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St. Patrick's Day celebrated around the area



Juliana Mylet, Elliana Ross and Jiana Mylet perform at Cavanaugh's Grille on St. Patrick's Day.



Rod and Mary Ellen Wetzel enjoy ham and cabbage at the American Legion Post 781. The women's auxiliary held its annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday, March 16.



Ted Strunk and Jo Slapinski enjoy a delicious ham and cabbage dinner at the St. Patty's Day luncheon held on March 14 at the Active Adult Center located in Wright Manor in Mountain Top.

Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos



Kim Davis is outrageously funny as a blindfolded Jeff Nichols is about ready to throw the cabbage during the cabbage bowling at the Broadway Tavern in Mountain Top on March 16. Proceeds went to the Think Pink Foundation, which helps local women and their families ease the financial burden that comes along with a cancer diagnosis.



The Ceol Cor Pipe & Drum Bagpipers perform for the large crowd at Cavanaugh's Grille on St. Patrick's Day.



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

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The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library is selling Leda's homemade chocolate Easter eggs.

The eggs are \$1.50 each and are available in milk and dark chocolate. Stop in at 35 Kirby Avenue, Mountain Top by Tuesday, April 2. Payment is required with the order.

For more information call 570-474-9313.

UNTIL APRIL 7 EASTER ROLL SALE

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church, Wapwallopen, is conducting an Easter roll sale. The rolls are \$7 and are available in apricot, nut, poppy, prune, raspberry, and raspberry cream.

Prepaid orders may be placed in the collection or by calling Susan at 570-868-6983.

Final orders are due by April 7. Rolls will be available for pick up on Thursday, April 18 in the meeting room at the rear of the rectory.

UNTIL APRIL 26 VENDORS WANTED

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 781, 1550 Henry Drive, Mountain Top will be hosting a craft and vendor fair on May 5 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Indoor and outdoor spaces are available. If you are interested in participating as a vendor please call or text 570-371-7540 or e-mail: amerlegauxunit781@gmail.com by April 26 for more information.

MARCH 22 HOOPS FOR HOPE

This year, teachers, students, coaches and other members of the Mountain Top community will take the basketball court on Friday, March 22, to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

The 11th annual event will take place at Crestwood High School. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. and games will begin at 6. At the conclusion of the games, names will be pulled to cover a teacher in silly string.

Tickets will be available at the door and in advance. Ad-

mission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students/senior citizens.

Throughout the evening, Mountain Top's Relay for Life team will have tables selling various items in the cafeteria. Refreshments will also be available for purchase. After an intermission of foul shots and three-pointers for prizes, games will continue for first place. The community is invited to take part in this effort to end the battle with cancer.

MARCH 23 SMALL BUSINESS PARTNERS SHOWCASE

The third annual Small Business Partners Showcase will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at

the Kirby Library, 35 Kirby Avenue in Mountain Top.

Meet many local small businesses all under one roof. Free and open to the public. Door prizes, giveaways and discounts are part of the event. Call Allison at 570-474-9313 for more information.

MARCH 23, APRIL 2 & 27 AND MAY 18 JUNIOR COMETS REGISTRATIONS

Mountain Top Junior Comets football and cheer organization will conduct 2019 football and cheer registration in the Crestwood High School cafeteria on March 23 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; April 2 from 6-8 p.m.; April 27 from 10 a.m.-12

p.m. and on May 18 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

More information is available at www.leaguelineup.com/welcome. Questions can be emailed to mtjuniorcomets@gmail.com.

MARCH 24 HOAGIE SALE

The Slocum Township Volunteer Fire Co., 1923 Slocum Road, Wapwallopen, will hold its annual March hoagie sale on March 24. Pick up at fire-hall after 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 for American or turkey with or without onions. Please call Fire Hall at 570-868-6255 leave a message for Ted.

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No coupons will be accepted for these services during this time period.

Crestwood announces kindergarten registration dates

The Crestwood School District has announced dates and times for kindergarten registration for the 2019/2020 school year.

Fairview Elementary registration will be held on April 1 and 2. Rice Elementary registration will be held on April 3 and 4. Registration times for both schools are as follows: 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m. The enrollment process should take approximately an hour.

Children should be 5 years old by September 1, 2019. Please bring your child with you for academic, speech and vision screenings. Parents should also bring a copy of their child's birth certificate, current immunization records plus three (3) proofs of residency showing name and current address such as: Deed to home, agreement of sale, lease containing your name and verified by building owner, real estate tax receipt, valid PA Department of Transportation license or identification with current address within Crestwood School District, W-2 statement/IRS statement or tax return, homeowner's/tenant's insurance statement, copy of state/federal program enrollment, voter registration card noting township or borough, current utility bill (gas electric, water, sewer or verification of service start date), check stub from employer showing wages, public assistance, or social security, Builders contract.

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upon request from the school office.

Enrollment packets will be found on the web sites for both Fairview Elementary and Rice Elementary at WWW.csdcomets.org. Parents may print out the packet and complete all forms at home which will save time during our enrollment process. Please bring your completed enrollment packet to the Registration along with all needed documents. Should parents not have access to a printer, enrollment packets will be available during Registration.

Should you have further questions, please call the Fairview Elementary office at 570-474-5942 or the Rice Elementary office at 570-868-3161.



Rice Township Easter egg hunt will be held **Saturday, April 6** at 10 a.m. Rain date will be April 7 at 2 p.m.

Crestwood High School football team will host an Easter egg hunt on **Saturday, April 13** at the high school football field. Registration begins at 11 a.m. and the hunt will get underway at 11:30. The hunt is open to all children up to age 12. The event is free, but participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or make a monetary donation. All food and monetary donations will go to the food bank at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mountain Top.

The Wright/Fairview Township Easter egg hunt will be held **Saturday, April 13** at 1

p.m. at the Wright Township park baseball field. Rain date will be Saturday, April 20. The event is free to all children under the age of 10. Refreshments will be provided by Mountain Top Kiwanis. Children will be grouped by age for the hunt. Age three and under, 1 p.m.; age 4-6, 1:30 p.m.; age 7-10, 2 p.m.

Dorrance Township Easter egg hunt will be held **Saturday, April 13** at 2 p.m. at the municipal building grounds. Children up to age 12 are welcome. Sign-up sheets are available at the municipal building, recycling center and KVAL. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help should contact Beverly Lukashewski or Pat Davis.

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Crestwood Menu

Elementary Schools

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Week of March 25

Monday: Buffalo chicken dip, tortilla chips or popcorn chicken with a dinner roll; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, cucumber slices, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Hot ham and cheese on a pretzel roll or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies:

green peas, tomato wedges, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Twin pancakes with scrambled eggs or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: tater tots, carrot sticks, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Penne pasta with meatballs, garlic bread or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, tomato and onion salad, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Breaded fish nuggets with a dinner roll or meatballs and marinara with cheese on a

roll; featured veggies: steamed carrots, celery sticks, choice of fruit and milk

Week of April 1

Monday: Buffalo chicken dip, tortilla chips or popcorn chicken with a dinner roll; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, cucumber slices, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Hot ham and cheese on a pretzel roll or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: green peas, tomato wedges, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Twin pancakes with scrambled eggs or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: tater tots, carrot sticks, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Penne pasta with

meatballs, garlic bread or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, tomato and onion salad, choice of fruit and milk

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

Secondary Campus

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

Week of March 25

Monday: Sloppy Joe on a bun or chicken mashed potato bowl with a dinner roll; featured veg-

gies: mashed potatoes, steamed corn, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Walking taco, pretzel sticks or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: Mexican corn, tomato and onion salsa, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: French toast sticks with sausage links or meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: potato triangles, red pepper strips, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Penne pasta and meatballs, garlic bread stick or bbq rib on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, Caesar salad, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Breaded fish on a roll or pierogie pizza; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, celery sticks with ranch, choice of fruit and milk

Week of April 1

Monday: Sloppy Joe on a pretzel roll or chicken mashed potato bowl with a dinner roll; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, steamed corn, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Walking taco, Mexican rice or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: Mexican corn, tomato and onion salsa, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: French toast sticks with sausage links or meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: potato triangles, red pepper strips, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Ziti and meatballs, garlic bread sticks or BBQ rib on a bun; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, celery sticks with ranch, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Breaded fish nuggets with roll or pierogi pizza; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, celery sticks with ranch, 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 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 March 25

