



Third grade students at Fairview Elementary School, dressed as pilgrims and Native Americans, enjoyed a tradition Thanksgiving feast on November 12. The feast coincides with the class learning about the arrival of the first settlers and their first Thanksgiving. This

Third grade students at Fairview Elementary School, dressed as pilgrims and Native Americans, enjoyed a tradition Thanksgiving tradition was started by several of the school teachers 32 years ago. Parents donate and prepare the feast which includes roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, corn, rolls and pumpkin pie for dessert.



At right: Dressed in period costumes that they made, Fairview students wait patiently for their turn at the 32nd annual third grade Thanksgiving feast.



Fairview Elementary third grade student, Caden gives the Thanksgiving meal at the school a two thumbs up!

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Above: Parents serve the students the food they donated and prepared at Fairview Elementary's 32nd annual third grade Thanksgiving Feast. The pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes at St. Jude School celebrated Thanksgiving with a traditional turkey dinner with help from parents and teachers. The children made their pilgrim and Indian outfits and the decorations for the table including their "My Thankful Place Mat".



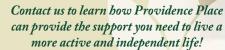
Penelope Harman is all set. She has her turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and Tru-Moo chocolate milk.



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Mikey Iorio and Jacob Prushinski are waiting for their dinner at the annual turkey dinner at St. Jude School.

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UNTIL DECEMBER 4 TROOPS CHRISTMAS PACKAGE COLLECTION

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 781 Mountain Top will be collecting items for the Troops Christmas packages until December 4. Items that needed are: Beef jerky, tissues, flea & tick collars (the soldiers put these on their boots for the sand fleas), wrapped candy of any kind (please no chocolate, it melts), cheese & peanut butter crackers, water (plastic bottles only) chips and pretzels of any kind, Tasty Cakes, writing paper, gum, bright colored pillow cases, squirt guns, small travel games (chess, checkers, sorry, scrabble etc.), Old Maid cards, phase ten, Uno, crazy eights, and regular playing cards, Tylenol, Gold Bond foot powder, Pull tab only cans of fruit, sardines, lil doggies, sausages, (no cans that need a can opener, these items are sometimes taken when the soldier is on maneuvers), mouthwash, powered sweetened juice drinks, peanuts, packaged cookies pens/pencils, mints Visine eye wash, puzzle books of any kind, instant coffee, ice tea mix, lemonade mix, shampoo, wet wipes, any funny DVDs, chicken or tuna pouches, granola bars. trail mix, popcorn, raisins, prepaid phone cards, bubbles, body wash, tea bags, bandaids, deodorant, these are just a few. If you can donate any of the above please drop off at the American Legion Post off of Church Road, or rear entrance 1550 Henry Drive. If you need someone to pick up the items please do not hesitate to call Judy, at 570-678-7433. Money donations are always

welcomed to defray the cost of the postage. Make checks out to the American Legion Auxiliary Unity 781 and notate on the check that it is for Troop Christmas Packages. They sent out 121 packages last year and the cost of postage was close to \$3,000, this is with the discount the Post Office gives the soldiers.

UNTIL DECEMBER 13 DOLL RAFFLE

The American Legion Junior Auxiliary Unit 781, is running a Christmas raffle. First prize is an American Doll, Doll of the Year 2019; 2nd prize an American Doll Christmas outfit, and 3rd prize is an American Doll Husky Puppy or \$25

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cash. Drawing will be on **December 14** at the children's Christmas party. Donation for tickets is a \$1 each, anyone who would like a ticket please email Ava Groth at avagroth@ gmail.com, or contact Judy at 570-678-7433.

The Junior Auxiliary is always looking for new members. To be a Junior Auxiliary, you must be the daughter, granddaughter, or a sister of a veteran. For more information please contact Ava or any Auxiliary member.

NOVEMBER 27 QUILTERS MEETING

Mountain Top Quilters will meet at the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library, 35 Kirby Avenue, Mountain Top on **Wednesday**, **November 27** 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.

NOVEMBER 29 CONCERT FOR REBECCA

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

Drive in Drums

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

Free admission. All donations will be sent to: Domestic Violence Service Center and the Victim's Resource Center.

Basket raffles will also be held.

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DECEMBER 1 **HOAGIE SALE**

The Slocum Township Volunteer Fire Company is selling 12" American hoagies (ham, bologna, hard salami, American cheese, lettuce, tomato, with or without onions) or a turkey and cheese hoagie tomato and lettuce, with or without onions. Cost for the hoagie is \$5. Please see any fireman or EMS member or call 570-868-6255 and leave a message for Ted.

Pick up day is December 1, orders are due by November 26.

DECEMBER 2 GFWC MEETING

The next meeting of GFWC will be on Monday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church. The theme is "Wacky Tacky Christmas Party", Please wear your wackiest, tackiest Christmas outfit for a contest with a prize to be won. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please bring a wrapped gift (\$10) for a game. The guest speaker will be from the Guardian Angel Recovery House. At that time they will be giving them Christmas stockings for the residents

MAKE & TAKE AT WHACL

A Make and Take event, homemade facial and body scrubs event with Kathy Brocca will be held at the White Haven Area Community Library on December 2 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10. Call the library at 570-443-8776 to reserve your spot.

DECEMBER 3 **SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Mountain Top Social club will enjoy a Christmas party on December 3 at Four Blooms Restaurant starting at 12 noon. For information on the party call Mary Dopp at 570-855-3525.

The club has four trips so far for the new year. *Esther* at the Sight & Sound Theater on May 5, Longwood Gardens on June 30, Playing Our Song at Huntington Hills. and on September 30 at Dutch Apple Theater Saturday Night Fever. The casino trips dates have not come in as of yet. All trips are open to the public.

For information on trips call Cathy Medeiros at 570-261-5016. To join the club call Rich Powell at 570-868-5701 or John Dopp at 570-535-0990.

The casino trips leaves St. Paul's Church in Mountain top at 8:30 a.m. and St. Aloysius

Church in Wilkes-Barre at 9 a.m. Be there at least 15 minutes early. The bus departs the casino for home at 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$26 per person and you get a \$30 dollar slot play and a \$5 dollar food coupon.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 781 will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 3. All members are invited to attend. New members are always welcome. They will be discussing the upcoming children's Christmas party, and the troops Christmas packages. They are in the process of collecting names of soldiers that will be serving out of the country during the Christmas holidays. If you know of any soldier please contact Judy Buff at jujub1949@gmail.com, or call the American Legion Post 781 at 570-678-7105 with your soldiers name and address.

DECEMBER 7 **HOLIDAY QUILTS & CRAFTS SHOW**

The White Haven Area Community Library will host its 9th annual Holiday Quilts & Crafts Show on Saturday, December 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will be spread over two venues: the historic DeWitt Homestead, a restored Victorian home circa 1875 located at 231 Wilkes-Barre Street, and the White Haven Area Community Library, located in the historic railroad Engine House at 121 Towanda Street in White Haven.

Demonstrations of hand quilting by Kathy Oross, fiber spinning by Carol Pirolli, wood crafting by Liam's Luck Wood Crafts, felting by Linda Kistler and Pysanky egg art by Margie Bogash will be featured.

A wide assortment of beautiful, interesting, or old quilts, loaned by area residents will be on display.

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Saturday, December 7 from 9

a.m.-12 p.m. in the school caf-

eteria. The menu will include:

pancakes, scrambled eggs,

hash browns, sausage, juice

and hot cocoa. Crafts will be

available along with coloring

pages and a candy cane for

each child. Tickets are \$10 for

adults and \$5 for children (12

and under). Professional pic-

tures with Santa can be pur-

chased for \$10/which includes

a keepsake ornament. Reser-

vations before the event can

be made by calling the school

at 570-474-5803. Walk-ins

will be taken that day, as well.

DECEMBER

7 & 8

HOLIDAY MARKET

The Grand Bank is Ashley

will host a holiday market,

an indoor shopping experi-

ence on December 7 from

12-5 p.m. and on December

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goods, knit and crochet items, wood crafts, pet products, soaps and lotions, jams and jellies, paper crafts, painted glassware, pins, photographic prints, metal art, wreaths and floral arrangements, painted gourds, potpourri, tie dyed creations and many more items for your holiday shopping pleasure.

Refreshments of hot cider will be served at the DeWitt House. A concession stand offering homemade soups and delicious baked goods will be located at the Engine House. Holiday gift basket raffle tickets will be available for sale at the Engine House.

Admission is \$5 for adults. For information, call 570-4438776. Check out their website at www.whitehavenlibrary. com. or like them on Facebook.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Making A Difference Ministries presents its 9th Christmas With A Twist on **December 7** from 7-9 p.m. at the Dorranceton United Methodist Church, 549 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Music provided by Stephen L. Perillo and The Followers Band of Making a Difference Ministries and Mark and Allison Ritsick of "Broken Road Duo".

The event is sponsored by the Marine Corps Toys For Tots Program. Donation of an unwrapped toy for a child infant

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PICTURES WITH SANTA

Get your cameras ready because Santa is coming to town on **Saturday**, **December 7** from 10 a.m.-noon at Mt. Top Healthcare and Rehab. Bring the kids, pets, loved ones and enjoy the holiday spirit. Light refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own camera. If you don't have one, one of Santa's helpers can use theirs and send it via text or email.

Mt. Top Healthcare and Rehab is located on Route 309 in Mountain Top. Any questions contact Rachael at 570-474-6377 ext 111.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The annual Saint Jude Breakfast with Santa will take place

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DECEMBER 8 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come have some pizza with Santa at the Slocum Township Fire Company on **Sunday**, **December 8** from 4 to 6 p.m.

The party is open to all children 12 years of age and under. Pre-registering is appreciated but not required. To pre-register call or text Cindi at 570-578-7573.

The firehall is located at 1923 Slocum Road in Wap-wallopen.

ADVENT CONCERT

The Catholic Choral Society will present an Advent Concert on **Sunday**, **December 8** at 3 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish, Immaculate Conception Church, 605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston. The chorus will be presenting sacred Advent and Christmas music as well other Christmas selections. Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m. is the snow date.

