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End of summer fun for all ages

Cornhole tournament a success for the WTPOA

On Saturday, September 28 the Wright Township Police Officers Association sponsored its first cornhole tournament. It was held at the American Legion, Post 781 in the grove with

registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. and play starting at 1:30 p.m. Cost to participate in the tournament was \$120 per 4-person team which includ-

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Kite festival brings out kids of all ages

Christ United Methodist Church in Mountain Top hosted its second annual Mountain Top Kite Festival, in partnership with the Pocono Kite Symphony, on Saturday, Sep-

tember 28 on the church grounds beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. It was a great day and opportunity to enjoy a fun family day filled with kids, kites, and food.

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Kyle Rozitski releases a bag hoping it hits its mark.



Paul Krzywicki, enjoys some halushki before the start of the tournament.



Four-year-old Maura Rosengrant runs in joy pulling the kite that she made all by herself.



Trying the zip line and looking a bit nervous is four-year-old Ella Delessio.



Wright Township Police Chief Royce Engler serves up a bowl of halushki.



Miriam Giza came to play in the tournament with her son Kevin and takes some time to practice before the tournament begins.



Illiana Potsko, 3, is having the time of her life running around the field and flying the kite she decorated.



Jackson Merenda, 5, loves emojis and is drawing them on his personalized kite that he is going to fly when he finishes.

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EVERY TUESDAY MT. TOP CARES MEETING

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

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

UNTIL OCTOBER 27 FARMER'S MARKET

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

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

OCTOBER 5 AUCTION & VARIETY SALE

Come join Stairville United Methodist Church for its annual auction and variety sale on **Saturday, October 5** beginning at 9 a.m. with the auction starting at 1 p.m. There will be vendors, crafters, plenty of food and a bake sale. The church is located at 1790 Stairville Road in Wapwallopen. Vendors interested in a table should call Christine at 570-868-3413. Tables are \$10 each.

COSTUME GIVEAWAY

A children's costume giveaway will be held at the MS Kirby Library on **Saturday, October 5** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be costumes

for all ages. This event is open to everyone. Monetary donations will be accepted to benefit the library. The library is located at 35 Kirby Avenue in Mountain Top.

OCTOBER 6 CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY

The Blytheburn Lake Association will hold it's annual children's fishing derby on **Sunday, October 6** from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lake Blytheburn. The event is for children 12 years and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Fishing will be off the dam and along the shore line. Bait will be provided. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded. There is no charge

for this event. For more information contact Felicia at 570-678-5261.

CHS CLASS OF 1970 MEETING

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

BINGO

Saint Mary's Church Youth Group, 3529 Saint Mary's Road, Dorrance Corners, will hold a bingo in the social hall on **Sunday, October 6**.

Prizes include a variety Vera Bradley items and designer handbags. Doors open at noon, games start at 1 p.m.

This is an all paper bingo, \$20 - 20 games. There will be two specials, a winner takes all coverall, and door prizes. The kitchen will be open.

Proceeds from this bingo will be used for next summer's parish mission trips. For more information call the parish office at 570-868-5855.

OCTOBER 7 HISTORY PROGRAM AT THE WHITE HAVEN LIBRARY

On October 7, the White Haven Area Community Library

will host a history program entitled *The Lehigh Navigation: How A Waterway Changed America*. The program will begin at 7 p.m. and will be presented by Martha Capwell Fox, Archives & Museum Coordinator National Canal Museum. The program is free.

The Library is located at 121 Towanda Street in White Haven.

GFWC MEETING

GFWC Mountain Top will hold its October general meeting on **Monday, October 7** at 6:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Mountain

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Top. The theme is *Fall Craft Make A Box*.

For any other information or questions please call Gaylene at 570-751-6144 or visit us on Facebook @ GFWC Mountain Top."

OCTOBER 8 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council #6440 is **Tuesday, October 8** at 7:30 p.m. in the library of St. Jude's school. All current members are asked

to attend. New members are always welcome. Please call the Recorder, Stanley R. Gutkowski III, for more information at 570-474-5785. Visit them at www.stjudekofc6440.org or like them on Facebook at [stjudekofc6440](https://www.facebook.com/stjudekofc6440).

MOUNTAIN TOP GARDEN CLUB MEETING

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

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

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AUCTION & VARIETY SALE

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The meeting is open to the public and new members are always welcome. The Garden Club mission is to help beautify the Mountain Top area by planting many beautiful gardens throughout the town.

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

OCTOBER 8 & 22

SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Social Club will meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top on **October 8** at 1 p.m. The next casino trip will be on October 24.

The following social club meeting is on **October 22** which will be a potluck dinner and Halloween party.

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

The casino trip leaves St. Paul's Church at 8:30 a.m. and St. Aloysius Church in Wilkes-Barre at 9 a.m. and departs the casino at 3:30 p.m. for home. Cost for the casino trips is \$26 per person and you receive a rebate of \$30 for slot play and a \$5 food coupon.

WRESTLING REGISTRATION

Crestwood Elementary wrestling registration for kindergar-

ten thru 6th grade is scheduled **October 9** from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Crestwood High School cafeteria. Registration will be as follows: \$125/1st child needing a Crestwood wrestling uniform, \$85/1st child not needing a Crestwood wrestling uniform, \$100/additional children needing a Crestwood wrestling uniform, and \$60/additional children not needing a Crestwood wrestling uniform. Any questions please email crestwoodelementary-wrestling@gmail.com.

ROSARY RALLY

A rosary rally will be held on **Saturday, October 12** at 12 noon in the Weis parking lot in Mountain Top. This event is sponsored by America Needs

Fatima and will be one of over 23,000 rallies that will take place all across the U.S. on that day.

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

OCTOBER 13 CHICKEN DINNER

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

FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE

The Legion Rider Post 781 will collect non-perishable food items and selected clothing items for Paul's House, a veteran homeless shelter on **Sunday, October 13** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Needed clothing includes new boxer or brief men's underwear sizes 32-38, new or used sweatshirts any size.

HOAGIE SALE

Slocum Fire Co. will hold a hoagie sale on **October 13** with pick up at 10 a.m. Hoagie choices are American or turkey hoagies with onions or no onions. Please call the fire-hall at 570-868-6255 or see a member by October 11. Cost is \$5 for a 12" hoagie.

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

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

Wednesday: French toast sticks with breakfast sausage or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: potato triangles, fresh cucumber slices, 100% fruit juice, choice and milk

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

Friday: Asian sesame chicken over rice or Italian dunkers with sauce; featured veggies: cucumber slices, steamed corn, romaine salad, choice of fruit and milk

Week of October 14

Monday: No school, Columbus Day. Act 80 Day.

Tuesday: Buffalo chicken & cheese on flat bread or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, spinach salad, choice of fruit and milk

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

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

salad, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Barbecue ribby on a bun or pepperoni pizza bagel; featured veggies: roasted sweet potatoes, chick pea salad, choice of fruit and milk

Secondary Campus

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

Week of October 7

Monday: Mini corn dog nug-

gets or chicken tenders with a dinner roll; featured veggies: peas, celery sticks, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Chicken fajita on a soft tortilla or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: refried beans, curried chick pea salad, choice of fruit and milk

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

Thursday: French toast sticks

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with scrambled eggs or barbecue rib on a bun; featured veggies: breakfast potatoes, fresh cucumber slices, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Chimmichurri pork tacos or Italian stromboli with sauce; featured veggies: sweet potato fries, romaine salad, choice of fruit and milk

Week of October 14

Monday: No school. Columbus Day. Act 80 Day.

