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Crestwood Homecoming 2019 – a week of school spirit and fun



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photos

"Go Comets" was the chant as students ride with Cosmos, the Crestwood Comets mascot in the 2019 Crestwood High School Homecoming parade.

Crestwood High School Homecoming week is always a fun week for both students and faculty. This year homecoming took place the week of September 30. Homecoming activities included a week of different themes – Pajama Jamming Monday, Twin Tuesday, Country Club vs. Country Living Wednesday, Class Colors Thursday and Spirit Day Friday.

There was also the annual Powder Puff game on Thursday, which pitted the junior girls against the senior girls and was coached by members of the varsity football

team, with members of the coaching staff acting as referees. The junior girls took the lead early and never looked back winning 28-7. That was followed, on Friday, by the Homecoming parade and football game Friday evening and a dance Saturday night.

The weather was overcast with the temperature in the 50s Friday evening for the Homecoming parade. Fans lined South Main Road start-

ing at Christ United Methodist Church up to the entrance to Wright Township Park. The parade was led by the Crestwood High School Color Guard and

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The 2019 Homecoming King
Derek Petrockko
and Queen Olivia
Grigas.



The Crestwood High School 2019 Homecoming court is introduced, students from left are Connor Olen-ginski, Chloe Greene, Brian Costello, Hannah Kresge,

Timothy Gallagher, Olivia Grigas, Anthony Caporus-cio, Madyson Sobolewski, Derek Petrochko and Sarah Richards.



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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 mttop-cares19@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.

UNTIL OCTOBER 31 RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

October is breast cancer awareness month. During this month, Carone's Market will be assisting the American Cancer Society Mountain Top Relay For Life in the fight against cancer.

The store will be selling cards for only \$1 each. When purchased a person can put their name on it to show support or the name of a survivor, person currently fighting or someone who has lost their battle to this dreadful disease.

Donations go to cancer research, patient support, prevention information and education, and detection and

treatment. Let's cover Carone's in these cards!

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 judub1949@gmail.com.

TRUNK OR TREAT

A Trunk or Treat will be held on **Saturday, October 19** from 2-4 p.m. in the lower parking lot of the Presbyterian Church of Mountain Top located at 9 Chestnut Street, Mountain Top.

If inclement weather, event will be held inside. Hope to scare you there!

TURKEY DINNER

Emmanuel United Church of Christ will hold its turkey dinner on **Saturday, October 19** from 3 to 7 p.m. The meal includes turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, homemade pickled cabbage and dessert. Take outs only. Ticket price per meal is \$11. If you would like to reserve tickets for the meal, please call the church office at 570-868-5675. Tickets will be

available for sale at the door. Emmanuel UCC is located at the end of Alberdeen Road in Dorrance Township, Mountain Top.

TALES OF TERROR AT WHITE HAVEN LIBRARY

The White Haven Community Library will host a mystery program entitled *Tales of Terror: An evening with Edgar Allen Poe* plus mind reading and an ESP demonstration.

The program will take place

on **October 19** at the Library. Refreshments will be served starting at 6 p.m. The program begins at 7 p.m.

Reservations are required. Call 570-443-8776. This program is for ages 18 and older. Admission is free. The Library is located at 121 Towanda Street in White Haven.

FREE SHREDDING EVENT

A free shredding event host-

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FRITZINGERTOWN SENIOR LIVING PRESENTS



OCTOBER 27 • 11 A.M.-3 P.M.

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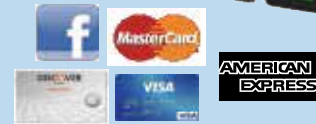
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ed by Rep. Jerry Mullery will be held on **October 19** from 9-11 a.m. at the Wright Township Municipal Building, 321 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top.

OCTOBER 20 BINGO

St. Jude PJAS will host a bingo on **Sunday, October 20** in St. Jude cafeteria. Doors open at 12 noon, bingo starts at 1 p.m.

Prizes include American Girl, Coach, Google Home, Jimmy Choo, Kate Spade, Gucci, Young Living, Vera Bradley and Michael Kors. Proceeds will help reduce the cost for the 7th and 8th grade students

to conduct their experiments, for registration and travel to Penn State to attend the competition. St. Jude School is located on Route 309 in Mountain Top.

BINGO

The MMI Preparatory School Parents Association will host its annual harvest bingo on **Sunday, October 20** in the MMI gymnasium on the school's campus at 154 Centre Street in Freeland.

Doors open at 12 p.m. and Early Bird games begin at 1 p.m., with regular games to follow. Admission is \$5.

The afternoon features a \$500 jackpot, cash prizes, Early Bird specials, and other special games, a tricky tray raffle,

door prizes, and homemade food for sale.

All proceeds benefit student activities and events at MMI.

For more information, contact Lani Drobnock at 570-636-1108 or email ldrobnock@mmiprep.org.

OCTOBER 21 AL AUXILIARY FUNDRAISING MEETING

The American Legion Auxiliary, Mountain Post 781 will hold its next fundraising meeting on **Monday, October 21** at 7:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend. They are looking for some fresh ideas.

There is also a Junior Auxiliary and are always looking for some young people

to join. The junior members run activities to help veterans and the community. If you are interested in learning more please contact Ava Groth at avagroth@yahoo.com.

OCTOBER 22 PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Photography Club will hold its monthly meeting on **October 22** 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 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.

SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Social Club will meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top on **October 22** at 1 p.m. which will be a potluck dinner and Halloween party. The next casino trip will be on October 24.

The casino trip leaves St. Paul's Church at 8:30 a.m. and

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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.

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.

OCTOBER 23 QUILTERS MEETING

Mountain Top Quilters will meet at the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library, 35 Kirby Avenue, Mountain Top on

Wednesday, October 23 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.

OCTOBER 23-25

Rice Elementary Follett Fall Book Fair will be held October 23-25 at Rice Elementary School in Mountain Top.

Please join us on Thursday, October 24 from 6-8 p.m. for Family Night. Shop the book fair in the library, and then head over to the large group room for Rice Elementary's Haunted Gallery. Don't forget to stop by the gymnasium for some fun activities and grab

some goodies from the 6th grade bake sale.

This is a non-chaperoned event. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please contact Karen (kjbweiss@frontier-net.net) or Paula Sapak (paula.sapak@dcsdcomets.org).

OCTOBER 25 SOUP & BREAD SALE

St. Martin In The Field Church will hold a homemade soup and bread sale on October 25. The soups include chicken noodle and beef barley. Each is \$8, fresh baked bread is available for \$4. Place your order by October 19 by calling Joan Barry at 570-474-5587.

OCTOBER 26 WHITE HAVEN HISTORY ON DISPLAY

On Saturday, October 26, the White Haven Area Histori-

cal Society will present a display of historical photos and memorabilia from its growing collection.

Come learn about the past and share any information or photos you may have from the local and surrounding area. They are always looking for additional items for the Society. If you have something of sentimental value and can't bear to part with it, bring it along and they will make a copy of it for their archives.

Join them at the White Haven Community Library in the historic Engine House, 121 Towanda Street, from 1 to 4 p.m. For further information call Lynne at 570-443-7507.

BENEFIT FOR MATT HOWTON

A benefit to help Matt Howton to pay for medical costs after a recent heart transplant will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at

the Mountain Top Hose Co. #1, Woodlawn Avenue in Mountain Top. The event is being hosted by members of the community.

The event will consist of a huge community yard sale, bake sale, Chinese auction and raffle. Some fun stuff for the kids includes a pumpkin painting table and face painting. Crafter's will donating portions of their sales to the benefit. Abe's Hot Dogs will donate a portion of its proceeds from sales that day, Butcher Bob's truck will be on site. Junie G's will donate sales generated from coffee and soda that day. Monetary donations being accepted as well, both online (facebook) and checks or money orders, may be dropped off or mailed to 324 Church Road, Mountain Top. Please make checks payable to Matthew Howton.

