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## 2010 Man & Woman of the Year Named

More than 200 members attended our 97th Annual Awards Banquet where we named a local couple, Ed & Judy Lusher of Rocky Grove as our Man & Woman of the Year. The Man & Woman of the Year awards celebrate the spirit of volunteerism, which is very much alive in Franklin. Each year, the winners are chosen by nominations from the community. Those who nominated Ed & Judy said it was not because they are widely known or are in the public eye, but because they ceaselessly contribute to their community for no other reason than because it's the right thing to do. Judy was shocked when the couple accepted their awards. She said there are hundreds of people in the community that do the same things and she and Ed were honored and humbled to accept the honor. More on the Annual Dinner on Page 5.



Man & Woman of the Year, Mr. & Mrs. Ed & Judy Lusher.

## Membership Showcase



Creative Choices Interior Design

### Impel Pilates Studio



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# Welcome, New Members

The following new members joined the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce in March.

Please join us in welcoming them to the Chamber!

## Northwest Eye Associates

Jose Perez, M.D., Ph.D. has joined the staff at Northwest Eye Associates Ophthalmology practice in Franklin. He is available for no stitch, no needle cataract surgery, laser eye surgery for diabetics & glaucoma and more.

**Contact: Jose Perez, M.D., Ph.D.**  
312 13th Street, Franklin, PA 16323  
Phone: (814) 437-2444

## Kris Miller Construction

Kris Miller has been in business for 38 years, offering light commercial as well as residential construction in the area. He also has apartments and homes available through his rental business based in Franklin .

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Phone (814) 437-5033 Fax: (814) 432-2199  
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## Travelhost Magazine

Jim Kalie represents our region for Travelhost, which provides information for tourists on the events and activities that are unique to a particular region. They are distributed throughout PA & Eastern Ohio in select lodging rooms.

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www.travelhost.com

## Lombardo's Pita Place

Jeremy Lombardo, a longtime Applefest® vendor, has joined the Chamber to help spread the word about his business. He is available for festivals and events and offers a healthier variety of foods than the typical fries and steak sandwiches.

**Contact: Jeremy Lombardo**  
4056 Hershey Road, Erie, PA 16506  
Phone: (814) 746-8075  
pitaplace@hotmail.com

## Grace Solle

Grace Solle of Franklin has joined the Chamber as an Associate Member to show her support for the Chamber and to stay updated on community news and events.

*Associate membership is a great way to stay involved with the community!*

## New Member to Member Discount

**KRIS MILLER CONSTRUCTION**  
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(814) 437-5033.

Kris Miller Construction is offering \$25 off on all replacement windows, installed; \$200 off on any siding job over \$2,000; \$100 off on two or more entrance doors, installed; or One free replacement window with job contracted for eight windows or more to all Chamber members.

# Thank You, Renewing Members

We would like to thank the following members who have renewed their Chamber membership.

Anderson Furniture Company, 49 Years	Shear Expressions, 21 Years	One Communications, 7 Years
The Derrick Publishing Co., 47 Years	Northwest Eye Associates, PC, 19 Years	Culligan Water Conditioning, 7 Years
Gent, Gent & Snyder, Attorneys at Law, 34 Years	Franklin Concrete Products, 19 Years	Cowboy Kettle Corn, 6 Years
Franklin Press, Inc., 33 Years	Dean's Concessions, 17 Years	Venango Community Concert Association, 5 Years
Venango Video, Inc., 30 Years	Wiegel Brothers Marine, 16 Years	Alturamats, Inc., 5 Years
Wilson Real Estate, 25 Years	Dr. Richard Eshelman, 14 Years	M & D Paving, Inc., 5 Years
Kendzior Orthodontics, 25 Years	Kerry A. Irons, Builder, 12 Years	DeChellis-Keich Concessions, 3 Years
Franklin Giant Eagle, 25 Years	American Cancer Society, 10 Years	Sanford Company, 3 Years
Titusville Fabricators, Inc., 24 Years	Zonta Club of Oil City-Franklin, 8 Years	Industrial Truck & Crane, Inc., 3 Years
Community Ambulance Service, 23 Years	Venango County Treasurer, Deborah H. Sharpe, 8 Years	Ross-Graham Investigations, LLC, 2 Years
Beith Associates Real Estate, 22 Years	T4 Rentals, LTD., 8 Years	All American Catering, 2 Years
	Gahr's Hamloaf, 7 Years	

## Business After Hours - Chamber Network Advantage

Liberty Tax Service took some time out of their busy tax preparation season to host a mixer in March and show off their new space at 1282 Liberty Street.. The mixer was co-hosted by Travel By Giles, and included great snacks by Classy Catering and music by Phil Close DJ Service. Many thanks to all the members who turned out to show their support and learn about these two members!