Tuesday: Nachos grande, tortilla chips or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veg-

gies: green beans, long life kale salad, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Texas toasted cheese sandwich or meatball hoogie on a roll; featured veggies: tomato soup tater tots, choice of fruit and milk

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

Friday: Hawaiian pork sandwich with pineapple slaw or buffalo chicken stromboli; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, chick pea salad, 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 7

Monday: Beef & bean chili, brown rice, chuckwagon corn, margarine, fresh fruit salad, milk and coffee

Tuesday: Bag lunch day

Wednesday: Pineapple chicken, cilantro lime brown rice, tropical vegetable medley, crackers, margarine, tropical fruit, milk and coffee

Thursday: Beef Monterey, cheesy mashed potatoes, sauteed peppers & onions, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, scalloped peaches, milk and coffee

Friday: Turkey harvest salad, pumpkin soup, chilled beets, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, fresh apple slices, milk

and coffee

Week of October 14

Monday: Center closed

Tuesday: Beef dijon, cauliflower au gratin, sauteed red cabbage, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, spiced apricots, milk and coffee

Wednesday: Creamed turkey, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, biscuit, margarine, orange gelatin, milk and coffee

Thursday: Pork & pea carbonara with whole wheat spaghetti, Italian vegetable blend, margarine, fresh fruit salad, milk and coffee

Friday: Cheeseburger on whole wheat sandwich roll, ketchup, french onion soup, carrot raisin salad, margarine, orange, birthday cake, 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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for more information, at jub1949@gmail.com.

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.

OCTOBER 20 DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

The Mountaintop Hose Company No. 1 will host a designer purse bingo on **Sunday, October 20** from 1 to 4 p.m. at the firehouse on Woodlawn Avenue in Mountain Top. Twenty games will feature purses, including manufacturers Kate Spade, Coach and Michael Kors. Four additional games will play for special prizes. Special prizes include

a Louis Vuitton bag and a 7 day/6 night Sundance vacation. Additional chances will be available to win gift baskets and there will be a 50/50. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

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

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.

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BURGER'S FARM MARKET

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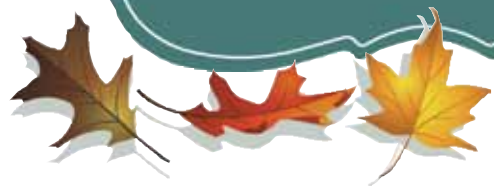
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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Swank selected as honorary survivor at 2019 Komen Race for the Cure

Throughout Mountain Top, in recognition of her determination to overcome breast cancer and her work to raise awareness and funds for research and support, Lael Swank has become known, as she describes it, “the breast cancer poster child.”

This year, her efforts were recognized far beyond Mountain Top. Swank was selected as the honorary survivor at the 2019 Komen Greater Pennsylvania Race for the Cure held September 21 in Scranton.

Her recognition was well-deserved.

Swank was diagnosed with

breast cancer in 2010 at age 39. She underwent a bilateral mastectomy, chemotherapy, and 25 rounds of radiation. She participated in a clinical trial and was cancer-free for eight years. Over that period, Swank devoted her time and energy to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Year after year, with the support of her husband, Randy, and sons Jason and Garrett, Swank organized a team to participate in the Race for the Cure and raised funds for the effort.

“The support has been overwhelming,” she said. “It’s been amazing.”

A year ago, she learned the breast cancer had returned and over the past summer a scan showed it had spread to her liver.

The return of the cancer and her treatment regimen did not stop her. With the support of her family, friends and the community she organized a team to participate in the 2019 race and raised over \$12,000 for the fight against cancer.

“It was extremely important, especially right now,” the 48-year-old Swank said of the work to participate in the race



Lael Swank, left poses with her son Garrett at the race.

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and raise funds. "This time around, I think it's on a different level," she added.

Over the past several years Swank's Race for the Cure team was supported by the Ice House Pub. The business was sold this year and since she did not know the new owners, she reached out to Jim Foley, the owner of Cavanaugh's Grille.

"When I approached Jim, he immediately told me 'whatever you need'," she related. Cavanaugh's became the sponsor of this year's race team known as Cavanaugh's - Padre Pio's Racers. "He has been unbelievable," Swank said of Foley.

The team held two major fundraisers over the months leading up to the race. The first was a 5k run sponsored by The Fitness Place in Mountain Top. Following the race, Cavanaugh's

hosted a breakfast buffet and Bloody Mary and mimosa bar for participants.

On September 7, Cavanaugh's hosted a Taco and Tap Takeover which was hugely successful. The event raised over \$6,000. "We couldn't have done as well without him (Foley)," she offered. Foley bought 200 t-shirts, paid for the beer and taco ingredients. Lael's husband Randy made the tacos along with volunteers Mark Hilpp, Luigi Carannante and Michelangelo DeRosa and Cavanaugh's staff.

"Jim and his staff and chefs worked their butts off," Swank

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Cavanaugh's Padre Pio's Racers walk together during the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on September 21 in Scranton.

Come Meet Dr. Wrobleski at The Better Living Showcase



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

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noted.

Swank said the name for her team, Padre Pio's Racers, came about as the result of the prayers of a nurse at Fox

Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. She explained that she was at Fox Chase for treatment when she saw a nurse holding a medal and praying. "She was praying to Padre Pio," Swank related. She said after the nurse finished her prayer,



Lael with husband Randy who has provided her with unconditional support.

she was able to locate a vein for a needle after several previous unsuccessful attempts.

"I'm a Catholic, but I didn't know who Padre Pio was," Swank said. "I became curious. On our way home we began googling Padre Pio," she noted. She found out Padre Pio is known as a modern-day healer. She also learned that his feast day, September 23, was during the time she learned of her most recent diagnosis.

"I developed a strong connection to Padre Pio," she said. She carries with her a Padre Pio packet which includes a rosary. "I told him if he helps me heal, I will forever spread his word," Swank offered. "I don't know what the outcome will be, but I feel he's with me," she added.

Swank decided to step back from fund raising following the September 21 Race for the Cure. She has decided it is time to walk away from being the "breast cancer poster child." "Right now, it's too emotional and exhausting for me," she explained. "I need to be selfish and focus on myself from here on out."

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

OCTOBER 21 AL AUXILIARY FUNDRAISING MEETING

The American Legion Aux-

iliary, 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 Moun-

tain 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.

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 26 WHITE HAVEN HISTORY ON DISPLAY

On Saturday, October 26, the White Haven Area Historical Society will present a display of historical photos and memorabilia from its growing collection.

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The pet burial package includes a 3' X 3 1/2' lot, burial, marker and perpetual care. Emmanuel Cemetery Association needs a two-day notice for pet burial. Burial contain-



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Emmanuel Cemetery Association members Dave Myers and Ailen Dennis stand at the sign in the cemetery next to Emmanuel UCC in Dorrance.

ers and head stones are the responsibility of the pet owner and flat headstones that are

flush with the ground are to be used. The cemetery staff will place the headstone on the grave for you. There is no live planting on the grave, and flowers must be contained to the area of the headstone only.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ and the cemetery are located at 7768 Blue Ridge Trail in Dorrance. For more information or to schedule a burial call Dave at 570-868-3655 or the church office at 570-868-5675.

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Cornhole ...