Holy Redeemer Bell Choir, under the direction of Ann Manganiello, will also perform.

The concert is open to the public free of charge. For further information please call 570-575-1040, see www. catholicchoralsociety.org., and like them on Facebook.

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.

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 December 2

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

Tuesday: Open face hot turkey sandwich on whole wheat bread, mashed potatoes w/ chives, vegetable soup, fresh honeydew melon, milk and coffee

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

Thursday: Italian pork chop, roasted red potatoes, italian green beans, whole wheat dinner roll, grapes, milk and coffee

Friday: Pineapple chicken, cilantro brown rice w/lime, tropical vegetable medley, crackers, tropical fruit, milk and coffee

Week of December 9

Monday: Holiday lunch-beef monterey, cheesy mashed potatoes, sauteed peppers & onions, whole wheat dinner roll, scalloped peaches, milk and coffee

Tuesday: Turkey harvest salad, pumpkin soup, chilled beets, ww dinner roll, fresh apple slices, milk and coffee

Wednesday: Baked fish w/ lemon & onion, macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, broccoli, ambrosia, milk and coffee

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

Friday: creamed turkey, mashed potatoes, mixed veg-

etables, biscuit, orange jello, milk and coffee

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Mountain Peaks Albright's Glen Summit Floral reopens for season

Glen Summit Floral Co., devastated by an arson fire in early July, is set to reopen for the upcoming holiday season.

George and Jane Albright, long-time owners of the floral company, have a greenhouse filled with red, white, pink and marbled poinsettias ready for their reopening on November 29. They will also have a variety of decorated logs, wreaths and grave blankets.

Their greenhouse and adjacent warehouse, located on Kirby Avenue a short distance from Route 437, were extensively damaged on July 2 by a fire set by a man who then robbed PNC Bank along Route 309.

The Albrights have operated Glen Summit Floral in Fairview Township since 1979 and the warehouse and greenhouse



George and Jane Albright with their array of poinsettias ready for the upcoming Christmas season.

damaged in the fire are more than 70 years old. They pointed out their contractor restored much of the damaged buildings to their original condition including the original wooden warehouse doors. The contractor also replaced the benches in the greenhouse with redwood planks. Jane Albright explained the redwood is difficult to find but is important in greenhouses as it holds up in the heat and humidity required to grow plants.

Once the Christmas season is over, the Albrights will begin getting ready for the Easter and spring seasons. Geranium seedings are already planted in the greenhouse. You can reach the greenhouse at 570-706-1327.



Noreen Jaques won a Kate Spade tote bag. Bingo fundraiser benefits St. Jude PJSA

St. Jude School's Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science students (PJAS) hosted a bingo fundraiser on Sunday, October 20 in St. Jude's cafeteria. Prizes included American Girl, Coach, Google Home, Jimmy Choo, Kate Spade, Gucci, Young Living, Vera Bradley and Michael Kors. Proceeds will help reduce the exuberant cost for the 7th and 8th grade students to conduct their experiments for PJAS, for registration and travel to Penn State to attend the competition.



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Crestwood Menu

Elementary Schools

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

Week of December 2

Monday: No school, Thanksgiving break

Tuesday: Twin pancakes with scrambled eggs or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: tater tots, carrot sticks, 100% fruit juice and choice of milk

Wednesday: National cookie day — Italian style meatball hoagie or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, free cookie with lunch, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Penne pasta with meat sauce, garlic bread stick or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: steamed carrots, corn salad, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Pulled pork barbecue on a bun or pepperoni pizza bagel; featured veggies: oven browned sweet potato, chick pea salad, choice of fruit and milk

Week of December 9

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

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

Wednesday: Asian sesame chicken over rice or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, carrot sticks, fruited jello, choice of milk Thursday: Chicken fajita on a soft tortilla or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: refried beans, fresh kiwi, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Barbecued ribby on a roll or Italian dunkers with dipping sauce; featured veggies: oven fries, steamed carrots, 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 December 2

Monday: No school, Thanks-

giving break

Tuesday: Nachos grande, tortilla chips or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, spinach salad, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: National cookie day — Toasted cheese sandwich or meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: tomato soup, tater tots, free cookie with lunch, choice of milk

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

Friday: Hot dog, topping bar with chili and cheese or buf-

falo chicken stromboli; featured peas and carrots, chick pea salad, choice of fruit and milk

Week of December 9

Monday: Italian sausage sandwich with peppers and onions or chicken mashed potato bowl with a dinner roll; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, steamed corn, choice of fruit and milk

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

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

Thursday: Cowboy burger with cheese, onion rings, barbecue sauce or barbecue ribby on a bun; featured veggies: carrots, fresh broccoli, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Mini corn dog nuggets or Italian dunkers with dipping sauce; featured veggies: peas, tomato and onion salsa, choice of fruit and milk

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Wyoming Seminary Upper School Music Department will present its annual Christmas Concert on **Sunday**, **December 8** at 2 p.m. in the Sem Kirby Center for Creative Arts, 260 North Sprague Avenue, Kingston. The concert will include the Sem Chorale, Madrigal Singers, string ensemble and hand bells performing a variety of instrumental and vocal music, including seasonal works. Free and open to the public. For more information call 570-270-2192.

DECEMBER 10 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET

Sons of the American Legion Mountain Post 781 will meet on **December 10** 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**, **December 10** 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.

OPEN SKATE

Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza will open its doors for public ice skating on **Tuesday**, **December 10** for the 16th annual Toys for Tots Open Skate presented by Utz in support of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

Anyone bringing a new, unwrapped toy or making a \$5 contribution to Toys for Tots is permitted to participate in the open skate.

The open skate will run from 6 to 8 p.m. Complimentary snacks will be available for guests courtesy of Utz Snack Foods and light refreshments

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will be available for purchase with partial proceeds donated to Toys for Tots.

All guests in attendance will have the opportunity to win some great prizes while at the event including tickets to select Mohegan Sun Arena events.

Patrons must bring their own skates to participate in the open skate.

For more information on the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots

program, visit www.toysfortots.org.

DECEMBER 11 WE THREE IN CONCERT

The trombone trio *We Three* will perform time honored traditional Christmas holiday songs known and loved by everyone at the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library on **Wednesday, December 11** at 7 p.m. There may even be an appearance by a special gentleman who is very busy this time of year!

We Three is a unique trombone trio that performs music from the Great American Songbook including the best loved melodies of Broadway and Hollywood. The trio is also known for its jazz and folksong performances. They have been together for over eight years and have performed for church and civic groups, as well as concerts open to the public. Registration for this free concert may be done by visiting the library at 35 Kirby Avenue, Mountain Top or by calling 570-474-9313.

BLUE CHRISTMAS GATHERING

A Blue Christmas Gathering will take place on Wednesday December 11 at 7 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 175 S. Main Road, Mountain Top. If you are one of the many people who often face struggles during the holidays, you are invited to join this group for a Blue Christmas Gathering. Light refreshments will follow the service. For more information please call Debbie at 570-474-5243.

DECEMBER 14 COOKIE WALK

St. Jude youth group is plan-

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ning its annual cookie walk again this year. The popular event will be held **Saturday**, **December 14** from 9 a.m. to noon in the school cafeteria. Anyone wanting to bake cookies can drop them off on Friday, December 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

COOKIE SALE

The Nuangola Library is hosting its annual cookie sale on **Saturday**, **December 14**

from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the library located at 5150 Nuangola Road in Nuangola. No baking required! Just stop by and select your Christmas cookies from a variety of homemade holiday treats at only \$8 per pound. Need to decorate for the holidays? No problem there will be a variety of festive poinsettias and wreaths from Old Post Farm. There will be plenty of unique gift ideas from many local vendors and artisans selling a variety of gifts and stocking stuffers. Stop by

and make your holidays easier!

DECEMBER 17 MT. TOP CARES MEETING

Mt. Top Cares meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Christ United Methodist Church, 175 S. Main Road in Mountain Top.

The next meeting is **Decem-ber 17**.

Mt. Top Cares is a support group for those who have been affected by a loved ones sub-

stance use disorder.

For more information email mttopcares19@gmail.com or call 570-262-3793.

DECEMBER 21 & 28 HOLIDAY SAUERKRAUT SALE

On Saturday, December 21 and December 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Emmanuel UCC is holding a homemade sauerkraut sale available to purchase for your holiday

meals. The sauerkraut will be sold by the quart for \$4.50 no limits.

Emmanuel UCC is located in Dorrance Township at the end of Alberdeen Road. Please call the church office at 570-868-5675 will any questions.

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Saint Jude trunk or treat grows every year

Saint Jude School held its annual Trunk or Treat event on Halloween morning, a day looked forward to by students and parents alike. Over 25 families participated this year with trunk themes ranging from Harry Potter, to a spooky science lab, to a puppy dog play place. There was even a pirate ship complete with plank that students walked across to get their candy. Despite the rain and wind students stayed dry inside as the event took place in the gym.



Eighth graders Avery Chepolis, Olivia Bilbow, Lauren Lokuta and Francesca Basalyga look "incredible" in their matching costumes.



Gavin Serock, Miles McShea, JJ Pavlick and Luke Gordon collect some treats.







Annual Feed-a-Friend event helps those in need at Thanksgiving

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mountain Top hosted its annual Feed A Friend event, which began on Saturday, November 23 to gather and sort food for packing and handing out to those in need for Thanksgiving. Many volunteers came out to help with the collecting and sorting of the food that the Boy Scouts collected earlier. On Sunday, November 24, the items were packed by the Sunday School children and adults. Finally, distribution day was held on Tuesday, November 26. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in Mountain Top went door to door a week prior to put notices on doors throughout Mountain Top asking for food donations. The following Saturday they went back and collected filled sacks of food. This event truly is a community event that helps those in need with-in the Mountain Top area.



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Many of the volunteers who had it in their hearts to come out and help sort the food on November 23.







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1. What is long-term care?

