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Award-winning Singer/Songwriter Ray Owen to Give FREE Concert at Mechanicsburg New Year's Eve Wrench Drop

Mechanicsburg, PA — November 17, 2009 — Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce announced today that National Recording Artist, Award-winning Singer/Songwriter and entertainer Ray Owen, will be appearing at the Historic Union Church on East Main Street in downtown Mechanicsburg on New Year's Eve. Owen will present two free concerts during the Wrench Drop celebration.

Owen kicks off festivities at 10 PM, with his "The Song Imagineer" show – a whirlwind tour through some of the most creative, zany and downright hilarious songs dreamed up anywhere down the line. The 30-minute show is tailored to kids and families and is a great way to culminate 2009.

At 10:40 – 11:30 PM, Owen will present "The Great American Good Time Music and Classic Comedy Show." It is an award-winning performance of songs that lift the spirit up and comedy that brings the house down.

"Ray Owen is a great fit for our family-friendly New Year's Eve celebration," said Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jeff Palm, who pointed out that WTPA's Randy "Rock" Johnson will be here to ring out the old and bring in the new year as he counts down at mid-night the dropping of Mechanicsburg's favorite icon – the lighted, ten and a half foot lighted wrench.

Downtown merchants will offer a variety of easy-to-eat sandwiches, snacks and hot and cold beverages. The event is free and open to the public; no tickets or reservations are required!

About Ray Owen (Picture Caption)

Ray Owen's latest album release achieved national airplay and was selected as a candidate for GRAMMY nomination. He has performed with such legendary entertainers as Garth Brooks, Arlo Guthrie, Mill Monroe, and Bob Hope, and he has been on tour with Willie Nelson and America.

About the Mechanicsburg Wrench

The wrench is the result of an Eagle Scout project by Sheldon Rodgers, a Mechanicsburg Area School District graduate. The first wrench was dropped on New Year's Eve 2004. The wrench commemorates the mechanics who settled in the area to repair wagons traveling west after crossing the Susquehanna River.

More about Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce and the Event

This year's activities could not be offered without the generous support of the local business community. Sponsors of the sixth annual New Year's Eve Wrench Drop include the Borough of Mechanicsburg, Members 1st Federal Credit Union, and Equipment Depot.

Along with the New Year's Eve Wrench Drop, the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce supports a variety of community, business and economic development programs throughout the year. It has nearly 400 business and residential members throughout South Central Pennsylvania. It focuses on the Mechanicsburg Borough, Hampden, Lower Allen, Monroe, Silver Spring and Upper Allen Townships.

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