Monday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, cherry bread pudding, pear, milk and coffee

Tuesday: Special Nutrition Awareness Lunch: salad bar with 1/2 sandwich, milk and coffee

Wednesday: Cheeseburger on whole wheat sandwich roll, ketchup, vegetarian lentil soup, tossed salad, fresh pineapple chunks, milk and coffee

Thursday: Whole wheat rotini pasta with Italian sausage and mozzarella cheese, sautéed spinach, fresh fruit salad, milk and coffee

Friday: Lemon pepper fish, dilled carrots, mashed potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, cottage cheese and fruit, milk and coffee

Week of April 1

Monday: Herb roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, green and wax beans, biscuit,

margarine, berry crisp, milk and coffee

Tuesday: BBQ pork chop, mashed sweet potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, fresh pineapple chunks, milk and coffee

Wednesday: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, fresh apple slices, milk and coffee

Thursday: Meatloaf sandwich, chicken noodle soup, broccoli slaw, whole wheat sandwich roll, cottage cheese

and fruit, milk and coffee

Friday: Baked fish with caper sauce, potatoes au gratin, peas, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, rice pudding, milk and coffee

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

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We will open up at noon to watch the 1st round of NCAA's on Thursday and Friday, \$2 Miller Light and Coors Lite drafts from noon until 4 p.m. both days.
We will show all of the games during March Madness!

Monday: Wing Night 6 wings \$4 • 12 wings \$7

Tuesday: \$5 Martini Specials & Meatloaf \$9.95

Wednesday: Mexican Night

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MARCH 24 & 31 UMPIRE TRAINING

Mountain Top Area Little League will hold umpire training sessions to encourage members of the community to learn to umpire baseball and softball. New umpires are desperately needed to assist in a national crisis where the number of available sports officials has decreased significantly.

The current umpire pool is aging and not enough people are filling the void left by retiring officials.

On Sunday, March 24 and Sunday, March 31, interested community members will learn the basics of how to officiate both baseball and softball games at the Mountain Top Area Little League Complex at Alberdeen, 375 Alberdeen Road, Mountain Top in an indoor facility. Outdoor field

work will be conducted if weather permits. Both sessions will begin at 12:30 p.m. and conclude at about 2 p.m.

There is no cost to attend these sessions. Community members can then become umpires for local organizations, such as Little League and PIAA (high school), as well as other organizations.

After training is completed, umpires have the opportunity to earn money for their services. Referrals for registration with local organizations will be made available.

Although not required, all individuals who are interested in attending are asked to pre-register by sending an email to luke.modrovsky@wilkes.edu. This will ensure enough printed handouts are available.

Questions can be directed to Luke Modrovsky at 570-905-3201.

MARCH 26 PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Photography Club will meet on March 26 at King's Restaurant in Mountain Top at 6:30 p.m. The club is anyone interested in photography. Each month there is a program on some aspect of photography. After the meetings enjoy ordering a meal off the menu. Visit www.mountaintopphotoclub.com for more info.

MOUNTAIN TOP SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

Mountain Top Social Club will meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top on Tuesday, March 26 at 1 p.m.

Bus trips will begin on March 28 and every 4th Thursday of each month to the Hollywood Casino. The cost is \$26 pay-

able one month in advance. The rebate is \$30 slot play and a \$5 food coupon.

Make checks payable to Mountain Top Social Club Trips.

On March 28 the bus departs from St. Paul's at 8 a.m. and St. Al's in Wilkes-Barre

at 8:30 a.m. Please arrive 15 minutes before departure. Leave the casino at 3 p.m.

For further info contact Cathy Medeiros at 570-261-5016. Day of trip: 570-764-5759.

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Clara White celebrates 95th birthday

Former Mountain Top resident, Clara White, came back to the area for a surprise birthday party for her 95th birthday. Her daughter Norma Moore, whom Clara now lives with, made the trip with her to Stairville UMC to celebrate among family and friends. Stairville UMC was Clara's home church until she moved to LeRaysville, PA to be closer to her daughter. Approximately 100 friends and family came to celebrate with her, including a former pastor of Stairville UMC, Scott Ryan and his wife Ronee. Pastor Scott received a big hug when Clara saw him. Clara is one feisty lady and when she was 80 she jumped out of an airplane for the first time. She has done it every year since, except twice when she had medical issues. She has also done parasailing and is planning another skydive this summer. A buffet and cake were enjoyed by everyone.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Clara's immediate family get together for a photo. Front row from left: Barbara Smith and Clara White; second row: Russell Paisley, Ruth Smith and Norma Moore; back row: Ronald and Charles Paisley.

CHS football to host egg hunt



Pictured are, from left, Brendon DeMarzo, Evan Burleson, Logan Arnold, Chase Pugh, Coach Ryan Arcangeli.

The Crestwood High School football team will host an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 13 at the high school football field. The hunt is open to all children up to age 12. Registration begins at 11 a.m. and the hunt will get underway at 11:30. The event is free, but participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or make a monetary donation. All food and monetary donations will go to the food bank at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mountain Top.

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Crestwood students attend PJAS regional meeting

Students from Crestwood Secondary Campus attended the Regional Meeting of Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science held Saturday, March 2 on the campus of Wilkes University.

These students presented projects in science, math, and computer science. Thirty-four students earned first awards, while three earned second awards. Dhruv Patel was also awarded a scholarship for Penn State, Worthington Campus, while Brooke Weiss earned a scholarship for an early college class next year at Luzerne County Community College. Nicole Joseph was awarded the Excellence Award in senior high botany, Hana Bader earned the Excellence Award for senior high math, Erin Barno earned the Excellence Award for junior high botany and Kaitlyn Leicht was awarded the Excellence Award for junior high math. All students who earned a first award will present their projects again in May at the State Meeting which will be held at Penn State Main Campus, State College.



Row 1: Erin Barno, Hana Bader, Korina Cheng, Tanisi Patel, Priyal Patel, Nicole Joseph, Natalie Matthews, Sydney Magda, Janki Patel; row 2: Brooke Lapinski, Nick Matthews, Zain Ansari, Kevin Cheng, Anthony Wan, Raymond Joseph, Jessica Zimmeman, Zoe Stewart; row 3: Cortney Dushanko, Ceanna Belisle, Jay Bhavsar, Nick Cur-

ry, Kayla Supkowski, Ava Groth, Austin Campbell, Kaitlyn Leicht, Grace Bovey; row 4: Dhruv Patel, Nihar Patel, Kevin Regep, Maddux Testa, Madyson Sobolewski, Quinn Zabiegalski, Madison Weiss, Brooke Weiss; row 5: Mrs. Jean Zanolini, faculty advisor, Caitlin Dushanko, Tim Gallagher, David Wan, Mr. James Zabelgalki, faculty advisor.

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MARCH 31 PIZZA FOR PAWS

Join Whiskers World on Sunday, March 31 at 1 p.m. for an afternoon of feline fun at Rodano's on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre. There will be food, fun, music and raffle baskets! Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets are limited. To purchase them online, visit www.whiskersworld.org/online-store/. They are also available for pick up at The Flower Warehouse, 65 Elizabeth Street, Forty Fort.

Your ticket gets you unlimited pizza, stromboli, soft drinks and draught beer plus \$2 off mixed drinks and the awesome

tunes of DJ Johnny Searfoss.

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DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

The Wright Township recreation board will hold a designer purse bingo on Sunday, March 31 at Crestwood High School. Doors will open at noon and bingo starts at 1. Cost is \$20 for 20 games. Proceeds will benefit the dog park.

APRIL 2 AL AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

An American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 781 membership meeting will be held at 7 p.m.

on Tuesday, April 2. Nominations for board positions will be accepted at this meeting. All active members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Katie Chado, membership chairperson at 570-332-2822. All meetings are held at the American Legion Post 781, 1550 Henry Drive, Mountain Top.

CAREER COUNSELING PROGRAM

On Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. Greg Ready of GAR Associates, Executive Recruiting and Consulting Services will present the program *Pursuing a New Job? Differentiate Yourself in Today's Competitive*

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The program will focus on: Overview of recruiting ... what to know about it and why it is important; writing a quality resume ... what that means and why it is important; prepare yourself to nail the interview! ... from the interviewer's perspective.

