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Trolley Museum to "Roast" Commissioner Burns

By Tim Bugaile

The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum will raise money for its organization later this fall. The presenting sponsor for the event is Range Resources, an independent oil and natural gas company operating in the Southwestern and Appalachian regions of the United States.

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J. Bracken Burns, Sr.

On Friday, October 29th at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe from 6-10 p.m., Washington County Commissioner J. Bracken Burns, Sr. will be the subject of a "roast."

"Commissioner Burns has been a longtime supporter of the museum," said PTM President Bill Fronczek. "Bracken has such a great sense of humor, and he is such an advocate for the entire area, including the trolley museum, that we thought this would be a great opportunity."

Among those roasting the commissioner include past honorees Senator J. Barry Stout and Max Morgan, as well as Representative Tim Solobay, Washington County Commissioner Diana Irely, Bill Flanagan of the Allegheny Conference and members of Mr. Burns' family. Tom Rooney of the Rooney Sports & Entertainment Group will be the event chair and Jeff Kotula, President of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, will act as master of ceremonies.

"I am actually looking forward to the roast because it will give me the opportunity to hear what these folks have been saying behind my back for years," said Burns.

The event includes dinner and a silent and live auction. Among those items to be auctioned off include a Washington bicentennial guitar signed by Big Kenny and Ricky Skaggs, items autographed by Rocky Bleier among other sports stars, dinner vouchers and tickets to Penguins



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The event seating will allow for 800 guests, with seats going at \$100 per person or \$700 for a table of eight. The tickets are considered a tax deductible contribution.

Sponsors are still being accepted for the roast. Those interested can contact Scott Becker, Executive Director of the PATrolley Museum at 724.228.9256.

The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum was founded 57 years ago to preserve and interpret Pennsylvania's trolley era. It provides a living history experience complete with trolley rides and tours of its historic collection of street cars from Pennsylvania and beyond.

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