Senior News

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WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT VETERAN PENSION

There are more than 700,000 veterans in Pennsylvania and over half of them are age 60 and older. Veterans may be eligible for a wide array of benefits from both the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA or VA). One such benefit is a VA pension.



VETERANS: AVOID BEING SCAMMED!

LEARN ABOUT AND APPLY FOR VETERAN BENEFITS FROM AN ACCREDITED VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER!

- NEVER PAY FOR FORMS OR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION
- NEVER PAY TO RESTRUCTURE ASSETS IN ORDER TO "QUALIFY"
- NEVER PAY FOR THE PROMISE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR A PENSION
- NEVER PAY TO RECEIVE A LUMP SUM PAYMENT ON A PENSION



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NEVER PAY TO APPLY FOR VETERAN BENEFITS

GET THE ASSISTANCE YOU NEED FOR FREE!

Visit: www.dmva.pa.gov/vetconnect to find your County Office of Veterans Affairs or another Accredited Veteran Services Officer near you!



Unfortunately, there are unscrupulous people who are preying

SUSPECT A SCAM?

Call 717-783-1944 or email PAvets@attorneygeneral.gov or submit a complaint online at www.attorneygeneral.gov



on veterans, particularly older veterans, to profit from the veteran's desire to apply for the benefits they earned while defending our country and our freedoms.

The Pennsylvania
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) wants you to know that free and safe assistance is available to help veterans and their beneficiaries apply for veteran benefits including VA pension.

Important Resources

To receive a digital copy of our publication, please visit our website

www.somersetaaa.org

Somerset County Warmline

877-814-4891

866-611-6467

988lifeline.org

You can also call or text 988

Homeless Helpline

(814)-444-8588

Mental Health Association

(814)-445-2699

Report Elder Abuse

(814)-443-2681 or

1-800-490-8505

Veterans Affairs

(814)-445-1551

Funding Sources

Federal and State Grants

Fundraising



Health & Wellness

Hydrate for Hot Weather!

Water is essential for almost all bodily functions, from lubricating joints to pumping blood. Staying hydrated, especially in hot summer months, is crucial for health.

Dehydration

Dehydration occurs when you don't drink enough fluids, leading to serious health issues like urinary tract infections, heat stroke, heart problems, kidney failure, blood clots, and falls due to fatigue and impaired coordination. It weakens the body's ability to heal from injuries, illnesses, and infections.

Symptoms of Dehydration:

- Dark urine/infrequent urination
- Weakness/tiredness
- Irritability
- Dizziness/headaches
- Muscle cramps
- Dry mouth
- Confusion

Why are Older Adults More Susceptible?

Older adults are more prone to dehydration due to:

- Decreased appetite and thirst
- Changes in body composition (less muscle mass and body water)
- Medications that increase dehydration risk (e.g., diuretics, some diabetes medicines)

Reduced ability to sweat, affecting temperature regulation

How to Stay Hydrated

- Drink one-third of your body weight in ounces of fluid daily (e.g., 150 lbs = 50 oz or ~6 cups of water/day).
- The National Academy of Medicine recommends 13 cups/day for men and 9 cups/day for women aged 51+.
- Consult your doctor for personalized fluid recommendations.

Tips to Stay Hydrated:

- Eat water-rich foods (e.g., cucumbers, watermelon, lettuce, strawber-ries, tomatoes, celery, soups, broths, stews).
- Keep water or fluids within reach.
- Reduce alcohol intake.
- Flavor your water with fruit or low-sugar sports drinks.
 Build hydration into your daily routine (e.g., drink water when you wake up, with meals, or set reminders).

