

# The Business Connection

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## Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce



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## Who will live 'Appley Ever After'?

The field has been narrowed to three couples and online voting will begin the first week of February to determine the winners of the "Appley Ever After" wedding giveaway contest. All aspects of the wedding will be provided by Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce members who have volunteered their services. See the three finalist couples on Page 11 and go online to read more and vote for your favorite at [www.appleyeverafter.org](http://www.appleyeverafter.org)!



## 2009 Annual Dinner

Mark your calendars. The Chamber's 96th Annual Dinner will be held Thursday, March 12, at the Quality Inn & Conference Center. Please join us to honor the Man and Woman of the Year and the Gold Shovel Award recipients, and learn more about our 2009 Plan of Work.

## Membership Showcase



**Svetz Consulting Services, LLC.**

### Barnwood Gallery



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# Welcome New Members

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

Please join us in welcoming them to the Chamber.

## Taurus Toy

Taurus Toy sells their amazing Marble Maze toy product that is 100% made right here in Venango County. President Dawn Baird said the toys are educational and fun, and can be purchased online or locally at Franklin Press.

**501 Third St. P.O. Box 848 Franklin, PA**

**Phone: (814)493-6257**

**Email: dawn@taurustoy.com**

**Web: www.taurustoy.com**

## Vantage Health Care

Vantage will be located in the historic Exchange Building on Liberty Street. Tom Surman said the company provides a variety of services, including a sleep laboratory, for hospitals and the healthcare industry.

**1281 Liberty St. Franklin, PA 16323**

**Phone: (814)720-0300**

**Email: tomsurman@vhcn.com**

**Web: www.vantagehealthcare.com**

## Scanlon Counseling Services, LLC

Nellie Scanlon is a licensed professional counselor and a member of the National Board of Certified Counselors. She has over eight years of experience working with at-risk teens, families, couples and adults.

**314 W. Park St. Suite 102, Franklin, PA**

**Phone: (814)432-2537 Fax: (814)432-2837**

**Email: scanloncounseling@yahoo.com**

**Web: Coming Soon!**

## 360° Mentor Center

The Mentor Center, operating under the French Creek Christian Center, is a faith-based non-profit organization that provides a safe and healthy environment for children to play, learn and grow. Contact Steve Osgood for info.

**100 East Atlantic Ave. Franklin, PA 16323**

**Phone: (814)437-5989**

**Email: mentorcenter@verizon.net**

**Web: www.360mentorcenter.org**

## Marilyn Neely

Marilyn Neely of Oil City has joined the Chamber as an Associate Member.

## Susan Hannon

Susan Hannon has joined the Chamber as an Associate Member.

## Member to Member Discounts

**Antonucci Masonry Inc.** at 418 Pecan Valley Road, Polk, PA 16342, has signed on to offer discounts through the Chamber's Member to Member Discount Program. Owner Joe Antonucci is offering a **10% discount on all repair work on projects of \$2,500 or more** and a **5% discount on all new work and repair work less than \$2,500**. Contact Antonucci Masonry at (814)432-5854.

Call the Chamber at (814)432-5823 for more information.

