9-11**
Job and Education Fair
@ Gemmell MPR Clarion University

**Fri., April 10**
Delta Contractors & Design, Inc. Chamber Golf Outing
@ Hi-Level Golf Course

**Thurs., April 30**
Bridge Builders 40th Anniversary Celebration
Joint Chamber Mixer
@ Bridge Builders Community Foundation

**Fri., May 15**
5th Annual Clarion Wine Walk
@ Downtown Clarion

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**Annual Awards Dinner**

The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Clarion University’s campus in the Gemmell Student Complex Multi-Purpose Room on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a “Social Hour” followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The awards presentation will take place beginning at 7:45 p.m.

Invitations were mailed earlier and the deadline to RSVP is Friday, March 6, 2015. If you would like to submit your reservation online, please log onto www.clarionpa.com. By selecting the “Events” drop-down and choosing the Annual Awards Dinner option, you will be able to RSVP.

Plan now to attend, network, enjoy some really great food and see who will be awarded the Business of the Year, Business Education Partner, Volunteer of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award and Citizen of the Year.

*This year’s event will be one you don’t want to miss!* We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 14!!

**Annual Awards Dinner**

We would like to take a moment to thank the following businesses for donating money and items towards the Annual Awards Dinner Auctions:

Getaway Package Monetary Contributors:
- Addiction Outreach
- Bertettoi Insurance & Financial Services
- Bill’s Service Company
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- Clarion Industries - Clarion Boards, Inc
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St. Joseph 4th of July Preparations Well Underway

The recent frigid weather didn’t last long in Lucinda where preparations have begun for St. Joseph’s 76th annual 4th of July Celebration.

Known for its generous home-cooked meal and handmade quilts, this annual celebration has become a Lucinda tradition that dates back to the early 1900’s, and certainly back to 1939, having its roots in the Church’s original summertime picnics. Last year’s diamond anniversary event saw attendants from ten different states and Ireland.

This year will be no exception as parishioners are gearing up to host their traditional all-you-can-eat chicken and ham dinners, games of skill and chance for all ages, quilt tent, called-number games, live entertainment and a grand prize drawing worth thousands in cash and prizes. Proceeds from the day’s activities help defray the operational costs of the Parish school, which was founded in the early 1860’s and is one of the oldest Catholic schools in the Erie Diocese.

As they have in prior years, the organizing committee is seeking Grand Prize Ticket sponsors to assist in funding the Grand Prize drawing. Sponsorships are procured in the form of advertising. This is an inexpensive opportunity to increase public awareness of your business while at the same time supporting the quality educational programs offered at St. Joseph School.

All Grand Prize Ticket sponsors are listed:
- On the Grand Prize Ticket
- On the Festival website
- On posters displayed throughout the grounds on July 4th
- On over 25,000 placemats distributed to restaurants in the tri-county area.

Complete details are available on the enclosed insert in this edition of the newsletter. St. Joseph parishioners and festival organizers are grateful to the many individual and corporate sponsors from the surrounding area for their past contributions, and look forward to another successful community event in 2015.

Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry Mission Statement
The Chamber and its mission... Your Chamber of Business & Industry is a voluntary partnership of business and professional people working together to build a healthy economy and to improve the quality of life in our community.
Chamber Happenings
2015 Job and Community Resources Fair
Thursday, April 16th, 2015
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Gemmell Student Complex: Multi-Purpose Room
112 Payne Street, Clarion, PA 16214

The 2015 Job and Community Resources Fair is being held to help prospective employers and job seekers exchange information concerning employment opportunities, job requirements, job training and supportive services. It is brought to you by the PA CareerLink® Clarion County, Clarion Students Veteran’s Association, Clarion University, and Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry. For additional information, see the enclosed flyer or call the PA CareerLink® Clarion County office at (814) 223-1550.

3rd Annual Clarion Outdoor and Recreation Show
APRIL 9 - 11, 2015
10AM - 9PM DAILY
AT THE CLARION MALL
COME JOIN IN ON THIS FREE EVENT

Includes:
- Rabies Clinic
  Saturday, April 11
  10am - 12pm
  $10 Fee Per Animal

- 2015 Dog Licensing
  Saturday, April 11
  For Sale
  $650 - $850

This event allows members of the community to interact, learn, and enjoy the splendor of the outdoors. The event is comprised of geocaching, educational speakers, informational tables, activities, and games. The purpose of the event is to enable families to become more engaged with family fun and values as well as with community organizations and agencies.

Sponsored by:
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- Cook Riverside Cabins, Inc.
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- Fulmer House Books & Collectibles
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- New Bethlehem Sunoco
- Northwest Savings Bank

Annual Awards Dinner cont.
- Nuleaf Landscaping, LLC
- Palo Holdings, Inc.
- Phillips-Kifer Flowers
- Phoenix Rehabilitation and Health Services, Inc.
- PNC Bank
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- Redbank Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Riverhill Battery Warehouse
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- Seidle Chevrolet-Buick-GMC
- Service Access & Management, Inc
- Sherwin-Williams Co.
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- Smith Photography
- Smokey B’s BBQ
- State Representative Donna Oberlander - District 63 PA
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- The Meadows Original Frozen Custard
- The Simple Things
- Tionesta Builders Supply
- Tri-County Animal Rescue Center, Inc.
- U.S. Army Recruiting Company Clarion
- United Way of Clarion County
- USA Choice Internet & Security
- Wein’s
- Wellness Health Options
- Wendy’s
- Wensel Enterprise
- Whitling & Diehl, Optometrists
- Women’s Healthcare of Clarion PC
- Zacherl Motor Truck Sales Inc.
Member Perks

Business Referrals
When we receive inquiries for places to shop, eat, or for another particular service—we refer only Chamber members!