FARMER MARKET LOCATIONS: **THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

BEDFORD COUNTY

BOYER ORCHARDS- 4116 Cortland Drive New Paris, PA 15554 Stand Phone: (814) 839-**4715** Hours: July - November Monday - Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Hours: July - November Sunday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

SLEEK'S ORCHARD- 181 Wentz Road New Paris, PA 15554 Stand Phone: (814) 733-4776 Hours: June - November Monday - Sunday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

CAMBRIA COUNTY- 500 Galleria Dr Johnstown, PA 15904

Byler's Produce @ Galleria Mall- Hours: June - October Wednesday 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Hours: June - October Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Downtown Johnstown Farmers Market- Central Park, Main Street Johnstown, PA 15901

Hill Farm- (814) 472-7268

HORIZON MICROFARM LLC- FMNP Hours: June - October Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (814) 421-7752

YARNICKS FARM- FMNP Hours: June - September Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (724) 349-3904

Fosbrink's Four Seasons- 555 Goucher St Johnstown, PA 15905 Hours: June - November Tuesday - Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

HIMMEL'S DAIRY FARM MARKET- 1224 Scalp Ave Johnstown, PA 15901 (814) 344-8489 Hours: July - September Monday – Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Luray Avenue Market- 1224 Scalp Ave Geistown, PA 15904

DICKERT FARMS June - October Tuesday 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

HARRIS FAMILY PRODUCE- Hours: June – September-Wednesday 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (814) 624-9169

Westmont Community Farmers Market- 601 Luzerne Street Johnstown, PA 15905 Market Phone: (814) 536-0796

Eliza's Organics LLC- Hours: June - November Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SOMERSET COUNTY

AIRESMAN ORCHARD INC- 745 Edie Road Somerset, PA 15501 Stand Phone: (814) 445-5661 Hours: September - November Thursday - Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Hours: September - November Sunday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

BLOOMS FAMILY FARM- 702 CHARLES ST HOOVERSVILLE, PA 15936 (814) 798-2098 Hours: July - November Monday - Sunday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

CASCIO'S FRUIT MARKET- 242 West Main Street Somerset, PA 15501 Stand Phone: (814) 445-4852 Hours: June - November Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Hours: June - November Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Grandma's Produce- J & M FARMS 30 Lucinda Lane Windber, PA 15963 Stand Phone: (814) 467-4921 Hours: June - September Monday - Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LUCKY ACRES FARM- 2010 Coxes Creek Rd Somerset, PA 15501 Stand Phone: (814) 443-4463 (814) 442-4961 Hours: June - November Friday - Sunday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Meadow Creek Farm Market-1120 Laurel Run Rd Somerset, PA 15501 Stand Phone: (814) 443-2740 (814) 445-2640 Hours: June - November Monday - Saturday 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Mountain Acres Farm Market- 158 Walker Grove Rd Somerset, PA 15501 (814) 442-6284 Hours: June - October Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Hours: June - October Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Somerset County Farmers' Market - 243 W. Main St, Somerset, PA 15501 Hours: June - October Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

STONEY ACRE FARMS- Hours: June - September Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

EE's Gardens- Hours: June - October Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Star Cross Naturals- Hours: June - October Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

STAHL'S WHITE OAK FARMS- 550 White Oak Road Somerset, PA 15501 Stand Phone: (814) 445-4040 Hours: September - November Monday - Sunday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WEST VIEW ACRES- 685 Springs Road Springs, PA 15562 (814) 662-2054 Hours: June - November Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Windber Recreation Market in the Park- 160 Recreation Rd Windber, PA 15963

MCCORMICK FAMILY FARM LLC- Hours: June - August 30 Wednesday 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Donegal American Legion -Rt 31 East Donegal, PA 15626

MOUNTAIN PRODUCE FARMS- (724) 593-9598 Hours: June - October Thursday - Sunday 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

JL Hershberger Produce- 104 Toll Place Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666 Hours: June - November Monday - Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Ligonier Country Market- 110 Andi Lane Ligonier, PA 15658 Market Phone: (724) 238-6702

POND VALLEY FARM- (724) 455-3498 Hours: June - September Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

BROWN'S TRUCK PATCH- Hours: June - September Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (814) 445-4443 Hours: June - October Thursday 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Only open on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

DEPALMA FARMS LLC- Hours: June - September Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (724) 771-4758

SAND HILL BERRIES- Hours: June - September Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (724) 547-7460.

