

# FROM THE DESK OF ... LUANN OATMAN

#### Dear Reader,

Happy October one and all! My very favorite time of year! I love the fall colors, the crisp air, orange pumpkins, red apples, and Senior Expo!!! One of the best things about October and something for us all to celebrate is our annual Senior Expo event at the First Energy stadium, home of the R-Phils!

We have some fun events scheduled, that includes Jeff Krick and his tribute to Elvis and Meredith McGrath demonstrating some amazing recipes using Glucerna and Ensure products; and goodies, give-a-ways, and so much more!

You can walk the Expo aisles, listen to the Swing Time Dolls, have a hot dog or cheeseburger from the stadium vendors, and walk the track with our health and wellness staff. Tired? Try some chair dancing with Autumn Crane instructor form ReHab1 Physical Therapy. Have a medical question? Visit the Penn State Health St. Joseph Medical Center area and talk with a doc or have your blood pressure checked! Enter to win 2 tickets to see "David" at Sight & Sound.

There is literally something for everyone at this amazing event. We want to see you there! Stop by our booth and let us know how we are doing and what more we can do to improve our services! We want to know your thoughts and we want to SEE you at the Expo. Let's all have a great time!

See you at the ball park!

LuAnn Oatman, President/CEO, Berks Encore



LuAnn Oatman, President

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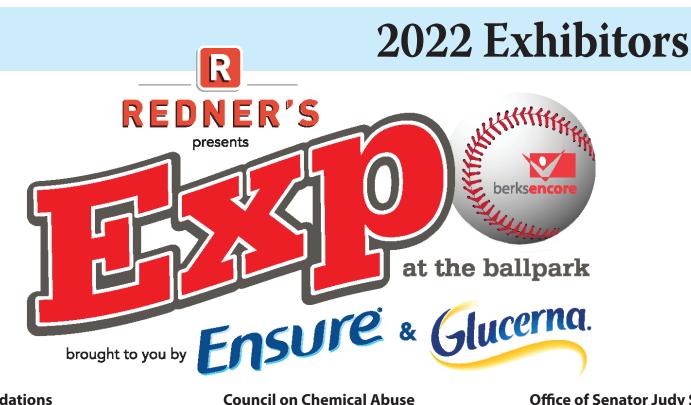
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### **BE SOCIAL!**

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9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Meredith McGrath, dietitian for Redner's Markets, will demonstrate healthy recipe ideas.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Jeff Krick Sr. will perform Elvis hits.

12:30-1:30 p.m. Berks County musicians Erich Cawalla & Cliff Starkey team up to play popular tunes.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The SwingTime Dolls will take you on a sentimental journey back to the WWII days of Glenn Miller and the Andrews Sisters.

### **BE FIT!**

Look for signs to the Health & Wellness HUB located off the plaza. Movement is Medicine and we have something for everyone!

9:15 a.m. Start with a morning walk around the track with Kate, Berks Encore Health & Wellness Educator.

10:00 a.m. Get a total body stretch and balance-focused exercises led by Kathy, Berks Encore Health & Wellness Director.

10:45 a.m. Try Tai Chi, ancient Chinese movements led by Jan Gyombar PhD, certified level 3 instructor.

11:30 a.m. Do some Chair Dancing to music you'll love with Autumn Crane, ReHab1.

12:15 p.m. It's time for Zumba Gold, a low impact dance fitness class led by Jen DeBlase.

### **BE INFORMED!**

Plan to attend special seminars presented by our sponsors in the RBI Room, located in the concourse.

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. – Holly Moylan-Personal Care Administrator with The Highlands at Wyomissing will present 'Understanding the Early Warning Signs of Dementia'.

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Aetna will present 'Sleep Matters'

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Berks Encore PA MEDI counselors present 'Changes to Medicare'

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. - Council on Chemical Abuse (COCA) will present 'Mindful of Your Meds'

### **BE WELL!**

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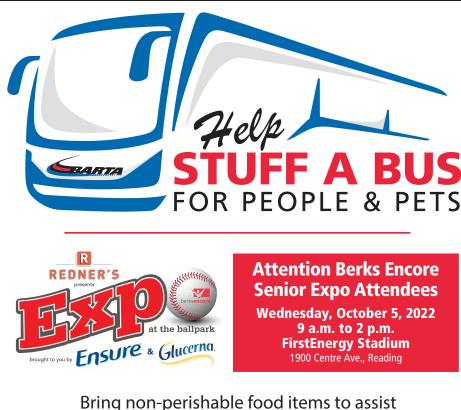


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# **HEALTH & WELLNESS** Health & Wellness looking to hit it out of the park at Expo!

#### Written by Kathy Roberts, Director Health & Wellness

We will have the opportunity to showcase our programs in an exclusive station this year. Look for signs to the Health & Wellness HUB! We will feature mini fitness break-out sessions, information about our programs and the chance to meet us and learn how we can help you improve your health.

Wearing red T-shirts with AMBASSADOR status and name tags, you can talk to these folks who have taken our classes that led to improvements in their health and quality of life. They can help guide you to our HUB and will be happy to share why they love our programs. Look for them and don't be shy to ask them questions!

DANCE WITH US! Our Dance Party dancers will join me and dance to the Oldies during the Uptown Band segment, 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Whether you call it the Cha-Cha or the Calypso, we have room in the line for you! Whether you are "fit as a fiddle" or are challenged by physical limitations, we have something for everyone!

Walk for Wellness: 9:15am to 9:45am- start with a great morning walk! Led by Kate Sweinhart, Berks Encore Health & Wellness Educator and certified Walk with Ease instructor. Join our Health & Wellness Ambassadors and walk the track at your own pace.

