

## Engler motorcycle ride and benefit concert a huge success once again

The Trooper Ree & Eddie Engler annual memorial benefit was held at the American Legion Post 781 on Saturday, September 7. It began in honor of PA State Trooper Royce Engler in 2013 by his

brother Eddie and his family. Ree passed away in a motorcycle accident in August of 2012. The memorial fund was created to donate proceeds to the Pennsylvania State Police Troopers Helping Troopers

Foundation, which aids fellow Pennsylvania State Police families in their time of need.

Eddie Engler passed away unexpectedly in July of 2016 due to a heart condition, and since then the benefit is in honor of both brothers. A portion of the proceeds from the event are allocated to purchasing an AED for a selected local organization in honor of Eddie, as well as continuing the donation to Troopers Helping Troopers in honor of Ree.

Registration for the ride began at 10 a.m. and the riders departed at 11 a.m.

The memorial celebration was held from 1 to 9 p.m. This is always a family friendly event and everyone was welcome to attend. This year's celebration included live entertainment from PB&J, Hangin' with Fog, Alibi, Big Country,

of which all donated their time and talent for the event. There was a large raffle tent with over 100 prizes including baskets and gift certificates. For the children there was face painting, a balloon artist, inflatable and pony rides. Cost to attend the event was a donation of \$20 which included all food, beverages, and activities. Children under 12 could attend for free.





some pizza.



ride provided by Dream Katchr Pony Rides.

At right: Michael Schappert and his son Calvin, 6, enjoy chatting during lunch.



Biker Ernie Bidding came to the event in support of the Engler family and is having a bit of fun with this large Blue & Gold Macaw from CDE Exotics.



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

#### **EVERY TUESDAY** MT. TOP CARES MEETING

Mt. Top Cares meets **Tuesdays** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Christ United Methodist Church, 175 S. Main Road in Mountain Top.

Mt. Top Cares is a support group for those who have been affected by a loved ones substance use disorder. For more information email mttopcares19@gmail.com or call 570-262-3793.

### UNTIL OCTOBER 27 FARMER'S MARKET

The Mountain Top Rotary sponsored farmer's market is held every Sunday at Crestwood High School, 281 S. Mountain Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until October 27.

The market features fresh vegetables, fruits, herbs, honey, eggs, hot sauces, baked goods, confectionery treats, gourmet dog treats and a Caribbean food truck.

### SEPTEMBER 21 NIGHT AT THE RACES

The American Legion,

Mountain Post 781 will hold a night at the races downstairs on **Saturday, September 21**. Doors open at 6 p.m. with post time at 7 p.m. The public is welcome. Registration is \$5 and donations to purchase horses are \$10 each, this includes food and refreshments.

Please see or call Chet or Judy Buff at 570-678-7433, for additional information and to purchase a horse. Anyone wishing to donate a theme basket is asked to contact Marcia Finn at mfinn@frontiernet.net or Keelin Finn at keelin.finn@csdcomets.org.

### SEPTEMBER 22 MOVIE NIGHT

Stairville UMC will hold a movie night on **September 22** at 6 p.m. at the church. The movie will be *The Story of Esther*. Stairville UMC is located on Stairville Road in Mountain Top.

#### SEPTEMBER 23 VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION

The Mountain Top Area Adult Volleyball League



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announces registration and pre-season practice will be held at the Rice Elementary School gymnasium on **Monday, September 23** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The season will start on September 30 and conclude on May 18. Games will be held on Monday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Rice Elementary School gymnasium (7 to 10 p.m. partial season due to school scheduling conflicts). League competition is recreational and open to men and women ages 20 and up. Dues for the 2019-2020 season are \$30 per player, collected at registration. For additional information, please contact John Schwartz at johnjschwartz@usa.net or

570-212-0275.

### SEPTEMBER 24 WE THREE IN CONCERT

The trombone trio *We Three* will perform at the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library on **Tuesday, September 24** at 7 p.m.

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

The trio has been together for over eight years and has performed for church and civic groups, as well as concerts open to the public.

Registration for this free

concert may be done by visiting the library at 35 Kirby Avenue, Mountain Top or by calling 570-474-9313.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Photography Club will hold its monthly meeting on **September 24** at King's Restaurant in Mountain Top at 6:30 p.m. They meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month. The club is for those interested in the art of photography. The purpose of the club and its members is to promote and engage in the art of photography through education and participation among the members and the

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public. Each month there is a program on some aspect of photography. After the meetings enjoy ordering a meal off King's menu and fellowship with other members. Visit the website at http://www. mountaintopphotoclub.com or come to a meeting.

#### **SERVICE OF HOPE**

September is National Recovery Month! Join Mt. Top C.A.R.E.S. for a service of hope, healing and remembrance as they remember those lost to substance use disorder, honor those in recovery and pray for those still suffering. The service will be held on Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 175 S. Main Road, Mountain Top.

### **SEPTEMBER 24 OCTOBER 8** SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Social Club will meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top on September 24 at 1 p.m. The next casino trip will be on September 26. Other trips are: September 23 Bloomburg Fair, October 1 Patsy Cline and on November 13 the Christmas Show

The following social club meeting is on October 8.

If you are interested in the trips call Cathy Medeiros at 570-261-5016. To join the social club call Rich Powell at 570-868-5701 or John Dopp at 570-535-0990.

The casino trip leaves St. Paul's Church at 8:30 a.m. and St. Aloysius Church in Wilkes-Barre at 9 a.m. and departs the casino at 3:30 p.m. for home.

Cost for the casino trips is \$26 per person and you receive a rebate of \$30 for slot play and a \$5 food coupon.

### SEPTEMBER 25 **QUILTERS MEETING**

Mountain Top Quilters will meet at the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library, 35 Kirby Avenue, Mountain Top on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m.

They meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. New quilters are

welcome to attend. Contact Judy Gober at 570-262-3858.

### **SEPTEMBER 28 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The Crestwood Girls Basketball Booster Club will be hosting the 4th annual Crestwood Lady Comets Basketball golf tournament fundraiser on Saturday, September 28 at Edgewood by Sand Springs in Drums. Registration for the eighteen hole tournament will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Format will be captain and crew. Your \$85 per person donation includes greens fee, cart and lunch buffet. For additional information, please email g.hills19@icloud. com

#### **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

On Saturday, September 28 the Wright Township Police Department is hosting its first WTPOA cornhole tournament. It will be held at the American Legion, Post 781 at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$120 per team which includes the entry fee,

participant t-shirt, food and beverage and entertainment. For those who would like to be a spectator only, pay \$25 which includes food, beverage and entertainment.

There will be a casual and competitive division with cash prizes for first and second places in each division. There will also be a basket raffle and a special raffle at the conclusion of the tournament for the four custom made thin blue line cornhole boards with

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### OCTOBER 5 AUCTION & VARIETY SALE

Come join Stairville United Methodist Church for its annual auction and variety sale on **Saturday, October 5** beginning at 9 a.m. with the auction starting at 1 p.m. There will be vendors, crafters, plenty of food and a bake sale. The church is located at 1790 Stairville Road in Wapwallopen. Vendors interested in a

table should call Christine at 570-868-3413. Tables are \$10 each.



The Blytheburn Lake Association will hold it's annual children's fishing derby on **Sunday, October 6** 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 contact Felicia at 570-678-5261.

#### CHS CLASS OF 1970 MEETING

The Crestwood High School Class of 1970 will hold its next class meeting on **Sunday**, **October 6**, from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Wright Township Rec Park pavilion to discuss the plans for their 50th class reunion at Edgewood to be held next year on Saturday, October 17, 2020. All classmates are invited to attend.

### OCTOBER 8 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET

Sons of the American Legion Mountain Post 781 will meet on **October 8** at 6 p.m. at the Post Home. For information, contact Lenny Biel at 474-2161 or mtsal0781@ gmail.com.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council #6440 is **Tuesday**, **October 8** 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.

#### MOUNTAIN TOP GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Garden Club will meet on **Tuesday October 8** at 6:30 p.m. at the Rice Township Municipal Building.

Mike Henry a Penn State Master Gardener will present How Do you Feed That Thing? Growing Giant Pumpkins; he will share his pumpkin patch secrets covering seeds, soil, water, pollination and growing tips. Mike a life-long resident of Mountain Top won the 2018 Bloomsburg Fair Giant Pumpkin Contest with his 924 pound pumpkin.

The meeting is open to the public and new members are always welcome. The Garden Club offers educational presentations, creative activities, and plenty of gardening information, and exclusive discounts at several local garden centers. Their mission is to help beautify the Mountain Top area by planting many beautiful gardens throughout the town.

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

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## **Active Adult Center Menu**

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.