Long-term care refers to the ongoing services and support needed by people who have chronic health conditions or disabilities. There are three levels of long-term care:

- · Skilled care: Generally round-the-clock care that's given by professional health care providers such as nurses, therapists, or aides under a doctor's supervision.
- · Intermediate care: Also provided by professional health care providers but on a less frequent basis than skilled care
- · Custodial care: Personal care that's often given by familycaregivers, nurses' aides, or home health workers who provide assistance with what are called "activities of daily living" such as bathing, eating, and dressing.

Long-term care is not just provided in nursing homes - in fact, the most common type of long-term care is home-based care. Long-term care services may also be provided in a variety of other settings, such as assisted living facilities and adult day care centers.

2. Why is it important to plan for long-term care?

No one expects to need long-term care, but it's important to plan for it nonetheless. Here are two important reasons why:

The odds of needing long-term care are high:

- · Approximately 52% of people will need long-term care at some point during their lifetimes after reaching age 65*
- · Approximately 8% of people between ages 40 and 50 will have a disability that may require long-term care services*

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, November 14, 2017

The cost of long-term care can be expensive:

For many, the cost of long-term care can be expensive, absorbing income and depleting savings. Some of the average costs in the United States for long-term care* include:

- \$6,844 per month, or \$82,128 per year for a semi-private room in a nursing home
- \$7,698 per month, or \$92,376 per year for a private room in a nursing home
- \$3,628 per month for a one-bedroom unit in an assisted

living facility

center

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, October10, 2017

3. Doesn't Medicare pay for long-term care?

Many people mistakenly believe that Medicare, the federal health insurance program for older Americans, will pay for long-term care. But Medicare provides only limited coverage for long-term care services such as skilled nursing care or physical therapy. And although Medicare provides some home health care benefits, it doesn't cover custodial care, the type of care older individuals most often need

Medicaid, which is often confused with Medicare, is the joint federal-state program that two-thirds of nursing home residents currently rely on to pay some of their long-term care expenses. But to qualify for Medicaid, you must have limited income and assets, and although Medicaid generally covers nursing home care, it provides only limited coverage for home health care in certain states.

4. Can't I pay for care out of pocket?

The major advantage to using income, savings, investments, and assets (such as your home) to pay for long-term care is that you have the most control over where and how you receive care. But because the cost of longterm care is high, you may have trouble affording extended care if you need it.

5. Should I buy long-term care insurance?

Like other types of insurance, long-term care insurance protects you against a specific financial risk - in this case, the chance that long-term care will cost more than you can afford. In exchange for your premium payments, the insurance company promises to cover part of your future longterm care costs. Long-term care insurance can help you preserve your assets and guarantee that you'll have access

to a range of care options. However, it can be expensive, so • \$68 per day for services in an adult day health-care before you purchase a policy, make sure you can afford the premiums both now and in the future.

> The cost of a long-term care policy depends primarily on your age (in general, the younger you are when you purchase a policy, the lower your premium will be), but it also depends on the benefits you choose. If you decide to purchase long-term care insurance, here are some of the key features to consider:

- · Benefit amount: The daily benefit amount is the maximum your policy will pay for your care each day, and generally ranges from \$50 to \$350 or more.
- · Benefit period: The length of time your policy will pay benefits (e.g., 2 years, 4 years, lifetime).
- · Elimination period: The number of days you must pay for your own care before the policy begins paying benefits (e.g., 20 days, 90 days).
- Types of facilities included: Many policies cover care in a variety of settings including your own home, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers, and nursing homes.
- · Inflation protection: With inflation protection, your benefit will increase by a certain percentage each year. It's an optional feature available at additional cost, but having it will enable your coverage to keep pace with rising prices.

Your insurance agent or a financial professional can help you compare long-term care insurance policies and answer any questions you may have.

Deductions for Long-Term Care Insurance Premiums: 2018 & 2019

Age	2018 Limit	2019 Limit
40 or under	\$420	\$420
41-50	\$780	\$790
51-60	\$1,560	\$1,580
61-70	\$4,160	\$4,220
70+	\$5,200	\$5,270

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Lori Hieb of White Haven and Eleanore Shimko of Mountain Top get some assistance from local artist Jan Lokuta.

NSP hosts Art in the Park

Nescopeck State Park hosted an Art in the Park for seniors on Friday, November 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. With November being all about Thanksgiving and turkey, it was a perfect event to honor our wild turkeys by joining local artist and volunteer Jan Lokuta to create an Audubon-inspired turkey painting to take home. All materials were provided. Everyone who attended wore comfortable and old clothes in case of paint mistakes.

GFWC Mountain Top annual auction a success

The GFWC of Mountain Top hosted its annual auction on Sunday, November 17 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mountain Top. Doors opened at 1p.m. to preview over 100 hundred items and the bidding began promptly at 2 p.m.

with Ray Fontenova as auctioneer for the event. Light refreshments were served at half-time. The Club received many donations from local businesses as well as members, friends and family of club members.



Ray Fontenova auctions a gift basket while club members Donna Smith and Gaylene Hunter get the next items ready for bidding.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos Jane Gillman stopped by early to preview some of the many items up for bid.



News in Brief ...

Dorrance hoping to obtain grant

Dorrance Township supervisors are hoping to obtain a state grant to purchase a mini paver. Supervisors voted at their November meeting to apply for a \$48,990 Local Shares Account gaming grant to purchase the equipment which connects to a skid/wheel loader or similar machine.

Supervisors voted to purchase a 2019 Superline utility trailer from Wide World RV Center at a cost of \$7,595. They also voted to hire Grevera & Associates certified public accountants to complete the 2019 township audit in place of the elected auditors at a cost of \$3.500.

The township road crew was commended by Ivan Hoyt who sent a thank you card citing the excellent job they did on Eroh and Hollow Roads removing the crumbling pavement and filling the potholes with new pavement. Hoyt described the workers as "an asset to our community all year long. "

A letter was received from Barry Isett & Associates requesting consideration to be appointed the township engineer for 2020.

TNR working in Fairview Township

It appears the program to trap, neuter and release cats is working well in Fairview Township.

Township resident Gina Snyder, one of the residents who opposed a proposed ordinance to prohibit feeding of stray or feral cats, provided supervisors with an update on the trap, neuter and release (TNR) effort at the November supervisors meeting.

Township supervisors voted at their October 1 meeting to table for one year a vote on a

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

At the September meeting, supervisors heard from residents who presented a trap, neuter, release (TNR) plan to deal with stray and feral cats, and from an organization that promised to work with residents.

Snyder made reports on the program at the board's October and November meetings. She told supervisors at their recent meeting that since August, 17 cats were trapped, neutered, vaccinated and released. Additionally, 12 kittens brought to the TNR program were adopted or placed.

Supervisor Robert Orloski Jr. commended Snyder for work on the program.

In other news ...

Fairview Township residents won't see a property tax increase in 2020. Supervisor Michael Iorio announced at supervisors November meeting that work on the 2020 budget has been completed. The fiscal plan is available for inspection at the township office. Orloski noted there will not be a tax hike next year. 2019 general fund budget which totals \$1,806,375.

The township's property tax

will remain at .85 mills (.00085 times assessed value) with an additional .0003 mill fire tax.

Supervisors voted to apply for two Local Shares Account gaming grants. The township is seeking \$47,513.25 for a new police car, and \$381,166.50 for road paving projects and drainage work on Deer Path Drive and Park Lane North; and for paving of the municipal parking lot and access drive.

Zoning officer John Doddo told supervisors Domino's Pizza is coming to Mountain Top. The pizza shop will locate on South Mountain Boulevard near China II.

Doddo also told supervisors he received a few complaints about property owners blow-

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ing leaves into culverts and swales. He pointed out that this practice is not allowed as the leaves can cause drains to become blocked, resulting in

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flooding problems.

Wright Township to apply for grant

Wright Township supervisors voted at their November 12 meeting to apply for a Local

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Shares Account gaming grant of up to \$400,000 for street paving and drainage work in Walden Park and Maplewood. At their October meeting, they approved an application for a PennDOT multi-modal roadway improvements grant not

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to exceed \$700,000. Township secretary/treasurer Pam Heard explained the PennDOT grant could be used for road improvements if signs for pedestrian and bicycle use are included.

In other news ...

Supervisors are still weighing a request by the township's volunteer fire company to institute a fire tax to fund the organization's operations.

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At the October work session members of the volunteer fire company asked supervisors to consider enacting a fire tax to help fund its operations and implement part-time paid firefighters.

When asked at their November 12 work session if a decision has been made, board chairman Michael Marshall said supervisors have not finalized the township's 2020 budget. "We're still kicking the numbers around," Marshall

Fire department officials estimate their operational cost for 2020 with one firefighter on duty 12 hours a day, seven days a week would be approximately \$230,000, plus the cost of insurance. For 2021, the cost to operate the department with two paid part-time firefighters would be approximately \$428,000. Currently, the township donates approximately \$100,000 annually.

In order to cover all the department's operational costs and provide full coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week, they estimated a fire tax of 1 mil to 1.1 mils would be required. That tax, they said. would cost each household an estimated \$146 to \$161 annually.

Supervisors approved an ordinance accepting the offer of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce to pay the back taxes on the former Poseidon Pool property totaling \$14,695.97. The ordinance waives penalties of \$2,046.88 and interest of \$41,156.24. The ordinance language indicates its purpose is to encourage future development of the property.

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person has been nice. With

a pinch of elfish magic and

a magical "woosh," Eubie's

off to Bluesville. But can

he turn a whole town of

naughty children nice ir

The play is directed by

Jim Williams; music direc-

tion by Hollie Major Baker

choreography by Mari-

kate Sullivan and Michael

Performances are

scheduled for November

30, December 1, 5,6,7,8

just one day?

Aarone.



Pictured from left are Brian McLaughlin, Katie Falzone, Barbara McLaughlin, Wendy Griffiths and Mike Hill.

On Wednesday, October 30 the Mountain Top Kiwanis participated in the 16th annual Tail of Treats at the Mohegan Sun Pocono. Over 1,100 special needs kids and young adults from the area enjoyed a special Halloween Trail of Treats! Students and clients, dressed in their Halloween-best, gained valuable social experiences while enjoying treats and entertainment such as storytelling. The event provides a safe place for children and young adults with special needs to have Halloween fun in Luzerne County.

