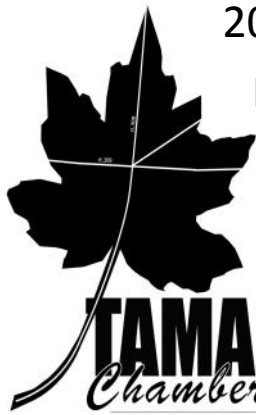


2020 Community  
Progress Book



**TAMAQUA AREA**  
*Chamber of Commerce*  
GROWTH • PROGRESS • TRADITION





## **OUR MISSION**

The Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce  
is a member-based organization  
dedicated to promoting and strengthening  
the economic, industrial, professional,  
cultural and civic welfare  
throughout the Tamaqua Area  
and managing  
Tamaqua's Main Street Program.

Serving our members for over sixty years, we continue to  
provide the services and opportunities that create  
economic growth and stability, while improving  
the quality of life throughout the Tamaqua area.

Our partnerships with other economic and community  
development organizations in the region provide area  
businesses and residents with a strong, unified  
commitment to a brighter future.

***Our past has forged the way to the present  
where we create our future.***

**Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce**

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Web site: [www.tamaqua.net](http://www.tamaqua.net)

# CHAMBER NEWS

After months of planning, the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce has officially moved their office to the Tamaqua Borough building, located at 320 East Broad Street Tamaqua.

The Chamber will also have a new mailing address, PO Box 54, Tamaqua PA 18252, but the phone number will remain the same, (570) 668-1880.

Serving its members for more than sixty years, the Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce provides services and opportunities that create economic growth and stability, while improving the quality of life throughout the Tamaqua and surrounding areas.

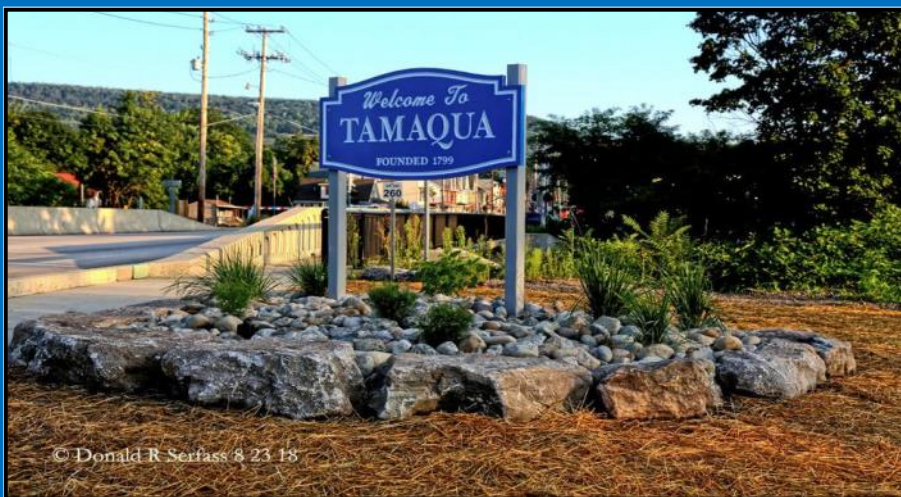
Chamber President Jennifer Drake said, "The move is a welcomed and strategic addition to our members and board of directors. We are grateful to the Tamaqua Borough Council to provide us with this opportunity to work closely with their office and better serve our community. "

Aimee Dotson, Office and Outreach Administrator, said, "We are very excited about our new location. Being inside the borough building will help us stay more informed regarding the needs of the businesses here in Tamaqua."

Moving forward, when circumstances allow, the Chamber plans to continue to hold social mixers, informational breakfast seminars, monthly Lunch Bunches, as well as fun contests and community projects. The Chamber also is continuing its weekly Chamber Chatters Newsletter as well as updates and resources for its members.

The Chamber also has some new and exciting future projects planned. The Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce is a proud affiliate of the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Main Street America program. For more information on becoming a Chamber member and stay up-to-date on Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce activities and programs please visit [www.tamaqua.net](http://www.tamaqua.net), call them at (570) 668-1880, check out the Facebook page, and follow them on Instagram.







## **2020 Officers/Board of Directors**

**Amber Zuber**

**Ann Ostergaard (Treasurer)**

**Ann Marie Calabrese**

**Ashley Securda**

**Chris Henritzy**

**Janene Holter**

**Jennifer Drake (President)**

**John Luby**

**Kim Noel**

**Linda Marchalk (Vice President)**

**Manda Smarr**

**Mary Linkevich**

**Matthew Warden**

**Nathan Gerace**

**Rich Stianche**

**Richard Hadesty**

**Steven Gintz**

**Susan Fegley**

**Tony Odorizzi**

# Letter from the President

My fellow members,

The COVID crisis has challenged every community in ways we never thought possible, but the Tamaqua area quickly reimagined a new and different world. I am humbled by our members and their ability to find new and creative ways to reach customers, support one another during difficult times, and to even open new businesses, all during a pandemic. The chamber is proud to serve this outstanding group.

