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Summer fun winds down as school year approaches



Sebastian Shaffer, 2, and Mya Sapone, 2 ½ play on the splash pad in Wright Township Park.



Above: Siblings Annya and Dario D'Amato have enjoyed their traditional grilled corn together for years at Valley Days in Conyngham.



Dakota Burman, 2 of Dorrance enjoys some pool time to cool down.



At left: Grayson Koons take a kick at the ball in a game of kick ball at the Rendezvous Camp at Lake Nuangola.



At right: Tom Hiller and his granddaughter Izabella Miller, 6, visit the yard sale at MTHC.



Keaton and Lila Debault kayak in front of their grandparents cottage on Nuangola Lake on Sunday, July 8.

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Siblings Nina, 7 and Christian, 10, Nowak enjoy some treats at the Hobbie VFD carnival.



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UNTIL AUGUST 30 TOTE SALE

The Crestwood Comets are holding a thirty one sale featuring deluxe utility totes and, for a limited time, bleacher blankets. The cost is \$40 with a portion of the sale benefiting the football booster club.

Call or text Jen Phillips at 570-579-6403 to order by August 30.

Delivery will be approximately the second week of September.

UNTIL OCTOBER 28 FARMER'S MARKET

The farmer's market sponsored by the Mountain Top Rotary Club will take place every Sunday until October 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Crestwood High School, Route 309, Mountain Top.

You will find locally grown, locally made and locally crafted items such as fresh local vegetables, fruits, herbs, honey, eggs, baked goods, confectionery treats, a food truck and so much more.

AUGUST 24 & 25 SUMMER FUNFEST

Mountaintop Family Church's 16th annual community summer fun fest will be held August 24 and 25 at 5 p.m. at the Mountaintop Hose Fire Company picnic grounds. Everything is 25 cents. Food includes hot dogs, funnel cakes, ice cream, haluski and pizza. There will also be games, face painting and inflatables.

If you would like more information, contact the church office at 570-474-0900 or katie@mfcchurch.com.

AUGUST 25 AMISH CHICKEN BBQ

On August 25 the Stairville United Methodist Church will hold its annual Amish chicken bbq from 12 to 4 p.m. Cost for the bbq is \$12 per person and includes half a chicken, corn on the cob, French fries, rolls, salad bar, beverages and cupcakes.

There will also be hot dogs, wimpies, peaches, ice cream and waffles, soda, chips and water available for purchase outside. There will be a bake sale and live entertainment provided by the Mud Pond Boys.

The church is located on Stairville Road in Mountain Top.

PEACH FESTIVAL

On August 25 St. John's UCC will hold its annual peach festival at Heller's Orchard in Wapwallopen.

There will be plenty of great peach food including peach dumplings, peach pie, homemade peach ice cream, peach shortcake sundae plus much more.

Parking and admission are free. The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WINE & BEER FESTIVAL

The Rotary Club of Hazleton is hosting a wine and beer festival on Saturday, August 25 rain or shine from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hazle Township

Babe Ruth Field, Hazle Township Boulevard in Hazleton.

There will be over 50 local wines and craft beers with local food and craft vendors and a car cruise. Entertainment by *Ostrich Hat* and *Kartune*.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$5 for designated driver (non-drinking admission), and \$5 for ages 13 to 20. Free admission for children under 12 who must be accompanied by an adult. Must be 21 to drink. All proceeds benefit the Hazleton Rotary Club service projects.

WILDCAT ROUNDUP

The annual reunion of the West Hazleton Wildcats will be

held on August 25 beginning at noon at the Faith United Church of Christ hall, 21 Faith Drive, Hazleton (across from Walmart on the Airport Beltway). The reunion includes all alumni, teachers and anyone who attended the former West Hazleton High School.

Reservations are due by August 15. There is a \$28 for the buffets at noon and 5 p.m..

Registration begins at 11 a.m. A buffet including roast beef and roast turkey, side dishes, coffee and soda will be available. There will be prizes, awards and crab races. Please bring memorabilia to share.

For information and reservation

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AUGUST 26

"WE THREE" IN CONCERT

"We Three" will present a live concert at St. Martin's - in-the Field Church on Sunday, August 26 at 7 p.m.

"We Three" is a unique trombone trio that performs music from the Great American Songbook including the best loved melodies of Broadway and Hollywood. The trio is also known for its jazz and folksong performances.

St. Martin's Auxiliary will sponsor a meet and greet reception following the concert.

AUGUST 27 MOUNTAIN TOP HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Mountain Top Historical Society will hold its monthly

meeting on Monday, August 27 at 7 p.m. at 21 Chestnut Street, Mountain Top.

Anyone interested in local history is welcome to join them. They are currently looking for memorabilia from local Mountain Top businesses current and past. Contact Mountaintophistorical@gmail.com.

AUGUST 28 MOUNTAIN TOP SOCIAL CLUB MEETINGS

The Mountain Top Social Club will hold its next senior meetings (50 and older) on August 28 at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top. All are welcome to attend and see what fun they have.

Hollywood Casino trips are on the 4th Thursday of the month. Cost is \$25 with a rebate of \$30 to play and \$5 toward Epic Buffet or 25% off casual dinner. Please pay by the beginning of the month.

For general club informa-

tion, please contact Janeann Lokken at 570-868-6895. For information on bus trips please contact Otto Eime at 570-407-0056.

AUGUST 30 NEW CUB SCOUT PACK MEETING

Scout me In! A new Cub Scout Pack 781 is starting and

being chartered by American Legion Post 781 for boys and girls in kindergarten through 5th grade. There will be an

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Community Appreciation Day

Join NBT Bank and Turkey Hill for a celebration of our community!

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information night on **Thursday, August 30** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. by the swing set at the American Legion Post 781, 1550 Henry Drive, Mountain Top. Stop by to learn more about family scouting and Pack 781. Stay tuned for an all-girl troop starting in February 2019! For more information, contact Patti Wascavage at 570-

606-5401.

SEPTEMBER 4 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING

The first meeting of the 2018-2019 year, of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Mountain Post 781, of Mountain Top, will be held on **September 4** at 7:30 p.m. in the Legion Home located at 1600 Church Road, Mountain Top.

All are invited to attend.

It's a new year and they are looking for members to bring new ideas to the meetings. Anyone interested in joining please contact Katie Chado at ktkt2000@aol.com.

Anyone interested about learning more information about the Auxiliary can contact any auxiliary member or Dawn Edwards, at dedwards723@gmail.com.

WHITE HAVEN COMMUNITY CHOIR REHEARSALS

The White Haven Community Choir is preparing to start rehearsals for its annual Christmas Cantata, held every year at Mountainview Community Church. Rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, September 4** at 7 p.m. and continue throughout the season. The production this year is *Forever*

Gloria by Randy Vader and Jay Rouse. It is an upbeat, uplifting, contemporary musical with a traditional flavor. Mr. Nate Spanos, Choir Director with Immanuel Christian School, Hazleton, will be Co-Director of the White Haven Christmas Cantata this year, along with Joyce Hergert continuing as Cantata Director.

If you love to sing and enjoy fellowship with others, you are invited to contact the Director. For more information and to pick up the music for an early start, call Joyce Hergert, Director, at 570-636-1940.

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Padre Pio Prayer Ministry will be held on **September 5** with a 6 p.m. mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers to Padre Pio, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at St. Faustina Kowalska Church, Hanover Street, Nanticoke.

SEPTEMBER 8 ENGLER MOTORCYCLE RIDE & CONCERT BENEFIT

The annual Ree and Eddie Engler motorcycle ride and concert benefit is scheduled for **Saturday, September 8** at the American Legion Post 781 in Mountain Top.

Ride registration begins at 10 a.m., ride departs at 11:30 a.m., concert and celebration will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Donation is \$20 which includes all food, beverages and live entertainment. Children under age 12 are free.

Checkout the facebook page for more information @Tpr-

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Crestwood Menu

Elementary Schools

Breakfast available daily. Available daily: peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted deli sandwiches and wraps.

Week of August 27

Monday: Cowboy burger with cheese, onion rings, bbq sauce or popcorn chicken with a dinner roll; featured veggies: tater tots, baby carrots, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Nachos grande, tortilla chips or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: refried beans, tomato and onion salsa, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Hot ham and cheese on pretzel roll or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: potato triangles, fresh cucumber slices, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Beef and cheese lasagna, garlic bread stick or chicken patty on a bun; fea-

tured veggies: steamed corn, romaine salad, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Stuffed crust pizza or meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: green beans, celery sticks, choice of fruit and milk

Week of September 3

Monday: No school due to Labor Day holiday

Tuesday: Mini corn dog nuggets or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, spinach salad, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, green pepper strips, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Cheesy beef and mac, garlic bread stick or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: steamed carrots, corn salad, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Homemade cheesy pizza or meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: roasted sweet potatoes, chick pea salad, choice of fruit and milk

Secondary Campus

Breakfast available daily. Grill line open daily with cheeseburgers, chicken patties, grilled chicken and pizza. Assorted salads, wraps and sandwiches available daily.

Week of August 27

Monday: Cowboy burger with cheese, onion rings, bbq sauce or popcorn chicken with a dinner roll; featured veggies: tater tots, baby carrots, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Mini corn dog nuggets or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: baked

beans, tomato and onion salsa choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Penne pasta and meatballs, garlic bread or meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: steamed corn, romaine salad, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: French toast sticks with sausage links or BBQ rib on a bun; featured veggies: potato triangles, fresh cucumber slices, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Philly style cheesesteak wrap with sauce, peppers and onions or buffalo chicken stromboli; featured veggies: steamed peas, fresh cucumber slices, choice of fruit and milk

Week of September 3

Monday: No school due to

Labor Day holiday

Tuesday: Asian sesame chicken over rice or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, spinach salad, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Texas toasted cheese sandwich or meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: tomato soup, steamed peas and carrots, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Hot turkey and gravy sandwich or BBQ rib on a bun; featured veggies: oven roasted sweet potatoes, green pepper strips, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Hot ham and cheese baked hoagie or Italian style stromboli; featured veggies: potato wedges, chick pea salad, choice of fruit and milk

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Active Adult Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offer hot noon

meals Monday through Friday to people age 60 and over.

