

Center Moreland UMC to host National Day of Prayer services

The Center Moreland United Methodist Church will celebrate the 52nd Annual National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1. The special prayer program for our nation will begin with an open quiet time of prayer at 6 a.m. A Prayer Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. and conclude with a Prayer Service from 8-9 a.m.

Reservations for the breakfast are needed — call Pastor Larry Michael-Rush (333-4354) or Sheryl Phillips (333-4226) by April 27.

Local government leaders of townships and county, community volunteer organizations, school officials and the public are encouraged to attend this time and need of prayer for our nation. You are welcome to attend the entire program or any part of it.

Membership drive

The Franklin Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association Membership drive is now in progress. The Association will accept the insurance company payment for all members as paid in full. Non-members, however, will be responsible for paying the difference between the amount paid by the insurance company and the total of bill.

If you have not received a membership letter, or you have a question, call 574-1180.



Junior Girl Scouts earn Bronze Award

Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 2654, of Shavertown, recently completed work on their Bronze Award by presenting a four-hour program at Shavertown United Methodist Church for over 70 Brownie Girl Scouts from the Back Mountain. The Bronze Award, the highest a Junior Scout can earn, requires 15 hours of leadership work by each scout. The girls developed a program that allowed the Brownie Scouts to earn the Dancercise and the Sounds of Music Try-its. The Juniors were responsible for planning, invitations, location arrangements and program presentation. In addition, Katie Confer and Sarah Szczucki, members of Junior Troop 2649, earned the Leadership Award for their help with the program. Margie Banks and Karen Pietraccini are leaders for Troop 2654.

In left photo, Junior Girl Scouts who participated are pictured, front row, from left: Abbey Baltimore and Megan Hine. Second row, Molly Gilligan and Amanda Banks. Third row, Sarah Szczucki, Carli Menzel, Katie Confer, and Meghan Pietraccini. Fourth row, Karen Pietraccini, Hannah Bestwick, Briann Bolton, and Margie Banks. Below, members of Brownie Troop 2532 of Dallas enjoyed the dancing. From left are: Emily Lofing, Marimar Martinez, Stephanie Cybulski, and Khadayah Whitaker.

—Text and photos by M.B. Gilligan



Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company preparing for fair

The Sweet Valley Fire Company is preparing for its annual Memorial Day Weekend Fair. The fair begins on the evening of Thursday, May 22 and continues Friday, May 23, Saturday May 24 and concludes on Monday May 26, Memorial Day.

All activities take place on the fair grounds on Main Road, Sweet Valley, at the fire hall. There is plenty of free parking. Local bands will perform free entertainment each day of the fair. The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company will provide all food.

Vendors who wish to obtain information about leasing lots

on the fair grounds are asked to contact Robert Walsh at 477-5239.

Donations for the stand can be directed to Joy Wickard at 477-5323. Memorial Day, Monday May 26, a parade will take place. Floats from community or sports groups are welcome at no charge. Marching units are also invited to participate.

A Fireman's Olympics will be held immediately following the parade.

Any questions regarding information about the fair can be directed to John Eidam, at 477-3732.

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Curves helps with food drive

During the month of March, the 500 plus members of the Shavertown Curves for Women Fitness Center collected more than 1,000 pounds of food for the Back Mountain Food Pantry. This is the fourth year the facility has sponsored a food drive in the Back Mountain to feed the hungry.

Pictured, from left: Linda Wengen, manager of Curves, Joan Hilstolski, Jean Grube, Carol Williamson, and Pastor Jan Clark, chair person of the Back Mountain Food Pantry Board of Directors.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers 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 24-30. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The local Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

THURSDAY: Volunteer Appreciation day-veal parmesan, pasta w/tomato sauce, seasoned

spinach, lemon, Italian bread, fruited cookie.

FRIDAY: Roast beef, scalloped potatoes, peas, dinner roll, orange juice, pineapple.

MONDAY: Barbeque chicken, au gratin potatoes, seasoned broccoli, whole wheat bread, spice cake.

TUESDAY: Meatball hoagie, oven brown potatoes, vegetable medley, hoagie roll, chicken rice soup, birthday cake.

WEDNESDAY: Macaroni and cheese w/ham cubes, roman vegetable medley, dinner roll, cranberry juice, banana.

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