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ed the entry fee, participant t-shirt, food, beverage and entertainment.

For those not wanting to play, but still wanted to watch, the cost was only \$25 which included food, beverage and entertainment.

There was a casual and competitive division with cash prizes for first and second places in each division.

Besides the tournament, food and beverages there was also basket raffles and a special raffle at the conclusion of the tournament for the four-custom made thin blue line cornhole boards with score towers made by nineteen-year-old Jared McCune.

The event was organized by Sgt. Scott Rozitski from the Wright Township Police



Members of the Wright Township Police Department kneel with Jared McCune (middle) who made four cornhole boards for the tournament.

From left are Officer Aaron Fromm, Officer Chris Capasso, Jared, Chief Royce Engler and Sgt. Scott Rozitski who organized the event.

Department.

There were 20 plus paid spectators and at least 13 teams competing.

Some of the food available

was pulled pork, halushki, hamburgers, candy and more. It was a great day for the tournament, and everyone had a great time.

At right: Putting raffle tickets into the raffle buckets is Joe Giomboni, who is competing in the tournament and came in support of the department.



Enjoying a hamburger before he starts playing in the tournament is Carter Laubach, 15.



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Saving for College

There's no denying the benefits of a college education: the ability to compete in today's job market, increased earning power, and expanded horizons. But these advantages come at a price. And yet, year after year, thousands of students graduate from college. So, how do they do it?

Many families finance a college education with help from student loans and other types of financial aid such as grants and work-study, private loans, current income, gifts from grandparents, and other creative cost-cutting measures. But savings are the cornerstone of any successful college financing plan.

College costs keep climbing

It's important to start a college fund as soon as possible, because next to buying a home, a college education might be the biggest purchase you ever make. According to the College Board, for the 2018/2019 school year, the average cost of one year at a four-year public college for in-state students is \$25,890, while the average cost for one year at a four-year private college is \$52,500. Many private colleges cost substantially more.

Though no one can predict exactly what college might cost in 5, 10, or 15 years, annual price increases in the range of 3% to 6% would certainly be in keeping with historical trends.

This chart can give you an idea of what future costs might be, based on the most recent cost data and an average annual college inflation rate of 5%. (Source: College Board, Trends in College Pricing 2018)

Year	4-yr public	4-yr private
2018/2019	\$25,890	\$52,500
2019/2020	\$27,184	\$55,125
2020/2021	\$28,543	\$57,881
2021/2022	\$29,970	\$60,775
2022/2023	\$31,469	\$63,814
2023/2024	\$33,042	\$67,004
2024/2025	\$34,695	\$70,355
2025/2026	\$36,429	\$73,872
2026/2027	\$38,251	\$77,566
2027/2028	\$40,163	\$81,444

Tip: Even though college costs are high, don't worry about saving 100% of the total. Many families save only a portion of the projected costs — a good rule of thumb is 50% — and then use this as a "down payment" on the college tab, similar to the down payment on a home.

Focus on your savings

The more you save now, the better off you'll likely be later. Start

with whatever amount you can afford, and add to it over the years with raises, tax refunds, unexpected windfalls, and the like. If you invest regularly over time, you may be surprised at how much you can accumulate in your child's college fund.

Monthly Investment	5 years	10 years	15 years
\$100	\$6,977	\$16,388	\$29,082
\$300	\$20,931	\$49,164	\$87,246
\$500	\$34,885	\$81,940	\$145,409

Note: Table assumes an average after-tax return of 6%. This is a hypothetical example of mathematical principals, is used for illustrative purposes only, and does not reflect the actual performance of any investment. Fees, expenses, and taxes are not considered and would reduce the performance shown if they were included. Actual results will vary. All investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal, and there can be no guarantee that any investing strategy will be successful.

College savings options

You're ready to start saving, but where should you put your money? It's smart to consider tax-advantaged strategies whenever possible. Here are some options.

529 plans

529 plans are one of the most popular tax-advantaged college savings options. Contributions accumulate tax deferred and withdrawals are tax free at the federal level if the money is used for qualified education expenses. States may also offer their own tax advantages. (For withdrawals not used for qualified expenses, earnings are subject to income tax and a 10% federal penalty.) 529 plans are open to anyone and lifetime contribution limits are high, typically \$350,000 and up (limits vary by state). In 2019, lump sum gifting up to \$75,000 is allowed (\$150,000 for joint gifts) with no gift tax implications if certain requirements are met.

There are two types of 529 plans: savings plans and prepaid tuition plans. A 529 savings plan is an individual investment account similar to a 401(k) plan where you direct your contributions to one or more of the plan's investment portfolios. Funds in the account can be used to pay tuition, fees, room and board, books, and supplies at any accredited college in the United States or abroad. Funds can also be used to pay K-12 tuition expenses, up to \$10,000 per year. By contrast, the less common 529 prepaid tuition plan allows you to purchase college tuition credits at today's prices for use in the future at a limited group of colleges that participate in the plan, typically in-state public colleges.

Coverdell ESA

A Coverdell education savings account (ESA) is a tax-advantaged education savings vehicle that lets you contribute up to \$2,000 per year for a beneficiary's K-12 or college expenses. Your contributions grow tax deferred and earnings are tax free at the federal level if the money is used for qualified education expenses. You have complete control over the investments you hold in the account, but there are income restrictions on who can participate, and the \$2,000 annual contribution limit isn't likely to put much of a dent in college expenses.

Custodial account (UTMA/UGMA)

A custodial account allows a minor to hold investment assets in his or her own name with an adult as custodian. All contributions to the account are irrevocable gifts to your child, and assets in the account can be used to pay for college. When your child turns 18 or 21 (depending on state law), he or she will gain control of the account. Earnings and capital gains generated by the account are taxed to your child each year under the "kiddie tax" rules. Under the kiddie tax rules, a child's unearned income over a certain threshold (\$2,200 in 2019) is taxed using the trust and estate tax rates.

Roth IRA

Though technically not a college savings option, some parents use Roth IRAs to save and pay for college. Contributions to a Roth IRA can be withdrawn at any time and are always tax free. For parents age 59 1/2 and older, a withdrawal of earnings is also tax free if the account has been open for at least five years. For parents younger than 59 1/2, a withdrawal of earnings — typically subject to income tax and a 10% premature distribution penalty — is spared the 10% penalty if the withdrawal is used to pay for a child's college expenses.

A final word on financial aid

Many families rely on some form of financial aid to pay for college, which may include loans, grants, scholarships, and work-study. Financial aid can be based on financial need or on merit. To determine financial need, the federal government and colleges look primarily at your family's income, but other factors come into play, including your assets and how many children you'll have in college at the same time.

To get an idea of how much aid your child might be eligible for at a particular college, you can use a net price calculator, which is available on every college website. The bottom line, though, is to beware of too much borrowing. Excessive student loan debt — and parent debt — can negatively affect borrowers for years. The lesson? The more you save now, the less you and your child will need to fund later.

News in Brief ...

Leave cleanup will begin in Rice Township

It's that time of year when Mountain Top residents are faced with cleaning up and disposing of leaves.

In Rice Township, the annual leaf drop off will begin on Monday, October 14 and conclude on Friday, November 15. Pipech said residents can drop off leaves near the dumpster by the municipal building. Leaves must be in paper, compostable bags. Branches cut to a length of no more than three feet and no more than one inch in diameter may be left. Supervisors noted cameras record the area.

