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## 2018 Crestwood High School Homecoming

Homecoming week at Crestwood High School started Saturday, September 22 with the homecoming dance. Homecoming is always a special time, the school is decorated in Comet colors, red and white, and students show their school pride and spirit. During the week there were Spirit Days, a power puff derby, which had to be postponed because of rain, and a pep rally. The week ended with the homecoming parade and the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen.

Because of construction on the Crestwood High School campus, the homecoming parade route was changed. This year the parade started at Larchmont Way, across from the Wright Township Fire Department and made its way down

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The 2017 Homecoming Queen, Sydney Sobolewski, leads the 2018 Homecoming court in the parade.



*Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photos*

The Crestwood High School 2018 Homecoming court: Chase Passman and Julianna Geib; Camden Boris and Nina Limongelli; Patrick Rother and Lilly Greene; Sydney

Sobolewski, the 2017 Homecoming Queen; Adam Gegaris and Riley Magin and James Curry and Emma Colo.

James Curry and Riley Magin were crowned Homecoming King and Queen before the start of the football game against Nanticoke.



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## Places To Go ... Things To Do ...

### DURING OCTOBER SOCK COLLECTION

Join GFWC Mountain Top for Socktober! Clubwomen are collecting new women's and children's socks for The Victims Resource Center during the month of October.

Socks can be dropped off at the club meeting October 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Christ United Methodist Church 175 S. Main Road, Mountain Top.

Women interested in learning more about the club and its projects are welcome to attend any meeting. For information or questions please call Gaylene at 570-751-6144 or visit them on Facebook @ GFWC Mountain Top.

### 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, a food truck and so much more.

### OCTOBER 6 WALK FOR THE ANIMALS

The SPCA of Luzerne County will hold a Walk for the Animals on Saturday, October 6 at Frances Slocum State Park at 9 a.m. Registration online at [spcaluzernecounty.org](http://spcaluzernecounty.org).

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

A charity golf tournament in honor of Danielle Cavanaugh will be held on October 6 at Sand Springs Golf Course in Drums. Registration starts at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. The \$90 entry fee includes your round of golf

and cart, food buffet at the Ice House after your round and prizes.

Contact Jeff at The Ice House Pub at 570-868-6098. All money raised will benefit the Think Pink Foundation.

### OCTOBER 7 CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY

The Blytheburn Lake Association's will hold it's annual children's fishing derby on Sunday, October 7 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lake Blytheburn.

The event is for children 12 years and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Fishing will be off the dam and along the shore line. Bait

will be provided. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded.

There is no charge for this event. For more information please contact Felicia at 570-678-5261.

### MODEL TRAIN SHOW

A model train show and sale will be held on October 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hawley Fire Department, 17 Columbus Avenue in Hawley. \$3 admission, under 12 free with adult. For more information call Bill Delling at 570-226-3206.

### CRAFT FAIR & CAR SHOW

St. Faustina Church will hold a vendor craft fair along with car show on Sunday, October

7 (rain date October 14) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the parish grove, Robert Street, Sheatown.

Food, music and plenty to experience! Proceeds benefit the youth group.

### OCTOBER 9 MOUNTAIN TOP GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rice Township municipal building.

They will be making "Spooky and Scary" carved pumpkin decorations that every trick or treater will enjoy! Member, Roberta Lee Robbins will lead

the group with this fun activity.

The Garden Club meeting is open to the public and new members are always welcome! Members have exclusive discounts at several local garden centers. If you have any questions or would like to join, please email the Garden Club at [mtgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:mtgardenclub@gmail.com).

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET

Sons of the American Legion Mountain Post 781 will meet on October 9 at 6 p.m. at the Post Home. For information, contact Lenny Biel at 474-2161 or [sal781@frontier.com](mailto:sal781@frontier.com).

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Mountain Top Area Knights of Columbus is **Tuesday, October 9** 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.

### OCTOBER 9 & 23 MOUNTAIN TOP SOCIAL CLUB MEETINGS

The Mountain Top Social Club will hold its next senior meetings (50 and older) on **October 9 and 23** at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top.

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 information, please contact Janeann Lokken at 570-868-6895.

For information on bus trips please contact Otto Eime at 570-407-0056.

### OCTOBER 10 MEDICAL MARIJUANA INFORMATION NIGHT

Representatives from Justice Grown Medical Marijuana Dispensary in Edwardsville will hold an information night at the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library on **Wednesday, October 10** at 7 p.m. They will review the basics of the Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Program, answer questions, and make themselves available to anyone who needs help registering for the program.

Justice Grown is currently the only medical marijuana dispensary in Luzerne County and was recently awarded a permit for a grower/processor facility.

To register for the library program visit the library at 35 Kirby Ave., Mountain Top or call 570-474-9313.

### OCTOBER 13 ROSARY RALLY

A Rosary rally will be held on **Saturday, October 13** at 12

noon in the Weis parking lot in Mountain Top. This event is sponsored by America Needs Fatima and will be one of over 23,000 rallies that will take place all across the U.S. on that day.

Please join them in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the U.S. For more information call Marie at 570-574-0849 or Carmen at 570-262-7373.

### CRAFT/VARIETY SALE

Vendors wanted for a craft/variety sale to be held at Stairville UMC on **October 13** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$10 per table. The variety auction will be held at 1 p.m. There will also be a bake sale and a great variety of food for lunch. Call Christine at 570-592-1552.

### WHACL TO HOST AUTHOR MICHAEL SIMS

White Haven Area Community Library will host Michael Sims, author of *Authur and Sherlock*, *Conan Doyle and the Creation of Holmes* on **Satur-**

**day, October 13.** There will be a presentation at 4:30 p.m. for young adults, students and admission is free. Please call and register. The second presentation will be at 7 p.m. with a Meet and Greet the Author and refreshments at 6 p.m. Admission for the evening show is \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the White Haven Area Community Library, 121 Towanda Street, White Haven, or by calling 570-443-8776. Tickets must be purchased prior to show.

### OCTOBER 14

#### CRAFT FAIR & CHICKEN & WAFFLE DINNER

The American Legion Post 781 Auxiliary will host a fall craft/artisan fair on **October 14** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Legion grounds. The fair will coincide with the Sons of the American Legion chicken and waffle dinner, which will include fried chicken & waffles, green beans and dessert. Cost is \$8 and will be served

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from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until sold out.

If you are a baker, you may be interested in participating in the baking contest. Those wishing to participate can bring their baked goods between 10 and 11 a.m., October 14 to register. Judging will be at noon and all remaining desserts will be portioned and sold throughout the day. Contest rules: Must be present to win, homemade desserts only, \$5 registration fee is non-refundable (cash or check) and you must be 18 years old or have parent permission. First prize is \$75, second prize \$50 and third prize \$25.

Donations will also be accepted for the soldiers Christmas packages being sent overseas. A tub will be available for your donation of non perishable items. Please check expiration dates as packages will not be sent out until the first week in December.

Some suggestions are packaged snacks, 5 hour energy, jerky, playing cards, puzzles books, any kind of games,

wrapped candy, powered sweetened juice drinks, funny DVDs, flip top cans such as fruit and sardines, prepared tuna in pouches (no cans please), money donations are always welcome to help to defray the cost of sending the packages.

For additional information contact Judy Buff at 570-678-7433.

## CHICKEN BBQ

Slocum Fire Co. will host its annual chicken bbq on **October 14** from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. The take out only chicken bbq dinner includes half a chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, vegetable and roll and butter for \$9. You can reserve dinners by calling 570-868-6255, leave a message for Ted.

## OCTOBER 15 AL AUXILIARY MEETING

The American Legion Auxiliary of Post 781 Mountain Top is holding fundraising meetings the third Monday of every month. All members of the Legion are invited to attend. They are looking for some fresh new ideas. The next fundraising meeting will be held

on Monday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Post Home.

There will be a hoagie sale October 28, for more information or to order, please contact Marie at 570-474-5379.

## OCTOBER 17 MEET THE GHOST DETECTIVES

Experience some thrills and chills courtesy of NEPA Paranormal's Ghost Detectives when team members visit the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library, 35 Kirby Ave., Mountain Top on **October 17** at 6:30 p.m.

NEPA Paranormal's Ghost Detectives team was formed in 2011 and is made up of members of some of the most experienced and popular teams in Pennsylvania.

NEPA Paranormal's Ghost Detectives films and produces all of its own material and present a professional, family oriented show that educates and entertains the viewers.

Ghost Detectives utilizes new technologies that are developed by Bob Christopher, co-founder and lead investigator of NEPA Paranormal. Find out more about the Ghost Detectives at [www.ghostdetectives.tv](http://www.ghostdetectives.tv).

Register for this program by calling 570-474-9313.

## OCTOBER 18 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, October 18** 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.

## OCTOBER 20 HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

The Mountain Top Small Business Partners is delighted to be hosting its first Children's Halloween Costume Collection & Swap.

Gently used children's costume donations are being accepted through October 17 at the following locations: Mountaintop Eagle, 85 S. Main Road; H&R Block, 59 S. Mountain Blvd.; Massage Now/The

Fitness Place, 54 N. Mountain Blvd.; This & That Second Hand Store, Grouse Hill Plaza; and Whole Life Center for Health, 600 N. Hunter Highway, Drums.

Following the collection, a costume swap will be held on **Saturday, October 20** at the Kirby Library, 35 Kirby Ave., Mountain Top from 1 to 3 p.m. The event is open to everyone in the community and is free of charge. Children of all ages can pick out a costume free of charge. This will be a first come first serve event, the number of costumes depends on donations received.

All costumes will be spray sanitized courtesy of This & That Second Hand Store.

