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Somerset County Chamber of Commerce



MAY-JUNE 2025 EDITION

## WELCOME TO THE *INAUGURAL EMPOWERHER SUMMIT!*



Join us for our first ever conference for women in business on Friday, July 11 from 8am at 3pm at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. This year's theme is ***"Ignite Your Power. Amplify Your Impact."***

We are thrilled to invite you to this inspiring event, dedicated to celebrating and empowering women of all ages, stages, and phases in the business world. This conference is designed to foster meaningful connections, provide valuable insights, and create opportunities for networking with like-minded professionals.

Throughout the day, you will hear from pioneering women leaders, engage in thought-provoking discussions, and participate in interactive activities. ***Our mission is to celebrate and inspire ambition, leadership, and powerful women who are shaping the future in our region.***

This event benefits the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, supporting their mission to promote economic growth and community development.

**Register today by scanning the QR code OR at:** <https://give.non-profit-partners.org/event/empowerher-conference/e678142>

Thank you for being a part of this groundbreaking event. Let's make history together!

### CELEBRATING NEW BEGINNINGS!



Somerset County is growing, and we're here for it! In recent weeks, we've celebrated several ribbon cuttings for new businesses opening their doors. It's exciting to see fresh ideas, local investment, and the energy of new beginnings. We're proud to spotlight these milestones as our economy continues to thrive.



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The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce and PA Career-Link Somerset, along with other workforce education partners, recently hosted a Healthcare Careers Forum at UPMC Somerset. Students from across the county heard presentations from various hospital departments and toured the facility, getting a behind-the-scenes look at local healthcare careers. The event aimed to highlight the many opportunities available in the medical field right here in Somerset County.

## CELEBRATING THE HEART OF OUR CHAMBER: OUR VOLUNTEERS



Carol Shaulis, Molly Baker, Hazel Hillegas, Pauline Walker, Peg Tinley, Harold Shaulis

At the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, we are incredibly lucky to be surrounded by a group of dedicated, generous, and community-minded individuals who give their time and energy to help make our mission possible. This week, we took a moment to show our appreciation and celebrate the amazing volunteers who are truly the heartbeat of our organization.

From helping with events to offering an extra set of hands when things get busy, our volunteers bring positivity, passion, and purpose to everything they do. Their willingness to step up—often behind the scenes—makes a lasting impact on the work we do and the community we serve. We simply couldn't do it without them!

If you've ever thought about getting involved, we're always looking for friendly faces to join our volunteer crew! Whether you're interested in lending a hand at events, helping around the office, or simply finding new ways to support Somerset County, there's a place for you here.

To learn more about volunteering with the Chamber, reach out to us—we'd love to have you!

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## TEAM UPDATE AT THE CHAMBER

With Hind Achouri now serving as the Chamber's Business Operations Manager, the team also welcomes Hannah Purbaugh as the new Marketing & Communications Coordinator. With a background in graphic design, she'll be handling newsletters, social media, and other promotional efforts. This transition reflects the Chamber's continued growth and support for its members across Somerset County.





## What's New at Jar?

- Have you visited our expanded space?
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## ACAP MAKING A BIG IMPACT IN SOMERSET COUNTY



**Len Lichvar**  
 District Manager  
 Somerset Conservation District

A one of a kind program to assist the agriculture community to implement natural resource conservation practices and also become more economically viable, known as the Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) is beginning to make a large impact in Somerset County. Funding for ACAP in Pennsylvania was authorized

by the state legislature and the program is being administered by the State Conservation Commission to conservation districts across the state. This is yet another example of the public sector providing empowerment for both economic sustainability as well as natural resource conservation in Somerset County. In the first round of funding the Somerset Conservation District has committed \$2,204,847.00 to implement a variety of best management practices over 32 individual projects in Somerset County. A number of these projects are already under construction while others are in the design phase and will be completed over the next two years. Among the successful applicants in the program is Dave Creamer. He describes the attributes to his farming operation as "In the past we have only been able financially to add 5 acres of grazing into our system. ACAP has given us the ability to fence 200 acres in a year's time. This would never have been possible in our lifetime without ACAP. The proj-