The addition of Aimee Dotson as our new Office and Outreach Assistant was another positive light and her successful transition allowed us to share an ongoing flow of critical and timely information, updates, and available support services. Aimee has been a welcome addition to the team and continues to maintain strong relationships with our members. Along with the help of Tamaqua Borough's Director of Community Development Ann Marie Calabrese, they have created a public-private support system and re-invented and rejuvenated our social media platforms.

The move of the chamber office into Tamaqua's Municipal Building marked another success story and we are grateful to borough council for providing the lower-level office space and central location. This move guarantees new collaborations and instant welcomes to potential members while simultaneously saving the chamber money. This is an amazing win-win for the chamber and its membership.

Other inspiration came from a fresh wave of patriotism that blanketed the town. The Hometown Heroes banners were updated, and I hope you have enjoyed them and the tribute behind the women and men they honor as much as I have. We remain grateful to the sponsors and their families.

If you haven't already, please sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at [chamber@tamaqua.net](mailto:chamber@tamaqua.net), and don't forget to like us on Facebook and share your events with our followers. Together, we represent a group of community business leaders who are proud of Tamaqua's rich heritage and strong work ethic and have much to share.

Thank you for supporting the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce and know that we applaud your resiliency now and in the future. You are true community leaders and I hope you join me in welcoming and encouraging new members to help us build the business community in Tamaqua and its surrounding region. On behalf of the board of directors, we are grateful for your partnership.

Very Sincerely,

Jennifer Drake President, Executive Board of Directors  
Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce  
Independent Living Services/United Disabilities Services

# CONGRATULATIONS!



The Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce  
is honored to shine a light on  
your achievements and  
outstanding dedication  
to the community.

Many thanks for your  
continued support of the  
Tamaqua area and for  
leading by example!

# **Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce**

## **Exclusive Member Benefits**

### **Make the Connection**

#### **Join the Chamber Today**

We are dedicated to providing member-focused programs and services to help you improve your bottom line.

#### **Exclusive Member-Only Referrals**

The Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce exclusively refers its members.

#### **Member-to-Member Discount Program**

As a member, you can offer other members special incentives and discounts.

You design the offer; we promote it other members.

It's a great way to expand your business customer base and network!

#### **Chamber Chatters**

Every Friday, we provide a weekly electronic news letter to both members and non-members containing news, specials and upcoming events from our members.

#### **Email Updates on Business Issues**

The Chamber provides valuable information via email to our members on important events/issues that could affect your bottom line.

#### **Facebook Updates**

The Chamber staff maintains and posts regular updates about our member's events and special business promotions to our Tamaqua Chamber Facebook page. In addition, we provide valuable information about business seminars and links to important business-related topics and issues.



### **Networking & Sponsorship Opportunities**

The Tamaqua Chamber offers you and your staff many opportunities to build your business network through:

Social & Informational Business Mixers  
Summer Concert Series  
Annual Chamber Community Dinner  
Annual Community Progress Report  
Seminars and Workshops

### **Member Referral Incentives**

Contact your suppliers and other businesses and encourage them to take advantage of membership in the Tamaqua Chamber.

### **Business Mailing List and/or Labels**

We can provide you with a copy of our business list in digital, mailing label, or CD format provides you with access to over 300 mailing addresses.

Look for the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce on Facebook and Instagram



**Congratulations to the 2020  
Joseph M Plasko Citizenship  
Award Winner**



Linda Heigele

**Thank you!**

Our community continues  
to grow and prosper  
because of your volunteerism and  
years of tireless dedication  
to the Tamaqua area and its citizens.

**Linda Heigele was named the Joe Plasko Citizen of the Year award recipient for 2020. Linda has served as the Secretary of the Tamaqua Beautification Association for 18 years and has played a vital role in the revitalization of the Tamaqua Train Station and upkeep of the Depot Square Park. She has been a member of the Save our Station (SOS) Committee since 1992. During her time there she has held the position of Vice President, Chairperson of Membership Committee, and is currently the Treasurer. Linda also managed the SOS Gift Shop at the train station until time of closing. She is a member of Downtown Tamaqua Board and was nominated as chairperson of the Depot Square Committee for 10 years. Linda is a proud member of St. John Lutheran Church. She has sat on the Church Council for 6 years, and served as Vice President for 2 years. In addition, she was the chair of the Evangelism Committee and Fellowship Committee. She is also active in the Worship and Music Committee and Garden Committees and previously was a member of the Property Committee for 3 years. She serves as an Eucharistic Minister for St. John Lutheran Church. Linda has been Relay for Life Co-Captain for 18 years and raised between \$800 and \$1,000 annually for the American Cancer Society. Linda received the Penn Ambassador Award for service and was invited to the Capitol in Harrisburg to accept that award.**

# **Congratulations to the 2020 Business Person of the year**



## **Ben and Lee Shafer Of Shafer's Pharmacy**

This award honors a member business that has experienced profitability, success, growth, sustainability, and has demonstrated commitment to community services.