If you are interested in donating costumes, you can visit one of the locations listed or contact Samantha at 570-956-6836 or [eagledesigns@ptd.net](mailto:eagledesigns@ptd.net) to arrange drop off.

## OCTOBER 20 & 21 OLD TIME SHINDIG FUNDRAISER

A benefit to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital will be held on October 20 and 21 at 499 S. Main Road (Albert's Corners) in Mountain Top starting at 12 noon.

Fifty years ago people played baseball there, climbed the apple tree and had picnics under the pines. This will be a good old fashion shindig/family picnic so bring your blankets, picnic baskets, and charcoal grill. There will be games for the kids, a softball hitting competition, croquet, badmitten and a bean bag tournament (sign up by texting Joe at 570-902-9291). There will



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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 October 8

**Monday:** No school, Columbus Day

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

**Wednesday:** French toast sticks with breakfast sausage or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: potato triangles, fresh cucumber slices, choice of fruit and milk

**Thursday:** Beef and cheese lasagna or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: Italian green beans, Caesar salad, choice of fruit and milk

**Friday:** Asian sesame chicken over rice or Italian dunkers with sauce; featured veggies: steamed corn, Romaine salad

choice of fruit and milk

#### Week of October 15

**Monday:** Italian meatballs and cheese on a roll or chicken nuggets with a dinner roll; featured veggies: oven fries, 100% juice frozen rush cup, choice of fruit and milk

**Tuesday:** Buffalo chicken and cheese on flat bread 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:** Bbq ribby on a bun or pepperoni pizza bagel; 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 October 8

**Monday:** No school, Columbus Day

**Tuesday:** Chicken fajita or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: refried 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: Italian style green beans, romaine salad, choice

of fruit and milk

**Thursday:** French toast sticks with scrambled eggs or bbq rib on a bun; featured veggies: breakfast potatoes, fresh cucumber slices, choice of fruit and milk

**Friday:** Oven roasted pork sandwich or Italian stromboli with sauce; featured veggies: sweet potato fries, romaine salad, choice of fruit and milk

#### Week of October 15

**Monday:** Oven roasted chicken with a dinner roll or chicken nuggets with a dinner roll; featured veggies: au gratin potatoes, 100% juice frozen rush cup, choice of fruit and milk

**Tuesday:** Nachos grande, tor-

tilla chips 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, tater tots, choice of fruit and milk

**Thursday:** Hot turkey sandwich with gravy or bbq rib on a bun; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, green pepper strips, choice of fruit and milk

**Friday:** Pork bbq and cheddar stuffed baked potato or buffalo chicken stromboli; featured veggies: broccoli and cheese, 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

### Week of October 8

**Monday:** Center closed

**Tuesday:** Taste of Germany lunch: bratwurst, braised sauerkraut, German potato salad, whole wheat club roll, apple streusel, milk and coffee

**Wednesday:** Center closed

**Thursday:** Pork chop with country gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, mixed berries, milk and coffee

**Friday:** Rotisserie turkey salad, pumpkin soup, cold sliced beets, crackers, margarine, yogurt parfait, milk and

coffee

### Week of October 15

**Monday:** Turkey burger with cheese, whole wheat sandwich roll, French onion soup, carrot raisin salad, tropical fruit, milk and coffee

**Tuesday:** Salisbury steak, green beans and carrots, mashed potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, fresh apple slices, milk and coffee

**Wednesday:** Tuscan pork, broccoli & cauliflower, boiled new potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, sugar cookie, milk and coffee

**Thursday:** Roast turkey, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, bread stuffing,

margarine, pumpkin square, milk and coffee

**Friday:** Whole wheat spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, zucchini and red peppers, birthday cake, milk and coffee

Seniors are invited to attend lunch daily. Regular and health plus menus are avail-

able. The suggested donation is \$2. Make your reservations at least one day in advance by calling 868-8517 before 1 p.m.

The Center is located at 460 South Main Road in Mountain Top, and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## AAC announces activity schedule

The Active Adult Center, located at 460 South Main Road in Mountain Top, is open Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Director is Barb Thoma.

The center has announced its activities for October. They are: October 4: Chair exercises

at 10:30 a.m. This program will be held every Thursday.

October 8: Center closed for Columbus Day

October 10: Center closed. There will be bag lunch.

October 11: Speaker: Scam alerts

October 15: Pumpkin art at 10:30 a.m.

October 16: Sight and Sound movie *Samson* at 12:30 p.m. Popcorn and soda will be provided.

October 25: Speaker: *Defending Yourself* from Providence Place

October 30: Wilkes University – brown bag medication review at 11 a.m.

October 31: Halloween party. Fun and games beginning at 10:30 a.m. Music by Ron Figel begins at 12:30 p.m. Call 570-868-8517 to order a lunch for this day. Bring a friend.

Routine activities include bingo, balloon volleyball, card games, band exercises, health and nutrition talks and musical ball toss.

Geri fit strengthening exercises begin at 11 a.m. These classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday throughout the months of October, November and December

For more information call Barb Thoma at 570-868-8517.



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also be wine and beer tasting from local companies and a 1950s and 60s car show. Have pizza from the only coal-fired handmade pizza oven in the area. Most things are free of charge but donations will be appreciated to help the children.

Enjoy eating your hot dog in an original 1960s aluminum webbed chair, have your potato salad off of a chrome table set, get a free snow cone from a classic 1965 Airstream and maybe some momma and poppa music. If you're sixty and older it will bring back memories, if you are 5 and older it will create memories. You'll see how the old folks

survived with out video games.

On Sunday, October 21 there will be filming of the opening scene to the cooking show *Food on the Road*, that's been being filmed here out of the Airstream for the last 12 months. If you want to be part of it come dressed in 60s wardrobe.

To volunteer to help with this event or for more information call or text Joe at 570-902-9291.

### OCTOBER 21

#### CHRISTIAN CONCERT

Making A Difference Ministries and St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Mountain Top will host a Christian Mini Concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

316 Mountain Blvd., Rt. 309 Mountain Top on **October 21** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with a meet and greet afterward.

Featured artists are Paul and Mary Good, a Christian duo from Quakertown.

For all the Christian concerts and events call Stephen at 570-899-2264 or visit on the web at [www.unitybymusic.org](http://www.unitybymusic.org), or Facebook at Making A Difference Ministries/Unity By Music.

#### SPOOKTACULAR BINGO

St. Jude PJAS will hold a spooktacular bingo on **Sunday, October 21** in St. Jude School cafeteria. Doors open at 12 noon, bingo starts at 1 p.m. Preordered tickets are

\$20, \$25 at the door. Food and baked goods will be available. Proceeds will help reduce the costs for 7th and 8th grade students to conduct experiments, for registration fees and to travel to Penn State to attend the competition.

#### DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

The Mountaintop Hose Company No. 1 will host a designer purse bingo on **Sunday, October 21** from 1 to 4 p.m. at the firehouse on Woodlawn Avenue in Mountain Top. Twenty games will feature purses, including manufacturers Kate Spade, Coach and Michael Kors. Five additional games will play for special prizes. Additional chances will be

available to win gift baskets and there will be a 50/50. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

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Proceeds from the bingo will be used toward the purchase of the Hose Company's new rescue truck.

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## News In Brief ...

### Public hearing set for October 10

The Fairview Township zoning hearing board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. on three zoning variances requested by Carmine Development Company of Pittston, owner of the 2.6-acre parcel located at South Mountain Boulevard and Kirby Avenue, near the Turkey Hill Store. The developer plans to build a 2,817 square foot building to be occupied by Fidelity Deposit and Discount Bank.

The developer is seeking a variance to allow parking spaces less than 10 feet from

the building; allow more than one free-standing sign on the parcel; and reduce the width of a planting strip from the required 15 feet to 13 feet wide.

### Mullery announces \$807,771 for Luzerne County projects

State Rep. Gerald Mullery, D-Newport Township, said \$807,771 in grants were awarded for several projects in the portion of Luzerne County that he represents.

"These dollars help us make needed improvements in our parks, trails, water supplies and sanitary systems," Mullery said.

The Commonwealth Financing Authority approved the grants, through the Greenways, Trails and Recreation program and the PA Small Water and Sewer Program.

"It's been a pleasure working with Representative Mullery," said Rice Township Supervisor Robert Pipech after learning his township was one of four to receive a grant award. "He has helped Rice Township tremendously."

Charlotte Carter, a board member of the White Haven Area Community Library, echoed Pipech's excitement over the grant news, as White Haven Borough in conjunction with the White Haven Community Library is working on a downtown recreational project, and was awarded \$125,000 from the CFA.

"I would like to thank Representative Mullery for help-

ing to secure this funding," Carter said. "This project will provide a wonderful recreational addition to downtown White Haven and be an added asset to all the bikers and hikers who access the D&L trail, which is located nearby."

The four grants and their associated projects include:

**Plymouth Township:** \$325,000 for sanitary sewer improvements on a segment of Driscoll and Bradley Streets as well as a section of Jersey Road.

**Foster Township:** \$325,000 to extend a sewer line along Route 940 (Foster Avenue), serving eight existing property owners and six vacant properties over a 12-acre radius.

**White Haven:** \$125,600 to develop a new park that will provide safe pedestrian access between the community, library and the Delaware

and Lehigh Trail. The project will also add native plantings, rain gardens, a stormwater drainage system, installation of ADA compliant walkways from Towanda Street to the library, walkway lighting and protective fencing along the active rail line.

**Rice Township:** \$32,171 to assist with park construction.

The CFA is an independent state agency that evaluates and administers funding for projects.

Mullery thanked the CFA board for recognizing the value of the projects.