Simon's Apple Orchard- (724) 244-8416 Hours: September - November Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MOUNTAIN VIEW ACRES- 291 Mountain View Road Champion, PA 15622 (724) 212-5850 Hours: June - October Wednesday - Sunday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Pletchers Farm Market- 175 State Rt 711 Champion, PA 15622 (724) 593-8330 Hours: June - November Tuesday - Sunday 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Savage Mountain Farm CSA- 469 Albright Rd Meyersdale, PA 15552 (828) 582-9407 Hours: June - November Wednesday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Hours: June - November call for hours

 $\textbf{Stauffer's Produce-}\ 3513\ \text{Rt}\ 711\ \text{N Ligonier},\ \text{PA}\ 15658\ \text{Hours: June-October}$ $\text{Tuesday}\ 2:00\ \text{PM}\ -5:30\ \text{PM}$

TO FIND MORE LOCATIONS VISIT:

www.pameals.pa.gov/public/ farmmarketsearch

August 2025 Center Activities

BOSWELL AREA SENIOR CENTER

332 Stonycreek Street Boswell, PA 15531

Senior Center Manager: Melissa

Phone: Mon: (814) 629-9926 or Tues-Fri: (814) 479-2216 E-mail: mray@somersetaaa.org

Hours of Operation:

Monday & Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM | 15th 12:00 Sand Art Craft

4th Birthday Lunch

4th National Friendship Day-Make a new friend

4th 12:00 Music with Billy Stoppe 8th 12:00 Ice Cream Social with Melissa

11th 12:00 BINGO

18th 12:00 Music with Denise

22nd 12:00 BINGO

25th 12:00 Music with Tom & Carolyn

25th Labor Day Lunch

29th 12:00 BINGO

September 1st Center Closed for Labor Day

Exercise equipment, Wii games, pool table, puzźles, games, cards, voluntéer opportunities, Somerset County Bookmobile, BINGO

Wi-Fi available

CENTRAL CITY AREA SENIOR CENTER

103 Sunshine Avenue Central City, PA 15926 **Senior Center Manager:**

Marika Roberts

Phone: (814) 754-5615

E-mail: mroberts@somersetaaa.org

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Daily Activities: Wii, Exercise Machines, Volunteer Opportunities

Wi-Fi Available

4th Birthday Lunch

4th National Friendship Day-Make a new

6th National Farm Worker Appreciation Day—Thank a farmer

6th 10:30 Music with John Larimer

11th 10:30 Music with Billy Stoppe

12th Trivia with Bobbie from UPMC

13th 10:30 Better Business Bureau with Cathlin on Scams

18th Last day to sign up for Labor Day Lunch

20th 10:30 Music with Denise Baldwin

21st National Senior Citizen Day-Enjoy!

22nd National Hamburger Apply Day-What are your favorite toppings.

25th Labor Day Lunch

27th National Just Because Day



Monday & Wednesday: 10:00 Exercise Class

Monday-Friday: Binao

Bible Study Class:

1st & 3rd Saturday at 11:00 AM AND every other Tuesday at 5:00 PM

> **EVERYONE IS** WELCOME!

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SENIOR CENTER

959 South Main Street Hollsopple, PA 15935

Senior Center Manager: Melissa

Phone: (814) 479-2216

E-Mail: mray@somersetaaa.org

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Daily Activities: Wii, Exercise Machines, Volunteer Opportunities, BINGO

Wi-Fi Available

4th Birthday Lunch

4th National Friendship Day-Make a new friend

6th National Farm Worker Appreciation Day—Thank a farmer

8th 12:00 Ice Cream Social with Melissa

18th Last day to sign up for Labor Day Lunch

21st 12:00 Music with Denise

22nd National Hamburger 🕮 Day-What are your favorite toppings.

