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Applefest® 2010

October 1-3



Holiday Wine Walk

November 20, 2009

Downtown Franklin

Presented by

Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce
Franklin Retail & Business Association

The Franklin Area Chamber and the Franklin Retail and Business Association will present a Holiday Wine Walk in downtown Franklin. The event has been created to help promote downtown retailers and regional wineries, while showcasing Franklin as a great Christmas shopping destination. Tickets will be \$10 per person, available at participating retailers and the Chamber office. More details on Page 4.

Membership Showcase



Cranberry Pet Wash

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Welcome New Members

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

Please join us in welcoming them to the Chamber.

Titan Boards, Inc.

This unique Franklin business designs and manufactures custom skateboard decks that are shipped and sold all over the world. They are located in the FICDA industrial incubator.

Contact: Joe McDonald
190 Howard Street, Franklin, PA
Phone: (814) 432-3040 Fax: (814) 432-8882
Email: info@pennswoodmfg.com
Web: www.pennswoodmfg.com

The Uptown Bistro

Franklin's newest restaurant features breakfast and lunch seven days a week and for dinner during special events in a beautiful, European-inspired setting at a convenient location.

Contact: Megan Myers
1235 Liberty Street, Franklin, PA
Phone: (814) 437-3800
Email: uptownbistro@hotmail.com

The Allegheny Grille

The Allegheny Grille offers fine dining in a gorgeous timber frame building alongside the Allegheny River. The restaurant is open for dining, banquets and special events.

Contact: Jason Schlegel
40 Main Street, P.O. Box 362, Foxburg, PA
Phone: (724) 659-5701
Email: Jason@visitfoxburg.com
Web: www.visitfoxburg.com

Carol's Creative Designs

Carol Dickert has loved creating jewelry for years and has now begun her own business selling her one-of-a-kind fine silver jewelry and beading. Layaway available!

Contact: Carol Dickert
1540 Westview Drive, Franklin, PA
Phone: (814) 437-6665
Email: fdickert@pa.rr.com

Heart 2 Heart Parent Support Network

Heart 2 Heart is a support network for parents, specializing in adoption/foster-kinship care and adolescent mental health. They provide advocacy, education and support to families.

Contact: Ladona Strouse
1341 Liberty Street, Franklin, PA
Phone: (814) 516-6484
Email: lstrouse@heart2heartpsn.org
Web: www.heart2heartpsn.org

Amy Judson-Burak

Amy Judson-Burak has joined the Franklin Area Chamber as an associate member.

Associate membership is a great way to stay in touch with the local community through our newsletter, business after hours mixers and special events, and to help support the mission of the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce. We thank all of our Associates for their continued support!

Applefest® Report



Though the rain kept crowds down Friday, Applefest® 2009 was a tremendous success once again, with great entertainment, events and ac-

tivities for everyone. The festival also included many new arts and crafts to peruse and vendors reported successful sales. The highlight of the festival was the “Appley Ever

After” wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hartzell said “I do” on Saturday, October 3, 2009, surrounded by 100 of their invited guests plus hundreds more curi-

ous onlookers. The weather was beautiful for Mike and Lisa to share their first dance on Liberty Street and enjoy their small reception, complete with a cake ceremony. Wedding photos and a link to the official photo gallery will be available online at

www.appleyeverafter.org until the end of November.

Many thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers who helped make Mike and Lisa’s wedding special! Our gratitude also goes out to the countless Volunteers it takes to pull off such an enormous event, and of course our Sponsors, without which Applefest® would not be possible.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at Applefest® 2010, October 1-3!

Thank You Renewing Members

We would like to thank the following businesses and associates who have renewed their Chamber membership.