Don't miss the upcoming mixers!

- **April 8**, from 5 to 7 p.m. Hosted by **Freedom Wireless** in their new store inside Cranberry Mall.
- **April 22**, from 5 to 7 p.m. Hosted by **Dr. Marc Maslov** of **Ear, Nose & Throat Associates of NW PA**, at the **Hearing Care Center**, 1252 Liberty Street in Franklin.
- **May 4**, from 5 to 7 p.m. Hosted by **Sugar Creek Station**, 351 Causeway Drive, Franklin.
- **May 20**, from 5 to 7 p.m. Hosted by **Franklin Insurance & Notary**, 104 13th Street, Franklin.



## Educational Opportunities

### Windows 7 Training

There is still time to sign up for a Windows 7 training offered by the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce and CS Technologies Plus. The class is open to any Chamber member or member employee. Call (814) 432-5823 to sign up today!



**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 7, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** FICDA training room, Howard Street, Franklin  
**Cost:** FREE! Includes lunch, but class size is limited.

### Doing Business in China

Join the Northwest Commission for a full day of learning how to do business in China. Get briefings on the China market and culture and meet with the PA trade representatives for China-Beijing and China-Shanghai. Also learn proactive methods for responding to import competition from China.

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, April 20, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Location:** Grove City College, Carnegie Alumni Center  
**Cost:** \$25 per person.  
**Registration:** deadline April 12, Call (814) 677-4800

### Foundation Directory Workshop

Kate Burgdorfer will conduct a workshop on using the Foundation Directory Online, which provides information about grants available from foundations. Grant-seekers will learn search strategies to locate sources of funding.

**Date/Time:** Friday, April 30, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Franklin Public Library  
**Cost:** Free, class sizes limited  
**Registration:** Call the library at (814) 432-5062

### Computer Lab - No Charge

FICDA's computer lab is available to non-profit organizations for training purposes at no charge. 10 computers and printers available, high speed fiber Internet service.

Call Sally at (814) 432-4476 xt. 100 for more information.

### CS Technologies Training

CS Technologies Plus has a full slate of training classes and workshops lined up for this Spring. Classes held at CS Technologies Plus on Route 257 in Seneca unless specified. Call (814) 677-2447 for more information or to sign up for any one of these classes.

#### Social Networking Seminars

Noon to 1 p.m. Bring your lunch  
**Twitter**, April 7  
**Facebook**, May 6  
**Linked in**, June 3  
 Free!

#### Photoshop CS4-Level 2

*Presented by Identity Studio & Design*  
 Building skills from Level 1 classes  
 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
 April 1 & April 8  
 \$199 per participant

#### It's So Not About the Camera

*Presented by Identity Studio & Design*  
 Learn how to develop your photographer's eye and prevent OOPS pictures.  
 7 a.m. to ?  
 May 23, Rain date June 6  
 Meet at Blood Farm, Oil Creek State Park  
 Bring your own coffee, snacks, camera  
 \$75 per person

#### Additional Courses:

Access 2007  
 Excel 2007  
 Word 2007  
 Power Point 2007  
 Publisher Pro  
 Windows 7

Call for times, dates and pricing.  
[www.cstechnologiesplus.com](http://www.cstechnologiesplus.com)

## Chamber News - Annual Dinner Report

Eddie St. Clair of West Park Rehab served as Emcee for our 97th Annual Awards Banquet held March 11, 2010, at the Quality Inn & Conference Center. His song about Franklin was a big hit and got the 200-plus attendees singing along. The format of the dinner was changed this year to allow more time for networking and socializing. The Gold Shovel award presentation was given a boost with a slideshow presentation that showed the honorees' businesses. The slideshow was arranged by **Identity Studio & Design**, and photos for the slides were provided by Identity Studio and **Jim Ellis Photography**. Another new addition to the dinner was a silent auction.



