



Chamber Chatters

News from the members of the
TAMAQUA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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<http://www.tamaqua.net>

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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

CHAMBER NEWS

ANNUAL DAFFODIL CAMPAIGN

BENEFITS AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

CARBON/TAMAQUA UNIT TELETHON

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DELIVERY DATE 3/24, 3/25

570-668-1880

THIS WEEKEND

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**

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

NEWS CONGRATULATIONS TO RICH SHUPP AND THE STAFF AT “CLOUD NORTH”.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY COMPUTER SERVICES AND ABE COMPUTER SERVICES HAVE MERGED TO FORM CLOUD SERVICE CENTER, LLC

The name of the company has changed, but the quality of service and commitment has not. What does it mean for you? More staff, more services and more products. New technology to help keep you running smoothly. More products to help keep you mobile. Now offer flat rate fees for drop off repairs to save you money. Plus, now they have two branches to operate from, so that means a larger area of support.

Call “Cloud North” in Tamaqua at (570)668-1059 or “Cloud South” in Emmaus at (610)262-1695.

“Welcome to our cloud, where the sky is not the limit.”

NEWS CONGRATULATIONS! R. THOMAS BERNER who has been named president of Farmland Preservation Artists of Central Pennsylvania. Berner is a freelance photographer and writer who recently self-published a book titled "*Pennsylvania Barn Stories*", available only at www.blurb.com. In late March, Tom will be showing a variety of his photographs at the Tamaqua Community Arts Center.

NEW "LET US MIND YOUR BUSINESS" 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. **Flyer attached with list of business service available.**

NEWS from **Washko & Thomas Agency** . Call Gar Thomas 570-952-4591, email garthom@ptd.net

At the present time the Health Care Reform legislation has set the full time work week at 30 hours which has created a situation where a former part time worker may now be designated as full time and therefore eligible for the group insurance policy if the employer has such a policy in place. This change in the work week has resulted in some employers cutting their part time workers to 29 hours creating yet another set of issues for both the employee and employer.

Today I received the following update:

The Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee held a full committee hearing last week examining job-based health insurance and the definition of full-time work under the ACA.

A bill passed by the House that is now before the Senate would revise the definition to 40 hours a week. It is unclear if the bill will succeed in the Senate.
Hopefully the Senate will pass the bill.

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 TAMAQUA COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER presents "Ricky & the Ricardos", **February 7, 7 pm**, bringing you the greatest hits of all times in a way you've never heard them before. Family-friendly entertainment for musical tastes of all ages. Call 570-668-1192 for tickets. **FLYER ATTACHED**

NEW VALENTINE'S DAY SHOW, featuring FREE RANGE FOLK and special guest, **GENE MORRISON**, at the **TAMAQUA COMMUNITY ARTS CENTR**, **FEBRUARY 14TH**, 6 pm dinner, 7 pm show. Call (570)668-1192 for tickets. **FLYER ATTACHED**

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

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.

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

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

TAMAQUA ROTARY CLUB Meeting Dates:

February 4, business meeting, 8 am, Tamaqua Salvation Army

February 11, 18, 25, program meetings 8 am, Tamaqua Salvation Army – open to general 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.

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**

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

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.

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.

VALENTINE WEEKEND DINING at **VONZ RESTAURANT**, featuring “Surf & Turf”.

February 13 & 14 Call for reservations – 570-668-6439 **Flyer attached**

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!

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.



Reading List for Winter and Spring



Sold by Patricia McCormack

Must Read by March 4, 2015

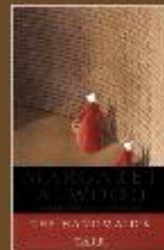
Lakshmi is a thirteen-year-old girl who lives with her family in a small hut on a mountain in Nepal. Though she is desperately poor, her life is full of simple pleasures, like playing hopscotch with her best friend from school, and having her mother brush her hair by the light of an oil lamp. But when 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



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Business Services offers the following list of services to help you run your business more efficiently and give you more time to spend actually maintaining your business.