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 September 23 Monday: Fiesta pork chop, oven roasted potatoes, chuckwagon corn, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, fresh fruit salad, milk and coffee

Tuesday: Bag lunch day

Wednesday: Herb roasted turkey, mashed sweet potatoes, brussels sprouts, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, fruit bread pudding, milk and coffee

Thursday: Active Aging Day on the Square — bag lunch day

Friday: Oven baked chicken legs, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, fresh melon, milk and coffee

Week of September 30 Monday: Roast pork w/sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, carrots, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, baked apples, milk

and coffee Tuesday: Cranberry glazed pork loin, butternut squash, brussels sprouts, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, cinnamon baked apples w/dried cranberries, milk and coffee

Wednesday: Rosemary roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas & pearl onions, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, blushing pears, milk and coffee

Thursday: Chicken Alfredo, bow tie pasta, broccoli & red peppers, garlic spinach, margarine, chocolate chip bread pudding, milk and coffee

Friday: Open face hot turkey sandwich on whole wheat bread, chive mashed potatoes, vegetable soup, margarine, fresh honeydew melon, milk and coffee

Thursday: Lobster Tail \$19.95

Sunday: Wacky Burger \$7.95

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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.

The center is located at 460 South Main Road, Mountain Top.



## **Crestwood Menu**

#### **Elementary Schools**

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

#### Week of September 23

Monday: Philly steak and cheese on a roll or chicken nuggets with a dinner roll; featured veggies: curly fries, chick pea salad, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Nacho grande, tortilla chips or roll or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: steamed corn, Mexican style rice, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: French toast sticks with sausage links or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: potato triangles, baby carrots, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Barbecue ribby

on a bun or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, celery sticks with ranch, frozen 100% juice cup, choice of milk

Friday: Italian style dunkers with sauce or meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: cucumber slices, steamed carrots, choice of fruit and milk

#### Week of September 30

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: refried beans, green peas, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Twin pancakes

with scrambled eggs or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: tater tots, carrot sticks, 100% fruit juice, choice of 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: Mini corn dog nuggets or stuffed crust pizza; featured veggies: baby carrots, green beans, 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 September 23 Monday: Pulled pork bbq on a roll or chicken tenders with a dinner roll; featured veggies: oven fries, chick pea salad, choice of fruit and milk

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

Wednesday: Swedish style meatballs over buttered noodles or meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: steamed carrots, red pepper strips, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Pasta bar, garlic bread stick or barbecue rib on a bun; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, celery sticks with ranch, choice of fruit and milk

**Friday:** Turkey bacon ranch wraps or ham and cheese stromboli; featured veggies: steamed peas, cucumber slices, choice of fruit and milk

Week of September 30 Monday: Asian sesame chicken over rice or popcorn chicken with a dinner roll; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, cucumber slices; choice of fruit and milk

**Tuesday:** Jacked up fries with cheese steak or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: curly fries, baked beans, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Texas toasted cheese sandwich or meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: tomato soup with crackers, cheesy carrot casserole, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Nachos grande with beef and tortilla chips or barbecue rib on a bun; featured veggies: steamed corn, red pepper strips, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Italian sausage sandwich with peppers and onions or Italian dunkers with sauce; featured veggies: baby carrots, green beans, choice of fruit and milk





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## Feral cat problem addressed at Fairview supervisors' meeting

A group of Fairview Township residents who oppose an ordinance that prohibits feeding of stray or feral cats made good on their promise to come up with an alternative plan to deal with the issue.

The residents, along with a representative of No Non*sense Neutering*, outlined their plans to township supervisors at their September 3 meeting. While the plan seemed acceptable to the resident who initially complained about the feral cats fouling his property, supervisors said they wanted more time to digest the proposal before deciding on whether to go ahead with the ordinance or table it indefinitely.

voted to table until the September meeting the proposed amendment to its code of ordinances which would prohibit the feeding of stray or feral cats after nearly a dozen residents spoke out against it, saying it would not solve the problem, was inhumane, and unenforceable.

Rather than act on the measure at the September meeting, board chairman Robert Orloski Jr., who was absent from the August meeting, said he wanted time to consider the plan and information presented. Orloski said he learned a lot from the information presented by residents but wanted time to discuss it. "I'm not ready to make a decision just yet," Orloski stated.

The proposed ordinance Last month, supervisors came about after Forest Road resident Mike Daikon told supervisors at their June meeting that a neighbor is feeding



Gina Snyder, a neighbor of the elderly couple that is feeding the cats, described for supervisors the steps taken to address the problems Daikon has experienced.

cats which are defecating on his property, in his shrub bed, and making a mess of his grass.

Gina Snyder, a neighbor of the elderly couple that is feeding the cats, described for

supervisors the steps taken to address the problems Daikon has experienced. She said an outdoor litterbox has been established at the residence where cats are being fed; four cats have been trapped, neutered, vaccinated and released; and two cats have been adopted by other neighbors. Plans also were underway to trap and neuter stray or feral cats.

She also told supervisors No Nonsense Neutering has been contacted and has agreed to work with township residents. The organization, she noted, held a trap, neuter, release workshop on Saturday, September 7 at the M.S. Kirby Library.

Martha Kahan of No Nonsense Neutering, Plains Town-

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ship, told supervisors she has been involved with the trap, neuter, release program for 13 years. "Every community has feral cat problems. Mountain Top is not unique, she told supervisors. She pointed out the vast majority of cats trapped are feral cats. "They are wild cats. They will never become pets and shelters won't take them in. Communities are being inundated by their kittens," she explained.

Kahan described the trap, neuter, release process. She explained that cats are trapped in areas where they feed or have colonies. "We need to identify where the cats are," she said.

"Our goal is to stabilize the cat population," she noted.

"I think we have a solution," she offered. "Trap, neuter and release." She asked supervisors to table the ordinance for one year. "You already have great community support and resources," she added.

Responding to a suggestion from a resident, Kahan said flyers would be created and posted throughout the community. The flyers would explain the program and who to contact with a feral/stray cat problem. Supervisors agreed to provide information and a link to *No Nonsense Neutering* on the township's web page.

Daikon, who originally came to supervisors with the complaint, told Orloski he is willing to give it a try.

Orloski asked Kahan how the township would measure success after one year. "By the number of complaints," she said. "If we can make him (Daikon) happy, and the community is satisfied, it's a win-win," she stated. She pointed out that *No Nonsense Neutering* contracts with 35 municipalities to provide trap, neuter and release programs. While she could not assure the number of feral/stray cats in the township would decrease in one year, she said once the cats are spayed/neutered, the number would go down by attrition.

Kahan urged township residents who are aware of feral cat colonies, or areas where feral/stray cats are a problem, to contact *No Nonsense Neutering* at admin@nnnlv.org. Kahan will, in turn, contact local volunteers who will trap the cats and bring them for neutering. She noted that it cost \$35 to neuter and vac-



Martha Kahan from *No Nonsense Neutering* addresses the crowd and explains the Trap, Neuter, Release program (TNR), in front of, from left, Township Secretary Barbara Wasiakowski, supervisors Fred Rose, Robert Orloski Jr., and Michael Iorio.

cinate a cat. She pointed out that Snyder has already raised money for the cost of neutering and vaccination but needs additional community support.





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### OCTOBER 12 FREE TIRE COLLECTION

A free tire collection will be held for Luzerne County residents on Saturday, October 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hanover Area Jr./Sr. High School at 1600 Sans Souci Parkway. Automobile, motorcycle, light pick up truck, SUV, ATV or farm tractor tires will be accepted. Tires must be whole, removed from rims, uncut and free of liquids and heavy mud. Luzerne County reserves the right to refuse any tires that are filled with water, dirt or are muddy.

Pre-registration is a must.

There is a limit of 16 tires per vehicle. Call 1-800-821-7654 to register. Collection is not available to tire dealers, service station operators, repair garages or tire sales outlets and retreaders. Tractor trailer tires will not be accepted.

This event is sponsored by the Luzerne County Solid Waste Management Department and the Department of Environmental Protection.

#### **ROSARY RALLY**

A rosary rally will be held on **Saturday**, **October 12** 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.

## OCTOBER 13 CHICKEN DINNER

The Sons of the American Legion is holding a chicken dinner on **Sunday**, **October 13** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or until sold out. The dinner includes half a chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll and dessert. Take out only. The cost of the dinner is \$10. The American Legion is located off Church Road in Mountain Top.

### OCTOBER 19 FALL WINE TASTING

The Crestwood Cheerleader Booster Club invites you to its first wine tasting event on **October 19** at the Honey Hole Winery on Honey Hole Road in Drums. Seats are limited. Eight wine samples, hors d'oeuvres, 50/50 and a basket raffle are all part of the event. Must be 21. Contact any parent of the cheerleading squad for tickets. Tickets are also available at each football game. Cost is \$30 per person.

#### HAM DINNER

The American Legion Auxiliary, Mountain Post 781 will hold a ham dinner on **October 19** from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Take outs are available. The dinner is \$10. The dinner will consist of ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, apple sauce, dessert and a beverage. The public is invited, contact Judy for more information, at jujub1949@gmail.com.

