



Chamber Chatters

News from the members of the
TAMAQUA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VISIT US AT

<http://www.tamaqua.net>

114 West Broad Street Tamaqua, PA 18252

tamaquachamber@verizon.net

570-668-1880 FAX 570-668-0826

It's a brand new year, full of brand new possibilities!

Chamber membership drive is now underway. Join now!
Application attached.

TAMAQUA CHAMBER OFFICE
NEW WINTER HOURS
Wednesday 9 to 3
Thursday and Friday 9 to 4

TAMAQUA CHAMBER NEWS

DID YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS YET?

**DEVELOPERS, BUSINESSES AND PROPERTY OWNERS
TO LEARN ABOUT THE TAMAQUA BOROUGH'S CRIZ DESIGNATION**

A breakfast seminar will be hosted by the Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Tamaqua Salvation Army (105 West Broad Street, Tamaqua) for residents, new and existing businesses, and developers to learn more about the CRIZ Program. Sponsors of the breakfast are Mauch Chunk Trust Company and Charlotte A. Solt, Inc. The cost to attend the breakfast is \$5.00 for Chamber Members and \$7.00 for non-Chamber members. **FLYER ATTACHED**

Individuals interested in attending the seminar are encouraged to RSVP by contacting the Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce at 570-668-1880 or chamber@tamaqua.net.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

NEW from Washko & Thomas Agency

Get the Health Insurance help you need to enroll for 2015 before it's too late and you are locked out until 2016. Open enrollment ends February 15th. If you haven't enrolled in a health insurance plan by this date, you can only enroll in 2015 coverage if you have a qualifying event.

Think you can't afford health insurance? Depending upon the size and income of your household and other eligibility factors you could qualify for valuable financial assistance that could lower your monthly premium. Call Gar Thomas 570-952-4591, email garthom@ptd.net

NEW

STARTING JANUARY 20, 2015

EMMA'S FRIENDS

New Store Hours

WEDNESDAY 1 PM - 6 PM

THURSDAY 10 AM - 4 PM

FRIDAY 10 AM - 6 PM

SATURDAY 10 AM - 1 PM

Dana Gaynor Band – **January 24**, 8 to 10:30 pm, **TAMAQUA COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER**
Flyer attached

SIMON KRAMER COMMUNITY AND RECREATION CENTER, 15 Alliance Street,
New Philadelphia will host a **Chinese Auction & Vendor Show, January 24 (9 to 5) and**
January 25 (9 to 3) for Anthracite Heat All Star Cheerleading. **Flyer attached**

GENE MORRISON PRODUCTIONS presents Singers/Songwriter/Musicians – **SHANE & LIVI** – along with
Gene Morrison, Sunday, January 25 at 2 pm at the Simon Kramer Community & Recreation Center, 15
Alliance St, New Philadelphia Admission \$10/person at the door. **Flyer attached**

NEW - SUPER BOWL SOUP AND HOAGIE SALE – ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
101 N. Greenwood, Tamaqua, Call Shirley at 570-668-0623, **Orders due 01/26/15, Pick up**
01/31/15 Flyer Attached

NEW - CHARLES X BLOCK'S is expanding their weekly pick up & delivery of dry
cleaning at local businesses, shoe repair (both men and women), zipper repairs, leather
repairs and alterations, beginning **January 29**. Call for more details – 570-668-1251 or stop
in at 251 West Broad Street. M - Fri 9:30 to 5:30, Sat 9:30- 3:00.

The Local Boys will rock the **TAMAQUA COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER, January 31** at 6 pm

MOUNTAIN VALLEY GOLF COURSE Wing Night in their Players Club, every **Wednesday night**. Enjoy a
dozen wings for just \$6. For reservations and information, call (570)467-2242 or check out Mountain
Valley on FaceBook at www.facebook.com/MTVALLYGOLF

M&S HARDWARE JANUARY 2015 PRICE BUSTERS – Be sure to check out the two page specials
attached to this week's Chatters. All specials are while supplies last, so don't miss out!

JUSTUS – January 31, 6 to 10pm -Tamaqua Community Arts Center is the place to be, to help one of
the talented members of JUSTUS celebrate becoming an official senior citizen! **Flyer attached**

There is always something going on at the **TAMAQUA COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER**, 125 Pine Street, for
all interests and for all ages. Check their calendar at www.tamaquaarts.org
A few flyers are attached for just some of their upcoming events and activities. Share and post them.

