

An annual calling Mount St. Macrina readies for pilgrimage



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Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, left, directs Rob Hanabeck of Uniontown, a member of the maintenance staff, center, and volunteer Jim Stasicky, of Avenel, New Jersey, right, in moving chairs at the House of Prayer at Mount St. Macrina in North Union Township.

Sister Ruth Plante, provincial of the Byzantine Catholic Sisters of St. Basil, left, and Ted Stefancin of Uniontown, a member of the maintenance staff, are seen at the Shrine Altar at Mount St. Macrina in North Union Township where Stefancin is checking the sound system.



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Preparations are nearly complete for the 83rd annual pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, to be held Saturday and Sunday at Mount St. Macrina, just west of Uniontown along Route 40. “A lot of things can’t be done until the last

minute,” explained Sister Ruth Plante, provincial of the Byzantine Catholic Sisters of St. Basil, who hosts the event.

Volunteers and staff this past week have been preparing the outdoor sound systems,

“I’m encouraged in this day and age that people are looking to deepen their relationship with God and will take time to do that.”

— Sister Ruth Plante

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Day of Remembrance to honor first responders

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The Waynesburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4793, 445 E. Lincoln St., Waynesburg, is planning a 9/11 Day of Remembrance to honor Greene County’s first responders, “in appreciation of their service to our community,” said Rick Black, senior vice president of the Waynesburg VFW.

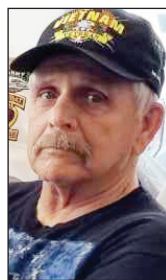
Black said the public is invited to the ceremony and dinner at 6 p.m. at the post home.

Kent Marisa, a Greene County native who was working for Lehman Brothers in New York at the time of the terror attacks, will be the featured speaker.

Also, Black is asking police departments, volunteer fire departments and ambulance services to provide pictures of their departments and members that can be displayed in the window of First Federal of Greene County.

On Sept. 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States.

Two of the planes were flown into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the



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Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville.

Often referred to as 9/11, the attacks resulted in extensive

death and destruction, triggering major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism and defining the presidency of George W. Bush. Over 3,000 people were killed during the attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., including more than 400 police officers and firefighters.

According to the nonprofit MyGoodDeed, which founded the September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance (“9/11 Day”) in 2002, the goal of “9/11 Day” is “to keep alive the spirit of unity and compassion that arose in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks in tribute to the individuals lost and injured in the attacks, and the many who rose in service in response.”

“Any first responder department that has photos or wishes to take some photos can call me at 724-998-0598 or the VFW at 724-627-3720,” Black said.

Brownsville library cancels gala

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Brownsville Free Public Library is canceling its 90th anniversary gala that was scheduled for Friday night.

“Unforeseen circumstances and another organization was having a fundraiser on the same day,” explained Emma Beaver, library director. “We felt Brownsville is small enough that we don’t want to work against each other but

support each other.”

The gala was to have taken place at the library, located at 100 Seneca Street, and would have featured a wine tasting, hors d’oeuvres, entertainment and a silent auction.

The library will continue with plans to have a birthday party for children 14 and under from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

In addition, Beaver said the library will host raffles during the month of

September to support the library.

Founded in 1927, the library’s mission is “to freely provide quality materials and services which fulfill the educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of Brownsville and its surrounding communities.”

The library is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 724-785-7272.

YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

Prepare for eventual loss of spouse

A difficult time of life for people is when they lose a spouse to death.

Depending on their age, the consequences can be very different. Younger couples may have minor children and larger home mortgages. The loss of a primary breadwinner can have a huge financial effect. A young worker’s most important asset is his or her ability to earn an income.

Disability insurance can help to replace some of this earning capacity. Disability insurance can be either short term or long term. Long term will cover several years, not a lifetime. If the premium is paid by an employer, the benefit is taxable. If the premium is paid by



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the employee with after tax dollars, it is received taxed free. Disability will only replace a percentage of your income and there is usually a waiting period to get your first

check. Retirees do not need disability insurance, because it only replaces earned income and they are not working.

Life insurance can be very important to families of all ages. Younger families may want to have enough to replace lost income, pay off the house and fund college educations for the children. Older couples may need life insurance to replace Social Security and pension income, pay off debts and provide long term care.

Often people are not prepared for the loss of a spouse. This is often the case whether it is due to an accident or a long-term illness.

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