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SPRIT OF CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

For information on the following events, please call (570) 668-1880.

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR- Thursday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. and will be departing from the Tamaqua Historical Society. For more information call (570) 668-1880.

THE NATIVITY IN MUSIC- Will be held on Thursday, **December 2** at 6:30 p.m. and is presented by Bethany Church.

SANTA PARADE & DEPOT SQUARE PARK ILLUMINATION- On Friday, **December 3** Santa and Mrs. Claus will stop at 6:30 to illuminate the park, and then will continue to the **Tamaqua Art Gallery** for photos and visits. The tree festival will then take place at the Tamaqua Art Gallery, 114 West Broad Street, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information please call (570) 668-1880.

STONEHEDGE TREE LIGHTING- Friday, **December 3** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Call (570) 386-4276 for more information.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA- Saturday, **December 4** beginning at 9 a.m. at the **Tamaqua Salvation Army**, 105 West Broad Street. Reservations are required. Please call (570) 668-1880.

CRAFT SHOW- Saturday, **December 4** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Trinity UCC.

MOSER HOUSE TOURS- Saturday, **December 4** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. enjoy the Moser House tours at 307 East Broad Street.

VENDOR FAIR- Saturday, **December 4** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tamaqua YMCA.

TREE FESTIVAL- Saturday, **December 4** from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Tamaqua Art Gallery, 114 West Broad Street.

COOKIE CONTEST JUDGING- Saturday, **December 4** from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tamaqua Art Gallery, 114 West Broad Street. For contest details please call (570) 668-1252 or (570) 386-3613.

STONEHEDGE TREE LIGHTING- Saturday, **December 4** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Please call (570) 386-4276.

BACH & HANDEL CHORALE- Sunday, **December 5** at 4 p.m. This concert will take place at St. John's United Church of Christ, 150 Pine Street. Light refreshments included following the concert. Ticket price is \$15 per person and can be purchased at the Tamaqua Chamber, 114 West Broad Street.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING, COOKIE CONTEST, & TREE FESTIVAL WINNER RECOGNITION- Sunday, **December 5** starting at 6 p.m. at Depot Square Park and will be followed by cookies and hot chocolate.

BOOK TALK- A book talk will be held on **November 29** at 6 p.m. at the **Tamaqua Public Library**. The book being discussed is "The Help" by Katherine Stockett. For avid readers, the Tamaqua Public Library's book discussion group provides a venue for open conversation about books. The group meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the library's reading room to share opinions and dissect the characters and plots of that month's selected reading. New members are always welcome to join the discussion. Check the library to see if there is a copy of the book available. If not, we can obtain copies via the InterLibrary Loan System, or the book may be purchased through Amazon.

DEER HUNTERS BREAKFAST- Skipper Dippers, located on Route 309 of Hometown, is now open daily for breakfast starting at 8 a.m. Join them for their 1st annual Deer Hunter's Breakfast starting at 4 a.m. on Monday, **November 29**. This will be a special buffet style breakfast with eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, scrapple, home fries, toast, coffee, tea and orange juice. Other beverages will be available upon request. Their bakery is growing each week as they also have homemade pies, pumpkin roll and a variety of cookie. Many items are available on special order, especially for the holidays. Check them out online at www.skipperdippers.com or find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/skipperdippers. If you have any other questions you can call (570) 668-2515.

CANDY SALE- The **Tamaqua Business and Professional Women's Club** is selling See's Candies. Deadline for orders is **December 1**. For more information or to order, please call (570) 778-2072.

GROOMING AND SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC- Thursday, **December 2** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **Pleasant Valley Ranch**, 88 Arrow Road, New Ringgold will teach you how to handle your horse better on the ground and finesse your showmanship skills to win the judge's eye or just be safe around your horse. Time will be broken into a grooming portion and a ring portion. Cost is \$35 per person, horse rental included.

DECKED OUT AT THE STATION- Friday, **December 3** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at **The Restaurant at the Station** you can listen to Dave Derbes at the keyboard playing soothing traditional Christmas music. A beautiful background for your dining pleasure. Reservations are suggested. Please call (570) 668-5020.

PILATES FOR EQUESTRIANS CLINIC- Saturday, **December 4** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at **Pleasant Valley Ranch**, 88 Arrow Road, New Ringgold. Class geared toward an introduction to pilates and strengthening the core muscles with a focus geared toward the muscles we use to ride. Highly recommended for all rider's wishing to learn how to stabilize and use their upper body on the horse. Taught by a certified pilates instructor who has experience working with riders. Cost is \$30, no horse involved. Non- equestrian friends are welcome as well.

