

CIVIC BRIEFS

Alzheimer's group sets monthly meeting

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas. The facility is located at 55 W. Center Hill Road. The public is invited.

Irem Country Club sets arts, crafts show

More than 50 vendors are expected to participate in the Arts, Crafts & Collectibles Show, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Irem Country Club pavilion. In addition to the crafts, there will be a light lunch available, baked goods, and door prizes. There is ample parking available and the pavilion is handicapped-accessible. The event is being sponsored by the Irem Ladies and Betsy Wood is the chairwoman.

Music Box Players holding auditions

The Music Box Players will be holding auditions for "Close Encounters of the Murdered Kind" at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25 and Tuesday, Sept. 26 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes Street in Swoyersville.

The audience participation murder-mystery was written and directed by Billy Joe Herbert. Auditions are open to men and women ages 16 and older. The performance dates are Oct. 20-22. For more information, call 283-2195.

All-day bingo to be held Oct. 15

The Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Co. in Center Moreland will hold an all-day

bingo Sunday, Oct. 15. The doors will open at noon and early birds start at 1:30 p.m. Dinner and refreshments will be provided for all players. For reservations, call Jim at 333-4095. Walk-ins are welcome.

Fall craft show set for Oct. 1

The Dallas Boys Soccer Booster Club will hold its fall craft show on from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 at the high school. There is no admission charge. The show will feature a variety of handmade items, baked goods, gift items, jewelry and crafts.

Dallas ambulance begins subscription drive

The Dallas Fire and Ambulance Company recently began its annual ambulance subscription drive. Any resident of Dallas Borough - as well as Dallas Township residents who are served by the company - who did not receive a subscription letter should call 675-0636 or e-mail DallasStation1@epix.net as soon as possible.

Food pantry in need of items

The Back Mountain Food Pantry has a significant need for the following items - flour, sugar, salad dressing, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned pasta, ketchup and baked beans. Items may be dropped off at the food pantry, which is located at the Trucksville United Methodist Church. Food items may also be dropped off at the church office. For hours, or more information, call 696-3897.

Library using raffle to help repair water problem

The cost to resolve a longtime problem of water seeping into the basement of the Back Mountain Memorial Library is hoping to offset by the proceeds from a fund-raising raffle sponsored by the library's board of directors.

The building that houses the Back Mountain Memorial Library was originally constructed in 1925. An underground spring runs nearby, resulting in dampness and water entering an area that the library relies on for much-needed storage and work space, as well as threatening the integrity of the building.

"Water seepage in the library's basement has caused slow but sure deterioration of the walls and floors, making the use of the space questionable," said library board member Dick Evans. "The board found a company that has

restored the basement area for functional use."

To pay for the necessary improvements, the board is asking community members to help by purchasing \$5 raffle tickets. An heirloom quality, hand-carved rocking horse, crafted by wood sculptor Matthew Borne is being

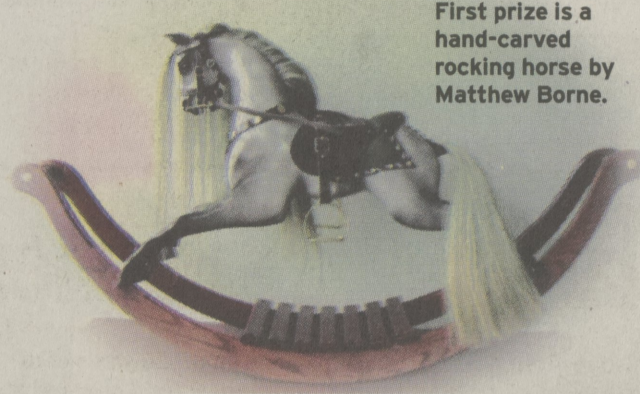
offered as first prize. The second prize is a set of two tickets to the Penn State game against Temple on November 11; third prize is a family golf membership at Newberry Estates; fourth prize is a \$300 gift certificate for Sew Fine Draperies and Interiors; and fifth prize is a \$100 gift certificate for

Eagle Golf Shop.

Raffle tickets are available at \$5 each from board members and at the library. The drawing for the Penn State tickets will take place Nov. 1. All other prizes will be awarded during the Thanksgiving weekend. All proceeds from the raffle go to be used for capital improvements and repairs needed to preserve the building.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library serves nine municipalities and two school districts with trained staff, dedicated volunteers, progressive children's programs and state-of-the-art technology. Visit the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Web site at www.backmountainlibrary.com.

For more information, call the library at 675-1182.



First prize is a hand-carved rocking horse by Matthew Borne.

Masonic Village receives approval for planned development

The Masonic Village at Dallas recently received approval from Dallas Township its planned residential development and conditional final plan approval for construction of its retirement community planned on the grounds of the Irem Country Club.

"We are looking forward with great excitement toward continuing our construction efforts in cooperation with the Irem leadership and community officials," said Joseph Murphy, chief executive officer for the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which operate

four other retirement communities in Pennsylvania. "We expect to meet the conditions recommended by the township and other requirements, and move full-steam ahead so our first residents can move in before the end of this year."

The Masonic Village at Dallas will be an adult retirement community, with its first phase offering 45 apartments and 38 cottages featuring various floor plans. The master plan for the community includes future possible development of up to 222 additional retirement living accommodations, based on de-

mand, as well as future enhancements to the country club buildings and grounds.

"We believe our community will be successful because not only do we come to Dallas with more than 100 years experience in providing services to seniors, but we have established partnerships with quality local health care providers that will offer our residents the full continuum of services they may need or desire," Murphy said.

Entrance fees begin at \$91,800 and monthly service fees start at around \$550 per month.

Murphy credited the Masonic

Villages' relationship with the Irem Country Club as being integral to establishing ties within the local community as well as providing an optimal location for the retirement community. The two entities first announced their intentions to work together in March 2005.

The Masonic Village at Dallas will offer marketing presentations at 10 a.m. Sept. 27 and Oct. 11 at the Irem Country Club. Anyone interested in learning more about the retirement community should make reservations by calling the Masonic Village at Dallas at 1-866-851-4243.

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