The Mountain Top Council of Governments composting facility in the Crestwood Industrial Park is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays for residents of Wright and Fairview Townships. Permits are required.

Voting places change in Mountain Top

Changes in voting districts made by Luzerne County Election Bureau will mean a change in polling places for some Mountain Top voters.

Fairview and Rice Townships will go from "at large" townships to having two voting districts while Wright Township will go from two to four districts.

In recent years, voters in Wright Township's two voting districts cast their ballots at the township municipal building. That will change for the November 6 general election. Voters in Wright Township's districts one and two will now vote at Wright Township Fire Department, 477 S. Main Road.

Voters in the township's third and fourth districts will vote at Mountain Top Family Church, 209 S. Mountain Boulevard.

In Fairview Township voters in district one will continue to vote at Mountain Top Hose Co. No. 1, 14 Woodlawn Avenue. Voters in district two will vote at the township's municipal building, 65 Shady Tree Drive.

Over in Rice Township, which also has been split into two districts, voters will no longer cast ballots at the municipal building. Voters in district one will vote at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church,

3577 Church Road (near Rice Elementary). Voters in district two will vote at American Legion Mountain Post 781, 1550 Henry Drive.

Election bureau officials relate that all voters will be receiving a new voter registration card with their polling place information regardless if they have been changed. Anyone who has any questions as to where they should be voting can check on the following link: <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx> or call the election bureau at 570-825-1715.

The redistricting will require more workers to staff polling places. Anyone interested in working at the polls should contact the election bureau at the above number or visit <https://www.luzernecounty.org/1093/Election-Day-Poll-Workers>.

Internet cable line installation causes problems in Rice Township

Installation of high-speed internet cable lines has caused

problems for residents of a Rice Township development and headaches for township officials.

In August Atlantic Broadband began installation of underground lines along Wilderness Drive. The company's contractor, however, did not obtain a permit before starting the work and as a result, the township stopped the project. The work eventually resumed after the contractor obtained a permit, but the line has been installed in only part of the U-shaped

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Admission and activities were free, and children received an easy to assemble kite that they could decorate and fly that day.

Professional kite flyers were also available to provide instructions and demonstrations.

There were other fun activities such as a kid sized zip line, face painting, bounce house, a DJ to keep the crowd smiling.

Boy scouts from Pack and Troop 106 were on hand showing the children what scouting is all about. The day was also a great opportunity for scouts to earn some service points.

Food and refreshments were available for purchase with the proceeds going to the cost of the kite kits.

The kite fest is always a com-



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

Above: Friends Anthony Becker, 7 and Anthony Cooney, 6 are pack mates in Cub Scout Pack 106 take a break from all the kite flying and running they have been doing.

munity event for children and their families and is only possible through generous donations from area businesses and individuals.

Boy Scouts Pack and Troop 106 set up a Daisy BB gun shooting range and seven-year-old Cub Scout pack 106 member Henry Pascucci could not wait to shoot.



Henry Lippincott, 4, works diligently on his very own kite that he is going to fly by himself.



Fiona Zinck, 7, is doing a great job designing her kite to fly.



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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.

OCTOBER 27 DORRANCE TOWNSHIP TRUNK OR TREAT

Dorrance Township Volunteer Fire Department will host

its first annual trunk or treat on **Sunday, October 27** starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorrance fire department, 402 St. John's Road, Wapwallopen. The event is free and includes food, fun games and prizes.

SLOCUM TOWNSHIP TRUNK OR TREAT

The Slocum Fire Company will hold a trunk to treat on

October 27. Anyone interested in participating please contact Heather for sign up or questions about it. 570-817-9848.

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

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

Pre-register at www.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.

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

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. Mountain Top. 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.

NOVEMBER 9 INDOOR YARD SALE

St. Michael's Orthodox

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

Numerous vendors with new and old items and crafters will be selling their goods. A bake sale will be featured, along with tricky-tray chances and much more. As always, delicious homemade foods will be available for eat-in or take-out.

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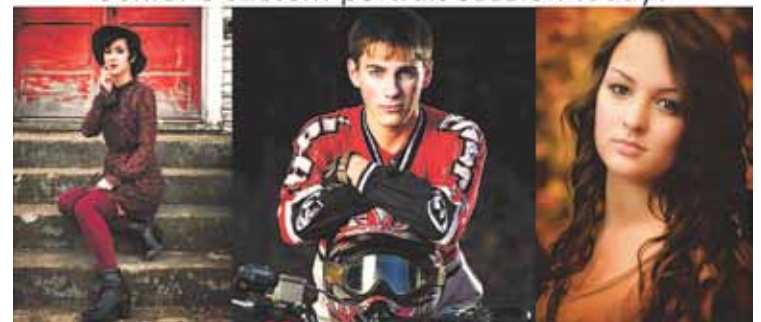
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Charlie Kline takes a shot at the clay bird as his competitors look on.

Meat Shoot held at the American Legion

The American Legion Mountain Post 781 held its annual fall meat shoot on Sunday, September 8. There was a bake sale and plenty of good food and refreshments available for purchase. The event was open to the public.

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10th annual Luzerne-Lackawanna Counties Mathematics Symposium features nine scholars

The Department of Mathematics at Misericordia University is hosting the 10th annual Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties Mathematics Symposium on Saturday, October 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library.

The symposium is open, free to the public.

Coordinated by Misericordia University Associate Professor Steven Tedford, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Mathematics, the symposium features scholars and mathematics majors from local colleges and universities offering 20-minute presentations on topics on both research and teaching.

The presenters include Daniel Blessner, M.S., Penn State/



Steven Tedford, Ph.D.

Wilkes-Barre; Michael Floren, Ph.D., Misericordia University; Joseph Broghamer, M.S., Misericordia University; Ronald Pryor, M.S., and students

Megan Osborne, University of Scranton; Meagan Scheider, University of Scranton; Charles Kulick, University of Scranton, and Lindsay Kane, Misericordia University.

Topics to be addressed include "Optimum Number of Homework Problems," "When Gender Equality Meets Simpson's Paradox," "Probability Modeling of HIV Viral Blips," and "Mathematics in Classical and Modern Cryptography."

The symposium is open free to the public, but due to limited seating registration is required. To reserve your seat, please contact Rita Molino, College of Arts and Sciences, Misericordia University, at rmolino@misericordia.edu or 570-674-8184. A light lunch will be available for attendees.

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Bonnie Wilson and Debbie Recek purchase 50/50 tickets from auxiliary members Marie Heckman and Janice Slusarczyk.



The downstairs hall at the American Legion fills up quickly with those eager to place their bets in hopes of picking winners for those big payoffs.

Shirley Paull looks through the racing program before making her choices of horses for the upcoming races.



Night at the Races held at AL

The American Legion, Mountain Post 781 held a night at the races in the hall downstairs on Saturday, September 21. Doors opened at 6 p.m. with post time starting promptly at 7 p.m. The public was welcome, and registration was a \$5 donation and the cost to purchase horses was available for a donation of \$10 each. Admittance included food and refreshments.



Olivia Jankowski



Sydney Meyers



Vanessa Novringer

Mountain Top residents graduate from King's PA program

Three local students recently graduated from the Physician's Assistant Program at King's College.

Olivia Jankowski, Sydney Meyers, and Vanessa Novringer were among 66 students who completed the Physician Assistant Studies master's degree program. This class of 2019 is the 43rd graduating class of the King's PA program.