CHRISTMAS BOOT CAMP-The Salvation Army, 105 West Broad Street, is running their Christmas Boot Camp every Thursday until **December 9** from 6:30 p.m. to 8p.m. on the Salvation Army's 2nd floor. Learn great decorating ideas, handmade gift ideas, and how to plan your budget plus many more! For more information contact the Salvation Army at (570) 668-0410.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB- I Said, "Read Me!", 14 West Broad Street, will host their first Mystery Book Club meeting on Monday, **December 6** at 6 p.m. Go and puzzle out the problem with them. The books will be available for purchase in store. First book selection is "An Instance of the Fingerpost" by Iain Pears. The club will meet every first Monday of the month.

DRESSAGE CLINIC- December 15, 16, and 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. each night at **Pleasant Valley Ranch**, 88 Arrow Road, New Ringgold. Wednesday night is lecture night on the basics of dressage and your chance to get your questions answered about dressage theory, you do NOT have to ride English to participate. English saddles available if you want them, but western horses and saddles are fine. Cheryl is a United States Dressage Federation "L" Judge and bronze medalist. Limited spots are available. Groups of 3 or less, 45 minute lessons, \$110 (3 days) own horse, \$150 (3 days) with PVR horse, \$10 lecture night only.

BOOK TALK- A book talk will be held on **December 27** at 6 p.m. at the **Tamaqua Public Library**. The book being discussed is "Shepherds Abiding" by Jan Karon. For avid readers, the Tamaqua Public Library's book discussion group provides a venue for open conversation about books. The group meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the library's reading room to share opinions and dissect the characters and plots of that month's selected reading. New members are always welcome to join the discussion. Check the library to see if there is a copy of the book available. If not, we can obtain copies via the Interlibrary Loan System, or the book may be purchased through Amazon.

SPRING SEMESTER RIDING LESSONS- **Pleasant Valley Ranch**, 88 Arrow Road, New Ringgold, will hold their Spring Semester lessons from January 17 thru April 8, 2011. Each semester consists of 12 lessons in groups set according to age, skill level and discipline. 3-5 students per group. Cost of lessons with the rental of a horse costs \$420 a semester. Lessons without horse rental costs \$240 a semester. Additional packages to ride more than once a week and for families with multiple children are offered for 20% off. **Please register by January 1, 2011.** Registrations will only be accepted after this date as space allows.

JAMAICA FLING- **AAA Travel Agency** will be running a trip to Jamaica from **April 3-8, 2011**. Guests will be staying at the Breeze's Resort Spa and Golf Club. Trip includes bus ride to and from airport, roundtrip air from Philadelphia Airport with a direct flight, 5 nights of lodging, all meals, snacks, beverages, water sports, entertainment, and much more. All tax and gratuity is included. Cost is \$1,359.00 per person, double occupancy, and limited availability. \$200.00 deposit per person is due at booking. Valid US passport is required. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Ann Kline at Tamaqua AAA office (570) 668-1003.

CALIFORNIA COAST- AAA Travel Agency will be running a trip from San Francisco down the coast to San Diego on **May 8, 2011**. The trip will last 9 days. Trip includes bus transportation to and from Allentown Airport, round trip airfare, transfers to hotel in San Francisco, 5 breakfast and 4 dinners. Limited availability up to 16 passengers. Price is \$2,599.00 per person. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Ann Kline at Tamaqua AAA office (570) 668-1003.

CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR AT TAMAQUAAREA.COM FOR EVEN MORE EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

TACO NIGHT – Every Tuesday 5:30 to 11:30 pm, **The Happy Ending**, 315 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua. Call Pat at (570) 668-3539 for more information.

STEAK & ALE NIGHT – Every Thursday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua. Featuring a 10 oz. Delmonico Steak with 2 sides and a Pint of Chesterfield Ale for just \$12.99. Call (570) 668-5020.

PIEROGIE WING NIGHTS- Every Wednesday and Sunday, **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street. Try their NEW Pierogie wings with over a dozen sauce choices. Call (570) 668-5020 for more information.

FOOTBALL FRENZY NIGHT- Every Friday at **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street. They will be featuring a Basket of Golden or Buffalo Shrimp with two sides for just \$9.99. Call (570) 668-5020 for more information.

GOLDEN SPIKE INN – **Golden Spike Inn** on Center Street in Tamaqua has a vast railroad heritage! Friday and Saturdays the Spike serves tasty meals, including mouth-watering crab cakes, steaks, unique chicken specialties, plus freshly made burgers, homemade soups and desserts! And don't forget to stop by weekday evenings and watch their large screen TV's while enjoying exclusive ice-cold beers on tap, including Sam Adams, Franziskaner and Leinakugel. (570) 668-4959.

SKIPPER DIPPERS- Skipper Dippers, located on Route 309 North in Hometown, is now offering fresh baked goods and bulk candy. Bakery items include a variety of homemade cookies; featuring chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, ricotta cookies and more. Plain and specialty cupcakes and brownies for starters. They will be offering new items each week. They also have homemade chocolates from Victoria's Candies in Hazleton and a new bulk candy section. Their breakfast menu is also expanding, featuring French toast and pancakes. Stop by today or join their Facebook fan page for timely updates and special Facebook fan coupons.