Sem students inducted into Cum Laude Society

Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School recently inducted 11 students into the Wyoming chapter of the Cum Laude Society, the national academic honor society for college preparatory schools.

The new inductees are seniors Po-Tsun Chen. Suzhou, China P.R.C.; Yifei Chen, Beijing, China P.R.C.; Zhenying Chen, Shanghai, China P.R.C.; Allison Hohn, Mountain Top; Jessica Kishbaugh, Bloomsburg; Charles Kutz, North Abington Township; Jevon Layne, Whitby, Ontario, Canada; Tianwei Li, Shenzhen, China P.R.C.; Emily Urbanski, Mountain Top; Caitlin Walker, Hatboro; and Lixiang Yin, Shanghai, China P.R.C.

The goal of the Cum Laude Society is the encouragement



Seen following the induction ceremony are, first row from left: Allison Hohn, Jessica Kishbaugh, Emily Urbanski and Yifei Chen; Second row: Lixiang Yin, Charles Kutz, Jevon Layne, Zhenying Chen and Po-Tsun Chen. Not present for photo: Tianwei Li and Caitlin Walker.

excellence.

Wyoming Seminary's chapter of the society was established in 1930, and each year since then previous members of the organization elect new senior class members in both fall and spring. The students

and rewarding of academic elected in the fall must have a junior-year average of at least 3.4 (out of a possible 4.0); the spring inductees must have attained a cumulative juniorand senior-year average of at least 3.1. Inductees must be in the top ten percent of their class.



Mountain Peaks/ Claudia Strycharz photo

From left, Marissa Sanders, 12, Kaelyn Barker, 12 and Audrey Shebelock, 12 make some natural lip gloss. Teen spa night held at Kirby Library

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library in Mountain Top held a fall teen spa night for children grades 6 through 12 on Tuesday, November 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the community room. The fifteen spots were filled with girls having a fun and relaxing night together making a rejuvenating pumpkin spice scrub and homemade lip gloss with all-natural ingredients, a nail station for painting nails, a fall glitter calming bottle and coloring in the color me calm coloring station. They also enjoyed the yogurt bar, warm apple cider and other fall snacks.

Modrovsky presents wreath at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Emma Modrovsky, left, granddaughter of World War II veteran, Tony Modrovsky, and classmate JP Ahern had the honor of presenting a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washinton D.C. recently. She is a sophomore at Honesdale High School and the daughter of Mike and Kim Modrovsky.

Mountain Top residents appear in The Happy Elf

A Mountain Top woman and her niece are part of the cast of the production of The Happy Elf being presented November 30 to December 15 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, Swoyersville.

Rachel Crecca, and her niece, Anna Glassic, are part of the ensemble in the musical comedy by Grammy Award winning and Tony Award nominated composer and lyricist Harry Connick Jr. Their roles include elves, townspeople of Bluesville, and workers.

"It's a lot of fun," said Crecca of acting for the first time with her niece. Crecca, 36, previously appeared in Music Box's production of White Christmas.

Glassic, 12, is a seventhgrade student at Crestwood ing in her first play with adults town of Bluesville, not a single at 3.



Anna Glassic and her aunt Rachel Crecca in The Happy Elf.

Middle School. She has appeared in numerous children's productions including James and the Giant Peach, Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, and most recently in The Lion King at Pennsylvania Theatre of performing Arts, Hazleton. "It's really cool," Glassic said of appear-

alongside her aunt.

The *Happy Elf* follows the 12,13,14, and 15. Doors story of Eubie, the happiest elf open at 6 p.m. for Friday at the North Pole. More than and Saturday evening peranything else, Eubie longs to formances. Dinner is served be part of Santa's sleigh team. at 6:30 and the curtain goes Instead, he's stuck checking up at 8. For Sunday matinee the "naughty or nice" list. One performances, doors open Christmas Eve he sees someat 1 p.m. Brunch is served thing strange: in the whole at 1:30 and the show begins

home a Thanksgiving turkey.

Turkey shoot held at American Legion

The American Legion Post 781 hosted its annual turkey shoot on the legion grounds, Sunday, November 24. Sign up began at 11a.m. with shooting beginning soon after. It was a bit snowy and wet to start but the weather soon became comfortable for the many that came out from all over to try and win a turkey for Thanksgiving. The public was invited to participate and there were plenty of refreshments available for purchase.

of Jeff and Linda Weisenberger



Andrew Lehman and Jared Weisenberger.



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Six-year-old Peyton Dixon playing with her mom, Holly Tence za, just won bingo and a TV.

Library benefits from holiday bingo

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library of Mountain Top hosted its annual holiday bingo in the cafeteria at the Crestwood High School on Sunday, November 24 beginning at 1 p.m. Prizes included toys, electronics and other great gifts. Cost to play was \$25 for 20 games, \$10 per extra set of 20 games and \$2 per special game card. There were two specials that included a 32" HDTV with Roku Express and a set of AirPods and an Amazon Gift card.



pionship.

Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo Doug Moore makes a great shot with hopes of bringing

Autism Center to hold grand opening on December 5

The Autism Center at Misericordia University will hold a grand opening celebration on Thursday, December 5 from 5-7 p.m. at 50 Lake Street, Dallas Borough. As a regional hub for the Autism Collaborative Centers of Excellence, the Autism Center helps connect people with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families with services and supports in the area.

"The College of Health Sciences and Education at Misericordia University established the Autism Center in 2015 as a community resource for caregivers, clinicians, practitioners and students majoring in the health and medical sciences field, with a focus on interprofessional collaboration in support of the autistic community," said Kristin Hoffman, M.S., S.E., director of the Autism Center at Misericordia



Kristin Hoffman, M.S., S.E. University. "Today, we are proud to say the Autism Center at Misericordia University has developed into a regional hub where families can take part in specialized programming and services tailored to the needs of people of all ages with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The Autism Center is home to the Autism Lifelong Learn-

ing Program, which provides pre-employment and employment services in support of community integration at the post-high school level. The center also offers a Summer Transition Experience for Students with Autism, a fourweek class to provide adolescents and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder the skills they need to successfully transition to adulthood and the work environment.

To register for the grand opening or for more information about the Autism Center at Misericordia University please email autism@misericordia.edu or contact Kristin Hoffman at khoffman@ misericordia.edu or 570-674-6197. There is also additional information on the Autism Center's Facebook page, The Autism Center at Misericordia University.

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Lotto calendar sales will benefit disabled

"Just like all of us, people who live with a disability, want to be able to work and when work is done, be able to relax and enjoy themselves with friends" says Hazleton Avenues Rehabilitation Partners (HARP) President Corinne Chabot.

"We hold fundraisers, such as the upcoming December Lotto Ticket sale to give support through volunteer efforts to provide services and opportunities for people who work in the Avenues Vocational Employment Services (AVES) Hazleton and the ATF Program-PossAbilities Hazleton on Poplar Street." adds HARP Vice President Judy Dinofrio.

Buy a HARP Lotto Ticket for the month of January 2020. Tickets are \$5 each and are numbered from 000-999. Return your ticket stub with



Two of the clients, Scott and Jarret, working on shredding at (AVES) Hazleton are among the many assisted by Hazleton Avenues Rehabilitation Partners (HARP) fundraiser efforts.

name/address/phone to the person you've purchased it from. Keep the rest of ticket.

If the PICK3 PA Lottery Number selected that January day, at the 7 p.m. drawing only, straight, matches your HARP ticket number at the top of your calendar, then you will have won the amount of money shown on the ticket calendar for that day.

Tickets can be purchased from December 1-31 or until all are sold, whichever comes first. The drawing takes place January 1-January 31, 2020.

Tickets can be purchased from any member of HARP or you can call Avenues at 570-501-1005 or Judy at 570-788-0418.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Terry Tokach owner of Mountain Yoga talks to students in Mrs. Albright's second grade class about the importance of breathing in yoga using the frog's ability to control its movements and breathing.

Rice Elementary hosts Career Day

Rice Elementary held its annual Career Day on Friday, November 15 beginning with light refreshments for the presenters at 8:30 a.m. Afterwards each of the many presenters were taken to the classrooms they used to present their careers.

This program is an eye opener for the students as many have no idea what types of professions there are beyond what their parents do.





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At their August 12 meeting, supervisors voted to extend until 2029 the Keystone Opportunity Zone tax exemption for the property in the Crestwood Industrial Park. The KOZ designation also was approved by Luzerne County Council and Crestwood School Board.

Developer Rob Mericle and Wico van Genderen, president of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, told supervisors at their work session prior to the August 12 regular meeting that Mericle plans to build a 217,000-square foot industrial building on the 27-acre site. He said the development would result in about 174 new jobs. The developer said his company and the chamber are working to meet requirements of Pennsylvania Act 2 which Mericle said deals with cleanup of environmentally challenged properties.

Supervisors reported the Mountain Top COG compost site will close for the year on November 30. The change in the township's leaf collection program this year generated criticism from supervisor Donald Zampetti.

At the October meeting, it was announced that because the township's leaf collection machine is broken, public works crews only would collect leaves in biodegradable bags. Zampetti questioned supervisor Matt Howton, the township's road foreman, why the leaf collection machine was not repaired. "Why hasn't it been fixed? The money is in the budget," Zampetti asked Howton.

Howton, who was attending his first meeting after a heart transplant, said the cost of repairing the machine would be \$12,500. He explained that since the township applied for a state Department of Environmental Protection grant for a new truck, he felt it would be prudent to use the money in the budget for the required 10 percent local match, should the township receive the grant.

"We were blindsided by this," Zampetti said of the change in the collection method. "The board was not notified." He said he drove through Walden Park and there were leaves all over. "It's a disgrace. People can't buy that many bags for all those leaves," he contended.