**Emcee Eddie St. Clair shows off his bangitar skills**

Attendees had a chance to win a bicycle from **Country Pedalers**, an armoire from **Anderson Furniture**, a ring from **Feldman Jewelers**, a radio advertising package from **FROGGY\*MAJIC\*WUZZ**, an overnight stay and dinner at the **Foxburg Inn** and **The Allegheny Grille**, a stay in a king suite at **The Quality Inn & Conference Center**, or gift certificates from member restaurants including **Bella Cucina**, **The Commons** at

**Distinctive Designs Florist**. Many thanks to our silent auction sponsors for their contributions! Also at the banquet, Board Chairman Dawn Caiarelli presented the Chamber's 2010 plan of work and Immediate Past Chairman Mary Nicklin presented the 2009 Year-in-Review. Thank you to everyone who attended this year's dinner. We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2011!

Franklin,  
Frenchcreek Café,  
Foxtales Pub, Leonardo's, The Uptown  
Bistro, Bistro by Pizza Joe's, The  
Bricks of Franklin, AmaZing Foods  
Catering Co. & Café and Eat n' Park,  
in a lovely Spring basket with additional  
gifts from **Phillips Flowers-**

## 2009 Gold Shovel Award Winners

Aaron's	Erie VA Medical Center	Pioneer Electric Supply Co.
AmaZing Foods Catering Co. & Café	First United National Bank	Quality Inn & Conference Center
Atlantic Avenue United Brethren Church	Franklin Fitness	Seneca Medical Center
Bistro by Pizza Joe's	H & H Motorsports, Inc.	SenecaSalem-
Carol's Creative Designs	Harrington Machine	WS Packaging Group
Clarion University-Venango Campus	Historic Franklin Preservation Association	Schiffer Excavating
Classy Catering	Impel Pilates Studio	Sherwin-Williams Company
The Commons of Franklin	Identity Studio & Design	The Uptown Bistro
Cranberry Wellness Center	Klapec Auto Body, Inc.	UPMC Northwest
Creative Choices Interior Design	Latrobe Steel	Vantage
Cross Creek Golf Resort	Liberty Tax Service	Venango County Fair, Inc.
CS Technologies Plus	Linda Lou's	VisionQuest
Curves	Lona's Restaurant & Pub	Voyten Electric &
Deer Creek Winery	Merry Berry Patch Embroidery & Screen Printing	Electronics, Inc.
Deep Harbour Properties	Mercer Farm Road	Wanango Golf Club
	Outdoor Allegheny River Services	West PA Magazine
		Xtreme Audio & Accessories

## On the Agenda

### Iron Furnace 'Walking Tour' Premiere

The Venango County Historical Society will present the premiere of *A Walking Tour of Venango County's Iron Furnaces* at 7 p.m. **Thursday, April 15** at the Movies at Cranberry in Cranberry Mall. The DVD is a culmination of many years of hiking, videotaping and research by society board member Bob Billingsley. It covers about half of the county's iron furnaces. Tickets for the premiere are \$7 and are available at the door or in advance. Copies of the DVD will be available through the society for \$29.95 plus tax. For information or to order tickets, call (814) 437-2275 or email [vchistory@csonline.net](mailto:vchistory@csonline.net).

### Tune-Up 5K/Walk & Kids' Fun Run

All ages and fitness levels are invited to participate in this fun event where you can enjoy the beauty of the Samuel Justus Bike Trail.

**Saturday, April 17, at 10 a.m.**

**Samuel Justus Bike Trail Head, Franklin**

For registration and more information, check out [www.franklinymca.org](http://www.franklinymca.org) or call (814) 432-2138.

### Fundraising Auction

All aboard! OC&T Railroad will hold a fundraising auction to help generate operational and maintenance funds. They are seeking donations to be sold as auction items.

**Saturday, April 24, at 10 a.m.**

**Perry Street Station, Titusville**

For information or to make a donation, call (814) 827-7018  
[www.octr.org.gov](http://www.octr.org.gov)

### 10th Annual May Garden Mart

**May 1 & 2, 2010**  
**9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday**  
**11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday**  
Fountain Park, Franklin



Make your garden or patio truly your own with unique plants and outdoor décor from over 40 vendors!