Healthy Steps in Motion: 10:00am to 10:30am-join us for a great total

body stretch and balance-focused low-impact exercise! Led by Kathy Roberts, Berks Encore Health & Wellness Director and certified Healthy Steps instructor. We'll stretch to strengthen muscles, improve balance and wake-up stiff joints with 60 seconds of movement to music.

TAI CHI: 10:45am to 11:15am- try this ancient Chinese form of movement, developed to connect body and mind. "Chi" translates to life energy. Led by Jan Gyombar PHD, certified level 3 advanced instructor. Jan will lead you through gentle, slow movements to improve balance, coordination and your "life energy."

**Chair Dancing:** 11:30am to 12:00pm- physical limitations preventing you from dancing? Enjoy the music you love and the dance steps you miss and try this for exercise. Led by Autumn Crane, ReHab1 Physical Therapy. Groove through this fun and low impact aerobic exercise that will tone and energize you.

Zumba Gold: 12:15pm to 12:45pm- low impact dance fitness to Latin and worldwide music offers fun movement. Led by Jen DeBlase, a licensed Zumba Gold instructor since 2016. Have fun and let go while you burn calories, improve heart health and reduce stress. In fact, the Arthritis Foundation recommends Zumba Gold to strengthen your leg muscles, which reduces stress on your knees, leading to osteoarthritis relief.

So come and meet us and join us at the HUB!



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#### New Location: Township of Spring Administration Buildina 2850 Windmill Road, Sinking Spring

Mondays, 9:30am-12pm October 17 through November 21

### **ROTATOR CUFF** WORKSHOP (New Program)

#### Fleetwood Center

14432 Kutztown Road, Fleetwood Monday, October 31, 10am-11:30am See the ad on page 4 for more information.

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# **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Drive to do more for Meals on Wheels**

Dave Sarkozy is a local retiree originally from Dearborn, Michigan. He



moved to Pennsylvania over 20 years ago and now considers himself a Berks County native. Dave loves the rural land-scape and nearby mountain vistas in the northwest part of Berks County. Six years ago, he was looking for something new to fill his time in retirement. At that time, he and his wife Linda lived near the Berks Encore Strausstown Center. He decided to stop by to see what the center had to offer. He met Andrea Gebely, the Center Manager and was happy to learn he could volunteer to deliver Meals on Wheels when he had extra time. He signed up for a bi-weekly time slot and a route and the rest is history. Dave delivers Meals on Wheels to 15 - 18 clients every other Tuesday. He is happy to help others and has made some friends along the way while visiting clients briefly on his delivery route. He spends 1 - 2 hours driving through the beautiful countryside. He likes the flexibility to be able to help when he can and encourages others to try it. He says that "delivering Meals on Wheels is a good way to give back to the local community."



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Dave and Linda have been married for 41 years and lived in New Jersey prior to moving to Pennsylvania. Dave is a National Guard Veteran who served for 6 years while going to law school and working a full-time job. He started his working career in the automotive industry in Detroit. He is enjoying his retirement doing the things he loves, reading, studying WWII history and fishing. We are grateful that Dave has dedicated the past six years volunteering at Berks Encore.

We are always in need of volunteer drivers to help deliver meals to over 650 clients weekly throughout Berks County. Share your time when it's convenient for you. Drive to do more in your community by volunteering to deliver Meals on Wheels. Contact Rita Phillips 610-374-3195 ext. 225 for more information about volunteering.

# Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers Needed!

The demand for meals is increasing and as a result we are adding 4 new routes to help more seniors. We don't want to have to waitlist those in need due to not having enough drivers to deliver meals.

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Wednesday, October 5 @ 1:00 p.m. Berks Encore Strausstown Center 44 East Avenue, Bernville

**Thursday, October 13 @ 10:00 a.m.** Berks Encore Fleetwood Center 14432 Kutztown Road, Fleetwood

**Friday, October 14 @ 10:00 a.m.** Berks Encore Wernersville Center 350 Sportsman Road, Wernersville

### **Confused About Medicare?** Join us for an Information Session.

Attend an in-person information session to learn how and when to enroll in Medicare, how to supplement your Medicare benefits, what coverage will cost, what financial assistance may be available, and more.

You must register by calling 610-374-3195 ext. 209 Friday, October 14 @ 11:30 a.m. Berks Encore Reading Center 40 N. 9th Street, Reading

**Tuesday, October 18 @ 12:30 p.m.** Berks Encore Mifflin Center 30 Liberty Street, Shillington



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# Dear Care Manager,

#### Dear Care Manager,

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- Just a little old fashioned

Dear Just a Little Old Fashioned,

We actually have a great community event coming up at the Reading Phillies stadium. On October 5th, 2022, we will be having our Senior Expo, which is a great opportunity to meet many of our Berks Encore Care. We will have our own

table, which has print outs from all of our departments, so you can either talk to a real person, or pick up information to learn more about our individual programs. This is a great event where you can enjoy food, entertainment, and learn about community resources for seniors. I encourage you and your parents to come out and join us!

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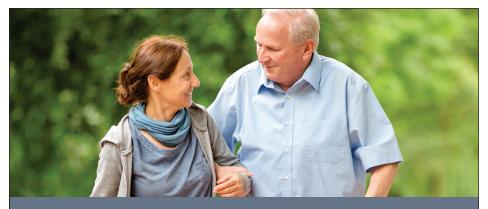




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#### RAWA – Reading Area Water Authority Lake Ontelaunee Operation – Tues., Oct. 4 – 10-11:30 a.m.

The water supply for the City of Reading and other RAWA customers is obtained mainly from Lake Ontelaunee, which was constructed in 1926. Raw lake water is channeled from the dam and delivered to the Maidencreek Filtration Plant. We will take a walk-through of the Lake Operations and learn about the history, maintenance and operation of this vital watershed.