### Tips on preventing unsafe encounters with bears offered

Just about every day Mountain Top focused social media pages feature photos or videos of black bears foraging for food in back yards or include comments about the ursine creatures knocking over trash containers in search of food.

While the bears are an annoyance for some folks and frighten others, the fact is that it is the time of year for them to prepare for hibernation and we've developed much of their natural habitat.

State Senator Lisa Baker (R-20), whose district includes much of Mountain Top, even addressed the issue in her recent newsletter to constituents.

"The Pennsylvania Game Commission is eager to prevent unsafe encounters with those omnivorous black bears on their daily 20-hour quest to consume as much as 20,000 calories before starting all over

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again the next day in anticipation of hibernating," Baker pointed out.

The senator related several tips from the game commission for preventing a confrontation with a black bear. The commission points out that black bears will eat human food, garbage, bird feed, pet foods, fruits from trees or gardens, and livestock feed. They also raid cornfields and beehives. Bears find food mainly by scent and are opportunistic feeders, with a largely vegetarian diet. Once bears find easily accessible food sources, whether on a farm or in a housing development, they will keep coming back as long as food is available. With every returning trip they slowly lose their fear of people, which

can lead to bolder attempts at accessing food, and as time spent near people increases, so does the risk of being struck by a vehicle or becoming a more serious nuisance.

According to the game commission, the best way to get rid of these unwanted visitors is to remove or secure food sources. A persistent bear may damage property, increase the risk of human injury, or become an unwanted visitor in other parts of the neighborhood. And, all too often, fed bears become dead bears.

The game commission says the best way to keep bears from being attracted to your home is to keep them from finding food there in the first place. Some of its recommendations include:

Don't put out your trash until the morning of collec-

tion day. Be sure garbage cans are cleaned regularly, with hot water and chlorine bleach. Clean the outdoor grill after every use, and properly dispose of grill grease. Don't dump the grease out back. If you feed birds during summer (and if you're living in bear country, you shouldn't be), you may want to bring all bird feeders, including hummingbird feeders, in at night. Keep the area around your gardens and fruit trees clean and avoid putting food scraps in compost piles. Store trash, bird seed and pet food inside a building, garage or secure shed, and keep the door closed.

If you have pets, bring their food pans inside at night. Bears generally steer clear of chained or penned dogs. Unleashed dogs that approach bears, however, may be injured or killed.

If you have a dog in bear country, don't let it roam far from the house, leash it whenever you hike in the woods, and keep it in the house or in a kennel at night. It's also a good practice in bear country to take a quick look outside before letting a dog out into the yard, especially at night.

Repeated problems with bears can be reported to the regional commission office at 3917 Memorial Highway, Dallas, PA 18612-0220. The

telephone number is 570-675-1143.

### Municipalities receive state grants

Two Mountain Top municipalities received state grants totaling more than \$90,000 to improve recreation facilities.

Rice Township received a \$32,171 grant from the state Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program to assist with

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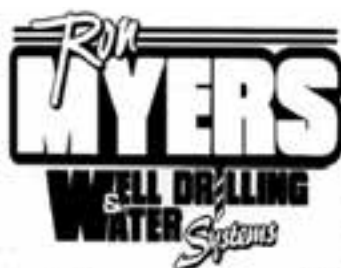
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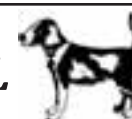
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Breast cancer awareness month is a yearly campaign that intends to educate people about the importance of early screening, test and more. This

campaign starts on October 1 and ends on October 31 every year.

White House illuminated pink in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in 2017.

In 1993 Evelyn Lauder, Senior Corporate Vice President of the Estée Lauder Companies, founded The Breast Cancer Research Foundation and established the pink ribbon as its symbol, though this was not the first time the ribbon was used to symbolize breast cancer: a 68-year-old California woman named Charlotte Haley, whose sister, daughter, and granddaughter had breast cancer, had distrib-

uted peach-color ribbons to call attention to what she perceived as inadequate funding for research. In the fall of 1991, the Susan G. Komen Foundation had handed out pink ribbons to participants in its New York City race for breast cancer survivors.

A variety of events around the world are organized in October, including walks and runs, and the pink illumination of landmark buildings. In the United States, the National Football League promotes breast cancer awareness by incorporating pink on and off the field, and comic strip art-

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In October 1983 the Race for the Cure was held for the first time in Dallas, Texas, where 800 people participated. According to the organizers, by 2002 the number of participants reached 1.3 million and the event was held in over 100 US cities. The event is also being organized in several other parts of the world.

There are various two-day-long walks to raise money for breast cancer research institutes. Avon sponsors a 39-mile (60-km) walk. A walk in Atlanta offers varying lengths of up to 30 miles. Canada's large "Weekend to End Breast Cancer" features a 60-km walk. St. Louis, MO offers a one-day-long breast cancer walk. This walk consists of three miles.

Susan G. Komen 3 Day, 60-mile fundraising walk, which is spread across 3 days, raises money for breast cancer research.

This walk, which benefits Susan G. Komen, occurs in seven cities in the United States.

Male breast cancer, which is rare, is generally overlooked. In 2009 the male breast cancer advocacy groups Out of the Shadow of Pink, A Man's Pink, and the Brandon Greening Foundation for Breast Cancer in Men joined together to globally establish the third week of October as "Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week".

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## Benefit held for VanFossen at Shalimar

The Shalimar hosted a Day drinker's benefit for Eric VanFossen on Saturday, September 29 in Mountain Top from 3 to 6 p.m. The band *Better with Beer* provided music for the event. There were basket raffles, 50/50 raffles and much more. Proceeds will benefit Eric Van Fossen, a Slocum Township man who was recently seriously injured while working. VanFossen owns Big Haus Tree Service.



*Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo*  
The Shalimar was filled to capacity with supporters of Eric VanFossen, an area resident seriously injured recently.

## Yacht club holds picnic



The Lake Nuangola Yacht Club recently held its end of the season picnic. The Junior sailors had a lot of fun sailing this summer. The sailing season runs every Sunday at 2 p.m. from the July 4th weekend to Labor Day weekend.

Front left are Kieren Koons, Morgan Koons, Grayson Koons, Peyton Koons, Callie Koons; back: Emily Ryan, Ethan Boellmann and Audrey Boellmann.

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# Starry Knights Learning Center, LLC opens in Mountain Top

By Claudia Strycharz  
Mountain Peaks Correspondent

Starry Knights Learning Center, LLC is a new child care and learning facility located in Wright Township on Alberdeen Road where the previous Knights of Columbus was located for many years; hence the use of Knights in the center's name.

The official opening for Starry Knights was August 10 of this year and the preschool opened August 27 the same day as Crestwood schools.

Starry Knights is owned by Melody Glazenski, who is educated in early childhood development. Melody previously worked for a local daycare for a year and a half, has worked for several years as a teacher assistant for Crestwood School

District and is licensed with the State of Pennsylvania. The center is part of the Keystone Stars Program and opened as a star one facility. Melody has lived in Mountain Top for 19 years with her husband Joseph and son Joseph, Jr, 15.

The Center has six employees, including herself, who work in various areas such as the nursery, preschool, toddlers, two-year olds, as well as before and after school care. Most of the staff holds early childhood credentials or a degree in early childhood education. Staff continues training throughout the year in all aspects of early childhood. All staff members are trained in CPR and are certified.

Starry Knight's mission statement is to provide a warm,



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo  
Center teacher Holly Romansky and Director Melody Glazenski in the preschool area.

caring, supportive learning environment for children 6 weeks of age through 12 years old with flexible scheduling and affordable tuition. Their philosophy is to encourage

each child to achieve their full potential through a combination of spontaneous play and intentional teaching. This will allow each child to succeed, grow, feel loved, and to be

secure as a unique individual. Melody says, "My goal is to prepare preschoolers for kindergarten."

The curriculum at Starry Knights meets the requirements of the State of Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards. There are five programs offered at the learning center. The nursery program provides a nurturing homelike environment that encourages an infant's growth in trust and self-esteem. In the toddler's program children are introduced to social interaction, language development, enrichment of gross and fine motor skills as well as self help skills that are needed to encourage a toddler's growth in self-confidence. The two's program is a

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**Starry Knight's Learning Center, LLC on Alberdeen Road.**

## Starry Knights ...

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semi-structured program consisting of a morning routine of story, music and art, with the remainder of the day being spent on informal exploratory play. Preschool children are in a structured program consisting of learning language skills, math and science through formal and informal learning programs and special activi-

ties all fostering social, intellectual and personal growth in self-confidence. Lastly, the school age program provides a safe, secure and stimulating environment for children before and after school, plus on early dismissals, holidays and summer vacation. Subsidies are possible for those needing help with enrollment. For more information call 570-868-6111 or email: jglazenski@hotmail.com.

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lett Book Fair will be held in the Rice Elementary library from **Wednesday, October 24 to Friday, October 26.**

Family and friends can visit on Family Night which will be on **Thursday, October 25** from 6-8 p.m. in the library. Students can purchase books during their specials time during the school day. You can either pick out a few titles from the flyer that comes home or you can send in money for your child to shop at school. Please include 6% sales tax.

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This is a non-chaperoned event. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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contact Karen (kjbweiss@frontiernet.net) or Paula Sapak (paula.sapak@csdcomets.org).

### **OCTOBER 27** **BENEFIT SPAGHETTI** **DINNER**

A spaghetti dinner to benefit Tammy Zamboni will be held at St. Mary's Church, 3529 St. Mary's Road, Wapwallopen on **October 27** from 2-6 p.m. Cost is \$8 per dinner, eat in or take out. There will be a bake sale, basket and gift raffles and more.

