

The Center being closed
can't stop us from
activities with our friends.



Join us in a game you can
play in the comfort of
your very own home.

How to Play:

1. Find the items on the list.
2. Write down what you find.
3. Submit your list to The Center.
4. Get entered in a raffle to win a prize!

Get Your List to The Center:

- Mail your list to The Center.
- Email centermanager@theopenlink.org
- Drop off your list in the mail basket during office hours (8am to 4pm).
- Bring your list when we reopen.

A winner will be chosen when we reopen!

1. Find something very soft.
2. Find something round.
3. Find something you put together.
4. Find something you twist.
5. Find something outside.
6. Find 3 of the same thing.
7. Find something that smells good.
8. Find a character in a book.
9. Find something yellow.
10. Find something clear.
11. Find something you love.



Make Upper Perk Count!



You matter! Be counted in 2020's Census.

US Census info will be mailed this month. Help determine where billions of dollars goes for 10 years!

What it is:

- 9 Questions
- Safe and Confidential

Census responses can't be used for law enforcement purposes or to determine eligibility for government benefits. You will NOT be asked for your social security number, financial or banking info.

Programs Affected:

Medicaid and Medicare; SNAP (food stamps); CHIP (children's health insurance); Section 8, senior housing and LIHEAP; Transportation and nutrition services for seniors (Meals on Wheels included); Head Start and Special Education; Highway and Infrastructure; Veterans' Services; Legislative Representation.



The Open Link is providing assistance completing online or paper census forms.
Call 215-679-4112 for info at the main office or 215-679-6550 at the senior center.

THE CENTER

at



May 2020

We Salute You, Our Heroes

By Wendy Smeltz, Center Manager
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The state of the world and the COVID-19 crisis has shined a light on our heroes. The Open Link recognizes the outstanding efforts of healthcare workers and first responders, along with other essential workers who did not expect to find themselves on the front lines. There are many people who work hard to keep things running, keep us informed and keep us safe.

In these days where we are thanking our essential workers, we ask that you join with us to remember our military.

The closure of The Center means the cancellation of a special event to celebrate Armed Forces Day on May 15. "A Salute to Our Troops" would have included a performance by local musician Steve Walker with an array of patriotic songs, light refreshments, and special activities for attendees to honor loved ones who are serving or have served in the military. We hope to reschedule this event at a later date, but we want to recognize Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day on May 25. Let us come together – in spirit and

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The Center is closed, but our faithful gardener Harry Eisenhart has been tending to the garden, planting flowers and lettuce for fresh salads for when we reopen. Harry will be moving out of the area and we are looking for gardeners! Thank you, Harry, for all the hard work you've put in over the years! We appreciate you.



The Center is
CLOSED until
further notice
but we're still here
to help!

All activities and special events are suspended.

Meals on Wheels continues to operate on an altered schedule.

If you have a need, please contact us!