#### Bahr's Mill – Tues., Oct. 11 – 10-11:30 a.m.

Located at the corner of S. Ironstone Drive and Saw Mill Road, just off Route 73 west of Boyertown. The historic mill dates back to 1897 when its millrace and water wheel powered the factory to make wooden farm tools and handles. We'll take a guided tour of the mill, walk along the old millrace and learn the history of the other buildings in the little town of Gablesville.

**Nolde Forest Environmental Center – Tues., Oct.18 – 10-11:30 a.m.** Located at 2910 New Holland Road, near Shillington. Home of the Nolde family, owners of the former Nolde and Horst Knitting Mill, the stone mansion and 665-acre wooded site is now a state park. We'll take a guided tour of the Nolde Mansion then choose an easy – or a more challenging – walk along the forest trails.

#### Old Dry Road Farm – Tues., Oct. 25 – 10-11:30 a.m.

Located at 202 Highland Road, Wernersville (Lower Heidelberg Township), near Blue Marsh Recreation Area. Old Dry Road Farm is a living-history museum on 200 acres with 18 houses and farm buildings illustrating life on a mid-19th century German farm. We'll take a guided tour of the buildings, walk the grounds and gain a real appreciation for the hard work involved with farming at that time.

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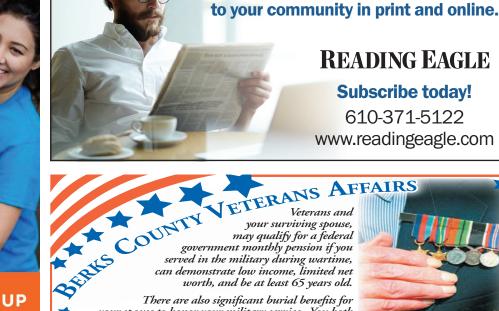


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Every Mon: 10:30am Chair Yoga w/Patti	Every 2nd and 4th Mon: @ 10am: Sit & Get
11am Zumba w/ Iris	Fit Class (60+FREE) *
11:30am Piano Lounge w/Maureen	Every Mon and Wed @ 12noon: Pinochle
11:45am Healthy Smoothie Bar (\$1)	Every Tue: @10am: Dollar Bingo (\$1)
Every Tue: 10am: Free Tai Chi Introductory	1pm: Texas Hold'em
(virtual and in person) w/ Jan	Every Wed: @ 9:15am: Zumba Gold (60+
11am: Free Tai Chi Advanced (virtual and	FREE)*
in person) w/ Jan	10am: Adult Coloring
Every Wed: 10:30am: Free Sit and Get Fit w/	10:30am: Dominoes and Rummikub
Patti	Every Thur: @ 10am: Pokeno. Please bring pennies.
	10am: Chair Yoga (60+ FREE) *
	1pm: Tai Chi I (60+ FREE) *
	1:50pm: Tai Chi II (60+ FREE) *
	Every Fri: @10am: Dollar Bingo (\$1)
	9:15am: Zumba Gold Toning (60+ FREE)
	1pm: Country Line Dance (\$1)
	3: Reading Hospital's Mobile Mammograph
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	8611 to schedule a mammogram. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 24, and 26 @ 10am: Reading
5 @11am: TranscenDance	w/ Seniors partnership w/ YMCA Pre-
6,13,20,27 8am-2pm: Fitness Room	school, Pre-K, toddlers & infants. Please
6,20,27@10:15am: Golden Globes	consider spending some time reading to
7@10:30am: Stretch & Soothe w/Lydia	our YMCA kids. Sign up w/ Terry.
7@ 11am: Driver /Road Safety w/Tara /	3 @ 10:30am: Pumpkin wall hanging craft
Highway Safety Network /PennDOT	with Kathy. Free. Sign up with Terry.
7,14,21,28 Doo Wop Piano w/Aaron	4, 11, 18, 25 @ 12 noon: New at the Fleetwood Center: PICKLEBALL! Advance
12@11am: Bingo w/David	sign up is required.
13@11am: Coffee & Donuts w/ TruCare	10: Columbus Day CENTER CLOSED
14@10:30am: Grocery Bingo (\$2) w/Angela/	13 @ 10am: Changes to Medicare w/ John Voge
Berkshire Commons	18 @ 10am: Grocery Bingo sponsored by
17@11:30am: Craft w/Beth/Glick's	Trish from Rittenhouse Village.
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19@11am: Rejuvenate w/Kaleidoscope	Blandon. Call Terry to sign up.
Angels	28 @ 10am: Jackpot Bingo and Happy
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D Liberty Street, Shillington enter Manager – Megan Dissinger

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- Mon @ 10:30am: Grocery Bingo \$2 12:00-12:45pm Tai Chi with Jan Gyomber\* 12-2pm: Card Club Tue: @ 9:30am Breakfast Club (Panera &
- Coffee)

10:30am: Sit and Get Fit with Darcy McLean\*

11am: Chair Yoga with Darcy McLean\* Wed: @ 10:30am: FABS (Flexibility Aerobics

Balance Strength) with Darcy McLean\* Thur: @ 10:30am: Sit and Get Fit with Darcy McLean\*

12pm: Dollar Bingo \$2



- 4 & 18: @ 1:30pm: Knifty Knitters (Roper Parlor Room)
- 5 @ 11:30am: PresentationDriver Safety -General Traffic Safety & Seatbelt Usage
- 7 @ 10am: Craft with Donna (signup required)
- 11 @ 11:30am: Music Therapy w/Juliet\*
- 12 @ 12:30pm Boom Box Bingo\*
- 14 @ 10am: Craft with Donna (signup required)
- 18 @ 12pm: Medicare/Medicaid Presentation
- 19 @ 12pm: Bingo for Beginners (slower pace) \$2
- 21 @ 10am: Craft with Donna (signup required)
- 28: HALLOWEEN PARTY! Details coming soon! (signup required)

Tech Time with Blake" help with basic computer or phone skills (signup required) EVERYDAY: Puzzles, adult coloring, books, playing cards, games and computers are available.

