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TAMAQUA'S SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL INFORMATION

HISTORIC CANDLE-LIT WALKING TOUR – Thursday, **December 3, 2009**, 6:30 p.m. Tour begins at the Tamaqua Historical Society Museum, 116 West Broad Street, Tamaqua. FREE For more information call (570) 668-5722.

SANTA PARADE & DEPOT SQUARE PARK ILLUMINATION – Friday, **December 4, 2009**, 6:30 p.m., Downtown Tamaqua. Join Santa and Mrs. Claus as they parade down Broad Street in Tamaqua and light the lights at Depot Square Park. Santa and Mrs. Claus will then visit with the children at the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce office at 114 West Broad Street, Tamaqua. For more information call (570) 668-1880.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – Saturday, **December 5, 2009**, 9 a.m. 105 West Broad Street, Tamaqua. Donation \$6, full breakfast, picture with Santa and goodies for the kids. Sponsored by Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Commission. For reservations call the Chamber office at (570) 668-1880.

MOSER CABIN TOURS – Tour Tamaqua's first home - the 1799 Burkhart Moser Log Cabin, Saturday, **December 5**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, **December 6** Noon to 3 p.m., 307 East Broad Street, Rear, Tamaqua. FREE

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MOVIES – Saturday, **December 5, 2009**, 12 noon to 2 p.m. Tamaqua Salvation Army, 105 West Broad Street, Tamaqua. Admission – Canned good for the Army's Food Pantry. Juice and Popcorn available for \$1.

TREE FESTIVAL – Saturday, **December 5**, noon to 3 p.m. Trees will be on display in the Chamber office, 114 West Broad Street, Tamaqua. Vote for your favorite tree. Proceeds will benefit the Spirit of Christmas Festival. The decorated trees will be donated to deserving families after the festival.

COOKIE CONTEST – Think you bake the best cookies in the area? Enter the **Tamaqua Beautification Association** Cookie contest. Cookie drop off is anytime between noon and 2 p.m., **December 5**. Judging will take place between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Entries will be shared with the community after the Tree Lighting on December 6. For more information call Kevin at (570) 668-1252

SPIRITS OF CHRISTMAS PUB CRAWL – Saturday, **December 5, 2009**, 7 pm to 1 am. Trolley transportation and prize drawings for all ticket purchasers (prize drawings will be held Monday, December 7th). Enjoy the evening with friends and family. Entertainment and specials at most locations. Tickets \$20 each now available at the Tamaqua Chamber office at 114 West Broad Street.

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING – Sunday, **December 6**, 6 p.m. Depot Square Park, Tamaqua, Join the Tamaqua Beautification Association and help the Park come alive with music and lights to kick off the holiday season in Downtown Tamaqua. Free hot chocolate after the event at the Tamaqua Community Ambulance Building.

ANGEL TREE – Here's your chance to be "Santa" for a child in need. Salvation Army Angel Trees are located at **The Salvation Army**, 105 West Broad Street, Tamaqua, the **Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce**, 114 West Broad Street, Tamaqua. For more information call (570) 668-1880. If you can't make it into the office, call or email us and we will be glad to forward a child's wish to you.

DELIGHTFULLY DELICIOUS SANTA COOKIE HOUSES – by **Sweet Treats** are now available for sale or by order for that perfect "little gift" for any age. Entirely edible, these miniature "gingerbread style" houses are decorated with enough sweets to keep every sweet tooth happy throughout the holiday season. Each house comes with a free tree ornament – a mini gingerbread house, of course! Email for photos to lly50@verizon.net, or check out the display in the window of the Tamaqua Chamber. Order early to insure Christmas delivery.

1ST ANNUAL BOOK RAFFLE – The **Tamaqua Public Library** is making it possible to win \$1,000, \$500 & \$250 credit toward your choice of books! Many types of books are eligible, including all genres, large print, juvenile, college text and many more. Some restrictions may apply. Drawing will take place at the Library on Wednesday, **November 25, 2009**. Raffle tickets are \$5. For more information call (570) 668-4660.