### OCTOBER 20 DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

The Mountaintop Hose Company No. 1 will host a designer purse bingo on **Sunday**,

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## Slocum Township supervisors hold first meeting in new municipal building

The Slocum Township Board of Supervisors held its first meeting on September 3 before a standing-room only crowd in its new municipal building.

The building, located on Blue Ridge Trail, was purchased from Jean Martin at a cost of \$80,000. Supervisor Charles Herring pointed out the township was able to buy the building, situated on three acres, without taking out a loan or through grant money. "We used township funds," he

noted.

Herring said township employees renovated the building. "Brenda and Ira Stein and Charles Brey did a great job fixing up the building," said Herring. Supervisor Norb Dotzel graded and leveled the parking lot.

The first floor will house the supervisors' meeting room and the tax collector's office. Municipal offices will be located on the second floor. Herring said tax collector Judy Petiak has already begun using the

building. Previously, supervisors used a meeting room above the township volunteer fire and ambulance building.

"We had more people (at a meeting) than we've had in a long time," Herring noted. "It was packed."

During the business meeting, supervisors authorized the recreation board to purchase playground equipment for the municipal park for children ages two to five. The equipment will cost approximately \$15,000.



Strycharz photos The Slocum Township Board of supervisors, from left, Solicitor Angel Mae Zola, Supervisors Norb Dotzel, Charles Herring and Pete Webby and Tuesday, September 3.



Secretary Susan Lowe held Standing next to the new muthe first town meeting in the nicipal building are Supernew municipal building on visors Norb Dotzel, Charles Herring and Pete Webby.



## Slocum Township Volunteer Fire Department hosts annual mud bog

Slocum Township Volunteer Fire Department hosted its annual mud bog at the Slocum Township Fire Hall grounds on Saturday, September 7. Registration was held from 7-10 a.m. for trucks and quads with the

Chris Smith takes his Quad through the mud and splatters the crew with the sticky stuff as he makes it out of the pit.

main event beginning afterwards.

There were plenty of food and beverages available for purchase. The sidelines were packed with excited mud bog aficionados. Stock and modified classes cost \$20 for one run in each pit, classes included 4, 6 and 8 cylinders. ATV classes included 2WD, 4WD and UTV and cost \$10 for one run in each pit.



This year saw more gals competing, and this is Katie working so hard to get her orange Suzuki Samurai "Baha's Orange Bomber" through the mud pit.



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John Powers runs the mud just for fun with his Ford Diesel pick-up. Unfortunately he had to get towed out as he couldn't make it.

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## News in Brief ...

### Fairview reaches tentative contract with police

Fairview Township supervisor Robert Orloski Jr. reported the township has reached a tentative four-year contract with members of its police department. Orloski said the agreement runs from 2020 through 2023. Supervisors voted to hire Robert Valetka as a full-time police officer effective September 4.

Police Chief Phil Holbrook, in his monthly report, noted Sgt. Dennis Monk recently completed FBI active shooter training. All officers have qualified with their new weapons.

Fairview Township supervisors voted this month to adver-

tise for bids for equipment rental and snow removal for the upcoming winter.

### Another Dollar General may be coming to Mountain Top

Rice Township supervisors held a public hearing Tuesday, September 17 to consider a conditional use application by LIVIC Civil Engineers and David Coleman on behalf of Dollar General.

Dollar General's engineers, LIVIC Civil, explained their request for land disturbance in excess of the township zoning code permitted 80,000 square feet and construction of a building with impervious surface exceeding 20,000-square feet. The property, owned by Coleman, is located across from the Uni Mart on Nuangola Road. Nearby property owners and members of the public had the opportunity to ask questions of the proposed developer and offer comment.

## Wright Township looking for state funds for road projects

Wright Township supervisors are looking for nearly \$700,00 from the state to fund road improvement projects in the municipality. Supervisors at heir September 9 meeting approved an application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for a Multi-Modal Transportation Fund grant not to exceed \$688,408 for road improvements.

## Condition of playground equipment and safety hot topic

Jason Weber, whose resignation from the Wright Township recreation board was accepted at the township's meeting, told supervisors that as a parent he was concerned about safety issues in the park. Weber was upset about dead trees throughout the park and tree stumps in the playground area as well as faulty playground equipment. The township recently hired a tree removal firm to remove some of the nearly 1,000 dead trees in the park. The trees that felled were primarily in the playground area, but the stumps remain.

"You constantly tell us there is no money and no funding (to take care of the dead trees)," Weber stated. "What are you going to do to ensure the safety of our children until we have funding?" he asked.

Weber, who posted his concerns about broken equipment and tree stumps in Facebook posts over the Labor Day weekend, was taken to task by supervisor Colleen Macko for posting on social media instead of coming directly to supervisors. "I would appreciate it if you would come to us instead of posting on Facebook," Macko told Weber.

Solicitor Jack Dean suggested to Weber that if he wanted action, he should have come to supervisors. "It is more efficient if you come to us first," Dean commented. He suggested that Weber, or any resident who has concerns about township issues should call the township office.

"I'm just asking that the safety issues be addressed," Weber stated. "I thought they were known. My intention wasn't to stir up drama," he added.

Board chairman Mike Marshall pointed out that the issues with the playground equipment were addressed as soon as supervisors became aware.

Supervisors Donald Zampetti told Weber the township took down many dead trees in areas where children and the public gather. "The other areas where there are dead trees are places where the public shouldn't be," Zampetti added.

The recreation board's minutes for their August 27 meeting which submitted to supervisors, indicates forester John Hopkins, who identified the dead trees that needed to be

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## Longtime Mountain Top business, P&D Pet Supply has a new owner

P&D Pet Supply was sold to Adam Levine, owner of a Honesdale pet supply store, who took over operation of the Mountain Top Business on September 1.

Paulette and Dan Friedman, who founded and operated P&D Pet Supply on South Mountain Boulevard for 25 years, decided recently their business needed a fresh, younger approach. So, they decided to retire, but not before finding a new owner who would carry on their long tradition of serving pets and their owners.

"Our objective was to keep the business going," Dan Friedman, 69, said of their decision to sell. "We take pride in our business. We built it. But we decided it needed a fresh approach, a younger approach," he related. "Adam will bring energy back to the organization," he predicted.

One major consideration in the sale. Dan Friedman said. was that the new owner retains the store's employees. "They are our family," he said.

Levine, who was introduced to the Friedmans a few years ago by a mutual friend, turned out to be just the right person to take over. 'It was a perfect



match," Dan Friedman said of the sale to Levine.

After working several years in the trucking and warehousing business, Levine, 54, bought Pet Central in Honesdale eight years ago. He recently decid-

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ed to expand his business and found P&D Pet Supply was just what he had in mind. "It has a good staff. They sell good products and it is in a growing community," said Levine, who lived in Sugarloaf for 10 years before



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Levine said he will retain the P&D name and the store's staff. He said he plans to rely on the Friedmans as a resource. "There are a lot of things Dan can help me with," Levine stat-

moving to the Honesdale area.

"My goal is to operate P&D the way that Dan and Paulette did," Levine offered. He said he plans to add some product lines

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and upgrade some of the store's operating systems. "I hope to continue to serve the area as well as they have," Levine said of his plans. He pointed out that having two stores will allow him access to more product lines.

"You can find pet food anywhere. What sets us apart is the knowledge and experience

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we have. Knowing what is right for that animal," he explained.

Among the plans Levine has for the store is a self-service dog wash. "It has worked well in Honesdale," he noted.

Sara Evans, the store's manager, pointed out the store offers service on a personal level. "We know our customers by their first names, and we know their families," said Evans who has worked at the store for 6 years.

The Friedmans opened the store on August 15, 1974. Over the last quarter century, they have expanded the business twice. "It has doubled in size," Paulette Friedman, 68, related. They added a warehouse and increased the retail space.

The couple has seen the pet supply business change signifi-

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From left, Dan Friedman, Paulette Friedman, Adam Levine, Sara Evans; in front, Friedman's dog and store mascot Bailey.

cantly over their time in business. "The consumer is more sophisticated," Paulette Friedman explained. "They have become more knowledgeable in what they are feeding their pets. They are looking more and more for all-natural products," she offered.

Dan Friedman noted there

are many more choices today in pet foods than when they began 25 years ago. "There is more customized feeding," he said. "People are feeding their dogs or cats based on their needs, breed, age, health, or activity level," he added. "Customers love their animals," Paulette Friedman noted,

## Rotary finalizes plans for 5K run



Shown, from left, members of the 5K planning committee, Dr. Donna McLaughlin, Joanne Joseph, Jo Gulvas, Co-Chair; Claudia Vitiello, and Joe Aqualina, Chair.

The 5K Mountain Top Rotary planning committee met at Adelina's Restaurant recently to finalize all the details of the Conquer the Mountain 5K Walk/Run coming up on November 2 at Wright Township Park in Mountain Top. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Pathway to Recovery, Counseling and Educational Services. Pre-register at www.neparunner.com or on Facebook: Rotary of Mountaintop Events. Registration day of event: 8-9:45 a.m. Race starts at 10 a.m. for runners and 9:45 a.m. for walkers.



