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Chamber Chatters

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**** New items this week**

Deadline extended for entries.

CHAMBER LOGO/MOTTO CONTEST - The Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking entries to "put a new face" on the organization. Two separate competitions are being held – one for a logo and one for a motto. The logo must reflect both the progress and history of the Tamaqua area. The motto should be a brief statement that will be easily remembered and one that will identify the community with a united sense of progress and cooperation between citizens and businesses. A complete set of rules/guidelines are available on the Chamber's website – www.tamaqua.net or can be picked up at the Chamber office, located at 114 West Broad Street, Tamaqua.

**** BLOOD DRIVE-** The Miller-Keystone Blood Center will hold a blood drive on Friday, **March 4** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tamaqua High School, 500 Penn Street.

**** PORK & SAUERKRAUT SUPPER-** The supper will be held on Tuesday, **March 8** from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 101 North Greenwood Street. Cost is \$8 in advance or \$9 at the door. The cost for children ages 6-12 is only \$4. Supper includes pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, hot dogs, and dessert, plus live entertainment! Tickets are available at Shafer's Pharmacy or see any member of the Zion Culinary Crew.

**** OLDER & BOLDER GROUP-** The Tamaqua Salvation Army's Older & Bolder group have many activities planned for the upcoming month. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day on **March 16** by bringing a dish along with a favorite poem or saying. Enjoy Bells & Brain Teasers on **March 23** and Bells, Arts & Crafts, & Computer fun on **March 30**. The Older & Bolder group meets every Wednesday at **The Salvation Army**, 105 West Broad Street. For more information call (570) 668-0410.

**** SATURDAY NIGHTS LIVE AT THE STATION-** Celebrate St. Patrick's Day weekend at **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, and enjoy your favorite foods on Saturday, **March 19** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. plus free live music outside in our Main Dining Room. Featured will be Sterling Koch, a nationally recognized lap steel guitarist and recording artist. Call (570) 668-5020 for more information.

**** MUSIC APPRECIATION CLASSES-** If you have wanted to know more about Classical Music but were afraid to ask, you may be interested in attending the not-for-credit course being offered at LLLC's Morgan Center in Tamaqua. The dates of the program are **March 23, March 30 and April 6** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Music Appreciation Series will examine the life and time of Johann Sebastian Bach on the 23rd, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on the 30th, and Ludwig van Beethoven on April 6. Each program will feature numerous musical examples of the works of these masters, plus commentary on each piece and anecdotes about the composer or the circumstances behind the music. The instructor for the course is Barry Gangwer. The cost for each course is \$25. For more information call LCCC at (570) 668-6880.

**** BLOOD DRIVE-** The Miller-Keystone Blood Center will hold a blood drive on **March 26** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ryan Township Fire Hall, 945 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville. Call Deb at (570)467-2416 for more information.

**** SATURDAY NIGHTS LIVE AT THE STATION-** Stop by **The Restaurant at the Station** on Saturday, **March 26** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and enjoy your favorite foods plus free live music in the Main Dining Room. Featured this week will be Sean McGeehan, lead vocalist for Red Orange Aura who will be performing acoustic classic and modern rock music.

**** BAKE SALE-** The Tamaqua Area Adult Day Care Center, 300 West Broad Street, will hold an Easter candy bake sale on Tuesday, **April 19** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**** 7TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK-** The Tamaqua Area Adult Day Care Center is holding their 7th Annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, **May 7** at 9:30 a.m. All proceeds benefit the Tamaqua Area Adult Day Care Center. Pre-registration is \$15, day of race registration is \$20 from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. For registration forms stop by 300 West Broad Street, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or call (570) 668-6556.

**** FABULOUS FISH FRY FRIDAYS-** Beginning March 18 and every Friday in Lent, catch your limit of all you can eat golden brown and flaky fish at **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street. Plus enjoy homemade hushpuppies, golden fries and creamy homemade coleslaw for only \$8.99.

**** FREE QUOTES FROM AAA-** For a free, no-obligation quote on Home, Auto or Life insurance please call Kristine Llewellyn or Sue Smyrl at **AAA Insurance Agency** (570) 668-1003 or you can email them at kllewellyn@sssdvhuykill.net or ssmyrl@aaaschuykill.net. They deal with several different companies, some of which offer discounts to AAA members.

MC DONALDS COUPON BOOKS - The Tamaqua Rotary Club is selling \$5 McDonald's Coupon booklets. A \$25 value this book is packed with discounts on all your favorite McDonalds foods. Also contains coupons for FREE items. Booklets are available from any Rotary Club member or stop by the Chamber office and purchase yours today!

NEW WEBSITE – ETA Benefits Group is proud to announce the launch of their brand-new website. This new "online office" has a whole new look and a host of new features designed to meet customers' insurance needs. Log on today and receive FREE quotes on your auto, home, boat, ATV, business or commercial insurance package 24/7, customer service forms and product and insurance information. **ETA Benefits Group** is an independent insurance agency located at 242 East Broad Street, Tamaqua. For more information, log on to www.etabenefits.com or call (570) 668-6800. Visit us on Facebook and stay informed on the latest news from our agency.

LIVE MUSIC- Stop by **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, on Friday, **February 25** from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. to hear live music played for the first time in their Bar Room. Featured will be the ever popular Dave Derbes. Go in for some great food, great drinks and really great music.

BLOOD DRIVE- Miller-Keystone Blood Center will have a replacement blood drive for Harold "HT" Fryer on Saturday, **February 26** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Penn Township Fire Company. Please call Kelly or Ed at (570) 668-5044 to schedule your appointment to Give the Gift of Life. For eligibility questions please call 1-800-22-6667 or visit www.giveapint.org.

