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LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER – DON'T MISS THIS DEAL!

TAMAQUA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - The Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 4th Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, **September 14, 2011** at Mountain Valley Golf Course. 4 Person Scramble, 1 p.m. Shotgun Start. \$85 per golfer – includes \$50 Nike gift card to spend that day in the Nike Tent, 2011 Tournament coupon and a 2011 Pro Shop Merchandise Discount Coupon. Bring a foursome for only \$325. Dinner, liquid refreshments and plenty of prizes and fun! For more information or to register call (570) 668-1880 or check out our registration information online at www.tamaqua.net

** New items this week

**** LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UPS – September** is Library Card Sign-up Month. If you do not have a Library card now is a good time to sign up. Bring a government-issued photo ID with current address (driver's license, passport) into the library and you will be issued a card granting library privileges. If you or your child is under 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign for the card. Patrons can start checking books out the same day! For more information call the **Tamaqua Public Library** at (570) 668-4660.

**** FREE INTERNET SECURITY CLASS – A FREE Internet Security Class** "The Dangers We Face" will be presented at New Life Assembly of God, Tamaqua on Thursday, **September 29, 2011** at 7 p.m. This class will introduce you to the dangers we face every day on the internet. Whether it's our desktops, laptops, phones or other mobile devices, we all have vulnerabilities. In this course you will learn about those vulnerabilities and raise your awareness of the many tools that are used against you. For more information or to register call the Chamber office at (570) 668-1880.

**** 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 are now available at the Chamber office, 114 West Broad Street. Deadline for registration is September 30. For more information, please call (570) 668-1880.

**** FALL FOLIAGE TRAIN EXCURSIONS – Tickets for the Heritage Festival Train Excursions** will soon be available. 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 will be \$12 for adults and \$9 for children 12 and under. Seating is limited for each ride. Reservations can be made by calling the Tamaqua Chamber office at (570) 668-1880.

**** AMNESITY 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

**** 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

OPTIMAL WELLNESS KIT – With autumn right around the corner – are you concerned about getting sick? Take advantage of this great deal and earn cash back at the same time! Get the Optimal Wellness Kit which includes Isotonix Multivitamin, Isotonix Activated B-Complex and Heart Health Essential Omega III Fish Oil w/Vitamin E. Individually priced at \$104 – get all three products for just \$69.95. For more information go to www.shoproberts.com Register for free and start shopping and earning cash back.

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. All three classes' \$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 (570) 668-6880.

SATURDAY NIGHTS LIVE AT THE STATION – Saturday, **September 17, 2011**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy your favorite foods plus FREE Live Music in our Dining Room. Featuring Sterling Koch, a nationally recognized lap steel guitarist who is touring/recording solo artist and session musician. Sterling specializes in playing traditional blues in a contemporary style on the lap steel guitar. He has recorded 3 solo CD's of steel guitar music. He has performed at Daytona Bike Week, Harley-Davidson Open House, Gathering of the Tribes, Stanhope House and many more and opened for Savoy Brown, Rich Derringer, Blackfoot and other national acts. For reservations call **The Restaurant at the Station** (570) 668-5020

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.

COMMUNITY FAIR – A Community Fair sponsored by **New Life Assembly of God**, will be held on Saturday, **September 10, 2011**, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Tamaqua Community Center (Mohn Building) & Willing Park. Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy, Dunk Tank, Games for Kids, Face painting, balloon animals and a bounce house. Everything FREE Everyone Welcome! For more information call (570) 668-4059.

ADULT KNITTING CLASSES – **Summershanty Arts & Crafts Studio**, 10 West Broad Street, Tamaqua (second floor M & S True Value Hardware) will hold three adult knitting classes – **September 10, 24**, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Introduction to Knitting – Knit a neck warmer. **September 10, 24, October 1, 15**, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Felted Purse Class (skills need – knit, purl, cast on, bind off). **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

BOOK DRIVE – **St. Luke's Hospital & Lehigh University Athletics Department** announces their 4th Annual Book Drive to improve reading levels and promote literacy for local children. Please donate new or gently used preschool and elementary grade level books for distribution to children participating in the Reading Rocks Program and clients of VNA's home visiting programs. Collection bins are available to drop books off at The Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce, St. Luke's Internal Medicine, Tamaqua, Tamaqua Family Practice and the Miners Campus of St. Luke's from August 1, through September 16. Please help enhance child literacy and improve community well-being! All books collected will be distributed throughout the local area. Check out the used book sales and yard sales, then bring the kids books to the Chamber office.