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### Member Events

#### **FoxTales**

Saturdays, 9 p.m.-Midnight., live music  
April 3 - *Mark G*  
April 10 - *Joe J. Duo*  
April 17 - *Rob & Suzi*  
April 24 - *Fred Glatz*  
[www.foxtalespub.com](http://www.foxtalespub.com)

#### **The Bricks of Franklin**

Fridays, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Karaoke  
Saturdays, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Open Mic/Open Jam night  
April 10, 8 p.m. *2B40, Beatles set*  
[www.thebricksfranklin.com](http://www.thebricksfranklin.com)

#### **Blue Canoe Brewery**

Fridays, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.,  
*Blue Canoe Folkgrass Band*  
[www.thebluecanoebrewery.com](http://www.thebluecanoebrewery.com)

#### **Deer Creek Winery**

April 13 - Women of Wine & Wellness  
April 17 - A Toast to New Beginnings  
April 30 - *live music*, 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
[www.deercreekwine.com](http://www.deercreekwine.com)

#### **The Commons at Franklin**

April 10 - *Saturday Night Fever*,  
April 14 & 22 - *Idol Night at The Commons*,  
Auditions. For details, call (814) 432-2188.  
[www.thecommonsatfranklin.com](http://www.thecommonsatfranklin.com)

#### **Bella Cucina**

Cheers! Bella will donate a portion of proceeds to a non-profit every Tuesday!  
April 6 - *Venango Chamber Orchestra*  
April 13 - *Debence Antique Music World*  
April 20 - *Franklin Public Library*  
April 27 - *VARHA*  
[www.bellacucinapa.com](http://www.bellacucinapa.com)

#### **City of Franklin**

April 15 - *A Taste of Talent*, Registration deadline for entries into the singing contest. Finale will be held during A Taste of Franklin. [www.tasteoftalent.com](http://www.tasteoftalent.com)

## On the Agenda

### Women's Network Events

#### 'Think Spring' Decorating Class

**Saturday, April 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Chlvie Stephenson of Creative Choices Interior Design will present you with ideas to brighten your home for Spring and show you how to bring your own ideas to life! It will be held at AmaZing Foods Catering Co. & Café. Program fee is \$15, and includes lunch.

Meal choices are: chicken salad croissant, meat & vegetable quiche or spinach salad.

For more info or to RSVP, call (814) 432-5823. Register early, seating is limited!



#### 'Decorating Cents'

#### Organizing your home and finances

**Tuesday, May 4, 7 p.m.**

Chlvie will present along with Merralee Obenrader of Edward Jones Investments, understanding how your finances can bring your visions to life. It will be held at The Commons at Franklin. Program is free, includes dessert & beverages. For more info or to RSVP, call (814) 432-0957. Register early, seating is limited!

## Legislative Breakfast

The Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce and the Venango Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a legislative breakfast

focusing on the current state of our economy, directly from the lawmakers who affect our region's homes, businesses and organizations.



Guest speakers will include U.S. Congressman Glenn Thompson, State Senator Mary Jo White and State Representative Scott Hutchinson. Final details of the breakfast, including date, time and location will be included in the May newsletter.

## Membership Breakfasts

The Chamber will introduce a new Membership Breakfast program this month. The morning meetings will be held bi-monthly and will provide an opportunity for new members and current members to learn more about the benefits that come with Chamber membership. For each breakfast there will be the opportunity for one sponsor company to give a short presentation to the group.

The first session is scheduled for **7:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 27**, at **The Uptown Bistro**, at 1235 Liberty Street in Franklin. The cost is **\$10** and includes continental breakfast. Meeting sizes will be limited to the first 25 attendees, so make your reservation early!

For more information on how you can sponsor an upcoming breakfast, or to register, please call the Chamber at (814) 432-5823.



On a Spring day in Franklin...walk your duck



## Member News

### Franklin Bronze Plaques Makes Its 'Mark' Across the Country

Franklin Bronze Plaques, located on Howard Street in the Franklin Industrial & Commercial Development Authority's incubator complex, will be working with the American Planning Association on its "Great Streets, Great Neighborhoods, Great Open Spaces" program. Franklin Bronze Plaques will make markers to install at designated areas across the country in places like Chicago's Lincoln Park and downtown Fargo, N.D. Places are selected annually that represent a "gold standard" in having a true sense of space, cultural and historical interest, community involvement and a vision for tomorrow, according to the APA. Franklin Bronze Plaques began as a division of Franklin Bronze and now is owned by Cindie Linnon, Marianne Becker and Lois Barber. Through mostly Internet sales, Franklin Bronze Plaques produced 1,500 plaques last year that were distributed all over the world ranging from high profile productions like the a centennial marker at Pearl Harbor to more intimate pet memorials.



