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Free income tax preparation assistance is available through the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program. The VITA program offers free tax help to those who meet certain income guidelines (generally income

below \$54,000). There are no age restrictions. Other restrictions may apply.

In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, free electronic filing will be offered. Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program receive their refunds in half the time compared to returns filed on paper—even faster when tax refunds are deposited directly into one's bank account.

Volunteers who are trained and certified by the IRS will be assisting taxpayers in locations throughout Jefferson County. **Appointments will not be scheduled until Wednesday January 23, 2019.** You may begin calling after that date.

### TO SCHEDULE AT:

Heritage House,	call 814-849-3096 or 800-852-8036
Brookville	
Brockway Depot	call 814-849-3096
Punxsutawney Library	call 814-849-3096
Reynoldsville Foundry	call 814-653-2522

You will be asked a series of questions when you call. Your name will then be placed on the appointment list. A volunteer will call you to schedule your tax appointment.

# **JCAAA NEWS**

JCAAA main office and all 4 centers will be closed January 1st.

The Jefferson County Area Agency on Aging is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of older adults in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania.

We help over 2,000 older adults and their families every year by administering comprehensive services to assist them to remain a citizen in our communities.

Charitable donations are important to the Jefferson County Area Agency on Aging. These voluntary gifts enable us to go farther and serve more than we otherwise would have been able. We are extremely appreciative for the gifts that we receive and we take our accountability to our donors very seriously. We provide a written acknowledgment to all donors for every type and amount of gift received.

Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please note the amount of your contribution that is deductible for federal income tax purposes is limited to the money contributed by the donor minus the value of goods or services provided by JCAAA.

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Oliver Township Center, Is Closed for January. Questions? Call: 814-849-3391

# Benefits & Rights OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

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### **Benefits:**

We encourage you to contact OCA with questions or problems regarding your electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water, or wastewater service. The OCA staff will respond by providing information or helping to resolve your complaints.

### **Contact:**

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# **JCAAA NEWS**

### **5** Cold Weather Precautions for People With Heart Disease

If you have heart disease, staying healthy during cold weather presents special challenges. For those with coronary artery disease (CAD), cold temperatures can trigger episodes of cardiac ischemia (oxygen starvation of the heart muscle), causing episodes of angina or even heart attacks.

For people who have heart failure, a rapid drop in environmental temperature can lead to a sudden worsening of symptoms, an increased risk of hospitalization, and even an increased risk of death.

So, for anyone with heart disease, the onset of cold temperatures requires special precautions. Fortunately, these precautions generally fall into the category of common sense.

Why Cold Temperatures Are Tough on the Heart

Being in a cold environment causes our bodies to make certain physiological adjustments in order to preserve our core body temperatures. These normal adjustments can present a challenge to people with heart disease. Among other things, cold temperatures cause:

- Your heart rate to increase.
- Your blood pressure to increase.
- Your heart to work substantially harder.
- An increase in the propensity for blood clotting.

### **Cold Weather Precautions for People With Heart Disease**

All of the above factors can lead to acute cardiac problems in somebody with heart disease. While everyone needs to take precautions when they are in a cold environment, precautions are especially important if you have a heart problem. So, follow these five tips:

- 1. Limit your cold exposure. Limit the time you spend out in the cold weather, and if you go out, dress warmly, in several layers, cover your head and hands, and wear warm socks and shoes.
- 2. Don't exert yourself too much. As any EMT knows, shoveling snow is an excellent way for a person with heart disease to trigger a cardiac emergency, including angina, heart attacks, heart failure, and sudden death. Ambulance crews always make sure their vehicles' gas tanks are full (and their defibrillators operative) if a snow storm is on the way. If you are going to shovel snow, do it when there's an inch or less on the ground, use a smaller shovel, and push (rather than lift) the snow. Never shovel wet, heavy, or deep snow. And, many cardiologists insist that their patients never shovel snow at all. Snow shoveling, of course, is not the only way to overexert yourself during the cold weather. Walking more rapidly than usual is common when the wind is blowing in your face. Just being out in the cold pushes us to exert ourselves.
- **3.** Don't let yourself become overheated. Dressing warmly then engaging in physical activity can lead to overheating. Overheating, in turn, causes blood vessels to suddenly dilate—which can lead to hypotension (low blood pressure) in a person with heart disease. If you are out in the cold and you find yourself sweating, you are overheated. If you have heart disease, consider this sweating to be a danger sign. Stop what you are doing and get indoors.
- 4. Get a flu shot. Winter also raises your chances of getting the flu due to low humidity brought on by cold weather and indoor heating. The flu is potentially dangerous in anyone with heart disease. Get a flu shot. And if you feel yourself developing symptoms of the flu, talk to your doctor before medicating yourself.
- 5. Don't drink alcohol. Avoid alcohol before going outdoors. It expands blood vessels in the skin, making you feel warmer while actually drawing heat away from your vital organs.