NEW STORE HOURS- I Said, "Read Me!" has new store hours. The will be open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BEGINNERS QUILTING CLASS – Every Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Carolyn's Quilt Shop**, 109-2 East Broad Street, Tamaqua. Don't know how to machine quilt? Here is your chance to learn. For more information call Carolyn at (570) 668-3090.

QUILTS OF VALOR ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED AT CAROLYN'S QUILT SHOP – Drop off your handmade quilts (larger than a lap quilt) at 109-2 East Broad Street, Tamaqua and we will send them to the troops for you. Call Carolyn at (570)668-3090 for details.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD QUILT- Carolyn's Quilt Shop, 109-2 East Broad Street, is a class on how to make an Underground Railroad Quilt. Classes are held Wednesday nights. Call Carolyn at (570) 668-3090 for more details.

2010 EDITION of "Iron Steps" Illustrated History of Tamaqua by Donald Serfass is now available through the **Tamaqua Historical Society** at the Tamaqua Chamber office for just \$20. This revised edition includes information from Donnie's first publication, along with new and exciting information on events and people that are important pieces of Tamaqua's past. Wholesale pricing is available to any business and/or organization wishing to purchase the books in quantities as low as 12 copies. Call the Society today at (570) 668-5722 for more information.

RECEIVE a \$10 GAS CARD – Let the staff of **McNealis Insurance**, Allstate Insurance Co., quote your home or auto insurance and receive a FREE \$10 gas card (no purchase necessary). Let them introduce you to their Exclusive Financial Services Specialist in order to review your life and/or mortgage insurance or to explore our many financial products. 232 Pine Street. Call (570) 668-5133.

REMEMBER WHEN VIDEO – Need to turn those old 8 mm movies to DVD's? Need Photo, Video & DJ Service? Call Frank Fabrizio at **Remember When Video** (570) 668-2444. Frank also specializes in Videos for all of your special occasions – weddings, anniversaries, graduation, birthdays, homecomings, etc.

TRAVELING NOTARY PUBLIC- Spectrum Senior Consultants, Inc. now has additional services for senior and caregivers. They have a traveling Notary Public. They also offer bookkeeping for seniors. They can act as Power of Attorney and provide consulting. Spectrum is also now looking for businesses to provide tips for seniors and caregivers. This free community service airs six days a week, twice a day. For more information call (570) 624-9674 or email spectrumpres@yahoo.com.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS- Carolyn's Quilt Shop, 109-2 East Broad Street, Tamaqua has patterns for crochet and knits scarves and helmet liners to be sent to our troops. For more information call (570) 668-3090.

FUNDRAISER HELP FROM VILLAS CROSSING- Villas Crossing Golf Course has opportunities available to help non-profit and charitable organizations hold fundraisers. We can help you raise money for your organization or charity of your choice through their fundraiser program. Many organizations and charities have had very successful results working with our company. Call today and let us show you how we can help you raise money for your organization. Tournament dates are filling up quickly. Call to reserve your date at (570) 386-4515.

OWL CREEK RESERVOIR PAVILION RENTAL - Planning a party or picnic and need an outdoor space? The **Owl Creek Reservoir Commission** offers a large pavilion rental. Water, electricity and toilet facilities. Also offering catering services and a disc jockey. Alcoholic beverages prohibited. For more information call Georgine Wentz at (570) 668-5608.

ATTENTION LOCAL ARTISTS – The **Tamaqua Public Library** would like to display the artwork of local artists. There is wall space in the Reading lounge for approximately 8 pieces of art. Interested artists can display their work for a one-month period and leave business cards to help promote his/her artwork. For more information call (570) 668-4660.

ST. LUKE'S OPENS 2 NEW CENTERS IN MCADOO- located at 14 North Kennedy Drive, McAdoo, approximately two miles south of the Driver's License Center. St. Luke's is now accepting new patients. The center is currently open for Physical Therapy and Wellness on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wellness walk-ins are welcome. Physical Therapy appointments require a referral. For more information or to make an appointment, St. Luke's Sport and Rehabilitation – McAdoo, can be reached at (570) 645-1885.

ONLINE VEHICLE REGISTRATION - AAA now offers instant online vehicle registration renewals, duplicate registration cards and/or stickers and title transfers. State and service fees apply for online service products. For more information contact (570) 668-1003 or email ssmyrl@aaaschuykill.net

TAMAQUA COMMUNITY CENTER – Available for your private party, wedding, social event, Non-profit organization functions or group meetings. Seating capacity of 175. Reasonable rates. Handicap accessible. For details and a fee schedule call (570) 668-0300.

SPEAKER AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHURCH, CLUB, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION – Call **Judy Hoppes, Carbon/Tamaqua American Cancer Society**, at (888) 227-5445, Option 3, for more information.

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PLEASE NOTE: Chamber members are encouraged to submit their announcements, news and events by email to tamaquachamber@verizon.net or call 668-1880 before Thursday of each week to insure publication.