TAMAQUA ROTARY CLUB Meeting Dates:

January 28, 2015 - program meeting, 8 am, Tamaqua Salvation Army open to the public

TAMAQUA ROTARY CLUB is selling McDonald Coupon Books. The books cost \$5 each, and are good till 12/30/16. Books can be purchased from Bill Donovan, Lynn Zimmerman , or any member of the club.

NEW - BUCKET LIST BOOK CLUB – TAMAQUA COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER 125 Pine Street, Tamaqua starting **February 4**, 7pm. Contact Melanie Turrano at mturrano@lccc.edu **Flyer attached**

Looking for ways to free up some of your precious time? Contact H&R BLOCK TAX AND BUSINESS SERVICES, 395 East Broad Street, Tamaqua, (570)668-1757. They offer Business Services, including bookkeeping and payroll services, personal tax returns, small and large business tax returns and corporate tax returns. Call them today and let them help free up some of your time.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY PUBLIC GOLF COURSE, SEASONS RESTAURANT & BANQUET VENUE, 1021 Brockton Mountain Drive, Barnesville PA (570)467-2242, www.mtvalleygolf.com

Winter Restaurant Hours:

Join us for our popular Sunday breakfasts – served from 7 am to Noon.

Full Menu, Wednesday 11 am to 9 pm, Sunday 7 am to 6 pm

Bar Menu: Monday Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 11 am to 5 pm

VONZ RESTAURANT - 18 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252 (570) 668-6439 .
www.vonzrestaurant.com

Wednesday is **Senior Discount Day** at **Vonz Restaurant** in the historic Tamaqua train station. Join Host Matt Stine for dinner and a fun-filled evening of trivia. **Trivia Thursdays** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Seniors enjoy 10% off any lunch or dinner meal (alcohol excluded) Dine at **Vonz Restaurant** on your **birthday**, present ID, and receive 10% off your dinner entrée.

NEW - VALENTINE WEEKEND DINING at **VONZ RESTAURANT**, featuring “Surf & Turf”.
February 13 & 14 Call for reservations – 570-668-6439 **Flyer attached**

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE – Downtown Tamaqua, in the Tamaqua Salvation Army building, Elevator, INCLUDES heat, water, sewer, trash. 3 spaces available. Call (570)668-0410 for more information.

CHAMBER UPDATES

TAMAQUA CHAMBER LUNCH BUNCH —The Chamber Lunch Bunch is just an informally organized group of Chamber members who visit other members for a lunch and/or visit. **Everyone is invited to join us and support the local businesses. Lunch Bunch can visit any member’s business – not only those serving food.**

Lunch is on your own, conversation is free, and shopping locally is awesome!

If you are a Chamber member, and would like the Lunch Bunch to visit you (we’ll purchase/bring our own lunches), just let us know. We are always looking for a place to hang out for an hour or so! (570)668-1880

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE TAMAQUA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE? DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE? A SALE OR EVENT TO ANNOUNCE? Contact us at tamaquachamber@verizon.net by Thursday at Noon, and we will be glad to include it in next week’s email newsletter. It’s just one of the many membership benefits.

Our mailing list includes over 400 subscribers and is a great marketing opportunity for our member’s business or organization. **What can we share for you next week?**

Feel free to share your copy of Chamber Chatters with a friend!

PRINT OUT THE FLYERS AND POST THEM!

*Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce
is proud to host a
Breakfast Seminar to learn
more about the CRIZ designation*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015

8:00 a.m.

Salvation Army

105 West Broad Street, Tamaqua

COST: \$5.00 for Chamber Members; \$7.00 for Non-Chamber Members

Thank you to our sponsors:



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Trust Company
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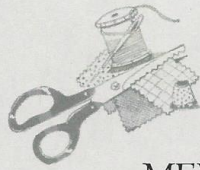
I/We will attend and payment is enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce". Questions call 570-668-1880

Please detach and return to: Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce, 114 West Broad Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252

90 Years...

And still going strong



Charles X Block's

EST. 1923

FORMAL WEAR RENTALS
MEN'S WEAR AND WOMEN'S ACCESSORIES

Beginning January 29th 2015

Charles X Block is proud to expand the following 5 services to you and your fellow employees.