This program is free and open to the public but registration is required. Register in person by visiting the library at 35 Kirby Avenue, Mountain Top or by calling 570-474-9313.

APRIL 3 PADRE PIO PRAYER MINISTRY

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry

will be held on April 3 with a 6 p.m. mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers to Padre Pio, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at St. Faustina Kowalska Church, Hanover Street, Nanticoke.

APRIL 4 MULLERY REP TO VISIT ACTIVE ADULT CENTER

On Thursday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to noon, an associate from the office of State Representative Gerald Mullery will be on hand at the Mountain Top Active Adult Center located in the Community Room of The Wright Manor to provide assistance on completing the

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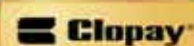
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Note: Claimants can deduct half of any Social Security benefits from their income when determining eligibility.

Please call Paul Waliczek at the Mountain Top Active Adult Center to reserve a spot. 570-868-8517.

APRIL 7

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

The Crestwood Football Booster Club will hold its annual designer purse bingo on **Sunday, April 7** at Crestwood High School.

Games begin at 1 p.m., doors open at noon. Game prizes will feature purses by Tory Burch, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, and Coach.

20 regular games will be included with admission. Two special games will be played for an additional cost. They will also feature a "Pick of Show" and basket raffle. Food will be available for purchase.

Ticket's are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from any Crestwood football family member or by calling 570-510-7912 or 570-417-4535. All proceeds benefit players in grades 7-12.

APRIL 9

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Garden Club will meet on **Tuesday,**

April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rice Township municipal building.

The presenter is Susan Kennedy, a Penn State Master Gardener. Susan's program, *User Friendly Gardening for Everyone* shares simple adaptations, tools and strategies that can be used by gardeners with limitations or disabilities. The Garden Club meeting is open to the public. New Garden Club members are always welcome. They offer educational presentations, creative activities,

plenty of gardening information to share, and exclusive discounts on plants at several local garden centers.

If you have any questions or would like to join, please email the Garden Club at mtgardenclub@gmail.com.

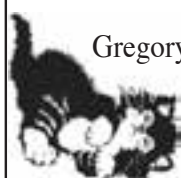
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Wright Township hoping to get new leaf collection truck

Wright Township officials are hoping a state recycling grant will help them purchase a new leaf collection truck.

Supervisors voted at their

March meeting to apply for a state Department of Environmental Protection recycling grant. Officials said the grant application will request approximately \$250,000 to be used to purchase the truck and signs for the recycling center. The grant required a 10 per-

cent local match.

Wright Township is the only Mountain Top municipality that collects leaves from residential properties. Each year in the spring and fall township public works crews go through neighborhoods collecting leaves residents rake to the edge of the road. The machine currently in use requires a driver and at least one other worker to operate the leaf vacuum. The truck the township hopes to purchase with the grant would allow

the operation to be performed by one person. The vehicle's driver can operate the leaf vacuum using a "joystick" type device. One official described the truck as similar to those used by a local waste hauler which allows the driver to pick up trash bins and empty them into the truck using a control in the truck's cab.

Some of the funds would be used to purchase signs for the recycling center. Supervisor Matthew Howton noted that it is important for residents

to clean recyclable materials before depositing them at the recycling center. He pointed out that the township's recycler charges a fee for removal of dirty or non-recyclable materials. He said the township will no longer accept material in plastic bags. During the first two months of the year, the township recycled over 28 tons of plastic, glass, cardboard, tin and aluminum.

Environmental Advisory Council has two vacancies

Wright Township Supervisor Donald Zampetti reported there are two vacancies on the Environmental Advisory Council. Anyone interested in serving on the council should contact the township secretary. The council advises supervisors on environmental issues.

BB&T Bank withdraws plans for drive-up ATM

BB&T Bank won't be building a drive-up ATM machine on North Mountain Boulevard in Fairview Township.

The bank had submitted plans for the drive-up facility to the township for review. However, zoning officer John Doddo reported at the March meeting of the board of supervisors that the bank has withdrawn the plans for the ATM which would have been located near P&D Pet Supply on North Mountain Boulevard.

Doddo said there were two reasons the project fell through. He said the bank indicated it was taking too long

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Scholarships available to local students

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The Mountain Top Welcome Club is accepting applications for its scholarship program. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a Crestwood Secondary Campus senior who has made positive contributions to the community and who has high academic achievement. Applications will be judged by a committee appointed by the Mountain Top Welcome Club.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 12 and the recipient will be announced May 2.

Applications are available from the Crestwood Secondary Campus guidance office or from Pam McGovern of the Welcome Club. She can

be reached at 570-905-4098 or Pam.McGovern@Century21.com.

Nuangola Library

The Nuangola Library continues to offer scholarships to Crestwood High School graduating seniors; and to commemorate the library's 38 years of service to the local community and in memory of the efforts of its founding members, cash awards totaling \$500 will be open to any graduates who will be attending accredited colleges or trade schools.

Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, April 30 and can be obtained and printed from the Crestwood school District website www.csdcomets.org/. Applications can be emailed to nuangolalibrary@outlook.com

or mailed to Joan Bigelow at 43 Nuangola Avenue Mountain Top, PA 18707.

Women's Club

The Women's Club of Mountain Top is offering its annual scholarship to all students in the public and private schools who live in the Crestwood School District. College bound students in good academic standing, volunteerism, and community involvement are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available in the school guidance department as well as at the Marion Sutherland Kirby Library. For further information or questions, please call Gaylene Hunter, club president at 570-751-6144.

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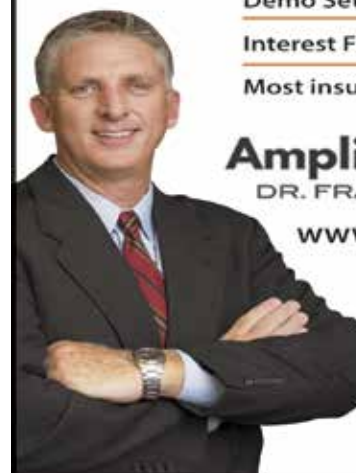
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Kijek, Johnson advance to state final in free throw competition



Pictured with their regional trophies, held Saturday March 2 in Shamokin are Aryanna Kijek, 9 and Brady Johnson, 10, who won their respective age groups in the annual Free Throw Championship sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Both Aryanna and Brady competed in the State finals on Saturday, March 16 in Camp Hill.



Pictured are members of the Wilkes-Barre Academy Science Olympiad team. Row 1: Hannah Fox, Amanda Zemetra, Emily Krevey, Lily Talukder, Angelina Opachko, and Abigail Whitby; row 2: Ian Smith, Jane Gillespie, Miah

Sims, Daniel Hughes, Eli Scaramastro, Gopal Patel, Rehaan Mansuri, Dana Robasky; row 3: Tyler Vodzak, Kendra Santuk, Zachary Winder, Armaan Mansuri, and Amanda O'Toole. Not pictured: Aayan Chaudry.

Wilkes-Barre Academy announces Science Olympiad team

Wilkes-Barre Academy's Science Olympiad team participated in the Northeast Regional Science Olympiad held at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus on March 6. The team is composed of

eighth, seventh, and sixth grade students with excellent academic achievement. The students competed in a broad scope of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics based events.

A large advertisement for Harth Enterprise. On the left is a large American flag. In the center is a graphic of a red brick chimney with a black roof and a broom. To the right of the chimney, the text 'HARTH ENTERPRISE' is written in large, bold, black letters. Below this, 'CHIMNEY/ROOFING SPECIALIST' is written in smaller, bold, black letters. At the bottom, the phone number '570-880-5704' is displayed in large, bold, black letters. To the left of the phone number is a small logo for 'SELECT ShingleMaster' and to the right is a circular logo for 'CERTIFIED CHIMNEY SWEEP'.

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to obtain permits to move forward with the project and the financial institution is merging with Suntrust Bank. Last fall, BB&T closed its branch on South Mountain Boulevard near Dollar General.

In other news ...

Borton Lawson Engineering was named design consultant for the state Department of Community and Natural Resources grant for phase 3 of the Memorial Park project. The township received a \$50,000 DCNR grant which requires a \$20,000 township match. Phase 3 of the park improvement project includes a walking trail.