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# 40 N. 9th Street, ReadingCenter Manager – Jim Youndt610-374-3195, ext. 237

Every Mon: 12:30pm "Flex, Strength & Bal-

ance" Every Tue: 10:15am "Sit & Get Fit" Every Wed: 11am "Chair Zumba Gold" 12:30 pm "Cash Bingo" Every Thur: 10:15am "Virtual Chair Yoga" 12:30 pm "Grocery Bingo" Every Fri: 11am "Virtual FABS Class"

12:30pm: "Cash Bingo"



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- 3 @ 10:30am: "Pokeno" presented by Berks Encore Staff
- 4 @ 12:30pm: "Jeopardy" presented by Senior Life
- 10 & 24 @ 10:30am: "BE Inspired! "Color Your World" Adult Coloring Relieves stress, relaxing & amp; fun! Presented by: Reading Public Library
- 4 & 18 @ 10:30am till 1:30 pm: "Farmers Market" presented by The Food Trust
- 11 @ 12:30pm: "Craft Class (Wooden Pumpkin)" presented by Peggy Allen
- 14 @ 11:30am: "Medicare Update Program" presented by Rosa
- 17 @ 10:30am: "Fun Time w/TruCare"
- 18 @ 12:30pm: "Music Bingo" presented by Rich

25 @ 12:30pm: "Halloween Magic Show" presented by Kevin the Magician

Beginning Aug. 1 Only Congregate LUNCH is available Mon.- Fri. at 12 noon. Reserve your meal 2 working days in advance. Menu available. \$2.50 suggested donation.

## Berks Encore STRAUSSTOWN CENTER

# 44 East Ave., PO Box 50, Strausstown Center Manager – Andrea Gebely 610-488-5770

- Every Mon: 10am Sit & Get Fit w/ Linda FREE to anyone
- 11am: Bingo & Lunch \$4/person Every Tues: 9:15am – Chair Yoga – \$5/class
- 10:30am Zumba Gold Toning FREE\* to anyone 60+
- 12:30pm: Pinochle come join our card playing group!
- Every Wed: 10:15am Chair Zumba FREE\* to anyone 60+
  - 11:15am: Dominoes

12:30pm: 'Let's Make Art' Learn to Watercolor Painting Series - You don't need to attend every week to take part in class. No experience necessary – You can do it!\*

- Every Thur: 9:15am Chair Yoga \$5/class 11:15am – Zumba Gold with Aida
- Every Fri: 10am Zumba Gold Toning FREE\* to anyone 60+
  - 10am: Pickleball @ the Strausstown Park MUST sign up in advance
  - 11am FABS Flexibility, Balance, Aerobics, & Strength – FREE\* to anyone 60+

5 @ Noon: Lunch and Learn – Changes to Medicare Program

- 6 @ 11:15am: Zumba Gold with Aida
- 7 @ 12:30 p.m.: Halloween Prize Bingo please sign up in advance, \$2 per person
- 11 @ 12:30 pm: Boombox Bingo with Times Gone By Entertainment
- 12 @ 12:30 pm: Homemade Ice Cream Social – FREE
- 14 @ 12:30 pm: Spooky Cat Wooden Craft Class w/ Peggy Allen – must sign up
- 18 @ 9 am-12:30 pm: Chair Massages with Lorraine Kline. \$10 for 15 minutes
- 19 @ 12:30 pm: Candy Bingo with David
- 20 @ 11:15am: Zumba Gold with Aida
- 20 @ 1 pm: Movie Matinee 'Where the Crawdads Sing'
- 26 @ 11:30am: Halloween Party, Lunch, & a Show with entertainer Al Grout – FREE, sign up in advance, wear your costume!
- 31 @ Noon: JACKPOT BINGO \$5 winner every game – cost \$4/person for lunch & bingo

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Center Manager – Melissa Ludwig

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Every Mon: 9am: Board Games \*10am: FREE Sit & Get Fit (\$1\*\*) 12pm: Hausenpfeffer Every Tue: 9:15am: Yoga (\$5) 1:30pm: Ballroom Dancing 6:00pm: Zumba Gold (\$6) Every Wed: 9:30am: Bridge \*10am: FREE Sit & Get Fit (\$1\*\*) \*11:30am: FREE FABs (\$5\*\*) 12pm: Bingo Every Thur: 9:30am: Duplicate Bridge 11am: Karaoke Every Fri: 9:30am: Zumba Gold (\$5) \*12pm: FREE Tai Chi (\$5\*\*) 12:45pm: Advanced Tai Chi-24 (\$5)



4 @ 12:30pm: Barn Wreath with Peggy Allen – FREE, but must be

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6: Grocery Bingo - \$2.00/20 games