Wright Township supervisors accepted the resignation of long-time planning commission member Carl Ungvarsky at their November 12 meeting. Ungvarsky also resigned from the township's Environmental Advisory Council. Supervisors directed Heard to send Ungvarsky a letter thanking him for his service on both boards. Anyone in interested in filling the vacancy on the planNovember 27-December 11, 2019 23

ning commission or the Envi-

ronmental Advisory Council

should send a letter of interest

Mike Aton and Greg Thomas

as part-time snowplow truck

drivers for the winter season at

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Supervisors voted to hire

to the township secretary.

a rate of \$18 an hour.

serving in the military.

Rice residents still

dealing with fiber

optic cable issues

Rice Township residents and

supervisors continue to deal

with issues stemming from

Atlantic Broadband's installa-

tion of high-speed fiber optic

At the November meeting

of township supervisors, Rob-

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township planning commis-

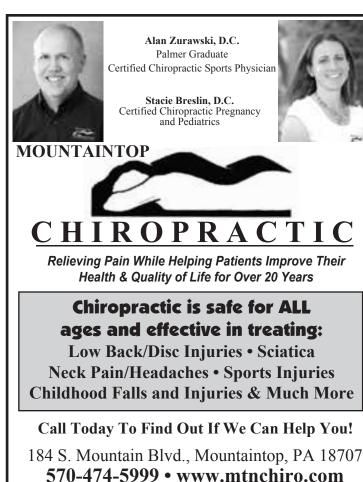
sion, expressed concern to

cable in Wilderness Estates.

made to driveways affected by the work. Smith said Atlantic Broadband's subcontractor, Advanced Fiber, had dumped bags of cold patch on the cut driveways. Supervisors assured the residents that it was not their responsibility to patch the driveways. Supervisors told residents that secretary/treasurer Jeff Beck and engineer Andrew Pasonick will work with solicitor Jack Dean to make sure the cable installation along Wilderness Drive is done to meet township code. In other news ...

Supervisors appointed Grevera & Associates to conduct the 2019 township audit at a cost of \$3,500.

Supervisors voted to purchase a Galaxy Book 2 from Verizon for \$899.99 and contract a monthly data plan through Verizon for use by the township emergency management coordinator. The action will allow the coordinator to take emergency management information off his personal device and placed on a township device.





Country Heart Farm wins The Great FNCB Bank "She Shed" giveaway

FNCB Bank is pleased to announce that the winner of the "Great She Shed Giveaway" is Hazleton Area based Country Heart Farm.

Open to non-profit organizations in the Bank's service area, the FNCB Bank "She Shed" giveaway was held to find a new home for the temporary drive-thru building – The She Shed – used during construction of the Bank's new Main Community Office in Dunmore. The \$15,000 building features a fully plumbed restroom, heat, air conditioning and is wired for electricity.

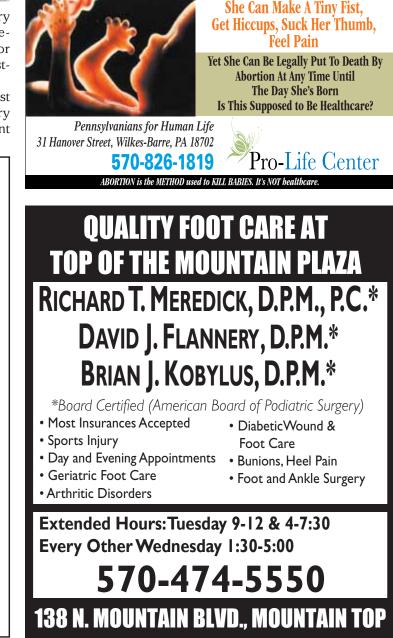
Country Heart Farm, located at 311 Hanna Street, Sugarloaf, provides comprehensive equine assisted psychotherapy and uniquely formatted hands-on educational programs to children of all ages



and abilities. Children who attend programs at Country Heart Farm are most often abused, neglected and/or at risk for failing in the traditional educational settings. Many are high-risk youth from at or below poverty level households. Additionally, Country Heart Farm has a comprehensive therapy program for veterans suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder.

"The response to the contest was overwhelming," said Jerry Champi, FNCB Bank President & CEO. "We had just under 100 entries and all were very deserving which made the selection process extremely difficult. Country Heart Farm's mission to help heal children and veterans of all abilities and backgrounds as well as their need to help grow their program made them a very deserving winner."

Once site preparations are completed at Country Heart Farm, the She Shed will be delivered and put into service. "We are thrilled to be selected as the She Shed winner," said Country Heart Farm Director Dr. Patricia Rodriguez-Hudson, DNP, CRNP. It will allow us to increase our direct community impact through effective, safe and affordable treatment options. The She Shed will allow us to create a year-round safe-haven space to conduct intake interviews, hold individual and family therapy sessions and after school academic support sessions."



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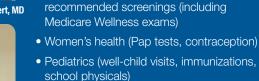
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Keller participates in triathlon

World Champion Special Olympian, Aaron Keller participated in the Newport Dunes Cal-Triathlon, in Newport California. United Airlines in partnership with Special Olympics made inclusion happen. Keller was one of eight Special Olympians invited to team up with United Airlines.



Aaron Keller

Cantolao soccer team finishes season undefeated



The Cantolao Crush U-10 soccer team recently completed the Fall 2019 Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League with an undefeated record of 10-0. Pictured from left, front row are Connor Devlin, Nathan Ciocco, and Caden Hoban. In the back row are Mark Devlin, Assistant Coach; Miles McShea, Gavyn Miller, Wyatt Chalker, Marc Saracinaj, Jacob Bechtel, and Dave Bechtel, Assistant Coach. Missing from the photo is player Daniel Melendez and Head Coach Hubert Herrara. For more information on Cantolao soccer or information on training with Cantolao, please contact Hubert Herrara at cantolaopa@gmail.com or 570-574-5283.

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Five area students gain clinical exposure thanks to Geisinger program

Five area college students are gaining clinical exposure and an inside look at medical school thanks to a new program at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine (GCSOM). The Abigail Geisinger Pre-Medical Clinical Experiences Program was designed to increase the chances for talented local students to gain acceptance to medical school and to remain in the region to care for their neighbors.

Joseph Bannon, MD, a surgeon and clinical faculty member at GCSOM created the program with Michelle Schmude, Ed.D., GCSOM's associate dean for admissions, enrollment management & financial aid and associate professor. "Geisinger is very much committed to our community and an important part of our mission is education," Dr. Bannon said. "This program allows us to provide some of the best and brightest local college students and aspiring physicians a valuable clinical experience."

Clinical experiences, including shadowing, are an essential element to a successful medical school application. "To be competitive, a medical school applicant has to demonstrate a sincere interest in medicine, which typically means direct and indirect exposure to medicine. It's very difficult for students to cold call physicians in the hopes one will agree to provide that experience. Physician shadowing is just one of the things our program will provide, along with structured sessions on topics like financial aid for medical school, the business of medicine and the intricacies of AMCAS, the American Medical College Application Service," Dr. Schmude said.

The five-week program began July 8. Students attend the program daily and are



Seen from left are Mahad Muhammad of Mountain Top; Geisinger surgeon, Erin Miller, DO; program founder, Michelle Schmude, Ed.D., GCSOM's associate dean for admissions, enrollment management & financial aid and associate professor; Christina Carachilo of Carbondale; Parita Ray of Scranton; Katherine (Kate) Musto of Pittston; Michael Kovalick of Dallas; and program founder, Joseph Bannon, MD, a Geisinger surgeon and clinical faculty member at GCSOM.

assigned attending physicians at Geisinger Community Medical Center for shadowing and mentoring. The intent is to expose participants to a wide range of medical specialties. The students will also have the opportunity to attend regular conferences like Tumor Board, where physicians discuss interesting medical cases. Prior to accessing clinical areas, the students received rigorous training in HIPAA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act that provides data privacy and security provisions for safeguarding personal medical information.

Selection to the program is competitive. The students chosen must live in the counties within Geisinger's footprint, be enrolled at one of three participating universities (King's College, Wilkes University or The University of Scranton) and be academically qualified. "The most important qualification in choosing participants, however, is how well the student aligns with Geisinger's mission, so we really look for a commitment to service, particularly a desire to serve our local communities." Dr. Schmude said.

Those chosen to be the first participants in the Abigail

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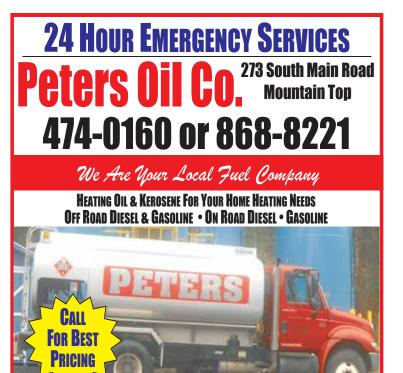
Geisinger Pre-Medical Clinical Experiences Program are: Michael Kovalick of Dallas. The soon-to-be senior at Wilkes University said he applied to the program because of his interest in attending GCSOM. "Since I hope to remain in the area, I like that the school focuses on replenishing the local physician workforce," he said.

Parita Ray of Scranton is a junior biology major at The University of Scranton. She agreed that the program's mission resonates with her and said, "It's also an amazing chance to shadow different specialties within medicine. I was having difficulty finding shadowing experiences just by calling myself, so I am very excited to take part in this program."

Christina Carachilo of Carbondale is a sophomore at The University of Scranton and, as an emergency medical technician (EMT), she already has some clinical experience. "I am with a patient until we drop them off at the Emergency Department," she said. "I am really eager to see what happens after our patients go through those doors. I want to see the next step."

Katherine (Kate) Musto of Pittston, is a senior at The University of Scranton. She has strong ties to GCSOM, having one brother now attending the school and another who graduated from GCSOM and is now a practicing primary care physician in West Wyoming. "I want to be a doctor practicing in my own community," she said. "That's why this program was such a draw for me."

Mahad Muhammad of Mountain Top is a biology major at The University of Scranton. "I've worked as a volunteer at Ultra Urgent and Family Care in Kingston, but mostly I only see the business side of medicine. I am looking forward to witnessing patient interactions and to be in room when medicine is practiced," he said.



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

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

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

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

CONYNGHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m. 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.

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.

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.