Upon graduating, PAs must pass the Physician Assistant National Cer-

tifying 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 medi-

cations. PAs are employed in virtually all types of health care 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.

Hunter safety course offered at AL

The Sons of the American (SAL) Legion Post 781 in Mountain Top hosted its 2nd bi-annual hunter safety course of this year at the post home on Saturday, September 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The course is run by the PA Game Commission with certified instructors teaching the 7-hour course. This course had 27 participants ages 11 and up. Hunters in the state must be licensed starting at 12 years old.

Members of the SAL served pizza, hot dogs, snacks and beverages for everyone. There was no fee to take the course or



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

PA Game Commission Hunter Education Instructor Bill Whitebread talks about bow and crossbow hunting safety.

for food provided. Pre-registration is done online on the PA Game Commission

website and there is some online reading as well prior to taking the course.

Scouts work to help restore camp



Scouts from Troop 25 joined about 120 other scouts and past scouts interested in restoring Treasure Island to a camping location for youth organizations.

Situated on the Delaware River, Treasure Island was a scout camp from 1913 until 2005 when recurring river floods caused the camp to close for summer sessions, it was still used for group

camping until 2010 when it closed for good.

Last year a non-profit group acquired the camp and is restoring it for use by scouts and other youth groups with the use of volunteers and donations.

Six scouts and two leaders from Troop 25 helped by clearing trees at the landing dock and along other trails and sites in camp. The group had a great time work-

ing at this historic site and plans to return for another work weekend to assist further. They also toured the camp using old maps to see the Order of the Arrow birthplace and other camp locations.

There was great weather and a clear sky for sleeping under the stars that night before crossing the river by barge again in the morning to return home.

Knights hold soccer challenge

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge sponsored by St. Jude Council #6440 was held on Sunday, September 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. behind St. Jude's school. The fun event was open to all boys and girls 9 to 14 years old. Each child received 15 free kicks and scoring was based on where the ball crosses the goal. Council winners will compete at the next level later this month.

John Lupcho, 9 shows his great goalie form as he sets up for a goal.



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Quality education provided at St. Jude School



Jenna Medvetz, Margaret Mary Ganter, Joseph Kopko and Carly Glaser in their Back to School Escape activity.

Escape rooms are all the rage across the country these days. People travel from far and wide to complete and compete in this high stakes, clock beating activity. Eight grade students at Saint Jude School never thought they would be taking part in such a fun activity right in their science class-



Eighth grade students Molly Grove, Ahyaan Sayed, Donato Strish and Olivia Bilbow try to beat the clock as they decipher reading, math and science clues.

rooms. But that is just what they encountered in Mrs. Baran's science classroom the very first week back from summer vacation. Students had to work together to solve various clues that opened locks with number combinations. Clues were based on reading, math and science concepts.

FNCB Christmas in July food drive a big success

For the sixth straight year, FNCB Bank collected over 1,000 pounds of food to benefit area food pantries and soup kitchens through their recently completed Christmas in July food drive.

Throughout the month of July, in partnership with WBRE and WYOU TV, FNCB Bank collected canned goods, non-perishable food items and monetary donations at each of their 17 community offices in Lackawanna, Luzerne and Wayne counties, as well as employee administrative centers.

All donations received will help stock shelves at area food banks.

The Christmas in July drive represents part of FNCB's larger Community Caring initiative. Through outreach



FNCB Bank staff members with a portion of the food items collected during FNCB Bank's Christmas in July food drive. During the drive, which took place in branches and employee administrative centers, over 1,000 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected to help stock shelves at local food pantries. From left are, Michele Thomas, Marketing Specialist; Karen Weller, Vice President, Retail Banking Operations Manager; Greg Collins, Executive Vice President, Chief Banking Officer; and Michael Cummings, Vice President, Marketing Manager.

programs, donations and an employee volunteer network, FNCB is committed to helping the communities they serve.

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Residents voice opposition to municipal stormwater sewer permits

At every meeting of the Fairview Township supervisors, there is a report on the status of the township's municipal stormwater sewer system (MS4) permit and an opportunity for citizens to comment on the project.

While township secretary/treasurer Barbara Wasiakowski often reports on the status of the permit work, rarely is there any public comment, unless township business owner Gary Tredinnick is present.

Fairview Township is in its second five-year MS4 permit, a process that resulted from requirements of the Clean Water Act. The law dates to the Nixon administration, but it has only been in recent years that northeastern Pennsylvania residents have paid it

much attention.

That's because U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which is responsible for enforcing the law, instituted its Chesapeake Bay plan which requires states to reduce the amount of nutrients and sediment in waterways that feed into the bay.

In response, the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is requiring all municipalities that drain water into the Susquehanna River basin to submit stormwater permit plans showing how they will reduce sediment 10 percent, phosphorus by 5 percent and nitrogen by 3 percent over the next five years.

The MS4 program requires permit-holders to complete a pollution reduction plan that will reduce the amount of



Jeff Betashick, standing, addresses Fairview Township supervisors about the MS4 permit issue while Gary Tredinnick listens.

sediments, phosphorous and nitrogen in stormwater runoff. Municipalities face fines if they don't comply with the requirements, which include

detailed maps of all stormwater systems and annual progress reports.

For more than 30 Wyoming Valley municipalities, the

requirements of the MS4 permit process are handled by the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA) at an annual cost of \$8 million. To meet that expense, property owners in those municipalities have been assessed a stormwater fee. That fee, which can be substantial, has sparked outrage in many valley communities.

In Mountain Top, only one municipality – Fairview Township – has an MS4 and the community so far has handled the work and costs without any additional burden to taxpayers.

So, far, and that's what concerns Tredinnick. Describing the process as an unfunded federal mandate, Tredinnick, who owns a business in Fairview Township, has repeatedly

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encouraged Fairview Township officials to send letters of protest to county, state and federal officials. He has made the same request to officials of Wright Township where he resides.

While officials of those municipalities share his feelings about the unfunded mandate, neither community has penned a letter in opposition to the requirements.

At the September meeting of Fairview Township supervisors, Tredinnick told officials he is concerned about the amount of money being spent by local communities to meet MS4 requirements. He asked them to go on record in opposition to the requirements. At that meeting, he was joined by township resident Jeff Betashick who

expressed his concerns about the MS4 permit process and asked township officials to take a stand against it.

Supervisor Robert Orloski told Tredinnick legislators have promised they are going to look into a solution, but there has not been much movement. "I don't think it's appropriate yet to announce our opposition," Orloski stated.

Orloski said the township has reluctantly done what it must do to stay compliant. "We do what we have to do without going overboard so it doesn't affect the taxpayers of Fairview Township," Orloski stated. "We are proactive. We did the right thing," Orloski said of the township's MS4 permit process. "Other dragged their feet. We chose not to."

Supervisor Michael Iorio said he feels state and federal legislators are afraid to

touch the issue. He pointed out that he has attended meetings of the Mountain Top Area Joint Sanitary Authority whose members have not indicated an inclination to take on the permit process as has WVSA.

Iorio went further to describe the fees as illegal. "It's an unfunded mandate. They are calling it a fee," Iorio stated.

Meanwhile, Wright Township supervisors are following through on a recommendation from its Environmental Advocacy Council (EAC) to seek a waiver of an MS4 permit.

Supervisors voted at their June meeting to hire LVIC Civil engineers, Selinsgrove, to prepare an MS4 waiver application at a cost of \$2,950. That waiver application has been submitted to DEP.