This menu is meant as a guide — some diets may vary,

milk, margarine, and coffee served with each meal.

If you did not order a lunch and would like one, call the center at 570-868-8517 to check for any cancellations

yellow squash soup, whole wheat hot dog roll, cottage cheese w/berries, milk and coffee

Friday: Rotisserie turkey, sweet potatoes, steamed broccoli, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, chocolate chip cookie, milk and coffee

milk and coffee

Thursday: Special Grandparents Lunch: Lemon chicken, seasoned orzo, roasted vegetable, dinner roll, chocolate pudding, milk and coffee

Friday: Swiss steak, sauteed zucchini and yellow squash, mashed potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, orange, milk and coffee

Seniors are invited to attend lunch daily. Regular and health plus menus are available. The suggested donation is \$2. Make your reservations at least one day in advance by calling 868-8517 before 1 p.m.

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Week of August 27

Monday: Whole wheat penne with meat sauce, parmesan cheese, Italian wedding soup, sorbet, milk and coffee

Tuesday: Swedish meatballs, whole wheat noodles, broccoli, margarine, tropical fruit, milk and coffee

Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, roasted red potatoes, green beans, biscuit, margarine, pear, milk and coffee

Thursday: Franks and beans, oven roasted potatoes,

Week of September 3

Monday: Center closed for Labor Day holiday

Tuesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, cauliflower and peas, whole wheat dinner roll, fresh melon, margarine, milk and coffee

Wednesday: Baked fish with parsley butter, stewed tomatoes, steamed broccoli, macaroni & cheese, rocky road pudding,

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SEPTEMBER 9 DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

The SPCA of Luzerne County will hold a designer purse bingo on **Sunday, September 9** at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at 1 p.m. with bingo starting at 2 p.m. Cost is \$30. Get your ticket today: spcaluzernecounty.org or call 670-825-4111.

SEPTEMBER 11 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Mountain Top Area Knights of Columbus is **Tuesday, September 11** at 7:30 p.m. in the library of St. Jude's school. All current members

are asked to attend. New members are always welcome. Please call the Recorder, Stanley R. Gutkowski III, for more information at 570-474-5785.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

Sons of the American Legion Mountain Post 781 will meet on **September 11** at 6 p.m. at the Post Home. For information, contact Lenny Biel at 474-2161 or sal781@frontier.com.

SEPTEMBER 12 ANNUAL CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Pennsylvania State Police, Troop P Wyoming Citizen's Police Academy is a program for adult residents, 18 or older of the Troop P coverage area.

Troop P covers areas in Bradford, Luzerne (excluding Hazleton and surrounding areas covered by Troop N), Sullivan, and Wyoming Counties.

This program is open to residents who are interested in learning about the many functions of the Pennsylvania State Police. It is a great program for any member of the community wanting to learn more about how Pennsylvania State Police operates and the role of the many different functions within the department.

The program will begin on **Wednesday, September 12**. It will be held every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pennsylvania State Police Northeast Training Center in Forty Fort. The seven week program will conclude on Oc-

tober 24.

Interested residents are urged to apply for the academy as soon as possible. The program is open to the first 30 applicants due to classroom size. There is no fee to attend. Applications can be obtained by email request to dpiekanski@pa.gov or they can be picked up in the lobby of the Wyoming State Police barracks located at 475 Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming. Applications must be received no later than August 31, 2018.

SEPTEMBER 14 COFFEE HOUSE

The next coffee house at The Truth Café with live band and dinner for only \$3 will

be on **Friday, September 14** from 6:30-8 p.m. featuring *The Here and Now Effect* from Nanticoke.

The Truth Café is located at New Life Community Church, 570 South Main Road, Mountain Top.

SEPTEMBER 15 SYMPHONY IN THE PARK

On **Saturday, September 15, 2018** The Greater White Haven Chamber of Commerce and the White Haven Area Community Library will host a family community event at Lehigh Park. This full day starts at 1 p.m. with a free Skilled Trades Career Fair

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Junie G's Restaurant moves to new location with the same great food

By Claudia Strycharz
Mountain Peaks Correspondent

More often than not, when you enter Junie G's you are greeted with the infectious laugh of June Bevan, owner and cook at Junie G's Restaurant. Junie G's Family Restaurant has been a very popular place to have breakfast and lunch in Mountain Top for over nine years at 12 South Mountain Boulevard. After all those years in the same location, they made the move to the old Tony's Restaurant just a hop, skip and jump away.

June Bevan and her partner of 11 years, Emil Guziejka purchased the property at 27 South Main Street at the beginning of the year. They have renovated the inside to accommodate June's style and the comfort of her customers. The



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo
June Bevan and Emil Guziejka stand in their newly renovated kitchen.

renovations and move took about eight weeks with the help of friends and employees, all the while working in the restaurant on South Mountain

Blvd. On May 11, the Friday before Mother's Day, June and Emil opened the doors at their new location. Junie G's has always closed at 2 p.m., but

with the opening of the new restaurant, June and Emil envisioned staying open for dinner.

After a couple of setbacks, Emil's mother passed and a kitchen fire the morning of June 22 when Froggy 101 was there, the restaurant finally opened four nights a week to the delight of diners.

With new evening hours came a new and different dinner menu. Since June has been in the restaurant business in one facet or another since she was about 18, she has come up with some unique menu items for dinner which include calzones, stromboli, wings, specialty pizzas, pizza, June's eggplant stack and battered cheese curds both with homemade marinara sauce.

The breakfast and lunch menu remain the same; lunch

items such as sandwiches, burgers, salads, homemade soups, cheesesteaks, and more can be ordered for dinner as well. It was only natural to add pizzas, calzones and stromboli since there was a pizza oven already in the kitchen. Additions will be made to the dinner menu very soon and will include, but not limited to meat loaf, fried chicken and lasagna. Only fresh and quality ingredients are used in all the food that is prepared at the restaurant.

June and Emil employ five cooks who work throughout the week and a wait staff of six all of which are qualified and professional. Emil is the pizza chef, which is what he really enjoys doing.

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The new restaurant is roomy and comfortable to dine in and each diner is welcomed warmly. Many of the diners are regulars and come in daily to get a delicious meal.

Family, friends and community are very important to Junie and Emil and everything is done to make one's dining experience one that will make you want to return. Take-out is also available as well as catering on and off site. Call to place an order or for more informa-



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

The main dining room at Junie G's Family Restaurant seats many more diners more comfortably than at the previous location.

tion on catering.

Junie G's is conveniently

located at 27 South Main Street in Mountain Top where Tony's



Sarah Graham who has worked at Junie G's for 5 years and Frannie Wright, 2 ½ years are ready to welcome diners.

Restaurant was located. Hours are: Monday through Wednesday 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday

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where local trade people will be available to discuss careers available in the trade industries.

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The Skilled Trades Expo runs from 1-4 p.m. A DJ will play music and karaoke from

2-6 p.m.

Concessions will be sold throughout the day by the White Haven Sports Association, concession proceeds benefit the White Haven Little League. A paid VIP bbq benefiting the White Haven Chamber Scholarship Fund will start at 4 p.m. sharp followed by the Lehighon Band Performance at 6 p.m. The band performance is free.

The library is still seeking corporate and individual

sponsors to fully fund the Makerspace. If your organization or company would like to participate in the Career Trade Expo or sponsor the Makerspace please contact Megan Schneider at 570-417-2391 or megan.schneider121@gmail.com. Donations to the Chamber Scholarship Fund are welcome.

For information on purchasing tickets for the Chamber bbq please contact Linda Miller at 570-582-9934 or

laurakristopher@gmail.com. Rain date is Sunday, September 16.

SEPTEMBER 16

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Wright Township Police Officers Association will hold its 20th annual golf tournament on **Sunday, September 16** at Sand Springs Golf Club, Drums. The tourney gets underway at 1:30 p.m. with a shotgun start. Registration

begins at 11:30 a.m. A captain-and-crew format will be used, and the tournament will conclude with a buffet dinner, beverages, and the awarding of prizes.

The tournament is the association's major annual fundraiser with proceeds going toward events such as National Night Out, Active Shooter Training for Mountain Top police, equipment for youth and school sports teams, the DARE Program, donations to local food pantries, the WTPOA scholarship at Crestwood High School, along with donations to other community groups and events.

Cost is \$90 per golfer and \$360 per foursome which includes greens fees, cart, player prize, lunch including hot dog and beverage, on course beverages, and a buffet dinner.

Hole sponsorships are available, and each will receive a sponsor sign placed in the tee box on the golf course and a thank you in the golf program. Sponsorship levels are: Gold: \$500 (includes fees for your foursome); Silver: \$250; and Bronze: \$100. Also available are Club sponsors who will have their name included in the tournament program. Those levels are: Eagle: \$75; Birdie: \$50; Par: \$25.

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MEAT SHOOT

Mountain Post 781, 1550 Henry Drive, Mountain Top will hold its fall meat shoot on **September 16** beginning at 11 a.m. All members and the public are welcome! Any

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Fairview receives plans for First Fidelity Bank

The Fairview Township planning commission has received the preliminary land development plan for construction of a First Fidelity Bank on a vacant parcel on the southwest corner of North Mountain Boulevard and Kirby Avenue, near the Turkey Hill Store. Tim Connelly of Tetra Tech, the project engineer, told commission members at their August 15 meeting that the parcel, which was owned by developer Joseph Thomas, has been sold to Carmine Development Co., which will lease the land to the bank. Connelly told commission members plans call for construction of a 2,600-square-foot building with drive-thru banking. Entrance to the property will be from the private driveway which currently provides access to Turkey Hill. There will be a right-turn only exit onto Route 309. Commission members expressed concern about traffic attempting to enter the property "stacking" on the driveway and backing up onto the highway. Connelly said a traffic study will be done by the developer. There also was discussion about what, if any variances would be needed for the project.