Health Care Coverage
✓ Major Medical Insurance, Eye & Dental through ChamberChoice. **Call our office for more information**
✓ Check out your fellow member Insurance companies for great rates as well.

Networking Opportunities
Make new contacts, build partnerships, develop relationships, and share ideas with fellow business people.
✓ Annual Dinner
✓ Chamber Golf Outing
✓ Wine Walk
✓ Autumn Leaf Festival™
✓ Chamber Member Mixers and Joint Mixers (with other Chambers)
✓ Legislative Breakfast: April & October

Promotion
✓ Your business listing on our website, www.clarionpa.com, with a link from our site to yours.
✓ Your business listing in our Membership Directory, both in hard copy form and on the website
✓ Three searchable keywords or key phrases where users on our website can find you when they are looking for specific products and services by typing in our “search box” on the online Membership Directory
✓ You may recall the letter and phone calls you have received pertaining to choosing your keywords/key phrases. If you have not yet taken advantage of this new perk, please call our office at (814) 226-9161 and ask for Tammy, and she will be sure to update your directory listing with keywords/key phrases.
✓ Email blasts—send out new releases, flyers, and announcements for your business FREE OF CHARGE through Chamber email blasts.
   - Your information is forwarded or sent out within 24 hours of receiving it in office and reaches 330 members.
✓ Monthly Newsletter—featuring a Member to Member news section, and Business Spotlights. If you have news to share, please contact Tammy at info@clarionpa.com to have your press release, announcement, promotion, award or other newsworthy announcement included in our next Newsletter. If your business has never been highlighted in the Business Spotlight section of our Newsletter, please contact us for a Business Spotlight form and we will be sure to include you in an upcoming Newsletter.
✓ Mailing - Get a one-time complimentary flyer in our Chamber Chronicle newsletter each year as a perk of being a member. The newsletter comes out the 4th Monday of each month
✓ Display space for business cards and brochures.
✓ Ribbon cutting ceremony

Sponsorship Opportunities
Sponsorship opportunities are available for any of the following events: Chamber Golf Outing, I Love Clarion, Autumn Leaf Festival, Christmas Parade & Party.

Voice in Local Government
✓ The Chamber works with our local government officials to make the Clarion Area a better place to live.
✓ The Chamber has taken a stand against the tolling of I-80 from the beginning and will continue to make efforts to keep it toll-free.

Smokey B’s BBQ
Opening in 2014 to offer take-out barbecue along with homemade sides, dressings & sauces, Smokey B’s BBQ is smoked slow and ready to go. They offer quality meats locally sourced and seasoned to enhance flavor. From sandwiches and wings to soups and salads to their very own “Pit Master Picks”, everyone can find something to enjoy at Smokey B’s BBQ.

Smokey B’s BBQ is owned and operated by Brian and Becky Ishman of Strattanville, PA. The idea of barbeque, a truly southern staple, has been an idea that Brian and Becky mulled over at every backyard barbecue that they were either invited to or have hosted for the past several years.

Their love of barbeque, their constant experimentation with flavors, their love of entertaining and the enjoyment of good food, along with the recent bbq craze prompted them to introduce Smokey B’s BBQ to the area.

Smokey B’s BBQ is a take-out restaurant serving all of the typical barbecue items such as Pulled Pork, Chicken, Beef Brisket and Baby Back Ribs, all prepared in a wood-fired smoker with their own backyard rub recipes. They smoke everything low and slow, some items for as much as 13-15 hours to achieve maximum flavor and juiciness. Their barbecue is not sauced, their marinades and rubs are paired with a complimentary wood smoke. This enhances the flavor of the meat, leaving it delicious to eat alone. They do, however, offer you a choice of 5 different homemade sauces on the side. They have drawn from several sauce styles: tomato, vinegar, Worcestershire and molasses, so no matter where you’re from, they have something that will appeal to everyone.

They also offer a variety of homemade side dishes, including “Mac-the-Cheese”, Creny Cajun Slaw, Rustlin Russet Salad, Cinnamon Apple Sauce, Roasted Corn-on-the-Cob and B’s Baked Beans along with their own homemade hearty soups and chili. You can find Brunswick Stew, Tomato & Roasted Red Pepper soup, Cyclone Chili, Smoked Chicken & Dumpling soup, Potato Corn Chowder, the traditional Chili Con Carne, Smoked Chicken Tortilla soup and Brisket Vegetable soup.

You may also find one of their Signature Sandwiches to be to your liking, paired with unique toppings, or try one of their Southwest Salads which use a variety of their very own house dressings and their various smoked meats. If you like wings, they offer whole, smoked wings every Monday night from 4-7 pm with your choice of 11 different sauces! You can pre-order wings 3 days in advance for sports tailgate and other parties any day of the week.

This month began their American BBQ Tour with a celebration of Mardi Gras with some Cajun style Bbq dishes like Smoked Chicken & Andouille Gumbo, Creole Jambalaya, Mini Muffuletta, Crab Cakes and more. Like them on Facebook to view their menu and keep up to date on their Soup-of-the-Day, Food Specials, Contests and Giveaways. If you are having an office luncheon, meeting, holiday party, graduation, or any other get together, let them do the work for you. Ask about their party pricing. Advance notice and deposit are required.

Smokey B’s BBQ is open Sunday through Thursday 12-7pm and Friday through Saturday 12-8pm. Call them at 814-BAR-BQUE (227-2783) or visit them at 507 S. S. 5th Avenue for a truly “Old Style Atmosphere”. Just follow the delicious smoke stream!