To donate please call Mary Lynn Supkowski at 570-574-5485 or Richie Supkowski at 570-899-4285.

Tammy is a 47 year old life-

long resident of Mountain Top who suffered a severe hemorrhagic stroke. Proceeds raised will help Tammy and her husband Chris with medical bills and expenses.

### **OCTOBER 28** **TRUNK OR TREAT**

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## Homecoming ...

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South Main Street to the Wright Township Municipal Park.

Leading the parade was the Crestwood High School marching band, cheerleaders and

the homecoming court: starting with Sydney Sobolewski, the 2017 Homecoming Queen. James Curry and Riley Magin were crowned Homecoming King and Queen before the start of the football game against Nanticoke.

### The Homecoming court



From left, clockwise: Julianna Geib and Chase Passman; Riley Magin and Adam Gegaris; Nina Limongelli and Camden Boris; Emma Colo and James Curry and Lilly Greene and Patrick Rother.



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Above: The Crestwood High School marching band led the 2018 homecoming parade.

At right: The Crestwood High School cheerleaders start down South Main Street.



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# Kreative Displays defeats King's to win mens ASA softball title

Kreative Displays, the area's premier holiday decorator, is now Mountain Top's men's ASA softball champions for the third time out of the last four years, marking half as many championships for as many years Kreative Displays softball has existed, duplicating its surprise 2015 season with an identical 20-10 record.

After a disappointing 2017 campaign which saw KD finishing 15-8, good for third in the regular season and fourth in the playoffs, KD finished the year at 17-10. After reloading this year with some new talented playmakers to go along with the core team, KD battled throughout the 2018 season to retain second place in the standings, while blending in the new players who started meshing as a team, heating

up as they approached the all important playoffs to determine this year's champion.

In rounds one and two of the 2018 playoffs, KD recorded 10 run rule victories over the Hazleton and Dotzel/Meyers/Klien teams, knocking both down to the losers bracket. Next up would be undefeated 22-0 King's team, defending 2017 champions in the winners bracket finals. Not a great offensive outing for KD as they struggled at the plate while King's routed them 16-4 in a 10 run rule victory of their own, sending KD down to the losers bracket while King's assumed the "Kings Seat" and remained undefeated at 23-0 awaiting an eventual opponent in the championship.

After rolling to a 12-5 victory over Mt. Post 781 in the losers



**Pictured: front row: Coach Jim Giarratano, Team Dawg HALAS, Stephen Mytych, Tyler Champi, Taylor Main, Nate Laubach, Frank Redmond, Steven Mytych holding Mercedes Mytych, Team mom Crystal Mytych; back row Dave Meckes, Noah Meckes, Denis Fetterman, Justin Rowlands, D'artagnan Wright, Justin Piontkowski, Bernie Ambrosavage, not pictured: Frank Brodi.**

bracket finals, KD was ready for its third trip to the finals in the last four years. KD won

back to back titles in 2015 and 2016, setting up a showdown between number 1 King's and number 2 KD to determine this year's champion.

The two teams had never faced each other in the finals as both had played perennial contender and past three time champion Precision Tool in the last three championship contests. (Notable, this final would mark the first time since at least 2008 that Precision Tool didn't make it to the championship round having played in the last 10 championship contests).

On to the championship, undefeated King's would have to be beaten twice by KD in a double header, as King's was undefeated in the double elimination playoffs and only needed one victory over KD in order to mark back to back titles, to become the fifth team in a row to accomplish back to back championships since Precision Tool's three-peat in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

In the first game, KD roared out to a 14-0 lead heading into

the bottom of the fifth inning which saw King's finally plating across two runs of their own, however not enough to avoid another 10 run rule victory by KD in the playoffs, their third. With flawless pitching from KD pitcher "The Wiz" along with errorless play in the field highlighted by some spectacular plays in the outfield, KD's defense absolutely shut down King's very potent offense holding them scoreless for the first four innings, while KD capitalized on several infield singles, showcasing the best team speed in the league, handing King's their first loss of the year, final score 14-2.

After a coin toss which was won by King's, who chose to remain the home team, the second game saw increased scoring from both sides. KD continued their playoff consistency of scoring most every inning (KD having failed to score in only four innings of their five playoff wins) which saw KD's sluggers stepping up to the plate with 3 home

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Shown are the paramedic program graduates, from left, first row: David Schoenwetter, medical director, paramedic program, LCCC; Darlene Murawski, clinical coordinator, paramedic program, LCCC; Michael Grady, Daniel Besecker, Courtney Franks, Joshua Siecko, and Lisa Babbish, assistant, EMS program, LCCC; second row: Dr. Deborah Vilegi-Payne, dean, nursing and health

sciences, LCCC; Alexander Tamagnini, Emily C. Whitelavich, Gabrielle Williams, Miranda Neiswander, Karlie Boyle and Thomas Lewis, clinical data specialist, paramedic program, LCCC; third row: Mark Ercolani, program director, EMS, LCCC; Melissa Gerulsky, Joanna Klapacz, Jesse Slusser, Michael Kost and Bob Roth, class coordinator, paramedic program, LCCC.

## Paramedic class at LCCC completes studies

Members of the 2018 paramedic class from the Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N. School of Nursing and Health Sciences at the Francis S. and Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N. Health Sciences Center at Luzerne County Community College recently completed their studies.

Each graduate completed the classroom, clinical, and field requirements for the program. Upon successful completion of the course requirements, the graduates are eligible to take the National Registry Paramedic Examinations.

## Kreative ...

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runs (their 8th, 9th and 10th of the playoffs) including an additional 8 extra base hits although, this time King's came out scoring and often, most every inning and KD was only able to record a "donut" once in the 7 innings of play as King's matched them run for run eventually tying the score at 12 in the bottom of the forth inning. After scoring 5 runs in the top of the fifth inning, KD was able to get that "donut" holding King's scoreless in the bottom of the inning and now finding themselves leading by a score of 17-12. KD was to add three more runs in the top of the sixth to extend their lead to 8, however King's continued to battle into the bottom of the sixth, scoring

four runs of their own cutting KD's lead in half going into the final championship determining 7th inning.

KD knew they needed some insurance runs in their final at bat and their offense responded with five runs to run the score to 25-16 leading into King's final at bat with their chance to mark back to back championships. They were to fall short plating across two runs to close out the scoring for 2018. Kreative Displays captured its third championship in the last four.

Past Mountain Top Men's ASA Champions: Kreative Displays 2018; Kings 2017; Kreative Displays 2016; Kreative Displays 2015; Dorrance Inn 2014; Dorrance Inn 2013; Broadway Tavern 2012; Broadway Tavern 2011; Precision Tool 2010; Precision Tool 2009; Precision Tool 2008.

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## Mountain Top Senior Care holds ice cream social

The rehab team at the Mountain Top Senior Care & Rehab Center held a KiKi dance challenge & ice cream social on Thursday, September 20 at 2:30 p.m. In the spirit of National Rehab Week, which began on September 16, the event was held by incorporating the motion of dance with the KiKi dance challenge. The rehab staff worked with residents and rehab patients to get them to do the motions of the song *In My Feeling* by Drake so they would be ready for challenge day.

Following the KiKi dance challenge where staff, residents and rehab patients danced as best they could or waved a heart shaped paper on a stick that they made to the beat of the music, everyone had a dish of ice cream



**Thomas Brolley and Joann Kulkusky got the jive going during the challenge.**

to cool them down. Everyone enjoyed the time including the activities director, Joann Stewart and the rehab team, who worked hard to make the event a success.

The KiKi dance challenge is a new dance craze that has gone viral taking the internet by storm, sort of like photo

bombing where someone jumps in front or behind someone being photographed. This stunt however, has a danger factor as people do the challenge alongside moving cars, etc. Done in an indoor facility such as Mountain Top Senior Care it is a fun and safe way to get some exercise.



**Physical therapist Erin Kozich and Drew Modrovsky move to the music together.**

*Mountain Peaks/  
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**Speech therapist Andrew Gromelski assists Mary Ceraro with her dish of ice cream.**



**William Shinnars enjoys a delicious dish of ice cream following the KiKi dance challenge.**

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# Fun soars, kites fly at annual Mountain Top kite festival

The annual Mountain Top kite festival was held on Saturday, September 29 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Mountain Top. This fun family community event was co-hosted by Christ UMC and the Pocono Kite Symphony. It was the first year that the festival was held at Christ UMC. There were plenty of games, a mini zip line for the kiddos, parachute kite racing, a bounce house to jump in, free kites to decorate and kite flying lessons if needed. There was food available for purchase and kites were also available to purchase from the Pocono Kite Symphony. The weather was cool, mostly sunny with enough of a breeze to get the kites into the air. It was a great day for the many families that came out and participated in the fun event.



Flying a colorful kite is Prisha Desai, 7.



Alexa Mihalos, 6 is doing a fabulous job decorating a kite that she will fly when it is completed.



Getting his face painted by Joslynn Burman is Landon Sadowski, 5 from Mountain Top.



Mila Kucuk, 2 and her mom Kaitlyn have a great time playing ball and running around the field.



Mountain Peaks/ Claudia Strycharz photos Benjamin Florek, 2 runs as fast as he can towing his kite.



Parachute kite racing is a popular event at the festival this year and the kids are running as fast as they can towing those parachutes behind them.

# All Aboard! Historic steam engine #425 takes passengers to Jim Thorpe

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top once again hosted its very popular annual steam train excursion from Mountain Top to historic Jim Thorpe on Saturday, September 22. It was a beautiful day for a train ride that meandered throughout the Lehigh Gorge State Park, crossed the Lehigh River several times, passing through several small towns making its way to Jim Thorpe. Boarding time began at 8:30 a.m. with departure from the Penobscot station at 9:30 a.m.