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- 18 @ 12:30pm: Flower Arranging w/ Laurel & Lace – Free, but must be Registered
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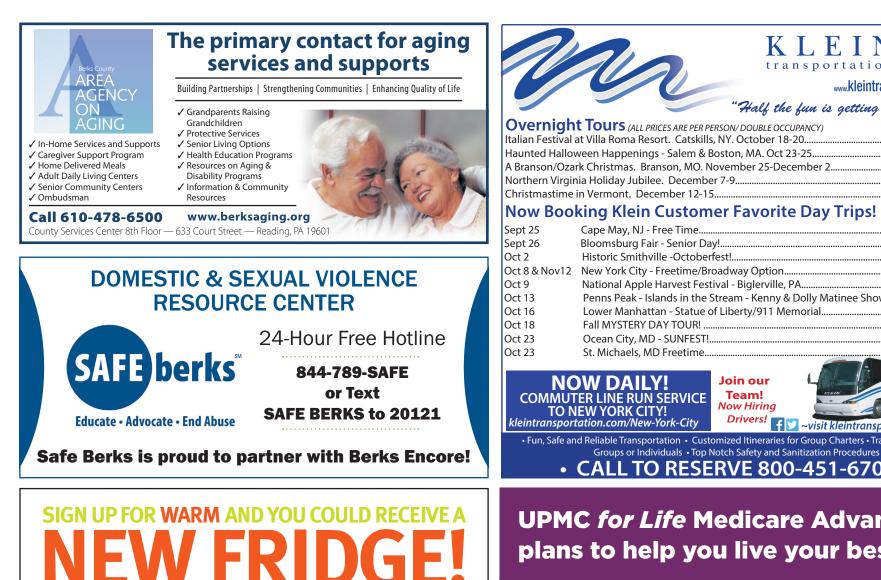
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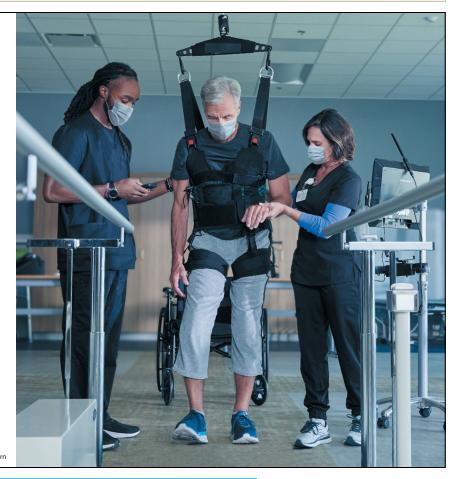


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We meet on the 1st. Tuesday of the month @ 1:00 PM, for our Business meetings with entertainment and refreshments following the meeting. We also meet on the third Tuesday of the month for Bingo and other pick-up games @ 1:00 PM with refreshment break. The next scheduled Business meeting is Tuesday October 4 at 1:00 PM. Entertainment will be musicians Lorri and James. Our November meeting is at 1:00 PM on Tuesday November 1st, with Chris Rogers. Bingo social for October is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th at 1:00 PM. There will be no social in November or December.

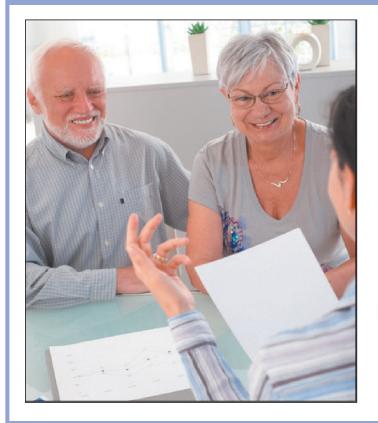
Our remaining 2022 trip schedule is listed below. Trips are open to our members on a first come basis, and then the trips are open to the general public. There are seats available for the November trip to the American Music Theatre.

October 27th Penn's Peak "Tribute to Streisand & Sinatra"

November 10th American Music Theatre "Home for the Holidays"

For more information and details on our trips, call Clara Koch @ 610-678-2123 or Barbara Messner @ 610-678-1961.

We enjoyed seeing everyone at our September meeting. Please join us again in October. New members are always welcome to join.



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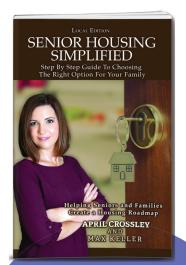
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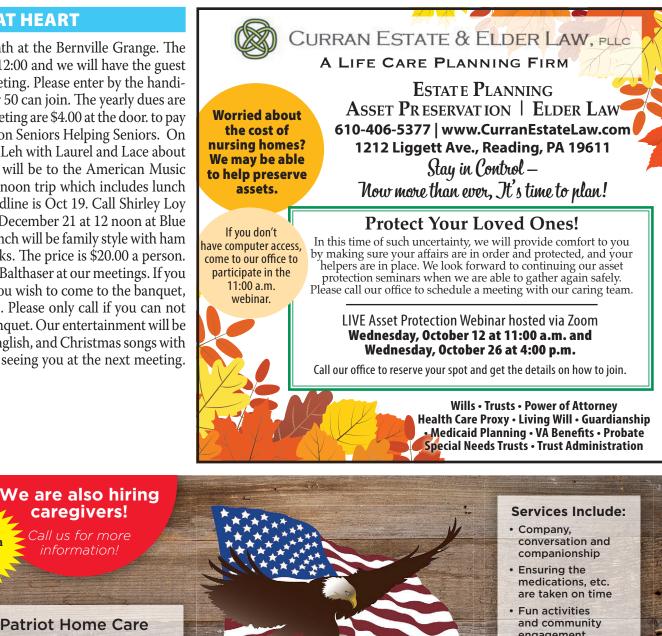


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#### **BERNVILLE YOUNG AT HEART**

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the Bernville Grange. The October meeting is October 19. Doors open at 12:00 and we will have the guest speaker at 1. We will have snacks before the meeting. Please enter by the handicap ramp to be safer than the steps. Anyone over 50 can join. The yearly dues are \$5.00. The first meeting is free. Dues for every meeting are \$4.00 at the door. to pay for snacks. On October 19, our guest will speak on Seniors Helping Seniors. On November 16 our guest speaker will be Lyndsey Leh with Laurel and Lace about flower arrangements. Our last trip for the year will be to the American Music Theatre for the Christmas show. This is an afternoon trip which includes lunch at Hometown Kitchen before the show. The deadline is Oct 19. Call Shirley Loy at 610- 678-3602. Our Christmas Banquet is on December 21 at 12 noon at Blue Mountain Family Restaurant in Shartlesville. Lunch will be family style with ham and turkey, salad, 3 vegetables, dessert, and drinks. The price is \$20.00 a person. Tickets are available in Oct. and Nov. from Jerrie Balthaser at our meetings. If you can not come to the Oct. or Nov. meeting and you wish to come to the banquet, please call 610-488-1226 to reserve your tickets. Please only call if you can not make it to a meeting and you want to go to the banquet. Our entertainment will be Keith Brintzenhoff who will do some German, English, and Christmas songs with plenty of humor thrown in. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Arlene Rhoads