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

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October 20 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. Four additional games will play for special prizes. Special prizes include a Louis Vuitton bag and a 7 day/6 night Sundance vacation. 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.

Doors open at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$25 and are available by contacting Jared or Michelle Aigeldinger at 570-239-3393 / 570-650-9818 or by contacting any Hose Company member. Tickets will also be available for purchase at Century 21 Smith Hourigan Group, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Seating is limited.

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hold its next fundraising meeting on Monday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend, this includes social members, Riders, Legion members, auxiliary, and the SAL. They are looking for some fresh ideas to help the Legion and veterans, to make repairs for the Legion and to help support our community. Everyone is welcome.

iliary, Mountain Post 781 will

They have a Junior Auxiliary and are always looking for some young people to join their family. The junior members run activities to help veterans and the community. If you are interested in having some fun and learning more about the Juniors please contact Ava Groth at avagroth@ vahoo.com.

#### **OCTOBER 27 DORRANCE TOWNSHIP TRUNK OR TREAT**

Dorrance Township Volunteer Fire Department will host its first annual trunk or treat on Sunday, October 27 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorrance fire department, 402 St. John's Road, Wapwallopen.

The event is free and includes food, fun games and prizes.

#### **HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA**

A holiday extravaganza sponsored by Fritzingertown Senior Living Community will be held Sunday, October 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at CVCO John and Ruth Gould Recreation Center. Gould's Way in Conyngham.

There will be tricky trays, food and refreshments. All proceeds benefit Valley Food Pantry.

### **NOVEMBER 2 CONQUER THE MOUNTAIN**

The Mountain Top Rotary Club is hosting its annual Conquer the Mountain 5K Walk/ Run on Saturday, November 2 in Wright Township Park in Mountain Top. Support the Cause: For the prevention of overdoses and suicides. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Pathway to Recovery, Counseling and Educational Services.

Pre-register at www.neparunner.com or on Facebook: Rotary of Mountaintop Events. Registration day of event: 8-9:45 a.m. Race starts at 10 a.m. for runners and 9:45 a.m. for walkers.

Sponsors of the race are: Platinium Sponsor: Lehigh Valley Health Network; Gold Sponsors: Jessica's Light, Cross Valley Federal Credit Union; Silver Sponsors: Fidelity Bank, NBT Bank, Screen Printing USA, Cornell Cookson; Bronze Sponsors: Mountaintop Chiropractic, Country Kennels, Junie G's, Little Big Steps, Mountain Peaks Newspaper, Independent Life Homecare, Mountain Yoga, Simply Delicious Desserts, Cavanaugh's Grille, Disabled American Veterans, Adopt a Vet.

### NOVEMBER 3 **HOLISTIC EVENT**

The White Haven Library will hold a holistic event on Sunday, November 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be numerous vendors including tarot card readers, psychic mediums, numerology, chair massage, reflexology, reiki, and jewelry and healing stones for sale.

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removed, is working on a plan for commercial harvesting of the rest of the dead trees. The minutes indicated Hopkins will submit his plan to supervisors.

Resident Candace Smith asked why the two part-time parks employees did not see the damaged playground equipment while performing their duties. It was agreed that supervisor Matt Howton, public works foreman, will be asked to direct park's employees make regular checks of equipment. It also was suggested that anyone seeing problems in the park should report them to secretary Pamela Heard at 570-474-9067.

Heard reported the MS4 waiver application was submitted to the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for review. She said the township has not received any feedback from DEP.

#### In other business ...

Lauren McCurdy was appointed to the recreation board pending review of the solicitor since she is a township auditor.

Supervisors again heard complaints from resident Peggy Carota about speeding on Route 309 in the area of Crestwood High School. Macko said she would speak to Chief Royce Engler about the complaint.

Following Carota's com-

plaints about speeding at the supervisors June meeting, Engler reported to supervisors in July that enforcement patrols were conducted on the highway between Crestwood High School and Rockledge Drive. Police made one DUI arrest and issued three speeding citations in the area.

Last month, Engler reported, police issued 39 traffic citations and issued 22 warnings throughout the township.

## Toohil, Heffley to seek committee meeting on pending White **Haven Center closure**

After attending a recent public hearing regarding the White Haven Center (WHC) conducted by the Department of Human Services (DHS), Reps. Tarah Toohil (R-Luzerne) and Doyle Heffley (R-Carbon) announced they are working with the chairman of the House Human Services Committee, Rep. Gene DiGirolamo (R-Bucks), to hold an urgent meeting regarding the pending closure of the facility for the physically and mentally challenged.

"We vow to fight this closure plan," said the two lawmakers. "It is concerning that this is no longer a proposal. Instead, the governor is moving forward with closure procedures. We are hopeful that he will hear the cries of those who testified at the hearing and reverse this decision."

At the start of the hearing, Deputy DHS Secretary Kristin Ahrens announced that the decision to close the center was final and the testimony gathered would help in the transition of its 112 residents to community-based settings. She said the closure would take three years to complete.

Toohil added, "I am deeply concerned by the testimony we heard about the 80% mortality rate when residents were evicted from the Hamburg state center. The death of one of our WHC residents, due to forced removal, will be one death too many. The prospect of this is very real.

"I do believe that if Pennsylvania continues to execute these closures, like in other states, they will be reopening WHC and other centers within a decade," she said.



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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo Enjoying the evening at Cavanaugh's Grille are Dick Hughes, Eric Aigeldinger and Tom Kulak.

## **Cavanaugh's hosts Padre Pio's** Pacers, Race for the Cure fundraiser

Cavanaugh's Grille in Mountain Top sponsored a Tacos and Tap Takeover fundraiser on Saturday, September 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. Lael Swank and Linda Wojnar were the hostesses and will support the Padre Pio's Pacers, Race for the Cure team also sponsored by Cavanaugh's Grille. Chef Randy Swank made his famous fish tacos. In addition, the menu included pulled pork carnitas, Korean BBQ, local craft beers, a wheel barrel of cheer raffle and a 50-50 drawing.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strvcharz photo Meteorologist Tom Clark gives a very informative and interesting presentation on hurricanes for a large crowd of senior citizens at the AAC following lunch.

## Tom Clark gives presentation on hurricanes at Active Adult Center

Meteorologist Tom Clark held a presentation on hurricanes Friday, September 6 at 12:30 p.m. at the Active Adult Center located in Wright Manor in Mountain Top. The center was full of interested seniors especially in the wake of hurricane themed dinner dance on Sunday, September 8th. The resithe East Coast. Mr. Clark talked about Dorian as well as past hurricanes, the climate and its effect on the strength of hurricanes now.



### Golden Oaks Village hosts 1950s event

Golden Oaks Village, a 55 plus community, located in North Kidder Township, just east of White Haven, held a 1950's Dorian during the week wreaking havoc in the Bahamas and dents were asked to bring a covered dish from a list of foods popular in the 1950's. Many of the residents also dressed the part in 1950's style clothing. A D.J. dressed as Elvis played music from that era.



### Mountain Top Hose Co. hosts visit to fire station

On Monday, September 9, children and ed an informational event hosted by the Mountain Top Hose Co. and Mountain Top Community Moms Facebook group.

The children and parents had a wonderparents from the Mountain Top area attend- ful time exploring the firetrucks and learning what to do in the event of a fire.

> A special thanks to firefighter Josh Antosh.

## SJ teacher receives top educator award

Outstanding teacher, innovator, creative mind, engaging educator ... Saint Jude School knew these were some of the superior qualities possessed by science, lab and seventh grade teacher Mrs. Marilyn Baran and now the rest of the state is aware of them as well. Mrs. Baran was recently awarded the Keystone Technology Award for 2019. Through a rigorous process 100 teachers state wide were chosen to receive the award and to attend a week-long summit in July at Shippensburg University. Teachers were selected based upon their introduction of new ideas, use of best practice and innovative technology use with their students.



Mrs. Marilyn Baran accepts her Keystone Technology Award in July at Shippensburg University.



Newly installed officers of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 781 fo 2019-2020 are from left, Judy Buff, President; Barbara Thomas, Vice-Pres-The newly installed officers of the American Legion Post 781 for 2019ident; Audrey Tkatch, Secretary; Shirley Bower, District President, Wyo-2020 are from left Staci Acri, Adjutant; Ed Groth, Treasurer; Steve Sisko, ming and Luzerne Counties; Marie Heckman, Treasurer; Antoinette Smith, Historian; Martine Columbo, Commander; Al Finn, 2nd Vice; Nicole Guest, Chaplain and Mary Miller, Sqt. at Arms. Past Commander of District 12 and John Columbo 1st Vice.