The scenery along the way was magnificent with just a hint of color in the trees. Kayakers were seen making their way down the Lehigh River from the train as well as bicycle riders and hikers on scenic paths. The train was filled with over 400 riders this year who all converged on Jim Thorpe at 11:15 a.m.

This year steam engine #425 of the Northern & Reading Train Co. is running on its 91st year of service. Diesel engine # 2351 boasting 2500 hp assisted with braking for the steam engine down into Jim Thorpe, but it made its way up the mountain to Mountain Top unassisted.

The train arrived back at Penobscot Station at approximately 5:45 p.m. where everyone got on the shuttle busses taking them back to their vehicles.



Passengers patiently wait for the steam train to depart beginning the beautiful scenic ride down the mountain into Jim Thorpe.



Passengers climb aboard car number 309 at Penobscot Station and prepare to depart for Jim Thorpe.



June Bevan and Emil Guziejka from Drums take some time to relax after perusing the historic town of Jim Thorpe.



Pat Appleby, Susan Demko and Gwen Sadowski enjoy a little shopping along historic Race Street.



Mountain Peaks/ Claudia Strycharz photos Hannah Reilly, 9 and Scarlet Stefanowicz, 5 enjoy some great ice cream while waiting for the train to arrive at the train station in Jim Thorpe for the ride home.

# Techniques to stop bleeding taught at Kirby Library

*Stop the Bleed: Save a Life* course was hosted by the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library on Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. The course was conducted by Margaret Austin from Geisinger Wyoming Valley.

Attendees learned how to stop severe bleeding in the event of an injury caused by anything from trauma of an automobile accident to a severe cut from glass, knife and everything in between. The course can be likened to CPR, a 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, front-

line 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.



Mountain Peaks/ Claudia Strycharz photos A nice size group of residents attend the *Stop the Bleed* course in order to learn the techniques needed in order to stop severe bleeding.

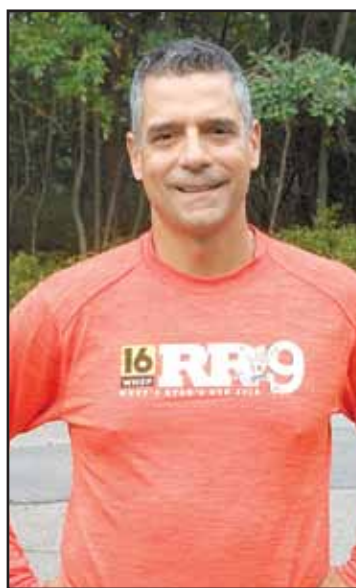
# Ryan's Run becomes personal for Mountain Top man this year

When Jim Brogna starts across the Verrazano Bridge on Staten Island at the beginning of the TCS New York City Marathon on November 4, it will mark the third time the Mountain Top man has participated in the world's largest marathon.

But this year the 26.5-mile race will have an added meaning for him. This year, it is personal.

That's because this year the 48-year-old Brogna will be running in memory of Paul Harrington and Marion Yudiski Flannelly, two beloved Allied Services Integrated Health System colleagues who passed away over the last year. "Every other year, it's been for fun and to raise money. It's personal this year," he offered.

Brogna will participate in



Jim Brogna

the marathon as a member of WNEP-TV Ryan's Run team which has raised \$2.6 million over the last eight years to help Allied Services provide much-

needed services to children and adults with disabilities and life-changing injuries. The team is led by WNEP-TV personality Ryan Leckey.

"I'm honored to be the final runner enlisted to participate in the TCS New York City Marathon this November 4 with the WNEP-TV Ryan's Run team," said Brogna, Vice President for Corporate Advancement and Communications at Allied Services. A veteran of eight marathons overall, Brogna is sponsored by Highmark and United Concordia Dental. "I'm humbly appreciative of their support as well as for choosing me as their representative runner," he commented.

Brogna's fundraiser has just begun with the first \$5,000 being dedicated to Allied Services Hospice Center in mem-

ory of Harrington. He will also be raising funds in Harrington's memory for pediatric speech and language therapy to which he dedicated his entire professional life.

His other focus will be to honor Yudiski Flannelly, a longtime registered nurse at Heinz Rehab Hospital who passed away suddenly this past summer. "She was a ray of light whether having an impact in orthopedics or with our brain injury rehab team," Brogna

said.

For Leckey, this year's New York City Marathon will be his seventh and fourteenth overall. In addition to training for the race, Leckey puts in countless hours promoting and raising money for Allied Services through Ryan's Race. The WNEP-TV personality says the effort is well worth it.

"I love using this media platform for the greater good,"

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Leckey commented. "There's so much 'bad stuff' or negative news going on in the world ranging from television to social media. I love using this medium to improve the lives of people across our area."

Leckey praised the support Ryan's Run has received from residents and businesses throughout the region. "The folks in northeastern and central Pennsylvania are the most giving, most supportive and most willing to chip in to help each other when the going gets tough," he offered. "WNEP's Ryan's Run is just one avenue to help our neighbors."

He pointed out that donations to Ryan's Run go directly to support the care Allied Services provides to its patients. "The best part of this campaign is being able to 'follow the money' and show people exactly where their donations are going at Allied to help patients make huge strides in therapy," he explained.

"One of the coolest parts of this campaign is being out on the street, covering a different story and someone walks up to me and explains how a device our campaign purchased over the years improved the life of their family member or friend. That's the most motivating part of it all and we couldn't do that without the amazing support of the people who live in this area," he added.

Through the efforts of Leckey, WNEP-TV, runners, and supporters, Allied Services has earned Silver Level fund-raising status with the marathon. That level puts Allied Services in the same category with such organizations as UNICEF USA, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, and Boston Children's Hospital.



Ryan Leckey

"It took years of fundraising to get there," said Brogna. As a result of earning silver status, Allied Services' Ryan's Run team will have 50 runners in his year's marathon. "Those are 50 people who are passionate, not only about running, but about spreading the word and raising funds," Brogna explained. Among those are Rita Cavazos of Mountain Top and Chris Steiner of Drums.

In addition to Highmark/United Concordia Dental, corporate sponsors include Mohegan Sun Casino, Jack Williams Tire and Auto Service Centers, Open Access, Motor World, Weis Markets, Northeastern Rehabilitation Services, Lamar Advertising, Baker Tilly Accountants and Advisors, and Allied Services.

The theme for this year's Ryan's Run is *Inspiring Fitness, Challenging Disability and Changing Lives*. Brogna pointed out that we don't have to look far to find someone whose life was changed by Allied Services. That person is Mountain Top resident Kristin Hoovler.

Hoovler, known to many as "KRock," was injured in a motorcycle accident on September 29, 2013. She was a

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passenger on a motorcycle operated by a friend when the motorcycle's rear tire sustained a blowout. She suffered traumatic brain injury and was in a medical-induced coma for three weeks.

"After the traumatic brain injury that I sustained in a motorcycle accident, Allied Services helped to bring me back to who I am" Hoovler said of the care she received from Allied Services. As she approaches the fifth anniversary of her accident, she noted that her mantra is "Pay if Forward."

"They taught me how to walk again so I would love to help Mr. Brogna get the word out to support him in the NYC Marathon that's he's running for memorial and charitable



**Jim Brogna and Kristin Hoovler team up to raise money for Allied Services.**

reasons. It's the least I could do. He's gone to hell and back for me," she added.

This year, Hoovler was a member of the committee that organized Mountain Top on the Move's annual July 4 parade which turned out to

be the largest in its history. The 38-year-old felt she could bring some "fresh blood" to the annual event. An advocate for helmets for bicyclists and motorcyclists, she decided to find an organization to donate helmets to children who par-

ticipated in the parade on bicycles decorated in a patriotic fashion.

She contacted Allied Services hoping the organization might have some helmets left over from a previous event. "Unfortunately, they were no longer available," she related. "But Mr. Brogna made it happen," she reported. "Allied found funds to purchase and donate helmets to the kids of Mountain Top that were given away during the parade."

"It's not just the care that Allied provided me with that influences me to want to help when I can," Hoovler explained. "It's the fact that

Mr. Brogna also finds the way to help if ever asked. It's an honor to know Mr. Brogna and to know that nothing could stop him from helping those who need it ... not even a marathon," she offered.

To make a pledge to support WNEP's Ryan's Run 2018, send a check payable to Allied Services Foundation, c/o Jim Brogna Ryan's Run, 100 Abington Executive Park, Clarks Summit, PA 18411. You can pledge on line at [www.allied-services.org/ryansrun](http://www.allied-services.org/ryansrun). Pledge cards also are available from Hoovler. She can be contacted at [kristinhoovler@gmail.com](mailto:kristinhoovler@gmail.com).

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construction of a pickleball court at the municipal park.

Pickleball is a cross between tennis, platform tennis, table tennis and badminton – well, sort of.

In appearance, the pickle-

ball court is similar to a doubles badminton court. Two or four players use solid paddles to hit a ball, much like a wiffle ball, over a net that is about height of that on a tennis court.

Fairview Township received \$60,562 to renovate the bas-

ketball court at Memorial Park. The grant will pay to excavate and remove the old basketball court. The area will then be graded, leveled and new asphalt will be poured for the two new basketball posts with backboards. The project will also include line painting,

fence installation and fixing benches and picnic tables.

Relying on state grants, Fairview Township has steadily improved Memorial Park over the last few years. Last year, aging playground equipment was replaced with modern, safer equipment.