Highland Gas Co., Inc., 14 Years

Wilson, Thompson & Cisek,
LLC, 13 Years

Franklin Fine Arts Council,
13 Years

Sugar Creek Station, 12 Years

Franklin Community Dev.
Department, 12 Years

Wal-Mart #2597, 10 Years

Spanky’s Tobacco World,
10 Years

Veolia Environmental Services,
8 Years

Bella Cucina, 7 Years

Bubba’s Kettle Corn, 3 Years

Rochelle’s Family Restaurant &
Fox’s Pizza Den, 3 Years

AmaZing Foods Catering Co. &
Café, 2 Years

Barber’s Orchard, 2 Years

Edward Jones Investments—
Merrilee Obenrader, 1 Year

YWCA of Oil City, 1 Year

Lake Tool, Inc., 1 Year

Angeli Winery, 1 Year

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On the Agenda



Holiday Wine Walk

Visit each of these great locations for complimentary wine samples from all over Northwest PA. 5-8 p.m. November 20, 2009

Franklin Press ~ Dancing Rabbit Winery
Feldman Jewelers ~ Presque Isle Wine Cellars
Something Clever ~ Foxburg Wine Cellars
Anderson Furniture ~ Wilhelm Winery
Liberty Galleria ~ Deer Creek Winery
Phillips Flowers ~ Angeli Winery

Tickets for the event will be \$10, and are available at participating locations and the Franklin Area Chamber office.

The Wine Walk will coincide with the city's annual **Light-Up Night** festivities that will take place November 21. Events are scheduled throughout the day, concluding at 6 p.m. with the Electric Lights Parade, Holiday Lighting Ceremony and Fireworks.

Christmas in Downtown Franklin

The City of Franklin and the Retail Association are asking all Franklin store owners to be creative this season with window decorations. Designers Dan Weiland and Chlvie Stephenson have volunteered to help business owners who need it. Any interested business owner should contact Ronnie Beith at 437-1619 for more information. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third place participants and the first prize will receive a \$100 check from Galaxy Federal Credit Union.

Christmas Cash—The City and Retail Association will also be sponsoring the Christmas Cash promotion again this year, wherein shoppers can enter into a drawing for every \$15 they spend at a participating store to win funny money that can be spent at any participating store. The drawing will be held in mid December so the winners can use their winnings to shop for Christmas, but the prizes won't expire until the spring. For more information call Diane at (814) 437-2072.

Entrepreneurs Club Event

“Tax Tips for Your Small Business” from 9-11 a.m.
 Wednesday, November 11, at the Northwest Commission
 The event is free, but registration is required by calling the Clarion University SBDC at (814) 393-2060

Member Entertainment

FoxTales

Saturdays, 9 p.m.-Midnight., live music
 November 7 - Doug Phillips
 November 14 - Mark G.
 November 21 - Marty O'Connor
 November 28 - Max Schang
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.
 November 14 - Most Awful Holiday
 Sweater party - prizes for the ugliest
 one!
www.thebricksfranklin.com

Blue Canoe Brewery

Thursdays, 8p.m.-11p.m. Live Music
 Alternating between Street Legal
 Acoustics and Carl Olsen
 Fridays, 8 p.m.-10 p.m., Blue Canoe
 Folkgrass Band
www.thebluecanoebrewery.com

Full schedule: www.franklinareachamber.org

Upcoming Fundraisers

United Way of Venango County

Pittsburgh Sports Raffle
 Tickets on sale now at United Way and
 the Chamber office - drawing Nov. 19
 Call (814) 676-6545 for details.

Venango County Fair, Inc.

Annual Gun Show
 November 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 November 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Venango County Fairgrounds, Franklin
 Buy, Sell, Trade or Browse
 Call (814) 498-2077 for details.

YWCA of Oil City

Annual Sweet Treats
 December 5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 YWCA, 109 Central Ave., Oil City
 Arts, Crafts & Bake Sale
 Call (814) 676-6528 for details

Member News



The Franklin Gateway Garden, located at 13th and Otter Streets, has been awarded the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's 2009 Community Greening Award. The garden was selected for this prestigious award from over 80 state-wide nominees after a mid-August judging by representatives of the Society. The judging was based on the use of space and color, the variety and suitability of the plants, as well as the quality, condition and maintenance of the garden space. An award presentation will be held Nov. 1, in Pittsburgh and will be attended by members of the **Franklin Gardeners Association**, which plants and maintains the garden.

Donations needed

Due to budget constraints, **Friends of the Franklin Public Library** are seeking donations of new or used legal sized frames and folders for vertical files for the library. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please call library director Debbie Oakes at (814) 432-5052.