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### SHOEMAKERSVILLE SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

The Senior Club meets every Tuesday at 1:00 PM in the Banquet Hall of the Shoemakersville Fire Company. Come and join us, all are welcome. Our trip coordinator, Marlene Kline, has planned the following trips. Please contact Marlene at (610) 562-8364 for information.

October 19, 2022 November 2, 2022 December 1 & 2, 2022 December 7, 2022 December 21, 2022 Atlantic City, NJ Windcreek Casino Turning Stone Casino, Verona, NY Windcreek Casino Christmas Show – American Music Theater

I want to mention, with sadness, the passing of our Correspondence Secretary, Prudence Hepner. I am sure there is another Angel in Heaven.

Janet Craley, Acting Correspondence Secretary

### **SENIOR CLUB OF LAURELDALE**

Calvary Lutheran Church in Laureldale is the location of our 2nd Friday monthly meetings at 11:00 AM. Contact our President, Cassandra McWilliams 610-929-0896 for more details. Below are upcoming activities:

October 14 - Meeting: Besides our Hot Dog and Sauerkraut lunch, our program will be presented by Vicky Heffner of the Reading Historical Society. Membership Linda and Richard Weitzel will start collecting \$5.00 for 2023 dues. Sunshine lady, Pat Sauder, will be taking Christmas Dinner reservations, cost \$15.00 per member. And our Treasurer, Joan G. Lee keeps track of our accounts.

October 18 - Tuesday - Our last 2022 Casino bus departs at 9:00 AM for Wind Creek.

November 22 - American Music Christmas Show is our remaining 2022 Day Trip, planned by Pat Schleicher 484-709-0279. A few seats are still available.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN: To us "young at heart" seniors. Who's behind that Mask ??? !!!

Submitted by: Helen Quade, P/R and Trips.

#### **LEAGUE OF GOLDEN AGERS, MOHNTON**

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Upcoming Trips include:

Wed. Sept. 7: MYSTERY TOUR, \$75.00

Wed. Oct. 19: PEDDLER'S VILLAGE, \$75.00

Wed. Nov. 2: DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATER, \$97.00

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After a hot, humid summer, we can still travel and have some fun before the cold weather arrives.

For more information call ROXIE @ 610-334-4084. Submitted by SUSAN MESSNER, SECRETARY

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### **BLANDON SENIOR CITIZENS**

Anna Mae Kerschner, Membership Chairperson reported at the Sept. 14 meeting that we had 37 present. That was the same number as the June 8 meeting. We want to thank everyone who came out and we want to invite anyone who might be interested to come out and join us next month.

Our Meeting for October will be held on the second Wednesday, at the Maidencreek Church, along Rt. 73, or Blandon Main Street, at 12:00 Noon! Everyone is Welcome!

Vice President Jack Holubec & amp; Treasurer Anna Mae Kerschner presented the following information about the Thanksgiving Dinner which will take place on November 9 at 12:15 p.m. at Janelle Hall, 360 Fleetwood Road, Bowers. The Menu will be: Turkey/Ham, Potato Filling, Gravy, Corn, Green Beans and Pies for Dessert. Cost: \$17.00.

Our Christmas Dinner will take place on December 14. The menu will be provided by Catering by Kathryn's at the Maidencreek Church at 12:00 Noon. Menu will include: Roast Beef/Ham, Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli/Cauliflower Mix, Candid Sweet Potatoes, Cherry Crisp for dessert, Coffee & amp; Soda. Cost: \$16.00.

Don't sit at home being bored. You will enjoy the food, meeting, entertainment and probably see some people that you know! Hope to see you soon.

Submitted by Shirley L. Readinger- Ziegler, Club Secretary

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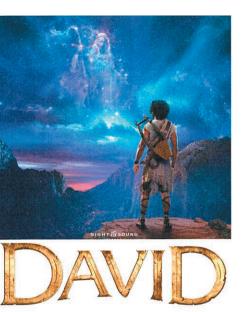
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#### **PEOPLE OVER FIFTY SOCIAL CLUB**

MEETING LOCATION: St. John's Gernant's Church, 13 Gernant's Church Rd., Leesport.

NEXT MEETING: 4th Wed. of the month, October 26. Meeting starts 11:00; doors open 10:30.

Most of us learned simple rhymes and short poems when in grade school. One I learned in fourth grade has stuck with me and really represents how I feel about fall and October in particular. The author is unknown by me, but I want to share it with you. "Oh, suns and skies and clouds of June, Count all your boasts together. You cannot rival for one short hour, October's bright blue weather." If you find October as invigorating as I do, then you will want to get out, join with others, and do things. Our Club has all this to offer plus more. Come back or join us for a first time! New members who join this fall do not pay dues for 2022. We will be accepting dues for 2023 starting in October and thru the New Year. Our annual dues remain at \$5.00. We currently have 141 members and we welcomed 7 new members in August. Guests are always welcome and are asked to pay the \$4.00 basket fee which covers Club expenses for the meeting. Food can be ordered at the previous meeting or reservations sent to our PO Box or you may bring your own lunch. The Club does not provide a lunch beverage but coffee and cold water are available.