ect will also enable us to utilize reclaimed mine ground for pasture and improve soil health as well as control invasive species." The District's ACAP Specialist Sandra Schmidt oversees the program. Because the program is so expansive and ever changing District Nutrient Management Technician Don Williams, District Financial Manager Kristy Scarmack, District Watershed Specialist and Assistant Manager Greg Shustrick as well as District Manager Len Lichvar have all provided additional expertise and empowerment required to meet the administrative, financial and management requirements of the program. The District ACAP committee, consisting of District Board members and staff, review all applications and the District Board of Directors makes the final approval of projects. ACAP funding was reauthorized for three more years by the state legislature. **To apply or to learn more about ACAP contact Sandra Schmidt at [Sandra-scd@wpia.net](mailto:Sandra-scd@wpia.net) or call 814-289-4260.**

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# THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAPLE CITY TRACTOR SHOW

## JULY 11-13, 2025

SOMERSET COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - MEYERSDALE, PA

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- Tractor Pulls & Show
- Tractor Square Dancing
- Horse Pulls & Dairy Show
- Vendor Show • Basket Raffle
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**SUNDAY - 9 AM - 3 PM**

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## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION IN SOMERSET COUNTY!

### REAL ID DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

Starting May 7, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or photo ID card (or another federally accepted form of identification like a valid passport or military ID) to board domestic flights or enter federal buildings that require ID.

REAL IDs are still available and will continue to be offered after the deadline. To help residents prepare, PennDOT is hosting dedicated REAL ID Days at select Driver License Centers. On these dates, some locations can issue REAL IDs on the spot, while others will verify documents and mail the ID within 15 business days.

#### UPCOMING REAL ID DAYS:

*April 7, April 14,  
April 28, & May 5  
8:30 AM – 4:15 PM*

Residents can also visit a REAL ID Center anytime to receive a REAL ID at the time of service, or go to any PennDOT Driver License Center to have documents verified and receive the ID by mail. Pre-verified individuals may also apply online.

For more information, including a checklist of required documents, visit PennDOT's REAL ID page.



Mr. Joseph Kush, engineering and technology teacher at Rockwood Area School District, has been named the 2024 Educator of the Year by the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools (PARSS)! This prestigious statewide award recognizes educators who go above and beyond to inspire

students, lead with innovation, and make a lasting impact in rural school communities.

Mr. Kush's passion for hands-on learning and dedication to student success reflect the exceptional level of education happening right here in Somerset County. His work not only benefits his students at Rockwood, but also showcases the strength, talent, and forward-thinking mindset of our local educators.

Recognitions like this shine a spotlight on the importance of investing in rural education and celebrating the amazing people shaping the future in our own backyard. We're incredibly proud to see Somerset County represented at the state level—and even prouder of the difference educators like Mr. Kush are making every day.

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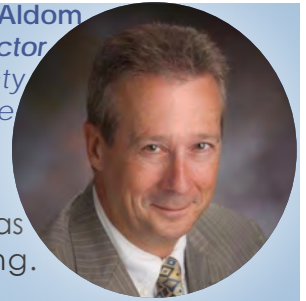
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# A WORD FROM RON: "SUCCESS IN SOMERSET"

Ron Aldom  
Executive Director  
Somerset County  
Chamber of Commerce



"SUCCESS IN SOMERSET", is the title for the chamber's workforce development event. Then, we hosted two education programs hosted at Eggs and Issues, which included all eleven county school districts and the SCTC with the help and assistance of other county and regional partners and has been ongoing for nearly a decade. We host an array of programs, industry tours and other events to highlight the array of high demand careers in our county. In May we will be hosting over 500 8th graders at an AG Day Event at Pennwood Farm in Berlin to hear from over 25 presenters on various careers in the ag industry.