The newly installed officers of the Sons of Finance Officer; Ed Baker, Chaplain; Craig the American Legion for 2019-2020 are Kamowski, Historian; and Morgan Brown, Bill Stovia, SAL District 12 Commander; Sr., Sqt. at Arms. Lenny Biel, Commander; Dave Schiel, 1st Vice; Joe Hudock, Adjutant; Paul Pavalitz,



## Installation of new officers held at the AL Post 781

The American Legion Mountain Post 781 in Mountain Top held its annual 7 at 6 p.m. installation of officers for the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders on Saturday, September

Following the formal installations, a catered dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance.





Not present is Dennis Nealon, 2nd Vice.



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Newly installed officers of the Legion Riders Post 781 are Secretary, Laurie Walkowiak; Past Commander District 12 Nicole Guest and President, Ed Walkowiak. Not present are Vice-President, Mike Brugger, Road Captain, Shawn Harkins; Treasurer, Jed Panca and Chaplain, Ray Wilde.

> At left: Bill Tomalinas, a member of the American Legion for 39 years is honored with a plague before the installations. Members of the American Legion stand together as Mr. Tomalinas is given the plaque in honor of his dedication to the American Legion Post 781. From left are Steve Sisko, John Columbo, Al Finn, Bill Tomalinas, Martine Columbo, Staci Acri and Ed Groth.

## AARP Driver Safety Program scheduled at the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library will sponsor an AARP Driver Safety Class on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 15 and 16, from 1 to 5 p.m. each day.

The class focuses on ways to cope with the age-related changes that affect older drivers and takes place in the classroom, not in an actual vehicle. Increased knowledge of driving risks, as well as practical hints and tips, help older drivers drive more safely. Self-tests are used for evaluation of knowledge and behaviors. Participants must attend both sessions in order to receive a certificate.

The course is designed for adults age 50 and over and includes group interaction and discussion. Pennsylvania mandates a 5% discount on auto insurance for drivers age 55 and over who complete the course. Spouses listed on the policy must take the course, and there can be no recent chargeable claims and no high-risk drivers to qualify for the reduced rate, which is effective for 3 years. Persons with specific questions about eligibility should contact their insurance company.

Registration is required and may be done by visiting the library located at 35 Kirby Avenue in Mountain Top, or by calling 570-474-9313. Participants should bring driver's license and writing utensils to the first class, along with cash, check, or money order payable to AARP. The fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers. AARP members are asked to bring their membership cards.

## Mountain Top resident receives tutor certification

Marielle Roberts-McDonald, a resident of Mountain Top, recently received her Level one tutor certification at King's College.

Roberts-McDonald was one of 51 students to complete their College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) certification.

A senior biology and neuroscience major, Roberts-McDonald is a member of the King's mathematics and science honor society.

The program is certified at two levels: Regular/Level one and Advanced/ Level two. For Level one, tutors are required to complete 10 hours or training and have at least 25 hours of tutoring experience.

The training enhances the tutors' abilities and provides a means for practical application of these skills.

## Emergency Preparedness Away From Home set at the M.S. Kirby Library

How prepared are you should an emergency happen while you are away from home? Would you know what to do if an unexpected disaster should occur while you are visiting family or friends or while you are on vacation, a business trip or traveling?

On Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m., Herb King EMS and Fire Safety Specialist—DPW Safety Manager, will present Emergency Preparedness Away From Home at the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library. The presentation will include practical demonstration and discussion of how to plan for and handle emergency situations away from home.

Incidents such as fire, flood, weather emergencies, and other catastrophic occurrences, as well as local or national emergency situations and how to respond to them will also be discussed. Learn how to make and maintain an emergency kit for your vehicles, back–up supplies, and a Go-Kit with examples of various materials that should be included. The presentation will also include discussion of shelter in place and evacuation, along with routing suggestions and hazard avoidance techniques as well as lists and necessary credentials to have on hand.

Registration for this program may be done by visiting the library at 35 Kirby Avenue, Mountain Top or by calling 570-474-9313.



### Mountain Peaks

## White Haven Area Community Library lists upcoming events

The White Haven Community Library, 121 Towanda Street in White Haven, reopened its doors on September 9 at 10 a.m. The books are on the shelves, the computers are up and running, the WI-FI is on and they are ready to welcome you.

Many fall events have been planned. Be sure to check out their Facebook page for all the news as it develops. The events are:

The Influence of the Lehigh Canals on the Industrial Revolution on Monday, October 7 at 7 p.m. in the John Murphy Room. Presented by Martha Fox, Curator of the D&L Museum. Suitable for all ages; free.

Trunk Or Treat on Saturday, October 12 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. outside parking lot and in the children's library. Children ages 5 to 12; registration forms available now at circulation

desk.

**Iceland Adventures: Photos** and Stories on Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m. in the John Murphy Room. Presented by Stan Spolowich, World Traveler. Suitable for all ages; free

Tales Of Terror - An Evening With Edgar Allan Poe on Saturday, October 19 at 6 p.m. in the John Murphy Room. Celebrate the season with Steve Runske, perform-

ing three dramatic readings written by Edgar Allan Poe. Other spooky happenings also being planned! Suitable for adults only; refreshments will be served.

Holistic Fair on Sunday, November 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the John Murphy Room. Readings, massage, reiki, numerology and more.

Cost depends on individual services.

To advertise call Wendy at 570-249-1233 or email wendy. mtpeaks@ gmail.com



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## Soul Shine opens, offers holistic healing

When Joann Ready retired as a pharmacist, she decided she wasn't ready to stop helping people get well. So, the former owner of Crossroads Pharmacy in Hanover Township went into a new field holistic healing. She recently opened Soul Shine at 359 S. Mountain Blvd. in the Grouse Hill Plaza. The business, which Ready describes as a healing center, held its grand opening September 14.

"I grew up in the health field," Ready offered. "This is just one step further. I went from a pill dispenser to a holistic dispenser," she explained. Prior to opening Soul Shine, she was affiliated with Mountain Yoga for three years.

While the shop offers a variety of gifts, Ready emphasized it is not your typical gift shop. "We offer healing products," she explained. The shop's shelves include essential oils that can be used topically, aromatically, or in some cases ingested. It also sells healing crystals and "intention candles" designed for specific purposes.

Besides the healing products, Soul Shine also offers "hands that heal."

Ready is a Reiki master, an Angel Healing Practitioner and is trained is Solfeggio Sound Therapy. The healing techniques all incorporate holistic healing. "Holistic healing involves healing from above that is channeled through the healer," Ready explained.

She emphasized the holistic healing offered at Soul Shine is meant to complement treatment from a medical doctor. "Holistic healing does not take the place of a medical doctor. That's not the intention," she stated.

In addition to Ready, Joanna Ready is also a Reiki Master

When Joann Ready retired who offers services at Soul s a pharmacist, she decided Shine.

Other holistic healing practitioners include Tracy Cornelius, a yoga instructor, holistic health and wellness coach. Cornelius offers private voga classes for those people who may not have the mobility or an illness that does not allow them to participate in a group class. "It's a quiet voga session, done in a private atmosphere," Cornelius related. She said she has worked with people who have back problems, Lyme disease and cancer patients. She also offers meditation and breathing techniques.

One holistic healing practitioner whose services are quite unique is Nikki O'Malley. She is a Kambo practitioner, one of the few such practitioners on the east coast.

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According to the Kambo Healing Me website, the peptides in Kambo wake up the body's natural ability to heal itself on a cellular level and "dumps" the lymphatic system. Additionally, Alyssa Byrne



Joann Ready, left and Tracy Cornelius, right, with some of the gifts on display at Soul Shine.

offers Healing in the Cards at Soul Shine.

Each of the practitioners is

available by appointment by contacting Soul Shine at 570-793-4213.



*Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo* Joann Ready, owner of Soul Shine, finalizes a purchase of candles that Paula Abrantes makes during the grand opening on Saturday, September 14.





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## White Haven Lions Club holds First Responders Appreciation Night

The White Haven Lion's Club held its 2nd annual First Responders Appreciation Night on the 18th anniversary of the terror attacks on our country, Wednesday, September 11 at 7 p.m. in the Penn Lake Community Building at Penn Lake.

The program was open to the public and there was plenty of food and beverages to be enjoyed by all.

The annual event is a way for the community to say thank you to those who put their lives on the line for us every day.

Christopher Zwiebel, an Environmental Health and Toxicology expert, was the Master of Ceremonies and gave a presentation on his firsthand experience as a manager during the World Trade Center Disaster Recover Project in New York City. He was there from September 13, 2001 through January 25, 2002 and saw things that the public cannot even imagine. The evening was an eye opening, educational and very interesting experience about something we should never forget, September 11, 2001.



Eloise Schwab from Penn Lake sang our National Anthem for the large crowd of people that came out to show their appreciation for our first responders.



Above: White Haven Police Chief Thomas Szoke and officers Nick Ross and listen to Christopher Zwiebel talk about the 9-11 recovery project.

