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Come One, Come All to the

PENNRIDGE BUSINESS EXPO 2009



“Building Local Business Stronger”



Wednesday, September 16, 2009
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Penridge Airport, Ridge Road, Perkasie

THE BIG DAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!
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- ❖ Fellow Chamber Member Booths and Networking
- ❖ Penridge Community Members
- ❖ A Small Business Resource Center
- ❖ Samplings from Local Restaurants
- ❖ Musical Performances
- ❖ Door Prizes Throughout the Day
- ❖ Honor Guard—Presentation of Colors

Need help with your exhibit or tips for your staff?

Visit the web site of new member BSI Exhibits (www.bsiexhibits.com).

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2009 Expo

*Baby Parade at
Community Day*

BAH McCormick Bros.

People on the Move

FYI

Green Side Up

Penridge Community Day Baby Parade THANK YOU Volunteers!



Kudos to our wonderful volunteer judges, Cheryl Soliday, Karen Van Arsdale, Chris Fickes, and Pam McMullen.



A proud father and son enjoyed the day together.



Logan Roley and her mom proudly displayed her first place ribbon for the biggest eyes.



Four month old Ryder Rhodes captured second place for the cheekiest cheeks.



Anya Webster stole the show with her first place finish in the Most Patriotic category.



Gotta love the hair on contestant #28 Braeden Saylor.



McKenna Milkowich captured third place in the most patriotic category with her teddy bear friend.



Twins Brianna and Aiden Homony could barely stay awake for the event.



Rep. Paul Clymer did a fine job with the commentary for the parade.

Thanks also to Lisa Bogan and Brenda Price who registered 38 babies, and to Dan Soliday and Erin Price who worked behind the scenes to quickly tally all of the scores. Kudos to Tom Skiffington, Re/Max 440, who once again chaired Penridge Community Day.

Business After Hours— August 5, 2009

McCormick Brothers PROFESSIONAL DRY CLEANING SERVICES



Laurie Heuckeroth, Dave Bilger, Natalie Morris, Amanda Brown, and Cindy Pateow listened intently as owner Jamie McCormick addressed the crowd.



Stacey McCormick and Margaret Bardar from McCormick Brothers answered questions asked by Dawn Kauffman from First Savings Bank of Perkasio.



Lisa Dang, Keystone Opportunity Center, toured the facility with Amanda Brown, Phoenix Rehab and Natalie Morris, J. Marko CPA Services, Inc.



Owner Jamie McCormick showed Matt Savona, Savona Family Chiropractic, around the building.



Owner Mike McCormick explained the dry cleaning procedure to David Beck, The Weimer Group, and Pam McMullen, National Penn.



Owners Jamie and Tom McCormick enjoyed the terrific food served in the kitchen with Darryl Bean, owner of Metal Health Gym & Fitness.



PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

At its June meeting, the Grand View Hospital Board of Trustees officially granted medical staff privileges to the following physicians: **Gregory DeCardona, DO**, specializing in Anesthesiology, is an associate of GVH Anesthesiology Associates, Sellersville; **Ariel Vitali, MD**, specializing in Psychiatry has joined Penn Foundation, Sellersville.

Robert F. Cormack recently earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Mr. Cormack has been involved in economic development for 31 years. For the last 20 years he has been the Executive Director of the Bucks County Economic Development Corporation and Industrial Development Authority. He is involved in the Northeastern Economic Developers Association currently serving as the Past President and Chair for the Fall 2009 Conference in Philadelphia.



Sandra J. Himes has been named the new Executive Director at the Upper Bucks County Technical School in Perkasie. She took over the position July 1 from Interim Director Robert Barlett. Mrs. Himes has worked for fourteen years at Lehigh Career & Technical Institute (LCTI) in Schnecksville, PA.



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New Law Requires Contractors to Register



Effective July 1, 2009, contractors who perform home improvements totaling \$5,000 or more per year must register with the Office of Attorney General. Further, the new law, the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act, requires written contracts between the contractor and consumer when the price of the project exceeds \$500, and provides for criminal penalties for home improvement fraud and civil penalties for violations of the act. Home improvement contractors will now be required to maintain minimum insurance coverage and use contracts that contain important information about home projects, including the start date and completion date, a description of work being performed and consumers' rights under the law. Registration is valid for two years. Contractors with questions about the law can call 717-772-2425.