Weekly pick up & delivery of:

- ♦ Dry Cleaning (Thursdays)
- ♦ Shoe Repair (serving both men and women)
- ♦ Zipper Repair
- ♦ Leather Repair
- ♦ Alterations



Additional employee incentives available for you and your immediate family. These offers include coupons, invitations to special customer shopping evenings, casino nights at the store, and monthly sales on suits and Clark's shoes.



Special Offer

Refer a wedding to us and when the wedding takes place you will receive a \$50 gift certificate !!!

Offer valid Jan. 1st - Feb. 28th 2015

251 W. BROAD ST
TAMAQUA, PA 18252
570-668-1112

charlesxblockretailstore@gmail.com

MON-WED 9:30-5:30
THUR - FRI 9:30-5:30
SAT 9:30-3:00



Super Bowl Soup and Hoagie Sale

Benefit of Zion Lutheran Church

101 N. Greenwood Street, Tamaqua

Soups Available - \$6 a quart

Chili – Chicken Noodle – Ham & Bean

Hoagies – Plain or with Onions - \$5

Call Shirley at 570-668-0623

Orders due 1/26/15

Pick up 1/31/15 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership fees are based on number of FTE employees.

NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2015
0 – 2	\$75
3 – 5	\$150
6 – 10	\$200
11 – 20	\$250
21 – 35	\$300
36 – 50	\$350
51 – 100	\$550
101 or More	\$880
Service Organizations	\$150
Individual (Non Business)	\$50

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Employees: _____ **Date of Application:** _____

Method of Payment:

Check/Cash _____

Credit Card Payment: Card# _____

Exp. Date _____ **Credit Card Security Code:** _____

Name on Credit Card: _____

Billing Address for Credit Card: _____

Zip Code: _____

REFERRED BY: _____

JOIN THE TAMAQUA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BEGIN TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WIDE VARIETY OF BENEFITS THAT
ARE AVAILABLE WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

EMAIL US AT chamber@tamaqua.net

CALL US AT (570)668-1880



presents their

2nd Annual Chinese Auction & Vendor Show

**WIN a 32" HD Television, 7" Tablet, Autographed Picture from the
Philadelphia Eagles, Gift Cards, themed baskets, and MORE!**

**** You do NOT have to be present to win ****

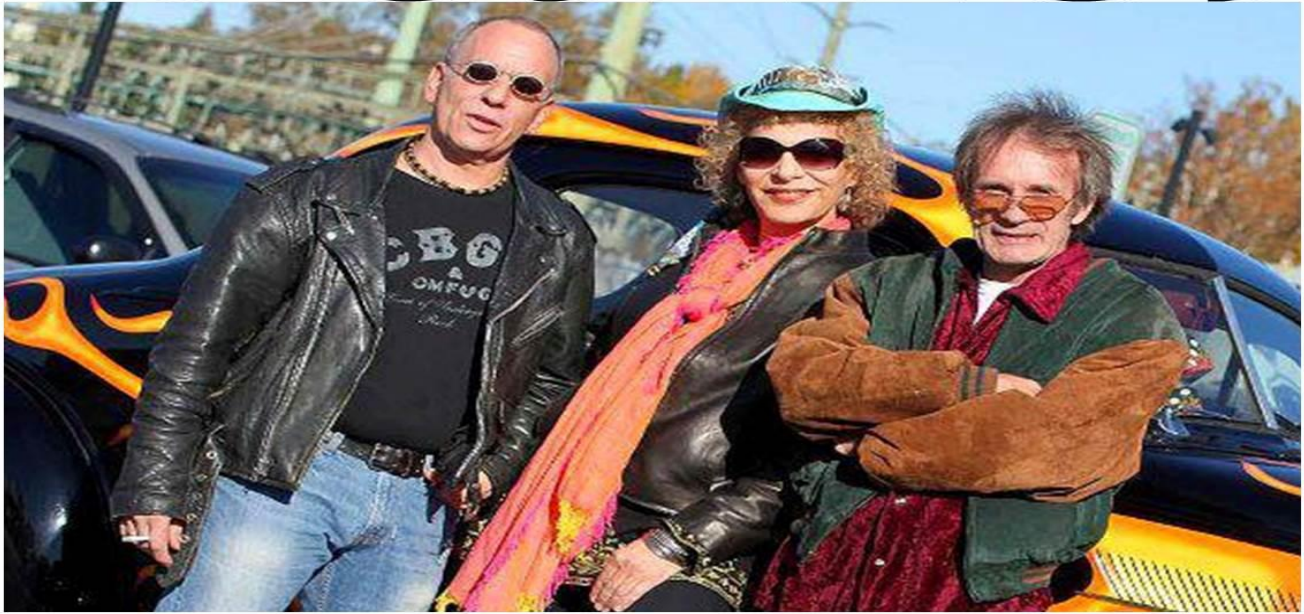
January 24th, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