TRUNK OR TREAT

The GFWC of Mountain Top will host a Trunk or Treat on October 26 from 4-6 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, South Main Road, Mountain Top. The theme this year is *Charlotte's Web*.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Wright Township Halloween parade will take place on Saturday, October 26 at 2 p.m. in the playground of Wright Township Park. All children age 10 and under accompanied by a parent or guardian are welcome to attend this family fun event. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories: Scariest, Funniest, Cutest, Fanciest, Most Colorful and Most Original. Games and treats will also be provided by the

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Crestwood Menu

Elementary Schools

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

Week of October 21

Monday: Turkey and cheese melt on a croissant or chicken mashed potato bowl with a dinner roll; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, steamed corn, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, choice of bread or roll or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: yellow beans, stewed tomatoes, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Sloppy Joe on a roll or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, carrot sticks, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Chicken fajita on a soft tortilla or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: refried beans, cucumber salad, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Barbecue pork taco on a soft tortilla or Italian dunkers with dipping sauce; featured veggies: oven fries, steamed carrots, choice of fruit and milk

Week of October 28

Monday: Toasted cheese sandwich or chicken nuggets, pretzel sticks; featured veggies: tomato soup, tater tots, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Walking taco, tortilla chips or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: refried beans, baby carrots, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Chicken and gravy over a biscuit or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, Halloween treat, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: yellow beans, Caesar salad, choice of fruit

and milk

Friday: Chicken and cheese quesadilla or pepperoni pizza; featured veggies: oven browned sweet potato, corn salad, choice of fruit and milk

Secondary Campus

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

Week of October 21

Monday: Mini corn dog nuggets or chicken mashed potato bowl with a dinner roll; featured veggies: mashed potatoes,

steamed corn, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Ziti and meat sauce, garlic bread stick or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: celery sticks, baby carrots, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Homemade mac & cheese with a dinner roll or meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: stewed tomatoes, chick pea salad, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Cowboy burger with cheese, onion rings, bbq sauce or barbecue rib on a bun; featured veggies: peas, celery

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OCTOBER SPECIALS

APPETIZERS:

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DINNER PLATES:

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sticks, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Bangin' shrimp tacos with fresh pico de gallo or Italian dunkers with dipping sauce; featured veggies: refried beans, lettuce, tomato and onion, choice of fruit and milk

Week of October 28

Monday: Sausage and pepper sandwich or chicken nuggets, pretzel sticks; featured veggies: seasoned potato wedges, cherry tomatoes, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Mexican lasagna with tortilla chips or chicken

parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: refried beans, celery sticks, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Italian grilled chicken bruschetta sandwich or meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: green beans, Halloween treat, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Turkey pot pie in a bread bowl or barbecue rib on a bun; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, red pepper strips, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Sloppy Joe on a roll or ham, pepperoni and cheese stromboli with sauce; featured veggies: cauliflower, choice of fruit and milk

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 October 21

Monday: Ranch baked chicken, mashed sweet potatoes, green & wax beans, whole wheat dinner roll, pineapple, milk and coffee

Tuesday: Herbed roast pork, sauteed cabbage with whole wheat noodles, dilled carrots, crackers, fresh cantaloupe, milk and coffee

Wednesday: Mustard dill baked fish, potatoes au gratin, broccoli, whole wheat dinner roll, oatmeal raisin cookie, milk and coffee

Thursday: Roast turkey, roasted carrots & parsnips, green bean casserole, bread stuffing, pumpkin mousse, milk and coffee

Friday: Whole wheat spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic spinach, minestrone soup,

pineapple, milk and coffee

Week of October 28

Monday: Ginger Chicken, brown rice, stir fry vegetables, whole wheat dinner roll, orange, milk and coffee

Tuesday: Turkey Diane, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts medley, whole wheat dinner roll, apple bread pudding, milk and coffee

Wednesday: Cranberry glazed pork loin, butternut squash, brussels sprouts, whole wheat dinner roll, cinnamon baked apples with dried cranberries, milk and coffee

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

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

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

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

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Wright Township Recreation Board with the assistance of the Mountaintop Kiwanis and the Crestwood Key Club.

YOGA CLASS

Lindsey Higgins will conduct an all levels Vinyassa yoga class at noon on Saturday, October 26 under the pavilion in Fairview Township Memorial Park. The suggested donation is \$10 with all proceeds going to the Mountaintop Hose Company #1. Bring your yoga mat and dress appropriately for an outside yoga class. For more information call Lindsey at 570-814-8940.

OCTOBER 27 DORRANCE TOWNSHIP TRUNK OR TREAT

Dorrance Township Volunteer Fire Department will host its first annual trunk or treat

on Sunday, October 27 from 5-7 p.m. at the Dorrance Fire Department, 402 St. John's Road, Wapwallopen. Bring the kids out for a night of Halloween fun! Refreshments will be available. Call 570-479-7033 with any questions.

SLOCUM TOWNSHIP TRUNK OR TREAT

The Slocum Fire Company will hold a trunk to treat on October 27 from 5-7 p.m.

Hot dogs, drinks and snacks available at no charge. There will also be a bake sale and basket raffle. Prizes for outstanding trunks include: most creative, funniest, creepiest, best in show. Decorating starts at 4 p.m. Anyone interested in decorating their trunks please contact Heather at 570-817-9848 or Cindi at 570-578-1985 by October 24.

CRAFT/TALENT AUCTION

Make it, bake it, sew it, grow

it auction will be held by St. Paul's Lutheran Church women on Sunday, October 27 at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30. The church is located at 316 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top. For more information call 570-474-6616 or 570-474-6558.

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 Con-

quer 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.nepa-runner.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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Marching Band, followed by the 2019 Homecoming Court and area fire and ambulances. The Homecoming Court (Sarah Richards, Derek Petrochko, Chloe Greene, Connor Oleginski, Hannah Kresge, Brial Costello, Olivia Grigas, Timothy Gallagher, Madyson Sobolewski, Anthony Caporusco) was introduced before the start of the game and the King (Derek Petrochko) and Queen (Olivia Grigas) were crowned. The Comets then went on to beat Tunkhannock 42-16.



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photos

The Class of 2023 was full of revelry and school spirit as they prepare to march in their first Homecoming parade.



It was the senior girls, in blue, against the junior girls, in pink at the annual Powder Puff game held on October 3. The teams were coached by members of the varsity football team and the coaching staff acted as referees. The determined and aggressive junior girls scored first and kept scoring. The seniors managed to score a touchdown in the second half but were outscored by the juniors 28-7.

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Feral cat ordinance put on hold

Cat ordinance Fairview Township residents who enjoy feeding stray or feral cats won't have to worry about running afoul of the law – at least until next October.

Township supervisors voted at their October 1 meeting to table for one year a vote on a proposed ordinance that would have prohibited feeding stray felines.

The ordinance, introduced at the board's August meeting, states that "No person shall feed or in any manner provide or place food or water for any feral or stray cat which is not under the ownership or legal possession of such person on any public or private property."

It came about after a Forest Road resident complained to supervisors at their June meeting that a neighbor was feeding cats which were defecating

and urinating on his property. He asked the supervisors if they could pass an ordinance to make it illegal to feed stray or feral cats.

Nearly 20 residents turned out for the August meeting. Nearly a dozen spoke out against the proposed ordinance, saying it would not solve the problem, was inhumane, and unenforceable. After listening to the residents who opposed the measure, and one resident who supported it,

supervisors tabled action until their September meeting.

At the September meeting, after hearing from residents who presented a trap, neuter, release (TNR) plan to deal with stray and feral cats, and an organization that promised to work with residents, supervisors once again put off voting on the measure.

One of those residents, Gail Snyder, attended the October 1 supervisors meeting. She told supervisors seven cats were

trapped, neutered, vaccinated and released in September, bringing to 11 the total number of animals she and her neighbors have trapped. Snyder promised to make monthly reports to supervisors on the progress of the project.

Resident Jeff Betashick told supervisors he has seen an impact from the TNR efforts. "It's working," Betashick told supervisors. "It's gone from 25

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cats (in his neighborhood) to one. Whatever they are doing it's working. My hat is off to them."

In other business ...

Prior to the October 1 meeting, supervisors swore in Robert Valatka as a full-time police officer. His addition brings the department to seven full-time officers.

Supervisors awarded a contract to Sledziewski Trucking to furnish equipment for winter snow removal. The firm was the only bidder.

They also approved a request from Lindsey Higgins to teach a yoga class at Fairview Park on the weekend of October 26 or November 3. Higgins said she would donate any proceeds to the fire department.

Dominos Pizza may soon deliver in Mountain Top

Dominos Pizza may soon be delivering in Mountain Top. Rumor has it the pizza chain is looking at a location along South Mountain Boulevard for an outlet to serve Mountain Top.

Questions and concerns about the Atlantic Broadband cable installation project in Wilderness Estates dominated public comment at the October 1 Rice Township board of supervisors meeting.

The company began installation of cable to provide high speed internet service over the summer. Supervisors reported at their September meeting that the project was begun without the knowledge of township officials and without a permit.

At the October meeting, residents report the project has stalled, leaving Wilderness Drive in need of repairs.

The utility has installed cable

on a section of Wilderness Drive but has not completed the installation. One resident told supervisors he heard the company was weighing wheth-

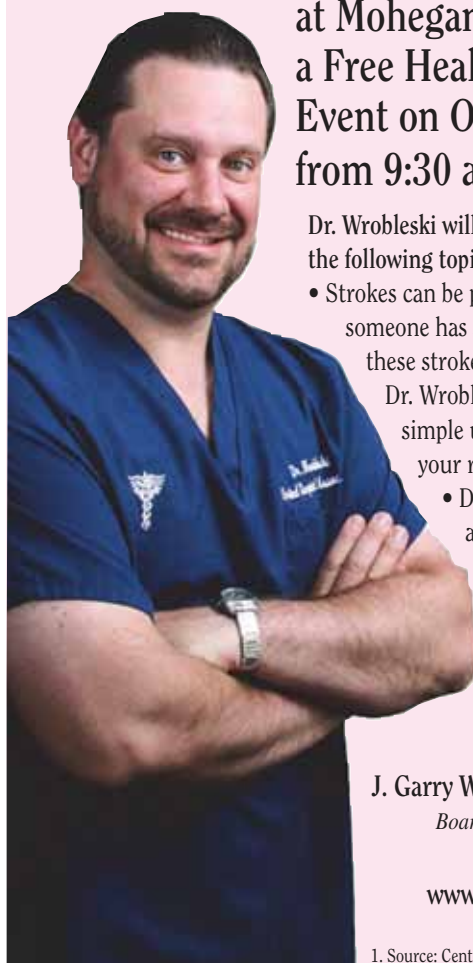
er to complete the project on Wilderness Drive. Resident Bob Smith expressed concern that the driveway cuts made on Wilderness Drive be properly

filled in before winter sets in. Supervisor Bob Pipech said the contractor should repair the

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Come Meet Dr. Wroblewski at The Better Living Showcase



at Mohegan Sun Pocono, a Free Health & Wellness Event on October 20th from 9:30 a.m.-2 pm.

