

CIVIC BRIEFS

ALL-DAY BINGO SET

An all-day Bingo will be held today, April 14 at the Northmoreland Twp. Fire Hall in Centermoreland.

Doors open at 12:01 p.m. and early birds begin at 1:30 p.m. A dinner will be served at approximately 4:30 p.m.

For reservations, call Jim or Carol at 333-4906.

AUDITIONS SLATED

Auditions for "The Misadventures of Little Red Riding Hood" will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 15 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, Hughes Street, Swoyersville, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville. All roles are open to men and women.

Participants must bring sheet music of a song of their choice and an accompanist will be provided. All will be asked to read from the script. Show dates are May 17, 18, 19 with schoolday performances on May 15 and 17.

For more information, call 283-2195.

BOBACK HOURS LISTED

A member of Rep. Karen Boback's staff will be available from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, April 17 at the Benton Senior Center in the Northern Columbia Community and Cultural Center, 42 Community Drive in Benton.

Individuals who cannot attend the satellite hours can contact either of Boback's full-time district offices, located in Sweet Valley at 477-3752 or in

Tunkhannock at 836-4777.

BREAKFAST SERVED

Dallas Odd Fellows Oneida Lodge 371 will hold its annual breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas, Route 309 to 415. A donation of \$7 is requested.

HARMONY CHORUS SLATES CONCERT

"Celebrate Harmony 75 Years," the annual concert of the Wyoming Valley Barber-shop Harmony Chorus will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 at Wyoming Area High School, Exeter.

Tickets, at \$20 and \$15 and all reserved seating, are available from any member of the chorus, by calling 287-2476 or 696-3385 and at the door the night of the performance.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

The Noxen Volunteer Fire Comp0amy will hold a breakfast buffet from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 21 at the fire hall on Stull Road, Noxen.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age.

BINGO SLATED

Bingo will be held on Monday, April 22 at Northmoreland Fire Hall in Centermoreland. Doors open at 5 p.m. and early birds start at 6:30 p.m.

Food and beverage will be available. For more information, call Jim at 333-4906.

AUDITIONS SLATED

serviced by the library board of directors with Ashbridge

"I can't look at a piece of glass without thinking what he taught me about antiques," she added.

"I'm missing a true friend here today," said Joe Stager, who co-chaired the auction with Ashbridge in 2000. "He gave his whole life to this community, had good ideas, would listen and respected your position, as well."

Steve Traver, an area auctioneer, credits Ashbridge with helping him in his career. "Ernie helped me grow, gain my confidence back and got me

Auditions for "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 25 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville.

Five men's roles and four women's roles are open to those ages 16 and older. Participants must bring sheet music of a song of their choice and an accompanist will be provided. All will be asked to read from the script. Performances are June 13 to 16 and June 20 to 23.

For more information, call 283-2195.

LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library and Leggio's Italian Restaurant, 64 E. Center Hill Road, Dallas will join together to host a fundraising event at the restaurant from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24 to support activities of the Children's Summer Reading Program.

A percentage of the total sales (bar not included) taken in during that time, including eat-in, take out and gift certificates purchased, will be donated to the library.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

A roast beef dinner will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24 at the Northmoreland Fire Hall in Centermoreland.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets will be available at the door. Takeouts available.

into some high-end estate sales. He was my buddy and got me involved in volunteering at the library auction."

In 2009, the last year he was antiques chairman, Ashbridge was quoted in an article in The Dallas Post. "Even if I'm not a chairman next year, I'll always be here helping them. I'll never go away. They can't get rid of me," he chuckled. "I do enjoy auctions."

Friends are invited to call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 19 at the Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas. Funeral services will be private.

Boz Scaggs coming to Misericordia

Grammy Award-winner Boz Scaggs will bring the unmistakable blend of his blues, rock and jazz music to the Wells Fargo Amphitheater as he headlines the annual Misericordia University Under the Stars Summer Arts Festival at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 13.

The festival also includes the Jazz in July concert featuring the Emily Asher's Garden Party with guest Bria Skonberg at 8 p.m. on Monday, July 8.

"The Memphis Tour" is in support of Scaggs' new studio album, "Memphis," his first in five years.

His 32 show dates take him throughout the country from California to Connecticut and from Texas to Florida, as well as Canada. He puts a distinctive touch on classic hits like "Rainy Night in Georgia," "Corinna Corinna" and "Mixed Up, Shook Up Girl," as well as on a couple of originals. The 13-tracks were recorded in Memphis, Tenn., in three days at the city's landmark Royal Studios.

Tickets for the Under the Stars Summer Arts Festival go on sale Wednesday, May 1 exclusively through the Misericordia University Box Office at 674-6719.



Grammy Award-winner Boz Scaggs will headline the annual Misericordia University Under the Stars Summer Arts Festival at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 13.

Tickets for the Starlight Concert featuring Boz Scaggs are \$380 for festival tables that seat six, \$30 for amphitheater tickets and \$20 for lawn seats.

Tickets for the Jazz in July

concert featuring Emily Asher's Garden Party with guest Bria Skonberg are \$120 festival tables that seat six, \$30 for amphitheater tickets and \$8 for lawn seats.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior citizens centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offer hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program. The following is the menu for the week of April 15:

MONDAY: Hamburger, cucum-

ber and beet salad, cream of broccoli soup, whole wheat sandwich roll, crackers, ketchup, mustard, ice cream cup, margarine, milk and coffee.

TUESDAY: Rosemary roast turkey, gravy, bread stuffing, peas and pearl onions, whole wheat bread, cranberry sauce, chocolate chip cookie, margarine, milk and coffee.

WEDNESDAY: Honey mustard chicken, oven-browned potatoes,

chuckwagon corn, whole wheat dinner roll, fruit and yogurt, margarine, milk and coffee.

THURSDAY: Baked ham with fruit sauce, gravy, sweet potatoes, lima beans, whole wheat dinner roll, strawberry shortcake, margarine, milk and coffee.

FRIDAY: Salisbury steak, noodles, parsley buttered carrots, peas, whole wheat bread, birthday cake, margarine, milk and coffee.

ASHBRIDGE

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and was interested in and encouraging to the library staff."

Ashbridge and his wife, Betty, of Shavertown, became involved in volunteering at the auction in 1959 when Betty was the antiques chairman. Ernie took over the position and volunteered for the next 50 years until 2009 when he stepped down for health reasons.

The pair was inseparable - Ernie moving the heavy furniture while Betty cleaned and catalogued it all. They ran an estate sale business together, suggesting to families to donate leftovers from a sale to the auction.

In addition to his wife, Ernie leaves behind a son, Ernie III, daughter Robyn Carson and three grandchildren, Ernest Anew Ashbridge, A.J. Carson and Amanda Carson.

During the 2009 library auction, Sue Hand, an area artist and yearly contributor to the auction, painted a tribute to Ashbridge. The painting was bought by a group of about 40 individuals from the community, some contributing as much as \$1,000, netting thousands of dollars for the library. The picture was then given to Ashbridge as a token of his 50 years of service to the auction.

Ashbridge's largesse and comforting spirit extended to the greater Back Mountain community, as well. The retired Hanover Bank executive served on the Dallas School Board for 32 years, 15 years as its president, and represented Dallas on the West Side Vo-Tech board.

"He was the man behind the scenes of so many successful Back Mountain community endeavors that today make such a difference in our community. We rode on his expertise," said State Rep. Karen Boback, who

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To NYC: Misericordia 7AM ... Wilkes University 7:20AM ... King's College 7:25AM ... Wyoming Valley Mall 7:35AM ... Arrive NYC (48th St. & 6th Ave.) 9:45AM

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