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Sun Valley High School Cheerleaders (l. to r.) Alyssa Barlow, Mandi O'Donnell, Giavanna Hill, and Chidae Carney give out lemonade at Community Day

Community Day 2015 a Success!

Moving the date back due to inclement weather did not affect the Community Day turnout. More than 4,000 people came out on the crisp fall day to participate.

Sponsored by the Aston Business Association, the day's events included a parade, which included a bike rodeo, best decorated bike contest, a business expo as well as various demonstrations, food court, local organizations and activities and rides for children. The parade featured schools, organizations, local and state officials, decorated bicycles, fire and police apparatus, cartoon characters and the Sun Valley High School Band. Aston Citizen of the year, Fran Miles, rode with his family in a specially designated car and was honored with a plaque during the opening ceremony that followed the parade.

In addition, the opening ceremony included the singing of the National Anthem by Richard Choate during the raising of the American Flag, *God Bless America*, *America the Beautiful* by Dr Yuki and the Neumann Choral Group and recognition of township resident Cameron McCarthy, a young girl who has been very ill, and was unable to attend.

As residents feasted on hot dogs, hamburgers, water ice, soft pretzels, pizza, ice cream and specialty foods provided by local businesses, residents ventured into the Community Center where countless businesses and local organizations distributed information and free giveaways. Local children seemed to enjoy themselves on a variety of inflatables, train rides, jumping trampoline, large slide and many more rides. "I would like to express my appreciation and a thank you to my committee people, businesses, Commissioners, Public Works, Neumann, Sun Valley & Northley volunteers and our reporters and photographers who helped to make Community Day a success," said Maryann Bullen. "Thank you to all our residents who attended this year and hope to see you again next year," said Bullen. Check out the back page for more photos from Community Day.

Aston Couple Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Bill and Ann Nixon celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, October 15. The couple purchased their home in Aston Township in the same year, where they still reside today.

Bill and Ann became involved with Aston Elementary School Parent Teacher League while raising



Commissioner Higgins presents Bill and Ann Nixon with their proclamation celebrating their 60 years of marriage.

their two children, Janice and Jay. These days, they are both retired but Bill remains involved with the Disabled Veterans Group, American Legion Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars and has been a member of the Penn Lodge 709 for 68 years, Ann is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary 87 in Aston.

DCIU Hearings Nov. 9 & 30

Two additional Conditional Use Hearing dates have been scheduled to consider a request by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU) for Conditional Use Approval to allow the DCIU to expand the current use at the Delaware County Technical School property at 100 Crozerville Road. The dates are Monday, November 9 and Monday November 30 at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room at 5021 Pennell Road.

These hearing will be open to the public. If anyone from the public wishes to speak or comment during the hearing, it will be necessary to complete an Entry of Appearance form prior to the start of the hearing and give it the Township Solicitor. Form can be downloaded from the Township

Monday and Tuesday's trash, recycling and leaf collection will be picked up on Monday, November 23; Wednesday and Thursday's trash, recycling and leaf collection will be picked up on Tuesday, November 24 trash, recycling and leaf collection will be picked up on Wednesday, November 25.

website or available at the hearing.

Rockdale Art Center Now Open In Aston

Rockdale Art Center in Aston is now open for classes. They will offer a variety of youth, adult and BYOB classes. For more information visit: www.rockdaleartcenter.com/.

Aston residents get a 10% discount on classes with the code ASTON10 when they register online.

Meals on Wheels Looking for Volunteers

Aston Meals on Wheels serves Aston, Brookhaven, and Parkside five days a week. Meals on Wheels needs your help for just 1-2 hours a month or a week to assist with delivery of meals to our home bound seniors.

If you are interested in this worthy cause, please call Joan Hanlon at 610-485-2729.

Classical Music for Children

If you're a parent who would like to introduce your child to classical music, mark your calendar for Sunday, November 8, at 3 p.m. That's when the Delaware County Symphony will present a special concert of classical music for children in the Bruder Life Center at Neumann University.

The program includes works by Mozart, Mahler and Gershwin. Admission is \$5; children under 12 are free. For tickets, call 610-879-7059 or visit www.dcsmusic.org.

The Fantasticks on Stage at Neumann

The Neumann University Players will stage *The Fantasticks*, a very popular American musical, on November 12-15 on campus. The play tells the story of a boy, a girl, and their two fathers who try to keep them apart. It features the classic song, *Try to Remember*.

Performances are in the Bruder Life Center at 8 p.m. on November 12, 13 and 14, and at 2 p.m. on November 15. General admission is \$10 and just \$5 for students.

