

# Frank Burns

State Representative • 72nd Legislative District



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# SENIOR FAIR

**FOOD!**

**September 27<sup>th</sup> • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**30+ VENDORS!**

**Ebensburg Young Peoples Community Center**

**300 Prave St.**

**PRIZES!**

Info on: PACE/PACENET – Property Tax/Rent Rebates  
Senior Services – Other State Programs

**GAMES!**



*Rep. Burns talking with seniors at last year's Senior Fair.*

# Burns shaves costs, SAVES taxpayers over \$270,000

**Refuses state car and cellphone,  
Uses personal funds for Patton office**

Ever mindful of spending tax dollars, Rep. Burns spends LESS than he's allotted to serve as your state representative. He's saved taxpayers more than **\$270,000** since taking office – including thousands this session – by not spending as much as he's allowed on office rent, mileage, utilities, telephones, furniture leases and office equipment.

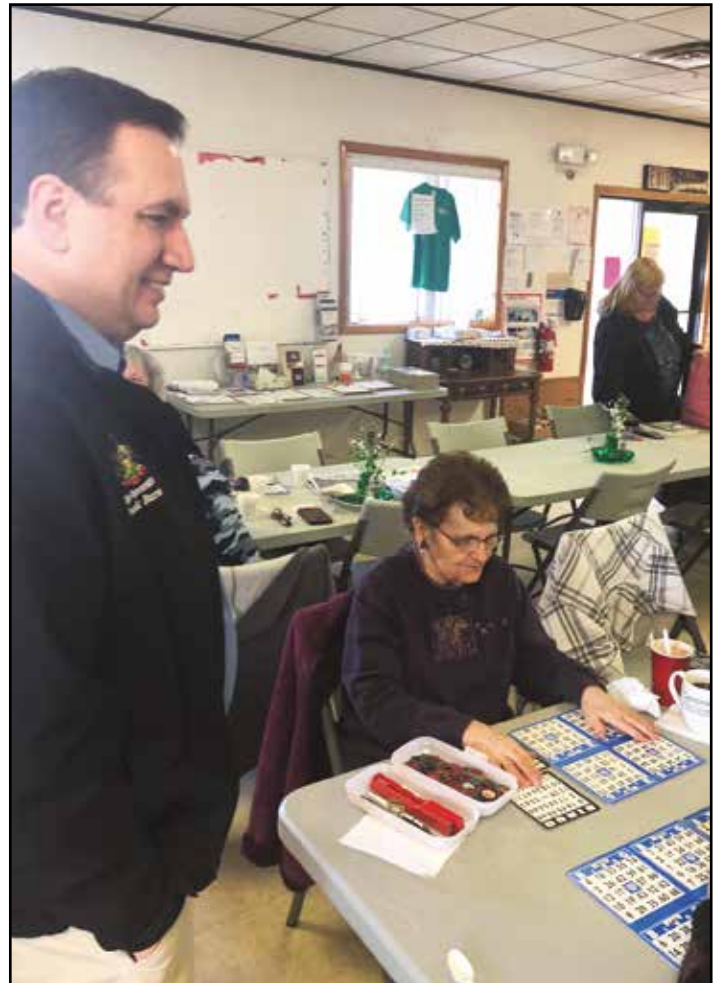
Rep. Burns refuses a state car and cellphone – Rep. Burns pays out of his own pocket to have an office in Patton. And his use of full-time volunteer Charlie Vizzinni has saved taxpayers over **\$100,000** and counting!

## Burns visits Portage Senior Center

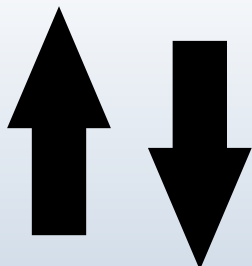
Rep. Burns makes a point to regularly visit senior centers throughout his district, like this one in Portage, to find out their needs and check on their well-being. It's one of his favorite interactions.