Supervisors voted at their April meeting to table action on a proposed pollution reduction

plan prepared by Borton-Lawson Engineering. The action came after the board reviewed the extensive comments on the plan from the township's Environmental Advocacy Committee (EAC) which suggested the township investigate seeking a waiver from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The township's proposed five-year pollution reduction plan to meet federal Clean Water Act requirements would cost the township more than \$1 million to implement, money the township does not have.

Over the last few months, Tredinnick also has encouraged Wright Township supervisors to move forward with seeking the appeal, as well as putting county, state and federal officials on notice of their opposition to the unfunded mandate imposed on munic-

ipalities by the Clean Water Act.

"This is an unfunded mandate," Tredinnick has told supervisors. "I hope the township will not continue to spend money on this." He urged officials to contact Congressman Daniel Meuser and state Rep. Aaron Kaufer who have taken positions opposing the requirements of the act. Supervisor Matthew Howton told Tredinnick he "has been completely opposed to this from day one." He noted that all work the township has done so far has been done in-house.

Rep. Meuser recently reported that he met with Cosmo Servidio, EPA Regional Administrator and other EPA officials regarding MS4 and stormwater management in Pennsylvania. "I expressed the deep concerns and grievances from

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the people of the Ninth District and how inequitable this stormwater situation seems to be all over the state and basin. This initiative must be transparent and equitable before constituents are asked to pay a fee," Meuser stated in a press release. "We asked that the EPA reevaluate the current guidelines, review the costs being required by municipalities to

achieve compliance, and work to find a way to act environmentally consciously while also not being financially burdensome to the people."

In an interview about the MS4 permit issue, Tredinnick repeated his concerns about the unfunded mandate. "The government plays too many roles in our lives," he commented. "It's time to stop big government spending and excessive regulations," he offered. "At some point this is going to impact everyone," he

predicted.

He noted that municipal leaders have expressed their concerns about federal fines if they do not comply with the mandate. "If everyone stands together, the fines will go away," he predicted.

Tredinnick suggested residents educate themselves about the MS4 permit process; go to their local government meetings to voice their opposition; join with others who have opposed the mandate; and for municipal leaders to go

on record in opposition to the permit process.

Meanwhile, Rice Township has successfully obtained a waiver of the five-year MS4 permit. Whether the township will be able to secure a second waiver remains to be seen.

Nuangola Borough has filed an application for a waiver of the MS4 permit requirement. Borough officials contend the majority, if not all, of the municipality's stormwater runoff ends up in Nuangola Lake or the surrounding

wetlands, which constitutes "best management practice." The borough contends this is a best management practice any contaminated water settles through the lake or wetlands and only the filtered water gets to a stream, unlike stormwater runoff that dumps directly into a stream, like the Little Wapwallopen or Big Wapwallopen Creeks.

Officials of Dorrance and Slocum Townships indicated they have no requirements under the MS4 permit process.

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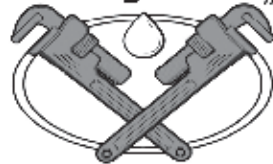
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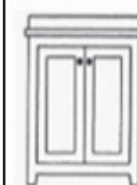
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JV won 0-2.

Thursday 9-19: Crestwood won against MMI 3-0.

Scores of the matches were: 25-17, 25-20, 25-23.

Leading scores for Crestwood: Mel Golden: 22 Assists, 10 Service Points, 3 Kills, 4 Aces; Carly Bono: 7 Kills, 7 Service Points; Ellie Glowacki: 6 Kills, 8 Service Points, 4 Aces; Kelsey Kulak: 6 Kills, 6 Service Points
JV won 2-0.

Monday 9-23: Crestwood

won against Wilkes Barre Area 3-0. Varsity record is 5-3.

Scores of the matches were: 25-22, 25-11, 25-13.

Leading scores for Crestwood: Mel Golden: 17 Assists; Carly Bono: 12 Service Points, 4 Aces, 6 Kills; Ellie Glowacki: 12 Service Points, 3 Aces, 5 Kills; Kelsey Kulak: 6 Kills, 6 Service Points
JV lost 0-2

Thursday, 9- 26: Crestwood lost against Pittston Area 1-3

Scores of the matches were: 14-25, 27-29, 25-21, 23-25.

Leading scores for Crestwood: Mel Golden: 34 Assists, 5 Service Points; Carly Bono 8 Service Points, 4 Aces, 17 Kills; Makayla Breslin: 15 service points, 3 aces; Kelsey Kulak: 4 kills, 4 blocks
JV won 2-1. JV record is 5-3.

Programs for teens scheduled at M.S. Kirby Library

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library is offering the following programs for teens in October:

Middle School Book Club: Grades 6-8, Tuesday, October 8 from 6-7 p.m. Join them for a book discussion at the M.S. Kirby Library. They will be discussing *The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing* written by Sheila Turnage. Books available to check out at the circulation desk. Refreshments and snacks served.

Teen Lego Night, grades 6-12, Tuesday, October 15 from 6-7:30 p.m. Come to the Kirby Library for a fun night of Lego building challenges. Build a boat challenge. Timed building and mini figure challenges. Prizes for challenge winners. Snacks and refreshments served. You may win a gift card!

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High School Book Club, Grades 9-12, Tuesday, October 29 from 6-7 p.m. They will be discussing *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, written by Ransom Riggs. Snacks and refreshment served. Books are available to check out at the circulation desk.

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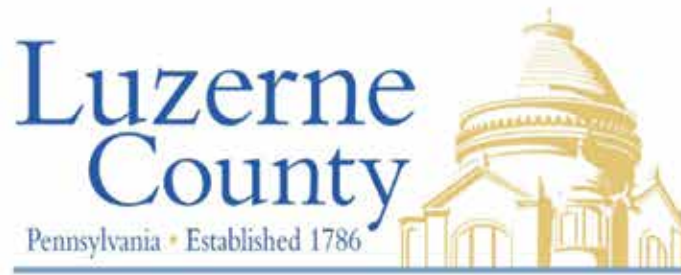
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road.

Several residents of Wilderness Drive complained about the condition of the road at the September meeting of township supervisors.

Supervisor Bob Pipech acknowledged there is a section of the road that is in bad shape and discussed the problems with the project. He said township secretary/treasurer Jeff Beck spoke with the company's regional manager several times to let the firm know that supervisors want to work with Atlantic Broadband to keep costs down and to make sure the contractor complies with the township's road cut ordinance.

Pipech pointed out that if Atlantic Broadband had reached out to the township early in the process problems could have been avoided. He pointed to work being planned at Laurel Lakes by Verizon

which has been in regular contact with supervisors. Supervisor Rick Arnold said he felt the cable provider's subcontractor created the problem with shoddy work.

Supervisors also heard comments about the tar and chip work on Henry Drive. The township hired Pocono Spray to apply the tar and chips to Henry Drive and Prospect Road. Resident Karl Kaminski complained the road is bumpy and feared the work will not hold up. Arnold assured residents that while the road may

be bumpy, supervisors are confident the surface will wear well.

Supervisors voted to hire Chemung Supply to install a guide rail on the south side of Weyhenmeyer Road bridge and along the west side of Henry Drive across from the lower Ice Lake culvert at a total cost of \$2,925.