**The 2020 Business of the year is Shafer's Pharmacy; owned and operated by Ben and Lee Shafer. Shafer's Pharmacy is the only independent, family owned pharmacy in the Tamaqua area. Shafer's Pharmacy is a third generation, local business that began with Edward Shafer purchasing the former Burt's Drug Store in 1946, and has been in operation ever since. Both Lee and his son, Ben, are very active in the community. The pharmacy is a long-time supporter of virtually any and every community festival, fundraiser, or project, from the holiday light fund, to the annual Daffodil Days, to the long-time support as members of the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce. Lee is the Chairman of the Tamaqua Area Community Partnership (TACP). Both gentlemen are proud members of the Cressona Band, and are active in the church where they also provide their shared musical talents.**



# Joseph M. Plasko Citizenship

## Award Winners

### 1964 through 1999

1964	Mrs. Ella Ray Mundy (Deceased)
1965	Gordon Pfeil (Deceased)
1966	Mrs. Ruth Kropp (Deceased)
1967	George Seligman (Deceased)
1968	Rev. M. E. Detterline (Deceased)
1969	A. A. "Brig" Young (Deceased)
1970	Anthony J. Maff (Deceased)
1971	Willis R. Parnell (Deceased)
1972	Paul L Wagner (Deceased)
1973	Oscar S. Werley, Jr. (Deceased)
1974	Dr. Harry W. Bailey (Deceased)
1975	John Lindemann (Deceased)
1976	Jacob Rimbach (Deceased)
1977	William G. Guy (Deceased)
1978	Chester A. Hoffman (Deceased)
1979	E. Franklin Griffiths (Deceased)
1980	Charles "Sam Ghares (Deceased)
1981	William A. Moser (Deceased)
1982	Mrs. Elizabeth Purnell (Deceased)
1983	Rev. F. Peter Muhr
1984	Robert J. Pitts
1985	Dr. Mary Malishaucki (Deceased)
1986	Raymond Ripko (Deceased)
1987	John Kellner (Deceased)
1988	Dorothy "Tillie" Ghares (Deceased)
1989	William H. Fegley, Sr. (Deceased)
1990	Linda J. Yulanavage
1991	George Wenzel (Deceased)
1992	Junior Zehner (Deceased)
1993	Constantine "Gus" Depos (Deceased)
1994	Sheldon Shafer (Deceased)
1995	Ruth Essington
1996	Nicholas J. Young (Deceased)
1997	Paul Scherer (Deceased)
1998	Floyd Zimmerman (Deceased)
1999	Herman Lutz (Deceased)

# **Joseph M. Plasko Citizenship Award Winners 2000 through 2020**

2000	Dr. H. Bruce Geiger
2001	Robert Evans (Deceased)
2002	Dale Freudenberger
2003	Patricia Freeh-Stefanek
2004	Judy Hoppes
2005	Curtis J. Bailey
2006	Sally Ann Neumann (Deceased)
2007	Jerome P. Knowles
2008	Todd Miller
2009	Randy Gormley
2010	Emerson Musser
2011	Andrew J. Leibenguth
2012	Fran Stahl
2013	Matt Hope
2014	Tom Banditelli, Sr.
2015	Amanda Woodring
2016	Kyle Whitley
2017	Paul Dodson
2018	Stephen Ulicny
2019	Richard M. Hadesty, Jr.
2020	Linda Heigele

## **Business of the Year Winners**

2015	Lynn Elko of Emma's Friends
2016	Brian Seitz of Seitz Brothers Exterminating and Environmental Services
2017	John and Melanie Ross of Tamaqua Station Restaurant
2018	Linda Marchalk of Northeast Edge Associates, LLC
2019	Sheila Davidson and Lori Miller of C.A.R.E.S.
2020	Ben and Lee Shafer of Shafer's Pharmacy

# Reading & Northern Railroad supports Tamaqua with platform project



Reading & Northern Railroad CEO, Andy Muller and wife, Carol Muller, receive a Welcome Basket from the Tamaqua Borough.

Senator David Argall, Tamaqua Borough Council President David Mace, Reading & Northern Railroad CEO Andy Muller, Jr, and Tamaqua Borough Council member Mary Linkevich pose at the historic Tamaqua train station in front of the new platform rendering.





In February 2020, the Reading & Northern Railroad made an agreement with Tamaqua Borough to bring back passenger trains by building a new and extended platform. The borough originally agreed to provide \$36,000 toward construction, but later, Andy Muller Jr., owner/CEO of the Reading and Northern announced that the first payment of \$20,000 would serve as payment in full. Muller and his team went on to complete construction during summer months, adding decorative finishes including Victorian-style lights, bench seating, and decorative fencing.

Muller further committed to borough council a donation of \$10,000 per year over the next two years (\$20,000 total) for the charities of their choice. During the corona virus shut-down, Muller opted to contribute the first donation during the stay-at-home order and the second several weeks later. The Tamaqua Borough Council worked quickly to allocate funds to Tamaqua's first responders: each of the four fire companies along with the ambulance association, rescue squad and fire police.

Meanwhile, the platform is complete, provides an attractive and safe area for walking, and has allowed for a Tamaqua stop to pick up fall foliage tours as well as "Ride and Dine" excursions that bring customers from Reading Terminal to Tamaqua.