At right: Christopher Zwiebel talks about the planes that were involved in the attacks on 9/11, why the twin towers came down the way they did, the arduous recovery project, statistics and much more pertaining to the attacks.



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## **Programs offered at Nescopeck and Hickory Run State Parks in October**

be offered in October 2019. For programs that require registration, please register by using the online events calendar at: http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/ or call 570-403-2006 unless otherwise listed.

#### Monday, October 14

Fall Foliage Hike at Hickory Run State Park; 10 a.m.

Registration required by calling John at 570-474-5884.

Conservation volunteer John Jakoby will lead a moderate 3-mile hike in Hickory Run State Park. Most of the hike will be on the Skyline Trail, part of which overlooks the beautiful Lehigh Gorge. Get up close and personal with the fall colors in a panoramic setting. Dress in layers and bring water and a snack. Meet at the Gould Trailhead, located on

The following programs will route 534 approximately 3/4 mile west of the park office. This program is in conjunction with the Greater Wyoming Vallev Audubon Society.

Wednesday, October 16

Golden Hawk Watch; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Registration required.

For seniors. If you've ever taken advantage of a senior discount, that's you!

Are you a senior looking to try something new? Come spend the afternoon learning about the fall raptor migration at a local hawk watch site. Participants should wear sturdy shoes, bring water and a lunch. They will carpool from Nescopeck State Park at 9 a.m. and return by 3 p.m. Participants should be in good health and able to hike 1 mile over steep, rocky terrain.

Friday, October 18

Hiking Series #7: Creekside Trail at 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: Creekside Trail\* Length: 3 miles Terrain: more difficult Meet: Nescopeck State Park Office

\*Pot-luck party to follow hike - bring a dish to share!

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

Tuesday, October 22

Homeschool Geology Day at Boulder Field at Hickory Run State Park; 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration required.

Homeschool students are

invited to join park staff at Hickory Run State Park's Boulder Field for some geology fun! Students of all ages will have the opportunity to learn about the rock cycle and explore the boulder field. This will include an introduction to how the boulder field formed and a short hike (please note the trail

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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:

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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. **Calvin Collins, Pastor** 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.

The church is currently updating directory information. Please stop by the table in the social hall and check your information such as phone number, email address, etc.

Altar Flowers: Most dates are open for the month of September. If you are interested in providing altar flowers or giving a donation, please contact Mary Lou Legg or Heidi Klein.

Book Sale: Friday, September 20 from 2-7 p.m. and Saturday September 21 from 10 a.m.-2

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p.m. A rummage sale will be held on October 18 and 19.

Church office hours: Pastor Calvin will be available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. At all times, he will be available for pastoral care and concerns and may be reached at 570-788-3960. Hours are subject to change due to visitation.

The church secretary is available Tuesday 10:30-12:30, Wednesday 10:30-12:30, and Thursday 9:30-1:30. Other secretary office hours are available; call 570-788-3960.

Hours are subject to change for emergencies and holidays.

#### **CORNERSTONE** CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Services: Sunday 10 a.m. Michael & Kim Pickreign, Pastors 3577 Church Road, Mountain Top

570-678-7231 Services are casual and family friendly. They are a group of believers passionate about sharing the gospel of Christ, healing broken hearts and

seeking liberty for all who are

oppressed.



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Nick Aita and Robert Duffy have a great time horsing around on the inflatable slide as their friend Leah watches.

### Rally Day held at Emmanuel UCC

Emmanuel United Church of Christ held its annual Rally Day on Sunday, September 8 following morning service. The children and other members of the church gathered in the fellowship hall for a light lunch, snacks, desserts and beverages to kick off the start of Sunday School. There was also an inflatable and games to play.

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

Another summer is over and the new school year has begun. Now we come back to the routines of fall. It is also a good time to come back to worship. If you have not been a regular worshipper because of summertime activities or for

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whatever reason, they invite you to come worship the Lord with them. The worship experience is a time to reflect on your relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

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 F.C.D.! care, call Pastor Lou Aita at Upcd 570-582-9550 or email him at aitatl12@ptd.net. E-mail cial gu access is emmanuel\_ucc@ speake hotmail.com and the website is emmanuel-ucc.org. Ignit

### FAITH CHURCH DRUMS

Service: Sunday 10 a.m. Keith Evans, Pastor 4 Rittenhouse Place, Drums 570-599-8123

Faith Church Drums (formerly Valley Community Church)offers a unique and inviting place to and for worship. There is one worship time at 10 a.m. on Sundays with a blended service which includes contemporary choruses, a hymn, responsive reading, a time of reflective corporate prayer, and inspiring/dynamic preaching.

The Holy Grounds Cafe is open every Sunday as they serve coffee, soda, tea, juice, bagels, snacks, and more.

Dinner Church Community Ministry. Once a month F.C.D. offers a free meal to the community. The menu is listed on its "Activities" page.

The worship setting includes bistro tables with padded chairs, and a few rows for traditionalists. You are always invited to gather with them at F.C.D.!

Upcoming events: Sunday, September 22 at 10 a.m. special guest worship pastor and speaker Denise Warner from Clarks Green AG and WRGN.

IgniteYoung Adults (ages 25-40) children/teens of adults are invited every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

October 8 at 5 p.m.: Rohrbach's in Catawissa, pavilion and corn maze, bring a side dish to share!.

For information you can checkwww.yourvcc.com.

#### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Services: Sunday 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Scott O. Miller, Pastor 1448 Slocum Road, Wapwallopen 570-868-5640 or 570-954-1547

Pastor Scott and 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.

You can email Pastor Scott at somiller@susumc.org or call him at 570-200-5388. Find them on Facebook at newhopewapwallopen.

### GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Services: Saturday: 6 p.m. Sunday: 8 & 9:30 a.m. Father Connell McHugh, Pastor Route 309, Drums

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Friends Lily Rinehimer, 5 and Sophia Madara, 8 have fun with bubbles.

#### **St. James holds Rally Day**

St. Jame's held its annual Rally Day on Sunday, September 8. The day began with catechism, worship service and a food drive followed by the bubble blast where everyone participated, young and old on the front lawn. Everybody had a blast with every type of bubble apparatus known. It was a great morning and a lot of fun to start the Sunday School season.

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#### 570-788-3141

The Faith Formation registration form for 2019-2020 is now available to be downloaded. Please go to the "Downloads" page of their website for the printer-friendly (PDF) form.

Please note that the new day/ time for confessions is Saturday from 5-5:30 p.m.

Tuesday night bingo at Good Shepherd Church starts with an early bird game at 6 p.m. They play 22 games each week and payouts range from \$50 to over \$500. Regular games pay \$100 each. The kitchen opens at 5 p.m. with special soups, sandwiches, beverages, ethnic foods and a variety of other goodies including fries, pret-

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zels, candy, chips, and more. They also provide complimentary coffee, tea, and cake to players and volunteers.

#### **GRACE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH** Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

and 6 p.m.

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

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

Mid-week fellowship and prayer meeting is the first Wednesday of every month. Meal at 6 p.m. and prayer meeting at 7 p.m. Some fluctuations with this service can

occur, so please call before 570-788-1055 attending to confirm.

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.

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

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

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Everyone is encouraged to join a small group. Find one that fits your schedule. Contact info@harvestcv.org or indicate "Small Group" on the Friendship Register during a church service, or simply ask someone how to get more involved in small groups. Groups are currently gathering and forming.

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.

Sunday School for all ages is held on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

The Kids 4 Truth clubs curriculum and program is a local-church-based children's education ministry that utilizes a lesson time, a TruthBook time (memory and recitation), a song time, and a reward time in order to fortify young hearts and minds with the essential teachings of the authentic Christian faith.

The primary goal of this program is to help boys and girls know, love, and worship God by grounding them in essential Christian truth. Kids 4 Truth clubs work to ensure that boys and girls of all ages will learn what Christians believe and why they believe it.

The Kids 4 Truth clubs program and curriculum have become a dynamic platform for the church to teach boys



HARVEST **CONYNGHAM VALLEY** Services: Sunday 10 a.m. Jeff Butala, Pastor

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and girls 120 of the most important truths of Scripture - in an understandable, useful, and memorable way.

### MOUNTAINTOP **FAMILY CHURCH**

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

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

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

A Preschool Play Group will meet on Thursday, September 26 at 10 a.m. in the Kinder-Town classroom. If it is nice out, they will play outside. Play Group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and is for all infant through preschool age children accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Canvas Young Adult Small Group meets at the church on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. and is for high school graduates through the age of 27.

Ground Zero56 meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. in the sanctuary and is for all students in 5th and 6th grade.

Starting Point Youth is for students in grades 7-12 and meets every Wednesday in the Youth Room. There is a snack shop open from 6-6:30 p.m. and the youth service ends at 8 p.m.

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., White Haven

570-443-9438 Mountainview is a family church. 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.

Every 4th Sunday is Family Sunday, when the children stay in the service and the church shares communion together.