PROTECT YOUR ESTATE – Protecting Your Estate, Charitable Giving Close to Home will be presented by Joseph L. Paese will be held on Tuesday, **September 13, 2011** at **Lehigh Carbon Community College**, Scheller Center, 234 High Street, Tamaqua. Breakfast at 8 a.m. Program begins at 8:30 a.m. Learn about PA Inheritance Taxes and Federal Estate Taxes, Power of Attorney, Revocable Trusts and Give "Life" to your community through planned charitable giving. This program is free to the public. Registration is required by September 7 by calling Sharon Koszyk at Schuylkill Area Community Foundation (570) 624-7223. Sponsored by **Lehigh Carbon Community College and St. Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital**

SUICIDE PREVENTION & AWARENESS WALK – **Out of the Darkness Community Walks** will hold a Suicide Prevention & Awareness Walk at the Hometown Farmer's Market on **Saturday, September 17, 2011** at 2 p.m. Registration begins at 1 p.m. This is a rain or shine event. For more information contact Chairman, Ann Marie Calabrese at (570) 668-6450 or email guru@stuckradio.com Register online at OUTOFTHE DARKNESS.org. Check out our video <http://vimeo.com/27701510>

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS – **The Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce** presents the 5th Annual Free Summer Concert Series, on the platform of the Tamaqua Railroad Station. This year's lineup includes: **September 15** – Christopher Dean Band (Blues & Soul), **September 22** – Todd Wolfe Band (Blues). Reserve your table on the platform and enjoy a delicious dinner and drinks or just bring your lawn chair or blanket and join us for a relaxing evening of free musical entertainment. For more information call (570) 668-1880.

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.

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.

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

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.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASS – Over a million people have benefited from this solid principle of common-sense money management course. Find a simple way to manage your household income and expenses and avoid spending more money than you earn! Classes start at the **Tamaqua Salvation Army on September 8, 2011**, and run each week until December 8, 2011. Class meets from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., To register or for more information call Dina at (570) 668-0410

TAMAQUA FARM MARKET — **Every Saturday Leiby's Farm Market**, Lewistown Valley and **My Nana's Kitchen** (Lucy Gerace and her famous Sticky Buns) will be at the North Railroad Street Lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by for fresh homemade, home grown produce. Lucy and Leiby's will also be at 204 East Broad Street **every Tuesday** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call the Chamber office at (570) 668-1880.

SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL – The **First United Methodist Church**, 124 West Broad Street, Tamaqua, presents the Third Annual Summer Film Festival. Shows start at 7 p.m. Free Admission and Refreshments! This year's schedule includes: Sunday, **September 11**, Billy. For more information call (570) 668-3588.

TAMAQUA ROTARY SCHEDULE –, **September 14** – Governor's Visit, 8 a.m. Tamaqua Salvation Army, **September 21** – Program, 8 a.m. Tamaqua Salvation Army, **September 28** – Program, 8 a.m. Tamaqua Salvation Army, **October 5** – Business Meeting, 8 a.m. Tamaqua Salvation Army. For more information or to join, please contact Gary Price, Secretary at (570) 668-2775.

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 and Pumpkin Painting for the kids. 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

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

BLACK DIAMOND WRITERS NETWORK – This month's meeting of the Black Diamond Writers Network will be held at the **Tamaqua Public Library** on **Saturday, September 17, 2011**, 10 a.m. to noon. There will be a Coal Region Fiction Author Panel consisting of local writers Mike Breslin, Duane Fegley, Tom Malafarina and Joe Tarone. The panelists will share their insights into gleaning inspiration from your surroundings. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information call Kathy Ruff at (570) 645-3059. The Black Diamond Writers Network conducts regular monthly meetings at the library from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of each month.

FALL STORY TIME – The **Tamaqua Public Library** is happy to announce this year's theme for the Fall Story Time – ABC Fall Story Time Jamboree: Books, Snacks & Crafts at the Library for Free! Children ages 2-5 are invited to join us for stories, singing, crafts and snacks that begin in the children's section of the library. Fall Story Time starts **September 19th and 20th** and will run for 8 consecutive weeks with the last sessions being held November 7th and 8th. Identical programs will be held every Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information or to register 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

HUNGRY? CHECK OUT THESE SPECIALS!

The Restaurant at the Station

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.

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

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

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!

Clamtown Tavern & Restaurant

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

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!

GOLDEN SPIKE INN – **Golden Spike Inn** on 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.

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. 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 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.

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

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.

**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.