

Welcome to the **January 23, 2012** edition of the St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce "Business Bullet". This e-mail newsletter is designed to keep you informed about upcoming programs, events and happenings in the St. Marys Area. We will also include features on member businesses and organizations that make things happen in our community. You can start your week with information that is pertinent, concise and at your fingertips!

If there is something significant happening in your business or in a community organization that you are aware of, please let us know. We would like to feature it in the "Business Bullet" so everyone can hear about it. The more positive information that can be spread throughout the community, the better. Just send the information to us at cfluedderman@stmaryschamber.org by Thursday afternoon in order to have it appear in the Business Bullet the following week.

NEW ADDITIONS AND UPDATES

If you are currently selling products to foreign customers or would like to see how to break into the market this is the seminar for you. Learn the proper classification of products: Understand the rules of origin: Updates on pending and newly signed free trade agreements. This will take place on **Tuesday February 21, 2012 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM EST**

Register now at **North Central Planning Commission**, the cost is \$20.00 If you have any questions, please contact: Christine Perneski North Central Planning Commission 814-773-3162 ext 3051 ncesport@ncentral.com

Red Cross Scrubby Bear Presentation Available

We would like to extend an invitation for local daycares, schools and scout troop to host a Scrubby Bear presentation. Scrubby Bear was developed by the American Red Cross, and is the symbol of a national campaign to teach children, health care personnel, day care providers, and educators that infection can be combated through frequent hand washing. Scrubby Bear aims to teach children aged 4-7 years old how germs are spread, how to prevent the spread of disease, and how to properly wash their hands. The Scrubby Bear presentation lasts about 20 minutes. A story about Scrubby Bear is read during this presentation that talks about the importance of hand washing during different parts of the day. The curriculum has several handouts, coloring pages and songs. This curriculum also includes lessons about germs, hand washing and how the body fights germs. If you are interested in hosting a Scrubby Bear presentation or would like more information about the curriculum please contact the office at (814) 371-2750 extension 104.

Elk and Cameron Counties Bloodmobile Schedule

2/8 St. Marys Moose Club 10 am – 4 pm

2/9 Emporium VFW 11:30 am – 5:30 pm

2/10 Johnsonburg Senior Center 10 am – 3 pm

Schedule is subject to change.

Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule appointments or visit the E-donor site at www.redcrossblood.org. Call 1-866-236-3276 to ask questions about donating blood.

The 2012 Business Expo, sponsored by the **St. Marys Area Chamber Of Commerce** and **The River 98.9**, will be held on **Saturday, February 18th** at the Red Fern from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Last year approximately 2,000 people attended the Expo, and 2012 promises to be even better! The Business Expo provides businesses and organizations an opportunity to talk with customers, one on one, about their products and services. It's an outstanding opportunity to showcase your business and generate business for the new year. For registration details or for more information contact the Chamber at 781-3804, or visit the Chamber's web page: <http://www.stmaryschamber.org/2-chambernews.shtml>

SAVE THE DATE: The St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner will be **Saturday, February 25 at the Red Fern**. We have a lot of fun and exciting things planned for this year's dinner and we hope to see you there! Keep watching the Business Bullet for more information.

The **St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce** with Centre Publications will be putting together the new Chamber Directory. If you have any changes in your company name, address, phone, fax, web, email etc., please email the office or call. You can look at the current directory on our web page at any time. Web: www.stmaryschamber.org, Email: cfleddarman@stmaryschamber.org Phone: 814-781-3804.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The **Community Education Council** will be offering a FREE Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion Session. All college students need to complete the FAFSA to qualify for: Federal aid programs- Pell grants, Perkins loans, Stafford loans and work-study employment, PA state aid programs, School aid programs- private grants, need based scholarships. This session is scheduled at the CEC, **January 30 at 2:00-4:00 and again at 5:00-7:00**. For more information or to register contact the CEC at 781-3437.

SPC for Frontline Employees –

Statistical Process Control is a powerful tool for monitoring the consistency of production and identifying problems.