**Oil Region Ballet**, under the umbrella of Child Development Centers, Inc. will take the stage this month with its inaugural performance of *Alice in Wonderland*. The group includes dancers from all over the region. ORB is an all volunteer organization that has enlisted 26 dancers through auditions in Venango, Clarion and Crawford Counties. Show times are at 8 p.m. April 1, and 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. April 3. Tickets for *Alice in Wonderland* are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for students and are available at the Barrow-Civic Theatre. (814) 437-3440.

### Member Briefs

**Now open - The Wanango Golf Club's** grill room and dining room in Reno will reopen in April, weather permitting, to coincide with the golf season. Wanango is now a public course where you can enjoy the beautifully designed 18-hole course at reasonable prices. Call the pro-shop for tee times at (814) 677-5130. Wanango is also available for weddings, class reunions, anniversary parties and more. For information on dining and grill room hours or booking your own private event, call (814) 676-8133.

**Congratulations! - Huff Chapel** has been certified as a Veterans and Family Memorial Care provider. The funeral home was selected to be the exclusive VFMC provider for Venango County. VFMCs are selected for upholding the highest level of ethical business standards while providing affordable service. Huff Chapel is involved with the Cell Phones for Soldiers program, where every old cell phone dropped off at the funeral home buys a phone card for soldiers overseas.

**New Hire - Bella Cucina**, which has been setting the bar for fine dining in Venango County for nearly a decade, has hired a new chef. Joining the existing chefs Brandon Kimball and Eric Krupitzer is Michael Mansfield, a Venango County native. He pursued his dream of becoming a chef at The Pennsylvania Culinary Institute and Le Cordon Bleu Program in Culinary Arts. He will be adding to the menu daily with many made from scratch items! For reservations, call (814)432-4955.

# Membership Showcase

## Creative Choices Interior Design

Chlvie Stephenson started Creative Choices Interior Design in 2007, but her passion for design has been with her for as long as she can remember.

Chlvie was educated and worked in the field of drafting, and had her first professional job designing floor plans for a contractor in Florida. Her family relocated to Franklin several years ago and she has been working in the social work field since then.

But that love of design and yearn for creative work never left her - even in her spare time,

Chlvie said she likes to rearrange furniture and accessories in her own house for fun. Her family and friends who recognized her flair for design encouraged her to fulfill

her dream of becoming a full-time interior designer so she started taking on clients for painting and furniture arrangement consultations, and enrolled in the Small Business Jump Start Program to help hone her business skills.



From the moment she walks into a new room, a visual begins to form. For her own home, inspiration may

come from one piece of furniture, a color, or an accessory and the vision takes over. In others' homes, she is much more

subdued, letting the homeowner drive the style and arrangement. It is, after all, their home, she said and the mood accomplished by the design must be pleasing to the customer.

Some clients want a designer to completely recreate a room, others are simply looking for help selecting paint colors or pointers on how to hang their favorite photos.

Chlvie is available for consulting on any size project, residential or commercial.

When asked what her favorite part of decorating is, Chlvie says she loves it all, from choosing color palettes to shopping to rolling up her sleeves to



do the manual work.

Chlvie will be presenting two programs this Spring with the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce's Women's Network. The first will be held April 10, at AmaZing Foods Catering Co. & Café and will demonstrate how to spruce up your home for Spring. The

second will be held in conjunction with Merralee Obenrader of Edward Jones Investments on Tuesday, May 4, at The Commons at Franklin, to go over how your finances can make your dream home a reality.

If you have a room in need of a facelift, call Chlvie at (814) 673-4928 today and find out how she can help you create a vibrant, invigorating space for your home or office.

### Creative Choices Interior Design

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Mary & Jim Nicklin, Inkeepers

# Member Showcase

## Impel Pilates Studio

When they were little girls, Anna and Danae Mong spent much of their time at Kathy Turner's dance studio. It was there on the second floor of 1252 Liberty Street that they were first introduced to Pilates as a great exercise for flexibility and strength. They were hooked.