**Did You Know?** The first railroad in America to use steam power was the Little Schuylkill, Navigation, Railroad and Coal Company. It was chartered in 1826, construction began in 1829, and it opened in 1831 between the coal mines at Tamaqua and the Schuylkill Canal at Port Clinton, a distance of about 20 miles. A steam locomotive named the "Catawissa" was purchased in England and began service in Tamaqua in 1833. It is also the third oldest rail route in North America.





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**TAMAQUA**

*Gateway to the Anthracite Region*  
**AMERICA'S BLACK DIAMOND**



*Home of*  
*America's Oldest Coal Mining Company*  
*~ and ~*  
*America's Oldest Coal Hauling Railroad*  
*Both Continue in Daily Operation*  
*After Nearly Two Hundred Years*

**TAMAQUA NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

PRESENTED BY TAMAQUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, TAMAQUA AREA PARTNERSHIP & ANTHRACITE 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOARD

**Did you know?** In 1817, coal was discovered in the Tamaqua area by while digging the foundation for an outbuilding by Burkhardt Moser, Jr. Coal had been discovered earlier elsewhere in the region, but this was the first discovery of coal in the Tamaqua area.



In recognition of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, Hope & Coffee was cordially invited to participate in the "Recovery at Work" roundtable discussion event at the White House that took place on September 3rd, 2020.

Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, James W. Carroll, Surgeon General, Jerome Adams, Director of Economic Council, Larry Kudlow, and special guest, First Lady, Melania Trump, hosted the small discussion in the White House East Room, where the event took place. The effort was to connect employers and organizations across the country whose missions are to provide recovery-supportive employment. Loren Collura, Director of Hope & Coffee and Lisa Scheller, founder, attended the event along with representatives from 10 other organizations across America. They shared about the tremendous impact that Hope & Coffee continues to have in the lives of many people, both those in recovery as well as families and communities within Schuylkill County. Most importantly, they spoke about the amazing successes of Hope & Coffee employees and customers to date.





# WELCOME TO TAMAQUA!



To welcome new businesses to Tamaqua, Ann Marie Calabrese, Director of Community Development, creates Welcome Baskets comprised of information, promotional items and even gift certificates from any local business that is willing to contribute.

Baskets have also been created for those businesses that are having a special anniversary celebration. For more information, to request a basket or to donate items for the baskets, contact Ann Marie at the Tamaqua Borough at 570.668.0300 or email [amcalabrese@ptd.net](mailto:amcalabrese@ptd.net)



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# *Happiness Mural*

As a partnership between the Walk-In Arts Center and the Tamaqua Community Arts Center the project was led by Lorraine Felker, Debbie Gilbert, artists Lori Rimmel and Julie Richards.



Taking the Tamaqua Choose Happiness theme, students from Tamaqua High School digital media class helped to design the mural. Large panels with an outline were printed and multiple "Paint the Mural" sessions were held throughout Tamaqua. The completed mural is located on the side of the Verizon building along Railroad St and contains over 300 hidden objects, people, places, and things.

In the near future lighting and a finders key will be installed.





# Owl Creek Reservoir

Formerly the Borough's drinking water reservoirs, the Owl Creek Dams were opened to the public as a low-impact recreation area in 2002.

The dams offer many outdoor recreation opportunities including:

Walking/Hiking - Biking - Fishing - Boating (Electric Motors Only) - Picnicking - Boy Scout Events - Halloween Hayrides - Visits with Santa - 5ks and Bike races

The Borough and the Owl Creek Reservoir Commission has also partnered with the PA Fish and Boat Commission which patrols and stocks the dams.







*The Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to serving members while improving economic growth in our community. The chamber serves over 700 business and nonprofit members across Schuylkill County. Our members range from sole proprietors to Fortune 500 companies. The value-added programs and services available to our members can assist with community outreach efforts, talent recruitment, network building and professional development.*

*The Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce works alongside the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce, and eight other affiliate organizations.*

*The chamber's dues sharing program provides businesses and nonprofits with the opportunity to take advantage of membership perks from two organizations. If you are open to learning more about the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce, its dues sharing program and membership benefits, please contact Samantha Chivinski, member relations director at [schivinski@schuylkillchamber.com](mailto:schivinski@schuylkillchamber.com) or 570-622-1942.*



# RECREATING OUTDOORS



## FISHING AT KELLNER'S DAM

**DID YOU KNOW?** The baseball catchers mitt was invented in Tamaqua by baseball legend Chris Fulmer. Unfortunately he did not apply for a patent and never received the credit he deserved for his invention.