Topics to be covered:

- Introduction to processes

- Measuring and improving processes

- Introduction to SPC Charts

- Use and interpretation of SPC Chart Values

Location 1 - Penn State DuBois DEF Building, Room 202

DATE: February 20, 2012

TIME: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Instructor: Patrick Knobloch

Cost per participant: \$63

OR

Location 2 – **CEC in St. Marys, 3rd Floor Conference Room**

DATE: **March 19, 2012**

TIME: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Instructor: Patrick Knobloch

Cost per participant: \$63

Registration Instructions:

1. Call Pam Streich at North Central for a form.
2. Send completed form with payment of \$63 per participant to:
Pam Streich
North Central Workforce Investment Board
651 Montmorenci Road
Ridgway, PA 15853
3. Make checks payable to “North Central”
4. A light breakfast will be provided however lunch will be on your own. A 45 minute lunch break will be given.

An Introduction to ISO 50001 will be held at **North Central Regional Planning and Development Commission**, 651 Montmorenci Road, Ridgway, PA 15853 on **February 15, 2012**. You can register online at <http://iso5001.evenbrite.com/> and make sure to select the Feb. 15 event in Ridgway or contact Teresa Willey at PA DEP via e-mail twilley@pa.gov, or call 814-332-6816 and provide name(s), company, phone, e-mail address. Seating is limited, so please register early. This is a free introduction workshop.

Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power, and **West Penn Power** have teamed with Pennsylvania’s Local Development Districts to bring you seminars on saving energy through Act 129 programs. These are free events, which will include a series of presentations, vendor exhibits, and give-aways to help you save money and start the year efficiently. Light breakfast will be available. To register call Celia Salgado at 212-946-2846. Here is a list of local seminars.

DuBois, **Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 8:30 – 11:00 AM**, Clarion Hotel, 1896 Rich Hwy. Dubois, PA 15801

Bradford, **Thursday, February 9, 2012, 8:30 – 11:00 am**, Foster Township Municipal Bldg., 1185 East Main St., Bradford, PA 16701,

Ridgway, **Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 8:30 – 11:00 am**, North Central PA Regional Planning and Development Commission, 651 Montmorenci Road, Ridgway, PA 15853 for other locations please call Celia Salgado.

St. Marys Auto Body has announced this advance information regarding the upcoming concert featuring National Recording Artists: Confederate Railroad and The Kentucky Headhunters (who just released a new CD on October 18th). Just like the Little Texas Concert, all seats are reserved and the tickets are now available in their office at just \$20.00 each plus sales tax. As an added bonus to show respect for our soldiers, if you show them your Military ID, your individual ticket will be free. If you have any questions

call them at (814) 781-1961. This event will be held on **March 3, 2012** at 7:00 PM at the St. Marys High School Auditorium on South St. Marys Rd. St. Marys, PA.

2nd Annual **Polar Sweet Express** (CAPSEA fundraiser)

Saturday, February 4th from 10 am until 2 pm at the Franklin Center in St. Marys.

Your one stop shopping experience for all your Valentines Day needs.

They are currently accepting vendors on a first come first serve basis. Please email The River 98.9 for more information or a registration form. 989theriver@gmail.com

CAPSEA WISH LIST is printed at the end of this Business Bullet and we at the St. Marys Area Chamber will have a drop off box in our office.

Travel Spanish – A Functional and Conversational Approach

Mondays, February 6th through April 16th 7:30pm-9:00pm

Community Education Council, St. Marys

The **Community Education Council** in St. Marys will be offering a course in Travel Spanish. Business and leisure travelers and anyone who is interested in learning Spanish greetings, pleasantries, small talk and travel-related information is encouraged to register. The course will be taught by Jennifer (Yavorsky) Tamburlin who has studied Spanish for almost 20 years and has been teaching Spanish at SMASD for 9 years. The cost of the course and materials is \$175. To register, call the CEC at 781-3437 no later than January 30th.