Cold temperatures cause physiological stress on anyone. If you have heart disease, cold temperatures can be dangerous or even life-threatening. Make sure you take the common-sense precautions that can reduce your risk if you are in a cold environment.

Source: https://www.verywellhealth.com/precautions-people-with-heart-disease-3863189



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ss Center 8:00 – 2:00 Bridge 1:00	Daily Activities: Fitness Center 8:00 – 2:00 Bridge 1:00		Every Monday Night <i>Relay for Life</i> Bingo Doors open at 5:30, Early Birds 6:15, Regular Bingo 6:45	Every Monday Nigh Doors open at 5:30, Early E

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<b>Center Director: Deborah Long</b>



# Punxsutawney Center – January 2019

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7 Kielbasa 1/2c. Cheesy Pierogi Casserole 1/2c. Sweet Peas Hot Dog roll Cake	8 1c. Chili Con Carne 1 c.Tossed Salad 1/2c. Baked Potato Cornbread Cookie	Spaghetti Meatballs 1/2c. Broccoli & Carrots Wheat Bread 1/2c. Mixed Fruit Salad	10 Warm Ham & Cheese 1 c. Creamy Tomato Soup w/crackers Ciabatta Roll Fresh Fruit	Vegetable Lasagna 1c. Tossed Salad w/hardboiled Eg cucumber, & dressing Breadstick Cottage Cheese & Diced Peache
14 Pulled Turkey & Stuffing w/gravy 1/2c. Whipped Potatoes 1/2c. Coleslaw 1/2c. Applesauce	15 Pork Chop 1/2c. Blended Rice Pilaf 1/2c. Island Blend Vegetables White Bread 1/2c. Sliced Apples	16 Sloppy Joe 1/2c.Ranch Seasoned Potatoes 1/2c. Green Beans Sandwich Roll Cookie	17 Country Fried Chicken Creamy Gravy 1/2c. Whipped Potatoes 1/2c. Peas & Carrots Biscuit Fresh Fruit	Warm Roast Beef Sandwich w/cheese & au jus 1 c. Homemade Vegetable Soup w/crackers Sandwich Roll 1/2c. Pineapple Tidbits
21 Creamy Chicken Divan over 1/2c. White Rice 1 c. Tossed Salad w/tomato Breadstick 1/2c. Mandarin Oranges	22 Baked Meatloaf Marinara Mozzarella Topping 1/2c. Garlic Whipped Potatoes 1/2c. Corn Wheat Bread 1/2 c. Banana Pudding	23 Greek Chicken Salad Diced Chicken, Blk Olives, Red Onion, Tom & Mozzarella Cheese 1c. Mixed Greens w/dressing 1c. Bean Soup w/Crackers Dinner Roll Cookie	24 Baked Ham 1/2c. Whipped Sweet Potatoes 1/2c. Beets White Bread Fresh Fruit	Bratwurst w/Kraut topping 1/2c. Creamed Potatoes & Peas Hot Dog Roll 1/2c. Cinnamon Applesauce
Happy Birthday Swiss Steak Onion Gravy 1/2cCabbage & Noodles 1/2c. Diced Carrots Wheat Bread 1/2c. Pineapple	29 Baked Ziti/Meatballs Marinara Sauce, Cheese Topping 1 c. Salad Garlic Breadstick 1/2c. Mixed Fruit Salad	30 Pork Ribette 1/2c.Seasoned Potatoes 1/2c. Baked Beans Dinner Roll 1/2c. Sliced Peaches	31 Grilled Chicken Bacon & Swiss Club lettuce, tomato 1 c. Creamy Potato Soup w/Crackers Sandwich Roll 1/2c. Pears	*Menu Subject to Change*