January 25th, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

At the Simon Kramer Community and Recreation Center, New Philadelphia

15 Alliance St.
New Philadelphia, PA, 17959
GPS: Turn on Clay St.
Look for Citadel Athletic Complex

DANA GAYNOR Band



January 24th
8:00-10:30PM

TICKETS
\$10

Tamaqua Community Art Center
125 Pine Street, Tamaqua
(570) 668-1192
Tamaquaarts.org



GENE MORRISON



PRODUCTIONS

Presents

Singer / Songwriter / Musicians

Shane & Livi



with opening act

GENE MORRISON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th @ 2:00 pm

Admission \$10.00 Per person at the door

Simon Kramer Community & Recreation Center Auditorium
15 Alliance St. New Philadelphia

M & S Hardware PRICE BUSTERS

January 2015



1.5 lb Fatwood Firestarter
Sku #402772

M&S VALUE PRICE	\$3.79
Amazon.com	\$11.57
Ace	\$6.99
TrueValue	\$5.99



Electric Staple/Brad Gun
Sku #389781

M&S VALUE PRICE	\$25.99
TrueValue	\$29.99
Lowe's	\$29.98
Amazon.com	\$29.98



4 oz. Power Plumber
Sku #485802

M&S VALUE PRICE	\$10.59
Amazon.com	\$15.96
Ace	\$13.99
TrueValue	\$12.99



Standard Lever Grease Gun
Sku #573070

M&S VALUE PRICE	\$10.59
Ace	\$18.99
TrueValue	\$17.99
Lowe's	\$14.99



14 oz. Moly EP Grease
Sku #572311

M&S VALUE PRICE	\$4.99
Amazon.com	\$8.32
Lowe's	\$7.99
The Home Depot	\$5.48



Manual Knife Sharpener
Sku #650250

M&S VALUE PRICE	\$7.99
Amazon.com	\$9.99



16 Gauge Finish Nailer Kit
Sku #316633

M&S VALUE PRICE	\$115.00
Ace	\$169.99
TrueValue	\$154.99
The Home Depot	\$149.00



4x10 Drop Cloth
Sku #784399

M&S VALUE PRICE	\$3.50
Amazon.com	\$7.48
TrueValue	\$6.49
The Home Depot	\$4.39



4x20 Drop Cloth
Sku #784375

M&S VALUE PRICE	\$4.50
Amazon.com	\$10.57
Lowe's	\$6.78

*** WHILE SUPPLIES LAST ***

Comparisons based on competitions MSRP. Individual stores prices may vary.

M & S Hardware PRICE BUSTERS

January 2015



8x12 Drop Cloth
Sku #784382
M&S VALUE PRICE \$5.50
TrueValue \$9.99
Amazon.com \$6.85



5 Piece Hobby Plier Set
Sku #308428
M&S VALUE PRICE \$14.50
TrueValue \$31.99
The Home Depot \$21.56



6 oz. Rust/Stain Remover
Sku #613444
M&S VALUE PRICE \$2.99



14 oz. Hanging Damp Rid
Sku #611966
M&S VALUE PRICE \$3.50
Ace \$9.99
Lowe's \$7.97
Amazon.com \$3.97



Lightweight Spackling & Primer in One
Sku #770816
M&S VALUE PRICE \$4.50
Amazon.com \$9.61
Lowe's \$5.98
TrueValue \$5.49



3-Pk 24oz. Spray Bottles
Sku #615506
M&S VALUE PRICE \$3.00
Ace \$6.99
Amazon.com \$6.99



