

Education Council Press Release

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<u>Potter County Education Council and Tri-Co Connections Continue Partnership for Seniors 2 Seniors Program</u>

The Potter County Education Council, Tri-Co Connections, the Potter County Human Services Area Agency on Aging, and our local school districts are continuing to team up to implement a county-wide program called Seniors 2 Seniors. This program is teaching basic computer skills, digital literacy, and cybersecurity to senior citizens so that they have the skills and knowledge to utilize the many benefits of high-speed Internet. They include: Staying connected to friends and family; Sending and receiving emails; Using search engines to navigate the Internet; Utilizing telemedicine (healthcare from home); Using on-line banking; and Shopping from home (for items not available in the local area).

As a part of this program, the Potter County Education Council, Tri-Co Connections and the Area Agency on Aging have local high school students volunteering to provide on-site support to each of the adults who participates in the course. The area high school students are a logical resource to support the senior citizens as they learn about the Internet since this generation of students has grown up with technology as a part of their daily lives. They are a true "tech savvy" population and can provide valuable support to older adults who are learning to navigate and use new technological skills and information.

<u>Course Schedule:</u> The Seniors 2 Seniors technology course is being offered at each of the four senior centers in Potter County on a six-week rotating schedule, meeting on Wednesdays (following the school districts' calendars), throughout the 2022-2023 school years. The course will meet at the Galeton Senior Center (November 2nd - December 14th, time to be announced; no class November 23rd).

<u>Registration:</u> The registration deadline for the Galeton course is Wednesday, October 26th. Register yourself, a parent, or grandparent by calling the Potter County Education Council at (814) 274-4877 or by stopping by the Potter County Education's Coudersport office at 5 Water Street.