Dr. Wroblewski will be speaking at 1 p.m. on the following topics:

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driveway cuts.

Responding to an inquiry,

township secretary/treasurer Jeff Beck said grant money is not available to be used to pay expenses incurred by a for-

profit company.

Resident Jude Fritz expressed concern about the condition of roads in general and asked for

a plan regarding road repair. He also inquired if a cooperation agreement with other townships would help manage the costs. Pipech and Engineer Andrew Pasonick explained that while a road survey was completed in 2015, there is no actual plan because road work is dependent on available funding.

They said the township is seeking grant funding to make repairs to several roads, including Basswood and Wilderness Drive. Pipech also explained that low-impact roads would likely be double tar and chipped rather than paved since that work is one third the cost of paving.

Supervisors did repair to a section Wilderness Drive by Sealmasters at a cost of \$3,100. The work was done on a section of the road that had deteriorated and was not connected with the Atlantic Broadband project.

In other business ...

Pasonick reported net posts at the pickleball court were set and Smith's Blacktopping is scheduled to pave the courts. Pipech discussed work on the pickleball court performed by the public works crew. He said one of the courts is paved, the asphalt will be allowed to cure during the winter and painting will be done in the spring. He said the fence and lighting can be installed during the fall-winter timeframe.

Pasonick reported that he was working on bids for the demolition of the fire hall to be opened and submitted on November 6.

Supervisors voted to reduce the assumed rate of return on the Uniformed Pension Plan from 7 % to 6.75% to reduce the risk of a shortfall in real

returns.

Poll workers being sought in Fairview

With the addition of the Fairview Township municipal building as a second polling place for the upcoming general election, the Luzerne County Election Bureau is looking for poll workers to fill several positions. Anyone interested should call the election bureau at 570-825-1715.

Rice to receive grant for park project

A multipurpose recreational field in Rice Township and a flood mitigation project in Newport Township will be completed thanks to two grants totaling more than \$400,000 that were awarded recently, announced state Rep. Gerald Mullery.

Rice Township will receive \$243,945 through the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program while Newport Township is getting \$160,000 from the Flood Mitigation Program provided by the state's Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Mullery said Rice Township is planning to construct a 71,000 square foot multipurpose/soccer field at its 21-acre park to better accommodate the community's recreational needs. The total project cost is \$286,995.

Mullery introduces bill to put moratorium on closing White Haven, Polk centers

A bill which would put a

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Crowd gathers to pray the Rosary



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

About 50 people came out to participate in the Rosary Rally this year. Every year more

A Rosary rally was held on Saturday, October 12 at 12 p.m. in the Weis parking lot in Mountain Top. This event was sponsored by America Needs Fatima and was one of over 23,000 rallies that took place across the U.S. on the same day. About 50 people came to the event to offer

and more people come and Pray the Rosary together.

reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the U.S.

Each year more and more people come to Rosary Rallies across the country to pray the Rosary.



Some members of the St. Jude PJAS team. Row 1: Addison Burick, Carly Glaser, Jenna Medvetz, Francesca Basalyga and Margaret Mary Ganter; row 2: Ahyaan Sayed, Jack Novelli, Ethan Brenner, Kyle Kocon and Kaden Ayre.

Saint Jude to hold bingo

Saint Jude School will hold its annual Halloween Bingo to benefit their PJAS (Pennsylvania Academy of Science) team Sunday, October 20. Doors open at 12 noon and bingo will begin at 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Each year PJAS students conduct experiments, document findings and then present their scientific work at regional and state-wide competitions. All proceeds will benefit the PJAS team comprised of 7th and 8th grade students as they compete.

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CRAFT FAIR

Mountaintop Senior Care

will host a craft fair on **November 2** from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be a variety of handmade crafts, vendors, and comfort food. Mountaintop Senior Care is located at 185 S. Mountain Blvd. Mountaintop. For more information contact Joann at 570-474-6377 ext 181.

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.

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

BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE

Mt. Zion UCC Slocum will hold its annual fall breakfast and bake sale on **Sunday, November 3** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Slocum Fire Company Hall.

The all-you-can eat hearty breakfast features bacon, sausage, eggs, home fries, pancakes, toast, coffee, juices, and homemade goodies.

Cost is adults \$9; children (6-12 years) \$4.50 and children 5 and under are free.

Join them for a morning of good food and fellowship!

NOVEMBER 4 GFWC MEETING

GFWC Mountain Top will hold its next meeting on **Monday, November 4**, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, Route 309, Mountain Top. The theme will be Pj Party For Ruth's Place. The guest speaker will be from Ruth's Place, and a donation of new PJs would be appreciated. This is a PJ Party so you are welcome to come in PJs to the meeting. Hostesses are Mary Jo, Stacey and Marge.

For more information or questions please call Gaylene

at 570-751-6144 or visit them on Facebook @ GFWC Mountain Top.

NOVEMBER 7 AL AUXILIARY MEETING

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 781 will hold its monthly meeting on **November 7** at the American Legion Home off Church Road in Mountain Top.

There is a Junior Auxiliary always looking for some young people to join their family. The junior members run activities to help veterans and community. If you are interested in having some fun and learning more about the Juniors please contact Ava Groth (avagroth@yahoo.com). Ava is presently selling Gertrude Hawk candy bars for \$1, there is a box at the Legion for your convenience or email Ava for additional information. Ava is in the process of getting a raffle ticket together, all members are asked to help her in this fundraiser. If you can sell tickets for her please contact Ava at her email, or at the American Legion Home off Church Road in Mountain Top.

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

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moratorium on closing the White Haven and Polk state centers was introduced on October 3 by State Rep. Gerald Mullery, D-Luzerne.

"From day one of the governor's decision to close these facilities I have been fighting for the residents, their families, and the hundreds of caregivers who stand to lose their jobs," Mullery said. "Many of these residents require 24/7 care and

closing these facilities would create unnecessary and devastating emotional and financial duress."

House Bill 1918 would enact a moratorium on the closing of both White Haven and Polk state centers until Pennsylvania is better prepared to respond to the impending fall-out. It has bipartisan support with co-prime sponsors Rep. Tarah Toohil, R-Luzerne, and Rep. R. Lee James, R-Venango/Butler.

"The residents of these

centers have been receiving outstanding care for many years from dedicated employees who treat them like family. Their lives have now been turned upside down by the governor's heartbreaking decision," Toohil said. "When the closure announcement was made, all of us pledged to do everything within our power to help. House Bill 1918 is another step in that process."

"I am committed to giving a voice to these residents and their families," James said.

"Make no mistake about it, these are folks who require round-the-clock care and will not survive in community homes."

Hearings were held regarding the Department of Human Services' proposed closure of the centers to hear testimony from interested parties. Mullery took the lead in those proceedings.

"The recent hearing conducted by the Senate Human Services Committee revealed that the decision to close these facilities was made without

any stakeholder input," Mullery said. "Moreover, Secretary Miller was unable to provide adequate responses to the simplest of questions posed by state lawmakers.

"The hearing established one uncontroverted fact. This decision was not properly vetted, well-planned or well-executed. As such, the decision to uproot our most vulnerable constituents should be reversed and future discussion should be completely transparent," Mullery said.

Jones places in top five in competition



Caroline Jones

Caroline Jones, Mountain Top, placed in the Top Five (4th runner up) at the Miss Pennsylvania Scholarship Competition this summer. She also won the Miss America Academic Award. Caroline will finish out her year as Miss Keystone 2019 and crown her successor next month!

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NOVEMBER 10 PURSE BINGO

Crestwood Senior Lock In will host a purse bingo fundraiser in the Crestwood High School cafeteria on **Sunday, November 10**. Doors open at 12 noon, games begin at 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 in advance.

Please contact Jen Phillips to purchase your tickets at 570-579-6403 or tickets may be purchased at Boxes And Bows, 134 North Mountain Blvd. or Golden Scissors Salon, 132 South Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top.

Please make checks payable to Crestwood Secondary PTA. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$25.

Please come out to support the Crestwood Class of 2020!

NOVEMBER 12 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET

Sons of the American Legion Mountain Post 781 will meet on **November 12** 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,**

November 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of St. Jude's school. All current members are asked to attend. New members are always welcome. Please call the Recorder, Stanley R. Gutkowski III, for more information at 570-474-5785. Visit them at www.stjudekofc6440.org or like them on Facebook at [stjudekofc6440](https://www.facebook.com/stjudekofc6440).

NOVEMBER 12, 19, 26 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mountaintop Family Church will host After School Clubs on **Tuesdays, November 12, 19 and 26**. All children in our community in 1st-6th grades can be dropped off from 3:40 to 4 p.m. and picked up at 5 p.m. at the church.