NOUVEAU WINE DINNER – Friday, **November 20**, 6 p.m. **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua. Every year a new Beaujolais is born. The wine's release is always on the 3rd Thursday of November. To celebrate, chefs create a special party for their customers to be the first to sample the Beaujolais Nouveau. This celebration features a cocktail reception followed by a delicious four-course wine dinner with a special focus on Beaujolais from around the region as well as other local wines. 4 Courses – 5 Wines – just \$45 per person. Reservations necessary. Call (570) 668-5020, www.therestaurantatthestation.com.

MEAT & CASH BINGO – Sunday, **November 22, 2009**, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **St. Jerome Regional School** Gymnasium, Tamaqua. Win Gift Certificates, Cash, Meat Trays or Turkeys. \$20 donation for 20 regular games. Specials available. 50/50 at the door. Doors open 12 noon.

DANCE AT THE ELKS – Wednesday, **November 25**, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. **Tamaqua Elks Club**. Dance and enjoy the music of Jay & Zack. Everyone welcome. Cover charge \$3

FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER – Thursday, **November 26**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Tamaqua Salvation Army**, 105 West Broad Street, Tamaqua. Everyone welcome to come and enjoy a free, delicious, home-cooked Thanksgiving Dinner.

THANKSGIVING AT THE RESTAURANT AT THE STATION – Thursday, **November 26**, noon to 5 p.m. There will be something for everyone in the family to enjoy! Traditional Turkey with all of the trimmings, plus Crab, Filet and much more! Enjoy all of the bounty of the harvest around our tables ... and we do the dishes! Tamaqua's Historic Train Station, 18 North Railroad Street. Call (570) 668-5020 for reservations.

STONEHEDGE GARDENS TREE LIGHTING – Beginning Thanksgiving through New Years every Friday, Saturday and Sunday 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., **Stonehedge Gardens**. \$10 per person. A must see for the holiday season! The annual **Stonehedge** Tree Lighting boasts a 15 foot tree with more than 16,000 lights, 300 feet of Strauss crystal and 160 lighting hues set to seasonal music. 51 Dairy Road, Tamaqua. Please call for reservations (570) 386-4276. Closed Christmas day, December 25. Visit www.stonehedge.org.

BOOK SIGNING – Saturday, **November 28**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Tamaqua Train Station, 19 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua. Local Authors Peg Grigalonis and Kurt Swickl will be available to sign their books "Chronicle Memory of Lakewood Park" and "Along the Schuylkill River".

HUNTER'S BREAKFAST – Monday, **November 30**, beginning at 4 a.m. **Tamaqua Salvation Army**, 105 West Broad Street, Tamaqua. **\$5 all you can eat!** Call (570) 668-0140 for more information.

ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST – **The Restaurant at the Station's** Annual Gingerbread House Contest for Toys for Tots is once again on the horizon. Open to all schools, organizations or just people who like to bake for a good cause. We are in need of about 5 more entries so please enter your gingerbread house and you or your organization could win \$150 as well as help the kids have a Happy Holiday. Call today for details and to enter! (570) 668-5020.

SATURDAY NIGHTS "LIVE" AT THE STATION – Beginning Saturday, **November 28**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Every Saturday night enjoy your favorite foods from our extensive menu with Free Live Music in our Main Dining Room. Kicking off our first Saturday Nights LIVE is Jack Kulp (of "Wildcat") on blues harp & Jim Juranis (of "Fat Cats") on guitar together again! You can't lose on this night of Classics & Blues! **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua. (570) 668-5020

HOLIDAY GALA FUNDRAISER – Enjoy a festive holiday evening with friends. Holiday Gala Fundraiser for Daikon Living and Learning After 50. Have dinner and dance to the sounds of the Hazleton Philharmonic Big Band Orchestra. **December 11**, 6:30 p.m. at Pine View Acres, Pottsville. For more information call **Jillian Stone, Stone Consulting** at (484) 464-3332.