Supervisors voted to direct the township engineer to prepare and advertise bids for the Gracedale Avenue drainage project. The work will be done with a grant from the Luzerne Conservation District.

Supervisors also voted to advertise for a generator for the municipal building under two separate bids. One bid will be for a three-phase generator since there is a three-phase service in the building. The other option is for bids to change the three-phase to a single-phase service with a single-phase generator.

Edward Kresge was hired as part-time worker at the COG compost facility at \$12 an hour.

Wright Township looking at grant opportunities

At a recent work session of the Wright Township supervisors, a discussion was held on possible grant opportunities for 2019. One of the projects discussed was applying for a Local Shares Account (gaming) grant to purchase a new leaf collection truck. Wright Township road foreman Matthew Howton, who is also a supervisor pointed out that there are vehicles available that can make leaf collection a one-person operation.

Supervisors did not decide on whether to apply for the grant, leaving it on the table for

further discussion.

Wright supervisors also discussed applying for a state Department of Community and Economic Development Greenways Grant to be used for removal of dead trees in the township park. Forester John Hopkins identified nearly 1,000 dead trees which need to be cut down and removed. It is estimated it will cost anywhere from \$60,000 to \$100,000 to cut down the trees.

Wright supervisors also discussed applying for a Luzerne County recycling grant to educate residents about recycling. Over the last year, local communities have gone from making a small profit on recycling to having to pay haulers

to remove recyclable materials. Two factors play into this turnaround. There has been a decline in the demand of foreign countries for our recyclables and, much of the material must be sent to landfills because it is contaminated or unusable. Officials said consumers are not cleaning their bottles and cans before tossing them into recycling bins, making them useless for recycling. Additionally, consumers are mixing in material not suitable for recycling. This issue came up at a meeting of Dorrance Township supervisors this month. Officials warned that the future of recycling is

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unclear and urged residents to wash recyclable materials before throwing them into bins and to keep containers clean.

Phase 1 of dog park almost complete

The Wright Township recreation board reported construction of a foot bridge is all that remains for completion

of phase one of the dog park. The bridge is expected to be completed as soon as weather improves, and the park's official grand opening will be held in the spring.

Rice supervisors vote to file lawsuit

After nearly eight months of negotiations, Rice Township supervisors voted at their

March 5 meeting to file a lawsuit against AR Popple Construction, Inc. and its bond company, Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Co. to recover costs associated with the long-delayed Ice Pond dam outlet project.

Supervisors directed their special counsel, Raymond Wendelowski, to proceed with the lawsuit to recover costs associate with re-bidding the

project; work done by Popple that must be redone because the township claims Popple failed to meet project goals; and cost overruns.

They also authorized township engineer Andrew Pasonick of Penn Eastern Engineers to begin the bid process to engage a "capable contractor" to complete the project.

In December 2017, supervisors awarded AR Popple a

\$179,500 contract for repairs to the dam. In late February 2018, the contractor started the process of lowering the water level in the lake to allow access to a pipe in the dam wall. By early March, Pasonick reported Popple had completed about 25 percent of the de-watering process needed to construct a coffer dam. However, in mid-May, the contrac-

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Bingo benefits softball and baseball organization



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Chrissy Wagner and Kate Kairo having a great time while playing bingo and came out to support the Panthers.

The Panthers Softball and Baseball Organization sponsored a cash bingo on Saturday, March 9 at the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department in Mountain Top. Doors opened at 11:30 a.m. and games began at 1 p.m. Cost to play was a \$25 donation per ticket that included 20 regular games playing \$100 per game. There were special games throughout the afternoon for special prizes for an additional fee. There was also a full snack bar, 50/50 and basket raffles.



Pictured from left, Kyle Price, Molly DeMarzo, Isaac Mertz, Aiden Mertz, Coach Rob Moulton and Brandon Whitman.

Local runners overall champions in 5k race

Crestwood Head Cross Country and Track Coach Rob Moulton and team member freshman Molly DeMarzo crossed the finish line as the overall top male and female champions of the Renal 5k Race held on March 10. Kyle Price, sophomore, earned 1st place finish in his age group followed by Brandon Whitman, Issac and Aiden Mertz.

AL auxiliary sponsors essay contest



From left are Keelin Finn and the winning students: sixth graders from Rice are Camerone Carlos, who went to states as well, Colin Lazo, Cole Pyrah; fifth graders from Rice

The American Legion Post 781 Auxiliary sponsored its annual Americanism essay contest recently.

The contest was held for students in 5th and 6th grade in local schools. This year the

are Maya Shakfa, Sophia Cyphert and Callie Koons; fifth graders from Fairview are Grayce Grazio, Madilyn Hinkle and Brooke Lenahan; and Auxiliary President Dawn Edwards.

contest theme was *How Can We Address And Prevent Veteran Homelessness In Our Communities.*

Rice Elementary teacher Keelin Finn was chairperson for the contest.

Cub Scout Pack 60 competes in Pinewood Derby



Pictured from left, first row: Luke Fauerbach, Bert Marcalus, Liam Truschel, Bryce Cope, Coleman Grandzol, Brayden Antonello, Colin Brenner, Jack Truschel, Noah Keiser, Will Rutala; second row: Samuel Amandola, Alex

White, Tyler White, Dominic Jinks, Ray Mazur, JJ Pavlick, Jacob Hunsinger, Michael Grandzol; third row: Patrick Smith, Cayden Sartori, Marco Distefano, Samuel Partington.

fastest average time over six runs on the track. This year, the top finishers for the pack were: Jack Truschel; first place; Bryce Cope, second place and Dominic Jinks, third place.

All three will move on to the districts in April.

11 teams represent Crestwood in Odyssey of the Mind competition

Odyssey of the Mind is an annual worldwide competition. Participants include teams from more than 20 countries. OotM engages students in their learning by allowing their knowledge and creative ideas to come to life in an exciting, productive environment.

OotM teaches students how to be problem solvers. Each year, there are six original long term problems, five competitive problems for students from third grade through college and one primary problem for K-2nd graders. Each problem is original and contains design and performance requirements, limitations to work within, and scoring categories. There are two types of problems in Odyssey of the Mind: Long-term problems and spontaneous problems.

While some teams use science, technology, engineering, and math to solve their problem, others will use history writing and art to present their solution in the form of a theatrical performance to a panel of judges. The creative problem-solving process rewards thinking outside the box. Teams winning first and second place advance to the state competition and similarly, to the final world competition in May.

This year, 11 teams represented Crestwood School District teams at the NEPA regional Odyssey of the Mind competition held at Pocono Mountain West H.S. on Saturday, March 9 including three teams from Rice Elementary, and

eight teams from Crestwood Secondary Campus.

The six teams individually pictured will move onto the PA State level competition on Saturday, April 6 at Pocono Mountain East H.S.

Crestwood School District coaches and team members are as follows:

Problem 1, Division 2 coaches: Neil and Shannon Partington; team members: Grayson Koons, Michael Mullisky, McKenzie Ladner, Caleb Partington, Gabrielle Howe

Problem 1, Division 3 coaches: Ed and Wendy Griffiths; team members: Shannon Griffiths, Christopher Hannon, Claire Lenio, Ruthie Mullisky, Joshua Partington, Olivia Richards, Nicole Zurawski

Problem 2, Division 1 coaches: Josh Balliet and Sarah Pawlowski; team members: Liam Balliet, Liam Pawlowski, Lucy Pawlowski, Teagen Vosik Pekala, Cameron Schwartz, Piper Kleban Harden, Jonah Partington

Problem 2, Division 2 coaches: Yvette Helmbold, Daisha Medvetz and Joe Pegarelski; team members: Gabe Glassic, Molly Grove, Jaidyn Helmbold, Jenna Medvetz, Weston Medvetz, Andrew Murawski, Regina Pegarelski

Problem 2, Division 3 coaches: Wendy Fenwick and Anne Kostik; team members: Kira Fenwick, Brayden Fenwick, Noah Partington, Leah Dietrich, Alex Kostik, Alex Covelens, Michiah Johnson

Problem 3, Division 2 coaches: Carrie Kline and Katie Thomas; team members: Mac Kline, Morgan Koons, Haily Morales, Maggie Kozich, Natalie Kline, Anna Glassic, Gwen Glassic