The children will have free play time with ping pong, air hockey, Legos, games and more. Children will choose from the following clubs: Crafts or Cup Stacking for grades 1-6, Lego Robotics for grades 3-6 and Stomp for grades 4 to 6.

Please sign up by November 3 by contacting Debbie Knorr at the church office at 570-474-0900 or debbie@mfchurch.com.

NOVEMBER 17 GFWC AUCTION

The GFWC of Mountain Top will host its annual auction on **Sunday, November 17** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 309, Mountain Top. Bidding begins at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The Club

is seeking donations from local businesses; food, gift cards and crafts. For more information or questions please call Gaylene at 570-751-6144.

NOVEMBER 29 CONCERT FOR REBECCA

The 9th annual Concert for Rebecca and all victims of domestic violence will be held on **Friday, November 29** from 6-10:30 p.m. at Sand Springs Country Club, 10 Club House Drive in Drums

Music by: Don Shappelle & The Pickups Band with Craig Thatcher; John Lukas plus guest speakers D.A. Stefanie Salavantis, Tammy Rodgers and Pat Rush-ton.

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MMI students complete community service projects

Preparatory School students completed community service projects throughout Greater Hazleton to commemorate the third annual Athena Ford '01 Day of Service.

The Athena S. Ford '01 Endowed Fund for Community Service was established in 2017 by members of the MMI Class of 2001 to honor their classmate, who passed away on October 23, 2016. This fund is restricted by MMI to be used solely for expenses needed to establish and perpetuate The Athena Ford '01 Day of Service.

Sixth grade students, under the direction of advisors Anthony Cusat, Laurie Mele, and Amanda Shonk, joined the MMI Maintenance Department to complete projects at the MMI Athletic Field Complex and Schiavo Trail. Sev-

enth grade students, with advisors Stella Boosalis, Michael Mele, and Jennifer Novotney, did work at the Freeland Little League field and later joined the sixth graders at the athletic complex.

Eighth grade students, along with advisors Patty Medvecky, Gabriela Moustardas, and Christina Spencer, helped at Country Heart Farm. Freshmen, under the guidance of Cheryl Bayo, Timothy Garvey and Kathryn Green visited Eckley Miners' Village. Lisa Ferry and Michael Scaralato accompanied the sophomores in cleaning up the Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails.

Juniors, along with advisors Syra Dewar, Grete Floryshak, Gerard Pierotti, and Vince Vella, conducted projects at Conyngham United Method-



Athena Ford DOS – Juniors: Members of the MMI Junior class with advisor Mrs. Syra Dewar performed clean up at The Conyngham United Methodist Church. Pictured are, first row, from left: Kimberly Amentler, Christian

Badamo, Julie Amentler, and Irene Altmiller; second row: Louis DeAngelo, Hunter Blasko, Morgan Allen, and Alexis Dalesandro; third row: Thomas Ansilio, Mrs. Syra Dewar, and Gregory Leonard.

ist Church, Valley West Little League field, and Whispering Willows Park. Seniors, under the direction of advisors Melis-

sa McHale, Sara Myers, and Justin Vincent worked at the Butler Township Community Garden and Freedom Park/Valley East Little League complex.

Following the community service activities, everyone enjoyed a lunch courtesy of the MMI Parents Association.

Athena Ford's entire life was

marked by sincere empathy, care and concern for, and service to her fellow man. While a student at MMI, Ford started a chapter of Amnesty International, served on the Regional Planning Board for the Mid-Atlantic Region, and started a

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Greg Wolovich for Luzerne County Council

KEY ISSUES

- Standing up for families and property owners alike. Property taxes are both crippling and chasing away those who call Luzerne County home.
- Focused on finding ways to cut spending, taking the burden off of all tax paying residents.
- Promoting increased communication between State, County and Local officials to effectively solve problems in a joint effort.



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Emily Urbanski named National Merit Semifinalist

Wyoming Seminary senior Emily Urbanski of Mountain Top has been named a Semifinalist in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship competition, said Tom Morris, Dean of the Upper School.

Urbanski now has the opportunity to continue in the competition for about 7,500 Merit Scholarship Awards, worth more than \$32 million, that will be offered next spring.

About 90 percent, or approximately 15,000 of the Semifinalists are expected to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. All Merit Scholar designees will be chosen from the Finalist group, without regard to race, gender, ethnic origin or religious preference.



Emily Urbanski

Three types of Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in 2020. Every Finalist will be considered for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis.

Kirby Library holds costume giveaway

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library held its annual children's costume giveaway at the library in the large multipurpose room on Saturday, October 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There were costumes for all ages and the event was open to everyone.

Monetary donations were accepted to benefit the library.



Looking for a perfect costume for her son Christopher Cunningham, 7 months is Chloe George.



Sarah Cox, Michael D'Aiello who is holding 11 month old Makai D'Aiella, Kiara Cox and Khyden Cox found the perfect costumes.

Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos



Pictured from left are Paul F Harper, president/secretary; Dennis Wildes, Mike Wildes, Jeremy Harper, assistant league operations.

Golf league champions announced

The 2019 Mountain Top Golf League which is held at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Mountain Top has come to an end. After 23 weeks of regular season play and three weeks of playoffs, this year's champions are the *The Wilde Bunch*, Dennis and Mike Wildes. They defeated Paul Harper and Joe Gallagher in an 18 hole match play event by a score of 24-17.

The league consists of 40 regular members and over 20 substitutes. Dennis and Mike are first time winners of the league which has been in existence for over 30 years. Next year's league will start up once again with its annual meeting to be held in March.

MMI to host annual harvest bingo



Pictured preparing for the event are, first row: Melissa Loss.; second row: Lani Drobnock, MMI Coordinator of Parent Programs, and Allyne Allen.

The MMI Preparatory School Parents Association will host its annual harvest bingo on Sunday, October 20 in the MMI gymnasium on the school's campus at 154 Centre Street in Freeland. Doors open at 12 p.m. and Early Bird games begin at 1 p.m., with regular games to follow. Admission is \$5.

The afternoon features a \$500 jackpot, cash prizes, Early Bird specials, and other special games. The event also includes a tricky tray raffle, door prizes, and homemade food for sale.

All proceeds benefit student activities and events at MMI.

For more information, contact Lani Drobnock at 570-636-1108 or email ldrobnock@mmiprep.org.

Jankowski graduates from PA program

Olivia Jankowski of Mountain Top recently graduated from the Physician's Assistant Program at King's College. She was among 66 students who completed the Physician Assistant Studies master's degree program.

Upon graduating, PAs must pass the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) to receive national certification through the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), the only certifying organization for PAs in the United States.

As a part of their responsibilities, PAs perform physical exams, diagnose illnesses, develop and carry out treatment plans, order and interpret lab tests, assist in surgery, provide patient education and prescribe medications.

PAs are employed in virtually all types of health care



Olivia Jankowski

settings including private offices, clinics and hospitals. PAs can practice in almost any field of medicine including family practice, surgery, pediatrics, psychiatry, and orthopedics, to name just a few.

King's PA graduates have achieved placements throughout the country and many are working in medically underserved areas.

SAL barbecues chicken dinner



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo
SAL members Paul Pavelitz and Rodney Wetzel put together four dinners for a customer.

The Sons of the American Legion, Post 781 in Mountain Top, held its fall chicken dinner on Sunday, October 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or until sold out. The dinner included half a barbecued chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll and dessert. The takeout only dinner cost only \$10 each. A clothing drive to benefit veterans was held during the hours of the dinner.



Eva Orloski and Catherine Schlude look to hook "the big one" as they learn in the Saint Jude Preschool program.

Fishing makes learning fun

Fishing season does not officially begin in Pennsylvania until spring, but if you visited the Saint Jude three-year-old preschool recently you would have thought it was in full swing! Students learned about numbers, letters and colors as they fished for animal life. They were treated to a life-sized boat to ride in and fishing poles to cast. Although this trip was a "catch and release" adventure, the memories will be sure to hook students on learning for some time to come.

Knights announced soccer winners



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo
Coaches from left are Grand Knight Bob Murphy, Deputy Grand Knight Mark Rongone and Stanley R. Gutkowski Recorder for the Council and Chair of the soccer challenge. The winners from left are John Lupcho, 9; Kevin Schlude, 10; Anson Jumper, 11 and Christopher Schlude, 12.

The Knights of Columbus of St. Jude Council #6440 announce the four winners of the soccer challenge that was held on Sunday, September 15 behind St. Jude School. The four winners this year that will go to Regionals to be held on Sunday, October 20 at Lions Field in Pittston are John Lupcho, Kevin Schlude, Anson Jumper and Christopher Schlude.

Children enjoy a day of fishing at fishing derby on Blytheburn Lake

The Blytheburn Lake Association held its annual children's fishing derby on Sunday, October 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the lake. The event was for children 12 years old and under and they had to be accompanied by an adult. Fishing was off the dam and along the shoreline. Bait was provided for the children to fish with and refreshments were served. Prizes were also awarded. The fun event was free for all the children who came.