27th National Just Because Day

28th 12:00 Music with Tom & Carolyn



Monday-Friday:

Exercise Equipment 9:00-2:00

Tues & Thurs:

10:00-11:00

Exercise Class

Thursday: 9:00 Quilting

August 2025 Center Activities

CONFLUENCE AREA SENIOR CENTER

700 Reynolds Street Confluence, PA 15424 **Senior Center Director: Christine Saylor**

Phone: (814) 395-5117 or

814-467-5912

E-mail: csaylor@somersetaaa.org

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Daily Activities: Wii, Exercise Machines, Volunteer Opportunities

Wi-Fi Available

4th Birthday Lunch 📛

4th National Friendship Day-Make a new friend

6th National Farm Worker Appreciation Day—Thank a farmer

12th National Middle Child 🚱 🔕 Day—Enjoy your day.

18th Last day to sign up for Labor Day Lunch

19th 12:00 Better Business Bureau with Caitlyn

20th 10:30 **IJ** Music **IJ** with Sam

21st National Senior Citizen Day-Enjoy!

22nd National Hamburger 😂 Day-What are your favorite toppings

25th Labor Day Lunch

27th National Just Because Day

September 1st the Center is Closed for Labor Day

25th Labor Day Lunch

28th 10:00 Sing Along

25th 10:00 Trivia

Monday, Wednesday & Friday:

10:00 Exercise Tuesday: 10:00

Theology class w/Pastor

Dean

WEDNESDAY: Karaoke DAILY:

9:30 Wii Games 12:00 BINGO

Exercise Machines 9-1

MEYERSDALE AREA SENIOR CENTER

120 North Street Meversdale, PA 15552 Senior Center Manager: Julie

Yinkey

Phone: (814) 634-0713

E-Mail: jyinkey@somersetaaa.org

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Daily Activities: Wii, Exercise Machines, Volunteer Opportunities

4th Birthday Lunch

4th 10:30 Community Life

Seminar & Activity

6th Craft

7th 10:00 Sing Along 8th Deck of Cards

Fund Raiser

11th 10:00 Carnival Games

14th 10:00 Ice Cream Sundays

18th 10:00 Music with Tom & Carolyn

20th 10:00 Music with Gary Yoder

21st 10:00 Scavenger Hunt

Monday-Friday:

11:00 Bingo, Wii Games (unless otherwise noted.)

TUESDAY: Geri-Fit

WEDNESDAY: Word

Search Puzzles

SOMERSET SENIOR CENTER

1338 S Edgewood Avenue Somerset, PA 15501 Senior Center Manager:

Gloria Maust

Phone: (814) 445-7772

E-Mail:

gmaust@somersetaaa.org

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Daily Activities: Wii, Exercise Machines, Volunteer Opportunities

Wi-Fi Available

4th Birthday Lunch

Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

12th 10:30 Tara from Interim Health Care BP's

Foot Care information

13th 10:30 Music with Denise Baldwin

15th 5:00 Game Nite

18th Last Day for Labor Day Lunch on August 25th

24th 5:00 Pot Luck Dinner

25th Labor Day Lunch

26th Toilet Paper Day Bingo

27th 10:30 Eric Harris Music

Monday-Friday: 9:30 BINGO (unless otherwise noted.)

TUESDAY: 12:15 Craft (unless otherwise noted.)

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30 Prize Bingo (unless otherwise noted.)

Thursday: 12:15 Games and other activities (unless otherwise noted.)