The success in Somerset title could also be used to highlight the chamber events that have been hosted in the past months, which include a Winter Kick Off Event at Seven Springs, which drew over 450+ business representatives on a huge networking event. Then, we hosted two education programs hosted at Eggs and Issues, which included all eleven county school districts and the SCTC with the help and assistance of other county and regional partners and has been ongoing for nearly a decade. We host an array of programs, industry tours and other events to highlight the array of high demand careers in our county. In May we will be hosting over 500 8th graders at an AG Day Event at Pennwood Farm in Berlin to hear from over 25 presenters on various careers in the ag industry.

vendors was outstanding.

April provided another sell out event as the Somerset County Job Fair was a huge success as well with over 60 business vendors and 400+ jobseekers at the event. The message here was that our county has jobs available in virtually every sector, which says a lot about the economy.

The next major event is the Golf Bash of the Laurel Highlands on May 3rd at the Bakersville VFD Hall, which is a grand golf event offering over \$40,000 in prizes, while helping to support the Chamber's Workforce Education programs. Tickets are still available.



SOMERSET COUNTY JOB FAIR

The Somerset County Job Fair welcomed nearly 400 jobseekers and 60+ employers for a successful afternoon of networking and on-site interviews



ANNUAL MEGASHOW BUSINESS EXPO

The Chamber's MegaShow: Home, Garden & Business Expo was a huge success, with a packed crowd and sold-out vendor space. Shoppers from across the region came out to explore local businesses, services, and seasonal inspiration—all under one roof!



EGGS & ISSUES

The Chamber's recent Eggs & Issues event featured expert insights from the Federal Reserve Bank and The Center for Rural PA, offering a focused look at economic conditions and key issues affecting Somerset County.

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## Free activities:

- Educational presentations
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## About the ICC:

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#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
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Day 4	Vitoria Stone Hotel , Evora
Days 5 - 7	Vila Gale Lagos, Algarve
Days 8, 9	Vila Gale Cascais Hotel, Cascais

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**Day 1: Thursday, March 5, 2026 Overnight Flight** Ancient castles and Roman ruins, groves of orange and almond trees, quiet whitewashed villages, and welcoming locals – Portugal is waiting for you.

**Day 2: Friday, March 6, 2026 Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins** Say hello to Lisbon, Portugal's capital and a city full of authenticity, where old customs and ancient history intermix with cultural entertainment. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

**Day 3: Saturday, March 7, 2026 Lisbon** Choose how you want to explore Lisbon today because **it's your choice!** Discover the art and tradition of Portuguese sidewalks during a locally led walking tour **-OR-** venture with your Tour Manager on foot and discover the city through the lens of the businesses and streets connected with the country's most loved fish, *bacalhau* (salted codfish). After, travel to Belem and see the iconic Belem Tower (UNESCO). View the façade of the 16th-century Jeronimos Monastery\* (UNESCO) and learn about the importance of this iconic site. Tonight, you may choose to join an optional tour to listen to local artists perform traditional *Fado* music, a UNESCO intangible cultural heritage highlight. (B)

**Day 4: Sunday, March 8, 2026 Lisbon - Evora** Today, make your way through Portugal's charming countryside. Visit a family-owned cork factory, where you'll learn about the product's importance to the local economy and why Portugal is the world's top cork producer. Your journey then takes you

to Evora (UNESCO) – the "Museum City of Portugal." In the afternoon, take time to explore this medieval walled city and see its well-preserved Roman temple up close. (B)

**Day 5: Monday, March 9, 2026 Evora - Lagos** Journey to the stunning coasts of the Algarve – the southernmost region of Portugal. On the way, visit a local gin distillery. Learn how one man took a homemade drink and implemented traditional Portuguese stills and local ingredients to craft a premium gin. Savor the flavors of these botanicals before continuing your journey south. This afternoon, keep the day balanced and fruity at a winery. Indulge in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region during a winery tour, tasting, and light lunch before continuing on your drive. Later, switch the rich taste of local wine and spirits for salty ocean air in Algarve. This evening, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences meet towering seaside cliffs. Many celebrated voyagers began their explorations from this bustling port city. (B, L)