**OWL CREEK RESERVOIR**



**BUNGALOW LIFE GUARDS HAD A "MEET AND GREET" WITH CHRIS HADESTY (REPRESENTING THE TAMAQUA AMBULANCE) TO GO OVER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT THEY WOULD NEED TO CALL 911.**



# Enjoying Summer Concerts

## Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Concert Series

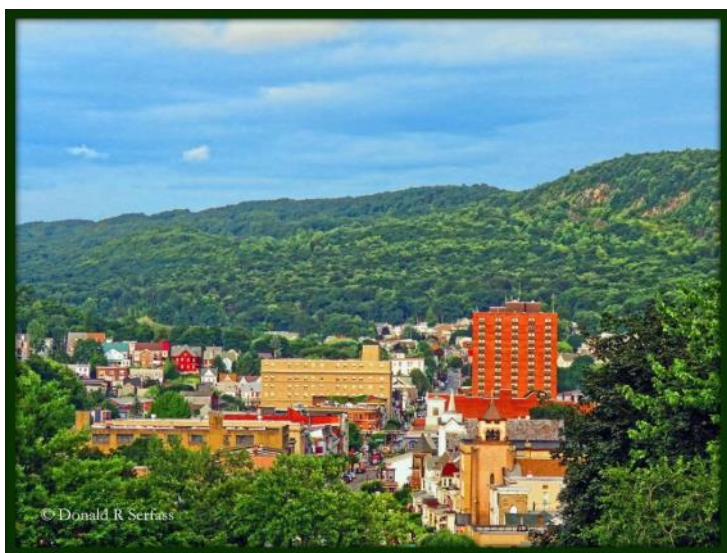


Join us Thursday evenings all summer long for live music on the platform of Tamaqua's historic train station. Bring your own chair or make a reservation to dine on the patio at the Tamaqua Station Restaurant.



# See you in 2021!





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**TAMAQUA BLUE RAIDER**

*Foundation*

YOUR FUTURE...YOUR SUCCESS

**The Foundation takes great pride in our school district. We are honored to seek out resources that provide opportunities for our students to experience success in a global economy.**

**Great strides have been made in the eight years the Foundation has been in existence. We have succeeded in helping to fund programs, projects, and grants exceeding over \$120,000.**

### **Board of Directors**

Robert A. Miller, III, President  
Walter E. Kruczek, Vice President  
Jeffrey P. Bowe, Esquire, Secretary  
Jacqueline M. Kerlin, Treasurer  
Johanna L. Ulicny, Executive Director

R. Thomas Berner      Romaine Joseph  
Melanie A. Turrano      Joann F. Yacobenas

The Tamaqua Blue Raider Foundation is a not-for profit, 501(c)3 that assists the Tamaqua Area School District in funding projects that are outside of the school district's operational budget. The Foundation enlists individuals, businesses, corporations, and foundations in charitable resource raising activities to help our students achieve their maximum potential. We also participate in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program whereby businesses reduce their tax liability by making donations to foundation projects.

## The Foundation is active on multiple fronts:

- Help to fund a yearly summer camp series taught by educators at the Penn State Hazleton Campus. Campers learn things such as basics of electricity and motion as they plan and build their own robots, chemistry basics, and the basics of solar power.
- Providing funding for the visit of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Mobile Lab helping to provide exciting, educational, and interactive program for our elementary school students.
- Administration of the Joseph M. Plasko Scholar-Athlete Fund as well as the Karen Marie Mateyak Award Fund.
- Helping to fund an entry-level college engineering course taught at the high school by faculty from Penn State Hazleton.
- Assisting students in defraying the cost of Advanced Placement Exams.
- Administering the Grants for Teachers Program, a competitive process whereby teachers are awarded money to implement innovative programs in their classrooms.



### The Tamaqua Blue Raider Foundation

109 West Broad Street

Tamaqua, PA 18252

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Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce



## Ways to help local business

### Give the Gift of Business



If you usually frequent a business, buy gift cards from them now. Then, spread out the use of those gift cards over time or give them as gifts to people who might not normally go there or are having hard times.

### Reach Out

Call a local business or drop them a line. Ask them how you can help. They may have an idea that would specifically help their business.



### Shop ahead or start a subscription



Plan on buying something in the future? Purchase it now and have the shop set it aside for pick up at a later time. Subscribe to exercise classes, music lessons, art classes, etc.

Join a local CSA or farm share.

### Leave a positive review

Been meaning to leave a positive review? Now is the time!

A positive review can help bring new clients to a business and bring smiles to the owners' faces.



Most importantly - BE KIND - We are all adjusting to this new normal



**SAVE THE DATE**



**SMALL BUSINESS**

**SATURDAY<sup>®</sup>**

**NOV 28**

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WITH US**



# Tamaqua Borough

The Tamaqua Borough is proud to serve more than 7,100 residents and to welcome businesses and visitors to the community. Borough staff work at many levels to support the community: by providing public safety and utility services, responding to public complaints and concerns, by administering projects and programs, and responding to and enforcing quality of life and other code violations.



## Highlights over the past year :

- Through the generosity of the J.E. Morgan Foundation, provided discounted \$10 season passes to the H.D. Buehler Memorial Pool
- Hired a part-time Code Official to assist Zoning/Code Official
- Completed Owl Creek paving project
- Completed new sewer main on Lafayette Street
- Received donations for mulch at borough playgrounds
- Explored options through Howard D. Buehler Memorial Pool feasibility study to repair vs. replace pool

## Community Revitalization and Improvement Zone (CRIZ)

Tamaqua is one of only three CRIZ locations in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the only borough in the program. CRIZ works by reinvesting any positive increment in tax revenues within the zone and allowing a local CRIZ Authority to finance approved projects that boost economic impact. Recently, Wheel Restaurant was welcomed to Tamaqua as a CRIZ project.

## Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Recently, the newly reorganized CAC had their first rehab loan closing since 2014. This program was recently re-vamped and re-instated. The new program differs from programs that were offered in the past. This program offers low interest loans at a set max dollar amount for home improvements that are related to the safety, energy efficiency and liability of a home. There is also a sidewalk program in place as well.

To learn more about the borough, or for questions, please call 570-668-0300 or email [info@tamaquaborough.com](mailto:info@tamaquaborough.com).

Photos, clockwise: Ice Cream Social with Mayor Gerace and officers, a visit from the crime dog, CAC Closing, Dan Evans of the CRIZ Authority looks over Tamaqua map with Savas Logothetides of Wheel Restaurant, Tamaqua, and the newly installed street signs.







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The Tamaqua Area Chamber  
of Commerce would like to thank  
**Kyle Whitley,**  
**Donald Serfass, and the**  
**Tamaqua Historical Society**  
for the use of their photos.  
You always capture the best  
of our community!

We also thank the many contributors  
for their support.





**Did You Know?** The third municipal street light system in the world was installed along Broad Street by the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Tamaqua. The power plant of course burned Anthracite Coal!



Radio stations Magic 105.5 WMGH FM, "a better mix of music" and AM 1410 WLSH, "the music you grew up with" were acquired by a new owner in March of 2020.

CC Broadcasting, LLC, owners of WGPA Sunny 1100am out of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, took over the stations that have been on the air since 1987 and 1952, respectively.

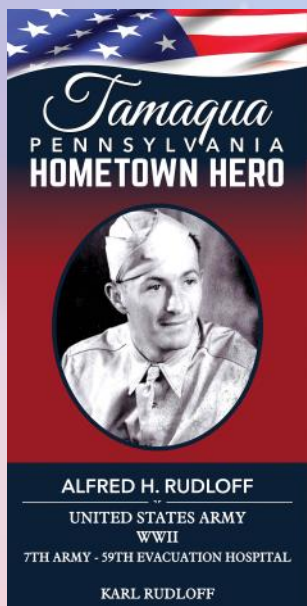
WGPA's format is "Ameripolitan" which is described as classic country, rockabilly, oldies and polkas. The new owners have made access to online listenership to all three stations via [www.wmgh.com](http://www.wmgh.com) and [www.sunny1100.com](http://www.sunny1100.com).

# HONORING OUR HEROES

*The Tamaqua Hometown Hero project is a Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce program to honor any local hometown hero who has provided beneficial service to the Tamaqua Area. In 2020, the third installment of banners was hung. These banners are proudly displayed in downtown Tamaqua. Our heroes include first responders, organization volunteers, civic leaders, and military service members.*

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE*

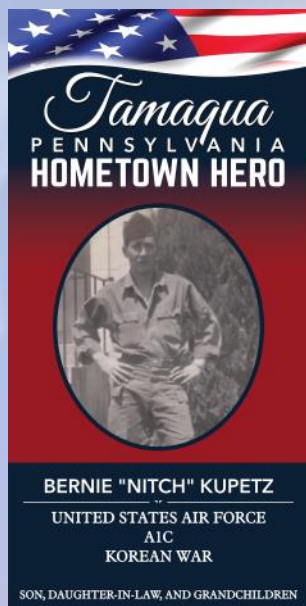




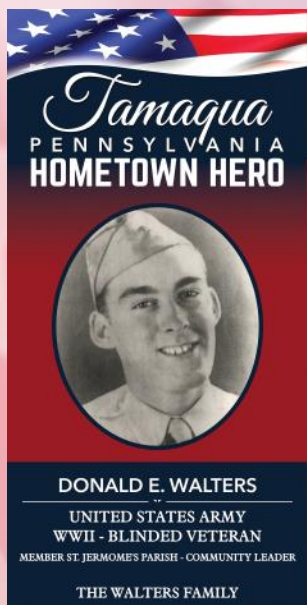
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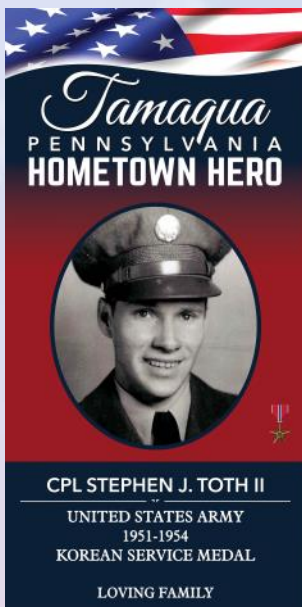
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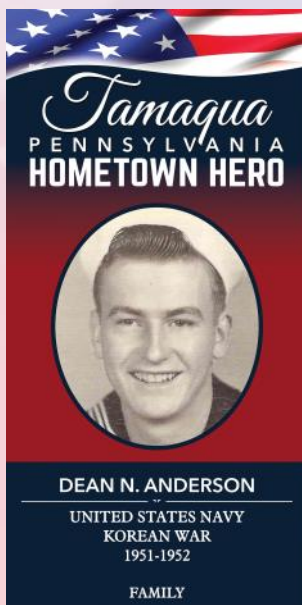
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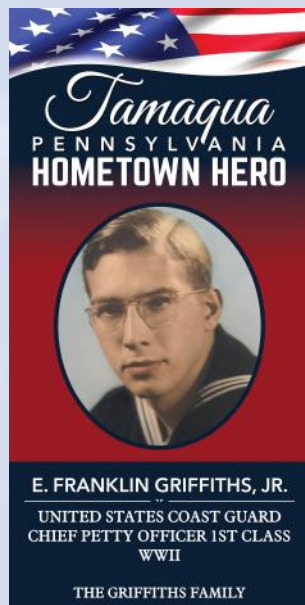
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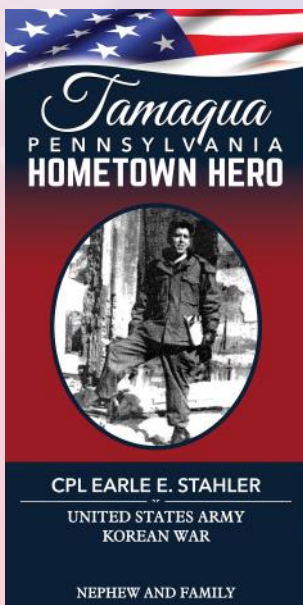
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**HOMETOWN HERO**