Park security options being looked at

The Wright Township Recreation Board is looking at options to improve security at the township park. At its July meeting, board members heard a presentation from Brian McCann of Aegis Digital Systems on security

camera options for the park. The splash pad and park bathrooms in the park have been vandalized several times this summer. Supervisor Matthew Howton, liaison to the board, said he is looking into costs for a camera system and where funding might be obtained. He

urged anyone who observes suspicious activity to call 911.

Electronics recycling set for October 6 in Wright Township

Wright Township supervisors have set a date for an elec-

tronics recycling program. The event will be held Saturday, October 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the municipal garage and will be conducted by Responsible Recycling Services (RRS) of Kutztown. The program is for township residents only and proof of residency will be

required. It will be held rain or shine.

There will be a \$10 fee per vehicle payable by check to the township. Items that can be dropped off for the \$10 fee include desktop and lap-

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top computers, keyboards and mouse, printers, fax machines, cables, cell phone and laptop batteries, calculators and adding machines, UPS battery backups, toner and ink cartridges, audio/visual equipment, telephones and cell phones (batteries must be

removed), DVD players and VCRs, gaming systems and string Christmas lights.

Televisions will be accepted for an additional fee. Televisions up to 40-inch (any type) will cost \$35 per unit. Televisions in wooden cabinets, projection televisions and those over 40-inches will cost \$55. Payment for televisions will be made directly to RRS, checks

only.

In other news ...

Howton reported pickle ball court lines will be painted on the hockey rink as soon as weather permits.

Responding to requests from residents, the recreation board has taken steps to make sure the restrooms will be open to the public Monday through

Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. In an effort to address other safety issues, lines have been painted on the park road to allow police to conduct speed enforcement.

Police Chief Royce Engler reported the department issued 74 traffic citations during July. He noted 39 of the citations were issued as part of the department's participa-

tion in an Aggressive Driving Enforcement program.

Bids open for tree removal in Wright Township park

Supervisors voted to advertise for bids for the tree removal project at the township park.

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Henry Drive and Church Road reopen on schedule



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

After a detour all summer, with Church Road and Henry Drive being closed to motorists, the roads have reopened. The bridge was removed and the terrain graded to create a four way intersection. Despite the summer full of rainy days the work was completed on time before school was reopened.



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photos

Ryan Miller, Derek Petrochko and Zach Baranousky are among the players waiting to have their pictures taken during media day at Crestwood High School. At left: Junior Ryan Miller poses for his individual picture.



Crestwood Comets hold media day

The Crestwood Comets football team starts the 2018 season on August 24 when they meet the Coughlin Crusaders in their season opener at Memorial Stadium. The Comets played the Crusaders once last year and came up short losing 14-27.



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Paul Gorney, owner of the Pool Guys in Mountain Top, chats with customer Carol Crawford of Drums as he rings her out.



Patty Smith, whose family owns Smith Health Care, works on some medical records at the front desk.



Office manager Michelle Garis works on her computer looking up client policy changes at the office of Ron Caccese State Farm Insurance in Mountain Top.



Barbara Shudak has her new glasses fitted by Optician Nancy Marolo of Crystal Vision Center in Mountain Top.



Debbie Romig, hairstylist and owner of Classic Looks Salon in Mountain Top finishes drying the hair of customer Grace Brown.

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Jose Estrada has been working at Chiverella Auto in Mountain Top for about a year and is fitting a new tail pipe for a customer's van.



Mountain Top Outdoorsman owner, Gary Tredinnick, checks out a new shotgun before putting it on the shelf.



Tony Carias, owner of the three La Napoli Italian Restaurants, and pizza maker, works his magic with pizza dough at his Mountain Top restaurant.

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Allen Tran gives a pedicure to Kali Karnatski, 4, and Chi Tran gives a pedicure to Emily Searfoss, 6, at Diamond Nails in Mountain Top.



Nancy Prebola of Gino's Shoe Store helps Madeline Barletta, 11, as she tries on a pair of shoes that she wants for the start of school.



Michelle Zawoiski, owner of Pretty Paws Too in Nuangola, and volunteer Debbie Morgis work on Abby and Roxy in the grooming shop.



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First phase will be a "high priority" area. This work will include taking down approximately 370 designated trees along the park road, parking areas, playgrounds, baseball field, tennis courts and footpath.

Second phase will be done in the park woodlands. It includes felling of approximately 661 trees, salvage of timber. A tour of the work area will be held August 29 at 9 a.m. for prospective bidders. Bids are due September 12 by 3 p.m. and will be opened at 4 p.m. that date. Supervisors noted they expect to receive revenue from phase 2 from sale of timber.

Bids being sought for fence construction

The township recreation board reported it is seeking bids for construction of fence-

ing for the dog park.

Supervisors approved sale of a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria sedan for \$525. Matthew Howton, township road foreman, said the vehicle was sold on line through Muni-Bid which he described as similar to Ebay. The vehicle has over 168,000 miles and is inoperable, he reported.

Baker announces September hours

Senator Lisa Baker, R-Lehman Twp., announced that Field Representative Tom Yoniski will be available for consultation from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Wright Township Municipal Building, 321 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top, on Thursday, September 13.

Constituents are encouraged to visit with any questions or problems relating to state matters. Concerns may also be addressed by calling 570-675-3931.

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Pennsylvania State Police "Troop P" hold Camp Cadet at Camp Kresge

Pennsylvania State Police "Troop P" held its annual Camp Cadet program at YMCA Camp Kresge in White Haven from Sunday, August 5 through Friday, August 10.

Camp Cadet is a law enforcement academy program for area youth. Over eighty young adults from Luzerne, Wyoming, Sullivan and Bradford Counties attended the week-long free camp because of the board's yearlong fundraising efforts. Graduation was on Friday evening. Prospective cadets must apply and write an essay in order to be accepted into the program.

On Thursday, August 9 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. a State Police helicopter flew in for the cadets to get a look at and learn about it as well as the pilots who fly them. It was a



As the Blue Team works the climbing wall and high ropes course the rest of the cadets engage in a little fun swimming in the lake.

very informative and interesting time for the young cadets. Following that the Blue Team hit the high climbing wall and ropes course for some climb-

ing and rope work. The wall tower is 30 feet tall and from the wall are a series of rope courses to take as well as a 400' long zip line to try.

Trooper Carmen Yurek was a cadet 15 years ago and is at the helicopter with cadets Christian Howard, Weston Medvetz and Donny Brady all from Mountain Top.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

Camp Kresge staff member Charles Simon explains the use of the Lobster Claw hooks that are used to attach a camper to the safety wire.

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CHS band holds yard sale



Joanne Perch came from White Haven and found quite a few things to take home.



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Erika Kondraski and Cody Kondraski, 6 find a box of toys and games to look through.

The Crestwood Band Parents Association held a yard sale at Crestwood High School from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday, August 16 in the parking lot. Multi-families participated bringing an array of different items to sell. There was something for everyone. All proceeds benefit the Crestwood marching band.



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Physician assistant studies students participate in Gift of Life program

The Misericordia University Physician Assistant Studies Program Class of 2020 participated in a two-phase, service-learning project with the Gift of Life

Donor Program as part of their Physician Assistants in Health-care and Public Health course.

During phase one of the program, university alumna

Caroline Azzarelli, a kidney recipient who graduated from Misericordia in 2016, shared her story of going through kidney failure and dialysis as a

young adult and her receipt of a kidney transplant from a co-worker through the living donation process. Gift of Life volunteer and retired registered nurse, Marcia Rudat, shared the stories of her husband, who became a tissue donor when he passed, and her son, who is a kidney recipient. In addition, Lisa Litchkowski, a member of the Gift of Life Hospital Services team, gave a clinical presentation to the students about organ and tissue donation designed for health care workers.

During the second phase of the service-learning program, the 16 students volunteered alongside Gift of Life volunteer and kidney recipient, Cathy Wruble of Pittston for a Gift of Life organ/tissue sign-up drive held at Sam's Club in Wilkes-

Barre Township.

Misericordia University Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies Amy M. Wierbowski, M.F.A., M.S.P.A.S., P.A.-C., and Susan Koomar, community relations coordinator for the Gift of Life Donor Program, orchestrated the service-learning project.

The Gift of Life Donor Program is a regional nonprofit organ donation program headquartered in Philadelphia. It is the largest organ procurement organization in the United States, helping coordinate the recovery and distribution of organs and tissues used in life-saving and life-enhancing transplants. For more information or to register as an organ/tissue donor, please visit donors1.org and click "Register to Save Lives."



Misericordia University students in the Class of 2020 Physician Assistant Studies Program participated in a two-day education and donor recruitment program with Gift of Life. Participating in the program, from left, are Joseph Redinski, Gift of Life volunteer; Susan Koomar, Gift of Life Community Relations coordinator;

Lindsey Vigilante, P.A.-C., clinical director and assistant professor, Misericordia University; Amy Wierbowski, P.A.-C., assistant professor, Misericordia University; Eshan Budhwani, Rachel Bohn, Emily Stock, Tricia Harenza, William Frutiger, Sezen Uslan, Amanda McCarthy, and Zahira Rosario-Benitez.

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Pete Kohl honored for 40 years of service as MTHC fire chief

When Pete Kohl was elected chief of Mountain Top Hose Company No. 1 in 1978, just a month shy of his eighteenth birthday, little did he know that he would hold that position for four decades. In recognition of his years of service, the 57-year-old chief was honored by his fellow firefighters and community members at a gathering held on Monday, August 20 at Cavanaugh's Grille.