Daisy and Brownie Scouts from Mountain Top Troop 32525 are ready to enjoy a day of fishing at Blytheburn Lake's fishing derby. In the front row from left are Melody Cavallo, Adalyn Hischak, Carly Shedlock, Lydia Cain, Renee Graham and Abigail Lewis; back row are Veda Sivaraman, Cecelia Cain, Abigale Hinkle, Lillian Michael, Gianna Tommo, Adelyn Kuhel, Emma Myers and Josie Solomon.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos
Clockwise, from above: Allana Mulligan, 5, looks pretty good as she fishes in the derby; Jake Edwards, 8, is a little chilly and tired after fishing for a while; Autumn Yenalevitch, 7, has been coming to the fishing derby for at least 5 years and here she proudly shows off the perch she just caught; Shawn Mulligan, 8, is having a great time fishing in the derby.



Wyoming Seminary students receive alumni service awards

Wyoming Seminary seniors Paige Parsons of Bear Creek and Jared Bozinko of Mountain Top received the 2019 Wyoming Seminary Alumni Service Awards during Sem's recent homecoming festivities. The

award recognizes exceptional student leadership and service to the campus community.

Parsons and Bozinko were two of eight seniors nominated for this year's alumni award. Nominees also included Reese

Butcher of Kingston, Edward Jang of Seoul, South Korea, Bari Lefkowitz of Kingston, Alexander Meuser of Shavertown, Anthony Persi of Livermore, Calif., and Emily Urbanski of Mountain Top.

Members of the Wyoming Seminary Alumni Council interviewed the eight students and determined the two 2019 award recipients.

Bozinko, son of Sandra and Carl Bozinko of Mountain Top, is active in the Sem music department where he serves as concertmaster of the Sem orchestra and string ensemble and performs in the wind ensemble, Chorale, the Madrigal Singers and the Wyoming Seminary

Civic Orchestra. He also represented Sem at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Choir in 2019. He is active in SLAM, Debate Club, Writing Center, Library Advisory Board, Peer Group, Peer Tutoring Program and Stage Crew, and he is a Narrative 4 trained facilitator/student leader. An Eagle Scout, he has led various community service projects including the cleaning of a local parish's nature trail.



Nominees and recipients of the 2019 Alumni Service Awards at Sem are, from left: Elizabeth Katyl, Sem Class of 2005, Sem Director of Alumni Programs; Award nominee Anthony Persi, Livermore, Calif.; nominee Emily Urban-
ski, Mountain Top; nominee Alexander Meuser,

Shavertown; award recipient Paige Parsons, Bear Creek; nominee Edward Jang, Seoul, South Korea; nominee Bari Lefkowitz, Kingston; award recipient Jared Bozinko, Mountain Top; nominee Reese Butcher, Kingston; and Kevin Rea, Wyoming Seminary president.



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- To provide the best services for Luzerne County Taxpayers at the lowest cost.
- To focus on the future by seeking economic and industrial opportunities.
- To ensure Council is an accessible and responsive governing body.



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About Lee Ann: Successful Shavertown business owner for 24 years. Understands the need for prudent fiscal planning. Active community volunteer in leadership positions. Lifelong resident of Luzerne County. Married with four children and one grandchild.

Programs offered at Nescopeck State Park in November

The following programs will be offered in November 2019. For programs that require registration, please register by using their online events calendar at: <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/> or call 570-403-2006 unless otherwise listed.

Wednesday, November 13

Hiking Series #8: Upper-Upper Lehigh Gorge 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 Nesco-

peck State Park office for more information.

Trail: Upper-Upper Lehigh Gorge Rail Trail

Length: 3 miles

Terrain: easiest

Meet: Ice Lake Road, off Middleburg Road near White Haven

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

Friday, November 15

Art in the Park for Seniors; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Seniors only – if you've ever taken advantage of a senior discount, that's you! Registration required. Free.

For many of us, November is a month that has us talkin' turkey. Therefore in honor of the wild turkey, come join volunteer Jan Lokuta and create

your own Audubon-inspired turkey painting to take home! All materials will be provided, however participants should bring an old overshirt or dress in clothes they won't mind getting messy. Because this is a lengthy program, everyone should bring a bag lunch, water, and any snacks they might need.

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.

For more information on any of Pennsylvania's state parks visit www.dcnr.state.pa.us or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS.

Girls Volleyball

Monday, September 30

Crestwood won against Hazleton 3-1.

Scores of the matches were: 25-15, 25-23, 17-25, 25-17.

Leading scores for Crestwood: Mel Golden 33 Assists, 11 Service Points; Carly Bono 12 Service Points, 5 Aces, 14 Kills; Ellie Glowacki 12 Service Points, 5 Aces, 7 Kills.

JV lost 1-2.

Wednesday, October 2

Crestwood won against Dallas 3-2.

Scores of the matches were: 25-23, 22-25, 25-15, 23-25, 15-10.

Leading scores for Crestwood: Mel Golden 39 Assists, 14 Service Points, 3 Kills; Carly Bono 9 Service Points, 7 Digs, 11 Kills; Ellie Glowacki 7 Service Points, 5 Digs, 9 Kills; Mady Soboleski 8 Kills, 7 Service Points.

JV lost 2-0.

Monday, October 7

Crestwood won against

Hanover 3-0.

Scores of the matches were: 25-11, 25-16, 25-8.

Leading scores for Crestwood: Mel Golden 22 Assists, 18 Service Points, 4 Aces; Carly Bono 4 Service Points, 3 Aces, 9 Kills; Mady Soboleski 5 Kills, 2 Service Points.

JV won 2-0.

Thursday, October 10

Crestwood lost against Holy Redeemer 0-3.

Varsity Record is 8-4.

Scores of the matches were: 14-25, 15-25, 16-25.

Leading scores for Crestwood: Kelsey Kulak 7 Service Points, 2 Aces, 4 Kills; Mel Golden 12 Assists; Carly Bono 6 Kills.

JV lost 1-2.

JV record is 7-5.

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Yellow Ribbon Club to prevent teen suicide. After graduating in 2007 from Kenyon College, she was a community organizer in Philadelphia for Working America. She tirelessly worked in the field of health insurance reform, first for the support and passage of the ACA with the Philadelphia Unemployment Project, then as the statewide advocacy director for the Pennsylvania Health Action Network. Ford died in 2016 as a result of complications sustained in an automobile collision where she was a seat-belted passenger and suffered a traumatic brain injury. In addition to honoring Ford's memory at MMI, Kenyon College awarded her its most prestigious honor, the Kenyon Alumni Council Humanitarian Service Award, and the Keystone Research Project permanently named their annual Citizen Activist Award after her. Her legacy will not be forgotten, as she will continue to inspire MMI students to a life of service through this fund.



Athena Ford DOS – Sophomores: Members of the MMI Sophomore Class worked on putting in pavers at the Bike Rental station at the Rails to Trails trailhead. Pictured are, from left: Gina Galada, Randy Zea, Sandra Abdulrahman, Rachael Betz, and Christian Homnack.

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Teen programs offered at Kirby Library

The following is the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library November Teen Program schedule.

Middle School Book Club Grades 6-8, Tuesday, November 12, 6-7 p.m. You will be discussing *Masterminds* written by Gordon Korman. Snacks and refreshments served. Books available to check out at the circulation desk.

Fall Teen Spa Night, Grades 6-12, November 19, 6-7:30 p.m. Enjoy a relaxing night at the M.S. Kirby Library. Make a rejuvenating pumpkin spice scrub, homemade lip gloss, fall glitter calming bottle. They

will also have a yogurt bar, warm apple cider and other fall snacks. Total of 15 spots available. Register early!!

High School Book Club Grades 9-12, 6-7 p.m. You will be discussing *Dear Evan Hansen: The Novel*, written by Val Emmich. Snacks and refreshments served. Books will be available after October 29 to checkout at the circulation desk.

Registration required for all programs. Please register at the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library, 35 Kirby Avenue, Mountain Top, or call 570-474-9313.

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Adult Choir practices Thurs-

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

Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 5 p.m. Food, fun & more!

Christ Church offers a community Cancer Support Group meeting the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Grief Support Group meets by appointment. Breakfast Fellowship Group meets at the Chalet, Thursday at 8 a.m.

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

CONYNGHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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.

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

Once again, the Sunday School mission project for October is to collect donations for the Hazleton Animal Shelter. This is a mission near and dear to the children, they always request this one! They need pet food, toys, blankets, cleaning supplies, treats, cat litter etc. You may place your donation in the marked box in the social hall.

Trunk or Treat will take place on October 31 from 6-8 p.m. If you would like to be a part of this year's trunk-or-treat, please sign up in the social hall. Candy donations are much needed and there is a box located in the social hall for the candy donations. You can bring your car to decorate, or just come dressed up and wander around handing out candy, talking with kids, and

being with your church community. Please contact Beth Yost with any questions.

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.

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

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Emmanuel United Church of Christ will hold its turkey dinner on Saturday, October 19 from 3 to 7 p.m. The meal includes turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, homemade pickled cabbage and dessert. Take outs only. Ticket price per meal is \$11. If you would like to reserve tickets for the meal, please call the church office at 570-868-5675. Tickets will be available for sale at the door.

Teen Talk is for anyone in 7th grade and above. They meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to talk about God and Jesus, how their lives are influenced by them and how they can be an influence to others.