Problem 3 Division 3 coaches: Annette Weis and Mary Ellen McFarland; team members: Madison Weiss, Rachel McFarland, Brooke Weiss, Isabelle Otero, Alex Elsasser

Problem 4 Division 1 coaches: Neal and Shannon Partington; team members: Charlie Medico, Ella Partington, Callie Koons,

Sophia Medico, Willow Guydish, Alyssa Leicht, Samuel Partington

Problem 5, Division 1 coaches: Laura Makarczyk, Lynn Anderson; team members: Baylee Makarczyk, Addison Anderson, Sophia Mead, Julia Dessoye, Madison Odonnell, Cameron Vieney, Addison Knorr

Problem 5, Division 2 coaches: Kelly Leicht and Ceny Reluzco; team members: Elisa Reluzco, Emerson Lazo, Kyla Kelly, Michael O'Donnell, Emily Leicht, Ella Richards, Kaitlyn Leicht

Problem 5, Division 3 coaches: Alison Gomes, Ceny Reluzco; team members: Daniel Gomes, Ian Koons, Matthew Nisnik, Robert Murawski, Carrie Kraynak, Izzy Reluzco, Cassie Menn

Crestwood School District OotM is a parent led organization.

For more information about OotM go to www.nepaootm.com.



Madison Weiss, Rachel McFarland, Brook Weiss, Isabelle Otero, Alex Elasser. Not pictured are coaches Annette Weis and Mary Ellen McFarland.



From left, Izzy Reluzco, Carrie Kraynak, Cassie Menn, Ian Koons, Matthew Nisnik, Daniel Gomes, Robert Murawski. Not pictured coaches: Alison Gomes and Ceny Reluzco.



Bottom to top: Charlie Medico, Ella Partington, Callie Koons, Sophia Medico, Willow Guydish, Alyssa Leicht, Samuel Partington. Not pictured coaches Neil and Shannon Partington.



Front row: Ruthie Mullisky, Olivia Richards, Shannon Griffiths; back row: Ed Griffiths, Coach; Claire Lenio, Nicole Zurawski, Christopher Hannon, Joshua Partington, Wendy Griffiths, Coach.



Front row: Leah Dietrich, Alex Kostik, Alex Covelens; back row: Kira Fenwick, Anne Kostik, Coach; Wendy Fenwick, Coach; Brayden Fenwick, Noah Partington, not pictured Michiah Johnson.



From left, Ceny Reluzco, Coach; Elisa Reluzco, Emerson Lazo, Kyla Kelly, Michael O'Donnell, Emily Leicht, Ella Richards, Kelly Leicht, Coach, Kaitlyn Leicht.

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tor halted work on the project, leaving behind a muddy lake bed.

At their August 2018 meeting, supervisors refused to pay a \$33,345 bill submitted by AR Popple for work on the Ice Lakes dam project. They subsequently hired Wendelowski to negotiate a settlement with Popple's bonding company. That negotiation did not bring about an agreement, prompting supervisors to file the lawsuit.

Township officials have been dealing with the Ice Lake dam issue for three years. In late summer of 2015, property owners around the lake notified the township, which owns the lake, that the water level was dropping. At the time, engineers determined the problem was a valve in a drain pipe in the dam.

The township received a Local Shares Account (gaming) grant and a grant from the state Department of Community and Economic Development to be used for the project. Supervisors voted to request extensions of those grants to June 30, 2020.

In other news ...

Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Beck reported the township received its 2019 Liquid Fuels Account reimbursement from the state totaling \$135,543.38. Supervisors reported the township's 2018 audit was completed by Grevera & Associates with no negative findings.

In other action, supervisors gave approval to Mountain Top men's softball league, Mountain Top Little League and Mountain Top Youth Soccer to use township fields this year. They approved a \$150 donation to Crestwood High School PTSA for the senior lock-in.

They also expressed thanks to Frank Pedriani and Matt McGowan of Hallmark Homes and Danielle Sciandra of Clean Force 1 for donating over \$500 each for a popshield for the police department.

Dorrance Township fire department looking for volunteers

The Dorrance Township Volunteer Fire Department notified supervisors that the township's \$20,000 contribution for 2018 was used for debt reduction, new heating units in the engine room building, vehicle maintenance and personnel training.

Fire department treasurer Valerie Zane and fire department member Jeff Kotarsky told supervisors the department is facing a manpower crisis. The department needs

volunteers in order to respond to emergencies.

Supervisors gave permission to the fire department to participate in non-emergency events as approved by the fire chief or assistants. Fire depart-

ment officers for 2019 are: Ed Myers, president; James Rowlands, vice president; Valerie Zane, fire department treasurer; Janet Jones, fireman's relief fund treasurer; Caitlin Myers secretary.



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Resident aims to educate public on little known facts about buying tires

Did you know that the recommended shelf life of tires is no more than six years?

Did you know that the date your tires were manufactured is stamped on the tire?

Like most people, Bill LaVigna of Mountain Top wasn't aware of these facts until he took an AARP Smart Driver class. After taking the course, LaVigna decided to check the manufacture date on the tires he purchased a few

months earlier. To his shock, he learned the tires he thought were new were manufactured three years earlier.

"The tires came with a five-year/60,000-mile limited warranty," LaVigna related. He pointed out that the five-year warranty began the date the tires were manufactured. "When they put the tires on my car, three years of the five-year warranty were already up," he noted.

Upset by what he learned, LaVigna tried to contact the dealer for a refund. When he got no response, he filed a civil action against the dealer with Magisterial District Judge Ferris Webby Sr. While his civil action sought a refund, LaVigna said his main reason for the action was to let other motorists know that aging tires can be dangerous.

LaVigna was not successful in his civil action (the dealer did offer to replace the tires), but that has not deterred him from continuing his campaign to make motorists aware of the danger of aging tires. His goal is to make people aware of three main safety points.

Firstly, he points out, tires age from the moment they are manufactured. "The aging is caused by the process of oxidation," he explained. He pointed out an article on the Tire Safety Group (TSG) website which states tires expire in six years. "Older tires are substantially more likely to

fail than newer tires," the article states. "This is because tires are made mostly of rubber, and rubber degrades with age. Sunlight, heat, ice and general wear and tear can accelerate the breakdown of a tire," according to TSG.

Because of oxidation, the article points out, the flexible components of a tire harden and become brittle. "Over time, the tire will simply fall apart under normal stress, just like an old rubber band," according to the TSG story. Importantly, as LaVigna noted, the article points out that the oxidation process occurs naturally and it does not matter if it is being used, stored as a spare, or simply waiting on a store shelf.

LaVigna points out that motorists can determine the date of manufacture of their tires by checking the sidewall of the tire. Federal rules require that the tire's 11-digit D.O.T. code be imprinted on the side of each


tire. The last four digits indicate the week and year the tire was manufactured. So, a code with "2615" means the tire was manufactured the 26th week of 2015. If you purchased that tire today, it would be almost four years old.

Finally, LaVigna reminds tire purchasers to make sure they request a copy of the manufacturer's warranty from tire dealers when purchasing new tires. He points out this information contains important information about the length of the warranty and what it covers. The documentation he received notes that the five-year warranty on his tires began the date of manufacture. "If you do not receive a copy of this document, you never know about the warranty and what it covers," he cautioned.


LaVigna notes that several automobile manufacturers, including Ford, GMC, Jeep, BMW, and Chrysler, have begun advising purchasers to replace tires and spare after six years, regardless of remaining tread.

There are some steps, LaVigna notes, that can be taken to help consumers make sure their tires are safe. He suggests tire dealers carefully check tires for cracks when they are doing a tire rotation, particularly on tires that are five or six years old.

He also suggests that when vehicles undergo their annual safety inspection, in addition to checking tread depth, the mechanics also make note of the age of the tire, not as part of the inspection pass/fail, but simply to inform the vehicle owner of the remaining life of the tire. He has made this suggestion to State Senator Lisa Baker and State Rep. Gerald Mullery. "Our legislators could help make our highways safer if they would have this procedure done," he stated.