**ELLA RAY MUNDY**  
TAMAQUA'S FIRST  
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR  
1946  
THE MUNDY FAMILY

200 Block East Broad St

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**ERNEST HOPPES**  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
KOREAN CONFLICT  
FAMILY - DENNIS - DIANE - CAROL ANN

0-100 Block West Broad St


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**FRANK KLECKNER**  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
1968-1969 VIETNAM 1ST MAR DIV  
LIFETIME MEMBER CORPS LEAGUE - LAUAI, HAWAII  
MARY KLECKNER

600 Block East Broad St


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**FRANK "PAKI" WILSON**  
UNITED STATES NAVY  
1990-1997  
CVN-69 DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER  
FRANK AND MARY KLECKNER

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**GEORGE A. PINKEY**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
SPECIALIST  
1964-1966  
HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

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**GEORGE F. STEPHENS SR.**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
SP4  
WIFE AND FAMILY

5 Points -Mauch Chunk St



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**SGT GEORGE J. GURNAVAGE**  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
KOREAN CONFLICT

CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

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**HAROLD "BUDDO" PRICE**  
UNITED STATES NAVY  
RADIOMAN SECOND CLASS  
U.S.N.R.

THE FAMILY OF HAROLD PRICE

5 Points West Broad St

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**HOWARD C. SCHAEFFER JR**  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

MOM & DAD

700 Block East Broad St

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**TSGT. HOWARD F. SCHAEFFER**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
WWII  
1944-1947

HOWARD C. SCHAEFFER SR. & FAMILY

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**IRVIN E. BENNAGE**  
TEC. SGT.  
WWII

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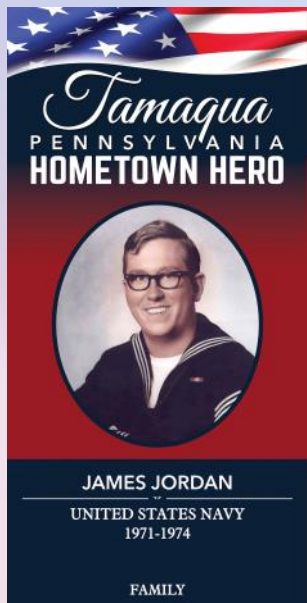
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**JACOB W. RIMBACH**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
1976 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

KALYAN FAMILY

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300 Block East Broad St



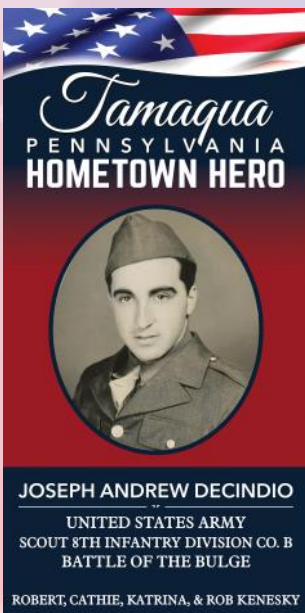
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North Railroad St



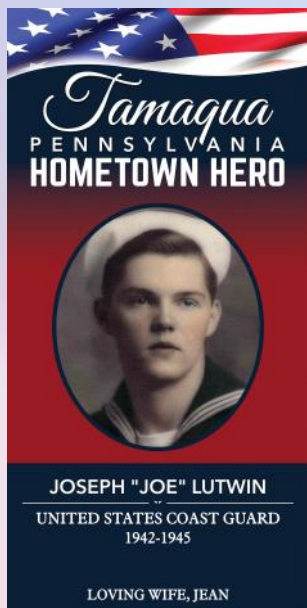
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500 Block East Broad St