EVERYTHING BINGO – An "Everything" Bingo will be held at **St. Jerome Regional School**, 250, West Broad Street, Tamaqua on Sunday, **February 27, 2011** at 1:30 p.m. Prizes include Longaberger, Lia Sophia, Avon, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, Premier Jewelry, Scentsy and more! Door open at noon. For more information call (570) 668-2757.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP- This month's book discussion is about the book The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield. The discussion will be held at the **Tamaqua Public Library**, 30 South Railroad Street on Monday, **February 28** at 6 p.m. Interested readers should contact the library so the staff can locate a copy of the book through the Interlibrary Loan System. New members are always welcome to join. Please feel free to come on your own or bring a friend. Want a head start on next month's selection? March's selection is Made in the U.S.A. by Billie Letts.

SPRING STORYTIME- The Tamaqua Public Library is pleased to announce that they will again be conducting their annual Spring Story time soon. This year's theme is "See if you can guess the theme of the day." Children ages 2-5 are invited to join for stories and crafts in the children's area of the library. Story time begins Monday, **March 7** and will run for 10 consecutive weeks. Identical programs will be held every Monday and Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call (570) 668-4660 for more information and to register.

INTRO TO DRESSAGE CLINIC- Stop by **Pleasant Valley Ranch** on **March 12** to learn the basics of the tests and what dressage is. No need to ride in an English saddle. Discussion followed by lessons. There is a possibility of riding one of the new 2011 dressage tests. Length of lesson and size of groups depend on number of participants. Cost is \$50 which includes horse rental and trailering fee.

FINANCIAL PEACE PROGRAM- The Tamaqua Salvation Army, 105 West Broad Street, will host a Financial Peace Class given by Dave Ramsey. Free previews will be held on **March 24** at 6p.m. Weekly classes will start on **April 7**. To register for the class you can call the Salvation Army at (570) 668-0410 or register online at www.daveramsey.com/fpu. Attend one of the two free previews for your chance to win a free membership.

FISHING DERBY- The Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 3rd Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, **April 9** from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rabbit Run Reservoir. Prizes include a 3 day, 2 night stay at Caiger's Resort 1000 Islands in Canada, tickets to the Football Hall of Fame, fishing rods, bicycles and many more! Registration forms and rules are available at Tom's Auto & Marine and The Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce. Forms can also be found on our website at www.tamaqua.net. For more information call (570) 668-5066.

PA ONE BOOK, EVERY YOUNG CHILD- In keeping with the state-wide initiative for promoting early literacy, **The Tamaqua Public Library**, will be participating in the PA One Book, Every Young Child Program for 2011. The book this year is *Whose Shoes: A Shoe for Every Job* by Stephen R. Swineburn. Children will learn about different professions through read-a-louds and will later enjoy a snack provided by the library. The craft this year will involve making a two-dimensional sneaker with real laces for practicing the lost art of tying. Children participating in the program will receive a free soft-cover copy of the book, while supplies last. The program will be held on Saturday **May, 14**. The first two sessions are for ages 2-5 and will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 11:30-12:30 a.m. The last session is for ages 6-10 and will be held from 1:30-2:30. Please call (570) 668-4660 for more information and to register. Additional information can be obtained at www.paonebook.org.

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 Wednesday, 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.

The Restaurant at the Station, 18 North Railroad Street, is introducing a new expanded menu featuring many of your everyday favorites at new everyday prices.

MARTINI'S & MANICURES- Every other Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street. Ladies, get ready for the weekend or gather your friends together for a night of fun and pampering. Just \$10 each to treat yourself to both a yummy martini of your choice and a mini-manicure by Lola! Reservations are required for this event because it always sells out. Call to reserve your spot with a credit card. Your \$10 gift card will be available for you when you arrive. Use it and enjoy your martinis and a manicure. You can order with a group of friends on one credit card or have each friend call individually. (570) 668-5020.

WING NIGHT- Stop by **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, ANY night for their new extra large whole wings, but Thursday Night Football means wings for just \$5.00 with tons of awesome sauces.

SHRIMP NIGHT- Every Friday at **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, features shrimp, served golden or in your choices of sauce with hand cut fries and coleslaw for just \$9.99.

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- Located on Route 309 North in Hometown offers great weekly specials. Check them out online by going to www.skipperdippers.com. **Skipper Dippers** is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Their wonderful ice cream is always on the menu. Join them on Facebook for the most up to date information at www.facebook.com/skipperdippers.

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.

LIBERTY TAX SERVICE- 111 East Broad Street is offering Chamber members and its employees a \$50 CASH rebate on their individual tax returns. Please call Celena at (570) 668-4026 for a coupon, or stop in anytime. Liberty Tax would also love to help you with your fundraising needs. No out of pocket money to spend and 100% of the proceeds go to your organization. Ask Celena how.

FREE BASIC COMPUTER TRAINING-The Senior-Training-Seniors Program offers one-on-one computer instruction. The general public can also be served on a space available basis. The program is being offered at the Tamaqua Public Library, 30 South Railroad Street, Monday through Thursday during normal operating hours. Please call Bill at (570) 668-0401 or (570) 668-4660 for further information.

KICKBOXING CLASS- USA Martial Arts, 118 East Broad Street, is now having high energy kickboxing workouts every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Fitness kickboxing takes the music, excitement, and energy of an aerobics workout and does it one better. Class includes free bag gloves or hand wraps. Fees are \$35 monthly for unlimited classes or \$20 monthly for once a week classes. Call (570) 668-0565 for information on your free trial class.

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.

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@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.

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

“Now, more than ever, it pays to belong to the Tamaqua Chamber”.

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