# Thank You Renewing Members

<b>IPEG</b> (49 Years)	<b>Eakin Auto</b> (21 Years)	<b>WAWN 89.5 FM Christian Radio</b> (9 years)
<b>Northwest Savings Bank</b> (49 Years)	<b>National City Direct Banking Center</b> (20 years)	<b>Comcast Cable Communications</b> (8 Years)
<b>Sperian Fall Protection</b> (47 Years)	<b>National City Business Banking</b> (19 Years)	<b>Northwest Savings Bank-Warren</b> (7 Years)
<b>Sehman's Tire Service</b> (46 Years)	<b>Leonardo's Restaurant</b> (19 Years)	<b>A. Crivelli Ford Mercury, Inc.</b> (6 Years)
<b>Louis Kraft Company</b> (42 Years)	<b>Venango Training &amp; Development Center</b> (18 Years)	<b>Family Service &amp; CAS</b> (6 Years)
<b>A. Crivelli Chevrolet &amp; Subaru, Inc.</b> (39 Years)	<b>Scrubgrass Generating Plant</b> (17 Years)	<b>Paoletta Psychological Services</b> (5 Years)
<b>Venango Technology Center</b> (34 Years)	<b>Franklin Public Library</b> (17 Years)	<b>Christian Life Academy</b> (4 Years)
<b>Franklin Women's Health Associates</b> (34 Years)	<b>Communications Center, Inc.</b> (16 Years)	<b>Youth Alternatives, Inc.</b> (4 Years)
<b>Anderson Metal Industries, Inc.</b> (31 Years)	<b>Central Heating &amp; Plumbing</b> (15 Years)	<b>Northwest Savings Bank-Commercial Lending</b> (4 Years)
<b>Stephen Cenedella, M.D.</b> (31 Years)	<b>Victorian City Art &amp; Frame</b> (15 Years)	<b>Jack Kemmerer</b> (3 Years)
<b>Regional Center for Workforce Excellence</b> (30 Years)	<b>Franklin Pathology Associates</b> (15 Years)	<b>Svetz Consulting Services</b> (3 Years)
<b>United Way of Venango County</b> (29 Years)	<b>Seneca Lanes</b> (14 Years)	<b>Northwest Commission</b> (3 Years)
<b>Kiwanis Club of Franklin</b> (28 Years)	<b>Highland Gas Co.</b> (14 Years)	<b>Allegheny Woodland Properties</b> (2 Years)
<b>Carbis Walker, LLP</b> (28 Years)	<b>Barrow-Civic Theatre</b> (14 Years)	<b>First United National Bank-Cranberry</b> (2 Years)
<b>Oil Region Alliance</b> (26 Years)	<b>Franklin Salvation Army</b> (13 Years)	<b>Little Caesars</b> (2 Years)
<b>Phillips Flowers-Distinctive Designs Florist</b> (24 Years)	<b>Wagner Equine Therapeutic Center-VARHA</b> (13 Years)	<b>Tri-County Pest Control</b> (1 Year)
<b>Mary K. Peterson</b> (24 Years)	<b>NW Physicians Associates, P.C.</b> (12 Years)	<b>Venango County Commissioners</b> (1 Year)
<b>CTI Physical Therapy</b> (23 Years)		

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# Chamber News

## 2009 Annual Dinner Scheduled

Invitations will be arriving soon for the 2009 Annual Dinner, set for Thursday, March 12, at the Quality Inn & Conference Center in Franklin. Highlights of the dinner every year include the distribution of Gold Shovel Awards for new businesses that have opened in the area and existing businesses that have renovated, expanded, or added new services to the community. The Gold Shovels are also awarded for companies and organizations that are celebrating significant anniversaries.



2008 Man and Woman of the Year Doug and Niki Volmrich.

The Chamber will also name the 2009 Man and Woman of the Year at the dinner. Last year's winners

were Doug and Niki Volmrich. The winners are chosen each year by Chamber members and the public through nomination forms. The award was created to honor those who give of their own time and energy to improve the community through volunteer and or philanthropic endeavors. Nomination forms can be picked up at the Chamber office, 1259 Liberty Street, and should be returned by Feb. 11. Address all nomination forms to the "Anonymous Selection Committee."

## What Happened at the Business After Hours

Lifelong Learning Programs: Skills for Success unveiled its new name and logo in January at a joint Business After Hours event with the Franklin and Venango Area Chambers of Commerce.

Formerly the Literacy Council of Venango County, the organization changed its name to better reflect its purpose. Lifelong Learning Programs offers tutoring services, classes, GED help and more, all in a supportive,

non-judgmental atmosphere to help people turn their lives around by achieving life-changing goals like learning to read or receiving a GED, and to prepare them for the workforce.

For more information on Lifelong Learning Programs: Skills for Success, call (814) 677-7707, email [info@mylifelonglearning.com](mailto:info@mylifelonglearning.com), or stop by the office at 679 Colbert Ave. Oil City, PA 16301. A new web site is coming soon!



Program Director Peggy Stroupe with Susan Hannon and Sue Buchan.

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# On the Agenda

## Franklin on Ice

The City of Franklin will host the annual Franklin on Ice festival  
**Saturday, February 7, in Fountain Park.**

**Ice carving will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Other events throughout the day will include indoor sidewalk sales at the Barrow-Civic Theatre from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., a Chili Cook off contest from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., discounted museum tours at DeBence Antique Music World from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Amy Dittman, Storyteller at the Barrow-Civic Theatre at 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m., Forever Plaid at the Barrow-Civic Theatre at 8 p.m. Winners of the YMCA snowman contest will be displayed at Edward Jones, 1240 Liberty St.