Rev. J. Duane Gavitt, the hose company's long-time chaplain, spoke on behalf of fire department officers and members and summed up the esteem in which the unassuming Kohl is held by the fire service community. "The likes of his sacrifice, we don't see any more," Father Gavitt stated. "We have 40 years of memories," said the former assistant pastor at St. Jude Parish. "Memories of sacrifice, wisdom, grace and patience. Pete created a space where everyone was respected."

"Pete Kohl is the fire company, he is respected by everyone."

— Hose company president David Hourigan

His fellow firefighters presented Kohl with a plaque commemorating his service to the fire department and the community. "Pete Kohl is the fire company," hose company president David Hourigan said of his long-time friend. "He is respected by everyone." Hourigan noted the fire company's new rescue truck will be dedicated to Kohl in recognition of his 40 years of leadership.

Looking back on his 40 years as chief, Kohl reflected on how much the fire service has changed. "It has changed drastically," he offered. "Now we spend so much time on paperwork, liability, writing for grants. All that has contributed to our biggest problem, lack of members," he



Captain Jared Aigeldinger presents Fire Chief Pete Kohl with a plaque to commemorate his 40 years of service to MTHC #1.

little boy," she related. She noted there were times when his role as a firefighter were stressful to her. "It caused me a few grey hairs," she quipped.

"We're very proud of Pete," his sister Carol Wells commented. "Particularly his devotion to the community and the firefighters he has led.

Kohl's wife, Jina, described her husband as "very determined." "He is always thinking of others," she pointed out.

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Kohl pointed out that training is the area that has changed most. "When I first started, you showed up for Monday night drills. That was training. It's not like that anymore," he added.

Kohl's mother, Adele Kohl, his wife, Jina, his son, Sean, and daughters Rachael and Sydney, and his sister Carol Wells were present for the event. Another daughter, Annette Strasser, resides in South Bend, Indiana, and was unable to attend. Kohl and his wife also have five grandchildren.

His mother talked about how Kohl wanted to be a firefighter as a child. "He gave of himself even as a



Mountain Top Hose Company No. 1 administration and line officers honored Chief Pete Kohl for 40 years of service as chief. Front row, from left, Steve Taylor, David Hourigan,

Redmond Lines, Mike Herron; second row, Jared Aigeldinger, Josh Antosh, Shawn Prohaska, Pete Kohl, Tim McGinnis, Jason Menghini.

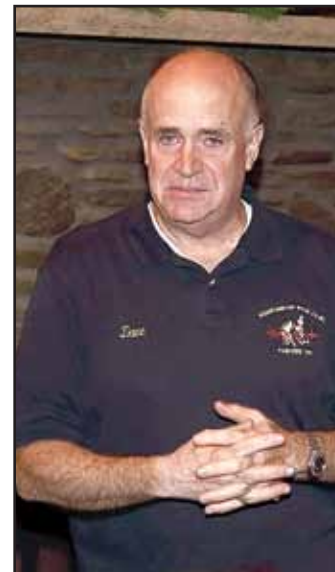
to purchase it.

In the early 1990s, the hose company was called upon frequently to perform rescue services and had outgrown its rescue vehicle. Under Kohl's leadership, a heavy-duty rescue was purchased in 1992 and a rescue team was trained. He was a founding member of the Luzerne County Technical Rescue Task Force which consist of six rescue companies from across the county that are called in for specialized rescue operations such as trench rescue or confined space rescue.

Recognizing the need for education in firefighting, Kohl educated himself in the fire service and attained the status of a State Fire Instructor. He has taught firefighting courses locally and on the state level for several years.



Fire Chief Peter Kohl and his family. From left are: Dick Wells, Adele Kohl, Sean Kohl, Ari Bewighouse, Peter Kohl, Grace Kohl, Jina Kohl, Sydney Kohl, Rachael Kohl and Carol Kohl-Wells.



Mountain Top Hose Co. #1 President Dave Hourigan gets emotional as he talks about his longtime friend Peter Kohl.



Members of the Mountain Top Hose Co. #1 stand with longtime friend and Fire Chief Peter Kohl, front and center.



Junior Firemen for Mountain Top Hose Co. #1 Ryan Smith and Patrick Lyle came to the event to honor their fire chief and are enjoying some food outside on the patio.



Mike and Tiffany Herron enjoy some food with John Yazwinski.



Dave Hourigan, President of the Mountain Top Hose Co. #1, chats with Carol Wells and Sharon Hourigan.



A cut out of a younger Pete Kohl was on display.



Pete and some of his friends spent time sharing memories of the good ol' days.

Mountain Peaks/ Claudia Strycharz photos

Places To Go ...

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questions please call 570-678-7105.

SEPTEMBER 17 & 24 ADULT VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

The Mountain Top Area Adult Volleyball League announces registration and pre-season practice will be held at the Rice Elementary School gymnasium on Monday, September 17 and 24 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The season will start on October 1 and conclude on May 20. Games will be held on Monday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Rice Elementary School gymnasium (7 to 10 p.m. partial season due to school scheduling conflicts). League competition is recreational and open to men and women ages 20 and up. Dues for the 2018-2019 season are \$30 per player, collected at registration. For additional information, contact John Schwartz at johnschwartz@usa.net or 570-212-0275.

SEPTEMBER 20 ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Association is hosting a support group for those families taking care of a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias on Thursday, September 20 and every third Thursday of the month from 1-2:00 p.m. at the Kingston Active Adult Center, 335 3rd Avenue, Kingston.

The goal is to provide support and information to those affected by Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.

If you'd like to come, please call Home Instead Senior Care at 570-714-4260. Call in advance to register. There is no charge. If you have any questions please call Alyssa at 570-714-4260.

SEPTEMBER 22 TRAIN EXCURSION

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top will once again be holding the annual steam train excursion from Mountain Top to old historic Jim Thorpe on September 22, rain or shine.

Tickets are available at the Triangle Pharmacy in Mountain Top, or on line at EventBrite. Ticket price is \$70 each.

Boarding time is 8:30 a.m. with departure at 9:30 a.m. Return trip train departs from Jim Thorpe at 4 p.m.

The Train Yard at Penobscot is not handicap accessible.

Eagle spotted on Blytheburn Road



Jeannie Cooper submitted these photos of an eagle she spotted near her home on Blytheburn Road recently.



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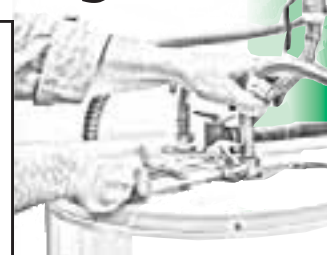
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Kids learn about cooking



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LVHN holds back to school fair

LVHN Mountain Top sponsored a back to school health fair on Wednesday, August 15 from 4-7 p.m. at the Health Center at Mountain Top located at 237 S. Mountain Blvd. The

program was geared toward school-age children and their parents. This year's theme was *Sports*. There were free health screenings, education, activities and food.



Parrish Flores, Jr. 5 waits for his turn as sister Eliana Flores, 2, plays the large game of "Operation" first. The two came up from White Haven to check out the back to school fair.



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Lisa Chulock from Drums watches as her daughter Jenna, 8, has her heart and oxygen level checked by Cardiology Tech Debbie Sitch following a period of exercise.

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Saint Jude summer camps bring science and history to life

July was a busy month at Saint Jude School. Whether you were building pyramids, counting slugs on the Nature Trail, putting on a show fit for Broadway or learning the coding language, students stretched their minds and imaginations this summer. A number of summer camps led by teachers from the school helped students focus on STEM learning, history lessons and theater work as both Saint Jude School students and children from the community were pulled away from their screens and were out exploring the world around them. Camps saw children making mummies, running through obstacle courses and enjoying the summer weather. The Summer Camp program is only in its second year at Saint Jude School but judging by the numbers of students and the enjoyment level this is a program that is here to stay.



Autumn Lont gets into the spirit of Art With Authors Camp. At left: Xavier Rutt trusts the laws of science as he attempts to successfully walk across raw eggs during Mrs. Correll's STEM camp. Brayden Antonello awaits his turn without as much confidence!



Brady Lavelle shows off his pyramid as he participates in Egyptian Camp held at Saint Jude School.

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Programs offered by Nescopeck State Park in September

The following programs will be offered in September 2018. For programs that require registration, please register by using the online events calendar at: <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/> or call 570-403-2006 unless otherwise listed.

Monday, September 10

Hiking Series #2 reschedule: Eales Preserve; 9 a.m. No registration required. Free.

Join a naturalist at 9 a.m. on select weekdays for hikes of varying length and difficulty. The series will visit trails on our public lands including state parks, state forests, state game lands, and local preserves. Come out to get some exercise, learn about the area's natural history, and relax in the fresh air. Please call the Nescopeck State Park office for more information.

Trail: Eales Preserve, Nature Conservancy; length: 4 miles; terrain: most difficult; meet: Preserve parking lot on PA-237 (Moosic Lake Road).

Please wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water. Well-behaved and friendly dogs on a leash are welcome.

Thursday, September 13

Homeschool Education Day; 10-11:30 a.m.

Grades 1-6. Registration required. Free. Meet at the park office.

Grades 1-3: Investigating Insects – come explore the wide and wonderful world of insects!

Grades 4-6: Hiking Preparedness – join them for an interactive hike as they learn about the importance of hiking safety while enjoying a walk in the park!

Note for parents who also have children outside of the program age limits – these activities have limited space and will not be stroller friendly. The Nature Discovery Area and self-serve equipment will be available that day for you to entertain your little ones.

Tuesday, September 18

Golden Hawk Watch; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration required. This event is for seniors only. Free.