Business After Hours ~Chamber Network Advantage

The Business After Hours program is booming and we are especially excited going into the holiday season annual mixers that have become a tradition. You won't want to miss the upcoming events:

November 12, 5-7 p.m., Franklin Retail & Business Association, Gent, Gent & Snyder, and the Quality Inn & Conference Center at the Inn

December 2, 5-7 p.m., Cross Creek Resort

December 9, 5-7 p.m., First National Bank



During the September Applefest® kickoff mixer, Grand Sponsor PNC Bank official, Marlene Mosco, announced the name change that will take place November 7, as National City officially switches to PNC



Director Barb Feroz discusses Community Services programs with some attendees of the mixer October 21, in Rocky Grove. Community Services' annual Friends for Food campaign is underway.



HOLeY Jeans performs at their mixer October 28, held in conjunction with the Franklin Civic Operetta Association's Youth Theatre at the Barrow-Civic Theatre.

Member Briefs

The Franklin YMCA is looking for an energetic, experienced group exercise instructor to join their team. Those interested should contact Deb Krizon or Lynda Williams at the Franklin YMCA, (814) 432-2138 or stop by the YMCA at 111 Otter Street and fill out an application.

The Bricks of Franklin is now delivering! You can get your favorite burgers, wraps and wings all brought to your door along with some new menu items like steaks and pastas. Place your order today by calling (814) 432-POOL or log on to www.thebricksfranklin.com for more information.

Galaxy Federal Credit Union's ATM machine at 1313 Liberty Street is now surcharge free to everyone. No matter whose ATM card you carry, Galaxy FCU will not charge any surcharges for ATM use for non-members. For more information, call the credit union at (814) 432-1207 or stop by today.

Membership Showcase

Cranberry Pet Wash

Owners Dan Klapec and Joe Lehosky thought a Pet Wash in rural PA was a bit of a long shot when they came across the idea at an equipment expo. But since the pet wash was added at Cranberry 10 Minute PENNZOIL Oil Change in 2006, they've been constantly in use. Open 24-hours, the pet wash is always available for everything from regular grooming to the days when your dog finds his way into a mud puddle. Cranberry Pet Wash offers a safe, convenient way to wash even the largest dogs along with the benefit of shampoo, conditioner, flea & tick killer, deskunking, oatmeal treatment, and blow dry.

The pet wash has two bays with a wall in between to increase convenience and privacy for customers. The large metal tubs are set at levels that are ergonomic for pet owners. For dogs that are too big to walk up the ramps into the tubs, the floors are available for washing as well. The water and dryer temperature and pressure are also pre-set at an ideal and safe temperature for pets' sensitive skin. Everything is designed to



clean your pet down to its skin and rinse cleanly away. The best part may be the lack of a mess at home.

The pet wash is the newest feature at the quick lube on Route 322 in Cranberry. It was built in 1995 and purchased by Dan and Joe in 2002.

Cranberry Car Wash, a three bay car wash and three vacuum island, was added in 2004.

The car wash has a friction-based cleaning system, rather than a pressure system, which Dan says gives vehicles a hand-polished look. The self-serve car wash features include tire and engine cleaners, clear coat protectant, bug and tar remover, and softened water for a spot-free rinse. One of the vacuum stations has a shampooing brush for deep cleaning upholstery too.

On the oil change side, customers

can get a 14-point oil change, coolant, transmission, differential and transfer fluid exchanges, tire rotation, fuel system cleaning, windshield treatments, wiper blades, or engine diagnostics—all without an appointment. Dan stresses that their services are for preventative maintenance only and help preserve the car manufacturer's warranty.

Everything there goes above and beyond the normal expectations. From higher quality materials to the impressive "green" practice of recycling the used oil from the oil change station into heating oil for the buildings and car and pet wash water.

Dan and Joe employ five people at the Cranberry location and have recently opened a second operation in Erie. They are eager to help cross-promote other local companies in any way they can. For more information, log on to cranberry10minute.com or stop in for service today!

Cranberry Pet Wash

Phone: (814) 676-0211 Fax: 677-1288

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Member Showcase

Taurus Toy Corp.

For many parents, it's difficult to find a toy that is educational, but also entertaining enough to keep children occupied for any length of time.

Well, one toy company, located on Allegheny Boulevard in Venango County has a solution to make parents and their children happy this Christmas. Taurus Toy's Block-n-Roll marble maze toy is engaging for adults and children alike. In fact, the toys are used in a growing number of elementary schools as educational tools and has won numerous awards from consumer reports and toy councils and magazines.

