Sweet Valley couple is ready, willing and able to help

Bob and Alice Walsh, both 77 years old, have been answering calls for years.

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distress call.

years and is one of the found-Valley Ambulance Associ- how they are healing.

and earned her Emergency babies. Medical Technician license in the late 1970s.

Today, the couple is eager the thought. to jump into one of two large ambulances and rush to the said. "It is very rewarding." aid of those in need. The 500 calls last year.

Bob said.

members are working.

"We don't usually answer cannot respond."

"It is easier for us because change." we are here, close and retired," Alice added.

17 months serving with the years. Army in the Korean War shootings.

"It is a stressful job," he longer in business."

she has learned to block out a "I like to help people. It lot of the unpleasant images of the job. Emergencies involving children are still tough to bear.

"We can talk about it to each other." she said.

But seeing people in the community well again is very At 77 years old, Bob and rewarding for the two. Bob vancements have improved Alice Walsh, Sweet Valley said in the past, the hospitals over the years and Bob ad-EMTs, stand ready at a mo- used to send an update on pa- mitted that, in the early days, ment's notice to answer a 911 tients taken there by ambu- the ambulance was not as lance. Due to stronger privacy well equipped as it is today. Bob Walsh has been a vol- laws, however, such notificaunteer firefighter for about 53 tion has stopped so the cou- where two men were injured ing members of the Sweet they've transported to see The leg bone of one of the

were not easy, she smiled at to make bandages.

Sweet Valley Ambulance As- the community, which has local colleges. Alice said they sociation answered almost several dirt roads that wind are required to earn 24 credthrough green fields and into its within three years to stay "We went on most of them," wooded areas which could on top of new advancements. pose a challenge to EMTs and With seven active members, first responders unfamiliar Alice said. the association depends on with the area, is helpful in the Walshes, who are usually their work. Bob said 911 dis- EMTs to perform their jobs available during typical work- patchers often seek him out better and the larger ambuday hours when most other due to his knowledge of the area's roads.

alls after 9 p.m.," Bob said, the Sweet Valley area. "I even to work on a patient. "unless the other members named many of the private roads for the 911 address

as a supervisor, 31 years as ic will be giving treatment on Years of experience and the Sweet Valley fire chief, the way." working as a team help the helped with the development couple deal with the stress of of the ambulance association responding to emergency sit- in 1968 and served as ambu- verify that equipment inside uations. Walsh said that his lance association chief for 25 and the vehicles are in opti-

"The ambulance associ- said. taught him tactics in handling ation started by a donation of serious emergencies such as an ambulance from Bonson's vehicle accidents, suicide or Funeral Service in 1968," he December, the couple says said. "The funeral home is no their desire to help people

The couple agreed that Alice said over the years technology and medical ad- Alice said.

is very rewarding."

Sweet Valley ambulance volunteer

He recalled a situation ple sometimes visits patients at Rickett's Glen State Park. men was protruding through There are some joyful mo- the skin and a Boy Scout His wife, Alice, has assisted ments, too, as Alice has troop in the area made a as a dispatcher for 30 years helped with the delivery of a splint from branches to brace the man's leg. Another time, Although the deliveries he recalled ripping up sheets

Today, the couple keeps up "I like to help people," she with various training seminars held by hospitals and The couple's knowledge of continuing education units at

"You are always learning," New technology allows

lance purchased by the Sweet Valley Ambulance Association "I grew up here," he said of offers extra room for a medic

"It is 20 miles to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital from here, 23 miles to Geisinger," Walsh served for two terms Bob said. "Sometimes, a med-

The ambulances are inspected every three years to mal working condition, Bob

Looking forward to celebrating their 78 birthdays in keeps them going.

"You have to keep moving,"



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Alice and Robert Walsh, both in their late 70s, continue to serve as ambulance drivers and responders with the Sweet Valley Fire and Ambulance Department.

Rotary Club planning Fall Golf Classic

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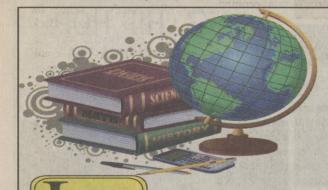
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Club, Dallas on Monday, Sept. a group. Returning players and Proceeds help the Rotary Smith and co-chair Kerry Free- Club of Dallas sponsor and con-

Mountain children, the Dallas/

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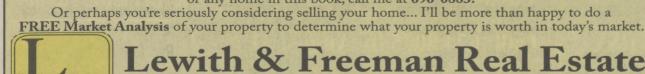
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