FALL STORY TIME – Celebrate the first daily of autumn with the Library's fall reading program. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 may participate in this weekly story time program. Two identical sessions will be held each week from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The fall program concludes on November 18. For more information call **the Tamaqua Public Library** (570) 668-4660

NOW OPEN – NEW OWNERSHIP – **Pine Street Pub & Eatery**, 401 Pine Street, Tamaqua is now open for lunch, dinner and late night snacks. Kitchen open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. 7 days a week! Call for daily lunch specials. (570) 668-1669.

FOOTBALL NIGHTS AT SCHICKS – Schick' Café Calcutta will keep the kitchen open until 10 p.m. every Friday night and will run Happy Hour from 10 p.m. to midnight with drink specials. And don't forget about the 5th Quarter Show Live from the floor of the restaurant! Saturday enjoy your favorite College Football Team on one of 8 TV's and on Sunday finish out the weekend by watching your favorite Pro Football Team! For more information call Schicks at (570) 668-3080.

LOOKING TO TARGET YOUR SENIOR MARKET – Jillian Stone, Stone Consulting, Caregiver Education Consultant for **Spectrum Consultants Inc**, wants to show you how to target your Senior market through Spectrum's Care Management Newsletter. This newsletter will be mailed quarterly to seniors over 55 and will be filled with articles on current topics and upcoming regional events. Save 25% advertising in the first newsletter! Contact Jillian Stone at (484) 464-3332 for more information.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – The Tamaqua Public Library holds a book discussion group for older teens and adults the last Monday of each month. Interested readers should contact the Library at (570) 668-4660 so the staff can locate a copy of the book through the Interlibrary Loan System. The book selection is Kat Jacobs "The Friday Night Knitting Club

NEW WEEKLY SPECIALS – Don't miss the New Weekly Specials at **The Restaurant at the Station**, 19 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua. Every Wednesday is Gourmet Pub Pizza Night – Smokey Mountain, Pieorgie, Hawaiian, Chicken Ranch or build your own! Starting at \$7 each. Thursday is Steak & Ale Night – 10 oz Delmonico, 2 sides & a pint of ale just \$10.99. Every Friday is Football Frenzy Night – Basket of Golden or Buffalo Shrimp with 2 sides just \$9.99. Call (570) 668-5020 for more information!

BACK IN THE TOWING BUSINESS – Tom's Autobody is officially back in the towing business. Local tows complimentary if repairs are made at Tom's shop. Tom offers Rhino Lining spray bed liner and propane sales. Get a \$50 Rhino lining discount if you mention Facebook. **Tom's Auto & Marine**, Greenwood and Mountain Avenue, Tamaqua. Call (570) 668-5066.

TOBASH NATIONWIDE INSURANCE & FINANCIAL ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF SERVICES – The team at Tobash Insurance and Financial Services offers excellent Auto and Homeowner's Insurance and Business Insurance through Nationwide and other fine companies. Let them Listen to you and gather information about your present situation, Provide solutions for your situation now, Listen to your long-range plans and goals, Provide solutions for those plans and Provide you with an annual check-up to keep your plans on track. For more information call (570) 668-6934 or (570) 385-1273.

J & D's PET BOUTIQUE – Formerly Sean's Pet Supply, 117 West Broad Street, Tamaqua, now offering Grooming for Dogs & Cats! \$5 off your first appointment. Free Hamster with the purchase of a cage. 25% off all Reptiles. Dogs & Cats for adoption. Aquarium set-ups on sale! Call (570) 668-2114.

ADOPT A RESCUED PET – Every Thursday and Saturday, Noon to 5 PM, stop by **J & D's PET BOUTIQUE** and see the variety of pets that are available for adoption, courtesy of new owner, Jessica Koch and Plain & Fancy Rescue. Call Jessica at 668-2114 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.

NOW BOOKING FOR THE HOLIDAYS – The Restaurant at the Station, 18 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua is now booking holiday luncheons and dinner parties. Let our beautiful historic train station set the stage for your perfect holiday gathering! Call early for best selection of available dates. (570) 668-5020

BLACK DIAMOND WRITER'S NETWORK – 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. For more information call Kathy at (570) 645-3059

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.

BEGINNERS QUILTING CLASS – Every Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 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.

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

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.

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.

“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 tamaquachamber@verizon.net) or call 668-1880 before Thursday of each week to insure publication.