*The Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce is a proud sponsor of Franklin on Ice.*



## Dancing for Life Scheduled

March is Red Cross Awareness Month, and to celebrate the Allegheny Region Chapter of the American Red Cross will be holding its 4th annual “Dancing for Life,” at 7:30 p.m., March 7, at the Barrow-Civic Theatre. The event features local dancers and performers in a tribute to American Red Cross and a salute to the selfless dedication of the Red Cross volunteers. Last year, our local Red Cross Chapter comforted 400 disaster victims and helped train more than 6,000 people in life-saving skills. Dancing for Life provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and businesses to support their local Red Cross Chapter. For more information on how you can sponsor “Dancing for Life” contact Trenton Moulin at (814) 677-2024.



## Member Entertainment

### FoxTales

Saturdays from 9 p.m.-Midnight.  
February 7 - Jack Campbell  
February 14 - Rob & Suzi  
February 21 - Mark Beery Duo  
February 28 - Fred Glatz  
DJ Trivia every Thursday  
[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.  
February 7 - Live performance by 2B40, 9 p.m. to midnight  
[www.thebricksfranklin.com](http://www.thebricksfranklin.com)

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# Membership Showcase

## Svetz Consulting Services, LLC

With the cost of doing business continually increasing, companies are on the lookout for ways to cut overhead without sacrificing quality and service.

One area that affects every bottom line is energy consumption, and Svetz Consulting Services, LLC has been working with businesses and organizations of all sizes to help lower their utility costs. Owner Gary Svetz started Svetz Energy Services in 1996 to assist organizations with energy purchasing to reduce their costs for natural gas and electric power.

Energy audit services were added in 1997 for commercial and industrial customers for reduction of energy usage. Some of the organizations that have been especially interested in the Energy Services have been manufacturing, long term care facilities, county and municipal facilities. Gary recently worked with the City of Franklin and was able to save a remarkable \$18,000 on natural gas prices for the city's buildings. With over 20 years of energy purchasing experience, Gary has looked into alternative fuel sources and electricity savings for clients as well.

On the other side of Svetz Consulting - Business and Management - Gary and his staff of trainers have worked with more than 350 compa-

nies all over western PA since 1995. He provides consulting and training in just about every aspect of business, with a focus on the people side of things.

He consults with organizations to improve their rapport with potential

technologies such as online training and e-learning programs, and implements products that are available in over 21 languages. Svetz is a registered provider of Inscape Publishing products, on-line DiSC profiles, and team profiles for productivity and organizational improvements.



The project that has probably gained Svetz the most notoriety locally has been the Small Business Jump Start program. SBJS was designed as a kind of boot camp for budding entrepreneurs and a refresher course for small business owners looking to hone their skills. The nine-week course covers everything from marketing to account-

ing and participants come out of it with a business plan and access to a network of other business owners.

If your business is struggling in any of these areas, or searching for ways to make your business run more efficiently, call Svetz Consulting services to see what their knowledgeable trainers can accomplish with you.

### **Svetz Consulting Services, LLC**

**Location:** 10365 Nancy Drive, Suite 200  
Meadville, PA 16335

**Phone:** (877) 229-8254 (814) 336-1305

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**Web:** [www.svetzconsultingllc.com](http://www.svetzconsultingllc.com)

donors or customers and helps them cut costs by streamlining services. They work with larger companies on career ladder development (this has been particularly valuable in the healthcare field) to provide incentives and skill development to reduce employee turnover. Other areas of development include: management/leadership skills, teambuilding, customer service, supervisory development, first time supervisor, business/organization planning, self-directed work teams implementation, generational awareness, diversity/sensitivity, marketing planning, coaching, time management, effective communication, ethics, conflict management, and workplace expectations. Svetz is keeping informed and offering many emerging training

# Membership Showcase

## Barnwood Gallery

For many people, getting their picture taken is a nerve-wracking experience. That's why Barnwood Gallery tries to create a calm, relaxing atmosphere for clients. Instead of saying the usual "Look here and smile," owners/photographers Keith Reynolds and Brad Blair take a more "journalistic" approach to their subjects.

Their studio is equipped with satellite radio so subjects can choose what they would like to hear while the photographers are working. If a client prefers, the crew will gladly do on-site photo shoots at the location of a client's choice. The candid approach has grabbed the attention of graduating seniors who are looking for something different from traditional studio portraits. One customer had Keith take her senior pictures at a local waterfall, where he had to wade out into the water with his equipment in order to get the right shot. After some of her friends saw the photos, Keith found himself back at that same location again and again. Of course Barnwood offers traditional portraits as well, but the key for every shoot they do is to keep the mood light and the customer happy so that picture taking is enjoyable for them.