Are you a retiree looking to try something new? Come spend the afternoon learning about the fall raptor migration at a local hawk watch site. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and bring water and a lunch. They will carpool from Nescopeck State Park at 9 a.m. and return by 3 p.m. Rain date: Thursday, September 20. Par-

ticipants should be in good health and able to hike 2 miles over moderate terrain without difficulty.

Saturday, September 22

National Public Lands Day Park Cleanup; 9 a.m.-noon. Registration required for planning projects and equipment accordingly. Free.

Help celebrate National Public Lands Day! They will be holding a volunteer work day to help with a variety of projects and can always use an extra hand or two. National Public Lands Day began in 1994 and is now the nation's largest single-day volunteer event for public lands. Meet at the park office. Please specify if you're bringing younger helpers such as scouts when you register.

Tuesday, September 25

Hiking Series #6: Hickory Run State Park; 9 a.m. No registration required. Free.

Join a naturalist at 9 a.m. on select weekdays for hikes of varying length and difficulty. The series will visit trails on our public lands including state parks, state forests, state game lands, and local preserves. Come out to get some exercise, learn about the area's natural history, and relax in the fresh air. Please call the Nescopeck State Park office for more information.

Trail: Hawk Falls & Orchard Trails, Hickory Run State Park; length: 3 ½ miles; terrain: most difficult; meet: Hawk Falls parking lot on PA-534 at Hickory Run State Park

Please wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water.

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Saturday, September 29

Ride the Rail Trail: Lehigh Gorge State Park; 10 a.m. Registration required. Free.

Celebrate Bike Your Park Day! Sponsored by the Adventure Cycling Association, this initiative is open to all ages and skill levels and promotes folks getting out and exploring parks and public lands that have designated bike trails. For us, there is no better spot than Lehigh Gorge State Park in early fall. Bring your own bike and come enjoy the rail trail with one of the park educators to learn about the fascinating history of the Gorge. You will be biking from the Rockport Access to Mud Run and back; a round-trip distance of about 6 miles. Participants must provide their own bike and meet at the Rockport Access.

For more information and available opportunities for Bike Your Park Day, visit: <https://www.adventurecycling.org/resources/bike-your-park-day/>

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park or make inquiries through the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service at 1-888-537-7294 (TTY). Bureau of State Parks Staff will gladly discuss how to accommodate your needs. With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

For more information on any of Pennsylvania's 120 state parks visit DCNR website at www.dcnr.state.pa.us (choose Find a Park) or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS.

Volunteers from around the area clean up NSP

On Tuesday, August 7 a Volunteer Workday was held at Nescopeck State Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon where volunteers came to help weed, cut brush, pick-up trash and

other jobs. It was one of the rare nice days we have had for the project to take place and many came out to do some light volunteer work. Equipment was provided, and everyone was

asked to wear long pants and a long sleeve layer due to insects. Everyone first met at the park office and then spread out throughout the park to work.



White Haven residents Linda and George Kaisel and Matt Blakeslee work at cleaning out the Children's dirt digging spot in the Nature Discovery Area.



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Katie and Andy Grove, 10, from Mountain Top, work together to dig out a large root-weed in the Messy Materials play area.



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Information night held recently at LCCC

Luzerne County Community College recently held an information night for its health sciences programs at the College's Francis S. and Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N. Health Sciences Center.

Information regarding the College's nursing, respiratory therapy, surgical technology, dental hygiene, health care management, and emergency medical services programs from the Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N. School of Nursing and Health Sciences was available as well as information on enrollment procedures, tuition, and financial aid. Those in attendance had the opportunity to meet with faculty members to discuss educational and career opportunities.



Shown at the information night are, from left, first row: Nancy Dunn, Plymouth, secretary, admissions, LCCC; and Maureen Savner, Mountain Top, professor and coordinator, dental hygiene, LCCC; second row: Jody Hahn, Nanticoke, student ambassador, LCCC; Justin Glidden, Nanticoke, student ambassador, LCCC; Jim Domzalski, Mountain Top, director, enrollment management, LCCC; Dr. Deborah Vilegi-Payne, Mountain Top, dean, nursing and health sciences, LCCC; and Mark Carpentier, Wyoming, director, financial aid, LCCC.

Whole Life Center for Health raises funds in memory of Sydney Marko



Pictured at Whole Life Center for Health, in front of a tree recently plated in Sydney's memory, is Brian Carman, D.C., Bethann Sledziewski, D.C., Maria Aumick, D.C., James Marko, Sydney's father and member of Horses and Horizons board of directors, Lisa Molendini, marketing and events coordinator, and Grace Brown, office manager.

Whole Life Center for Health, Drums, recently held a fundraiser for Horses and Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center in memory of Sydney Marko. Sydney was a young Mountain Top girl who recently passed away after many years of complications from severe Lyme Disease. She loved her time spent riding at Horses and Horizons.



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ICS announces new building for pre-k and 7th-12th grade students

The Immanuel Christian School Lions are on the move! Plans were finalized for ICS Jr. and Sr. High students to utilize the upstairs classroom space at Iglesia Buenas Nuevas/Good News Church at 81-91 N. Laurel Street in Hazleton. Their new Pre-K program will also operate out of this building. Students in the program must turn 4 years old before September 10 and be fully potty-

trained.

The building offers some great amenities for the students, including air conditioned classrooms, private entrance, off street parking, and a large room for assemblies. It also has a security system and surveillance cameras inside and outside the building.

ICS's new Dean of Students, Mr. Jeff Bergey, will have his

office at this location. Being in proximity with the Jr. and Sr. High age groups will facilitate his investment in student life and culture, college and career preparedness, program development for the students in regards to them learning how to give back to the community.

It was just five years ago that Rev. Edwin Mieses and his team restored the former Jewish Community Center for

their growing congregation. The 15,000-square-foot building is home to a congregation of over 150 people and growing. It has an auditorium that seats 325 people and that will be a great addition for Immanuel Christian School's programs and activities.

After the classrooms are setup and the move is complete, the school and church plan to have an open house

and tours for the community.

Immanuel Christian School provides pre-K through 12th grade education, with most class sizes under 18 students. Their mission is to provide an accessible, grace-based, quality education that informs and shapes students to be lifelong learners and selfless community servants.

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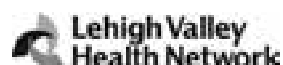
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Sunday School is in session for all ages, including adults, and Confirmation Class. Pre-K thru 4th grade meet during the 10:45 service. Contact the church office for more information.

Christ Church offers a community Cancer Support Group meeting the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Grief Support Group meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Schedule is variable. Please call the church office if you have a special need.

Youth Group takes place from 6-8 p.m. most Sunday evenings. Schedule is variable.

Choir practice: 7th Grade thru adult is held on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., Bells at 8 p.m., Children's choirs and Bells at 7 p.m. (during the school year).

A Men's Fellowship meets at the Chalet on Thursday at 8 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

For more information on any worship services or programs: Church office: 570-474-6060, church email: ChristUM-ChurchOffice@gmail.com; Pastor's email: bohanan.jp@gmail.com. Web: Christonthemountaintop.blogspot.com.

CONYNGHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Pastor, Cheryl Trent
411 Main Street, Conyngham
570-788-3960**

Religious studies are at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Prayer Circle meets on the first and third Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the church library.

Brothers in Christ meet every Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Please don't forget about the Valley Food Pantry throughout the summer months. The shopping cart is always in the social hall. They are in need of paper products, macaroni and cheese, canned pastas, etc.

Church office hours: Cheryl Trent, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday, at all times she will be available for pastoral care and concerns. She can be reached at 570-788-3960. The church secretary is available Tuesdays 10:30-12:30, Thursday 1-3 p.m., Friday 10:30-12:30. Other hours are available, call 570-788-3960.

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**Services: Sunday 10 a.m.
Michael & Kim Pickreign, Pastors
3577 Church Road, Mountain Top
570-678-7231**

Marriage on the Rock small group meets every other Saturday evening. Please email pastors@ccfmt.org for more information.

Cornerstone Food Pantry is available for anyone in the community who is in need. Pickups are available Sundays after the service, around 11:45 a.m. and by appointment.

The church's website is www.cornerstonechristianfellowship.org. The church is handicap accessible. For further information contact Pastor Pickreign.

**EMMANUEL UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

Emmanuel UCC youth group completes mission trip



The Emmanuel UCC Youth Group completed a Mission trip in July to Blue Knob, PA through Team Effort, an organization that helps communities in need and brings together thousands of youth and leaders in order to work side by side on faith building mission experiences. Pictured are Brooke Rinehimer, Morgan Hodle, and Leah Dietrich.

**Louis Aita, Pastor
7768 Blue Ridge Trail, Dorrance
570-868-5675**

The teachers and volunteers at Emmanuel have planned a great Sunday School experience based on the LIVE curriculum. The "textbooks" are the Hands On Bibles, which

are packed full of science experiments, crafts, Bible hero biographies, fun facts, FAQs and lots of cool and interesting stuff. There are different activities each week in addition to the Bible lessons, such as the crafts, puzzles and games. Every week there will be something different to explore and experience. The first day will be September 9, which is also Rally Day. So, get your friends and family and join them. There's something for everyone at Emmanuel's Sunday School.

Teen Talk is for anyone in 7th grade and above. They meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

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to talk about God and Jesus, how their lives are influenced by them and how they can be an influence to others.

If recycling aluminum cans for the church, place the cans in large bags and drop them off in the large crates at the back of the lower parking lot.

The Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank is housed at Emmanuel UCC and is open by appointment only. All contacts are kept strictly confidential.

If you are in need of pastoral care, call Pastor Lou Aita at 570-582-9550 or email him at aitatl12@ptd.net.

E-mail access is emmanuel_ucc@hotmail.com and the website is emmanuel-ucc.org.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 8:45 a.m.
1448 Slocum Road, Mountain Top
570-868-5640 or 570-954-1547

The Faith congregation invites all to join worship service. Holy Communion is offered the first Sunday of the month.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Services: Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 & 10 a.m.