Beginning Thursday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m. the church will hold Thursday Family Faith Nights which will include food, a bouncy-house and sign-ups for AWANA (4 vrs.-6th grade), Bible Quizzing (grades 6-12), and Youth Group (grades 9-12). Starting Thursday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m. there will be dinner together followed by the various kids'

groups. While adults wait for their kids they can take part in a class called Christianity 101 which will be an opportunity to explore questions about the faith. Dinner, fellowship, fun and spiritual growth all in one night! How awesome is that?

For updated information on Mountainview Community Church, their small groups, and various activities, please visit www.mountainviewnepa. org and 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** Lilv 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

Everyone is always invited to join them for any of the wor-

### **NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH** Services: Sunday

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Tara Burkus read about the flea market in Mountain Peaks and decided to take a ride over to check it out. She has found something to purchase at this table.

### Flea market held at St. Paul's

A flea market was held on Saturday, September 14 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mountain Top from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Besides the flea market the church held a pizza sale in conjunction with the flea market. The pizza sale was also held on Friday, September 13 from 6-8 p.m. There was something for everyone.



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#### 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Pastor: John Broglin 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.

Everyone is welcome to join Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Installation service for Pastor John Broglin will be at the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 29. Everyone is welcome.

### PRESBYTERIAN **CHURCH OF MOUNTAIN TOP**

#### Services: Sunday 11 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. 9 Chestnut Street, Mountain Top 570-474-9951

You are invited to join in worship on Sunday, September 22. Elder Nancy Badal will present the message.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Classes are available for all ages. The teachers are getting ready for the annual fall hayride at Burger's. Watch for more

information.

All friends and church family are invited to join in corporate prayer for this time of the church's transition. Prayer will be held between Sunday School and church, about 10:20 a.m.

The Session and Deacons will hold a joint meeting on September 24 at 7 p.m.

The Presbyterian Women will begin their monthly meetings. The next meeting will be at the church on October 2. The meeting and Bible Study will begin at 10 a.m. with lunch following. All women of the church are invited to join Presbyterian Women.

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.

They will also be collecting supplies and clothing (new) for Brandons Forever Home. A bin will be located in the narthex. If you have questions please contact Nancy Badal or any of the Presbyterian Women's group.

2020 dates to purchase bul-

letin covers to honor or recognize someone are now available. A month's supply of bulletin covers is \$35. 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.

If you have any questions about the church or its ministries please call 570-474-9951 or find them on Facebook.

#### **STAIRVILLE UNITED** METHODIST CHURCH Services: Sunday 10 a.m. Scott O. Miller, Pastor 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.

day at 3 p.m.

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#### **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.

In cooperation with ELCA's God's Work, Our Hands initiative, St. James will be holding a food drive. This project will

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Marilyn Brown and Ellie Mae Shingler sing some old favorite Christian songs.

### Singspiration held at Stairville UMC

The Stairville United Methodist Church in Wapwallopen held its 21st annual Singspiration on Sunday, September 15 at 5 p.m. at the church. The evening was full of praise, worship, Christian music by local choirs and individuals and fellowship. Pastor Scott O. Miller was the emcee for the evening and provided the invocation and benediction as well as sung in the Stairville choir and sang two songs himself. Choirs from area churches sang inspirational Christian songs and individuals from churches around the area provided contemporary and old time Christian music.

second Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the large fellowship hall. They make the plans for all church events,

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be used to support the Dorrance Food Pantry at Emmanuel which is up and running again, so be generous with your donations. Any non-perishable items are accepted. Donations will be accepted up until September 30.

The annual Harvest Home Service will be held at St. James on Sunday, September 22 during the worship service. All fresh and perishable goods will be donated to Johnson's Home and all boxes and cans will go to the Dorrance Food Pantry.

St. James will again be participating in the apple festival at Heller's Orchards on October 19 and 20. It is likely they will have two stands again. One will be a ice cream stand and the other will serve hot foods, 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

A soup and bake sale will be held at the election polls again this year. The date is November 5. Baked good will be needed and help is needed to make soup on Monday, November 4. Volunteers to work the stand will also be needed. If you are able to help, contact Diane Bloss at 570-379-3811 or Teresa Readler at 570-379-3873. It is possible that the election poll will be changed to St. James Church for the November election, but no details have been finalized. Trunk or Treat in the parking lot and Halloween party on October 27 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. No Sunday School classes.

St. James will once again be participating in Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" program. The church will be selling the tickets for \$5 each. The money is a donation to the church when you buy the ticket. Your \$5 pass entitles you to a full day of 25% off discount shopping pass, refreshments, and fabulous register to win prizes on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

This is an easy fund raiser for the church and you benefit by all the great deals at Boscov's. Some lower floor items (small kitchen items, etc.) are only 10% off, but all clothes, coats, jewelry, drapes, towels and much, much more are 25% off. This is a great day to do your Christmas shopping or just shop for new clothes. You can shop till you drop and then leave the store and go for lunch, come back and shop some more, and your ticket is still good for the rest of the day.

To purchase a pass, see Darla Frace, Diane Bloss or Teresa Readler or call the church at 570-379-3878. Passes are available until October 16.

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

Eighth grade confirmation students: a reminder that you should be reviewing your Confirmation questions. Questions were handed out at the parent meeting and emailed to parents. Please call Molly at the Parish Office, 570-868-5855 if you need a copy or email stmarysdorrance@gmail.com.

Data sheets are due October 6/7. These sheets request your Confirmation name and your sponsor information. Please carefully consider these two important decisions now.

Mass attendance: seventh and eighth grades students should be noting their Mass attendance through the summer. Boxes are in the narthex of St. Jude, or sign the attendance sheet in the back of St. Mary's.

Attention kids in grades 3-7: the church needs you to join the children's choir. The fall season begins on September 10. They rehearse on Tuesdays from 4:45-5:30 p.m. in the church. Please contact Stephanie, stephaniekulpa@gmail. com for any additional information.

The church is still in need of Religious Education teachers for the upcoming year. They are asking parishioners to prayerfully consider joining the team. Without strong classrooms of faith the children will not be able to be the future of the Catholic Church. All positions available are team teaching roles, meaning they are asking for a 1-2 week commitment per month. Diocesan required trainings and clearances required. Please contact Carrie at cgrandzol@stjc.org if vou are interested.

St. Jude Parish is offering an Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem course for members of Boy Scouts of America pro-



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grams. Ad Altare Dei focuses on spiritual growth and the seven Sacraments. The program is targeted to scouts in grades 7 through 10 who have been active members in a BSA unit for at least 6 months. Cost is \$20: includes book, emblem. parent's pin. Meeting times are from 6-8 p.m. at St. Jude School. The first meeting is October 1. Any questions or to RSVP, contact Christian Grandzol, cjgrandzol@yahoo.com by September 24.

vice, games and snacks. Once

a month starting at 7 p.m., the

youth group will meet in St.

Jude School cafeteria to work

This school year join your friends for a fun night of ser-

on a service project. They will also have games and snacks! Feel free to invite friends too! Youth night dates are: October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 10, April 4 and May 14. St. Jude youth are selling

gift certificates from Old Post Farms, 247 St. Mary's Road, Mountain Top. The certificates are \$10 and can be used to purchase any of the items at the farm including mums, pumpkins, straw, hay bales and perennials. They are valid September 1 until October 13, 2019. Certificates are available for purchase in the Parish Office during business hours. Proceeds from the sale will go towards travel expenses for the Youth Group trip to Indianapolis for NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference).

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 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.

Join Us To Gelebrate the Installation of Pastor John Broglin

> Sunday, September 29 10:30 a.m.

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> Sunday Services 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.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-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church is an inclusive and modern Episcopal Church that incorporates into its liturgy the best of both Catholic and Protestant traditions while remaining open to new directions from the Holy Spirit.

Everyone, regardless of their faith or background, is welcome to celebrate Holy Eucharist with them on Sundays. For more information, visit stmartintimeless.org or call Janeann Lokken 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. Marv'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 weekly on Sundays from 10-11:15 a.m. Please call Stacy Panas with any questions or concerns at 570-332-3801.

Eight grade confirmation students: a reminder that you should be reviewing your Confirmation questions. Questions were handed out at the parent meeting and emailed to parents. Please call Molly at the Parish Office, 570-868-5855 if you need a copy or email stmarysdorrance@gmail.com.

Data sheets are due October 6/7. These sheets request your Confirmation name and your sponsor information. Please carefully consider these two important decisions now.

Students in second, seventh and eighth grades are required to record their Mass attendance. This is an expectation of all baptized Catholics, and



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the hope is that this policy will help the candidates to establish a valuable pattern to be followed for the rest of their lives. Sheets are in the back of St. Mary's and the St. Jude cards are in the black boxes in the narthex.

The church will soon be preparing its 2020 offertory envelopes. Please call the parish office if you would like envelopes and don't already receive them. Also, please call the office if you have updated information (family name, phone number, address, or email address).

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 p.m.