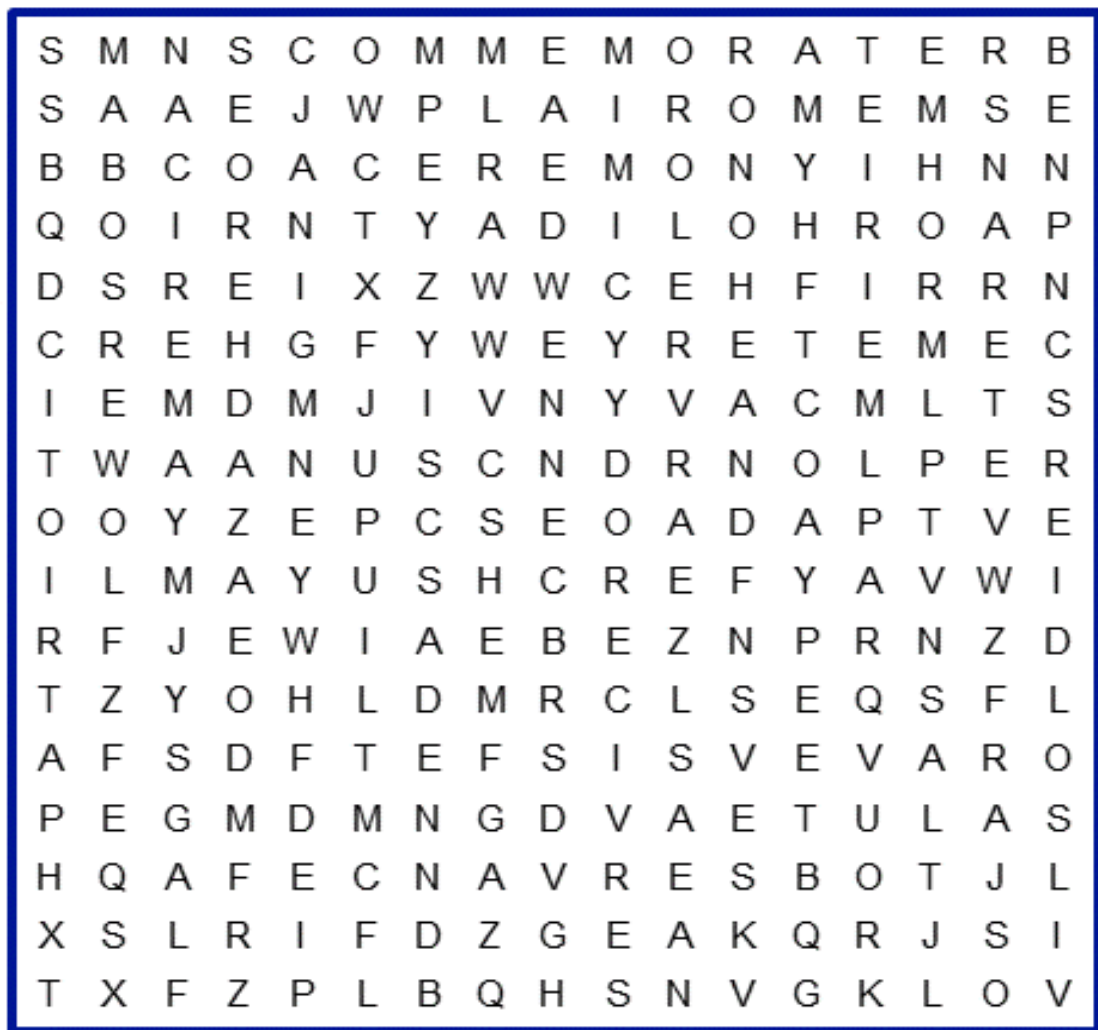
Check our Facebook page for agency updates.





Memorial Day

May 25, 2020



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SOLDIERS
TAPS
VETERANS
WAR

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in our hearts – and thank our military members for their patriotic service, and pause and remember the fallen and honor their sacrifice. Both holidays pay tribute to all five branches of the U.S. military: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

Armed Forces Day is held on the third Saturday in May. This celebration, created in 1949, stemmed from the unification of the armed forces under one agency – the Department of Defense. President Truman led the effort to establish a holiday for citizens to unite and honor military heroes for their support of United States of America.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths, and flags. It was first observed in 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers. After WWI the holiday was set as a remembrance of all men and women who died in service. In 1971 Congress declared it an official holiday to fall on the last Monday in May.

Parades and other events have had to be cancelled in communities everywhere, but that should not stop us from keeping these traditions in our hearts. Thank you to all our military personnel for the sacrifices you have made.

We salute you!



Monday Community Meal

The May meal has been cancelled. Info on the status of the next community meal will be made available as soon as possible.

Upcoming Programs:

Details about upcoming scheduling will be available as soon as we have them.

With plans being made to reopen businesses, we assure you that The Open Link is discussing what this means for The Center.

We will open as soon as we can, with your health and safety our main priority. Large gatherings and some activities will likely have to be suspended, but we hope to see you all soon for lunch and other programming that can be held safely!



Thank you for the phone calls we received while we've been closed! It has been great to hear from every one of you who called.

We encourage you to pick up the phone and call a friend, family member, or The Center today. Don't

hesitate to reach out to someone if you are feeling lonely or anxious, or to offer a friendly voice to someone who may be in need of a friend!