Father Connell McHugh, Pastor
Route 309, Drums

There will not be a Sunday breakfast in September with the Labor Day holiday.

There will not be a meeting of The Shepherd's Hands in August. They will resume meeting on Thursday, September 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the St.

Joseph Room.

September 8 and 9 will be the kickoff weekend for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. The Appeal video will be shown at all the weekend Masses. They do need a couple of parish volunteers to serve as representatives to the Appeal for the parish. This would entail attending 2 or 3 meetings and perhaps speaking on the Appeal if one wishes to do so one weekend at the Masses. Contact Father McHugh if you would be willing to serve as a parish representative.

Faith Formation will begin on Monday, September 10, at 4:30 p.m. Registration forms are on the table in the vestibule of the church or you can find them on the church's website.

The Diocesan policy is that Confirmation is a two-year program. Only those 14 students who came during the past 2017-2018 Faith Formation year are eligible to receive this year, no exceptions! Those students who opted not to attend the 7th grade Confirmation class can begin their program in the fall, but will not be eligible to receive in 2019.

On Saturday, September 8, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Good Shepherd Church will hold its

annual fall community flea market/rummage sale in the parking lot. They will supply the place and tables for a fee. A table and space is \$20; just a space is \$10. Payment can be made by stopping in the parish office or placing your envelope in the collection basket. You may drop off items for the Good Shepherd table from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays only in the parish hall. When they get volunteers for others days, they will post the days and hours.

Help will be needed at a later date to price the items and set up. They also need volunteers to help the day of the sale. Contact Diane Lindsay at 570-599-7626 or Aniela Ross at 570-582-5623 for more information or to reserve your spot.

The Valley Food Pantry helps those in need of food, paper products, and hygienic articles. They have been asked to collect peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, and dried pasta. Please check expiration dates.

Bingo at Good Shepherd church hall is held every Tuesday evening. Doors open at 5 p.m.; games start at 6 p.m.

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GRACE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Brian Korner, Pastor
Blue Ridge Trail, Slocum Twp.
570-868-6298

Nursery service is provided as well as Children's Sunday School and Jr. Church.

They are an old fashion Bible believing church still using the 1611 King James Version Bible and singing old favorite hymns.

Sunday School classes for children of all ages will help them learn at their level.

Children will love Junior Church during the Sunday morning service. Kids K-4 through 6th grade will be excited as they sing, learn memory verses, get prizes and hear preaching at their level.

A well equipped, well staffed nursery is provided for infants and toddlers so mom and dad can rest assured their little ones are well taken care of

while they enjoy the services.

The church has a bookstore, "Growing in Grace." They have a good selection of KJV Bibles, music, and various other items.

To contact the church call 570-868-6298 or email Kornerb@Truevine.net.

HARVEST CONYNGHAM VALLEY

Services: Sunday 10 a.m.

Jeff Butala, Pastor
475 Main Street, Conyngham
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KidZone: Children's Discipleship: Kindergarten-Grade 5: these school age children enjoy a time of worship and then have a time of teaching and learning. After the teaching time, they are separated into grade appropriate groups where they discuss the lesson with a passionate leader and apply it to their lives with crafts and activities.

At Harvest, they believe Children's Ministry is not a babysitting service but rather a real, vital, life-transforming ministry

of discipleship. Therefore, they have a group of dedicated volunteers who take very seriously the privilege of caring for, mentoring, teaching and encouraging your children.

For more information visit harvestcv.org or Harvest Conyngham Valley on Facebook.

MOUNTAIN TOP BAPTIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Dale Mooney, Pastor
865 Church Rd., Mountain Top
570-868-6863

Mountain Top Baptist Church invites you to join them for services. They are a family friendly church with the goal of equipping families to serve the Lord. They offer a fully staffed nursery for all Sunday worship services for ages 0-3.

Wednesday night at 7 p.m. is a Bible study for the adults. There is a Bible study class for teens and younger ones have fun in the Kids4Truth Club with singing, Bible lessons, memory verses and other activities.

MOUNTAINTOP FAMILY CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.
Brian Knorr, Pastor

209 S. Mt. Blvd., Mountain Top
570-474-0900

MFC invites families to church on Sundays during the contemporary services. Come a few minutes early for a continental breakfast with coffee, tea, bagels, and danishes.

KidsTown Children's Ministries takes place during both services for children 8 weeks old through 6th grade. The certified KidsTown staff provides a safe environment for children to grow in their relationships with God and with others.

A blood drive will be held on Tuesday, August 28 from 1-6 p.m. Please sign up for a time slot at the information table or at www.redcrossblood.org.

The annual community Summer Fun Fest will be held at the Mountaintop Hose Company No. 1 Picnic Grounds on August 24 and 25 at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited for a fun night out where everything is 25 cents! They will have food including funnel cakes, pierogies, ice cream, cotton candy, hot dogs and more. There will be inflatables for the kids to play on and many games with prizes.

A Men's Bible Study is held every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All men are invited to attend.

Starting Point Youth is for

St. Martin's holds annual picnic



Above: Following morning service everyone gathered under the pavilion for a meal together.

At right: Harriet Weyhenmeyer makes her way through the buffet line and chooses a little of everything.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

St. Martin in the Field Episcopal Church in Mountain Top held its annual church picnic under the pavilion on Sunday, August 19 immediately following the morning service. The Auxiliary provided pulled pork for sandwiches. Everyone who came brought a covered dish, dessert or something else delicious to share.

students who are in grades 7-12 and meets every Wednesday in the Youth Room. There is a snack shop open from 6-6:30 p.m. and the youth ser-

vice ends is from 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Women are invited to attend the Ladies Group every Wednesday from 10-11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary or from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the conference room.

Contact the Mountaintop Family Church office or email debbie@mfcchurch.com for information.

MOUNTAINVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
Service: Sunday 10 a.m.

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Brook Selby, Pastor
5126 N. Lehigh Gorge Dr.,
White Haven
570-443-9438

Mountainview is a family. They are learning together how to follow Jesus and how to love one another. They believe that through their relationships with one another and with Jesus, they will experience the freedom, confidence, and the full life that is available to them. Their mission is to provide an environment where anyone can encounter Jesus' love and guidance.

The White Haven Community Choir is preparing to start rehearsals for its annual Christmas Cantata, held every year at Mountainview Community Church. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 4 at 7 p.m. and continue throughout the season. The production this year is *Forever Gloria* by Randy Vader and Jay Rouse. It is an upbeat, uplifting, contemporary musical with a traditional flavor. Mr. Nate Spanos, Choir Director with Immanuel Christian School, Hazleton, will be Co-Director of the White Haven Christmas Cantata this year, along with Joyce Hergert continuing as Cantata Director.

If you love to sing and enjoy fellowship with others, you are invited to contact the Director. For more information and to pick up the music for an early start, call Joyce Hergert, Director, at 570-636-1940.

On Sundays, they spend time worshipping, praying, and they have a Bible-based sermon. Every 3rd Sunday is Family Sunday, when the children stay in the service with them. Every 4th Sunday they have commu-

nion together.

Adult Women's Group meets at 9 a.m. before the Sunday service and they are doing a study called, *Knowing God's Word*.

Mom-to-Mom Group meets on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. AA meets on Wednesday mornings and Sunday evenings.

For updated information on Mountainview Community Church, please visit their Facebook page: MountainviewFMC.

Mountainview is located about 1 mile from the Rt. 437 intersection in White Haven.

MT. ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Services: Sunday 9 A.M.
Pastors: Bob Thomas and
Rev. Fran Fink
Lily Lake Road, Slocum

Come worship in a real country church. Built in 1891, Mt. Zion still has no running water and uses an outhouse for their rest room facilities.

Pastor Bob Thomas will lead the worship service on August 26. On Labor Day weekend, Rev. Fran Fink will lead the Sunday service on September 2. Without the efforts of Labor, you'd be working Sunday. Thank God by attending church. "You will enjoy the fruit of your labor, how joyful and prosperous you will be!"

St. Jude's holds annual Picnic in the Grove

The 65th annual St. Jude parish Picnic in the Grove was held August 10 through 12 on the parish grounds. The rain stayed away most of the weekend and crowds streamed in and out enjoying the many activities along with the

great food, potato pancakes, pierogies, pulled pork, the large selection of homemade baked goods and the bbq chicken dinner on Sunday afternoon. New food selections this year included steamed corn, fish and beef tacos.



The Delarosa family, Ria, Rose, Rod and RJ enjoy playing bingo.



Donna Otter and Peter Palmasang have a hard time deciding which theme baskets to bid on.

Is he a cat, or a dog, or a cow? – not sure, but little Luke Faverbach is doing his best to mimic his favorite animal after having his face painted.



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photos



The chicken bbq was a big hit.

Psalm 128:2

Blessings for a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

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For more information about church services and activities call Diane Webster at 379-3713.

**NEW LIFE
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Services: Sunday 8:30 & 10:30
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Dave Elick, Pastor
570 S. Main Road, Mountain Top
570-868-5155

New Life Community Church, invites you to come and worship the way it used to be. Pastor Dave Elick invites you to join him and get back to the Bible.

The next coffee house at The Truth Café with live band and dinner for only \$3 will be on Friday, September 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. featuring *The Here and Now Effect* from Nanticoke.

For more information call

Sandy at 570-474-9805.

**OLD RIVER CHURCH
WAPWALLOPEN
MINISTERIUM**
Services: Sunday 6 p.m.
Route 239, Wapwallopen

The Wapwallopen Ministerium is holding worship services at the Old River Church, Wapwallopen, on Sundays.

These services are a peek into the way our forefathers worshiped our Lord. Since there isn't any electricity, they start at 6 p.m. so they have enough light to read scriptures and hymns.

