

HOPE

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blood sugar was diagnosed with sepsis and transported to a hospital where she was placed in intensive care and another man, who came in complaining of a leg cramp, ended up having a blood clot. He also was rushed to the hospital.

"These nurses are unbelievable," Ron Hillard said. "They see more people in two hours than they ever would in a medical office."

Clients usually hear about The Hope Center by word of mouth although the church did have a radio spot advertising the clinic in the past. An average of 20 people use the clinic's services every week. Many of the clients are young, struggling mothers. In response to this de-

mographic, The Hope Center will introduce a program call Planned Motherhood to serve low-income mothers. Eventually, the center also plans to offer credit counseling.

Attorney Marion Munley and legal assistant Deborah Lanning from Munley Munley & Cartwright volunteer to provide legal advice every Monday at the clinic. Munley says people who come in have questions about child custody and support, grandparents' rights, car accidents, unemployment, discrimination, among other things. Though most people only need quick counsel, Munley will set a person up with a lawyer or public defender if a case is more involved.

"A lot of people just need a little bit of guidance," she said.

Pastor Manny Otero, a volunteer pastor at the church, oversees the pastoral care team at The Hope Center.

"My first reaction was it is a gift from God," Otero said of the clinic. "The whole idea that something could be free of this nature in the United States - it's a blessing."

Originally from New York City, Otero moved to Mountain Top and has been at the church since January 2007. His pastoral team on a recent Monday included Jay Lefkoski, of Harveys Lake; Rob Strayhall, of Shavertown; and Nicole Farber, Centermoreland. Teams rotate Mondays but Otero is present every week.

Otero says the The Hope Center's slogan is "prayer, care and share." Volunteers there pray for every client, take care of their needs and hope to share the love of God. But Otero stresses the clinic does not impose religion.

"We want them (clients) to know they could come here and not have any apprehension of getting service," he said.

EMERGENCY

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him much because he already has red light privileges as fire chief. But that's not the case for John Turner, local emergency coordinator for Kingston Township. Turner has 40 years of firefighting in his background and is the fire training and fire science coordinator at Luzerne County Community College. But he has no emergency lights on his vehicle.

"It would have been beneficial

in the flood of '06 when there was a need to travel some highways that were at one point blocked," Turner said. "There were several times I had to stop and explain who I was," he later said.

Turner believes there is a need for local emergency responders to have lights and sirens, even in the Back Mountain.

"We are the undeclared interstate....," Turner said, referring to Memorial Highway. "Any one of those vehicles has the potential to carry something that could create a real problem."

Turner says if he is in another

town and an emergency should arise, he needs to get back to Kingston Township fast. Having lights and sirens would allow him to drive above the speed limit and force vehicles to yield.

Stephen Bekanich, Acting Coordinator for Luzerne County EMA, agrees.

"I would see a need for it because the emergency coordinator is a volunteer position for 99 percent of the people in the county," Bekanich said. "An emergency happens at any time. It's not a typical nine to five or when someone's sitting at the house."

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Puzzles, Page 2

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

STEPS	HMM	WAG
AWAIT	YEA	ALL
WORSE	EARTHLY	
LAMENT	HOOP	
AID	SRA	BROTH
BLOW	ASTRO	
COMETS	HONEST	
ARENA	GAPE	
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EARNEST	SLIDE	
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