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Our Most Senior, Senior

Rover Community Transportation prides itself with providing quality transportation to any member of the community. However, the majority of our rides each day are for those members of our population that are Senior Citizens.

We take seniors everywhere, mostly to places that are outlined for our senior shared rides. Places like Senior Centers, trips to the grocery store, doctors appointments, pharmacies, and nursing homes to visit loved ones. We do this all for just 75 cents each way!

It's always fun for us to learn new things about those we transport,

and recently we found out that our most senior senior is Lena Caudill. Lena is 102 years young and has been riding Rover for the past year and a half. She was gracious



enough to take some time and answer a few questions about her

Rover experience and what she likes most about riding with us.

Most of Lena's rides are group trips with the Friends Home in Kennett Square. Their trips take them to places like local shopping centers, the movies, the library and the Kennett Senior Center for their monthly tea parties.

Lena told us that her favorite place to go with Rover is anyplace we will take her and what she likes most about riding with Rover is that everyone is always very helpful and nice.

We truly appreciated Lena talking to us and really enjoyed her insight.

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In Addition....

In a previous issue of the “The Rover Gazette” we presented an article about the Chester County Library System. Upon publication of this story we were made aware of a very special connection between a member of the library system and our very own parent company, the Krapf’s Bus Companies.

In 1992, as part of the celebration of the Krapf’s 50th anniversary, a donation was made by Krapf’s to the efforts to renovate the children’s area of the Coatesville Public Library. As part of the renovation, shelf space was increased by 40%, the level of noise was decreased, children and parents were given a place to read together and a small stage was constructed to facilitate family story time.

Krapf’s decision to become involved in this project was very appropriate, since our company started to provide safe transportation to students to and from school.

The space was dedicated in May of 1992 and is named “The Krapf Family Childrens Library” and continues to be utilized, appreciated and enjoyed by the entire community.



Rover Recipe of the Month

Please enjoy this quick and easy recipe for a delicious meal. This month, our Lead Customer Service Representative, Debbie has provided us with a popular recipe from her own collection. As always, remember, Rover can provide you with transportation to the grocery store to purchase all of the ingredients!

Mulligan Stew

Ingredients

- 1 pound Extra Lean Ground Beef
- 1 Large Onion, diced
- 4 Stalks of Celery, diced
- 4 Large Potatoes, cut into small pieces
- 2 - 15.25 oz cans - Creamed Corn
- 1 - 28 oz can - Crushed Tomatoes
- 1 stick - Butter or Margarine

Instructions

Brown ground beef. Add onion, celery and potatoes and cook until potatoes are soft. You may need to add a little water while the potatoes are cooking. Drain excess water, and add tomatoes and corn. Bring to a boil then add butter or margarine and let simmer for 15 minutes before serving.



Help Us Help You!

In an effort to improve our services for all of our passengers, we would like to encourage everyone to visit our website www.riderover.com and complete the survey which can be accessed by clicking on the icon on the bottom left hand corner of the page marked “Passenger Survey”. We value your opinion and are greatly looking forward to the feedback!!!!

Chester County Spotlight: The National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum

For many years the city of Coatesville was known for its steel making. That has once again come to the forefront with the National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum. It is a site for those that would like to learn not only about the steel making industry, but the people that worked and made it possible should visit, and Rover can take you there!

The history of steel making in Coatesville goes all of the way back to the early 19th century, where Rebecca Lukens, an entrepreneur, began managing the mill and started an extremely lucrative steel making operation on the Brandywine River.

The museum, created through the vision of the Graystone Foundation, a charity whose purpose is to promote the knowledge of the history of iron and steel not only in Coatesville, but in Chester County as a whole.

The tour begins in the Lukens Executive Office Building, first built over 110 years ago. While there, you can learn about the steel making process as well some of the historic places that were built using Lukens

steel. Places like the Space Needle, Veterans Stadium, the USS Nautilus and Alvin, the deep sea submarine. In addition, Lukens Steel created portions of the World Trade Center, with remnants now on display at the museum.

You will then visit the three mansions of the complex, Brandywine Mansion, Graystone and Terracina and see the narrow gauge locomotive with which



scrap metal was transported throughout the Lukens facility. Some tours also include a stop at the Lukens firehouse where visitors can see a fire engine built in 1945 and an ambulance built in 1965 as well as a naval sonosphere. Each of these are a portion of the museums' Restored Artifacts Exhibit. This gives visitors the opportunity to see each of these modes of transportation up close and

takes them back to a time when each were the height of technology.

The tour usually takes about an hour and a half and has both indoor and outdoor portions to it. The outdoor portions are limited to walking between buildings as well as certain parts of Lukens artifact collection. It should also be noted that the tour is wheelchair accessible; however there are small portions which may be difficult to navigate. Due to this, the museum does have the capability to alter the tour to the needs of each individual group.

