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

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – Saturday, **December 18**, 9 a.m. to noon, **Beacon Diner, Hometown**. Special children's menu and prizes! For more information and reservations please call (570) 668-1340.

BLACK DIAMOND WRITER'S NETWORK – Cathy Colangelo, Life Enhancement and Career Coach, will present a free talk on creating a vision and writing goals at a joint meeting of the Black Diamond Writer's Network and the Pennsylvania Women's Press Association to be held at the **Tamaqua Public Library** from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, **December 18**. For more information call Kathy at (570) 645-3059. The Black Diamond Writers' Network conducts regular monthly meetings at the Tamaqua Public Library from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of each month.

STORYTIME WITH SANTA- I Said, "Read Me!" 14 West Broad Street, will host a story time with Santa on **December 18** at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Santa and his helpers will be reading Christmas classics for the kids. Everyone is welcome and it is free to attend.

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.

GOLF PASSES- Looking for a great gift for the golfer in your life? **The American Cancer Society's** 2011 Golf Pass is available at the Carbon/Tamaqua Office in Lansford. Cost is \$30.00. For every 5 passes purchased, you will receive 1 Free pass. For more information or to purchase the 2011 Golf Pass please call 1-888-227-5445, option 3 and ask for Caylan.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – **December 19**, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. See the Historic Train Station all decked out in trees, lights and Gingerbread Houses. Meet Santa and tell him your last minute wishes. Enjoy a delicious family breakfast like Gingerbread Pancakes and Peppermint Cocoa! Shop in 3 unique shops for that special gift. Call for reservations. **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua (570) 668-5020.

FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST- TamaquaArea.com is holding its First Annual Tamaqua Christmas House Decorating Contest. Did you spend a lot of time decorating the outside of your home or do you know someone who did? If so, go to www.tamaquaarea.com and submit the address of a decorated Tamaqua home. After an address is submitted, someone will stop by from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. to take a photo of the outside of the decorated house. All photos will be posted on the website for everyone to enjoy. Three overall winners will receive a cash prize of \$100, \$75 or \$25 to be given to a local charity of their choice. The last day to submit an address is Tuesday, **December 21**. The contest is free and open to any Tamaqua household.

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.

GROUP TRAIL RIDES- **Pleasant Valley Ranch** is now having a December discount where Group Trail Rides are only \$30/ hour. Book a trail ride for 2 or more people (or just be willing to ride with others) anytime this month to receive the discount. Choose any time slot, any date this month. Time slots for all December rides are 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more information you can call the ranch office at (570) 943-2496 or visit their website, www.apleasantvalleyranch.com

A NOSTALGIC NEW YEAR'S EVE – Celebrate New Year's Eve in the Victorian ambiance of the Historic 1874 Train Station while savoring one of our Specially Selected Entrée's featuring Twin Stuffed Maine Lobster Tails, our Signature Crab Cakes, Prime Rib au Jus with homemade Horseradish Sauce and much more! Pair your dinner selection with one of our delicious Pennsylvania Wines or your favorite cocktails from our fully stocked bar. And finish with one of our decadent homemade desserts. Dinner will be served 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Call for reservations for the best seating. **The Restaurant at the Station** (570) 668-5020.

NEW YEARS EVE AT SUBWAY- Subway in Downtown Tamaqua will be open until 2 a.m. on New Years Eve. Stop by and enjoy the Subman as he celebrates the approach of 2011 with special coupons only good for that night as well as specials for the month of January to help you start your New Year off right. They will have coffee and hot cocoa for those that need to warm up a bit as well as hot soup and wonderful toasty subs. A full menu will be available, including breakfast.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE- The Miller-Keystone Blood Center will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, **January 12, 2011** at **St. Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital-Coaldale** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information or to schedule your life saving donation, please call Bill Paslawsky at (570) 645-8222.

BLOOD DRIVE- The Miller-Keystone Blood Center will hold a blood drive on Thursday, **January 27, 2011** at Hometown Nursing and Rehab from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information please call (570) 668-1775.

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.

HUNGRY? CHECK OUT THESE SPECIALS!

MONDAY WING NIGHT – Monday is Wing Day at the **Beacon Diner, Hometown**. Join us for \$.35 wings available in a newly expanded variety of sauces. All made fresh to order. Eat in or take out. The Beacon Diner, Hometown. For more information call (570) 668-1340.

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.

QUILTING CLASS – Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 2 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.

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.

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@aaaschuylkill.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.