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Chamber Chatters
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Chamber Memberships must be current in order to have your events listed in the Chamber Chatters.

FALL FOLIAGE TRAIN EXCURSIONS – Advance Sale Tickets for the **Heritage Festival** Train Excursions are **AVAILABLE NOW**. Train excursions will take place on Sunday, **October 9**, and run South at 11 a.m. and North to the High Bridge at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sponsored by The **Tamaqua Historical Society**. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 for children 12 and under. Seating is limited for each ride. Tickets can be purchased at the Tamaqua Chamber office or by calling (570) 668-5722.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL - The Tamaqua Historical Society is holding their 27th Annual Heritage Festival on Sunday, **October 9, 2011** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vendor registration forms and fall foliage train excursion tickets are now available at the Chamber office, 114 West Broad Street. For more information, please call (570) 668-5722.

**** New items this week**

New M & S TRUE VALUE HARDWARE - M & S True Value has a new Website at www.mshardwareonline.com You can also "Like" them on Facebook!

New COUNTY COMMISSIONER DEBATE – The **Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce** will hold a public debate of the candidates for Schuylkill County Commissioner on Wednesday, **October 12, 2011**, 6:30 p.m. at the Tamaqua Community Center, Rear 229 Center Street, Tamaqua. Questions for the candidates will be accepted the evening of the event or can be emailed ahead of time to debate20112000-moderator@yahoo.com. For directions or more information please call the Chamber office at (570) 668-1880

NEW GET OUT OF DEBT QUICKER – Would you like to get out of debt quicker, pay less interest and not pay anymore than you are currently paying? It's free to check out this new program online at 123.macapitalresources.com/shoproberts Watch a brief video and enter your information – this will give you a good estimate of what the program can do for you. Questions? Email Danette at danette031@gmail.com .

New LENDER MATCH & BUSINESS RESOURCES EXPO - The Small Business Administration is coordinating this Free Event which will feature great resources to help Entrepreneurs. Attend Lender to Business Match-Making Sessions and participate in networking opportunities. Wednesday, **November 9**, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., ArtsQuest Center at Steelstacks, 101 Founder Way, Bethlehem, PA. To register logon to <http://events.sba.gov/eventmanagement/EventRegistration.aspx?id=eddf3ccb-59e8-e011-8f18-02bfa56e2a24>

New ANY FOOTLONG \$5 – Tamaqua Subway will offer any Footlong for just \$5 during the month of October 2011. Look for more specials! Tamaqua Subway, 36 West Broad Street, Tamaqua (570) 668-1193

NEW SHOPPING PASS TO BENEFIT CARENET OF TAMAQUA - Buy your 25% off shopping pass for Boscov's for just \$5 on Tuesday, October 4 at CareNet table in the Juniors Department of the Hazleton Boscov's Department Store. All proceeds benefit CareNet of Tamaqua. For information call (570) 225-8906 or email carenetoftamaqua@gmail.com

THIS WEEKEND'S EVENTS

ADULT KNITTING CLASSES – **Summershanty Arts & Crafts Studio**, 10 West Broad Street, Tamaqua (second floor M & S True Value Hardware) will hold an adult knitting class –**October 1, 15**, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Knit a Button Hat (must have completed Introduction to Knitting or have knowledge of knitting) For more information or to register call Cindy Miller at (570) 386-2847 or (570) 778-7711 or email summershanty@yahoo.com

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS MEET & GREET – **Villas Crossing Golf Course** will hold a Business to Business Meet & Greet Buffet Luncheon on Wednesday, **October 5, 2011**, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call (570) 386-4515 to sign up.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MUSIC APPRECIATION CLASSES – Love Music? Join **Barry Gangwer** at Lehigh Carbon Community College, Morgan Center, Tamaqua for a fun series of Music Appreciation – **October 20** – Unusual Instruments, **October 27** – The Topsy-Turvy World of Gilbert & Sullivan, **November 3** – Music Inspired by Literature. Registration fee for the three class series is' \$75 plus \$10 materials charge. Classes may be taken on an individual basis at \$35 per class with a one-time \$10 material charge. For more information and to register call LCCC at (570) 668-6880.

ZUMBA – Every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **Lakeside Ballroom**, 40 Crystal Lane, Barnesville. \$5 per session. Call (570) 467-2630 for more information

QUILTING CLASS – Every Wednesday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. or 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.

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.

SALES AND DEALS

FOOD DRIVE - Tamaqua Adult Daycare Center, 300 West Broad Street, Tamaqua will conduct a Food Drive beginning **October 1 through November 15, 2011**. Non-perishable foods can be dropped off at the

center Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. All food collected will be donated to the Tamaqua Salvation Army. For more information call Phil at (570) 668-6556.

2012 STEAM & DIESEL ON THE READING RAILROAD CALENDARS - The **Tamaqua Historical Society** is now selling 2012 Reading Company Technical & Historical Society's Steam and Diesel on the Reading Railroad calendars. Pick up your copy today, \$12, at the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce, 114 West Broad Street, Tamaqua.