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Seventh grade students pose in their pirate garb. Front row: Lainey Conway, Jenn Medvetz and Alexandra Hargreaves.

## Pirates descend on St. Jude School

What do eye patches, buried treasure and peg legs have to do with English class? Everything if it's "Talk Like A Pirate Day"! The seventh grade students at Saint Jude School recently celebrated this little known holiday in style. Students examined the history of pirates and discussed how at different times in world history word choice and meaning were very different from today. Students studied terms such as "landlubber" and "shiver me timbers", all while answering class questions in their best pirate voices. So while a ship was nowhere in sight the seventh grade certainly spent a fun day on the high seas!

## Jacobson appointed Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Leigh Ann Jacobson has been appointed associate vice president for Institutional Advancement and senior director of Development and Campaign at King's College.

In the newly created position, Jacobson will be responsible for planning and managing the daily operations of the fundraising component of the college's Institutional Advancement Division, including leading the college's comprehensive campaign.

Jacobson has served previously as director of the Parents Program and as associate director of regional development at the University of Notre Dame, where she earned a certificate in Executive Management from the Mendoza School of Business.

Her varied other experiences include director positions for a healthcare system, community college, Blue Ribbon private school, a regional United Way, and a YWCA.

The recipient of a bachelor's degree from King's and a resi-

dent of Mountain Top, Jacobson has also served in development positions at Wilkes and Misericordia universities.

Jacobson received a master's degree from Arcadia University and earned Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) and Blackbaud Raiser's Edge Industry Expertise certifications.



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## Misericordia's Department of Nursing holds first white coat ceremony for graduate students

The Department of Nursing at Misericordia University recently held a White Coat Ceremony and dinner reception for graduate nursing students working toward a Master of Science in Nursing degree.

The ceremony celebrated the professional nurses' successful completion of their first semester in graduate school, while also bestowing upon each of them a white medical practitioner's coat.

Pamela Dwyer, D.N.P., C.R.N.P., chair, Graduate Nursing Department, and assistant professor, greeted students, families, guests and nursing faculty to the ceremony and Sister Jean

Messaros, RSM, vice president for Mission Integration, offered the blessing. Students recited the White Coat Ceremony Oath for Graduate Nursing Students that acknowledges the responsibilities they are undertaking as advanced health care practitioners to care for patients to the best of their abilities without regard to race, color, creed, politics or social status.


The white coat presented to graduate students symbolically represents the essential role nurse practitioners play in the professional health care system and the high standards to which they aspire in caring for patients.



Participating in the ceremony and dinner reception, first row from left, are Daniel Satterfield, Bloomsburg; Brandilen Burke, Scranton; Jennifer Everding, Larksville; Christine Wysocky, Drums; Alyssa Bazink, Jermyn, and Beth Keller, Northumberland; second row, Erica Detweiler, White Haven; Kelly Worsnick, Scranton; Danielle Cook, New Columbia; Brittany Field, Dupont; London McKenna, Scranton; Chelsea Lopatka, Pittston; Thomas Mickowski, Mountain Top, and Kimberly Brauer, New Freedom; third row, Megan Bargella, Philadelphia; Rita Carey, Shavertown; Catherine Chung,

Scranton; Jessica Lee, Plymouth; Ashley Welsh, Bloomsburg Zachary Getz, Mountain Top, and David D'Achille, NJ; fourth row, Jacklyn, DelPrete, M.S.N., C.R.N.P., assistant professor; Laura Lunger, M.S.N., C.R.N.P., assistant professor; Catherine Zurawski, D.N.P., C.R.N.P., assistant professor; Brenda Hage, Ph.D., D.N.P., C.R.N.P., assistant dean, College of Health Sciences and Education, and chief nurse administrator; Oradell Banker, M.S.N., C.R.N.P., graduate nursing program, clinical placement coordinator; Pamela Dwyer, D.N.P., C.R.N.P., chair, Graduate Nursing Department, and assistant professor.

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## We've Got Mail ...

### Many thanks for support of Eric VanFossen

Dear Editor,

In regards to the spaghetti dinner and basket raffle held for Eric VanFossen on Sunday, September 16, we would like to say thank you to all the businesses and organizations who offered their support.

They are Slocum Town-

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We would also like to thank all who donated and helped support this benefit. Thank you!

Diane, Debbie, Jenna  
Bienias Family  
VanFossen Family

### Resident urging votes for Chrin

To the Editor:

During this past July 4th at the Wright Township parade ceremony, I attempted to meet candidate Matt Cartwright. I shook his hand, told him who I was, and where I was from. He said that's great and then proceeded to his vehicle. I was immediately disappointed by the interaction. Luckily, I was able to spend time at the same event with his opponent, John Chrin.

I spent half the time at the event talking to John and his campaign team. They were very nice, and I was impressed that they spent their time discussing the issues with me. I think he will be the candidate who will work better for us in Congress. At other events like this one, I have seen John go out of his way to introduce himself and speak with voters on issues they care about.

Come November, I will be voting for John Chrin and recommend other voters who live in Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District to vote for him too.

David Thole, Mountain Top

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and Michael Swicklik, Mountain Top.

Associate in Science: Tracey Lines, Mountain Top; Jacob Peters, Mountain Top; Kayla Roman, Mountain Top; Cora Van Kirk, Mountain Top; and Nicole Van Kirk, Mountain Top.

Certificate of Specialization: Karlie Boyle, Drums; Courtney Franks, Mountain Top; Joanna Klapacz, Drums; and Patricia Robbins, Wapwallopen.

### Sapak, Starbuck earn degrees from Wilkes

Wilkes University awarded 418 doctoral, masters and bachelors degrees to students graduating at the summer commencement ceremony held on September 9.

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## Tibetan Monks visit Mountain Yoga

Mountain Yoga hosted the Sacred Arts of Tibet Tour along with seven Tibetan Monks from the Gaden Shar-tse Monastery in Southern India on Wednesday, September 26.

The monks are Tibetan refugees who had to flee to southern India when China took over Tibet.

The group spent the day at Mountain Yoga as part of the tour that is moving throughout the country. The tour is a charitable endeavor with all donations going to the monks to support their monastery and global work of cultural outreach, unity and peace.

Throughout the day the monks did private healing sessions with individuals in the community. A butter sculpting workshop was held at 5:30 p.m. for children and finally at 7 p.m. a public lecture on "The 6 Perfections" was held. Terry Tokach, owner of Mountain Yoga said, "The event is a great cultural



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

**Above: The Tibetan monks assist the children with making sculptures. At right: Tibetan Monk Konchok watches Juliet and Margot Lisman work their butter mixture.**

exchange and the children are receiving a cultural outreach working with the Tibetan Monks."

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Sunday School: Children in Pre-K thru 4th grade meet during worship from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Grades 5 thru adult meet at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Choir practices Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Cherub Choir, Kids Choir, Adult Bell Choir and Kids Bell Choir also practice on Thursday.

Christ Church offers a community Cancer Support Group meeting the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Grief Support Group meets by appointment. Please call the church office if you have a special need. Breakfast Fellowship Group meets at the Chalet,

Thursday at 8 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

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

"Pound the Pastor" food drive benefits the Mountain Top Area Food Bank. Donations of non-perishable food items may be dropped off during Saturday and Sunday worship or weekday office hours.

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**

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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.**

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Marriage on the Rock small group meets every other Saturday evening. Please email [pastors@ccfmt.org](mailto: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](http://www.cornerstonechristianfellowship.org). The church is handicap accessible. For further information contact Pastor Pickreign.

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**Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

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The Wapwallopen Ministerium CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 28. Meet at Emmanuel UCC at 12:30 p.m. for registration. At 1 p.m. they will begin the walk to St. James Lutheran Church where they will enjoy refreshments to bolster their energy for the walk back to Emmanuel. At the end, there will also be food and drink for those who endured the 8-mile trek. It's a long haul, but for a good cause. The money raised will help people here in the United States through food banks and other community efforts, and around the world by making their neighborhoods more

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sustainable through building infrastructure like wells and schools and educating farmers to grow crops more productively. We walk because they walk. They walk miles just to get clean drinking water. Sometimes they walk miles to find food for just one day. Our walks will help shorten and possibly eliminate how far they need to go just to gather the necessities of life. If you want to participate, please call Deb Dietrich at 570-313-1717 or the church office at 570-868-5675 for a sponsor packet. If you're not a walker, you are urged to sponsor someone. Make a difference in the lives of people here at home and around the world.

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. is Sunday School for ages 3 through 6th grade. They have a great program based on Our Hands On Bibles. They'll

have fun making crafts, playing games, and solving puzzles which help you understand the stories in Our Hands On Bibles.

Teen Talk is for anyone in 7th grade and above. They meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. 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](mailto:aitatl12@ptd.net).

E-mail access is [emmanuel\\_ucc@hotmail.com](mailto:emmanuel_ucc@hotmail.com) and the website is [emmanuel-ucc.org](http://emmanuel-ucc.org).

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### GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

**Services: Saturday: 4 p.m.**  
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Scripture Sessions will be conducted on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Confirmation classes are Sunday at 9 a.m. and Monday at 4:30 p.m. Other Faith Formation classes are offered at the regular 4:30 p.m. Monday sessions. The 7th and 8th grade classes will participate at the 10 a.m. Mass on October 7. The second grade will have a song. Seven class Masses are scheduled before Christmas and seven Masses after the New Year.

