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# Pajama party at Mountaintop Family Church makes for great winter fun

Mountaintop Family Church held its annual mother/daughter pajama party on Friday, January 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

All moms, aunts and grandmas were invited to bring their special girls to this fun girly night out. Everyone wore their favorite pajamas and had a fun time eating ice cream sundaes they made themselves, play games, do crafts, make friendship bracelets, paint nails, do scrapbooking and much more.



Heather Lazo and her daughter Olivia, 9 work on a friendship bracelet.



Renee Graham, 6, tackles the ice cream sundae that she created with every topping available.



Diana Hoppe gets her nails painted by daughter Jillian, 8, at the nail painting station.

**Abbie** 

her mom

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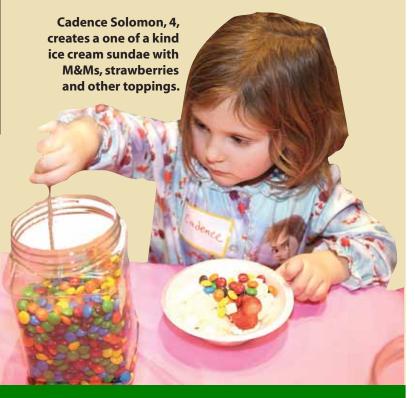




Working at the scrapbooking table is **Avery Hu**dak, 4 and her mom Mallory.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos Anna Cody, 10 and her sister Kathryn, 8 are doing cup stacking with mom Amy.



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

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

# UNTIL APRIL 8 FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

The AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Marian Sutherland Library in Mountain Top and the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Wilkes-Barre will again provide free tax preparation and e-filing of federal, state and local income taxes as well as property tax /rent rebate for area residents. This service is available to all taxpavers with low and moderate incomes with special attention to those aged 60 and over. Taxpayers are not required to belong to AARP to be eligible for this service.

To assure that your tax forms are properly completed, you must bring with you photo ID, Social Security Cards for taxpayer, spouse and all dependents, a copy of your 2018 tax return, your social security statement, all 1099s, W-2 wage statements, interest or dividend statements, and your property tax receipts for 2019, if filing for Property Tax Rebate, and any other tax

forms you received for the 2019 tax year. If you are filing a joint return, both taxpayers must be present to complete the return. Appointments are required.

At the Kirby Library, 35 Kirby Avenue in Mountain Top, tax assistance will be available on Wednesdays through April 8. Please call 570-696-2935 and leave your name and phone number clearly. You will be contacted to make an appointment. Do not call the library for an appointment.

At the Good Shepherd Church, 190 S. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, tax assistance will be available on Tuesdays continuing through April 7. Please call Lynn at 570-690-1418 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday to make an appointment to have your taxes prepared at the Good Shepherd Church. Do not call the church for an appointment.

# FEBRUARY 7 PINK OUT GAME

The Crestwood Lady Comets

or the will hold their Pink Out Game e filing on February 7 at Crestwood High School against Hazleton.

The girls will honor cancer

The girls will honor cancer survivors, those fighting and those who have lost their battle to cancer. A ceremony will be held between the junior varsity and varsity games at approximately 6:45 p.m. They hope to see you there to help them honor cancer survivors and cheer on the Lady Comets.

# NIGHT WITH THE BEE GEES AT WHACL

A Night with the BeeGees in concert will be shown on the large screen in the John Murphy Room at the White Haven Area Community Library on Friday, February 7 starting at 7 p.m. Come listen to great

music over the new sound system! Snacks and a variety of beverages will be served. The library is located at 121 Towanda Street in White Haven.

### FEBRUARY 10 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET

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

February 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.

# FEBRUARY 11 LITTLE LEAGUE PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

Mt. Top Area Little League baseball and softball is currently accepting sign ups for the 2020 season. Only one registration date left. Register now at www.mountaintoparealittle-

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Baseball and softball programs for boys and girls ages 4 thru 15, must turn age 4 by August 31, 2020 in order to play. Programs include t-ball, coach pitch, girls softball and boys baseball.

The last registration date is Tuesday, February 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Crestwood High School cafeteria. No sign ups after March 1, and no late sign ups accepted.

Visit www.mountaintoparealittleleague.com for details, forms, fees and additional information. Call 570-762-0379 for additional information and or questions.

### F€BRUARY 13 **CONCERT SERIES**

The second half of the Greater Hazleton Concert Series begins with the performance of the critically acclaimed Siberian State Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, February 13.

The program which will be presented to the Greater Hazleton Concert Series audience will be the music of the illustrious Russian composer Tchaikovsky.

2019-2020 Greater The Hazleton Concert Series, Inc. offers entertaining, professional performances to subscribers. Adult subscriptions for all three of the remaining concerts are available for \$80. Individual tickets for the Siberian State Symphony Orchestra are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students.

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Hazleton Area High School auditorium where abundant free, lighted parking is available. The Concert Series provides outstanding entertainment in a convenient, comfortable venue at an unbeatable price.