Registration can be done online at www.attorneygeneral.gov, which will result in receiving a registration number instantaneously, or by submitting a completed application form to Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection, ATTN: Home Improvement Contractor Registration, 15th Floor, Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, PA, 17120. Forms are available online or by calling 1-800-441-2555.

As a homeowner, if you would like to check the registration status of a contractor, visit www.attorneygeneral.gov or call 1-888-520-6680. All contractors must display their official registration number on all contracts, estimates, proposals, and advertisements distributed within the commonwealth.

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BUSINESS NEWS



S.C.O.R.E. (Senior Corps of Retired Executives) will present a free seminar on September 22 from 6:20 to 8:30 at the Doylestown Library, 159 Pine Street. The seminar will contain information on "Starting and Operating Your Own Small Business."

Seating is limited and reservations are suggested. Please call 215-943-8850 or e-mail score570@verizon.net to reserve your seat. SCORE counselors will also be holding workshops for four consecutive Tuesday evenings (9/29 through 10/27, no class 10/20) at **The Upper Bucks Vocational Technical School** as part of the Adult Education Program. Cost is \$79. The classes are intended for those planning to start their own business as well as those wanting to mature their small business. The workshops will be interactive and cover legal, insurance and licensing needs, market research and sales techniques, cash flow analysis and how to obtain financing. Call the Upper Bucks Vocational Technical School at 215-795-2011 to register.

With all the ups and downs of the current economy, you can never be certain what's coming next. **Penn Foundation's Employee Assistance Program (EAP)** is now offering a customizable workshop on managing stress in these uncertain economic times. EAP can teach area businesses and their employees how to cope with and channel stress in a productive way and offer tips and resources to help prevent stress from interfering with workplace performance and other aspects of life. The training can be customized to fit any company's needs and will be conducted at the business location. For more information about this training or to learn about EAP services, call 215-257-6556 or e-mail eap@pennfoundation.org.



As the price of gas continues to rise, more commuters are hopping on trains to get to work, while more freight is being shipped by rail instead of truck. To address that need, **Bucks County Community College** is offering an eight-week introductory course for those interested in becoming a locomotive engineer or conductor. The unique course is designed to groom students for entrance. A free information session will be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15. The course will run Sept. 26 - Nov. 17 at Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Road, Newtown. Register: www.bucks.edu/con-ed or 215-968-8409.

The **Welcome House® Adoption Program of Pearl S. Buck International®** is now offering in-home adoption counseling in Bucks and Montgomery Counties. Families created through adoption face common issues and challenges that evolve along with children's growth and development. Counseling services are available for anyone whose life has been touched by adoption, regardless of the agency used for adoption services. Lauren Cogan, MSW, LSW, is an experienced therapist in family based mental health services, individual, family and group counseling and also has experience with child welfare services and Autism. Evening and weekend appointments are available. Please call 215-249-0100 to make an appointment or for further information.

Several new courses are offered this fall at **Bucks County Community College**, plus nearly a dozen online, on subjects ranging from solar energy to sustainability. In addition, the Sustainable Building Advisor Program will be offered for the fourth consecutive year. In partnership with Independent Electrical Contractors, Bucks is offering a three-day course to prepare for the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners entry-level certificate exam. The NABCEP prep course will be held Friday to Sunday, October 2, 3 and 4. In addition, Bucks is offering a one-day course that covers the National Electrical Code requirements for designing and installing photovoltaic systems. The class meets Thursday, November 5. Both of these courses meet at the Lower Bucks campus in Bristol. A number of noncredit "green" courses are offered online. The Sustainable Building Advisor Program, which begins September 25, teaches professionals "green" building techniques such as how to minimize energy costs and use materials wisely. To register for any of these noncredit courses, or the Sustainable Building Advisor program, contact Continuing Education at 215-968-8409 or visit www.bucks.edu/con-ed.

KUDOS

RE/MAX 440 Broker/Owner Thomas E. Skiffington's Team was recently honored for securing a position in the top 25 Teams for the RE/MAX Pennsylvania and Delaware Region for the first half of 2009. Congratulations to the Skiffington Team, ranking in at Number 1 for the entire region of Pennsylvania and Delaware. Team members include Tom Skiffington, Josh Moser, Carol Copelin and Gina Plesser. Tom has been a licensed Realtor® since 1988 and is the broker/owner of ten RE/MAX real estate franchises located in Bucks, Lehigh and Montgomery counties. The RE/MAX 440/RE/MAX Central operation is home to more than 200 real estate agents.