Four-year-old Aaron Henry, whose family are members of St. James Lutheran Church, helps out by carrying food for older helpers to pack into the boxes. SOON SOON

Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

Colton Rinehimer, 14, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church volunteered along with his family to help pack the food for the Thanksgiving baskets.

Churches fill baskets for Thanksgiving

St. James Lutheran Church in Hobbie and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dorrance jointly hosted its annual Sunday school project where volunteers package Thanksgiving baskets for needy families within the area on Sunday, November 24 at St. James's Lutheran Church. Adults and children of all ages and from both churches volunteered to donate, collect, sort and package food, including turkeys for 21 families.

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

Share the wonder of Advent with your family and friends by welcoming them to worship with Emmanuel beginning Sunday, December 1. Help others truly prepare for the coming of Christ by worshipping during the season of Advent and hearing the message of salvation born in a lowly stable. The season of Advent is intended to serve as



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a time of preparation. Much of our time is spent in preparation for remembering His first coming to earth. We decorate, bake, shop and get caught up in the excitement of Christmas. But it is also a time for anticipating his second coming. Through our faith in Jesus and his promise to come again we pray, worship and do God's work here on earth, in preparation for his return.

On Saturday, December 21 and December 28 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Emmanuel will have its homemade sauerkraut available to purchase for your holiday meals. The sauerkraut will be sold by the quart for \$4.50 no limits.

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

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

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

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

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 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 worship setting includes bistro tables with padded chairs, and a few rows for traditionalists.

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.

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

Sunday, November 24 from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: A SunDay of Thanksgiving, a Thanksgiving meal after church.

Every Sunday in December is "The Sounds of Christmas". Sunday, December 1, 10 a.m. Earl Matthews in concert, Earl has a unique gift in music. He is a fantastic pianist and vocalist. His vocal style is similar to Michael W. Smith. He has a passion for God, worship and people! Sunday, December 8. David DeMarco Christ-

mas concert with full band; Sunday, December 22, 10 a.m. Christmas Bell Choir, Christmas music by Shannon Yarnell, Marilyn Evans: pianist and Pastor Keith: trumpet. Christmas fellowship dinner after the worship service; Tuesday, December 24, 7 p.m. Christmas eve evening service at Faith Church Hazleton Campus; Tuesday, December 31 from 6:30p.m.-12:30 a.m. 1st annual Christian New Years Eve celebration: Michael O'Brien, Joseph O'Brien, 2018 America's Got Talent finalist; Jessie Comrie, Christian rapper. For information you can

checkwww.yourvcc.com.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Services: Sunday 8:45 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Scott O. Miller, Pastor 1448 Slocum Road, Wapwallopen 570-200-5388

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

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.

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo Children in the Stomp Club learn how to copy the beats and eventually create a great tune. From left are Alexis Panzik, 11, Jona Partington, 10 and Aaron Charsky, 9.

MFC offers after school clubs

The Mountaintop Family Church hosted its After School Clubs on Tuesdays, November 12, 19 and 26. Community children in first through sixth grades were welcome to attend the fun clubs. There was free play time with games before everyone went to the club that they chose. The clubs offered were: Crafts or Cup Stacking for grades 1 through 6, Lego Robotics for grades 3 through 6 and Stomp for grades 4 through 6.

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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 Valley Food Pantry has asked the church to collect canned fruit cocktail for the Christmas boxes, and all area churches have been asked to collect coffee, flour, and sugar. The deadline for donations is Monday, December 16. Please check expiration dates.

The breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 1, and donations of stocking stuffers are needed – candy canes, coloring books, and 12-count packs of crayons. All donations can be dropped off under the table in the church vestibule or at the parish office.

The volunteer Christmas party will be held at Edgewood in the Pines on Wednesday, December 11. Hors d'oeuvres will be served from 5:30-6 p.m. with dinner to follow. Cost for non-volunteers is \$25. Dinner will be served family-style. Coupons can be dropped in the collection basket or returned to the parish office. The deadline for reservations is December 1.

The next quarterly Baptismal preparation class with Deacon Jim will be held on Tuesday, December 17, at 6 p.m. This class is mandatory for all parents wishing to baptize their children. If you are unable to attend this class, there is a class at Immaculate Conception Parish on Tuesday, December 10, at 6 p.m. Please register by calling the parish office.

Tuesday night bingo at Good Shepherd Church starts with an early bird game at 6 p.m. They play 22 games each week and payouts range from \$50 to over \$500. Regular games pay \$100 each. The kitchen opens at 5 p.m. with special soups, sandwiches, beverages, ethnic foods and a variety of other goodies including fries, pretzels, candy, chips, and more. They also provide complimentary coffee, tea, and cake to players and volunteers.

GRACE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Brian Korner, Pastor Blue Ridge Trail, Slocum Twp. 570-868-6298 An old fashion Bible 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.

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.

The KidsTown Christmas play will be presented on December 7 at 6 p.m. and December 8 during the 10:30 a.m. service. There will not be KidsTown classes during the 10:30 a.m. service, only TinyTown nursery. There will be KidsTown classes and a regular service during the 9 a.m. service on December 8.

A ladies Christmas celebration will be held on December 13 at 6:30 p.m. All ladies are invited to attend. Bring a wrapped ornament for the ornament exchange (place your name in the package before you wrap it) and bring a large covered dish to share for dinner. Please sign up by December 8.

Two Christmas Eve services will be held on December 24: 5-6 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. They invite everyone to come celebrate the birth of our Savior with special Christmas music and sharing the Christ-



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mas story together.

A Preschool Play Group will meet Thursday, December 12 at 10 a.m. in the KinderTown classroom. Play group is for all infant through preschool age children and is held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

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

Starting Point Youth is for students who are in 7th-12th grade and meets every Wednesday in the Youth Room. There is a snack shop open from 6-6:30 p.m. and the youth service is from 6:45-8 p.m.

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

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

570-443-9438

Mountainview is a family church. They believe that through their relationships with one another and with Jesus, they will experience the freedom, confidence, and the full life that is available to them. Their mission is to

provide an environment where anyone can encounter Jesus' love and guidance.

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

The church will holds Thursday Family Faith Nights. There will be dinner together followed by the various kids' groups. While adults wait for their kids they can take part in a class called Christianity 101 which will be an opportunity to explore questions about the faith. Dinner, fellowship, fun and spiritual growth all in one night! How awesome is that?

For updated information on Mountainview Community Church, their small groups, and various activities, please visit www.mountainviewnepa. org and Facebook page: MountainviewFMC.

Mountainview is located about 1 mile from the Rt. 437 intersection in White Haven.

MT. ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Services: Sunday 9 A.M. Pastors: Bob Thomas and

Rev. Fran Fink

Lily Lake Road, Slocum

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



Rev. Fran Fink will lead theworship service on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1.

The church will have a special worship and communion service for the residents of Smith Health Care on Tuesday, December 3 at 9:45 a.m.

Pastor Bob Thomas will lead the worship service on December 8. Following the service they will decorate the Christmas tree and sanctuary. They are the only church in the area that still decorates a live Christmas tree.

The Friendship Club will have its annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 12 at noon at King's Restaurant.

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

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH Services: Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: John Broglin

570 S. Main Road, Mountain Top 570-868-5155

New Life Community Church, invites you to come and worship the way it used to be.

Everyone is welcome to join them for a time of Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

All ladies are welcome to a time of fun and fellowship on Monday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOUNTAIN TOP Services: Sunday 11 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. 9 Chestnut Street, Mountain Top 570-474-9951

You are invited to join in worship on Sunday, December 1, the first Sunday of Advent. The message will be delivered by Elder Wes Mullen. They will share the sacrament of Communion.

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

all ages.

The choir practices every Thursday at 7 p.m. If you are interested in this ministry and would like to participate in the Christmas Cantata please stop by or contact Choir Director/ Organist Bill Blannett.

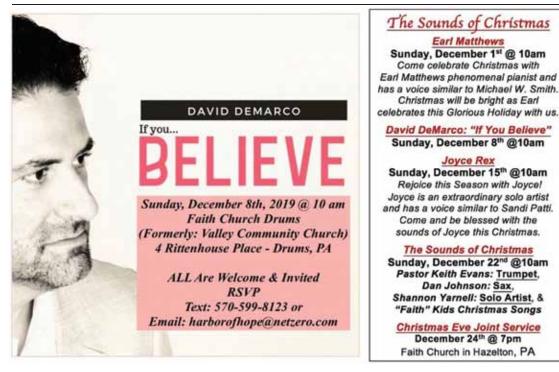
All friends and church family are invited to join in corporate prayer for this time of the church's transition. Prayer will be held between Sunday School and church, about 10:20 a.m.

On Saturday, December 7 church members will be serving at St. Vincent's Soup Kitchen. New hands are always welcome. If you plan on serving again or would like to join for the first time contact Pam Zaprazny.

On December 8, the children will present the Sunday School Christmas pageant, followed by caroling to a local nursing home after worship. All are invited. The STAR Christmas gifts will also be dedicated.

Please donate your food items weekly to be given to the

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Mountain Top food bank. The need is great for packaged items, mayonnaise, coffee and sugar canned corn, red beets, variety soups and cranberry sauce are also needed.

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

2020 dates to purchase bulletin covers to honor or recognize someone are now available. A month's supply of bulletin covers is \$35. Flowers are also available to purchase for \$35 for the vases or a special arrangement for the pedestal. Contact Lisa Bachman to schedule flowers or call the church office.

Poinsettia and Christmas wreath orders are being taken until December 15. Poinsettias are \$6 and wreaths \$14. They must be paid for at time of order.

Looking ahead: December 9: Transition meeting at 7 p.m. December 14: Mission cleanup round 2 if needed.

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.

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.

First Sunday in Advent will be held on December 1 at 9 a.m. with no Holy Communion in the pastor's absence so he can attend the baptism of his grandson. Second Sunday in Advent will be held on December 8 at 9 a.m. with Holy Communion. Third Sunday in Advent will be held on December 15 at 9 a.m.; Fourth Sunday in Advent will be held on December 22 at 9 a.m. Mid-Week Advent services will be held every Wednesday evening in Advent at 6 p.m. They will be held in the church basement beginning with refreshments.