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Wii tournament held at Active Adult Center in Mountain Top



The Mountain Top Active Adult Center located in Wright Manor in Mountain Top hosted a Wii bowling tournament during the month of February and February's tournament champion was Center member Carol Klimek. The next tournament will begin early March. The tournaments and practice are a fun way to get exercise and have fun with friends at least a couple of days a week.



Tournament coach Burt Scouten looks on as center director Paul Waliczek hands Carol Klimek her trophy.

Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

At left: The Active Adult Center members who participated in February's tournament, from left are: tournament coach Burt Scouten, Dorothy Stortz, Joan Hoover, Jane Noonan, Monique Foote, Bob Foote, Gloria Secoski, Shirley Paull, Carol Morreale and Carol Klimek.



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Holy Communion is served the first Sunday of every month. 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. Breakfast Fellowship Group meets at the Chalet, Thursday at 8 a.m.

For more information: church office: 570-474-6060, church email: ChristUM-ChurchOffice@gmail.com; Pastor's email: bohanan.jp@gmail.com. Web: Christonthemountaintop.blogspot.com.

CONYNGHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Pastor, Cheryl Trent**

**411 Main Street, Conyngham
570-788-3960**

Religious studies are at 10 a.m. 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.

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

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Services: Sunday 10 a.m.

**Michael & Kim Pickreign, Pastors
3577 Church Road, Mountain Top
570-678-7231**

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

The church is handicap accessible. For further information contact Pastor Pickreign.

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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

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.

The church will prepare Lenten suppers prior to services on Wednesday evenings during Lent. These light meals will be shared in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. They will then gather at 7 p.m. in the church to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and gift of life and our response to his act of redeeming love. A sheet is on the table in the narthex for those who will volunteer to prepare meals. Lenten meals and services are open to everyone.

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, 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 aital12@ptd.net. E-mail access is emmanuel_ucc@

hotmail.com and the website is emmanuel-ucc.org.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

**1448 Slocum Road, Mountain Top
570-868-5640 or 570-954-1547**

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

Sunday School is held from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for children ages 4 through 14.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Services: Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 & 10 a.m.

**Father Connell McHugh, Pastor
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Stations of the Cross are offered at 4 p.m. on the Fridays of Lent, and include Benediction.

Penance service will take place on Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

The Valley Food Pantry will be making Easter baskets for needy families in the area. Good Shepherd has been asked to contribute Easter candy for 62 baskets. The deadline for contributions is Wednesday, April 10.

The Women of Good Shepherd's next meeting is on Monday, March 11 at 6 p.m.

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

GRACE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

**Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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Brian Korner, Pastor

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A well equipped, well staffed nursery is provided for infants and toddlers.

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
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HARVEST CONYNGHAM VALLEY Services: Sunday 10 a.m. Jeff Butala, Pastor 475 Main Street, Conyngham 570-788-1055

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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 offer a fully staffed nursery for all Sunday worship services for ages 0-3.

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

MOUNTAINTOP FAMILY CHURCH Services: Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Brian Knorr, Pastor 209 S. Mt. Blvd., Mountain Top 570-474-0900

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

An Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, April 20 from 10-11:30 a.m. at MFC.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Jean Haydt receives ashes from Christine Kellow while her sister Miggs Yenchik waits in line.

Ash Wednesday service at Stairville UMC

Stairville United Methodist Church in Mountain Top held a special Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. Church member Christine Kellow gave the sermon and distributed the ashes. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten season for those of the Christian faith. Anyone receiving ashes was able to take a smooth painted rock with a cross on it that Kellow painted and brought to the service.

This is an indoor event with face painting, a moon bounce, an Easter craft, puppet story and more! The activities are geared for preschool age children through 4th grade; however, students in grades 5 and 6 are also welcome to participate. Children accompanied by an adult can arrive anytime between 10 and 11 a.m. All activities will end at 11:30 a.m.

A Preschool play group will be held on Thursday, March 28

at 10 a.m. in the KinderTown classroom. Play Group is for all infant through preschool age children and their caregivers and is held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month.

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 office or email debbie@mfcchurch.com for information.

MOUNTAINVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH Service: Sunday 10 a.m. Brook Selby, Pastor 5126 N. Lehigh Gorge Dr.,

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Every 3rd Sunday is Family Sunday, when the children stay in the service with them. Every 4th Sunday they have communion together.

Young Adults Group: Young adults having fun and discovering what God has for their future, Fridays, 6:45 p.m.

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: Learning and praying as they encourage one another and study God's Word together. Every other Thursday morning at Mountainview from 10 till noon.

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.

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Pastor Bob Thomas will lead the worship service on Sunday, March 24.

On March 31, Larry Ahlborn will present a special musical worship service. Larry travels all over the United States playing the piano and singing his songs of praise. Everyone is invited.

The Lenten Bible Study continues every Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. and is led by Karen Alderfer. The theme this year is *The Word or the World?* and is taken from 1st Corinthians.

For more information 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 dinner and movie night on Friday, April 12 at 6:30, all for only \$3 per person. Please bring a dessert to share.

Everyone is invited on Wednesday evenings for a time of prayer at 6:30 p.m., followed by Bible study at 7 p.m.

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 March 24. Worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday school meets at 9:30 with classes for all ages. The adult group is studying the book of Matthew by DVD. The youth group will meet at 7 p.m.

The Deacons will be hosting the next carry-in luncheon on March 24 after worship. Come join the church family and friends in a time of fellowship and great food.

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.

The Youth Group will hold a Rockathon on March 29 from 7 p.m. til midnight to raise money for homeless veterans. Contact Amy Randall at 570-578-5858 for pledge sheets or to donate.



Pauline Denis came with her husband Allen to enjoy a Lenten supper and church service on March 13.

*Mountain Peaks/
Claudia Strycharz
photo*

Lenten dinners held at Emmanuel UCC

Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Dorrance is hosting and preparing Lenten suppers prior to services at 6 p.m. on Wednesday evenings during Lent. These are light meals that are shared with all who come and are held in the fellowship hall. Everyone will then gather at 7 p.m. in the church to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and gift of life and our response to his act of redeeming love. The Lenten meals and services are open to everyone.

The Pastor's Bible Study will meet March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Sunday School room B. All adults are invited.

Please donate your food items weekly to be given to the Mountain Top food bank. The need is great for packaged items, mayonnaise, coffee and sugar canned corn, red beets, variety soups and cranberry sauce are also needed.

2019 dates to purchase bulletin covers to honor or recog-

nize someone are now available. A month's supply of bulletin covers is \$35. If there is a certain month you would like to purchase check with the office for availability. Flowers are also available to purchase for \$35 for the vases or a special arrangement for the pedestal. Contact Lisa Bachman to schedule flowers or call the church office.

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STAIRVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

Choir practice is every Thursday at 3 p.m.

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.

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

ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Oliver Brown, Pastor
827 E. County Road, Wapwallopen
570-379-3878

Pastor Brown conducts Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month

beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Community services during Lent: all beginning at 6:30 p.m.

March 27: Lenten service at St. James: "Woman, behold thy son"; April 3: Lenten service at St. John's UCC: "My God, My God, why..."; April 10: Lenten service at St. James: "I thirst"; April 17: Lenten service at St. Peter's: "It is finished...Into Thy Hands".

March 24 at 11 a.m. — soup cook-off. This is another popular event at St. James. You can enter a pot of your favorite soup for a chance to win. For \$5 try all the soups you want. There are usually about 10 different soups to try. You can vote on your favorite soup to help choose a winner. There will also be sandwiches and other foods available to buy.

Following is a list of special events planned for the Sunday School: March 31: Sunday School in church. No classes; April 14: Palm Sunday: Easter egg hunt from 10:15-11:15 a.m.; April 21: Easter: No Sunday School; May 19: Last day of Sunday School with party and no classes.

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.

Boy Scout Troop 300 continues to meet at St. James Lutheran Church on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack 379 meets on Sunday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Kindergarten through 5th grade boys are welcome to join. 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

Adult choir rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. Contact Joe Dubinski at 570-474-6315, ext. 247 with any questions.

The following items are needed for the Mt. Top Food Bank: Boxed soup mix instead of Ramen noodles, noodles, rice, boxed macaroni and cheese, vegetable soups, cream soups, baked beans, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruit, tuna, ketchup, mayonnaise, pudding, jello, sugar, hot chocolate and coffee. The first Sunday of the month is Food Bank Sunday! Drop off items in the boxes located in the narthex.