Rice supervisors give conditional approval to Dollar General

Rice Township supervisors

at a special meeting on September 17 gave conditional approval to the first step in what could mean the construction of a Dollar General Store along Nuangola Road near the Nuangola exit of Interstate 81.

The proposed developer of the discount store, Mountain Top/Nuangola DG, LLC, asked the supervisors to grant a conditional use for the project which is located in a B-2 (commercial zone). The property is

owned by David Coleman.

While the business is a permitted use in the B-2 zone, the conditional use approval is required because the township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO), requires that any land disturbance exceeding 80,000 square feet and any building/impervious area exceeding 20,000 square feet obtain

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approval of supervisors.

Supervisors granted the conditional use approval but denied a request by the developer to waive requirement for an environmental impact study. Rather, supervisors set as a condition of their approval

the requirement the developer present a complete environmental impact study to the township planning commission as part of its land development plan presentation.

Additional conditions included are that the developer comply with all land development requirements, obtain

any necessary variances and required subdivision approval.

Prior to the hearing, township solicitor Jack Dean emphasized the session was not a land development proceeding. That step will be conducted by the township planning commission at a future date.

About 20 people attended the hearing, including Nuanogola Borough Council member Joseph Tucker and several other borough residents.

Justin Ross of LIVIC Civil, the engineering firm representing the developer, told supervisors the land disturbance will total approximately 87,000 square feet. While the building itself will be only 9,300 square feet, he said a bulk of the land disturbance will be for detention basins to handle stormwater

runoff. He noted the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Luzerne County Conservation District have strict rules for stormwater management.

He described plans for ingress and egress off Nuanogola Road. He also said current plans call for an on-site sewage disposal system. He said if the developer is able to connect with a public sewer system,

it will.

Ross said the parcel is six acres and Coleman will submit a subdivision proposal for a 2.4 acres lot for the Dollar General project. He also said the developer will request a waiver from the zoning hearing board to reduce the number of parking places from the required 46 to 30. He said the request will be based on minimizing stormwater runoff.

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United for Change announces write-in candidate

United for Change candidates held a meet and greet at King's Pizzeria on September 12. The big announcement that evening was that Amanda Modrovsky has jumped onboard as a write-in candidate for the fifth open school board seat.

Amanda was a close contender in the previous election and has been a tremendous advocate for education. She is an attendee of school board meetings, as well as co-founder of Crestwood Education Foundation.

United for Change is grateful for the tremendous support from the community for its forthcoming general election on November 5, as well as donated supplies for the classrooms in the Crestwood School District.



Above: United for Change candidates, from left, are Kim Spath, Stacy Haddix, Jim Brogna and Lauren McCurdy. At right is write-in candidate Amanda Modrovsky.



There will be more opportunities in the next several weeks to meet the candidates and

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Saturday 6 p.m.

JP Bohanan, Pastor
175 S. Main Road, Mountain Top
570-474-6060

Rev. JP Bohanan invites everyone for worship on the Lord's Day. Professionally staffed nursery available during the 9:30 adult Sunday School hour and the 10:45 worship service.

Holy Communion is served the first Sunday of every month. Sunday School: Children in Pre-K thru 4th grade meet during worship from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Grades 5 thru adult meet at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Calvin Collins, Pastor
411 Main Street, Conyngham
570-788-3960

Religious studies are at 10 a.m. Prayer Circle meets on the first and third Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the church library. Brothers in Christ meet every Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Church Women United will hold a fundraiser at Bonanza on October 8, 9, and 10, lunch or dinner. Please present coupon and Bonanza will donate 20% of you check. See Jacque for coupon and or questions.

Purchase your Boscov's coupon now to receive a discount off your purchases on October 16. Sell them to your friends, buy them as gifts. The coupon is good for 25% off most goods but there are some exceptions. See Paula Piacenti for the \$5 coupon that is good at all Boscov's stores. You may also purchase the coupon at the church's allotted space in Boscov's or from Heidi in the church office.

The TAG Youth will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 12 from 4-7 p.m. This is a fundraiser for the Ocean City trip in January.

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

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 com-



Alex Martin and Ethan Brenner, 7th graders at St. Jude are putting together a teacher appreciation bag for one of the teachers at the school.

Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

St. Jude hosts youth nights

St. Jude's school hosts a community youth group every month for a fun night of service, games and snacks. The group is held once a month starting at 7 p.m. to work on a service project and have fun. The group welcomes all community youth grades 7 through 12. Feel free to invite friends too! The upcoming Youth nights will be held on October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 10, April 4 and May 14 and are held in the school cafeteria.

munity. 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.

Hours are subject to change for emergencies and holidays.

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

Services are casual and family friendly. They are a group of believers passionate about sharing the gospel of Christ, healing broken hearts and seeking liberty for all who are oppressed.

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

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

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Louis Aita, Pastor
7768 Blue Ridge Trail, Dorrance
570-868-5675

To all of our congregation members current and past, friends and family, community members both near and far, Emmanuel UCC is proud to announce that it is 150 years old this year! On Sunday, October 6 they will begin at 10:30 with a special worship service recalling its German Reformed heritage. Afterward, they will be gathering in the social hall for a covered dish luncheon with a variety of dishes ranging from German fare to other favorite recipes. Please join them.

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 aitat112@ptd.net. E-mail access is emmanuel_ucc@hotmail.com and the website is emmanuel-ucc.org.

FAITH CHURCH DRUMS

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

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

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

Dinner Church Community

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

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

Upcoming events: Ignite Young Adults (ages 25-40) children/teens of adults are invited every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Sunday, October 6: Fall car show. Special faith-based music, food vendors, car show, craft sale, activities for kids & teens, raffles/prizes, fun for the whole family! Starts at 10 a.m. and ends around 1 p.m.!

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

Sunday, October 27: Church dinner, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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

For information you can check www.yourvcc.com.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Scott O. Miller, Pastor
1448 Slocum Road, Wapwallopen

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The AWANAS group gathers in the sanctuary for the nights opening and for some fun games. From left are AWANAS instructor Sheila Bender, Annabelle Lampart, Everett Lampart, Instructor Christine Lampart, Kali Karnatski and Christopher Hess.

Family night held at Mountainview Church

Mountainview Community church in White Haven is holding Thursday Family Faith Nights at 5:30 p.m. The evening included food, a bouncy house and sign-ups for AWANA (4 yrs.-6th grade), Bible Quizzing (grades 6-12), and Youth Group (grades 9-12). Starting Thursday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m. everyone can have dinner together followed by the various kids' groups. Thursday Family Faith Nights are held every Thursday throughout the school year.

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570-868-5640 or 570-954-1547

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

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

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

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.

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

The Women of Good Shepherd will meet on Monday, October 14, at 6 p.m. The activity for the evening will be preparing Halloween candy bags for the pumpkin painting event. New members are always welcome!

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

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

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

GRACE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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Worship Together ...

John Broglin officially installed as pastor of New Life Community Church

New Life Community Church in Mountain Top held an installation service to officially welcome and install Pastor John Broglin and his wife Amy to the church on Sunday, September 29 during the 10:30 a.m. service. Pastor Broglin began his service to New Life on Sunday, August 4. Following the service everyone was welcome to stay for a meal in the fellowship hall and get to know Pastor John, his wife and their family.