**Day 6: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 Lagos** It's your day to experience the Algarve on your own. Geraniums, carnellias, and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange, and almond trees, while brightly colored fishing boats bob in the sea. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the Algarve's mild climate and beautiful beaches attract visitors from all over the world. You may choose to join an optional boat tour\*\* today that gets you closer to some of the most famous coastal scenery in Portugal. (B, D)

**Day 7: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 Lagos - Portimão - Monchique - Lagos** This morning venture along the coast to discover the importance of the sardine canning industry in the Algarve. Then, continue to Monchique, a mountain village nestled within a rich landscape, to learn the secrets of regional bread and fruits. Sample them with a savory picnic lunch featuring freshly prepared Algarve seasonal and local specialties. Return to Lagos for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

**Day 8: Thursday, March 12, 2026 Lagos - Setúbal - Cascais** En route to the Portuguese Riviera, stop in Setúbal a colorful industrial city and one of southern Europe's best-kept secrets. See the *Mercado* (Farmers Market) do Livramento up close. It is considered one of the best fish markets in the world, and it's also rich with displays of fresh fruits and vegetables. Meet local artisans at a family-run shop and learn how the famous hand-painted Portuguese tiles, *azulejos*, are made. Then, head to the Portuguese Riviera. Mansions scattered throughout Cascais and Monte Estoril all hint at this area's history as a haven for exiled European royals and nobility. (B)

**Day 9: Friday, March 13, 2026 Cascais - Obidos - Sintra - Cascais** Explore the picture-perfect city of Obidos, where white-washed houses sit snug within medieval city walls, and toast with a *ginjinha*, a sour cherry liqueur served in a small chocolate cup. Continue on to Sintra (UNESCO), a breathtaking hub that served as the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore the quaint hilltop village of Sintra and take some time to wander through the winding streets **-OR-** join a guided tour of the National Palace of Sintra, considered the best-preserved medieval palace in Portugal. Bid Portugal goodbye during dinner in Cascais and celebrate the end of your unforgettable journey. (B, D)

**Day 10: Saturday, March 14, 2026 Cascais - Tour Ends** Your tour ends today. (B)

# family **BIRD HIKE** at the Conservation Center

**May 3 • 9 AM**

Take an easy one-mile guided hike around the pond and through the woods of the International Conservation Center in search of songbirds. Learn how to identify species, their calls, and other birding tips.

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- Bring a snack and your own water.
- Bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair of ours.
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Only 25 spots available.



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# SUMMER CAMP AT THE ICC

Summer Camp is back at the International Conservation Center in Somerset County! We are excited to offer **three camps** that focus on learning about the animals that call our planet home.

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- Daily hikes
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- Animal study
- Guest speakers

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  - **BERLIN** 420 Main St., Berlin
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  - **GLADES PIKE** 4185 Glades Pike, Somerset
  - **HOOVERSVILLE** 964 Barn St., Hooversville
  - **MAIN OFFICE** 151 W. Main St., Somerset
  - **MEYERSDALE** 151 Center St., Meyersdale
  - **MEYERSDALE SOUTHSIDE** 7109 Mason Dixon Hwy., Meyersdale
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- 3,250 copies are printed and distributed to area hotels, new businesses & residents, Realtors, business functions, and community members
- 8.5" x 11" full color, glossy print
- Comprehensive & interesting information about our communities
- Spectacular photography showcasing the beauty of where we live & work
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### WHY should you participate in the Somerset County Chamber directory?



#### GET THEIR ATTENTION

The stunning full-color Community Profile will attract your customer's interest.



#### ONLINE EDITION

Our simple to navigate online edition is included in your directory ad purchase.



#### SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

Being a part of the directory supports the Chamber and enhances your reputation.



#### A GREAT REFERENCE

The area's most comprehensive business to business resource. Your ad will be seen again and again.



#### EFFICIENT FOR YOU

One ad for one price, all year long! This ad will keep directing customers to your door long after it is placed.