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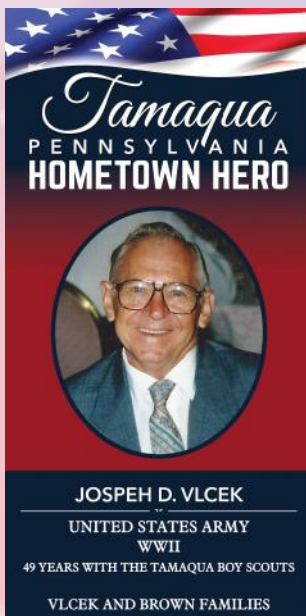
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**LENNY DAVIS**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
SP4  
1959-1962  
ERIC, EMILY, AMY, & RACHEL

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**LEON D. HOSLER**  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
KOREAN WAR  
DAUGHTERS & GRANDCHILDREN

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**SGT LEONARD T. PATRICK**  
UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS  
WWII  
428TH BOMBER GROUP - 35 MISSIONS  
RAYMOND & LORI PATRICK

5 Points—West Broad


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**LEWIS BOYER**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
TECHNICAL SERGEANT  
KOREAN WAR  
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

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**LEWIS MOYER**  
PENNSYLVANIA 129TH REGIMENT  
COMPANY E  
CIVIL WAR  
ADAMS FAMILY

5 Points—Mauch Chunk St


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**LT. COL. CHARLES W. DUNN**  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RESERVE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
AIR NAT GUARD 1961-1990  
LINDA DUNN DELAY & FAMILY

0-100 Block West Broad St





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**DONALD E. WALTERS**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
WWII - BLINDED VETERAN  
MEMBER ST. JEROME'S PARISH - COMMUNITY LEADER  
THE WALTERS FAMILY

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**MATTHEW T. GURSKY**  
UNITED STATES NAVY  
BMC (EXW/SCW/SW/AW)  
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

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**PAUL JEROME TRUSKEY**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
1943-1945 - 746TH TANK BN  
WWII, D DAY, NORMANDY  
CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

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**PAT FREEH STEFANEK**  
PRES. TACP - 12 YEARS, TAMAQUA BOROUGH COUNCIL 20 YEARS  
FOUNDER - TAMAQUA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - 2003  
DAUGHTERS RENEE STYKA AND RACHELLE COLEMAN

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**THE BADDICK BROTHERS**  
JOHN, PAUL, JACOB,  
THEODORE, AND LOUIS  
WWII  
LOVING FAMILIES

North Railroad St




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**RAYMOND LEVI "BRICK" KLECKNER**  
UNITED STATES NAVY  
U.S.S. ZANIAH  
E.M. 3/C  
CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

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**ROBERT J. HOLLENBACH**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
WWII - COMMUNITY LEADER  
GRAND EXALTED RULER & PAST EXALTED RULER TAMAGUA ELKS  
THE HOLLENBACH FAMILY

5 Points—Mauch Chunk St

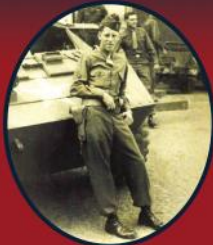
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**ROBERT SCHLOSSER**  
UNITED STATES NAVY SEABEE  
WWII  
SCHLOSSER FAMILY

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**SGT ROBERT W. STAHLER, SR.**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
WWII  
SON AND FAMILY

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**A/1C ROBERT EDWARD BANNAN**  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
KOREAN WAR  
PA NATIONAL GUARD  
HIS LOVING FAMILY

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**RUSSELL T. ARNOLD**  
UNITED STATES NAVY  
WWII - SERVED IN THE PACIFIC THEATER  
EARNED 2 BATTLE STARS, SS WINOOSKI  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES


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**SGT CLAUDE E. MILLER**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
WWI & WWII  
SONS, RUSSELL, EDWIN, & HOWARD, & GRANDCHILDREN

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**SGT GUS P. "DEANO" KONSTAS**  
UNITED STATES ARMY

WIFE MARIE KONSTAS & FAMILY

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**SGT. JACK TRACY**  
UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS  
KIA 2/23/1944  
MISSION OVER STYER, AUSTRIA

THE MUNDY FAMILY

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**SGT. KENNETH C. SINN**  
UNITED STATES ARMY INFANTRY  
WWII  
BATTLE OF THE BULGE

SINN FAMILY

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**SPC AMBER LYNN GULICK**  
UNITED STATES ARMY, FIRE SUPPORT SPECIALIST  
13 FOX - JOINT BASE LEWIS MCCORD WASHINGTON  
2018 - PRESENT

DOMMIE & POPPOP

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**SR. MASTER SGT. DUSTIN LUKE HOPPES**  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

MOM & DAD

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**STAFF SGT. MARTIN J. BADDICK**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
VIETNAM WAR  
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

WIFE, CHILDREN, AND GRANDCHILDREN

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**TECH 4 EARL LINKCHORST**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
CO. B 702 TANK BATTALION  
WWII  
ALLEN LINKCHORST

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**THOMAS J. MCGRATH**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
SP4 HQ CO. 1ST B/126TH INF  
1958-1964  
WIFE KAY AND DAUGHTERS MARIE, DONNA, & JOAN

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**WAYNE TRUSKEY**  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
1968-1972 - SERVED WITH 554TH RED HORSE  
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM 1969-1970  
PATRICIA & MATTHEW TRUSKEY

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**WILLIAM J. STEBULIS**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
WWII  
SONS & DAUGHTERS

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