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

### Fedak retires after 15 years of service to Presbyterian Church



**Pastor James Shanley, Dr. Susan Malkemes, and Carl Fedak.**

On September 23 the Presbyterian church family recognized and celebrated Carl Fedak on his retirement after 15 years serving as Clerk of Session to the Presbytery of Lackawanna. Ruling Elder Dr. Susan Malkemes was installed as the next Clerk of Session. Carl served faithfully and with much energy and attention to detail. He was presented with a plaque in memory of his dedication. Elder Fedak, for the last time, was able to present the Congregational questions to the church family as they accepted Elder Malkemes into service. A reception was held after the worship service in honor of both Clerks of Session.

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.

The Women of Good Shepherd's next meeting is on Monday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. Membership is open to all women of Good Shepherd Church.

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

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at 5 p.m.; games start at 6 p.m.

### 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  
570-788-1055

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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 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

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### St. Paul's holds spaghetti benefit



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photo

While Johanna Hink, 8, is still working on her spaghetti, her sister Danika, 11, has moved on to dessert and is devouring a chocolate cupcake with chocolate icing and sprinkles at the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of White Haven's all you can eat spaghetti dinner. The fundraiser was a benefit for the Dennis Kramer family. Dennis was involved in a motor vehicle accident in July and is facing months of surgeries and rehabilitation.

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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.

Volunteers from MFC will be at homes in our community for Light the Night, on Wednesday, October 31. They will be handing out popcorn, candy, and hot chocolate to families trick-or-treating and hope you will stop by and say hello.

On Saturday, November 3, a soup and chili cook-off will be held from noon to 1:30

p.m. Cost is \$10 per entry and entries are due October 28. Tasting is 25 cents per soup/chili and voting is \$1 per vote. During the cook-off, there will also be free hayrides and a moon bounce outside, weather permitting. A dessert auction and bake sale will be held at 1:30 p.m., after the cook-off. If you are interested in making a homemade dessert for the dessert auction, please sign up by October 28. All proceeds will benefit the children and teen ministries.

An After School Club will be held at MFC on Tuesdays, November 6, 13 and 20. All children in our community in 1st-6th grade can be dropped off from 3:40 to 4 p.m. and picked up at 5 p.m. at the church. The children will have free play time with ping pong, air hockey, Legos, basketball shoot, games and more. Children will choose from the following clubs: Crafts or Cup

### Confirmation administered at St. Jude's

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation from St. Jude's and St. Mary's parishes make their way into the church for the start of the service on September 22. Eighty students were confirmed by the Most Reverend John M. Doughty, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Scranton. The Sacrament of Confirmation is the third Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church that started with Baptism and was followed by First Communion. Candidates are anointed with chrism or holy oil



which symbolizes a cleansing and seals them with the Holy Spirit to make them stronger in their faith.

Stacking for grades 1-6 and Lego Robotics for grades 3 to 6. Please sign up by October 28 by contacting Debbie Knorr at the church office at 570-474-0900 or emailing [debbie@mfc-church.com](mailto:debbie@mfc-church.com).

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 Men's Bible Study is held every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All

men are invited to attend.

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](mailto:debbie@mfcchurch.com) for information.

### MOUNTAINVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Service: Sunday 10 a.m.**  
**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.

On Sundays, they spend time worshiping, 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 communion together.

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

Mom-to-Mom Group meets on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. AA

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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.

Rev. Fran Fink will lead the World Wide Communion Service on October 7. Everyone is invited to share the Last Supper with Christians around the world.

On Sunday, October 14 Pastor Bob Thomas will lead the worship service.

The Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, October 11 at 11 a.m. Plans will be made for the Halloween and Christmas parties.

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 am.**

**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.

Everyone is invited to the first dinner and movie night of the season on Friday, October 12, at 6:30, all for only \$3 per person. Please bring a dessert to share. The movie is *I Can Only Imagine*.

For more information call Sandy at 570-474-9805.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOUNTAIN TOP

**Services: Sunday 11 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 October 7. Worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday school is available for all ages. The adult group is studying the book of Mark.

The next carry in luncheon will be shared on October 7 after the worship service. Bring your favorite covered dish and join them for food and fellowship.

The senior choir needs you! Practice is held every Thursday at 7 p.m. if you would like to become a part of this awesome ministry.

Pastor Shanley will continue his Bible Study on October 11 at 7 p.m. The study will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

It's time for the fall hayride at Burgers Farm. Come and join the fun at 2 p.m., October 14. Bring your family and friends for fun, snacks and cider. Meet there or notify Cheryl Pekar if you need to carpool.

The church congregation loves breakfast! Join them at Applebees for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 20. Unlimited breakfast of pancakes, sausage links, juice and coffee will be served from 8 til 10 a.m. This church fundraiser is \$8 for adults, and \$5 for 10 years old and under. Join them for food and fellowship.

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.

2019 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 cer-

tain 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 Lisa Bachman to schedule flowers or call the church office.

The church office is open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Email: pbychmt@verizon.net. You can also find them on Facebook.

### 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.

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

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beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

If your child is in at least Grade 5 or 10 years old and you would like them to take Communion, please contact Pastor Brown at 570-582-6639 so that a First Communion class can be set up for those interested.

St. James will again be participating in the Apple Festival at Heller's Orchards on October 20 and 21. They will have two stands. One will be the regular ice cream stand and the other will serve hot dogs, barbecue, soup and hot and cold beverages. Lots of help will be needed so please mark your calendars and plan to help for an hour or two in at least one of the stands. Sign up sheets will be available when the time is closer. For more information on ice cream,

contact Betty Rinehimer at 570-379-3848 or Kathy Hollingshead at 570-379-3129; for hot foods, contact any council member.

October 14, Sunday School Day at Church. Students will be taking part in the worship service at 9 a.m. Parents are asked to bring their child to church that day. Every child will have the opportunity to participate in the church service — such as singing in the children's choir, reading lessons, helping with offering, lighting altar candles, or greeting parishioners. Classes 1 and 2 will be singing a song which they have learned in Sunday School. Classes 2, 3, and 4 will be given an opportunity to choose what they prefer to do to contribute to the church service.

Please let Kathleen Hollingshead (570-379-3129) or your child's teacher know

what your child would prefer to do on that day. They are hoping to get full participation so our children can learn what it means to serve Our Lord.

October 28, Trunk or Treat and Halloween party during normal Sunday School time.

November 18, Thanksgiving baskets. The students will be sent home a list of items needed for the baskets. The baskets will be assembled following Sunday School Classes on November 18. Children are asked to have their donations to the church by November 11. This project is done in cooperation with St. Mary's in Dorrance. This year the baskets will be assembled at St. Mary's. The baskets are distributed to needy people in the area. The church usually have over 20 baskets to fill so be generous with your donations.

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**

Rehearsals for the children's choir will be on Tuesdays from 4:45-5:30 p.m. in the church. All students in grades 3-7 are encouraged to participate. Please contact Stephanie at [stephaniekulpa@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniekulpa@gmail.com) for more information.

Students who are enrolled in 7th and 8th grade religious education classes are on a different schedule than students enrolled in grades K thru 6th.

Religious education classes for students in grades 7th and 8th begin Sunday, October 14 from 9:30-10:45 a.m. and Monday, October 15 from 6:30-7:40 p.m.

Parents, please if you have not registered your child for 7th and 8th grade religious education, go to [www.stjc.org](http://www.stjc.org), click on Education and then Religious Education as soon as possible. Students must be registered to begin classes.

Religious education substitutes needed. Please contact Carrie at [cgrandzol@stjc.org](mailto:cgrandzol@stjc.org) to help. All clearances required.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosa-

ry. What better way to give Jesus and Mary glory than to pray the rosary! It is a beautiful, reverent, refreshing and humbling experience. St. Jude Parish Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy takes place every Thursday evening beginning at 7 p.m. This devotion has grown that they now will pray in the church rather than the Adoration Chapel every Thursday night.

Adults and high school students needed to help lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word group at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Commitment would amount to about 6 Sundays a year from October to June. Lesson plans provided for each week. Schedule is made around your availability.

Saucy Sunday (and Saturday too!) October 6 & 7. If possible, the spaghetti sauce should be in cans or plastic jars. Place donations in the marked containers located in the Narthex.

Collection to Benefit St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen. Sponsored by St. Jude Social Action Committee/St. Mary's Parish.

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.

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### ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Services: Sunday at 11:15 a.m.**  
285 Pond Hill Mt. Road,  
Wapwallopen  
570-735-8531

Are you looking for a relaxed but traditional family church service? The congregation of St. Mark's invites everyone to join them as they share God's Word and celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday.

St. Mark's is a small country church with a big Christian heart! They believe they are called to: Be the body of Christ: His heart, His hands, His voice!

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.

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 November. The soup

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

For more information, visit [smartintimesless.org](http://smartintimesless.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 classes are held on Sundays 10-11:15 a.m. For safety reasons, parents are asked to escort their children to and from the church for drop off and pick up.

There are no classes on Sunday, October 7, due to the holiday. On Sunday, October 14, parents are invited to class with their children to meet the

teachers and to learn about the class curriculum and the expectations of students, parents, and teachers.

This parish is blessed to be able to keep registration at \$20 per student. This is only possible due to fundraising, special collection, and support of Saint Theresa's Guild. Students are selling Gertrude Hawk candy and Pond Creek candles. Registration forms are on the table in front of the cherub room. Pre-paid orders are due by October 14. With Christmas quickly approaching keep in mind that candles and candy both make great gifts.

The Community Outreach team will again be offering a safe alternative to traditional trick or treating! Everyone is invited to decorate their trunk, truck, or table on Sunday, October 28, beginning at 5 p.m. Trunk or treating will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information or to reserve your space please call Wende at 570-760-3167.

All students in seventh grade and older are invited to be part

of the parish youth group. The first meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, October 21, from 6-8 p.m. in the dining room.