The Sunday School Christmas program will be held during the worship service. They will be doing the Christmas Story combined with the Little Drummer Boy. Christmas Eve Service will be held at St. James on Tuesday, December 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The annual Christmas program will be held during the worship service on December 22 beginning at 9 a.m. There will be no Sunday School classses. There will be no Sunday School classes on December 29.

St. James annual Christmas dinner will be held on December 14 at 6 p.m. in the social hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Bring your family and friends. There is no charge but a free will offering will be received. Watch for the signup sheet in the narthex or call Eileen Hoffman at 570-379-3503 or Floyd Rinehimer at 570-379-3633 to make reservations. There is always plenty of food, but sign-ups are helpful to know how much food to prepare. The meal is followed by singing carols and decorating the tree in the sanctuary. Kids especially enjoy this part of the evenings events. Anyone willing to help with this should plan to stay for about a half-hour after the dinner.

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

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

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

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH Services: Saturday 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Father Joseph J. Evanko, Pastor 420 S. Mt. Blvd., Mountain Top 570-474-6315

Confession and Benediction, Mondays during Advent from 7 to 8 p.m. This year





confessions are each Monday during Advent, December 2, 9, 16 and 23 so that they can get away from the busyness of holiday preparations and enjoy some quite time with Jesus. On December 9, confessions will be at 6 p.m. and no Benediction.

St. Jude's 13th annual Lessons & Carols concert will be held Sunday, December 22 at 4 p.m. in the church. The concert tells the story of our salvation history in Christ and features the Music Ministry, Christmas pageant, and guest instrumentalists.

The Giving Tree will be in the narthex the weekend of November 30/December 1. Please take a tag and return the weekends of November 30/December 1 and December 7/8. No gifts can be accepted after December 9.

Children needed for Advent Lessons and Carols Nativity. Children ages 4 years old and up are invited to help retell the story of the journey to Bethlehem. They are especially in need of children in grades 5-8. Practices: December 7, 14, and 21 at 5 p.m. in church. Children must attend at least two practices, one of which is the dress rehearsal on December 21. Costumes provided! Please contact Carrie at cgrandzol@ stjc.org for more information or to sign up. Sign ups end December 2.

Breakfast with Santa will be held Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in St. Jude School cafeteria. Menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, juice and hot cocoa. Tickets: \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. For ticket information, call St. Jude

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School at 570-474-5803. Walkins welcome that day too!

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: December 10, January 14, February 11, March 10, April 4 and May 14.

It's the 4th annual Cookie Walk at St. Jude Church to benefit the Youth Ministry Program! Support St. Jude's Youth Group while stocking up on your favorite Christmas cookies! The date of the Cookie Walk is Saturday, December 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in St Jude School cafeteria. \$10 per container until sold out. Attention bakers of St. Jude Parish! When baking your Christmas cookies, will you please bake up a few dozen for the cookie walk? Drop off is Friday, December 13 from 4-7 p.m. in St. Jude School Day Room. Please drive behind the school and use the Day Room doors. Call Tricia at the Parish Office, ext. 228 or email tscanlan@ stic.org.

Baking night for the youth is Tuesday, December 10 from 6-9 p.m. They will be baking cookies for the Cookie Walk. If you are a budding baker grades 5th and up, please join them to help fill the tables for the Cookie Walk! Feel free to bring any supplies to help decorate. We will provide the dough. Contact Tricia at tscanlan@ stjc.org with any questions.

Youth Advent Bible Study for grades 9-12. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season this year. Spend some time with God and with friends to read and discuss what He has planned for us. It's only 3 Tuesdays and 1 Monday in December at 6 p.m. The church will provide all materials. Dates they meet: Tuesdays, December 3, 10, and 17 and Monday, December 23 (if you can't make all the meetings, that's ok). Contact Tricia at tscanlan@stjc.org or call the Parish Office for more information and to register.

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

St. Jude Parish office will be closed Thursday, November 28 thru Sunday, December 1 in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will re-open December 2 at 8:30 a.m.

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

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Services: Sunday at 11:15 a.m. 285 Pond Hill Mt. Road, Wapwallopen 570-735-8531

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

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

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

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church is an inclusive and modern Episcopal Church that incorporates into its liturgy the best of both Catholic and Protestant traditions while remaining open to new directions from the Holy Spirit.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate Holy Eucharist with them on Sundays. For more information, visit stmartintimeless.org or call Janeann Lokken at 570-868-6895.

ST. MARY'S OF DORRANCE

Services: Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Father Joseph Evanko, Pastor 3529 St. Mary's Road, Dorrance

570-868-5855

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

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

Keeping with tradition, the church will form its Advent wreath out of donated greens. Please drop leave them on the porch, grove side by November 29.

Saint Theresa's Guild's next

meeting is Tuesday, December 3, at 6 p.m. in the social hall. The ladies will be preparing for the children's Christmas party. Please bring scissors.

Saint Theresa's Guild invites members of the parish to the annual Wafer Supper on Sunday, December 15 at 6 p.m. in the social hall. Please bring a covered dish. Beverages will be provided. RSVP by signing up in the back of the church or by calling the parish office by Sunday, December 1, to ensure they have enough place settings. Snow date is Sunday, December 22.

The church is looking for parishioners who would like to partner with the seventh and eighth grade students to journey with them as they prepare for Confirmation. Your commitment would include praying for them, and offering them encouragement and support via cards and letters. Call the parish office if you are able to share your love of the Catholic faith with one of the young adults, or if you would like more information.

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.

The parish office will be closed Thursday, November 28 through Sunday, December 1. It will reopen Monday, December 2 at 8:30 a.m.

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.

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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.

St. Patrick Church sponsors the Giving Tree Project. The United Methodist, St. Paul's Lutheran, & Presbyterian Churches participate in this project along with White Haven Lions & Marine Corp Toys for Tots. Giving Tree tags are on a tree in the entrance to the church. They give to those in need in the community by taking a tag or multiple tags, purchasing the gift on the tag, wrapping the gift and taping the tag on the gift with the family # showing. The gift must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 15 at 11:30 a.m. The number on one side of the tag identifies the family who is the recipient. The Giving Tree Project is their way of sharing resources with other families in the community at Christmas.

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 next children's Mass will be on November 10 at 10:15 a.m.

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.

St. Paul's is holding a coat drive until November 29. They are requesting new or gently used coats to distribute locally. There is a collection box in the narthex.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Alice Timinsky and Maureen Feissner look at some of the Christmas decorations available for purchase.

St. Pat's holds holiday boutique

St. Patrick's Catholic Church in White Haven held its annual Christmas craft show on Saturday, November 23 from 9 to 4 p.m. There were many local artisans selling a variety of handmade crafts, paintings, ornaments, decorations, wooden items, jewelry, magnets, pins, knitted and crocheted items and much more. There were also refreshments for purchase as well as a funnel cake vendor.

WELCA tree trimming will be on Sunday, December 1 at 3 p.m. They will order pizza and have salad and dessert for all attendees. Any questions, contact Florence Pedley or Gerri Herron.

On Sunday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m. you and your family are invited to "A Christmas Celebration." They will gather to enjoy a family-style Christmas dinner with all the trimmings from Paluck's Catering. A signup sheet will be on the table in the narthex with all the details soon. The cost will be \$10 per person. Immediately following the dinner they extend an invitation to all members, friends and family of the congregation to come celebrate the "Hanging

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of the Greens" service on Sunday, December 8 at 7 p.m. The Hanging of the Greens service will take you on a journey of what the Holy Season of Advent means and how to prepare ourselves for Christ's arrival. There will be special music, readings on the significance of the decorations used throughout this season.

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

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 celebrat-

ed 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.

The Sunday School children will be proclaiming the good news on Sunday, December 15 with their Christmas Pageant.

ST. PAUL'S DRUMS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m. Rev. Debra L. Hebden, Pastor

335 W. Butler Drive, Drums 570-788-3051

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

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

For more information, contact them at www.stpaulsdrums.com or Email: stpaulsdrums@gmail.com.

WHITE HAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9 a.m. 3rd Saturday 5 p.m.

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

White Haven UMC welcomes everyone in the community to worship with them. Communion is shared the first Sunday of the month. A contemporary communion service is held on the third Saturday of the month at 5 p.m.

Sunday School welcomes children Pre-K through 5th grade. Youth Group welcomes those in 6th-12th grade. Both meet every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. following worship.

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



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10th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA): Matthew J. Banford, Erin E. Barno, Nathanael P. Barron, Sara Bonn, Hailey S. Borsuk, Jack F. Brumagin, Victoria M. Casarella, Kate E. Fenstermacher, Allison D. Gugliotti, Nicholas D. Gutkowski, Christopher E. Hannon, Alayna J. Harding, Jadyn Hooper, Madison Hudak, Genavive M. Januszewski, Dhara Javia, Clarissa L. Jefferson, Lauren R. Kalinowski, Abbey R. Krzywicki, Samantha Kulp, Morgan Lawson, Claire Lenio, Vicky Li, Megan McGovern, Arwaa Mehran, Ruth Mullisky, Reece Mylet, Jessica Niznik, Tanisi J. Patel, Liam D. Petty, Olivia L. Richards, Sarah J. Russell, Jaden Scott, John K. Sklarosky, Zoe A. Stewart, Ava Wanchisen, Taylor Wine, Kayla Witinski, Derrick Xie, Nicole Zurawski