October's lunch, organized by the Travel Club Leaders, Karen Schaub, Karen Dietrich-Schwartz (484-269-9715), and Patricia Sinistri (610-678-8654), will be chicken noodle soup, a roll, applesauce, and dessert. The cost is \$7.00.

October's entertainment is Tom Vollmer and Mitch Wolfe. Tom plays the pedal steel guitar and he has opened for big name entertainment; Mitch plays the keyboard, piano, organ, guitar, and is a song writer. He is a music teacher and works with artists in Berks County. This month's entertainment is sponsored by members, Beverly Bubbenmoyer and George Kleppinger in honor of their anniversary. We wish them a long, happy relationship and thank them for sharing their happy event with us.

The trip to American Music Theater on December 6 still has a limited number of reservations available; contact a committee member for information. Our Club's holiday dinner will be the following day at Wyomissing Family Restaurant. More information will be forthcoming.

Three \$5.00 "Fuel Friends" prizes are awarded each month as a way of recognizing that driving to meetings has become more costly. In August we conducted our first 50/50 drawing to help defray the costs of entertainment and rent for meetings. Our entertainer for August, Mr. Jeff Krick, Sr., contributed a portion of his entertainment fee to assist us in this process. We are extremely grateful to him. He is more than a superb entertainer; he is a good person!

Serving as President of People Over Fifty Social Group is a rewarding experience and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve. I am constantly reminded of the goodness and generosity of others as I work with this group and others who interact with us. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please contact me.

Doris Turkes, Ph.D. (610-378-0434 - home; 703-989-1531 - cell)

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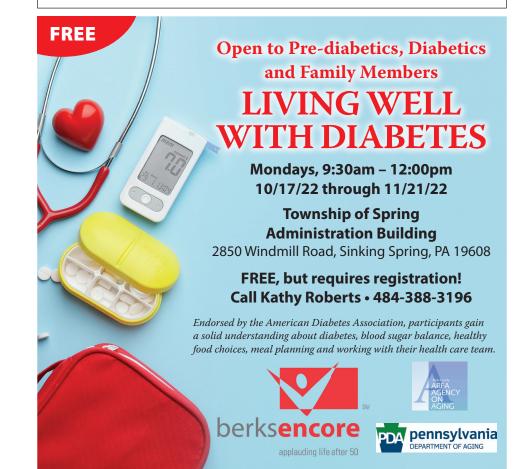
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In other news, 44 happy people attended our luncheon meeting in September. The upcoming rendezvous will be held on Thursday, 6 October. Yes, it will still be at the Wyomissing Family Restaurant, 1245 Penn Ave. Yes, you may still eat your little heart out. No, you may not ask for a doggie bag. The arrival time is still 11:30 a.m. Please honor the management's request to refrain from arriving earlier.

Concerns? Contact Larry Jambeau: parishretirees@comcast. net. RICH KENNEDY

#### HAMBURG SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hamburg Senior Citizens Club will meet at the first United Church of Christ at 3rd and Pine streets, Hamburg at 2:00 pm the second Wednesday of October.

Program: MR. Massimo Bhutto will sing for the members.

Trips: The October trip to Lake Tobias is canceled.

November 16 - American Music Theater - Christmas show

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### **BLUE MOUNTAIN 50 PLUS CLUB**

#### **Club Meetings:**

\*\*Note\*\* October Banquet Location has Change.

Saturday, October 8 - 12 noon - October Banquet - Little Swatara Church of the Brethren, 31 Rehrereburg Rd., Bethel PA 19507 Program - Solid Gold

(Ticket required, contact Linda Reed 610-488-1180. Sale of tickets ends September 24th)

Saturday, November 12 – 1:00 pm \*\*Note\*\* 2nd Saturday

Program - Tulpehocken High School Show Choir

Note: All Blue Mountain 50 Plus Club, monthly meetings, are held at the Little Swatara Church of the Brethren, 31 Rehrersburg Rd., Bethel, Pa, 19507.

Pinochle Card Club is held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month., at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bethel, PA 19507. For more information call Nelson Jacobs - 717-926-4211.

#### 2022 Trip Schedule:

Friday, October 7, "The Texas Tenors" American Music Theater, Evening meal at Plain & Fancy Restaurant, before the show. Price: \$103.00

Thursday, November 10, "David" Sight & Sound Theater. Lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant before the show. Price: \$105.00

Wednesday, December 7, "Christmas Tree Ship" Bird-In-Hand Theater & Smorgasbord. Lunch before the show. Price: \$84.00

All trip buses leave from Little Swatara Church of the Brethren, 31 Rehrersburg Rd. Bethel, PA 19507. Call: Nancy Tice 717-350-8621 or Linda Reed 610-488-1180 or email bluemountain50plus@comcast.net, to schedule a trip.



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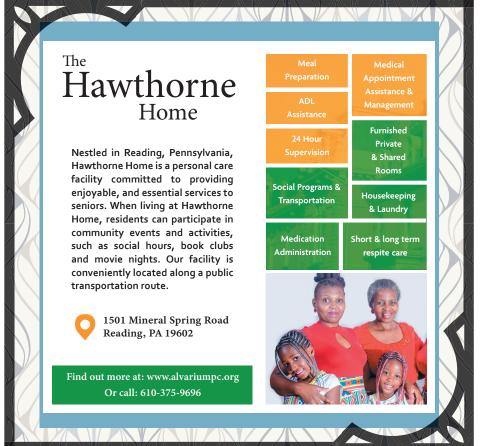
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Fall has arrived and our Seniors are back in full swing. Our Membership Meeting was well attended and 74 members have joined to date. Our next meeting is October 5 at 9:30 am in the Gym in the t Education Center. Please note the change in time and place. Annual dues are \$7.00 and may be paid at any meeting. Our program for the meeting is a presentation by Rebecca Birch from the Reading Public Museum about Fairy Houses, Witches, Gnomes and other whimsical things in the Garden. As always refreshments will be provided. Trips 2022 - Our Silver Birches and Christmas Show trips are full. A Mystery Trip on October 25 at \$99 still has availability. An overnight trip to Visit Bethlehem Christmas City (day 1) and Longwood Gardens (day 2) is scheduled for December 15-16. Several fun and exciting trips are in the planning stages for 2023. Details will be in the next issue of Berks Encore. Please call Judy Jablonski at 610-670-0907 for trip details. Any other questions, please call Barb Kunder at 610-763-1383.