Favorite Christmas Songs: Live Concert

The Neumann University Concert Chorale will present a concert of favorite Christmas songs on Friday, December 4, at 8 p.m. in the Bruder Life Center. The 70-member chorus will sing classical selections such as *Hallelujah Chorus* and *Silent Night* as well as contemporary tunes like *Heaven and Nature Sing* and *Do You Hear What I Hear*.

General admission is \$8 (seniors and students \$5). This performance regularly sells out. Please call 610-558-5626 to reserve tickets.

Aston Seniors to Meet Oct. 22

Aston Senior Citizens will be held on Thursday, October 22 at 10:45 a.m. at the Aston Community Center. Membership is open to Penn Delco residents (Aston, Parkside, Brookhaven).

Dues are \$10. Seniors are welcome to come and join at our next meeting or contact Stanley Wileczek, at 610-494-5434.

St. Francis de Sales Welcomes Three New Teachers

St. Francis de Sales School welcomes three new faculty members to the parish school. Miss Dara DiJoseph joins the faculty as the 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Aileen Sabatini as the 3rd grade teacher, and Mrs. Kimberly Kinsler as the 6th grade teacher. The new faculty members were introduced and welcomed during the annual Back to School Night. Together they bring 21 years of education experience and will play vital roles in preparing students for their life of Catholic faith, sacraments, and service.

Aston Township Historical Society November Events!

First, come home to Aston for the holidays! Join ATHS for the annual free Holiday Tea and Tree Trimming event at the quaint historic Village Green School House on Sunday, November

8, from noon to 2 p.m. The one room school house is located on Old Pennell Road in Aston, just north of 5 Points and Wendy's.

Relive the earlier, more simple ways to enjoy and celebrate the season. Help trim the Christmas Tree and have a relaxing beverage. The next big event is on Thursday, November 12, at 7 p.m. when ATHS welcomes Jack McKeown to its quarterly meeting at Aston Township Municipal Building.

McKeown will speak on the history of the fire companies in the area. He has also published a book, *Middletown Car 1 Responding*. Jack has served as Fire Marshall in Middletown for over 36 years and has a lot of history to share with the audience. There will be an opportunity to purchase his book along with time for questions and answers.

The events are free and open to the public. However, donations are always appreciated. Please ask about ATHS' interesting volunteer opportunities.

The newly revised ATHS History Museum and the Village Green School House are available by appointments for tours. Please contact Pat Smith to make arrangements at 610-494-4707 or Sheila Withelder at withelder@Comcast.net.

Aston Resident Receives Alumni Award from Neumann University

Aston resident Bruce D. Egan, Jr. received the 2015 Alumni Association John Neumann Award from Neumann University at an alumni recognition dinner on October 17. The award is presented to



outstanding alumni who, through professional development and community service, exemplify the values of the university.

Egan is assistant

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chief of EMS for the Crozer-Keystone Health System. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Neumann and as EMS captain at the Aston Township Fire Department. He is the former owner of Onsite Medical, a medical transport company.

ATHS Artifacts on View

The Aston Township Historical Society has many artifacts and aerial photographs on view in the center hall of the Community Center for all to enjoy. The Board is working on organizing the collection and planning future displays and programs. If you and your family or group would like to schedule a visit to the room or school house, or a program at your meeting, please call Pat Smith at 610 494-4707 or email Sheila at withelder@comcast.net.

We are always interested in old photos and mementoes of Aston's past. So before you throw it out give us a chance to decide it's historical value for you. Items can be dropped off at the Community Center for us or call or email for a pick up.

Our next meeting is November 12 at the Municipal Building 7 pm. Jack McKeown will discuss his work as the fire marshal for Middletown, local fires and emergencies in our area, and his new book, *Middletown Car 1 Responding!*

Public Works.. Around Aston

The Public Works department picked up 427 tons of refuse and 134 tons of recycled material in September. It also replaced and repaired street signs throughout the Township. It installed fall flags at the Community Center, completed construction on new picnic tables for the parks, mulching at the Community Center and preparing the Community Center island for holiday and Community Day.

Engraved Memorial Garden bricks make great birthday or remembrance gifts. Call Maryann Bullen at 610-494-2337.

Leaf Collection Program Begins

Public Works has begun picking up bagged leaves. Leaf bags are available for purchase for \$1.50 for a bundle of five in the municipal building. Seniors get their first five bags free.

Draft Master Park Plan Hearing

There will be a public hearing on the Draft Master Park Plan at the November 18 Commissioners Meeting.

Holiday Decorating Contest

The Aston Township Parks and Recreation Committee and Board of Commissioners are holding a holiday decorating contest for businesses and residents.

The business category will be divided up into three categories- industrial, large business, and small business. For residents, it's open to residents of all seven wards.

First place business prizes include advertising the winner's business in the January Township Times, the Township website, and TV channels for the month of January and a paid 1-year membership to the Aston Business Association. Honorable mention winners will receive a paid 1-year ABA membership.