In an effort to go the extra mile and really make the client's experience memorable, Barnwood compiles slideshows of wedding or senior picture photographs and sets them to music for the customers to review. Office manager Sam Blair said wedding couples and parents are moved to tears every time they see the photos for the first time. For Keith, Brad and Sam, seeing the customers' faces light up when they see the photos is always the best part.

To keep the good word spreading about their services, Barnwood offers a rewards program for its clients. For every dollar they spend, and for each dollar spent by a customer they referred, clients receive one point toward a free gift. Gifts include items like iPods, MP3 Players, and digital cameras. They also offer package deals on portraits and will be offering monthly specials on their web site soon. Barnwood Gallery is available for all occasions and locations. In addition to photos for hanging, Barnwood offers promotional items,



buttons, and on-site printing. They used their on-site capabilities to provide photos with Santa at Cranberry Mall over the winter holidays and will return to the mall to capture snapshots with the Easter Bunny beginning April 3. One service that could be particularly useful to local history buffs is the restoration or reproduction of old photographs, negatives and 35 mm slides.

Barnwood Gallery is located at 1252 Liberty Street underneath Celebration Station. Winter Hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays and Sundays by appointment. In May hours will be extended to 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Stop by or check them out online today.

### **Barnwood Gallery**

**Location:** 1252 Liberty St. Franklin, PA 16323

**Phone:** (814)437-2501

**Email:** [sam@barnwoodgallery.net](mailto:sam@barnwoodgallery.net)

**Web:** [www.barnwoodgallery.net](http://www.barnwoodgallery.net)

# Energy Efficiency Grant Program Open

Department of Environmental Protection Secretary John Hanger has announced an opportunity for Pennsylvania's small businesses to improve their energy efficiency and manage higher energy prices.

The new Small Business Energy Efficiency Grant Program provides a 25 percent match, up to \$25,000, for equipment or processes that significantly improve energy efficiency. The program is the first available through the Alternative Energy Investment Fund, part of Governor Edward G. Rendell's Energy Independence Strategy.

Grants will apply to energy efficiency improvements on systems such as lighting, heating, cooling, refrigeration and process machinery, as well as insulation and weatherization improvement projects.



An eligible applicant must be an independent, for-profit business with 100 employees or fewer, located in Pennsylvania. The project must save at least 20% annually in energy-related expenses, with a minimum savings of \$1,000 per year. Examples of eligible small businesses include manufacturers, retailers, service providers, mining businesses and agricultural operations.

The grant application and guidelines are available online at [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us), keyword: Small Business Energy Efficiency

Grant, or by contacting the Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Energy and Technology Deployment, 15th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P. O. Box 8772, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8772, or by e-mail at [ra-sbgrants@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-sbgrants@state.pa.us).

Applications will be accepted through May 1, 2009. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. A total of \$3 million is available for this grant round.

In addition to the Small Business Energy Efficiency Program, the state will unveil a number of new energy conservation programs and alternative energy investment programs in the next couple of months that will benefit the state's power consumers at work and at home and protect the environment.

## Trend Watch: Consumer-Driven Health Care Plans

Managing health care costs is a common concern all employers share. Providing employee health care benefits is becoming more complex and financially vital than ever before. Gone are the days of simply providing a health plan for employees and letting them worry about how to use it. Today, many employers are turning to consumer-driven health care plans.

The most common consumer-driven health care plans pair a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) or a health savings account (HSA) with a high deductible insurance plan. "These products allow an employer to select a plan with a higher deductible while continuing to provide coverage that meets the needs of the employees,"

says Barbara Baldwin, an account executive with JRG Advisors, the management company for *ChamberChoice*.

**What is an HRA?** An HRA is an employer-funded account that is designed to reimburse employees for qualified medical expenses. HRAs are designed to operate with a high-deductible health plan, thereby reducing premium costs while encouraging employees to spend wisely. The employer sets up the HRA and determines the amount of money available in each employee's HRA for the coverage period. The employer can choose to fund the HRA with an annual contribution or on a monthly basis.

**What is an HSA?** An HSA is a tax-

free savings account for medical expenses used in conjunction with a qualified high-deductible health plan (QHDHP) for an employee with dependents. Anyone can make contributions to the HSA through payroll deductions or as a lump sum deposit. There is no limit to the number of contributions that can be made.