The Altar & Rosary Society has made arrangements for a Fatima statue to be at Saint Mary's the weekend of October 6/7. Immediately following Mass on October 7, there will be a presentation on Fatima. Everyone is invited to stay to hear the history of three young shepherd children who were first visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 13, 1917.

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**  
521 Northumberland Street,  
White Haven  
570-443-9944

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

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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 benediction.

### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Services: Sunday 9:30 a.m.**

**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.

On Sunday, October 7 Pastor will be performing a blessing of the animals at 1 p.m. at the church. All pets, except copperheads and rattlesnakes are welcome. Why the blessing of

the animals? St. Francis of Assisi was raised in an affluent family but gave up his riches in service to the poor. He is known as the founder of the Franciscan Order, for his prayer for peace, for his ardor for preaching the gospel including to the birds, and for his love of nature and creation. It's for this reason that the church has come to celebrate creation and blessing of the animals near his commemoration day, October 4.

Bring your pets and other animals, appropriately restrained for the sake of the gathered animals and people, for a short service to celebrate creation and bless those creatures you hold dear. They will gather, rain or shine.

The next WELCA meeting

is scheduled for Wednesday October 10 at 1 p.m. Bring scissors as they will be cutting out coupons. Jeanne Wells is hostess. They are collecting white gifts for Hazleton Home. Items include: tissues, lotions for men and women, women's deodorant, women's white crew socks. (Please no body wash or men's socks). If you prefer you can give monetary donations to Florence Drum and she will buy the items needed. They will be collecting through to November.

A new program being introduced at St. Paul's entitled *Sunday Conversations* will be held throughout the year to allow informative, honest conversation on a variety of topics.

The series begins with Questions Concerning Death and

Dying: What You Need to Know. These sessions will be held for two consecutive Sunday afternoons, October 14 and the 21 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Pastor Kaufman will be joined by Pat Lehman, a well respected funeral director from the area who will help you understand the process and choices you can make. Let's be honest, funeral planning is a difficult process involving emotional stress, financial decision making and uncertainty. Without some guidance, the options and information surrounding funerals and arrangement planning can seem overwhelming at an already complicated time. Let them help you make informative decisions for yourself and

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## Worship Together ...

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those you love. This program is open to the public. You are welcome to invite others you know to join.

Haunted fun! Friday, October 26 at 6 p.m. Looking forward to a gathering of ghouls and ghosts and goblin hosts. Join them on Friday evening as they check out this year's Halloween fashion; play a few games, sing, dance and enjoy some treats. It's always a good time for those who come. Bring a friend!

This year's talent & craft auction is scheduled for Sunday, October 28. The doors open for browsing at 5:30 p.m. and the auction begins at 6 p.m. For those of you who are new mem-

bers, this is when they let their talents shine and have lots of fun doing it. It may be that you have hobbies that are very creative and you can produce something magnificent in that way. Or, maybe you'd like to offer your time by babysitting, raking leaves or other fall yard work, or shoveling snow for someone who cannot do this anymore, or helping someone paint a room in their house, etc. Gardeners can produce beautiful flowers and plants, or bakers can produce some goodies, or cooks can prepare a few meals for a shut-in, or holiday decorating, hand stitched item, etc. Bring donations in that morning. The famous apple dumplings will be served at the auction and usu-

ally leftovers are sold at the end of the auction. Any questions call Sue at 474-6558.

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

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-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.

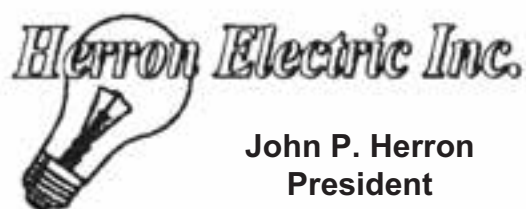
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Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at 9:15. Sunday School follows at 10:30 for ages 3 to adult. All are welcome.

Activities at St. Paul's include: "Next Generation Faith" Youth Group for those in grade 4 through 12 the first and third Sunday evenings at 6 p.m.

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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**  
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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.

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**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.

Pierogies will be available at the church the first 2 weeks of October. Take-out roast beef dinner on Election Day,

November 6.

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](mailto:dbotzer@hotmail.com).

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



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AllOne Charities on Tuesday, July 24 presented a \$10,000 grant award to the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA to support the Y's 2018 Power Scholars Academy Program.

Power Scholars Academy is a six-week summer learning program designed to help advance students' academic achievement through a full day of challenging math and reading instruction; fun arts, STEM enrichment activities, community and career exploration, field trips and a healthy breakfast and lunch.

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The following programs will be offered in October 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.

### Thursday, October 4

Hide-n'-Seekers Program for Preschoolers; 10 a.m.

Registration required. Free. Join them for a program to

get preschoolers ages 3-5 out and learning about our natural world through stories, activities, and crafts. Weather permitting, you'll go outside for part of the program, so children should be dressed accordingly.

### Saturday, October 6

Volunteer Work Day at Hickory Run State Park; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Registration required. Meet at Gould trailhead parking at Hickory Run.

Calling all volunteers to come out and help with trail maintenance along Gould Trail at Hickory Run State Park. They will do some brush cutting along the trail. Equipment will be provided, but bring your favorite pruners, loppers, shovel or pick if you would like. Meet at Gould Trail park-

ing lot at 9 a.m. Please wear proper clothing for trail work and bring water.

### Sunday, October 7

Walk In Penn's Woods on the Red Rock Trail; 1-3 p.m.

No registration required. Free. Meet at the park office.

Join them as they take part in a statewide initiative called "Walk in Penn's Woods" aimed at getting folks out and enjoy-

ing the forest! Enjoy the beautiful colors of fall while hiking the Woodland Way and Red Rock Trails. This 2-1/2 mile hike features woodlands, wetlands, and the beautiful Nescopeck Creek. Participants should wear sturdy footwear and bring water. Please note this hike isn't suitable for strollers. For more informa-

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tion on Walk In Penn's Woods and to see what other hikes are being offered, please visit their website at: <https://sites.psu.edu/walkinpennswoods/>.

**Wednesday, October 24**

Hiking Series #7: Nescopeck 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 (570-403-2006) for more information.

Trail: Red Rock Trail, Nescopeck State Park

Length: 3 miles

Terrain: more difficult

Meet: Nescopeck State Park Office

Please wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water. Well-behaved and friendly dogs on a leash are welcome. Following today's hike will be a potluck lunch at the park office; bring a dish to share.

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.

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September 19

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Scores of the matches were: 14-25, 25-22, 17-25, 25-17, 13-15.

Leading scores for Crestwood: Melanie Golden 9 Assists, 9 Service Points; Kristen Kania 14 Kills, 9 Service Points, 4 Aces; Cat Kostin 11 Service Points, 6 Digs.

JV won 2-0.

September 24

Crestwood won against Meyers 3-1.

Scores of the matches were: 20-25, 29-27, 25-15, 25-19.

Leading scores for Crestwood: Kristen Kania 10 Kills, 18 Service Points, 8 Aces; Carly Bono 11 Service Points, 5 Kills; Jayden Hooper 10 Service Points, 5 Kills; Melanie Golden 17 Assists, 3 Digs.

JV lost 2-1

September 26

Crestwood lost against Hazleton 1-3.

Scores of the matches were: 20-25, 18-25, 25-22, 20-25.

Leading scores for Crestwood: Kristen Kania 8 Kills, 5 assists, 4 Service Points; Carly Bono 10 Service Points, 3 Kills; Makayla Breslin 16 Assists, 4 Digs.

JV won 2-1

September 27

Crestwood lost against Del Val 0-3.

Scores of the matches were: 2-25, 12-25, 11-25.

Leading scores for Crestwood: Kristen Kania 3 Kills, 3 Assists, 3 Service Points; Carly Bono 2 Digs, 2 Service Points.

JV lost 0-2

October 1

Crestwood lost against Dallas 0-3. Varsity Record is 1-9.

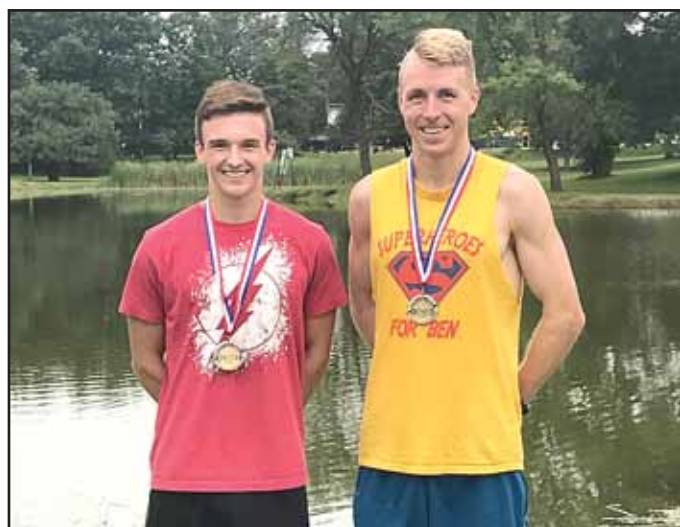
Scores of the matches were: 9-25, 11-25, 9-25.

Leading scores for Crestwood: Kristen Kania: 6 Kills, 4 Service Points; Makayla Breslin: 4 Assists, 2 Service Points.

JV lost 0-2.

JV record is 7-3.

## Moulton, Price finish race 1,2



Crestwood Cross Country Coach Rob Moulton and cross country team member, Kyle Price, a sophomore at Crestwood, earned 1st and 2nd place overall finishes in the Luzerne County Child Advocacy Program 5k (3.1 miles) race held recently in Kirby Park. Rob won the race in 16:22.

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