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Honor Roll (3.250-3.699 GPA): Olivia Aigeldinger, Myatalia Barna, Rebecca Biddinger, Donald Brady, Jocelyn R. Brotzman, Anthony B. Dangio II, Sarah Daniels, Molly K. Demarzo, Venessa Derwin, Francesca I. Diaz, Trent G. DiLodovico, Julia A. Dixon, Adele M. Dougherty, Casey Evancho, William N. Everett III, Ava M. Groth, Ariauna M. Harris, Zachary Harrison, Alexander J. Jennings, Grace Jungermann, Johana E. Kernan, Abdul-Muhaimin Khan, Riley Koch, Hannah O. Lasoski, Sean T. Laurence, Emily E. Marchese, Michael McLaughlin, Ava Medvitz, Connor S. Murtha, Sophia K. Novrocki, Taylor R. O'Farrell, Tyler M. Oresick, Seth M. Otte, Krista L. Papura, Nidhi H. Patel, Vanessa E. Paul, Nadia Peimany, Taylor M. Petrey, Stephanie L. Pollock, Kylah M. Pratt, Chase Pugh, Isabella M. Ramirez, Blake E. Raudenbush, Madison M. Reilly, Michael V. Reilly, Hunter Rolles, Grace Rusinko, Isaac M. Saullo, John V. Scanlan, Kiara B. Schry, Brandon Schwartz, Lorelei L. Schwartz, Paige Scott, Clarissa D. Snyder, Zachary S. Snyder, Jenna M. Stone, Rachel K. Stover, Haley J. Sullick, Sydney K. Taney, Nathan D. Thomas, Victoria I. Thomas, Ava J. Usavage, Aidan J. Verdekal, Bryce E. Vieney, Kaley A. Walker, Nathan J. Weaver, Jenna M. Williams, Darran Zimmermann JR

11th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA): Samantha Andes, Hana Bader, Yashu Bansal, Kyle A. Barley, Carly G. Bono, Sheradyn E. Boris, Faith E. Brandt, Kyle Buchanan, Jalyn G. Cook, Nicholas J. Curry, Matthew Dean, Jacob M. Eroh, Alexandria M. Feisel, Lily J. Glander, Elizabeth L. Glowacki, Joseph M. Gola, Madalynn T. Gregory, Victoria Harper, Andre Herzog Anderson, Derek Jankowski, Madison T. Jeckell, Ava J. Johnson, Eric P. Johnson, Julia H. Johnson, Nicole A. Joseph, Anna Kahlau, Abigail M. Karassik, Taylor L. Kline, Gavin Kosko, Anastasia Lawson, Melanie Levier, Nicole M. Macfarlane, Alyse A. McKennetts, Aiden R. Mertz, Mallory E. Moratori, Kaylin Munley, Marley A. Myers, Priyal Patel, Shivani P. Patel, Hunter J. Piech, Brooke Rinehimer, Julia T. Rose, Ciera C. Rybak, Nicholas P. Schwartz, Karlie E. Searing, Kaitlyn A. Smith, Matthew Smith, Jillian A. Taleroski, Maddux Testa, Molly J. Truszkowski, Brittany L. Watt, Jaden L. Weiss, Dmitri Yarczower, Trey A. Zabroski, Jacob M. Zaleski, Michael D. Zaleski

High Honor Roll (3.700-3.999 GPA): Zachary T. Antosh, Samantha Beers, Ariana Bewighouse, Hillary R. Blazick, Avery N. Bogdon, William J. Bogdon, Jessy E. Bruzgulis, Aryanna R. Burke, Chloe Caplan, Kristen M. Carter, Armani Coniglio, Alex H. Covelens, Avery L. Czapla, Emily A. Davidson, Caleb R. Deckman, Brenden Demarzo, Kaila P. Derr, Taylor A. Dodge, Michael J. Enochs, Brayden Fenwick, Adam S. Garraoui, Matthew J. Gavin, Ryan T. Harding, James Hawley, Bailey Hayes, Paula Hoeptner, Amanda J. Howarth, Sarah Jacob, Ryan Januszko, Helena I. Jardine, Ella Kaminski, Ryan Kostiuk, Samantha Kotarsky, Avery M. Kovalchik, Kelsey M. Kulak, Julien C. Lacoste, Ethan J. Lieberman, Alexandra L. Lipinski, Adam Litchkofski, Stone M. Magagna, Julia Martin, Sara J. Mascelli, Mark S. Matysczak, Colin J. Novatnak, Dev V. Patel, Austin Payne, Ryan M. Petrosky, Matthew D. Potter, Noah R. Prokarym, Abigail Roman, Dillon E. Shaw, Michael J. Sheldon, Lily Snyder, Ana B. Soares Santos, Elizabeth Supkowski, Jamie M. Thomas, Keilan A. Verdekal, Evangelos Victoros, Marcus A. Vieney, Reece A. Wagner, Samuel Webb, Mason Webby, Brianna M. Wickiser, Trystan T. Wielgopolski, Elliott Williams, Taylor A. Yeager, Bennett A. Yermal

Honor Roll (3.250-3.699 GPA): Trinity A. Allen, Logan Arnold, Mitchell E. Awdakimow-Stec, Krista B. Boardwine, Ava Boellmann, Marisa Brown, Trevor Bukowski, Ashleigh M. Button, Jeremy Buzak, Cameron Chalk, Anthony J. Conde, Corey M. Craine, Vincent D. DeMarco, Blake A. Dompkosky, Ethan Dragonette, Paul Feisel, Sonia A. Getten, Joseph Glazenski, Kurt E. Grenzberg, David A. Hiott, Narissa M. Jackson, Danielle Jones, Jareth D. Jungermann, Emily Kalada, Khushi E. Kansal, Noah H. Kendra, Breanna Kijek, Nicholas A. Kreuzer, Christian J. Lake, Brennan C. Magin, Luna M. Maron-Barbrie, Nicholas R. Matthews, Marissa McCune, Caitrin Mullisky, John Oleinik, Collin Palmiter, Angelica S. Pares Alicea, Noah J. Partington, Maitri Patel, Tanmay B. Patel, Griffen Riccio, Justine Rilko, Alex J. Romanoski, Nicholas Ruggeri, Mychal A. Sarluca, Andrew J. Sodergren, Elyssa J. Valentine, Keirsten A. Whitmire, Kahley E. Williams, Ashleigh L. Yedlock, Reese Yenchik, Arron Yocius, Rachel E. Zingaretti, Jeffrey I. Zoebisch

12th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA): Madelyn Adamczyk, Rianna Ambosie, Britney Amigon, Zachery J. Andrews, Alexis R. Armstrong, Makayla E. Ball, Andrew J. Barno, Hendrik J. Bastemeyer, Jay A. Bhavsar, Nicolas W. Biros, Cassidy E. Brumagin, Raymond Chitswara, Brian A. Costello, Jocelyn L. Cussatt, Laetham D. Dahms, Kira S. Davis, Ashleigh Delay, Riley Dennis, Chloe G. DeSanto, Lauren DeSousa, Joseph P. Dotzel, Cortney E. Dushanko, Alexander J. Elsasser,

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lagher, John A. Gaughan, Michael R. Gavin, Michael Geroski, Samuel D. Glowacki, Chloe E. Greene, Evan Grevera, Olivia E. Grigas, Kayla Henkel, Alexander Hischar, Layla S. Howell, Rachel G. Hudock, Abigail E. Jacobson, Daniel J. Jones, Zachary Jones, Sydney M. Karchin, Kaya Klepaski, Nicholas C. Kline, Breena Kravchick, Dylan J. Kronick, Thomas J. Kulak, Mario J. Lavariega, Bridget Leroy, Wyatt J. Malia, Noah L. Meckes, Jordan H. Miale, Peyton Miller, Matthew Niznik, Connor Olenginski, Astara E. Passante, Kevin D. Regep, Emily Roberts, Charles C. Ruckle III, Patrick J. Scanlan, Erin M. Smith, Matthew J. Stopper, Allie R. Stover, Samuel Taney, Ashanty M. Vargas, Dalton Vencak, Amber Wehrenberg, Emily Wrobleski

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FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY 6th Grade Honor Roll

Kevin Seyer, Principal, has announced the following sixth grade students have achieved Principal's Honors at Fairview Elementary School for the 1st Quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. The Crestwood School District Elementary Honor Roll (6th Grade) reflects that the student has attained

an A in all courses offered. Inclusive are English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science.

Jacob Brugger, Macie Centak, Lauren Falcheck, Chase Galella, Grayce Grazio, Brady Johnson, Cassidy McDermott, Sean Rossi, Jaden Shedlock, Arushi Solgama, Daisy West.

SAINT JUDE SCHOOL

First Quarter Honor Roll Announced Sixth Grade

Principal's List: Matthew Mascarenhas High Honors: Alexis Bleiler, Pierce Sparich, Hayley Keiser, Jacob Kopko, Patrick Smith, Karson Kremski, Aurora Roote, Anson Jumper, Alex Gordon

Honors: Kyra Chepolis, Abbey Krupa, Andrew Grove, Michael Grandzol

Seventh Grade

Principal's List: Grace Tedford High Honors: Xavier Bleiler, Thomas

Dugan, Lauren Hayden

Honors: Lukas Phillips Eighth Grade:

- Eignin Grade:
- Principal List: Francesca Basalyga, Lainey Conway

High Honors: Lauren Lokuta, Molly Grove,

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e Avery Chepolis, Jack Novelli, Olivia Bilbow, s Donato Strish.

Honors: Kaylee Gryboski, Alexander Martin, Carly Glaser, Ethan Brenner, Addison Burick, Margaret Mary Ganter

Local resident selected for model UN conference in Germany

Mountain Top resident and King's College student Alison Moyer was recently selected to participate in a model UN Conference at the University of Erfurt located in Germany. Moyer will represent Slovakia and serve on the General Assembly Plenary at the conference

Moyer is a senior economics, Spanish, and philosophy triple major. She is the editor-in-chief of the college's newspaper, The Crown, managing editor for the college's yearbook, president of the Economics and International Business Club, secretary of the Rotaract Club, and a Writing Center tutor. She is a member the Sigma Kappa Tau service-based sorority, Student Alumni Association, and the college literary magazine, SCOP. Alison is a recipient of the college's faculty scholarship, and a member of the Aquinas Society, Phi Sigma Tau, Omicron Delta Epsilon, Delta Epsilon Sigma, and Alpha Mu Gamma honor societies.

In preparation for the trip, the group of students have been researching topics that have been posed to their assigned committees, and each committee pair has written a position paper that reflects Slovakia's position on those topics. They have also been strategizing about which other countries will likely be in agreement with their positions.

Prior to the start of the formal sessions, student delegates will participate in cultural tours.

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