Unlike the HRA, the HSA account is the employee's account; the dollars are the employee's dollars. Since the employee is the account holder or HSA beneficiary, the employee manages the account.

Barbara Baldwin can be reached at (412) 456-7256 or [barbara.baldwin@jrgadvisors.net](mailto:barbara.baldwin@jrgadvisors.net).

# Eggs 'n Issues

## “Keep Pennsylvania Producing”



Come learn what you can do to have your voice heard on critical issues that affect PA businesses at a breakfast briefing hosted by the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturer and Business Association. We will discuss critical issues facing local companies, such as skilled worker shortage and rising non-production costs. Only by working together can we help make our state more business-friendly and improve our economic future.

**When: 7:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, 2009**

**Where: Quality Inn & Conference Center, 1411 Liberty St. Franklin, PA**

**Speaker: J. David Bell, president and owner of Erie DriveTrain and coalition member of the American Council for a Strong Economy.**

**Cost: \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members (includes breakfast)**

**RSVP by calling the Chamber at (814)432-5823 by Friday, Feb. 20.**

### About the Speaker:

J. David Bell's career in the vehicle aftermarket began in 1976. After working six years in the Locomotive Products Division of The General Electric Company, Mr. Bell joined Rockwell International's Heavy Vehicle Component Group. Mr. Bell held positions of increasing responsibility including: Chief Engineer of the Driveline Division and Worldwide Product Manager of Drivelines and Axles.

In 1986, Mr. Bell left Rockwell International to found Erie DriveTrain Inc.

Erie DriveTrain supplies parts and service to both the on-highway and off-highway, light and heavy-duty vehicle markets. In addition, Erie DriveTrain offers specialized design and fabrication of power transmission products used in industrial and manufacturing applications.

Mr. Bell has an undergraduate degree in Engineering from LeTourneau College, a graduate Engineering degree from Penn State University and an MBA from the University of Michigan. His Professional Engineering License is from the state of Michigan. Mr. Bell

has served as board chairman of HDDA (Heavy Duty Distributor Association) and as a member of the LDN (Leadership Development Network). He is currently serving on the AAIA Board of Directors. Mr. Bell has served as Board Chairman of the Manufacturers' Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania, and the Powertrain Committee of SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers).

Bell and his wife of 37 years, Marla, have one daughter Maure'. They reside in Erie, Pa.

## Quarterly Breakfast Forums

The Chamber will be working with other local economic development agencies to bring back quarterly breakfast forums in 2009. The first breakfast is scheduled for **Friday, March 27**, at the Arlington Hotel in Oil City. It will address energy cost savings. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this educational event. More details about the breakfast will be revealed as they are available.

## Small Business Jump Start Classes Slated

The winter/spring session of the Small Business Jump Start will begin Thursday, March 5 and run through Thursday, April 30.

Classes will be held Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Northwest Savings Bank community room at 1301 Liberty Street in Franklin.

Small Business Jump Start was developed as a sort of business boot camp for anyone interested in starting or expanding a small business. Course goals include setting realistic business and personal goals, developing a business plan, leaning the basics of record-keeping, financial

statements, bookkeeping, marketing and more. Jump Start Graduates gain access to small loans, marketing assistance, and other support services. Participants receive ongoing assistance in their business endeavors from a network of peers and established professionals.

Small Business Jump Start has already graduated 80 regional start-up and existing businesses with an 85% success rate.

Graduate Judy Grandelis of Amazing Foods Catering Co. said, "The Small Business Jump Start class was a great experience! I enjoyed learning about business in a relaxed at-

mosphere from an experienced and talented instructor, Gary Svetz. ... I would recommend it to anyone with the desire to start a new business or to refresh and existing one."

Contact Dan Brockett of the Penn State Cooperative Extension by calling (814) 437-7607 or (814) 758-4090, or email [dlb14@psu.edu](mailto:dlb14@psu.edu).

Small Business Jump Start is sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension, Northwest Savings Bank, City of Franklin, Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce, Svetz Consulting Services, LLC, and Seneca Printing Express.

## Educational Opportunities

### Organizing, Training and Certifying a Safety Committee

An Employee Safety Committee can be one of the most effective tools for safety performance improvements at your plant OR it can be a self-perpetuating monthly gripe session. To be effective, a team should be employee driven but organizationally guided.