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

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

If you are in need of pastoral care, call Pastor Lou Aita at 570-582-9550 or email him at aitatl12@ptd.net. E-mail access is emmanuel_ucc@hotmail.com and the website is emmanuel-ucc.org.

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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: Ignite Young Adults (ages 25-40)

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Tuesday, November 12 at 6 p.m. Christmas Shoe Box packing party

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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.

Faith Church will be holding its annual chicken & waffle supper on Saturday, November 9, serving family style from 4 to 7 p.m. Take-outs are available from 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for age 13 through adult, \$5 for children age 5 to 12, and children under age 4 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the supper.

Faith will be making Christmas candy in December including white chocolate peppermint bark, milk or dark chocolate raisin clusters, peanut clusters, and mixed clusters. Cost \$10 for 1 pound box.

Please call 570-301-8097 by November 12 to place order.

You can email Pastor Scott at somiller@susumc.org or call him at 570-200-5388. Find them on Facebook at [newhopewapwallopen](https://www.facebook.com/newhopewapwallopen).

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Services: Saturday: 6 p.m.

Sunday: 8 & 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael J. Kloton, Pastor

Route 309, Drums

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.

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Peyton Dixon, 6 gets a little guidance from mom Holly Tencza during the first game of the day.

Bingo supports the youth group

The Youth Group of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dorrance held a bingo in the parish social hall on Sunday, October 6 with games beginning at 1 p.m. Prizes included a variety of Vera Bradley items and designer handbags. The doors opened at noon so many could enjoy something to eat from the kitchen and to preview the prizes. There were also some door prizes. Proceeds from the bingo will be used for next summer's parish mission trips.



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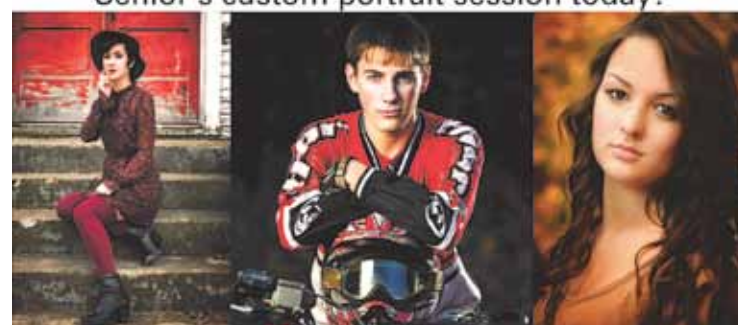
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Please note that the new day/time for confessions is Saturday from 5-5:30 p.m.

All parents who wish to have their child baptized are required to attend the mandatory Baptism Preparation class held quarterly by Deacon Jim. Even if you have attended a Baptism Preparation class within the past three years, it is necessary for you to attend the class with Deacon Jim each time you wish to have a child baptized.

The parish email address has temporarily been removed from their website. While they investigate alternatives, for any parish business please contact them using the phone number for the office.

The annual pumpkin painting event for the Faith Formation students will be held on Monday, October 21, immediately following Faith Formation classes.

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, pretzels, 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 believ-

ing 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 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 KJV Bibles, music, and various other items.

To contact the church

call 570-868-6298 or email Kornerb@Truevine.net.

HARVEST CONYNGHAM VALLEY

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

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Sunday children's ministry is age specific. Each child is loved and cared for by approved and responsible adults and youth support staff. At Higher Ground, each child is valued and taught the Word of God in age appropriate ways that encourage children to learn and enjoy their time in Harvest's Children's Ministry.

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

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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 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.

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

On Saturday, November 2, a Soup and Chili Cook-Off will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per entry and entries are due October 27. Tasting is 25¢ per soup/

chili and voting is \$1 per vote. During the cook-off, there will also be free hayrides and a moon bounce outside, weather permitting. A dessert auction and bake sale will be held at 1:30 p.m. after the cook-off. If you are interested in making a homemade dessert for the dessert auction or bake sale, please sign up by October 27. All proceeds will benefit the children's and teen ministries.

An After School Club will be held at MFC on Tuesdays, November 12, 19 and 26. All children in the community in 1st-6th grade can be dropped off from 3:40 to 4 p.m. and picked up at 5 p.m. at the church. The children will have free play time with ping pong, air hockey, Legos, games and more. Children may choose from the following clubs: Crafts or Cup Stacking for grades 1-6, Lego Robotics for grades 3-6, and Stomp for grades 4 to 6. Please sign up by November 3 by contacting Debbie Knorr at the church office at 570-474-0900 or emailing debbie@mfcchurch.com.

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.

The church will hold Thursday Family Faith Nights. 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
Lily Lake Road, Slocum

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

On Sunday, October 20, Sue Gannis will be the special guest speaker. Everyone is invited to an afternoon of bowling fun at Chacko's Bowling Center at 1 p.m. where our Power of Prayer Youth Group will be asking for sponsors to help fund their charities. Following bowling, everyone is invited to stay and enjoy pizza and soda. The cost for everyone is free except for the donations to the youth group.

Pastor Bob Thomas will lead the worship service on October 27. Following the service, there will be the annual Halloween parade and festivities. In the evening, the church will be participating in the Trunk & Treat program at the Slocum Fire Company at 5 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join them for any of their October events.

For more information regarding the church services and activities, please contact Diane Webster at 570-379-3713.

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Services: Sunday
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

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and worship the way it used to be.

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

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, October 20. Elder Pastor Neil Partington will present the message.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Classes are available for all ages.

The church will be holding its first "Trunk or Treat" to give neighborhood kids a alternative to walking the streets for treats. Contact Steve Koons if you want to decorate your trunk and offer goodies, or just help in some way. The festivities will be held on October 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the lower lot. If inclement weather it will move inside fellowship hall.

The next carry-in luncheon will be held after worship on October 20. Please plan to fellowship and share your best covered dish.

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.

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 bulletin 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. 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 park-

ing behind the church.

Choir practice is every Thursday at 3 p.m.

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

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.

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

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Auctioneer Frank Benscoter works the room.

Sale/auction a success at Stairville UMC

Stairville United Methodist Church in Mountain Top held its annual variety sale and auction on Saturday, October 5 beginning at 9 a.m. with the auction starting at 1 p.m. There were many great vendors offering handmade crafts, woodworking, household items and more. Besides the variety of items for sale there was a bake sale and plenty of homemade foods. The auctioneer was Frank Benscoter with Tom Harkins, Claudia Strycharz, Mason and Caleb Yenchik assisting. This year saw a huge variety of items including two red iron beds complete with new mattresses, paintings by Christine Kellow and Tim Myers, many fishing poles and fishing kit complete with lures and flies. There were many baskets and gift cards donated by various Mountain Top businesses.

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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 park-

ing lot and Halloween party on October 27 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. No Sunday School classes.

The Thanksgiving baskets for needy families will be put together at St. James on November 24 beginning at 11 a.m. The children will bring home notices of the items they are asked to bring. The congregation is also asked to bring items to support this effort. This is a Sunday School project in cooperation with St. Mary's R.C.C. Help is always needed to assemble the baskets.

Christmas baskets for shut-ins will be assembled on December 15 by the adults while children are in class. Help would be appreciated by parents who would normally be dropping off their children.

The annual Christmas program will be held during the worship service on December 22 beginning at 9 a.m. There will be no Sunday School

classes.

There will be no Sunday School classes on December 29.

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**

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 Children's Liturgy of the Word program will now be offered at the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Rally Day celebrated at Faith UMC



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Enjoying a moment of laughter during dessert are members of Faith UMC Marie Baratta and Carol Ogan.

Faith United Methodist Church in Mountain Top held its annual Rally Day service and potluck luncheon on Sunday, October 13. The fun day began with a Sunday service beginning at 11 a.m. and was followed by a potluck luncheon in the fellowship hall. Members of the New Hope Wapwallopen Charge, which includes Faith, Slocum and Stairville United Methodist churches, enjoyed getting together with Pastor Scott O. Miller for a day of worship, good food and fellowship amongst each other.

and the 11 a.m. Mass each week (except for 8:30 a.m. family Mass once a month). Children will hear the Liturgy of the Word in their own lan-

guage and talk about the messages heard on an age appropriate level.

God Loves Moms Bible Study Group: A mom-led discussion group surrounding the book, "God Loves Moms". Bring your young children, they have babysitters to play with them while you sit, relax and reflect on God in your crazy mom-life!

The group meets twice a month from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the church meeting room. Please feel free to invite your friends, too!

Caring Kids Club returned Wednesday, October 2 at 4 p.m. (for Saint Jude School students) and 4:15 p.m. for Crestwood students!

Children in grades 1st

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through 6th are welcome to join as they learn about God, have some fun and each month complete a service project along the way.

This month is all about Mary. To sign up or for more information on CLOW, God Loves Moms Bible Study or Caring Kids Club, please contact Carrie at cgrandzol@stjc.org.

This school year join your friends for a fun night of service, games and snacks. Once a month starting at 7 p.m., the youth group will meet in St. Jude School cafeteria to work on a service project. They will also have games and snacks! Feel free to invite friends too! Youth night dates are: November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 10, April 4 and May 14.