The Upper Bucks Regional Emergency Medical Services (UBREMS) are the proud owners of a new ambulance. The purchase of the new 2008 GMC ambulance was made possible by the distribution of two grants. The first was obtained with the help of U.S. Rep. Congressman Patrick Murphy from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the second grant from the **First Savings Community Foundation**. The organization is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and provides emergency medical care and transport services to seven townships in the northern part of Bucks County.

Univest Corporation demonstrated its ongoing support to the communities it serves by continuing to provide financial support totaling up to \$175,000 to 91 nonprofit organizations during the second quarter of 2009. In addition to its contributions, Univest also received two prestigious awards through the Philadelphia Corporate Philanthropy Summit. In April, Univest was invited to attend the annual Corporate Philanthropy Summit in Philadelphia to be recognized as a top corporate giver in the Philadelphia Business Journal's 2010 Book of Lists. As a top charitable corporation, Univest received a reward as Number 16 under the Top 25 Most Charitable Givers in 2007 as well as the Most Charitable Giver and Top Philanthropic Donor as a large company.

COMING EVENTS



Perkasie's Annual **Fall Festival** will be held Sunday, October 4 in Menlo Park from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The Perkasie Borough Park and Recreation Advisory Board has arranged for events and attractions sure to please the entire family. Featured will be a petting zoo, demonstrations, scarecrow workshop, face painting, sand art, pony rides, moon bounce attractions, refreshments, crafters, vendors, children's rides, music, and more! All applications and pre-registration for contests and for crafters are handled through the Perkasie Borough Office at 215-257-5065. The Perkasie Carrousel will also be in operation.

Enjoy learning about Pearl S. Buck's personal collection of artwork during the brand-new exhibit *The Art & Sculpture of Green Hills Farm* at **Pearl S. Buck International**. In conjunction with this exhibit, for the first time since its recovery, the famed *The Good Earth* Manuscript will also be on display! Don't miss this chance to see the manuscript, which was missing for forty years and was finally recovered in the summer of 2008. Exhibit runs through November 15, 2009. Admission: \$7 per adult/\$6 seniors; Tour Times: Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., Sundays 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. Be sure to visit the web site www.pearlsbuck.org for more information.



The Univest Grand Prix, which has won international acclaim as a grueling bicycle

race that showcases the best rising stars in the sport, returns to Souderton and Doylestown in 2009 with a world-class line-up of 180 racers. The Univest Grand Prix features a tough 101-mile road race on Saturday, September 12 that winds its way through the rolling countryside of Bucks and Montgomery Counties before the uphill finish in Souderton. Racing continues with a fast, tactical criterium race on Sunday, September 13 in Doylestown. The Souderton race will be televised live by WFMZ Channel 69. The race will be broadcast live on WNPV Info-Radio. During the professional race on Saturday, spectators in Souderton can enjoy carnival activities in Univest Plaza. For more information, contact Kim Detwiler at 215-721-8396 or visit www.univest.net.

Discover Dublin is hard at work planning their fifth annual **Dublin Arts Festival** for Sunday, September 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the TEC Center & Simon's Fine Art along Route 313. The event will feature artwork and crafts, live music, dancing and great local food favorites. There will also be children's activities, a car show at First Savings Bank of Perkasie, and Peace Valley Winery will be offering wine tasting. For more information contact April Donahue at adonahue@qnb.com or 215-538-5600, ext. 5860.

The **54th Annual Pearl S. Buck International Day** will be held on Sunday, September 13 (rain or shine), 12 - 5 p.m. Join the community in celebrating Pearl S. Buck's humanitarian and cross-cultural legacy with a day full of international entertainment, cultural foods, games, arts and crafts, and children's rides. Admission is \$20 per car. For more information call 215-249-0100 or visit www.psb.org/internationalday.



The **41st Annual Gallery of the Arts Show & Sale** will be held in downtown Sellersville, on Sunday, September 20, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Main Street will be closed from Temple Ave. to Elm Street for the crafters and artists to display their work. Music will fill the air at the Walnut Street Corner Park featuring the Quakertown Band from 12 noon until 2:30 p.m. *Kind of Blue* and James Lauchmen will also be performing. The event will also include craft and art activities, storytelling, face painting and much more. The Sellersville Museum will host its **2nd Annual Architectural and Historical Walking Tour** of Sellersville at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. during this event. Tours are free, but pre-registration is required. Tour groups are limited. Register online at www.sellersvillemuseum.org or call 215-257-5253. For more information on the event, visit the website at www.galleryofthearts.org or call Doug Smith at 215-453-1954.