We service the following Entities in addition to Individual Tax Preparation:

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- S-Corporations – Form 1120S
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- LLC's
- Sole Proprietors – Schedule C Form 1040

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- Filing of Sales Tax Returns according to PA Requirements

Tax Planning

**Call Our Business Services Office for more information.
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395 EAST BROAD STREET - PO BOX 468 - TAMAQUA, PA 18252
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FAX: 570-668-6385

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FOR MORE INFORMATION**

CancerTelethon
2015
Daffodil
Campaign



*The flower of spring
brings a season of hope...*

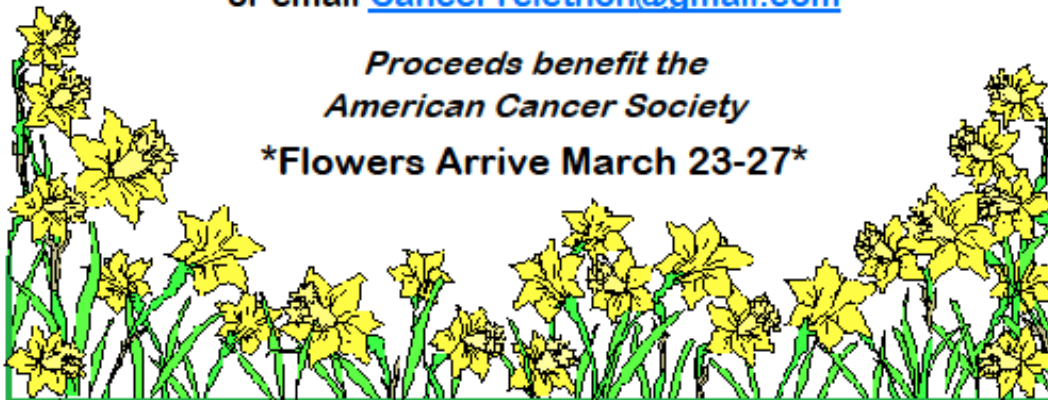
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•Cut Bunch (10 Stems) - \$10 •Potted Mini-Daffodils - \$12 •Bunch & Vase - \$15

Questions?: Call (570) 669-7017
or email CancerTelethon@gmail.com

*Proceeds benefit the
American Cancer Society*

Flowers Arrive March 23-27



The official registration and financial information of CancerTelethon Org, Inc may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State
by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 800.732.0899. Registration does not imply endorsement.

33 West Ridge Street, Lansford PA 18232
Daffodil Information Line: 570-669-7017 Volunteer Office: 570-805-4555 Fax: 570-805-4554

Call the chamber office to place your order today!
570-668-1880

FREE RANGE FOLK

DOORS OPEN AT 5 30PM
DINNER 6 00PM
SHOWTIME 7 00PM



SPECIAL GUEST
GENE MORRISON

FEBRUARY 14TH VALENTINE SHOW TICKETS

PUB TABLE \$30 INCLUDES MEAL
THEATRE SEATING \$15 MEAL NOT INCLUDED

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





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.**

RICKY AND THE RICARDOS



February 7th 7:00pm

Ricky and the Ricardos play the greatest hits of all time in a way most people have never heard. The band prides themselves on putting a Ricardo spin on songs spanning from the 60's right up to present day. The show is entertaining and family friendly satisfying musical tastes of all ages.

Tickets

\$12 adults

\$8 for children & Seniors

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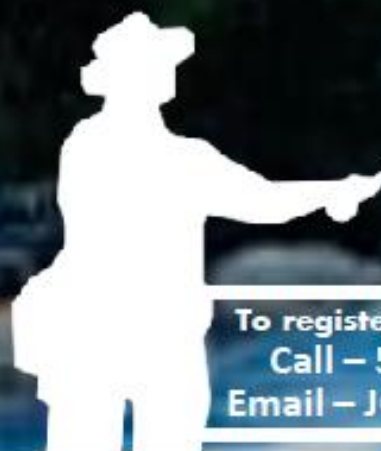


BEGINNERS FLY TYING CLASS

FEBRUARY 22

12PM – 4PM

There is no cost for this event



To register or for more information
Call – 570-640-5300
Email – JGBOND@VERIZON.NET

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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

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

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: _____

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Saturday, February 14th

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