Updated youth group October events are: October 20: Mountain Top Senior Care Halloween party, 2-3:30 p.m.; October 28: St. Jude's Feast Day, 6 p.m. Novena in the church. Questions, contact Tricia Scanlan, 570-474-6315, ext. 228 or tscanlan@stjc.org.

The Knights of Columbus of St. Jude will be holding its annual recruitment drive October 26/27 after all masses. The St. Jude Council invites all Catholic gentlemen 18 years or older to join in serving the parish, community and church families as they grow in faith and fraternity.

The Knights will have an information table in the narthax during the drive if you wish additional information about the Council.

St. Jude Council K of C is selling Krispy Kreme donuts at all Masses the weekend of October 26/27. All proceeds will be

used to benefit seminarians. Glazed donuts are \$8 dozen, chocolate and crème filled are \$7 half dozen.

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.
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.

St. Martin In The Field Church will hold a homemade soup and bread sale on October 25. The soups include chicken noodle and beef barley. Each is \$8, fresh baked bread is available for \$4. Place your order by October 19 by calling Joan Barry at 570-474-

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

About 25 came out to listen to the talented Ben Horrevoets sing many of the Christian songs he wrote.

Coffeehouse Cafe ends for season at New Life CC

New Life Community Church in Mountain Top held its last Coffee House Café for the summer on Friday, October 11. Everyone was welcome at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy a delicious homemade soup night and to listen to the featured performer Ben Horrevoets from New York. Horrevoets came out to perform at New Life for the first time since having triple bypass heart surgery about 8 weeks ago. Music as well as dinner cost only a \$3 donation. The start of movie and dinner night will begin Friday, November 8 beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be a great lineup of movies and awesome food.

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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. Mary's Road, Dorrance
570-868-5855**

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

Religious Education classes are held weekly on Sundays

from 10-11:15 a.m. Please call Stacy Panas with any questions or concerns at 570-332-3801.

Students are selling Gertrude Hawk candies and PA soy candles, wax melts, and hand lotion. All items are reasonably priced and would make great Christmas presents. Students pay a minimal fee and families in need only pay what they can afford. Our community is able to do this because of the generosity of the parish community.

Order forms are in the back of the church. Pre-paid orders are due by October 20. Orders will be available for pick up the weekend of December 7/8.

The next youth group meeting is October 20, 6-8 p.m. in the dining room. They will be putting up two more racks. Help is needed! Youth group is

for all young adults in seventh grade and older.

Mark your calendars: Trunk or Treat, October 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Roast beef supper, November 2, 3-7 p.m. Turkey bingo, November 10, 1 p.m.

Roast beef supper: Saturday, November 2, 3-7 p.m. Tickets are available! Adults and take out: \$10, Children \$4 (age 5-10). Donation sheets for desserts and other needed items are in the back of the church. Dinner is served family style and includes roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, pickled beets, pickled cabbage, dinner rolls, dessert, and beverages.

Turkey bingo: Sunday, November 10, 1 p.m. Saint Theresa's Guild will hold its annual turkey bingo on Sunday, November 10 in the hall.

Doors open at noon, Early Bird at 1 p.m. Admission is \$5, and includes a 20 game book of 4-on cards. Additional books are \$2.50. This is an all paper bingo. There will also be specials, door prizes, and raffles. The kitchen will be open.

Saint Theresa's Guild members are asked to donate \$5 worth of lottery tickets for a special raffle that will be used at the turkey bingo. Tickets are due to Elaine Polak or Molly (office) by November 3. Lottery calendars are due to Julia Vencak or Penny Smith by November 10.

Children's Christmas party: Sunday, December 8, 1 p.m. Saint Theresa's Guild will sponsor a Christmas party for children of the parish up to and including 10 years old. Sign up sheets are on the table in the social hall vestibule. The reservation deadline is November 10. Due to advance planning and preparations needed for this event late sign ups cannot be accepted. Children will be served lunch and receive a gift from Santa. Time will be available at the of the party for photos.

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 church is looking for parishioners who would like to partner with the seventh and eighth grade students to journey with them as they prepare for Confirmation. Your commitment would include praying for them, and offering them encouragement and

support via cards and letters. Call the parish office if you are able to share your love of the Catholic faith with one of the young adults, or if you would like more information.

Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring a baby shower to benefit Human Life Resource Center: There will be a bassinet in the back of the church. Anyone can put their unwrapped gifts in it. There will also be a "Piggy Bank" for monetary donations. The collection will be for the entire month of October.

A hat, scarf, & glove collection for Saint Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen and parish families is taking place. The clothing items most in need at the Soup Kitchen for winter are hats, scarves, and gloves. Please call the office if you would like to come and look at the available items.

Boxes are at the church doors for anyone who would like to make a donation. We ask that items be softly worn, new, or hand made.

All ladies of the church are invited to become a member of the Altar & Rosary Society. The next meeting is Monday, October 21, at 7 p.m. in the rectory dining room.

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.

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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 for grades Pre-K to 8th are held in the Parish Center from 9 to 10 a.m. every Sunday. The first children's Mass will be on October 13 at 10:15 a.m. The 4th grade students of the Faith Formation classes will lead prayer.

St. Patrick's youth group will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, October 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. The cost will be a donation. Proceeds will benefit Youth Group projects and the local food pantry.

Youth folk group is looking for new members! Practices are held on Thursdays from 5 to 5:45 p.m. in the church.

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.

Stubbs Landscaping of Mountain Top began work on Phase One of the Memorial Garden in September. This phase will install the cross shaped ash garden, the handicapped accessible walkways to and around the cross. Phase Two will occur next spring, in which they will

plant the landscaping around the perimeter. There will be no charge for church members to have their ashes interred in the Memorial Garden.

The cost for the stonework will be over \$11,000. If you would like to contribute any amount to this project, please use the special envelopes provided on the narthex table and bulletin board. All contributors will be recognized on a permanent marker in the garden area. If you are interested in using a Thrivent Action Team card to help with purchasing the landscaping, that would also very much be appreciated.

If you have additional ideas, please see Jim Doxsey.

This year's talent & craft auction is scheduled for Sunday, October 27. The doors open for browsing at 5:30 p.m. and the auction begins at 6 p.m.

For those of you who are new members, this is when parishioners let their talents shine and have lots of fun doing it. It may be that you have hobbies that are very creative and you can produce something magnificent in that way. Or, maybe you'd like to offer your time by babysitting, raking leaves or other fall

yard work, or shoveling snow for someone who cannot do this anymore, or helping someone paint a room in their house, etc. Gardeners can produce beautiful flowers and plants, or bakers can produce some goodies, or cooks can prepare a few meals for a shut-in, or holiday decorating, hand stitched item, etc. Bring donations in that morning. Every one has a skill of some sort that can be auctioned off. If you haven't started yet, now is the time to get your thinking caps on and come up with something that will reap a benefit for WELCA's treasury. WELCA has done so

much for the church through the years, and now it's time to help them. Apple dumplings will be served at the auction and usually leftovers are sold at the end of the auction. The baking of apple dumplings will be on Saturday, October 26. Any questions, please call Sue Henahan at 570-474-6558.

5th Wednesday Surprise Lunch: Mark your calendars now and join them on Wednesday, October 30. They will meet at 11:30 a.m. at St. Paul's and carpool to the destination. Bring along a friend. Everybody's wel-

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Attention all youth! It's time for HAUNTED FUN! October 30 from 6-8 p.m. Looking forward to a gathering of ghouls and ghosts and goblin hosts! Join tem on Wednesday evening as they check out this year's Halloween fashion; play a few games, sing, dance and enjoy some treats.

It's that time once again for Feed-A-Friend to seek volunteers to help with the sorting, packing and handing out Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. This year they are seeking volunteers of all ages to help sort food starting on Saturday, November 23 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. On Sunday, November 24, they will pack bags with the

Sunday School/adults can help too. Finally, Distribution day will be Tuesday, November 26 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to help carry the food to cars. Any time you can volunteer and help would be greatly appreciated! Any questions contact Terry Scott at 570-868-7368 or tjscott805@gmail.com.

Every third Wednesday, at 1 p.m. at the church will be board game day. Please bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Come on out and have some fun.

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 pre-school 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.

Please join them for their 6th annual free community Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings! Enjoy home cooked roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, vegetables, dinner rolls, drinks, and of course, all types of delicious desserts

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including pumpkin pie! The dinner will take place at the church on Wednesday, November 27 from 3 to 6 p.m.

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-drums.com or Email: stpauls-drums@gmail.com.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP

Services: Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
David Holmlund, Pastor
317 Glen Oaks Drive
White Haven
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 services are planned at

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5 p.m. on Sunday evenings this fall. There will be more information about the meeting place in the coming weeks.

Although they are excited for the start of services, for a couple more weeks their main weekly gathering is the Bible study from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays. As of September 26, their location moved to 317 Golden Oaks Drive in White Haven, which is off of Rt. 940 near the turnpike. Since the beginning of services is an important step for the congregation, they are using the next several Bible studies to see how God's word provides a clear mission regarding their doctrine, worship, and congregational life. They would be delighted to have visitors join them if there is an interest to learn about the new congregation.

Pastor Dave Holmlund 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.

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.

During the first two weeks of October they will be making homemade pierogies for sale at the church.