Sunday: 10:15 a.m. Rev. Peter O'Rourke, **Sacramental Minister** 411 Allegheny Street, White Haven 570-443-9944

St. Patrick's Church welcomes all to visit and worship with them. Contact the parish office if you would like to become a member of the parish. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Faith Formation (CCD) classes are held in the Parish Center from 9 to 10 a.m. every Sunday.

The Rosary is recited each Tuesday at 5 p.m. The Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed each Tuesday morning after the 8 a.m. Communion Service.

Weekday Masses are held on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8 a.m.

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

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

The hoagie group needs new volunteers! If you can help, please contact the church secretary for more information 570-474-6616.

over 57 years

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.

Now recruiting new members for the adult vocal choir! It's almost time for another year of singing! Consider joining for the 2019-2020 year! The blue signup sheet is in the narthex. See Schyler with questions.

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.

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 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

#### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Services: Sunday 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Janelle Rothrock, Pastor

418 Berwick St., White Haven 570-443-9424

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at 9:15.



Sunday school for ages preschool through confirmation classes, is from 10 to 11 a.m. throughout the school year.

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 a.m., 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.

Autumnfest will be held on Saturday, October 19 at the church from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Autumnfest includes a used book sale (new to Autumnfest this year), Chinese auction, bake sale, and a craft sale. Something for everyone! Don't forget to purchase a raffle ticket for the quilt made by the quilters at St. Paul's! Enjoy a homemade lunch, featuring wimpies, hot dogs, walking tacos, and halushki (to name a few) from the kitchen concessions while you are there. All proceeds from

Autumnfest will help to defray the cost of several of the youth from St. Paul's who are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN in 2021.

### **ST. PAUL'S DRUMS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Services: Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m. Rev. Debra L. Hebden, Pastor 335 W. Butler Drive, Drums 570-788-3051

Pastor Debra and the congregation invite you to worship with them every Sunday. Fellowship time follows the service. Holy Communion is offered on the first Sunday of the month.

Ongoing ministries include Tuesday evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact them at www.stpauls-





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drums.com or Email: stpaulsdrums@gmail.com.

### **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP** Services: Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

**David Holmlund, Pastor** 526 Robbins Way **Mountain Top** 215-237-5514

Westminster Presbyterian Fellowship is a new ministry of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC), a smaller conservative Presbyterian denomination, which began in Mountain Top during this past year.

The recent interest from various families in the community keeps them working and praying to see what God might bless from their efforts in the community to study the Bible, provide encouraging Christian fellowship, open doors for outreach, and begin services.

The first service is planned for Sunday, October 13, at 5 p.m. and following Sunday evenings this fall. There will be more information about the meeting place in the coming weeks.

At the present time, they meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday in a family home in Mountain Top (526 Robbins Way) for a Bible study. They are currently looking at the book of Genesis, balancing Bible teaching with a group discussion of God's word. After the study, they always enjoy some refreshments. All interested people would be most welcome to join them.

Pastor Dave Holmlund, the Regional Home Missionary of the presbytery and the minister working with Westminster Fellowship, can be reached at 215-237-5514 or daveholmlund@ gmail.com.

You can also find information about Westminster Presbyterian Fellowship on their Facebook page and on the denominational website for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

## WHITE HAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9 a.m. 3rd Saturday 5 p.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. Communion is shared the first Sunday of the month. A contemporary communion service is held on the third Saturday of the month at 5 p.m.

The prayer garden at White Haven United Methodist Church was created as an Eagle Scout project. The garden is filled with beautiful flowers at the foot of a cross. It is a wonderful place set aside to pray, to reflect, or to simply sit quietly in the palm of God's creation. All are welcome to come and spend time at the garden.

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.

"Mercy Fish" is White Haven United Methodist Church's youth group, ranging from grades 6-12. While the main focus of the group is community outreach programs, they also like to have fun. During the school year, they meet every Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. at White Haven United Methodist Church for fun and

fellowship. For more information about the Youth Ministry, please call the church and leave a message for youth leader. Amanda Clark.

Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. in the parlor.

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

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

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The library is located at 121 Towanda Street in White Haven. Call 570-443-8776 for more information.

#### **NOVEMBER 9 INDOOR YARD SALE**

St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Freeland will sponsor an indoor community yard sale on Saturday, November 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Michael's Recreation Center, 300 Fern Street, Freeland.

Numerous vendors with new and old items and crafters will be selling their goods. A bake sale will be featured, along with tricky-tray chances and much more. As always,

delicious homemade foods will be available for eat-in or take-out

This is a rain or shine event and plenty of parking is available. No "early birds" please.

**To advertise** call Wendy at 570-249-1233 or email wendy. mtpeaks@ gmail.com

## PERSON **Immediate Positions Available INSPECTOR/PACKER** FORKLIFT

**Mountain Top (Full-Time)** Dayshift: 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Nightshift: 6:30 p.m.-6:30 a.m.

## **QUALITY CONTROL**

Dayshift: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. (Full-Time) Night Shift: 7 p.m.-7 a.m. (Full-Time)

Jobs pay rate ranging from \$9.50/hr.-\$14.25/hr.

Wilkes-Barre (Full-Time) Dayshift: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Night Shift: 7 p.m.-7 a.m. Mountain Top (Full-Time) Dayshift: 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Nightshift: 6:30 p.m.-6:30 a.m.

#### **Pittston (Full-Time)** 1st Shift: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 2nd Shift: 4 p.m.- 12 a.m. 3rd shift: 12 a.m.-8 a.m.

## Procure Personnel

1325 N. River Street, Suite 203, Tuft-Tex Complex, Plains, PA 18702 570-821-5515 • christina@procurepersonnel.com

Walk ins are highly encouraged and will most likely get you hired!

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is not stroller friendly). There will also be an opportunity for an optional walk across the boulder field, which is best suited for ages 8 + .

#### Saturday, October 26

Scout Day - Migration; 1-4 p.m. at Nescopeck State Park

Pre-registration is required. An exact head count and payment due upon registering.

This program is for girl scouts and cub scouts in grades 1-5.

Migration is a fascinating adaptation that allows certain species to survive our cold northern winters. Scouts will learn about some of the many species that travel back and forth with the seasons. Space for total number of participants is limited, so in order to accommodate as many scouts as possible, please limit chaperones and do not bring nonscout siblings with you. Cost is \$2 per person, including chaperones.

#### Sunday, October 27

Forest Bathing for Women; 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Nescopeck State Park. Registration required. For ladies 18 + .

Forest what?! Yes! Forest bathing. Join volunteer Suzann Schiemer as you learn about the practice of Shinrin-Yoku. Japanese studies have shown that connecting with the environment through our senses provides restorative wellness benefits. Participants should plan to spend 2 1/2-3 hours in the woods for this program, which will include a slow walk with periods of time to explore, interact, and connect with the environment through your senses. Ample

time will be given for you to explore and experience nature. Bring water, a light snack, and wear sturdy footwear. Light layers and bug spray are recommended.

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

For more information on any of Pennsylvania's 121 state parks visit DCNR website at www.dcnr.state.pa.us (choose Find a Park) or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS.

## **CHS Girls Volleyball**

Wednesday, September 4 Crestwood beat Lake Lehman 3-1

Scores of the matches were: 25-19, 19-25, 25-18, 25-13.

Leading scores for Crestwood: Mel Golden 23 Assists, 12 Service Points, 5 Aces, 4 Kills; Carly Bono 9 Service Points, 5 Aces, 5 Kills, 5 Digs; Kelsey Kulak 3 Blocks, 5 Kills; Ellie Glowacki 6 Kills, 6 Service Points, 4 Aces, 6 Digs; Madyson Sobolweski 10 Service Points, 5 Aces, 3 Kills.

Lake Lehman scores: Skylar Poelma 8 Kills, 4 Blocks; Kylee Blazick 16 Digs; Autumn Savitski14 Digs. JV won 2-1.

Thursday, September 5 Crestwood lost to Delaware Valley 0-3

Scores of the matches were: 11-25, 16-25, 23-25. Leading scores for Crestwood: Mel Golden 5 Assists, 8 Service Points, 2 Aces; Carly Bono 6 Service Points, 3 Aces, 8 Digs; Sam Andes15 Digs; Madyson Sobolweski 7 Service Points, 4 Digs, 3 Kills. Del Val scores:

Emily Anderson 8 Kills, 10 Service Points; Sophia Wood 19 Service Points, 18 Digs. JV lost 0-2.

Thursday, September 12 Crestwood won against North Pocono 3-0.

Varsity record is 3-1. Scores of the matches

were: 25-22, 25-21, 25-12. Leading scores for Crestwood: Mel Golden 22 Assists, 8 Service Points; Carly Bono 6 Kills, 5 Service Points; Sam Andes 13 Service Points, 5 Digs; Madyson Sobolweski 6

Kills, 8 Service Points, 2 Aces; Ellie Glowacki 7 Kills. JV won 2-0.

JV Record is 3-1.





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