

CIVIC BRIEFS

Cancer educational specialist visits park

A cancer education specialist from the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute will be at Frances Slocum Park swimming pool from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, to educate the public about skin cancer through the Sun Safety in Northeastern Pennsylvania program.

Sun Safety is designed to raise awareness of skin cancer prevention, early detection and diagnosis issues throughout six counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Recognizing that the majority of lifetime sun exposure occurs before age 18, and sun exposure and sunburns early in life increase the risk of skin cancer, the Sun Safety initiative focuses on education for parents and children.

The cancer education specialists will provide information on the prevention and early detection of skin cancer. Children who participate in interactive projects will receive samples of sunscreen, distributed in colorful children's beach pails. Other giveaways and educational brochures will also be available for adults participating in our Sun Savvy Quiz.

The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute has partnered with Maternal and Family Health Services, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Procter and Gamble, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and Lackawanna Valley Dermatology Associates, Ltd. to kick off the 2007 Sun Safety in Northeastern Pennsylvania community education program.

Library offers Farmer's Market

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will once again offer the Farmer's Market to be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, beginning July 14. The market will be held on the grounds of the library.

Chicken dinner/bake sale planned

A Barbequed Chicken Dinner/Bake Sale will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, at the Loyalville United Methodist Church. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12 years of age. Take-outs are available. Call ahead to 477-3521 and leave a message with your name, phone number and number of dinners needed.

The Loyalville United Methodist Church is located 1/2 Mile off 29 South. Nine miles from

Noxen, turn left onto Loyalville Road. Church 1/2 mile Off Route 118. Four miles west of Dallas, turn right onto Loyalville Road (Approximately 3 miles - church on left). From W. Nanticoke, proceed to Hunlock Creek intersection. Continue North on Route 29, approximately four miles and Loyalville Road is on the right.

Center Moreland church plans VBS

Good News Bible teaching, crafts, special mission projects, fun & games, music, fellowship, great snacks and much more are always part of Vacation Bible School at the Center Moreland United Methodist Church, Creamery Rd., Center Moreland.

The theme for this year's school which will be held from July 23-27, is, "AVALANCHE RANCH."

Activities will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday only and at 9 a.m. all other days and continue until noon each day. The closing program will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 27.

Children 4 years through Junior/Senior High are invited. Junior and Senior High students will offer their help as crew leaders and helpers. There will be a Nursery Class for the children of teachers and helpers. Other nursery children are welcome if they are accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

For information and to pre-register, call Meg at 333-1016 or Sheryl at 333-4226.

Fire Company holds ham dinner

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company will hold a family style ham dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 28.

Back Mountain Food Pantry in need of clerical volunteers

The Back Mountain Food Pantry has openings for volunteers to register clients, schedule weekly orders and maintain related records from 10 a.m. to noon on one or two Tuesdays or Thursdays a month. Former clerical/office experience is helpful. Training specific to the job and orientation around the food pantry will be provided. Monthly schedules are made up in advance for this group of volunteers.

For further information, please call 696-2917. Leave your name and telephone number on the answering machine. Other volunteers will contact interested persons as soon as possible on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

MEADOWS PARTICIPATES IN UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING



The Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, recently had the privilege of being a United Way Day of Caring participant. Staff from Pride Mobility and Cornell Storefront Systems spent the day assisting in beautifying the grounds of the center. Day of Caring participants include, from left, Joell Williams, Cornell Storefront Systems; Betty Sorchik, Volunteer Director, The Meadows Nursing Center; Erica Elgonitus, Cornell Storefront Systems; Carrie Bogumil, Pride Mobility; John Falcone, Cornell Storefront Systems; Holly Fry, Cornell Storefront Systems; Wendy Boos, Pride Mobility; Mary Ashton, Pride Mobility; and Art Jones, maintenance supervisor, Ecumenical Enterprises Inc.

DALLAS ROTARY AWARDS BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS



At a recent dinner held in their honor, and joined by their parents, six students were presented with checks for \$500 each from the Dallas Rotary Club, to help offset the expenses of their first year in college. Book scholarship chairman, Rotarian Jim Alexander, noted that the Rotary Club of Dallas has awarded more than \$40,000 in scholarships to date. From left, seated, Samantha Jo Hudak, Lake-Lehman; Keith MacDermott, Northwest; Sarah Marianacci, Dallas. Standing, Kerry Freeman, club president; Andrew Slocum, Dallas; Keifer Moskaluk, Lake-Lehman; Jim Alexander, Rotary book scholarship chairman. Absent at the time of the photo was Jessica Meininger, Northwest.

ROBERT BAYER

Served with Army in World War II

Robert A. Bayer, 87, of Dallas passed away, Friday, June 29, 2007.

He was a graduate of Meyers High School and a U.S. Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, serving in Europe with the 100th Bomber Group as a tail gunner on a B17. He worked as an optician for Jewel Optical, a division of Dr. Brown Optometry.

He was a member of the VFW, Kingston Post; the American Legion, Dallas Post; and was also a member of the Autobahn Society.

Surviving are his wife, Brunhilde, of Dallas; son, Robert, of Dallas; two grandsons; sister, Jean Gries, of Wilkes-Barre.

CAROL WITKO

Played in two bands

Carol Joan Witko, of Harveys Lake, passed away, Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital

She grew up in Edwardsville, graduated from Edwardsville High School and raised two daughters while working in her own band, the Country Rebels and the Nashville Mod as well as a duet team with her second husband, Alan Witko.

Surviving are her daughters, Theresa Hollitt, of Sweet Valley, and Raye Ann Hollitt, of California; two granddaughters; first husband, Ray Hollitt.

DAN GALLOWAY

Served in Korean conflict

Dan Galloway, of Dallas, died Monday, June 11, 2007, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Greenville S.C., he was raised and educated in Greenville. He had served with the military during the Korean conflict and had been employed for many years as a bookkeeper in the local garment industry.

He was a member of International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU). Surviving are several cousins.

ARLENE THOMAS

Worked as certified nurse assistant

Arlene Caruso Thomas, 55, of Beaumont, died Friday, June 29, 2007, in the emergency room of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

A graduate of Marymount High School, Wilkes-Barre, she had resided in Beaumont for the past 15 years.

She had formerly been employed as a certified nurse assistant for Northeast Counseling Services, Nanticoke for 27 years.

Surviving are her husband, Jon A. Thomas; son, William J. Caruso, of the Georgetown section of Wilkes-Barre Township; brother, John McGurk, of Wilkes-Barre Township; two grandchildren; many cousins; Memorial contributions to the SPCA.

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