Residential winners (one winner, one honorable mention per ward) will receive a \$100 gift card to Giant. Honorable mention winners will receive a \$50 Wawa gift card.

Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing on November 23 at 7 p.m. to consider a petition for an inter-municipal liquor license transfer from Peking restaurant in Middletown Township to Hennessy's Restaurant.

October 23-31 Proclaimed Red Ribbon Week

The Commissioners recognized the annual National Red Ribbon Campaign. Alcohol and other drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions and is a major concern to all Americans. With the American people indicating that alcohol and other drug abuse

November Public Meetings and Special Events

Parks and Rec Committee Meeting
7 p.m. Monday, November 2

Strategic Plan Meeting
2 p.m. Wednesday, November 4

Comprehensive Plan Meeting
6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 5

**New Construction Committee/
Special Mtg Board of Commissioners**
7 p.m. Tuesday, November 9

Work Session Meeting
2 p.m. Wednesday, November 11

Aston Business Association
6 p.m. Wednesday, November 11

Commissioners Meeting
7 p.m. Wednesday, November 18

Special Mtg Brd of Commissioners
7 p.m. Monday, November 23

Zoning Hearing Board
7 p.m. Tuesday, November 24

Special Mtg Brd of Commissioners
7 p.m. Monday, November 30

is among the most serious domestic problems facing the nation. It is also a major public health threat and one of the largest causes of preventable diseases, disability and death in the United States, costing American society many billions of dollars a year in lost productivity.

It is necessary to convey the message that any use of an illegal drug is unacceptable and that there is no safe use of such drugs. Illegal drug use will not be tolerated since such an abuse undermines our economy, threatens our national security, adversely affects productivity and ruins and destroys lives.

**Save the Date for the Tree Lighting
Ceremony on Friday, December 4!**

Frozen Raffle; Holiday Crafting and New Classes for Fall!

The Friends of the Library "Frozen" Raffle is going on through December 18. The prizes include a wide variety of items related to the movie "Frozen." You can get one ticket for \$2, three for \$5, or seven for \$10! Be sure to have a look at the basket at the library next time you're there.

Would you like your child to learn some useful skills while having fun? Join the Library Lego Club and learn about science, technology, engineering and math (and maybe some art) using Legos! Children ages 6-10 will experiment with Legos to complete assigned activities during the hour. All Legos are property of the library, so no need to bring your own. The program is on Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

The Aston Library is offering an Adult Coloring program on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a relaxing evening of coloring, fun and friendship! Light refreshments will be served and supplies will be provided.

Join us for a jewelry making class on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 11:00 a.m. as Linda Sivulich teaches us to make a beautiful pair of earrings to wear for the holidays or give as a gift. The cost of the program is \$25 for supplies.

Teens in grade 6-12 can join us on Saturday, November 21 at 11:30 a.m. to make a great craft to give someone for the holidays. All supplies are provided!

Our free chair yoga class will be back Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in November and December. Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga using a chair for support.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe on Tuesday November 17 at 5 p.m. The Hampstead Stage Company from New Hampshire will present a live-action dramatization of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* based on the classic by C.S. Lewis. Your child can see this world of wonder and magic brought to life. No registration is required for this free program.

We are offering two crochet groups for folks learning the craft at any level. One is running Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Stop by this month to join the group.

You can now purchase Friends of the Library T-shirts and bags to show your support of the library. These are available at the service desk at the library. Join the Friends of the Library. Go to www.astonlibrary.org and click on "Join Our Friends" to send in your info. The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. in the Library on the 17.

You can access books for your Kindle, Nook, or other e-book reader with your library card. Go to <http://digitallibrary.delcolibraries.org/> to see what is available. Are you on Facebook? Follow the Aston Library there. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/astonlibrary> to become a fan.



Brodie Wright reading to a dog at the Pals for Reading program last month



The Frozen raffle basket at the Library. Stop by and pick up some chances.



Rosalyn Neary shops the Friends of the Library Book Sale at Community Day

Community Day Continued..



Township Manager John Granger talks about the proposed streetscape plan with Sue Lashley.



Olivia and Ethan Shoulders pick a duck to win a prize.



Jack McKeowan and his grandson Riley Pool learn more about the Delaware County Bomb Squad.

Community Day Bike Winners

Winners 0 - 3

- 1st Molly McGuire
- 2nd Dylan Marcovitz
- 3rd Nicholas Frei

Winners 4 - 7

- 1st Kayla Stewart
- 2nd Austin Smith
- 3rd Patty Schaeffer

Winners 8 - 12

- 1st Kayleigh Kaiser
- 2nd Xavier Schaeffer
- 3rd Grace Stewart