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

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: Sunday at 11:15 a.m.
285 Pond Hill Mt. Road,
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ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services: Sunday 10 a.m.
Rev. Daniel FitzSimmons, Rector
3085 Church Road, Mountain Top
570-868-5358

To observe the Lenten season, St. Martin-in-the-Fields will hold Stations of the Cross services on Friday evenings beginning through April 12 at 7 p.m. Attendees of the service will participate in a 14-step devotion marking Jesus Christ's final day on Earth as a man. The devotions, or stations, feature specific events of His last day, from condemnation to crucifixion. During each station, attendees will recite and reflect on a specific event from Christ's last day.

The reflection and preparation continue with a full slate of services during Holy Week: Palm Sunday, honoring Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, on April 14 at 10 a.m. Maundy Thursday, commemorating The Last Supper, on April 18 at 7 p.m. Good Friday, marking His crucifixion, on April 19 at 7 p.m. They then celebrate Jesus's resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 21, with a Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

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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.

Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Marys on Fridays during Lent at 7 p.m.

Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 4:30-5:15 and on Thursday, April 11 from 6-7 p.m. Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday.

Youth Group is for all students in seventh grade and older. The next meeting is Sunday, March 24, from 6-8 p.m. in the dining room. They will be filling Easter eggs for the annual Easter egg hunt. Food will be provided.

There will be a planning meeting for pierogi making on Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. in the dining room. All parishioners are invited to attend.

All grave holders are asked to remove all dead flowers, plants, and Christmas items

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by Sunday, April 7. Any items remaining after this date will be removed. Please call the office with any questions.

Religious education classes are held on Sundays 10-11:15 a.m.

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 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.

AA meets on Saturday night at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center for a meeting.

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

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

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

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: Sunday 8:30 & 11 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.

Lenten services: Maundy Thursday, April 18: Sloth 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Pastor will once again offer daily Lenten devotions. They will be made available or you can receive them via email or on Pastor's personal or St. Paul's church Facebook page. Hard copies will also be made available at the church.

It is that time of year the church's young people, 2nd grade or older who have not received 1st Holy Communion instruction are invited to attend classes with Pastor in preparation for receiving their First Holy Communion. This will take place on Thursday, April 18. Please contact Pastor Kaufman if your child will be attending these classes.

Bible Study is held every Thursday at 1 p.m. They welcome interested persons to

attend. Have some fun with learning; only 2 hours a week with a knowledgeable teacher. Snacks provided.

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.

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Bob Parker and Ed Hawley chat while filling their plates with some of the delicious food at the buffet table.

Men gather for breakfast at MFC

The Mountaintop Family Church held a men's breakfast on Saturday, March 9 beginning at 9 a.m. Cost for the fun morning was \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Besides having breakfast, the morning was a great way to get to know each other and to spend time worshipping and praising the Lord.



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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Lynn Rothrock, Pastor
418 Berwick St., White Haven
570-443-9424

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at 9:15. Activities at St. Paul's include: youth group for those in grade 4 through 12 the first and third Sunday at 6 p.m. Quilters on Monday at 9:30, Adult Bible Study on Tuesday at 7 p.m., community lunch each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish House.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Pastor Debra and the congregation of St. Paul's invite you to worship each Sunday. Holy Communion is offered on the first Sunday of the month.

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

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

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

**VALLEY
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Services: Sunday 8:30 & 10 a.m.
Contemporary service: 10 a.m.

Keith Evans, Pastor
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WHITE HAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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



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Mark Dobash finishes up his double red cell donation with the help of technician Amy Hindmarsh.

Blood drive in memory of Jim Weaver held at Presbyterian Church of Mountain Top

The annual Jim Weaver memorial blood drive was held on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mountain Top Presbyterian Church in the fellowship hall. You could pre-register or just walk in and help save some lives. Each pint of blood donated can help save three people. This blood drive also had double red cell donating. There were plenty of snacks and beverages to have after donating blood.

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Choral Society schedules Lenten concerts

In a 69 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present their annual Lenten Concerts in Scranton and Harford.

The first concert on Sunday, March 24 will be held at 3 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, 1403 Jackson Street, Scranton.

The second concert will be held on Sunday, March 31 at

3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Harford, UCC, 5016 Creek Road, Harford.

The concerts are open to the public free of charge. There will be a good will offering.

The group is composed of 50 members who will perform inspirational music in the Lenten tradition.

Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse and Brenda Grunza are co-presidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Ann Manganiello is music director while Jean Shields is accompanist.

Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at www.catholicchoralsociety.org.

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Marian Sutherland Kirby Library announces upcoming events

The Kirby Library will hold a 5k walk/run on Sunday, April 14. 7:30-8:45 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. start. The race will start at the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library, 35 Kirby Avenue, Mountain Top. There is a \$25 pre-registration fee or \$30 the day of race. For more information contact Allison Latagliata, Library Director at 570-474-9313 x304 or email alatagliata@luzernelibraries.org or Irene Ziegler, Race Chair at 570-814-5900 or email irunhills@msn.com.

Adult Programs

For more information or to register for a program, please call 570-474-9313.

Kirby Book Club: Saturday, March 23 at 1 p.m. The selected book is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by John Grann.

In *Killers of the Flower Moon*, David Grann revisits a shocking series of crimes in which dozens of people were murdered in cold blood.

Based on years of research and startling evidence, the book is a masterpiece of narrative nonfiction, as each step in the investigation reveals a series of sinister secrets and reversals. But more than that, it is a searing indictment of the callousness and prejudice toward American Indians that allowed the murderers to operate with impunity for so long. *Killers of the Flower Moon* is utterly compelling, but also emotionally devastating.

Socrates Cafe: Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. Conducted by Steve Wallace. Adults from all walks of life gather for

conversation and intellectual interaction.

The group meets the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Reading Room.

Registration is not necessary just show up!

Teen/Tween Programs

Registration is required, please call 570-474-9313.

Teen Book Club: Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m. Grades 9-12.

Join the Teen Book Club! They will be discussing *Wildcard* by Marie Lu.

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Emika Chen barely made it out of the Warcross video game

championships alive! Who can she trust?

Marie Lu delivers an addictive finale in *Wildcard* that will hold you captive till the very last page!

Books are now available to checkout at circulation desk.

Register at the library or call 570-474-9313.

Enjoy snacks and a book discussion.

Welcome spring with a tea party for kids and adults, grades K-6 on Tuesday, March 26: 4:30 p.m.

Furry Tails Reading Partners on Wednesday, March 27. Is your child a shy or hesitant reader or do they just love to read? Angie is a registered therapy dog who loves to hear kids read to her. Children may register for a 15 minute time

slot and share their favorite stories or books while Angie listens. Angie visits the library at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month! Call 570-474-9313 to register.

March Through the Stacks for Women's History!, grades 4-8 on Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. In celebration of Women's History Month you will "march" through the juvenile and YA nonfiction sections, stopping at different call numbers to talk about famous women throughout history. Marchers will then be sent on a quest to find additional biographies using the online catalog. They will take turns sharing facts found in the biographies. The person who finds four biographies the fastest will win a special prize. Snacks will be served.



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GFWC hosts bingo at Mt. Top Senior Care



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Activities Director Joann Stewart looks on as Junior GFWC member Ava Growth, 14, helps two-time bingo winner Evelyn Adams choose a bingo prize.

The Greater Federation of Women's Clubs of Mountain Top hosted a social and bingo at the Mountain Top Senior Care and Rehab Center in Mountain Top on Sunday, March 3. Several members of the Women's Club came with a variety of home baked goods and prizes for bingo winners. Many center residents came to the recreation room to participate in the fun event. The center activities director Joann Stewart and activities aid Debbie Matz worked with members of the GRWC to organize the event. Club members helped residents with their bingo cards and served refreshments at the social.

Saint Jude teachers and staff trained in *Stop the Bleed* program

Since January 2017, Geisinger trauma services has trained more than 10,000 people through the national *Stop the Bleed* program. According to, Dr. Brian Frank, Geisinger Community Medical Center trauma surgeon and co-chair of the *Stop the Bleed* program, "uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death in someone who is injured."