Small kits are available for beginners, but president Dawn Baird said once you play Block-n-Roll, you will be hooked. The object of the game is to build new and different mazes, each more elaborate than the next, that you can roll a marble through from beginning to end. (The marbles are also made in the USA out of recycled glass.) Block-n-Roll kits come with straights, 90 degree angles, regular

four-pronged building blocks, ramps and more. Action kits are also available with pieces like crisscross shapes and see saws. The great thing about

the patented Taurus Toy blocks is that



they are compatible with Lego/Duplo and Megablock systems, so you can use the toys you already own to beef up your marble maze infrastructure. Since 2008, the toys have been manufactured by Penn North Plastics in the former Reno Plastics plant on Route 8/Allegheny Boulevard in Reno. Dawn has made it her mission to make sure everyone knows what a wonderful product is made right here in Venango County. She is a constant presence at Chamber and community events in order to make Tau-

rus Toy visible to its neighbors. Another big initiative of Dawn's is to help area children in any way possible. Taurus Toy has partnered with the local Red Cross Allegheny Region Chapter to offer a free maze game to any child affected by a fire or other disaster in chapter's service area. Dawn continues to look for new ways to partner with local non-profits for community and fundraising projects.

Check out Taurus Toy for your gift-giving needs this holiday season and help support a company that is truly part of the local community. Taurus Toy's marble mazes and other games are available locally at Franklin Press and at their new store inside Liberty Galleria in Downtown Franklin. You can also order any of their products at taurustoy.com.

Taurus Toy
Phone: (814) 493-6257 Fax: 437-9844
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or the Board of Directors.*

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Calendar of Events

November

- November 1...Don't forget to turn back today!
- November 1...Sleepy Hollow, Barrow-Civic, 2 p.m.
- November 1...War of the Worlds, Barrow Little Theatre, 4 p.m.
- November 1...Evening of Sacred Music, 4 p.m., St. Patrick Church, open to the public
- November 8...Venango Chamber Orchestra will present a Patriotic Concert at the Barrow-Civic Theatre, 3 p.m.
- November 11...Tax Tips for Your Small Business, Northwest Commission, 9 a.m., call (814) 393-2060 for details.
- November 12...BAH Mixer, Franklin Retail Merchants, Gent. Gent & Snyder, & Quality Inn at Quality Inn & Conference Center, 5-7 p.m.
- November 14...Allegheny Sounds Chorus, Kickin up a Notch in Ireland, Barrow-Civic Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- November 15...DeBence Series of Mini-Events: Enjoy the Sounds of Christmas. 1:30 p.m.
- November 20...Holiday Wine Walk, details on Page 4
- November 21...Light-Up Night in downtown Franklin! Electric Lights Parade, Lighting Ceremony, Fireworks, 6 p.m. www.franklinpa.gov
- November 21...Santa Arrives at Cranberry Mall! 10 a.m.
- November 21 & 22...Gun Show at Venango County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m., Call (814) 437-7716 for details.
- November 26...Happy Thanksgiving! Chamber office closed

- November 27...Silver Cornet Band's Annual Pops Concert, Barrow-Civic Theatre, 8 p.m., Canned goods for admission to be donated to Salvation Army.
- November 28 & 29...Sugar Creek Festival of Arts & Crafts celebrates 25 years at the Rocky Grove Fire Hall, over 60 crafters and Santa! 10 a.m. Saturday, noon Sunday

December

- December 3...BAH Mixer, Cross Creek Resort, 5-7 p.m., Franklin, Meadville, Titusville & Venango Area Chambers
- December 4 & 5...A Christmas Carol, Barrow-Civic Theatre, 8 p.m. www.barrowtheatre.com
- December 5...Sweet Treats annual craft and bake sale at Oil City YWCA, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- December 5 & 12...OC&T Santa Express, 1 p.m., Call (814) 676-1733 or log on to www.octr.org for reservations
- December 8...BAH Mixer, First National Bank, 5-7 p.m.
- December 11 & 12...A Christmas Carol, Barrow-Civic Theatre, again November 13, at 2 p.m.
- December 18...The Messiah, Barrow-Civic Theatre, 8 p.m.
- December 25...Merry Christmas!
Chamber office closed December 24 & 25
- December 31...New Year's Eve
Chamber office will close at noon