The Ministerium invites everyone to come and experience these unique and inspiring services.

The schedule for this summer is: August 26 Cemetery Association.

**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF
MOUNTAIN TOP**
Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
James H. Shanley, Pastor
9 Chestnut Street, Mountain Top
570-474-9951

You are invited to join in worship August 26. Pastor Shanley will continue his series from the book of James. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. as the church continues the summer worship schedule. The fall schedule will begin September 9 with Sunday School meeting at 9:30 and worship at 11.

If you would like to help serve at the Soup Kitchen from 9 a.m.-12 noon on August 25, please talk to Pam Zaprazny. Carpool will leave the church by 8:45 a.m.

The annual church picnic will be held after worship on August 26. Bring your favorite covered dish and a joyful heart and join in the fellowship with church family and friends. Food, games, water balloons, and dessert!!

Please donate your food items weekly to be given to the Mountain Top food bank. Bins are located at the rear of the Sanctuary. The need is great for packaged items, mayonnaise, coffee and sugar and peanut butter. Rice, carrots and red beets are also needed.



Paul Mendofik, Retired PA State Trooper and member of St. Mary's Parish guides the group wishing to become certified in CPR/AED and first aid.

Adult first aid and CPR classes held at St. Mary's Catholic Church

St. Mary's hosted a Red Cross Adult CPR and First Aid class on Thursday, August 1 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the social hall. Cost was \$26 and included the class, supplies, and certification. An optional professional level CPR mask was available for an additional \$10. The class was for preregistered parishioners. Retired Pennsylvania State Trooper Paul Mendofik taught the class and has been a Certified Red Cross instructor since 1985.

2018 dates to purchase bulletin covers to honor or recognize someone are now available. A month's supply of bulletin covers is \$35. If there is a certain month you would like to purchase check with the office for availability. Flowers are also

available to purchase for \$35 for the vases or a special arrangement for the pedestal. Contact Allison Pekar to schedule flowers or call the church office.

Please continue to pray for the president and country. Also continue to pray for our military families and those serving in all branches of the armed forces. If you want a name of your friend or family member added to the prayer list, contact the church offices. Service members are prayed for by name every Sunday.

The church office is open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Email: pbychmt@veri-

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STAIRVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 10 a.m.
Stairville Road, Mountain Top
570-868-5640

The congregation invites you to come and worship with them this Sunday. Communion is celebrated every 1st Sunday of the month. There is plenty of parking behind the church.

Choir practice is every Thursday at 3 p.m.

Amish chicken bbq on August 25 from 12 to 4 p.m. tickets cost \$12 each.

The J.O.Y. Circle meets every second Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the large fellowship hall. They make the plans for all church events, new members are welcome along with their new ideas.

Church cookbooks, published in 2013, are available for purchase for only \$5 each. Call 570-868-3633 to order one.

Pastoral care call Christine at 570-868-3413 or 570-592-1552.

ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
Oliver Brown, Pastor
827 E. County Road, Wapwallopen
570-379-3878

Pastor Brown conducts Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

A volunteer is needed to contact volunteers!! The church is

looking for a volunteer who is willing to make phone calls to line up people who will serve as lectors, communion assistants, ushers, greeters, and acolytes. Contact Pastor Brown at 570-582-6639 or Shelly Lawton at 570-854-2161 if you would like to serve your congregation this way.

Boy Scout Troop 300 continues to meet at St. James Lutheran Church on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. Sixth grade through high school students are welcome.

Cub Scout Pack 379 meets on Sunday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Kindergarten through 5th grade boys are welcome to join. Please call Billy Jo Scott at 570-854-3755 for more info.

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Services: Saturday 4 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Father Joseph J. Evanko, Pastor
420 S. Mt. Blvd., Mountain Top
570-474-6315

Come and see how much you will enjoy being a part of St. Jude's adult choir. Rehearsals for this season begin on Wednesday, September 5, from 7-8:30 p.m. Ages 8th grade through adult are welcome. If you'd like more information, call Joe Dubinski or come

talk to him after one of the weekend masses. If you play an instrument, and would like to play for the liturgies, then please let it be known! Call Joe Dubinski, or come up and talk with him after one of the masses.

The fall season of Children's Choir begins September 11. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays from 4:45-5:30 p.m. in the church (please note that this is a time change from previous years). All students in grades 3-7 are encouraged to participate. Please contact Stephanie at stephaniekulpa@gmail.com for more information.

Students, bring your backpacks August 25 and 26 to church for a special backpack blessing at all Masses.

Religious Education Classes for 9th grade students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, September 22 begins on Sunday, August 26 from 9:30-10:45 a.m. or Monday, August 27 from 6:30-7:40 p.m. Students can pick the day they wish to attend. There is no need to register in advance. Parents are reminded to stop in the first day of classes to register for a Confirmation interview. Interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, September 4, 5 and

6. Interviews last about 20 minutes between the hours 3-5 p.m., and 6-8 p.m. (Please note the change of dates due to Meet the Teacher nights at Crestwood high school.) This is the only way to sign up for an interview. Questions? Call Pam Urbanski at 570-262-3015.

Religious education substitutes needed. Please contact Carrie at cgrandzol@stjc.org to help. The parish has a strong group of dedicated Religious Education teachers who occasionally need a class off. Are you a former teacher? Currently teaching? Or just willing to give of your time a few times a year to further faith here on the mountain? Then please prayerfully consider joining the substitute teaching team. All clearances required.

The following items are needed for the Mt. Top Food Bank: Boxed soup mix instead of Ramen noodles, noodles,

rice, boxed macaroni and cheese, vegetable soups, cream soups, baked beans, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruit, tuna, ketchup, mayonnaise, pudding, jello, sugar, hot chocolate and coffee. The first Sunday of the month is Food Bank Sunday! Drop off items in the boxes located in the narthex.

The Parish office hours are Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Friday and Saturday: closed and Sunday: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**ST. MARK'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Services: Sunday at 11:15 a.m.
285 Pond Hill Mt. Road,
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Like them on Facebook, "St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pond Hill PA", to see pictures and announcements.

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services: Sunday 10 a.m.

Rev. Daniel FitzSimmons, Rector
3085 Church Road, Mountain Top
570-868-5358

St. Martin's is the little stone on the corner of Church and Nuangola Roads.

We Three will present a live concert at St. Martin's-in-the Field Church on Sunday, August 26 at 7 p.m. *We Three* is a unique trombone trio that performs music from the Great American Songbook including the best loved melodies of Broadway and Hollywood. The trio is also known for its jazz and folksong performances.

Recovery Sunday is September 9. If you or someone you love is in recovery from alcohol, drug or any other type of addiction, they welcome you to a special service created just for you. The Sunday Eucharist will feature excerpts from the 12-step recovery process, pro-

viding hope and inspiration for everyone who is dealing with and has been affected by addiction. Everyone is welcome regardless of faith or background.

On Sunday October 14 an instructed Eucharist will be held. Many congregations in liturgical churches have expressed a desire for some sort of real-time worship teaching or commentary which would shed light on the various elements of the service. Such a teaching service is often known as an "instructed Eucharist." This is also the Sunday when they ask you to bring a friend who might enjoy learning about their religion.

The church will have pastie sales in September and Novem-

ber. The soup and bread sale is in October. In December they will have a Christmas party with a cookie exchange.

For more information, visit stmartintimesless.org. If you have any questions please contact Janeann at 570-868-6895.

ST. MARY'S OF DORRANCE

Services: Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m.

Father Joseph Evanko, Pastor
3529 St. Mary's Road, Dorrance
570-868-5855

The church warmly welcome all visitors! Contact the parish office if you would like to become a member of the parish.

Religious Education K-6:

Mrs. Heller 379-2647. The first religious education class for the 2018-19 year will be held on Sunday, September 23, at 10 a.m. This first class is for parents and students. Please gather in the church.

Saint Theresa's Guild will meet on Tuesday, August 14, at 7 p.m. in the dining room. The Anniversary Celebration Committee will meet the same evening at 6 p.m., also in the dining room.

The youth group will meet on Sunday, October 14, from 6-8 p.m. in the rectory. Youth Group is for all students in seventh grade and older. Their mission is spirituality, service, and social. For more infor-

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mation please call the parish office.

The Altar & Rosary Society will not hold a monthly meeting in August. The next meeting will be Monday, September 17, at 7 p.m. in the dining room.

St. Mary's will soon be preparing its 2019 offertory envelopes. Please call the parish office if you would like envelopes and don't already receive them. Also, please call the office if you have updated information (family name, phone number, address, or email address).

St. Mary's parish has a tradition of offering home cooked meals to families after funerals. They are currently in desperate need of more volunteers. Specifically, people are needed to provide a covered dish, set up, serve, and clean up. You can volunteer for one of these jobs or all of them. Typically there is a two day notice. Please call the parish office if you can help.

Please remember to call the parish office ahead of time if you would like to borrow tables/chairs. Also, please check with the office before scheduling meetings in the rectory or social hall.

The Knights of Columbus is looking for a few good men! If you are interested in giving back to your church and community and having fun while doing it call John Baab 516-241-5297.

Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

In case of emergency call 570-474-6315 and follow prompts for emergency.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Services: Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Rev. Michael F. Kloton, Pastor
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570-443-9944

There is a box in the church vestibule for the donation of your old cell phones to raise funds for the charitable work of a religious congregation.

The Food Pantry's on-going needs are pancake mix and syrup, crackers, cereal, juice and jello.

If you would like information about joining the Knight of Columbus, please call Jim Curto at 570-443-8494.

Al-Anon meets on Tuesdays 7-8 p.m. and Thursdays noon-1 p.m. at the White Haven Presbyterian Church. For more information call 443-7293. AA meets on Saturday night at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center for a meeting.

Folk Group Choir practices each Monday at 6 p.m. All adults and children, 3rd grade and older are welcome. Questions call Linda at 443-7002.