6V Heavy-Duty Lantern Battery
Sku #813784
M&S VALUE PRICE \$3.98
Ace \$5.99
TrueValue \$5.99
The Home Depot \$4.68



16" Toolbox
Sku #300295
M&S VALUE PRICE \$9.98
Amazon.com \$17.76
Ace \$15.99
The Home Depot \$10.97



6-In-1 Screwdriver
Sku #394610
M&S VALUE PRICE \$3.99

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PROUDLY PRESENTS:



JUSTUS

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS, "THE LOCAL BOYS"
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 2015
6:00 PM TILL 10:00 PM

**WE'LL BE CELEBRATING A MILESTONE BIRTHDAY! ONE
MEMBER OF JUSTUS WILL OFFICIALLY BECOME A SENIOR
CITIZEN IN JANUARY! (GUESS WHICH ONE! 😊)**

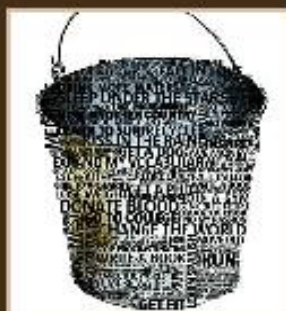
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30; DINNER FROM 6:00 TILL 7:00; CONCERT FROM 7:00 TILL 10:00

**TICKETS ARE \$12.00 IN ADVANCE, \$15.00 ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. (ADVANCE TICKET
PURCHASE ENTITLES YOU TO RESERVE PUB TABLE SEATING.) THIS IS A B.Y.O.B. EVENT!**

**TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM ANY BAND MEMBER, OR BY STOPPING INTO THE CENTER,
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY BETWEEN 9:00 AM & 3:00 PM. IN ADDITION, YOU CAN CALL THE
CENTER AT 570-668-1192, OR YOU CAN EMAIL THE CENTER AT LEONA@TACP.INFO.**

The Bucket List Book Club: Books You Must Read Before You Die

Be a Bookworm before the Worms Eat You!



All Ages Welcome



Title: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Author: Harper Lee

Publish Date: 1960

The unforgettable novel of a childhood in a sleepy Southern town and the crisis of conscience that rocked it, *To Kill A Mockingbird* became both an instant bestseller and a critical success when it was first published in 1960. It went on to win the Pulitzer Prize in 1961 and was later made into an Academy Award-winning film, also a classic.

First
Discussion
February 4
7:00pm

Reading List for Winter and Spring



Sold by Patricia McCormack

Must Read by March 4, 2015

Lakshmi is a thirteen-year-old girl who lives with her family in a small hut on a mountain in Nepal. Though she is desperately poor, her life is full of simple pleasures, like playing hopscotch with her best friend from school, and having her mother brush her hair by the light of an oil lamp. But when the harsh Himalayan monsoons wash away all that remains of the family's crops, Lakshmi's stepfather says she must leave home and take a job to support her family.



Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

Must Read by April 1, 2015

George and Lennie are an unlikely pair, yet they have formed a "family," clinging together in the face of loneliness and alienation. Laborers in California's dusty vegetable fields, they hustle work when they can, living a hand-to-mouth existence. George and Lennie have a plan: to own an acre of land and a shack they can call their own. When they land jobs on a ranch in the Salinas Valley, the fulfillment of their dream seems to be within their grasp. But even George cannot guard Lennie from the provocations of a flirtatious woman, nor predict the consequences of Lennie's unswerving obedience to the things George taught him.



The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

Must Read by May 6, 2015

In the world of the near future, who will control women's bodies?

Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead. She may leave the home of the Commander and his wife once a day to walk to food markets whose signs are now pictures instead of words because women are no longer allowed to read. She must lie on her back once a month and pray that the Commander makes her pregnant, because in an age of declining births, Offred and the other Handmaids are only valued if their ovaries are viable. Offred can remember the days before, when she lived and made love with her husband Luke; when she played with and protected her daughter; when she had a job, money of her own, and access to knowledge. But all of that is gone now....

Please contact Melanie A. Turrano to sign up
mturrano@lccc.edu

Dine with your heart

Vonz Restaurant

(Located in the Tamaqua Train Station)

Valentine Weekend Dining
Featuring "Surf & Turf"

Friday, February 13th
and
Saturday, February 14th

Don't Wait!
Make your Reservation Today!

(570) 668-6439