#### FREE DESIGN & PHOTOS

Let us take care of the work! We offer free design and photography so your business shines.

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We've built **SNOWBALL PROPERTIES** on a simple philosophy: serving our partners in a more meaningful and collaborative way, with experience, and expertise in the areas that matter most to them—like Adjusted Paid Occupancy, Average Daily Rate, and Guest Satisfaction.

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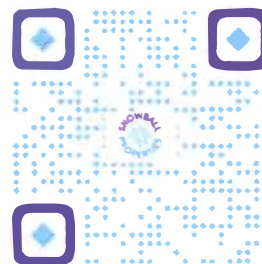
As an owner, you deserve a streamlined and personalized path to success. At **SNOWBALL PROPERTIES**, we provide a distinctive approach designed to support your growth goals with clarity and confidence. If you're ready to see what real change looks like, let's talk – and feel free to bring a friend.

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PROPERTIES**

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

724.889.6837

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# Somerset Country Club

## 14th ANNUAL

# SALUTE TO VETERANS

## Monday, May 19, 2025

Somerset Country Club is proud to partner with members of Somerset County veterans' organizations and local businesses to show our appreciation and "Salute our Veterans" by offering a free day of golf to Somerset County veterans on Monday, May 19, 2025. Veterans can bring a friend to accompany them on a round of golf for \$35. Not a golfer? Come and enjoy a free lunch with your fellow Veterans.

7:00 a.m. Registration for 8 a.m. shotgun  
8:00 a.m. First Shotgun Start  
Noon Lunch Canteen sponsored by The Somerset Jaycees, Tailgatez Sports Grille , Roof Garden Market, and Pine Grill.  
Beverages provided by Inco Beverage and Miller Light.  
12:30 p.m. Program: *Saluting Women in the Military* presented by Brig. Gen. Maureen Weigl  
1:25 p.m. Door prize drawings and morning skill prizes awarded  
1:30 p.m. Second Shotgun Start

For additional information and to register for golf, call Somerset Country Club at 814-445-5179.  
For Lunch Only Reservations, call Somerset Country Club at 814-445-5200.  
For sponsorship information, call Bill Aldom at 814-241-7707.



Brig. Gen.  
Maureen Weigl

## We would like to Thank our Sponsors:



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# *14th ANNUAL* **SALUTE TO VETERANS**

Monday, May 19, 2025

Somerset Country Club

with guest speaker

**Brig. Gen. Maureen Weigl**

***“Saluting Women in the Military”***

Brigadier General (PA) Maureen Weigl was appointed Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs on April 12, 2021. In this position she supervises the administration of state veterans' programs, re-integration and outreach, and veteran initiatives for more than 700,000 veterans and their dependents. She also oversees the operation of the commonwealth's six veterans' homes.

She retired from the Army in May 2016 after serving for 25 years. Since her retirement, Maureen has become a small business owner and entrepreneur. She also has served with numerous organizations as a military and veterans' advisor. She helps teach military history with Veterans National Education Program, where she teaches military history to JROTC and ROTC through the experiences of those who served. She served on a Veteran task force for the Lieutenant Governor of PA for two years.

Maureen was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1993 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Pittsburgh. She served in the Army Reserves, Active Army with the 10th Mountain Division, the New York Army National Guard, the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and National Guard Bureau over her 25-year career. Brig. Gen. (PA) Weigl holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Communications from the University of Pittsburgh, a Master's in Business Ethics from Duquesne University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. A member of the American Legion, VFW, and Catholic War Veterans, Maureen has served Veterans since retirement and has been partnering with clothing manufacturers to make adjustable clothing for Veterans and others with prosthetic limbs.

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*Make checks payable to Salute to Veterans Somerset County Inc and mail to 435 South Lynn Ave, Somerset PA 15501*

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# **Sporting Clays Tournament to benefit Somerset County Mobile Food Bank**

## **June 7, 2025**

**Buffer Creek Sporting Clays, Sipesville,  
776 School House Road, Somerset, PA 15501**

Registration includes T-shirt, doughnuts and coffee before the shoot, 100 sporting clays, lunch and awards ceremony.