Bible Study is on Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Weekly Rosary is Wednesday at 6 p.m. in church and, on the first Wednesday of each month, adoration and bene-

diction.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9:30

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Michelle Kaufman, Pastor
316 S. Mt. Blvd., Mountain Top
570-474-6616

The congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Mountain Top encourages you to join them for worship this week. The following is a brief summary of upcoming worship and service opportunities.

Bible Study is held every Thursday at 1 p.m. They welcome interested persons to attend. No homework, no tests, no previous knowledge. Have some fun with learning; only 2 hours a week with a knowledgeable teacher. Snacks provided.

Ushers, greeters, readers, deacons, acolyte and counters are needed if you would like to volunteer. Email Rachael at info@stpaulsmtn.com.

St. Paul's has been invited to join St. John's Nanticoke and St. Mark's Pond Hill on Sunday, September 2 at Camp St. George for an end of summer gathering. An 11:15 worship service will be followed by a picnic with hot dogs, hamburgers, corn. Everyone attending is asked to bring a covered dish.

Every third Wednesday, at 1

p.m. at the church will be board game day. Please bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Come on out and have some fun.

The first Sunday of each month has been declared "Food Bank Day" and they ask that members bring non-perishable food items in order to keep up with the demand for food.

The Yarn Spinners will continue to work on the prayer shawls and baptismal blankets for Pastor. If any of you are talented in crocheting or knitting, or would like to learn, you are invited to join them. Lessons will be given by Lois. If you can't make the meetings, call Lois at 474-5502, and volunteer your talents by making the items at your own pace at home.

Every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 7 p.m. AA meetings are held, at 6:15 p.m., on Wednesdays Weight Watchers meetings are in session. Every Thursday NA

meets at 6 p.m. Stress & Anxiety Management: Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is closed on Wednesdays except for the 1st Wednesday of the month when there is a healing service.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Lynn Rothrock, Pastor
418 Berwick St., White Haven
570-443-9424

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at 9:15. Sunday School follows at 10:30 for ages 3 to adult. All are welcome.

Activities at St. Paul's include: "Next Generation Faith" Youth

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Group for those in grade 4 through 12 the first and third Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. Quilters on Monday at 9:30, Adult Bible Study on Tuesday at 7 p.m., community lunch is served each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish House.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Debra Hebden, Pastor
335 W. Butler Drive, Drums
570-788-3051

Pastor Debra and the congregation of St. Paul's invite

you to worship each Sunday. Holy Communion is offered on the first Sunday of the month.

Following the worship service, members and visitors enjoy fellowship time.

Ongoing ministries include the weekly prayer shawl ministry, which meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the church; participation in an outreach effort to the Latino community, focusing on ESL classes at Diamond UMC; and support of the Valley Interfaith Council and the Valley Food Pantry.

For more information, check www.stpaulsdrums.com or e-mail stpaulsdrums@gmail.com.

VALLEY

COMMUNITY CHURCH
Services: Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Contemporary service: 10 a.m.
Keith Evans, Pastor
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The congregation meets every Sunday at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

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Youth group will start September 9 at 4:30 p.m.

VCC Coffee House grand opening will be held on Friday, October 5 at 7 p.m.

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WHITE HAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
David Botzer, Pastor
900 Buffalo St., White Haven
570-443-7153

White Haven UMC welcomes everyone in the community to worship with them on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Communion is shared the first Sunday of the month. A contemporary communion service is held on the third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m.

Sunday School welcomes children Pre-K through 5th grade. Youth Group welcomes

those in 6th-12th grade. Both meet every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. following worship.

Non-perishable food items are collected every Sunday to support the White Haven Food Pantry.

Adult Choir meets Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. and the Cherub Choir/Children's Bell Choir meets at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. in the parlor.

If you have any questions or are in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Dave at 570-443-7153 or e-mail him at dbotzer@hotmail.com.

Check them out on Facebook at White Haven United Methodist Church.



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From left; Sean Foley, Kerri Fey, Melissa Hilpp and Dawn Miller, members of the Crestwood Football Board enjoy themselves at the event.



Mountain Peaks/ Claudia Strycharz photos

Although the Tomeks don't have any children in the football program they are still happy to support it. From left are: Nicole Tomek, Tommy Kulak, Erin Harding, Brent Tomek and Megan Kennedy.

Crestwood Football Booster Club holds 2018 season kickoff social

The Crestwood Football Booster Club held its 2018 season kickoff social on Saturday, August 18 at Cavanaugh's Grille from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission was \$20 per person and included food, beer, wine and soda. All the proceeds benefit football players in grades 7-12.

Butcher Bob's holds smokin' grand opening



Above: Hungry diners enjoy some of the smoked favorites.

At right: Butcher Bob tends to the smokers to make sure everything is cooked perfectly.



Mountain Peaks/ Claudia Strycharz photos

Mountain Top's newest eatery, Butcher Bob's located at 683 S. Mountain Blvd. held a grand opening on Sunday, August 19 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. At 11 a.m. the Oldies Rock and Roll Duo performed until 3 p.m., and then Better with Beer Duo performed until 8 p.m. The weather was cooler, and the patio was filled with diners hungry to try the smoked talents of Robert Gada aka Butcher Bob.

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Dorrance Township code inspection system changes

Supervisors announced at their August 13 meeting that the township was notified by Code Inspections Inc., on July 15 that it will no longer provide Uniform Construction Code Services within the township since supervisors decided to go with multiple third-party agencies.

At their June meeting, supervisors also approved a resolution establishing a third-party building inspector program. The system provides for six inspectors with their own fee schedules. Residents will have the option to choose any of the six. The inspectors are required to sign a contract and provide insurance and indemnify and hold the township harmless. The fee to the township will be 20% or \$50 whichever is greater.

Code Inspections will close out all open permits and applications within the township up to July 15. The township will now be responsible for doing the quarterly state fee reports required by the state Department of Community and Economic Development.

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Adult September programming announced at the M.S. Kirby Library

Color Me Calm!

Adults are invited to an evening of coloring and creativity while exercising fine motor skills and stimulating the brain. Join them on Wednesday, September 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to color your way to a state of calmness while listening to soothing background music. Coloring sheets and pencils will be available to use or feel free to bring your own.

Stop the Bleed: Save a Life

Learn how to stop severe bleeding in the event of an injury by attending the *Stop the Bleed: Save a Life* program on Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. to be conducted by Geisinger Wyoming Valley.

The program can be likened to CPR, the person right there at the scene of the incident can make a difference. Civilians need basic training in

bleeding control principles so they are able to provide immediate, frontline aid until first responders are able to take over care of an injured person. Due to many situations, there may be a delay between the time of injury and the time a first responder is on the scene. Without civilian intervention in these circumstances, preventable deaths will occur.

Geisinger Wyoming Valley

offers the *Stop the Bleed Program* as part of its Trauma Outreach Initiative, with a goal of preventing trauma, teaching people what to do in emergency situations to lessen injuries, and potentially save lives. The goal is to train as many people as possible for the good of our communities.

Readings to Remember

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library is currently booking

appointments for a special two day event, *Readings to Remember* with Psychic Medium Jim Byers and Tarot card reader Jonathan Coyle. Partial proceeds from this event will benefit the library.

Jim Byers is a psychic medium who provides guidance and connects people to loved ones who have crossed over to

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the spirit world through readings. His goal is to bring calm, comfort, and enlightenment to clients.

Byers studied mediumship at Inner Peace in Wilkes-Barre, the Spirit Sanctuary, Effort, PA, the Journey Within, New Jersey, and was mentored by Spirit Artist Joseph Shiel. He is also a Reiki II certified practitioner.

Byers, of Wyoming, earned a Bachelor Degree in Communications from Bloomsburg University and an Associate Degree in Social Science from Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke.

His professional career includes time spent as a newspaper reporter and a graphic artist as well as public relations. Learn more about Jim Byers on Facebook at psychic-mediumpa.com.

Jonathan Coyle is a Tarot card reader who uses a 36-card Lenormand deck and has provided individual readings for seven years at local events.

His readings will tell you about past situations, your current situation, and what you can expect in the future. His objective is to provide guidance to clients who seek direction in their lives. Ultimately the ideology behind the reading is to provide guidance and

insight.

Coyle, of Jenkins Township, holds a Master's Degree in Psychology. His professional career includes time spent as a child-centered, family oriented therapist and has been in the mental health field for over 14 years. Learn more about Jonathan Coyle, the Lenormand cards and upcoming events on Facebook at Tarot for Living.

Byers and Coyle will be available for readings for \$30

each on Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29. Each person who books a session with either reader will receive a complimentary energy stone to aid them in their journey with regards to their needs and concerns.

To make an appointment for a reading or to register for any of the other programs visit the library at 35 Kirby Avenue, Mountain Top, or call 570-474-9313.

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Mullery scored 100% during the 2017-2018 session. The average score of State House members was 52%.

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Ice harvesting presentation given at Nuangola Lake

On Saturday, August 11 the Nuangola Lake Association hosted an informative presentation on ice harvesting throughout the area at the pavilion at Nuangola Lake.

The presentation, which began at 10 a.m., was given by Charlene Wildes and Tina Fiorani. Ms. Wildes is an Environmental Educator who does a variety of presentations on nature, and one of her best is on ice harvesting.

Sally Shea, a resident of the lake and member of the Nuangola Lake Association organized the event, which was a



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Charlene Wildes talks to a captivated audience about ice harvesting in our area.

big hit and full of interesting information on the 30-year

history of ice harvesting in this area.

According to Wildes and as seen on old recordings she showed, there are still remnants of the ice houses and equipment used at the Bear Creek dam number two. She also talked about the ice harvesting at Fenners Pond, better known as Ice Lakes. Ice was also harvested at Nuangola Lake according to Mildred Fleetwood and others at the presentation.



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