### **WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB OF BERKS COUNTY**

The WSCBC meets every second Tuesday from September through June at 1:00 pm at the Spring Ridge Recreation Building in Wyomissing. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11th. Each month we have a different program ranging from a tea, yoga, and various speakers to luncheons and musical entertainment.

In addition to the monthly meetings, we offer various programs for the enjoyment of the members.

Hand and Foot Canasta, play monthly at the YR Club, where you can choose to come for lunch before the game

Wine and Cheese, bring your spouse/partner to a member's home for a social evening Games Group, different games are played each month at the Berkshire Mall Social Bridge, play monthly at Chef Allan's where you can choose to come for lunch

before the game Knitting, meets monthly at a member's home where beginners and pros are welcome Breakfast Out, meet members for breakfast or coffee

Ladies Night Out, happy hours or dinner at various locations throughout the county Lunching Out, lunch with members at local restaurants

We are an extremely friendly group eager to welcome new members to join us in the fun and games. You can attend 2 activities before you decide to join. The annual dues is \$25.

Please contact Susan Hildebrand for more information sue41349@gmail.com or 570 722 6003.



### **ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA 50+ CLUB**

Our monthly meetings are normally held at 1:00 PM on the first Wednesday of every month at St. Catharine's Social Hall on Route 562, 4975 Boyertown Pike in Exeter Township, dues are \$5.00 per year. All are welcome.

Wednesday October 5, Mark Goldstein will speak about "Blankets for Hope". Refreshments will be provided – cakes, coffee, tea and water.

Anyone attending the meeting will be asked to show proof of Covid Vaccination. If an attendee does not have proof of vaccination he/she will be asked to wear a mask. TRIPS ARE BACK! Why not join us?!

Fri., Oct. 21: American Treasure Tour, tram ride through rooms of Memory Lane, with full room of operating musical organs + lunch + Colebrookdale Railroad. 2 hour train ride. \$135.

Wednesday, November, 16: Magic Moments of Christmas at the National Christmas Center + lunch on your own at Cracker Barrel + Christmas show at American Music Center. \$120.

Contact Pat White 610-582-1437 for more information on trips. Proof of COVID Vaccination is required for all 50+ club Trips. Please call Maria Bunch, Vice-President at 610-582-4632 with questions or concerns. See us on Facebook!

### **TUCKERTON NIFTY FIFTY CLUB**

Our club is a very active Senior Club and we are starting to plan for the 2023 Season. Our Membership drive started in September and ends October. Our Christmas Banquet is all set for December 12. Our trip Coordinator has also been busy planning our 2023 Trip schedule.

Our last day to renew membership for 2023 is at our meeting on October 10, 2022. Membership dues are \$6.00.

The club will vote in October for our 2023 Club Officers. Any club member can run for a position on our board. The positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The new officers will be installed at our December meeting.

Reservations for our December 12 Christmas banquet may be made at our October and November club meetings. Full payment is due when the reservation is made. The Christmas Banquet is a ticketed event. Everyone attending must show their ticket or they will be turned away.

We still have several trips planned to round out the 2022 trip schedule and there are always cancellations that need to be filled.

October 12 – Dutch Apple "Saturday Night Fever"

October 27 - Penn's Peak "Barbara and Frank"

December 7 – American Music Theatre "Winter Wonderland" with lunch at Shady Maple. Payment due date is October 10.

Call Marilyn Daniels, our Trip Coordinator, at 610-929-5465 with any questions concerning our trips.

Submitted by Rose Ertz, Secretary, Publicist

### **GOLDEN SENIORS OF SPIES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Our club is looking for additional members to share in our fellowship. We plan on having a gentleman play the Keyboard and also sing for our October meeting. For November we hope to have a person come and teach us how to do flower arranging for a cost of \$15 each. We are also looking into having persons come and educate us on home security and personal security items in case of falls. Please feel free to join us the second Thursday of each month at 1 pm at the Lutheran Church on Spies Church Road. Handicap accessible.



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<b>25.</b> Mars, to the Greeks	<b>57.</b> "Encore!"	<b>21.</b> Foreword, for short	48. Biscotti flavoring				45					46				47	48	49
<b>26.</b> Farm area	<b>58.</b> Broadcast	<b>22.</b> Receive	49. Book of maps		50	51					52				53			├
<b>27.</b> Fertilizer chemical	<b>59.</b> Arizona city	<b>26.</b> Aug. follower	50. Kind of palm															
<b>28.</b> Kid	<b>60.</b> welcome	<b>27.</b> One who puts you	<b>51.</b> Biblical brother	54						55					56			
<b>31.</b> Banana oil, e.g.	<b>61.</b> Darjeeling and	in your place	<b>52.</b> Stew	- 7						50		<u> </u>	<u> </u>		50	<u> </u>		⊢
<b>34.</b> of Wight	oolong	<b>28.</b> Clothing	<b>53.</b> Note	57						58					59			
<b>35.</b> Frosh, next year	<b>62.</b> Blast furnace input	<b>29.</b> Big production	<b>54.</b> Can	60	<u> </u>					61		<del>                                      </del>	<u> </u>		62	<u> </u>		├──
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