Shotgun shells and guns are not included.

Prizes will be awarded to the top score for the combined team and also the top men and women shooters.

Raffles will also be available



The 2024 top shooters, from left, are Jenny Booth, High Lady, Rick Sager, High Shooter, Bill Moon, John Centi and Eli Sager.

Wobble trap 8 to 9:15 a.m. \$10

Registration 8 a.m.

Safety meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Clay shoot begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Somerset County Mobile Food Bank is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization that supplies food each month to about 1,750 local families in need. As a 501 (c) (3) program, the food bank operates mainly off of donations and grants.

# Sporting Clays Tournament June 7, 2025

## Participants

Please list your company name if you have one \_\_\_\_\_

1.

Name

Address

Phone

Email

T shirt size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

2.

Name

Address

Phone

Email

T shirt size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

3.

Name

Address

Phone

Email

T shirt size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

4.

Name

Address

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Email

T shirt size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Please make checks payable to:  
Somerset County Mobile  
Food Bank with the check memo stat-  
ing "Sporting Clays Tournament." Send  
this application and payment to 1686  
Coxes Creek Rd, Somerset, PA 15501.  
Deadline for sign printing is May 19.  
Also, register by May 19 to guarantee a  
T-shirt. Registrations can be made the  
day of the shoot. For more information  
call 814-444-2509 or email  
mobilefoodbank11@verizon.net

## Event Sponsor \$700

Name on banner at entrance to event,  
one station sign, and name on T-shirt.  
Registration for four shooters, one cart.

## Shotgun Sponsor - \$500

Registration for two shooters, one cart.  
One station sign, a sign at lunch area and  
name on T-shirt.

## Lunch Sponsor – \$275

Sign at lunch area, sign at one of the  
stations, name on T-shirt and registration  
for one shooter.

## Station Sign - \$125

Your company's name on a sign at one of  
the shooting stands and on the T-shirt.

## Sporting Clays 100 targets

Check your preference

Squad of four \$280, includes cart and  
lunch

Individual shooter including lunch \$75

Lunch and awards ceremony \$25

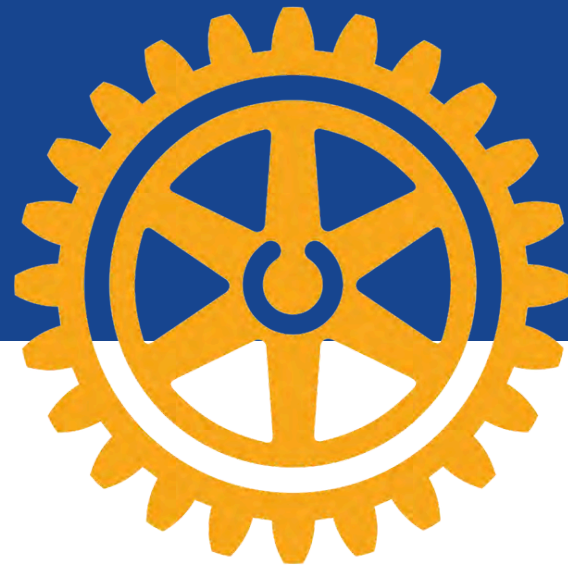
Cart rental \$25, holds four shooters

Wobble Trap \$10, can register day of  
shoot.

I can't attend but want to support the  
Food Bank, here's my donation of \$

**TOTAL DUE** \_\_\_\_\_

# PRESS RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**March 18th, 2025**

## ***ROTARY CLUB OF SOMERSET GEARS UP FOR 4TH ANNUAL WALK-RUN-RIDE EVENT***

SOMERSET, PA – The Rotary Club of Somerset is thrilled to announce its 4th Annual Walk-Run-Ride Event, set for Saturday, May 3, 2025 on the Great Allegheny Passage in Rockwood at Mile 43.8. This highly anticipated event offers a unique opportunity to enjoy the region's scenic trails while supporting local charitable efforts and programs.