In the fall of 2018, the faculty and staff of Saint Jude School were trained on how to help during an emergency prior to medical professionals arriving on the scene. The school has been provided with a *Stop the Bleed* kit. The kit will assist in the control of bleeding during a



From left Dr. Mark Crowell, Saint Jude parent, Sister Ellen Fischer, SCC, school principal, and Ms. Anne Levandoski, school safety coordinator and Physical Education teacher, receive a *Stop the Bleed* kit from Geisinger Representative Kathryn Bommer.

traumatic injury. All staff members are fully trained to prevent the 35 percent of fatalities that

occur due to blood loss in victims before they arrive at a hospital.

Kids celebrate reaching end of alphabet with zoo party



Above: Starry Knights Learning Center in Mountain Top celebrated the end of the alphabet by having a zoo party. From left are, Landyn Dean, Keagan Kemp, Isabella Slavinski, Rosalee Slavinski, Carolynn Eckert, Logan Mayer, Matthew Hummel, JJ Kubilus, Christian Glaser, and Liam Picks.

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MMI implements *Safe2Say Something* school safety program

MMI Preparatory School recently implemented the *Safe2Say Something* anony-

mous reporting system in conjunction with a school safety initiative organized

by the Office of the Attorney General. In 2018, the General Assembly passed Act 44 mandating the establishment and use of the *Safe2Say Something* anonymous reporting system by every Pennsylvania school

entity. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has established “Safe2Say Something” and will manage and maintain the program. The OAG is organizing the program in partnership with Sandy Hook

Promise, a leader in anonymous reporting systems, who is building out the app, website, and PA-based 24/7 Crisis Center platform.

Safe2Say Something is a life-saving and life-changing school safety program that teaches students, educators, and administrators how to recognize the signs and signals – especially within social media – of individuals who may be at risk of hurting themselves or others and anonymously report this information through the *Safe2Say Something* app, website, or 24/7 Crisis Center Hotline.

MMI began the process of implementing this program last December when a group of faculty and administrators attended a *Safe2Say Something* training.

The *Safe2Say Something* program works to take every sign and signal seriously and encourages students to act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult. The program includes five steps. First, a tip is submitted via mobile app, website, or by calling the PA-based 24/7 Crisis Center. The tip is then triaged by the Crisis Center and, if needed, it is delivered to the impacted school's Safe2Say team. Local law enforcement is contacted, as needed. Following that, the school's team assesses and intervenes with the at-risk individual and closes out the tip and reports actions taken as a record for their school.

Students, educators, and administrators will be trained to recognize the signs and signals of individuals who may be at risk of hurting themselves or others, along with how to use the program's anonymous reporting system to submit tips of the signs and signals they observe.



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2014 FORD F150 4x4 CREW CAB XLT  Tow Pkg. 5.0 V-8, 1-Owner, Only 10,120 Miles. \$27,900* STK# 6274	2011 FORD F350 S.C. XLT 6.2 V-8  1-Owner, 28,288 Original Miles, Tow Pkg. P Seat, XLT Premium Pkg. FX4 Pkg. \$27,900* STK# 9878
2015 FORD F150 4x4 SC XLT  XLT Pkg. 2.7 EcoBoost V-6, 1-Owner, 24,187 Miles. \$28,900* STK# 0421	2015 FORD F150 SC XLT 4x4  302-A Pkg. Sport Pkg. 3.5 EcoBoost V-8, 1-Owner, 24,351 Miles. \$31,900* STK# 9285
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MMI Preparatory School holds sixth grade science fair

Michael Kranyak captured first place in MMI Preparatory School's sixth grade science fair. Kranyak won for his project entitled *Are Permanent Markers Really Permanent?*

Danical Karlick was the runner-up for her project *Gel Polish vs. Traditional Polish* and Kendall Orozco finished third for her project *The Birthday Paradox*.

Winners were honored with certificates and one-of-a-kind medals created on MMI's Glowforge Laser Cutter.

Several other students were recognized for their efforts. Willa Bartholomew (*Home-made Lipbalms: Testing Water Seals*), Alexander Composto (*The Effect of Temperature on Magnet Strength*), and Silvia Roberto (*Effectiveness of Household Cleaning Agents on Sponges*) all received Procedural Prodigy awards. Joshua Hoover (*Can Air Pressure Cause an Egg to be Pushed into a Bottle?*), Nicholas Pantages (*Which Bridge Can Hold More Weight?*), and Avery Pohida (*Oil Spills and Marine Life*) were given Budding Scientist Awards. Gracie Magula (*Iron in Cereal*) and Nanci Major (*The Power of pH; The Effects of pH on Fish Respiration Rates*) were recognized with Innovative Idea awards.

Twenty-four MMI students completed projects as a part of the annual science fair. Sixth grade students learn about Life Sciences as part of MMI's middle-school curriculum.



Row 1, from left are Michael Grandzol, Luis Ortiz, Karson Kremiski, Alex Gordon and Joseph Mayernik; row 2: Katherine Gallagher, Grace Tedford and Shannon Jameson.

Saint Jude students hold "Soup-er" dress down day

Who doesn't think of food when the Super Bowl comes to mind ... wings, pizza, chips, dip? But the students of Saint Jude School didn't focus on wings and pizza this year, instead a Dress Down Day was held to collect canned soup. Students paid a "can of soup" to dress down and represent their favorite sports teams the Friday of Catholic Schools Week. All collected items were donated to the Mountain Top Food Pantry.

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day, April 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. Visit them at www.stjudekofc6440.org or like them on Facebook at [stjudekofc6440](https://www.facebook.com/stjudekofc6440).

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

Sons of the American Legion

Mountain Post 781 will meet on April 9 at 6 p.m. at the Post Home. For information, contact Lenny Biel at 474-2161 or mts10781@gmail.com.

APRIL 12 FISH FRY

The Slocum Township Volunteer Fire Co., 1923 Slocum Road, Wapwallopen will hold its annual fish fry or chicken tenders dinner on April 12 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The dinner includes French fries or baked potato and vegetable,

cole slaw and roll and butter. Cost is \$9. Also available will be other foods such as haluski, pierogies and potato pancakes.

TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

A trivia fundraiser will be held at King's Pizzeria, Route 309, Mountain Top on April 12 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$40 for a team of 6. Team limit is 6.

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Pizza and soda are included. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and a raffle for \$100 cash prize.

The fundraiser is in memory of Ken Malkemes, Jr. and will benefit ALS One Hope.

APRIL 13 & MAY 18 DONUT SALE

The Crestwood Senior Lock-In will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts at Sam's Club in Wilkes

Barre. Pick up some donuts on April 13 and May 18 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. (or until they are sold out). The proceeds will be donated to the Senior Lock-In.

APRIL 14 HAM SHOOT

The American Legion Mt. Post 781 will hold its annual ham shoot on April 14 at 11 a.m. Mt. Post 781 is located at 1550 Henry Drive, Mountain Top. The shoot is open to the public. Any questions please call 570-678-7105.

APRIL 16 WESTERN TROUT UNLIMITED MEETING

Western Pocono Trout Unlimited will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at Nescopeck State Park at 7 p.m. for its annual trout season kickoff as part of its special speakers

series.

Lackawanna River guide, Adam Nidoh, will tell the story of the remarkable recovery of the Lackawanna River near Scranton from its former days as a badly polluted acid mine drainage site to officially designated Trophy Trout Water. Adam will give a comprehensive slide program that includes information on river history, geography, aquatic insect life, mayfly hatches, chemistry, wildlife, primary access areas, techniques for fishing it, economic impacts on the area, results of past insect studies, and what the future holds for this incredibly productive section of the Lackawanna River that once was devoid of fish and now contains many naturally reproducing brown and rainbow trout in the twenty inch plus range.

Adam along with his father Greg operate A and G Outfitters in Dickson City.

The public is invited to this free program.

Call Nescopeck State Park at 570-403-2006 to register and 570-454-4862 for info.

MAY 4 SPRING CRAFT SALE

Stairville United Methodist Church in Mountain Top will hold its spring variety/craft sale on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be vendors selling a variety of items, a bake sale and the cantina will be open offering wimpies, sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, soups, French fries and much more.

Tables are \$10 each and interested vendors should contact Jean at 570-868-8346 or Christine at 570-868-3413.

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