The **Perkasie Lions Club** will hold their Annual Chicken Barbeque on Sunday, September 13 at Perkasie Borough Park (Menlo Park), 5th Street & Park Ave. Adult tickets for the complete dinner are \$9.00 and children's are \$6.00 if purchased in advance, while tickets purchased the day of the event are 50 cents additional. Tickets can be purchased from any Perkasie Lions Club member, Contemporary Garden Supply, or at the Perkasie locations of First Savings Bank and First Savings Insurance. Held rain or shine, serving times are from noon until 3:00 p.m. (or until sold out) and take-out dinners are also available. The Perkasie Carrousel will be operating from noon until 5 p.m.



Get a jump on your holiday shopping and decorating by visiting the annual **Ridge Crest Christmas Shop Bazaar** on Thursday, October 1 from 2 p.m.-6 p.m., Friday, October 2 from 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at First Savings Bank, 1129 N. Fifth Street in Perkasie. Enjoy homemade holiday crafts and raffles. All proceeds benefit LifePath's Ridge Crest Intensive Care Pediatric Facility in Sellersville.

The **Sellersville Museum** will be open Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13 hosting a special exhibit, "Quilts." The Museum will be filled with the beautiful quilts of the Keystone Quilters Inc., of Quakertown, with members on hand to demonstrate their quilting expertise. The Museum will be open from 12 noon until 4:00 p.m. each day. As always, admission is free. The Museum is located next to the Sellersville Borough Office at 120 East Church Street, Sellersville. Call (215) 257-5253 for more information.



The **14th Annual Lansdale Bike Night** will be held on Saturday, September 12, from 5 to 11 p.m. on Main Street in Lansdale. While last year was a rain out, in 2007 the event drew nearly 80,000 people. Lansdale Bike Night is the largest one-night event on the East Coast!

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Green Side Up!

A forum featuring...

all you want to know about Reducing Energy Consumption & Cost

Prepare your home and business for energy deregulation coming January 1, 2010 and learn how to save, 30%, 40%, 50% or more on your energy costs! This exciting multi-chamber forum will take place on Thursday, September 24 at the Indian Valley Country Club, 650 Bergey Road, Telford. From 11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. you can visit the Roosevelt Room Display and Information Center, and from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. networking and lunch will take place in the Main Ballroom. Cost is \$20.00 per person.

The Display and Information Center Showcase will feature information on Geothermal Technology, Chilled Beams Technology, Concrete Forms Insulation, PPL Energy Conservation, a Penn Foundation Architectural Display, and PA DEP Officials with information on State & Federal Funds. Architect, Philip C. Lederach will present the "Penn Foundation Case" featuring practical, hands-on methods and innovative technology for construction, retrofit and daily operation.

To register for this informational event and networking opportunity, call the Chamber Office at 215-257-5390 or e-mail pennridgecc@pennridge.com. Reservations required by September 15.



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Coming Events

- September 1 Board of Directors Meeting, Chamber 7:30 a.m.
- September 7 Labor Day Holiday-Chamber Closed
- September 8 Leadership Bucks . . . Upper County Orientation, Bucks County Community College UCC, 8:00 a.m.
- September 16 Business Expo 2009, Pennridge Airport 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- September 22 Leadership Bucks . . . Upper County Session, Bucks County Community College UCC, 8:00 a.m.
- September 20 41st Annual Gallery of the Arts, Main Street, Sellersville 12 noon -5:00 p.m.
- September 24 Green Side Up Forum, Indian Valley Country Club 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- September 24 Government Affairs Committee Meeting, Chamber 7:30 a.m.
- September 24 PACC, Bucks County Community College UCC 7:30 p.m.
- October 6 Board of Directors Meeting, Chamber 7:30 a.m.
- October 14 Phoenix Rehab, Anniversary Celebration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Quote of the Month

"A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions."
- Anonymous

SCORE Counselor available every Wednesday and Thursday at 9:30 am or 11:00 am at the Chamber office.
Check out their web site at <http://www.score.org> seven days a week.

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