Shortly after high school, Danae went to Ft. Lauderdale and took part in an intensive Pilates instructor certification program. A year later, Anna joined her sister in Florida and earned her certification as well. After teaching for several years, they decided to open their own studio. Wanting to move closer to their family, and delighted that their old "second home" dance studio space was available, they made the decision to open Impel in Franklin.

With the help of their father, local artist Deac Mong, Impel Pilates Studio began to take shape, and the space that was vacant for many years

has been completely cleaned and remodeled and is now in use again. They have not been open a full year, and already business has exceeded their wildest expectations.



One of the most surprising things, they said, is that they have more men

Also because Pilates focuses on strengthening and stretching, it is the perfect exercise for joint and spine rehabilitation and stress relief, they said.

One advantage the sisters have discovered about their joint business venture is that many Pilates students become attached to one instructor over others, but because they are so similar, their clients are able to switch easily from one sister to the other with no negative effect on their workouts.



in their classes here than they did in Florida. Though it is often associated with women and dancers in particular, Anna said Pilates is an ideal exercise for any age or gender. They said many studios have even begun offering classes for children and Impel welcomes children to join their parents for sessions. Because the workout is done mostly on the floor the impact on the rest of your body is lessened.

Impel offers floor, ball and weight training classes six days a week and Anna and Danae are available for private training sessions on a machine called the reformer (featured on cover photo). To get started working on your Pilates body, call (814) 758-4039 today!

### Impel Pilates Studio

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## Calendar of Events

### April

**April 1 & 3...**Alice in Wonderland ORB ballet premiere, 8 p.m. Thursday & Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday, Barrow-Civic Theatre.

**April 4...**Happy Easter! The Chamber office will be closed on Good Friday, April 2.

**April 8...**BAH Mixer, Freedom Wireless, 5-7 p.m.

**April 8...**Oil Region Job Fair at Cranberry Mall, 11 a.m.

**April 9 & 10...**15th Annual Quiltathon, Franklin Public Library. Call (814) 432-5062 for information.

**April 10...**Thing Spring decorating class, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., AmaZing Foods Catering Co. & Café. Details on Page 7.

**April 10...**HOLeY Jeans concert, Barrow Theatre, 7 p.m.

**April 10 & 11...**Young People's Arts Festival, 5-7 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 -3 p.m. Sunday, Barrow Theatre Lobby.

**April 11...**noon to 5 p.m., Children's Day, Cranberry Mall

**April 11...** Test & Tune Tech Day at Tri-City Speedway.

**April 12...**Dare to Care Week at Clarion University-Venango Campus, various performances & activities throughout the week. [www.clarion.edu/venango](http://www.clarion.edu/venango)

**April 15...**Walking Tour of Venango County's Iron Furnaces Details on Page 6.

**April 17...**Tune-Up 5K Run/Walk & Kid's Fun Run, 10 a.m., Samuel Justus Bike Trail. Sponsored by the Franklin YMCA.

**April 17...**Last Dinner on the Titanic at The Uptown Bistro, featuring 10 courses that were offered on the Queen of the Ocean. Call (814) 432-8900 for reservations.

**April 18...**DeBence Mini Series of Events, Greenville HS Steel Drum Band, 1:30 p.m.

**April 22...**BAH Mixer at the Hearing Care Center, 5-7 p.m.

**April 22...**HFPA Program, aerial photos of Venango County. 7:30 p.m., Franklin Public Library.

**April 23...**Pittsburgh Symphony Pops, 8 p.m. Heinz Hall, Pittsburgh. Call SRU (724) 738-2018 for details.

**April 23, 24, 30...**The Miracle Worker at Barrow-Civic Theatre. [www.barrowtheatre.com](http://www.barrowtheatre.com) for tickets and times.

**April 24...**OC&T Railroad fundraiser auction, 10 a.m.

**April 24...**Galaxy Federal Credit Union's 2nd Annual Community Shred Day.

**April 24 & 25...**VARHA's Annual Treasure Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

**April 25...**Walk MS Oil Region Walk kicks off in Bandstand Park at 1 p.m. [www.nationalMSSociety.org/PAX](http://www.nationalMSSociety.org/PAX)

**April 25...**Venango Museum's Sunday Concert Series begins, 3 p.m. at the museum.

### May

**May 1 & 2...**10th annual May Garden Mart, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Fountain Park, Franklin