FABRIC SALE – All last season Christmas Fabric is 25% off at **Carolyn's Quilt Shop**, 109-2 East Broad Street, Tamaqua. New Christmas fabric 10% off. Aunt Grace's Block of the Month will be starting mid September. Check out pictures of all projects on Carolyn's Quilt Shop Facebook page. For more information call (570) 668-3090.

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!

SKIPPER DIPPERS- Located on Route 309 North in Hometown offers great weekly specials. Check them out online by going to www.skipperdippers.com. Stop by for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Fresh baked goods daily. 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.

MEETING SCHEDULES AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

TAMAQUA ROTARY SCHEDULE, October 5 – Business Meeting, 8 a.m. Tamaqua Salvation Army, **October 12** – Program, 8 a.m., Tamaqua Salvation Army, **October 19** – Program, 8 a.m., Tamaqua Salvation Army, **October 26** – Program, Tamaqua Salvation Army, **November 2** – Business Meeting, 8 a.m., Tamaqua Salvation Army, **November 9** – Program, 8 a.m. Tamaqua Salvation Army. For more information or to join, please contact Gary Price, Secretary at (570) 668-2775.

FLOOD BUCKETS – The Outreach Committee from **Zion Lutheran Church** is collecting donations for flood buckets; you can drop items off at the church (Greenwood & Mauch Chunk Streets) by called (570) 668-2180 or drop items at the Chamber of Commerce (114 West Broad Street). Items needed are large 5-gallon lidded buckets, sponges, work gloves, Playtex gloves, bleach, 50-78 oz. dry laundry detergent, 25 oz. liquid dishwashing detergent, 6-8 oz. insect repellent, 50 or 100 ft. clothesline, 50 clothespins, 40-45 gallon heavy duty trash bags, Easy Wipes or other cleaning reusable towels and scouring pads. New items please. Size specifications are so the items fit into the buckets. Flood Buckets are sent to any area in need. For questions or more information call Fran Stahl at (570) 668-2699.

TAMAQUA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

SANDS OF THE WORLD – The **Tamaqua Public Library's** display case is now showing the Sands of the World Collection by Eleanor Swilp-Ford. Her collection includes red sand from Prince Edward Island, black sand from Tahiti, along with bottles of sand from such places as Sydney, Australia and Long Beach, California. Come in to see the vast array of colors and textures of sand from around the world. The library display cases are available for all types of displays. If you are interested in displaying your crafts or collections please call (570) 668-4660.

AMNESTY WEEK – **October** is National Book Month at the **Tamaqua Public Library**. Amnesty Week will be held from **October 9 – 15**. Please return overdue books during this time frame and all fines will be

waived. In an effort to better serve the community we are asking patrons to please return overdue books. For more information call (570) 668-4660

TEENS IN OCTOBER – October 16 – 22 is Teen Read Week and the theme is “Picture It @ Your Library! In celebration of this week, the Tamaqua Public Library will hold its 2nd Annual Teen Read Program on Thursday, **October 20, 2011** at 6 p.m. The Library is looking for presenters from ages 12 and up who enjoyed reading a Young Adult book and would like to give a short presentation about the book. Free giveaways and door prizes! Attend and receive a ticket for the prize drawing. For more information call Gayle at (570) 668-4660.

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.

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.

FREE WIFI AVAILABLE – Tamaqua Public Library. Visit our website at www.tamaquapubliclibrary.com

THE RESTAURANT AT THE STATION NEWS

SECOND 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 – Prepaid reservations are required.
The Restaurant at the Station (570) 668-5020.

DINE WITH THE DEAD – A Dine with the Dead Ghost Dinner will be held on Thursday, **October 27, 2011**, 6 p.m. at **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua. Delight in the eerie ghost tales of Charles Adams and devour a fearless feast of devilishly good food! This fiendish 4-course dinner and spine chilling story evening is just \$35 per person and includes dinner and the show. Only 40 tickets available. Call for best seating (570) 668-5020

TROLLEY SHOWS – Are you looking for something unique, entertaining, romantic and nostalgic? Dine at the **Restaurant at the Station** in the beautifully restored 1874 Tamaqua Train Station then take an old fashioned trolley ride to the Historic Mauch Chunk Opera House in Jim Thorpe to see a world-class show. All inclusive 3 course dinner, show tickets and trolley ride to and from the Opera House. **October 22** – The Eric Clapton Tribute \$67.50, **November 5** – The Acclaimed John Lennon Show \$72.50, **December 3** – Peek-A-Boo Revue Christmas Show \$74.50 (Adult content). For more information call (570) 668-5020

FAMOUS FALL FISH FRY FRIDAYS – Catch your limit of Golden Brown Fish or Shrimp, homemade hushpuppies, crispy fries and creamy coleslaw, every Friday night at the **Restaurant at the Station**, **September 9 through October 14**. \$8.99 – Make it All-U-Can-Eat for just \$2 more. Call (570) 668-5020 for more information or a reservation.

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.