"This event has become a signature one for our club, allowing us to raise crucial funding that we allocate back to community projects," club President-elect Rick Kazmer said.

New features from last year will be continued:

- Official race timing with bibs for competitive runners
- A 10K Run, complementing the existing 5K Walk, 5K Run, and 24-Mile Bike Ride
- Trophies for the top three finishers in each category
- Special prizes for children participating in the event

### Course & Registration Details

- Walk/Run Route: Starts in Rockwood, loops halfway, and returns to the Rockwood Trailhead.
- Bike Ride Route: Begins in Rockwood, loops at the Meyersdale Trailhead, and returns to Rockwood.
- Event Registration: 8:00 – 9:00 AM at the Rockwood Trailhead on the day of the event.
- Pre-Registration: Open through April 18, with opportunities for corporate sponsorships.
- More Info & Registration: Visit Eventbrite for full event details.

"If you are looking for a well-run event to get some exercise while helping make the community a better place, this event is for you," Kazmer added. "This is a great way to spend a Saturday morning."

Join Us! Don't miss out on this action-packed day on the GAP! Enclosed, you'll find the event flyer and registration form with comprehensive details.

For More Information:

✉ Contact: Joshua Miller, Rotary Club of Somerset #5250

✉ Email: [jwmiller@somersettrust.com](mailto:jwmiller@somersettrust.com)

☎ Phone: (814) 521-7258

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About the Rotary Club of Somerset:

The Rotary Club of Somerset is dedicated to service above self. We strive to create a lasting impact in Somerset County and beyond. Unite for Good.

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**WALK**



**RUN**



**RIDE**



**ROTARY CLUB OF SOMERSET**

**MAY 3, 2025**

**8:00AM - 9:00AM Registration**



**Bike (24 Miles) Begin 9:00AM | Run (10K) Begin 9:05AM | Run (5K) Begin 9:10AM | Walk (5K) Begin 9:15AM**

**Great Allegheny Passage Bike Trail Begins & Ends in Rockwood**

Great Allegheny Passage (GAP): Rockwood, GAP MILE 43.8

Parking lot adjacent to the GAP and across the Casselman River from business district in Rockwood. Parking lot address: 11 Rockdale Road Rockwood, PA 15557

**\$25 - Pre-Register by April 18, 2025**

**Pre-Registration Guarantees Shirt in Preferred Size**

**\$35 - Day of Registration - Shirt Not Guaranteed**

*The walk & run begins in Rockwood and will loop half way, returning to Rockwood Trailhead  
Ride begins in Rockwood will loop at the Meyersdale Trailhead, returning to Rockwood Trailhead*

Scan QR Code to Register Online via Eventbrite | Rain Date Not Offered | Proceeds Benefit Somerset Rotary Club Projects  
Additional charge for larger size shirts, see registration form for details.

Contact: Joshua Miller 814.521.7258 | [jwmiller@somersettrust.com](mailto:jwmiller@somersettrust.com)



Pre-Registration Deadline: April 18, 2025 | Mail Entry Form & Payment - Cash, Check, Money Order to  
 Rotary Club of Somerset P. O. Box 924, Somerset, PA 15501  
 Make Checks Payable To: Rotary Club of Somerset **Or** Scan QR Code to Register Online via Eventbrite

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (As of 5/3/25): \_\_\_\_\_

MALE | FEMALE: \_\_\_\_\_ WALK | RUN | RIDE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIRT SIZES (CIRCLE) | ADULT: A3XL; A2XL; AXL; AL; AM; AS | YOUTH: YL; YM**  
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I know that running/walking/bicycling in a race is a potentially dangerous activity. I should not enter and run/walk/ride unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decisions of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the race. I assume all risks associated with completing the event, including but not limited to falls, contact with other entries, the effects of the weather, traffic, and the condition of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release The Rotary Club of Somerset, Rotary Club International, and any co-sponsors, their representatives and successors, from claims or liabilities of any kind out of my participation in this event. I also grant full release to all parties of this event to use my name and photo for any purpose.