Pastor John Broglin is originally from New Jersey and the church he attended was the First Baptist Church in Woodbury, NJ. He was involved in various facets of the church there and when his Pastor, Reverend Don Vincent became ill and couldn't attend church for



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Amy Broglin reads scripture and prays over their new congregation with her husband, Pastor John Broglin.

a while John stepped up and took over role as pastor until he returned. Reverend Vincent then encouraged John to attend Cairn University in Langhorne, Pennsylvania and

study divinity. Cairn University was formerly known as the Philadelphia Bible Institute and is a Christian university offering diverse academic programs and a dynamic col-

lege life experience intentionally centered on Christ and His Word.

John took Reverend Vincent up on the idea after feeling that it was his calling. He then studied at Cairn University, graduating in December 2018. While in school he did internships at different churches with one being a Primitive Methodist Church. It was while interning at the Primitive Methodist church that he discovered he liked interning there and agreed with their theology and doctrine. That was the turning point in becoming a pastor and member of a Primitive Methodist Church.

Pastor Broglin met his wife Amy of five years while attending Cairn and interning at the Primitive Methodist Church.

After John graduated in December 2018 the new pastor

was told of positions around the country and eventually one came up at New Life Community Church in Mountain Top. They came to the church to visit and felt this was where they were meant to be.

During the special service on September 29 the congregation, friends and family of the Pastor and his wife officially welcomed, congratulated and prayed for the couple as they begin this new Christian journey.

New Life Community Church is located at 570 S. Main Road in Mountain Top.

There are two services on Sundays 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

For pastoral care or information on the church call 570-868-5155.

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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

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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.

Contact the office or email debbie@mfchurch.com for information.

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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 fol-

lowed 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.

Everyone is always invited to join them for any of the worship services or activities.

The church will celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday on October 6. Everyone is invited to join them as they share the Last Supper with Christians around the world. Rev. Fran Fink will lead the

worship service.

The Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, October 10 at 11 a.m. at the church to plan for Halloween festivities.

Pastor Bob Thomas will lead the worship service on October 13.

For more information call Diane Webster at 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 and worship the way it used to be.

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

Everyone is welcome to the coffee house on Friday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m. featuring live music as well as dinner for only \$3.

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 6. Elder Rev. Rebecca Tanner will pres-

ent the message and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Classes are available for all ages. The fall hayride is planned for October 6 at 1 p.m. at Burger's Farm in Drums. If you need a ride see Cheryl Pekar.

The church will be holding it's 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

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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 parking behind the church.

Come join Stairville United Methodist Church for its annual auction and variety sale on Saturday, October 5 beginning at 9 a.m. with the auction starting at 1 p.m. There will be vendors, crafters, plenty of food and a bake sale. Some of the items to be auctioned off are red iron bunk beds, theme raffle baskets, artwork from local artists, Belgium waffle maker, gift cards and much more.

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 calendars and plan to help for an hour or two in at least one of the stands. Sign-up sheets will be available when the time is closer. For more information on ice cream, contact Betty Rinehimer at 570-379-3848 or Kathy Hollingshead at 570-379-3129; for hot foods, contact any council member

A soup and bake sale will be held at the election polls again this year. The date is November 5. Baked good will be needed and help is needed to make soup on Monday,

November 4. Volunteers to work the stand will also be needed. If you are able to help, contact Diane Bloss at 570-379-3811 or Teresa Readler at 570-379-3873. It is possible that the election poll will be changed to St. James Church for the November election, but no details have been finalized.

Trunk or Treat in the parking lot and Halloween party on October 27 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. No Sunday School classes.

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

This is an easy fund raiser for the church and you benefit by all the great deals at Boscov's. Some lower floor items (small kitchen items, etc.) are only 10% off, but all clothes, coats, jewelry, drapes,

towels and much, much more are 25% off. This is a great day to do your Christmas shopping or just shop for new clothes. You can shop till you drop and then leave the store and go for lunch, come back and shop some more, and your ticket is still good for the rest of the day.

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

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

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

ST. JUDE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Services: Saturday 4 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 & 11 a.m.

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

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

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

Attention kids in grades 3-7: the church needs you to join

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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 Mountain Top Area Knights will conduct its annual Pro-Life rose lapel pin drive the weekend of October 5/6, in honor of Respect Life Sunday.

The Knights will be at the

doors of the church. Any donation will be accepted and all proceeds will be forwarded to the Pro-Life Center in Scranton.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word program will now be offered at the 8:30 a.m. Mass 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 language 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 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: October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 10, April 4 and May 14.

St. Jude youth are selling gift certificates from Old Post Farms, 247 St. Mary's Road, Mountain Top. The certificates are \$10 and can be used to purchase any of the items at

the farm including mums, pumpkins, straw, hay bales and perennials. They are valid September 1 until October 13, 2019. Certificates are available for purchase in the Parish Office during business hours. Proceeds from the sale will go towards travel expenses for the Youth Group trip to Indianapolis for NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference).

The following items are needed for the Mt. Top Food Bank: Boxed soup mix instead of Ramen noodles, noodles, rice, boxed macaroni and cheese, vegetable soups, cream soups, baked beans, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruit, tuna, ketchup, mayonnaise, pudding, jello, sugar, hot chocolate

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ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: Sunday at 11:15 a.m.
285 Pond Hill Mt. Road,
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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.

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Like them on Facebook, "St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pond Hill PA", to see pictures and announcements.

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services: Sunday 10 a.m.
Rev. Daniel FitzSimmons, Rector
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570-868-5358

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copal 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.

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ST. MARY'S OF DORRANCE

Services: Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m.

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

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

Religious Education classes are held weekly on Sundays from 10-11:15 a.m. Please call Stacy Panas with any questions or concerns at 570-332-3801.

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

if you need a copy or email stmarysdorrance@gmail.com.

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

Students in second, seventh and eighth grades are required to record their Mass attendance. This is an expectation of all baptized Catholics, and the hope is that this policy will help the candidates to establish a valuable pattern to be followed for the rest of their lives. Sheets are in the back of St. Mary's and the St. Jude cards are in the black boxes in the narthex.

All parishioners are invited to bring their pets to the animal blessing on the Feast of Saint Francis. Please gather in the parking lot, grove side. Father will bless animals at 6 p.m.

Students are selling Ger-

trude 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.

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.

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).

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.

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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.

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.

October 5 and 6 will be Commitment Weekend. During Mass envelopes will be available and you will be asked to make a pledge to the Annual Appeal. Remember that the parish goal is \$17,000. Every gift is welcome, and you don't have to pay at this time. Make a pledge, keeping in mind that you can spread out payments over several months. Before you come to Mass, prayerfully consider all that God has done for you and your family and be prepared to make a pledge in return.

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.

The next Youth Group meeting will be held on Sunday, October 6 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students in Grades 6 to 12 are invited to join in the fun!

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 gar-

den, 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

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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.

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

some fun.

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

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

Every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 7 p.m. AA meetings are held, at 6:15 p.m., on Wednesdays Weight Watchers meetings are in session. Every Thursday NA meets at 6 p.m. Stress & Anxiety Management: Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

The church office is open

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

**ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Services: Sunday 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Janelle Rothrock, Pastor
418 Berwick St., White Haven
570-443-9424

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at 9:15.

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

Activities at St. Paul's include: youth group for those in grade 4 through 12 the first and third Sunday at 6 p.m. Quilters on Monday at 9:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study on Tuesday at 7 p.m.,

community lunch each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish House.

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

Minneapolis, MN in 2021.

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 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
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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 first service is planned for Sunday, October 13, at 5 p.m. and following Sunday eve-

nings 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

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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 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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