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Misericordia University recognizes second annual Sister Mary Glennon scholarships class

Misericordia University recently recognized the second class of students to receive the full-tuition Sister Mary Glennon '62 Scholarships during a reception in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library.

The 2019 Glennon Scholarships recipients and academic majors are: Brooke Chronister, Casey Franzreb, Cecelia Heidelberger, Caitlyn Henry, Peyton Kimmel and Patrick Rother of Mountain Top.

The merit-based scholarship program awards six competitive scholarships annually to qualified incoming first-year students. Every first-time, full-time student who is admitted by January 1, 2020 to the private, four-year Catholic institution is eligible for the scholarship program that covers four years of tuition as long as the students meet established academic criteria.

Students who apply to the University and meet or exceed eligibility criteria (1250 SAT or 26 ACT and 3.7 GPA or 1250 SAT or 26 ACT and top 5 percent of their graduating class) will be invited to participate in



Scholarship recipients, from left, are Peyton Kimmel, Prince Frederick, MD; Caitlyn Henry, Burlington, NJ; Patrick Rother, Mountain Top, PA; Cecelia Heidelberger, Lincroft, NJ, and Brooke Chronister, Gardners, PA. Absent from photo is Casey Franzreb, Staten Island, NY.

the competitive selection process. The University invites eligible applicants to participate in a tour of campus, have lunch with faculty and students in their field of study, and to write an essay.

A five-member committee reviews the completed essays and narrows the field to about 12 students. Committee members interview finalists and make scholarship offers to students who plan to major in academic programs available in each of the University's three colleges – College

of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and College of Health Sciences and Education. Overall, the program will award no more than three scholarships to any one college and not less than one each.

The essay writing dates for students interested in the 2020 Glennon Scholarships program are Wednesdays, January 22, 29 and February 5. The finalists will interview with committee members on Monday, February 17. Scholarship recipients will receive notification prior to March 1.

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The program begins at 9:50 a.m. and ends at noon. Admission is free. Refreshments will be provided. Register online at pnercd.org or call 570-234-3577. Registration beforehand is encouraged. Walk-ins are welcomed.

The Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive species native to Southeast Asia. In 2014 it was found in Pennsylvania, and has since spread to 14 counties which are now quarantined.

The Spotted Lanternfly presents a significant threat to Penn-

sylvania agriculture, including the grape, tree-fruit, hardwood and nursery industries. Learn the history, economic danger, current quarantine area, and life cycle of this invader. Learn about controls, herbicide treatments, and 'trap' trees.

The program is being offered by Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation & Development Council (PNERCD) and Luzerne Conservation District. This workshop is funded by USDA National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and sponsored by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Schedule: 9:45 a.m.: registration; 9:50 a.m.: welcome, George Kauffman, Executive Dir., Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation & Development (PNERCD); and Josh Longmore,

Executive Dir., Luzerne Conservation District; 10 a.m.: Overview – The Spotted Lanternfly and its impact, Krystal Snyder, Penn State Extension; 11 a.m.: Permits for Working in a SLF Quarantined Area, Kristen Cease, PA Dept. of Agriculture – (Permitting requirements & administration of permit test for those interested in obtaining a permit); 11:45 a.m.: questions & discussion; 12 p.m. workshop ends.

PNERCD has been in operation for more than forty years, carrying out many environmentally-related projects. Current projects include:

- Contracts with the US National Resources Conservation Center (NRCS) to carry out a variety of tasks in the environmental field, related to water quality and soil health.

- Educating and providing

technical assistance through six partner organizations to Pennsylvania-based watershed and conservation organizations.

- A renewable energy project which showed how warm season grasses could be used by farmers for their own heating needs.

- Educational workshops for the public on environmental issues. During 2019 PNERCD has already held a workshops on bats and another on warblers. Each of these species have been experiencing major decreases in population in Pennsylvania. This will be the third workshop for 2019.

The Council covers a 10-county region in northeastern Pennsylvania, including Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, and Wayne. It is a non-profit

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The Luzerne Conservation District is a local agency with the mission of conserving land and water resources in Luzerne County by promoting public awareness, providing technical assistance, and encouraging regulatory compliance. Its mission is accomplished through cooperation with landowners and land users; by working with other public and private organizations; and by conducting education and outreach efforts on natural resource conservation. For more information about the District, visit www.luzcd.org.



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MOUNTAIN TOP Must see! Hdwd flrs, upgrades galore. Beautiful grounds w/bsktbl ct. Very energy efficient, radiant heat, high pressure a/c. MLS# 19-3874
DARLENE 499-0021 \$545,000



MOUNTAIN TOP Custom 2 sty w/hdwd on 1st flr & upstairs hallway, granite, open flr pln w/2 sty great rm w/frpl. Coffered ceils in LR/DR, mst w/frpl & built-ins. MLS# 19-2974
EVELYN 715-9336 \$495,000



MOUNTAIN TOP Wonderful new spec home by Hallmark Homes! Great layout. 4BR, 4BA, lg kit, bkfst area, 3 car garage. MLS# 19-4495
LISA 715-9335 \$484,900



MOUNTAIN TOP Meticulous Hallmark Home w/4BR, 3BA, hdwd, tray ceils, crwn mldg, granite, in-ground pool w/fenced yard. MLS# 19-2917
DONNA 401-8835 \$469,900



MOUNTAIN TOP Stately home in Bow Creek Manor lg rm sizes. 4 BR, w/w.i.c., granite, 4 car gar., pool w/spa. MLS# 19-2829
ANTONIO 262-7652 \$465,000



MOUNTAIN TOP New custom built 2-sty 4BR, 3BA hdwd on 1st flr, granite kit/baths, frpl, 2nd flr laundry, paved drive, deck, seeded lawn, & paved driveway. MLS# 19-3852
EVELYN 715-9336 \$429,900



MOUNTAIN TOP New const.-Polonia Est.-2644SF home features chW on 1st flr, frpl, lg kit w/isld, 4BR, 3BA, 2nd flr laundry, gas heat, 2 car gar, to be started in fall. MLS# 19-3410
MATT 714-9229 \$389,900



MOUNTAIN TOP Private yard on over 1 acre. Custom built. Cook's kit w/ professional cooktop, dbl oven. Hdwd flrs, 1st flr laundry. Gorgeous views. MLS# 19-5377
CHRISTINE 714-9279 \$364,900



MOUNTAIN TOP Stately 2-story w/4BR, 4BA, finished LL, heated inground pool on large private lot. Large mstr suite w/sitting area, vaulted ceil, 2 add'l rms in LL. MLS# 19-3895
ANTONIO 262-7652 \$350,000



MOUNTAIN TOP New const. ranch home. Features 3BR, 2BA, open flr plan, HW in kit, LR, DR, granite, PVC rear deck. MLS# 19-3160
EVELYN 715-9336 \$298,000



MOUNTAIN TOP New construction ranch. 3BR, 3BA, open flr plan w/spacious kit. & lg ctr isld, granite, hdwd in LR, DR, kit, deck, paved drive, & seeded lawn. MLS# 18-6243
EVELYN 715-9336 \$269,900



MOUNTAIN TOP Great home w/tons of potential on 4.67 ac. Nicely renovated 2 sty w/5BRS, 2BA. Newer roof, HVAC, windows, siding, oversized garage. MLS# 19-5029
TRISTA 715-9350 \$249,900



MOUNTAIN TOP Beautiful 2000+ sq.ft. bi-level on 1+acre. 3 bdrms, 3 baths. Mod. kitchen w/granite & new appliances, deck, plus more! MLS# 19-5122
DEE 905-7259 \$236,900



MOUNTAIN TOP Prime lakefront w/50ft frontage on Lake Nuangola! Motorized boats & jets skis welcome on this lake! Home being sold "as is". MLS# 19-3433
LISA 715-9335 \$224,900



MOUNTAIN TOP Nicely re-done ranch w/ hdwd flrs, 3BR, 2 full BA, vaulted ceil w/ skylights, new roof, large fenced yd. MLS# 19-4126
ANTONIO 262-7652 \$209,900



MOUNTAIN TOP 4BR 2 sty full of charm & character. Formal DR & LR, original wdwrk & hdwd flrs, 2BA, 1st flr ldry, FR, 3 season rm, 2 car gar., & large lot. MLS# 19-5583
LINDA G. 956-0584 \$184,900



MOUNTAIN TOP Spacious ranch. Hdwd flrs in kit, LR & BR's. Kit updated w/corion. Newer BA w/handicap shower & granite, newer furnace, fenced yard, 2 car gar. MLS# 19-3075
LINDA W. 574-3404 \$179,900



MOUNTAIN TOP Spacious home w/great layout on private large lot. Fenced yard & enclosed rear 3-season room. MLS# 19-2521
ANTONIO 262-7652 \$139,000



MOUNTAIN TOP Come check this one out! Entire home has been painted, beautiful hdwd flrs. 2BR, 1-1/2BA ranch, newer roof, windows, and furnace. MLS# 18-4863
ANTONIO 262-7652 \$130,500



MOUNTAIN TOP Charming historic church/home combo w/ endless possibilities. HW flrs, stained glass, 2BR on 1st flr., 1 car att'd garage. MLS# 19-4592
STEFANIE 951-6724 \$115,000