Learn about how to form an effective safety team **February 10**, from **11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at the Oil Region CareerLink, 255 Elm St. Oil City. Presented by Dennis Cralley, Cralley Consulting. Cost: \$75 (Includes lunch). Call Bonnie at (814) 226-0626 to register.

### Working with a Multi-Generational Workforce

There are four described and labeled generations in the workforce today. Come discuss the differences and general priorities of each of the four groups and motivational and communication styles that work for each Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Frame Hall, Clarion University-Venango Campus. Cost: \$50. Presented by Gary Svetz, Svetz Consulting Services, LLC. Call Bonnie at (814) 226-0626 to register.

### FICDA Training Classes Set

#### Access 2007 Level I

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10

Cost: \$95

#### Excel 2007 Fundamentals

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13

Cost: \$30

#### Transitioning to Windows Vista

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, March 11, 18 & 25

Cost: \$95

#### Quickbooks Level I

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, March 30

\$125 for Level I or \$199 for Levels I & II

All classes are held at FICDA's ETC Building, 191 Howard St. Franklin, PA 16323

See newsletter insert for more details.

# Which lucky couple will win?



*Appley Ever After*



## **Lisa Donovan and Michael Hartzell**

of Pittsburgh

Lisa grew up in Venango County and attended Franklin and Titusville Schools. Michael is a graduate of Cranberry High School. The two plan to move to Venango County once Michael retires from the military.

## **Erin Stroupe and Benjamin Behm**

of Ohio

Erin was born and raised in Franklin and attended Franklin High School. Benjamin is from Sheffield Lake, Ohio. They hope to start their lives together with a memorable wedding that showcases Erin's hometown.



## **Elizabeth Moreton and David Marcucci**

of Butler

Elizabeth grew up in Wesley, PA and attended Franklin Area Schools. David was raised in Hermitage. The couple intend to build a home together near Elizabeth's family farm.

Read their applications and vote online at [www.appleyeverafter.org](http://www.appleyeverafter.org)

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Member to Member Business**

## Calendar of Events

### February

- ◆ **Feb. 5...Business After Hours Mixer**, Phillips Flowers-Distinctive Design Florist, 5-7 p.m.
- ◆ **Feb. 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 & 15...** Forever Plaid, Season Opening Show, Barrow-Civic Theatre.  
Box office: 437-3440
- ◆ **Feb. 7...**Franklin On Ice, Ice Sculpture carving, events all day long beginning at 10 a.m.
- ◆ **Feb. 11...**The Franklin Gardeners Association will meet at 7 p.m. at the ETC Building on Howard Street in Franklin. New members are welcome. Call Jane Sandieson, Membership Chairman for information. 432-5241.
- ◆ **Feb. 14...**Happy Valentines Day! Special Valentine's menu and live piano accompaniment at Oskie's.
- ◆ **Feb. 15...**Ed Bottegal will play a few songs and discuss the accordion at DeBence Antique Music World, 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Feb. 17...**Cheers! Returns to Bella Cucina—a percentage of meal sales will be donated to "Global Medical Brigade."
- ◆ **Feb. 21...**Casino Night at Rocky Grove Fire Hall to benefit the United Way of Venango County. \$25 per person. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.



- ◆ **Feb. 24...**Cheers! At Bella Cucina to benefit the Franklin Little League Association.
- ◆ **Feb. 27...**Eggs 'n Issues, "Keep Pennsylvania Producing" 7:30 a.m., The Quality Inn & Conference Center.
- ◆ **Feb. 27 7 28...**Hansel & Gretel, Youth Theatre production, Barrow-Civic Theatre, 8 p.m.
- ◆ **Feb. 28...**Allegheny Valley Trails Association fundraiser, 6 p.m., Franklin Knights of Columbus, 1436 Liberty St. See insert for details.

### March

- ◆ **March 7...**Dancing for Life benefit, 7:30 p.m., Barrow-Civic Theatre, a tribute to the American Red Cross.
- ◆ **March 17...**Happy St. Patrick's Day! Join us at Oskie's and "Revisit the Celtic" during a **Business After Hours Mixer** from 5-7 p.m.
- ◆ **March 27...**Quarterly Breakfast Forum to focus on Energy. 7:30 a.m., Wanango Country Club. Call 432-5823 to RSVP.
- ◆ **March 27...**David Cassidy will perform at the Barrow-Civic Theatre.