WINDBER SENIOR CENTER-CFL

700 Fifth Street, Suite 200 Windber, PA 15963 Senior Center Manager:

Marika Roberts

E-mail: mroberts@somersetaaa.org Phone: (814) 467-5912

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Daily Activities: Wii, Exercise Machines, Volunteer Opportunities

Wi-Fi Available

4th Birthday Lunch

4th National Friendship Day -Make a new friend

6th National Farm Worker Appreciation Day—Thank a farmer

6th 10:30 Better Business Bureau with Caitlyn on Scams

11th 10:30 Music with & Carolyn

18th Last day to sign up for Labor Day Lunch 20th 10:30 Music with

Billy Stoppe

21st National Senior

Citizen Day—Enjoy! 22nd National

Hamburger 🕮 Day-What are your favorite toppings

25th Labor Day Lunch 25th 10:30 Music with **Ed Cominsky**

26th 12:00 Bingo with Windber Woods 27th National Just Because Day

Monday & Friday: 10:00 Strong Bones Tuesday: 10:00-Body

Strengthening Wednesday: 12:30 Bingo

Thursday: 10:00

Tai-Chi Monday, Wednesday & Friday: Pinochle

T-W-TH: 6:00 P.M. Wii Golfing, Wii Bowling & Corn Hole

				Chicken Patty w/ Cheese on Wheat Bun Potato Salad Tomato Salad Diced Pears Milk
BIRTHDAY LUNCH Chopped Steak Gravy Parsley Potatoes Wax Beans Cantaloupe Chunks Maple Cake Milk	Beef Ravioli Mixed Green Salad w/Cheese Tropical Fruit Rye Bread Margarine Milk	Chicken Rice Soup Cole Slaw Quartered Fruit Wheat Dinner Roll Margarine Milk	7 Meatloaf Scalloped Potatoes Sliced Carrots Fresh Blackberries Popcorn Milk	Baked Cod Tartar Sauce Cheesy Hash Browns Macaroni Salad Mandarin Oranges Milk
Baked Chicken Gravy Roasted Seasoned Red Skin Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Diced Peaches Wheat Bread Margarine Milk	Chicken/Vegetable Alfredo Linguini Fresh Banana Wheat Dinner Roll Margarine Milk	Porcupine Meatballs Seasoned Whole Mini Potatoes Peas Fruit Cocktail Milk	Ham Pot Pie Mixed Green Salad Pickled Beets Mandarin Oranges Milk	Kielbasa Sauerkraut Mashed Potatoes Rice Raisin Whip Milk
Macaroni & Cheese Stewed Tomatoes 3 Bean Salad Pineapple Tidbits Milk	Potato Crusted Cod Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Snack Bar Milk	Stuffed Pepper Soup Mixed Green Salad w/Cheese Orange Whole Grain White Bread Margarine Milk	Italian Marinated Pork Chops Spanish Rice Baby Carrots Melon Cup Milk	22 Roast Turkey Gravy Stuffing Mashed Potatoes Corn Tomato Salad Cranberry Salad Milk
LABOR DAY LUNCH BBQ Ham on Wheat Bun Au Gratin Potatoes Seasonal Salad Watermelon Milk	Lasagna Mixed Green Salad w/Egg Diced Peaches Wheat Dinner Roll Margarine Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup Baked Apples Garlic Breadstick Milk	BBQ Pork Patty Brown Rice Pilaf Italian Blend Vegetables Clementine Milk	Sirloin Beef Tips in Mushroom Gravy Noodles Winter Blend Vegetables Mango/Papaya Milk

To ensure you have a relaxed and comfortable dining experience, we recommend making a reservation. Please call the Senior Center you plan to visit by 11:30 am the day before.

Note that the menu might change due to typos or other unexpected issues.



LEGAL ASSISTANCE?

The AAA will provide a referral to our solicitor for a complete **Power of Attorney** or **Will**, free of charge, <u>one time only</u>.

You must be a Somerset County resident, over the age of 60 and the service is limited to only a POA or a WILL. Applications are available on the AAA website www.somersetaaa.org or at the Area Agency on Aging 1338 S Edgewood Ave 814-443-2681

Be Aware of Senior Scams

Throughout the year, it is always wise to be cautious of scams that target seniors. NEVER give out your personal information over the phone, even if the caller claims to be from a Federal agency, bank or a company that you have done existing business with. If you are not sure about the company, verify information about them with the Better Business Bureau.



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