The **University of Pittsburgh Bradford** is offering Microsoft Office 2010 Courses at the **Community Education Council of Elk and Cameron Counties** here in St. Marys. All classes are \$59 per participant. To register, contact the Division of Education & Regional Development: Phone 814-362-5078, Fax: 814-362-0914, Email: contined@pitt.edu, Website: www.upb.pitt.edu

Concept of Windows	February 7	5-9pm
Microsoft Word 1	February 21	5-9pm
Microsoft Word 2	March 6	5-9pm
Microsoft Excel 1	March 20	5-9pm
Microsoft Excel 2	April 3	5-9pm
Microsoft Publisher	April 10	6-9pm
Microsoft Access 1	April 17	5-9pm
Microsoft Access 2	May 8	5-9pm
Microsoft PowerPoint	May 22	6-9pm

The following are news items from the **American Red Cross**

Disaster Services: Volunteers from across the four counties continue to provide disaster services to those in need. Monthly disaster team meetings allow for volunteers to gather to discuss recent disaster responses, learn new disaster operation techniques or practice on current ones, find out about other Red Cross volunteer opportunities and network with other volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a Red Cross disaster

volunteer, you are invited to attend a Disaster team meeting in your area or contact the chapter office for more information. All meetings start at 6:00 PM. **Tuesday, January 24** in the Chapter office in DuBois *Schedule is subject to change.*

The **St. Marys Public Library** will be holding 2012 Winter Storytime and other events. Storytime will be held on **Wednesdays**, two sessions. Session 1 is from 10 – 11 am. Session 2 is from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Kids Craft Club for Grades K-5 will be the **second Thursday** evening of every month 6:30 – 7:30 pm, please register at the library for this club. There will be Poetry Reading on **Thursday, February 16th** from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Wii Dance will be the last Tuesday evening of every month.

We are now on Facebook! Check out our page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Marys-Area-Chamber-of-Commerce/182528588462570>

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Business Expo at the Red Fern
February 18, 2012

Annual Dinner at the Red Fern
February 25, 2012

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ITEMS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT OUR CHAMBER OFFICE

CAPSEA WISH LIST

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

BATH, KITCHEN
HAND TOWELS
WASHCLOTHS
DISHCLOTHS
BLANKETS
SHEETS
PILLOW CASES
UMBRELLAS
TRASH BAGS
LAUNDRY SOAP
DRYER SHEETS
DISH LIQUID
DISHWASHER DETERGENT
LIGHT BULBS
HAND SANITIZER
FOIL/SARAN WRAP
STORAGE BAGS
BAR SOAP/BODY WASH
PAPER TOWELS
TOILET PAPER
NAPKINS
KLEENEX

CLEANING SUPPLIES

LYSOL SPRAY & WIPES
CLOROX SPRAY & WIPES
BLEACH
MURPHY'S OIL SOAP
PINESOL
BRILLO PADS
MAGIC ERASERS

FOOD

TEA BAGS & COFFEE
HOT CHOCOLATE
SUGAR/SWEETENER
DRY CREAMER
JUICE BOXES
CANNED/BOXED FOODS
CEREAL
CRACKERS
CONDIMENTS
SALT/PEPPER/SPICES

CHILDREN'S NEEDS

DISPOSABLE DIAPERS

DRUG STORE

CHILDREN/
ADULT TYLENOL
CHILDREN/
ADULT COLD
MEDICATION
TOOTHPASTE
TOOTHBRUSHES
IBUPROFEN
HAIR BRUSHES
BENADRYL
FIRST AID CREAM
BAND-AIDS
THERMOMETERS
FEMININE HYGIENE
PRODUCTS
RAZORS/SHAVING
CREAM

PAPER PLATES
PAPER CUPS

GIFT CARDS
SHEETZ GAS CARDS
PIZZA SHOPS
GROCERY STORES
WAL-MART

BABY MONITORS
TOYS
BOARD GAMES

MISCELLANEOUS
OLD CELL PHONES
PHONE CARDS
POSTAGE STAMPS