The museum is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, with the final tour beginning at 3:00 p.m. Tours can be catered to the needs of the individuals and group trips are available as well. For more information about the museum or to plan your visit, you can contact them at 610.384.9282 or via their website at www.steelmuseum.org.



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Senior Center Events & Activities

Coatesville Area Senior Center

Lunch and Learn: United Way Dial 211
Wednesday, Apr 30th, 12:00 p.m.
 When you need assistance figuring out who to call for help... Dial 211, come find out how this works! \$2 lunch for anyone 60 and older, \$4.50 for anyone under 60.

Yoga Classes
Weekly
 Gentle Yoga and Chair Yoga, both focusing on flexibility and balance, are offered each week, Gentle on Tues. at 10, and Chair Fri. at 10:15. \$5 for non-members and \$1 for members

Dining with Diabetes
Thursday's, 12:30-2:00
 Learn about nutrition, meal planning, and cooking for those with Diabetes.

Kennett Area Senior Center

Sunday Dinner with Friends
Sun. April 27th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Join us for our Easter Dinner with dinner from 1:00 to 2:00 and dancing with music from "The Dixie Demons" from 2:00 - 3:00. \$10 per person, call the center for reservations.

Sing-a-Long with Margene.
Wednesday's 12:30 - 1:00

Our "Singing Group" class meets weekly, unless noted otherwise. Please call Andrea if interested.

The Knitting Group
Tuesday's 9:00 - 11:00

Join Knitters of all experience levels to work new patterns, learn some new stitches and hone your skills. \$1 per class.

West Chester Area Senior Center

5th Annual Great Race
Saturday May, 10th

Join the very popular 5k / 1 mile walk or run! This fundraiser is a great way to support the center! Contact the center for more information.

Senior Living Options Workshop
Thurs. April 24th, 1:00 p.m.

Chester County Ombudsman, Jenn Costello will be our guest speaker. Jenn is skilled in nursing facilities and personal care homes, in the community.

Reminiscing
Monday's, 12:45 p.m.

Come enjoy the company of friends while participating in

upbeat conversations about events of the past.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group
Wednesday, Apr. 30th, 1:15

Join this monthly group sponsored by Neighborhood Health Agencies, Inc.

Oxford Area Senior Center

Country Line Dance Class
Tuesday's April 1st, 8th, 29th,
12:45 p.m.

Come join our dancers, New participants are always welcome. Judy will give catch-up instruction! It's a great time and good exercise.

Balance Your Checkbook
Tuesday Apr. 15th & 29th
By Appointment Only

Jane, a recent retiree of National Penn Bank will be available to help with checkbooks and paying a few bills. Contact the Center for Jane's contact information.

Spring Breakfast
Friday, May 2, 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a delicious all you can eat breakfast for only \$6.00. No reservations needed.

Rover Anniversaries

Rover Community Transportation wishes to congratulate and thank the following employees for all of their hard work and years of dedication.

21 years Melissa Joyce	16 years Lawrence Ducceschi	12 years Daniel Smoker
10 years Vernon Stack	6 years Monica Fiorentino	5 years Joseph Silvestri Arthur Luke
4 years Charles Lance Kirk Hall Larry Hagelgans William Hedges Dereck Jardin Rafael Carrasquillo	3 years Peter Cekot John Marren John Newton Wayne Cohen	2 years Anne Strommer-Marcantonio Norman Kulp Robin Whiteman
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The Story of: The Ceremonial First Pitch

Many people look forward to April for many reasons, warmer weather, spring being in full effect, and of course Opening Day of a new baseball season. From Little League all the way up to Major League Baseball, this is a very exciting time of the year. One of the most interesting aspects of Opening Day is the Ceremonial First Pitch, and here is how it got its start.

The custom is for a guest of honor or notable individual, in many cases a politician, celebrity, former player, or in some instances a corporate sponsor of that night's giveaway, throw out the first ball at the end of the pre game festivities. Many Little Leagues will plan for this to occur at their Opening Ceremonies for the season, while in the professional ranks, they happen prior to most games.

Some of the most notable first pitches have come from United States Presidents, starting with William Howard Taft, who in 1910 started the custom of throwing the first pitch from his place in the grandstand. This continued until Ronald Reagan took the mound in Baltimore on an unscheduled appearance to throw out the first ball.

One of the most famous of these was prior to game 3 of the 2001 World Series between the Arizona Diamondbacks and the New York Yankees where then President George W. Bush took the mound at Yankee Stadium less than 2 months after the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001.

It's always fun to see who each team or league chooses to throw out the Ceremonial First Pitch.... Play Ball!

