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**** New items this week**

**** ENTER TO WIN A SCHUYLKILL COUNTY BICENTENNIAL LIMITED EDITION COLLECTOR'S BASKET-**

Schuylkill County is proud to present the "Friendship" basket as the Bicentennial 1811-2011 limited edition collector basket. The baskets are custom made exclusively by the American Traditions Basket Company in Canal Fulton, Ohio. Each basket is hand woven with expert craftsmanship. The basket features a commemorative brass tag and an engraved laser lid. Chances are only \$1.00 each and can be purchased at the Chamber office, 114 West Broad Street.

**** BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP-** This month's book discussion is about the book *Made in the U.S.A* by Billie Letts. The discussion will be held at the **Tamaqua Public Library** on **March 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.

**** BLOOD DRIVE-** A blood drive will be held at the **Tamaqua Salvation Army**, 105 West Broad Street, on Wednesday, **March 30** from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The blood drive will be sponsored by **Bowe, Lisella and Bower Attorneys at Law**. Please call 1-800- RED CROSS to schedule your appointment.

**** EXTREME ENTREPRENEURSHIP TOUR-** Enjoy free food and giveaways at this fun and interactive event where you will receive practical advice from top young entrepreneurs. Event will take place on Thursday, **March 31** from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Tamaqua Middle School Auditorium. Registration will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. RSVP at www.extremetour.org/lccc.

**** BLACK DIAMOND WRITER'S NETWORK-** Have you ever thought you wanted to write? Or, do you write and want to learn more about getting published? Join the Black Diamond Writer's Network on **March 31**, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the **Tamaqua Public Library** for a free roundtable discussion. Whether you would like to write a letter to the editor, an article in a national magazine or a book, find out how you can achieve your writing and publishing dreams. Members of the Black Diamond Writer's Network who have published articles and/or books will give pointers on how to write for and find the markets that will publish your work. To learn more about the writer's network or its conference, call Kathy at (570) 645-3059.

**** ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS LUNCH BUFFET-** Behind every great employer is a great Administrative Professional making it happen. Make sure it doesn't go unnoticed with a delicious lunch buffet on Wednesday, **April 27** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at **The Restaurant at the Station**. Cost of lunch is just \$8.99 per person. This will fill up fast so make your reservations today! (570) 668-5020.

**** AN ELEGANT EASTER-** **Sunday, April 24, The Restaurant at the Station.** Enjoy a hearty breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also from noon to 5 p.m. you can indulge in the elegance of the Historic 1874 Train Station while savoring one of their most requested entrée's and traditional Easter favorites. Choose from Lobster tails with drawn butter, Prime Rib au jus with homemade horseradish sauce, their famous crab cakes and much more. Since it's Easter you can't leave without treating yourself to one of their decadent deserts! Call today to make your reservations for the best available seating (570) 668-5020.

OMEGA HEALTH SCREENING- The **Tamaqua Rotary Club** will hold an Omega Health Screening performed by Quest Diagnostics on Saturday, **March 26** from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the **Tamaqua Salvation Army**. Cost is \$50 and includes chemistry profile, Coronary Risk profile, and Complete Blood Count. Please pre-register by calling 1-800-776-6342 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

OLDER & BOLDER GROUP- The Tamaqua Salvation Army's Older & Bolder group have many activities planned for the upcoming month. **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.

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.

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.

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.

ANNUAL CHILDREN & PET SPRING PHOTO SPECIAL – Saturday, April 2, 2011. Schedule your Spring photos for your Child or Pet at Flexer Photography. Packages start at \$14.99. Schedule your appointment today (570) 467-3125. **Flexer Photography Studios**, 20 Field Road, Tamaqua.

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.

TAMAQUA CHAMBER NIGHT AT THE READING PHILLIES – Tuesday, **April 19, 2011**, 6:30 p.m. Take the Bus - \$15 per person includes transportation to and from the game plus ticket OR go on your own - \$2 for general admission ticket. Call **the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce** for more information or to reserve your ticket. (570) 668-1880

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.

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.

LUNCH & LEARN – The Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce & Lehigh Carbon Community College Leadership & Workforce Development presents Lunch & Learn. First in a series of educational opportunities for you and your employees. \$35 per person, \$30 for Chamber Members for a series of 4 sessions – Internet Security, Time Management, Relaxation thru Music and Customer Service. Sessions run **May 11 & 18 and June 1 & 8**, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Materials included. Bring your own Brown Bag Lunch! Call (570) 668-1880 to reserve your spot now!

HUNGRY? CHECK OUT THESE SPECIALS!

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

FRIDAY DINNERS- The Tamaqua Elks, 201 West Broad Street, will serve dinner every Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The bar menu will be available from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information call Beth at (570) 668-3272 or the Elks at (570) 668-0701.

FABULOUS FISH FRY FRIDAYS- 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.

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!

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.

CLAMS, CLAMS, CLAMS– Schick's Café Calcutta will start serving clams every Thursday starting **March 17th**. Stop by and say Hello to Wayne and Louise. Schick's Café Calcutta, 50 Mauch Chunk Street, Tamaqua. (570) 668-3080.

2ND SUNDAY TEA - Enjoy the finer things in life amidst the ambiance of our beautiful Victorian Train Station on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Indulge in a leisurely afternoon with a delightful 5 Course High Tea which includes: Salad, Scones and Tea Cakes with Cream & Jam, trio of Tea Sandwiches, Soup and Dessert complete with a selected Tea of the Month. \$15.99 per person (Pre-paid reservations are required) **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua (570) 668-5020.

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 7 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.

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.

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 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 klllewellyn@aaaschuykill.net or ssmyrl@aaaschuykill.net. They deal with several different companies, some of which offer discounts to AAA members.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS - Create a lasting memory for your Son or Daughter and your family. **Flexer Photography**, 20 Field Road, Tamaqua (570) 467-3125. Packages starting @ \$49.95.

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 s 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.