In Harrisburg and back home, Rep. Burns always looks out for seniors, whether it's helping them pay for prescription drugs, making sure they aren't taken advantage of, or ensuring that after a lifetime of working, they can take a public bus to a favorite restaurant or shopping destination.

**Simply put, Rep. Burns won't let seniors get pushed around.**



**SAVINGS**



**PREMIUMS**

## Burns touts \$59 million in health care savings, lower premiums

**From taking over insurance exchange**

With Rep. Burns' support, a bill that saves tens of millions of dollars and lowers premiums on the state's health insurance exchange passed the Republican-controlled legislature and was signed into law by the Democratic governor.

House Bill 3, which became Act 42 of 2019, is an example of the type of

bipartisan problem-solving Rep. Burns likes to see in Harrisburg. Instead of paying the federal government \$94 million per year to run the exchange, Pennsylvania will do it for \$35 million – a savings of \$59 million.

The change also will lower insurance premiums for 400,000 people.

## Burns meets grateful seniors on outing

During a recent trip to DelGrosso's Park in Tipton, Rep. Burns ran into some old friends from the Portage and Ebensburg senior centers who were enjoying an outing, thanks to the CamTran shared ride bus service.

They wouldn't have been able to take that trip had Rep. Burns not fought to have CamTran restore out-of-county shared rides for our seniors. The transit agency cut them last year, but Rep. Burns stood with seniors and worked with PennDOT to get the decision reversed.

Rep. Burns recognizes that seniors should be at the front of the line, not at the rear, when it comes to public services and funding.



## Burns seeks greater nursing home accountability

Nursing homes, assisted living centers and personal care homes would have to report all deaths to the county coroner – not just those they deem suspicious, such as homicides or suicides – under legislation put forth by Rep. Burns.

The greater oversight provided by H.B.'s 1713 and 1714 would let the coroner decide if formal investigation is warranted, based on interviews with workers and review of the resident's medical history.

*"Allowing administrators to police themselves opens the door for unscrupulous owners or staff to hide signs of inadequate care that could have led to a senior's death." - Rep. Burns.*

Rep. Burns believes that far too many times, seniors at such facilities die from abuse or neglect that can too easily be swept under the carpet when facilities are allowed to police themselves.

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See what he's doing and tell him what you think!

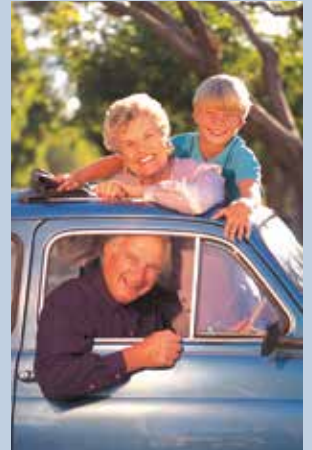
# Rep. Burns is here to help seniors!

Visit or call any of Rep. Burns' offices to get help with a variety of popular state programs and services, such as:



✓ **Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program**, which provides a maximum standard rebate of \$650 (which could be boosted to \$975 through supplemental rebates) to eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with disabilities 18 or older.

✓ **PennDOT assistance** – Rep. Burns' staff can help you obtain or renew your driver's license, vehicle registration or photo ID, among other things, and can often help cut through the red tape.



✓ **Safe Driving Classes**, which are geared toward mature drivers and earn you a 5% auto insurance discount, are offered throughout the year. Call Rep. Burns' office at 814-472-8021 to find the next one nearest you!

✓ **PACE and PACENET**, which offer low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents who are 65 or older.

✓ **Do Not Call List** – Rep. Burns' staff can help you enroll, verify that your number is on the list so you avoid telemarketing scams and general annoyance, or help you file a complaint.



✓ **Elder Abuse Helpline** – Rep. Burns' staff can direct you to the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Elder Abuse Helpline, where you can receive expert assistance.

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*"As long as I'm in office,  
I will make sure the state  
doesn't turn its back on  
the seniors of Cambria  
County."*

*- Rep. Frank Burns*