# **Healthy Aging**



\$2.50 suggested donation for those 60+ under 60 is \$4.00

Reservations Required

### Wednesday, January 9th

~Chicken Noodle Soup ~ Mixed Greens with Toppings ~ Dinner Roll ~ Dessert

### Wednesday, January 16th

~ Loaded Baked Potato Soup ~ Mixed Greens with Toppings ~ Dinner Roll

### ~ Dessert

### Wednesday, January 3rd

~ Beef Vegetable Soup ~ Mixed Greens with Toppings ~ Dinner Roll ~ Dessert

### Wednesday, January 30th

~ Cream of Broccoli & Cauliflower Soup ~ Mixed Greens with Toppings ~ Dinner Roll ~ Dessert



We have big hearts at the Area Agency on Aging and to help support local non-profits, staff recently donated over \$150 to the Gateway Humane Society in Falls Creek, PA. We hope these pets find loving homes and comfy couches someday soon!

### Crossword Answers



Lunch at Noon! Call to make your reservation.	Daily Activities: Social Hour, Pool, Library, Puzzles, Coupons, TV Lounge	

28 Healthy Steps 10:00 Tai Chi 1:00	21 Healthy Steps 10:00 Tai Chi 1:00	14 Healthy Steps 10:00 Tai Chi 1:00	7 Healthy Steps 10:00 Tai Chi 1:00		Brockway PA 15824 Phone: 814-265-1719 Email: depot@jcaaa.org	Center Director: Cheryl Moore Address: 425 Alexander Street,	Mondav
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Exercise equipment available on the 1st level. Safe and warm area to stay in shape!

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### **Safe Sleep for Baby** Reducing the Risk of SIDS

Did you know that babies should sleep on their back rather than their belly? Research has revealed many risk factors for sudden infant death, and sleep position is the most important one.

Each year in the U.S., about 3,500 infants die suddenly and unexpectedly in their sleep. In about half of these deaths, doctors can't find a medical reason



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explain why, even after a complete review. When the doctor doesn't have answers, the death is called sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

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"All babies are at risk, especially those under 1 year of age," explains Dr. Marion W. Koso-Thomas, a child health expert at NIH. Babies are most vulnerable to SIDS up to 4 months old.

"One of the critical pieces to SIDS risk reduction is how the baby sleeps," she says. "Babies who are sleeping should be on their back."

Limit a baby's belly time to when they're awake. A baby shouldn't sleep on their belly or side.

Why does sleep position matter? Sleeping on the belly lowers an infant's blood pressure and reduces their ability to get oxygen to the brain. Between 2 and 4 months old, especially, the reflex to breathe to get more oxygen is repressed when an infant sleeps on their belly.

Researchers also suspect that a brain condition may be a cause of SIDS. They have been studying the part of the brain that controls breathing and heart rate during sleep. They think these babies may not have the reflex to awaken when breathing becomes impaired.

"More research needs to be done to understand what's going on in those babies and hopefully identify a screening tool to help save their life," Koso-Thomas says.

What causes SIDS may not be known, but several things raise the risk. In addition to sleep position, research shows that soft bedding above or below your infant is a danger.

"There is no need to have a blanket," Koso-Thomas says. Instead, dress your baby in sleep clothing, such as a onesie, that's designed to keep them warm. This keeps them safer.

Make sure they're dressed appropriately for the environment. But don't overbundle. Check for signs that they're too hot, like sweating or if their chest is hot to the touch.

It's important to prevent your baby's nose and mouth from becoming covered. "The area around them should not have any clutter—no toys, no bumpers," Koso-Thomas emphasizes.

Experts also advise that you keep your baby in the same room, but not in your bed with you. When you're done feeding, place your baby in their safe area, such as a cradle next to your bed.

"The safe sleep environment is the biggest factor that's going to reduce or eliminate the SIDS risk for a baby that's less than a year old," Koso-Thomas says. See the Wise Choices box to learn other tips for providing a safe sleep environment.

Source: https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2018/12/safe-sleep-baby

## Puzzle

Seniors - If you or someone you know is being subjected to abuse, neglect or exploitation, contact JCAAA for emergencies 24 hours a day at 1-800-852-8036.

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