HALF PRICE HUMP DAYS – Every Wednesday at the **Restaurant at the Station** we help you get over the “Hump” and still have money for the weekend! Every Wednesday, all day, buy one Entrée and get one Entrée at half price! No coupons required (Minimum purchase required Lunch: one entrée must be %5.00 or more, Dinner: one entrée must be \$11.99 or more. Applicable to entrée’s only, does not include appetizers, soups, desserts, beverages or daily specials. Cannot be combined with other discount coupons or offers). (570) 668-5020

WING NIGHT- Every Thursday at **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, stop in and try some of their delicious wings for just \$5.00 with tons of awesome sauces.

SHRIMP BASKET 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 \$8.99.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY GOLF COURSE NEWS

BEEF & BREW NIGHT – Wednesday’s 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., **Mountain Valley Golf Course**. Try our mouth watering beef, carved off-the-bone, served on a fresh Kaiser roll s/chips, pickle & a side....all for only \$6.95.

STEAK NIGHT – Thursday’s 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., **Mountain Valley Golf Course**. Enjoy your evening by sitting out and relaxing on our picturesque deck and have a delicious 10 oz. New York strip steak dinner prepared just the way you like. Served with potato & a side dish.

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT – Every Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. enjoy entertainment on the deck at **Mountain Valley Golf Course**.

\$5.00 RESTAURANTCOUPON – Buy an 18 Hole Round of Golf on a Saturday at Mountain Valley Golf Course and you will receive a \$5 Restaurant Coupon to use towards the purchase of any food, snack or non-alcoholic beverage for the day! (Not to be combined w/any other discounts).

FREE BREAKFAST – Buy an 18 Hole Round of Golf w/Cart (at regular price) between 6 a.m. and noon at **Mountain Valley Golf Course** and you will receive a FREE Breakfast in our Restaurant. Your choice of breakfast off of our special menu! (coffee/juice is extra). Call the Pro Shop and reserve your tee times to be eligible for this offer. Make sure you come at least 30 minutes prior to your tee time to enjoy this great special. Golfers with tee times prior to 7:30 a.m. can enjoy their breakfast after their round! (Offer not valid with league, tournament play, or with any discounts or other offers). Call (570) 467-4653

VILLAS CROSSING GOLF COURSE NEWS

BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER - Villas **Crossing Golf Course** is open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Book your meeting or event - Birthdays, Weddings, Company Picnic, Christmas Party! Covered pavilion, bar, deck and tent space available. Book you stay & play! Call (570) 386-4515 for a menu.

EARLY-BIRD SPECIAL – Play 18 with a Cart, Breakfast and a Beverage \$18, Monday through Friday **Villas Crossing Golf Course**, 521 Golf Road, Tamaqua. For more information call (570) 386-4515.

PLAY AND SERVICE – Join **Villas Crossing Golf Course** for 18 holes and lunch, just \$22. Their sister company, Colonial Auto Certified Service Station will pick up, service your automobile (oil change, tune-up, tire placement, or repair) and return before you are done golfing! Call the clubhouse at (570) 386-4515 to schedule your time. All Members receive a 20% discount on any Play & Service!

HARVEST FAMILY FUN DAY – **Villas Crossing Golf Course** will hold a Harvest Family Fund Day on Sunday, **October 16, 2011** 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Music, Entertainment, Food. Bounce House, Pumpkin Patch,

Corn Maze, Drawings, Raffles, Pumpkin Painting for the kids and much more! Vendors Wanted – For more information or to register as a vendor call (570) 386-4515.

ARCHERY RANGE GRAND OPENING - Villas **Crossing Golf Course**, 521 Golf Road, Tamaqua, will hold a Grand Opening of its NEW Archery Range on Sunday, **October 16, 2011** – Discounted memberships available. For more information call (570) 386-4515

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS – Villas **Crossing Golf Course** wants to advertise your business. Display your company banner for all to see. \$125 Company sign, tee or green. \$250 Banner Display. For more information call Stephanie Baldwin, Business Development Administrator at (570) 386-4515.

CLAMTOWN TAVERN NEWS

The newly renovated **Clamtown Tavern & Restaurant** is now open! 1000 Clamtown Road, Tamaqua. Open Tuesday through Saturday 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Senior early bird specials, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Child size portions available for children 11 and under. Take out and catering available. Call (570) 691-1698 or visit www.clamtowntavern.com

Wing Wednesdays at Clamtown Tavern – 7 pm to 10 pm – 40 cents each for bone in or boneless wings in a wide variety of flavors,

Clam Thursdays at Clamtown Tavern – 6 pm t 10 pm – Get one pound of delicious clams (approximately 3 dozen clams) for \$5.99 and enjoy one of our Yuengling Draft Specials

GOLDEN SPIKE INN NEWS

Golden Spike Inn – 128 Center Street in Tamaqua has a vast railroad heritage! Friday and Saturdays the Spike serves tasty meals, 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. Check their daily specials on FaceBook.

We now have Yuengling Oktoberfest on draft!

WHO CAN HELP?

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, 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 (570) 668-6112.

THE BALLIET AGENCY- As life changes, your insurance needs to change with it. Make sure your protection is up to date. Balliet Insurance Agency offers auto insurances, homeowner's, business owners, worker's compensation, motorcycle, snowmobile, ATV, and boat insurance. For more information call (570) 669-9373.

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

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

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