For concert information or tickets call Cynthia at 570-579-7110 or Amelia at 570-788-4864.

### FEBRUARY 16 **NEEDLE FELTING WORKSHOP**

A workshop to learn the art of needle felting will be held on Sunday, February 16 at 1 p.m. at the White Haven Area

Community Library. The art will be taught by local artisan, Linda Kistler. Participants must register and there is a \$10 fee for the kit. The library is located at 121 Towanda Street in White Haven.

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Council #6440 will serve a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Jude School cafeteria. Cost: Adults \$8, children \$5, under 5 eat free. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice. This fundraiser will help to support the Knight's programs in the parish and community.

### FEBRUARY 17

Monday night worship will be held at St. Faustina Parish. 520 S. Hanover Street, Nanticoke on Monday, February 17 at 7 p.m. Join them for a holy hour of praise and worship with the word music. Check facebook for the event. Contact Paul Walters at 570-332-2963 for more information.

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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 February 10**

Monday: Mini corn dog nuggets or popcorn chicken with buttered noodles; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, chick pea salad, choice of fruit and

Tuesday: Homemade mac and cheese with roll or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: stewed tomatoes, tomato and onion salad, choice of fruit and milk

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

Thursday: Oven roasted turkey, dinner roll or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, roasted turnips, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Stuffed crust pizza or meatballs and marinara with cheese on a roll; featured veggies: steamed carrots, Valentine treat, choice of fruit and milk

### **Week of February 17**

Monday: No school in celebration of Presidents' Day

Tuesday: Nachos grande with tortilla chips and cheese or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: Mexicali corn, lettuce, tomato and salsa, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Turkey and cheese hoagie or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: steamed carrots, cucumber slices, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Penne pasta with meatballs, garlic bread or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, celery sticks, choice of fruit

Friday: Italian dunkers with sauce or meatballs and marinara with cheese on a roll; featured veggies: green beans, baby 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 February 10**

Monday: Italian sausage and peppers on a roll or chicken nuggets with a dinner roll; featured veggies: green beans, cherry tomatoes, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Mexican lasagna with a dinner roll or chicken bacon ranch on a bun; featured veggies: refried beans, Caesar salad, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Hot ham and cheese on a pretzel roll or chili hot dog on a roll; featured veggies: potato wedges, celery sticks, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Roast pork with gravy with a dinner roll or barbecued rib on a bun; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Asian sesame chicken over rice or cheesesteak stromboli with sauce; featured veggies: Valentine treat, choice of fruit and milk

### **Week of February 17**

Monday: No school in celebration of Presidents' Day

Tuesday: Walking taco, Spanish rice or chicken bacon ranch on a bun; featured veggies: Mexicali corn, tomato and onion salsa, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Mac and cheese with a dinner roll or cheesy hot dog on a roll; featured veggies: stewed tomatoes, baby carrots, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread stick or barbecued rib on a bun; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, celery sticks, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Hand breaded chicken with roll or Italian stromboli; featured veggies: steamed carrots, cucumber slices, choice of fruit and milk





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### **Active Adult Center Menu**

Active Adult Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offer hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people age 60 and over.

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 February 10**

Monday: Stuffed cabbage with meat sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, fresh apple slices, milk and coffee

Tuesday: Bag lunch day

Wednesday: Honey glazed turkey, mashed sweet potatoes, brussels sprouts, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, cinnamon baked apples, milk and coffee

Thursday: Valentines Day Special: Vegetable lasagna, Italian green beans, cauliflower, margarine, diced peaches, milk and coffee

Friday: Cheeseburger on whole wheat sandwich roll. ketchup, potato and ham chowder, cole slaw, margarine, fresh melon, milk and coffee

### **Week of February 17**

Monday: Center closed in honor of Presidents' Day

Tuesday: Chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, margarine, scalloped pears, milk and coffee

Wednesday: Barbecued pork patty on whole wheat sandwich roll, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, margarine, cottage cheese and fruit, milk and coffee

Thursday: Egg and cheese bake Monterey, sauteed peppers and onions, diced potatoes, whole wheat biscuit, margarine, fresh melon, milk and coffee

Friday: Mexican baked chicken, black beans, chuckwagon corn, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, pineapple, birthday cake, milk and coffee

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

Seniors are invited to attend lunch daily. Regular and health plus menus are available. The suggested donation is \$2.

Make your reservations at least one day in advance by calling 868-8517 before 1 p.m.

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### FEBRUARY 18 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 February 18.

Mt. Top Cares is a support group for those who have been affected by a loved ones substance use disorder.

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

### **SOCIAL CLUB MEETING**

The next meeting of the social club will be February 18 at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top. The first casino trip will be Friday, March 27 and the second trip will be on April 24. Payment is due the first of the month. The cost of the trip is \$27 per person, the rebate is \$30 slot play and a \$5 food coupon. (must be 21 years old, with valid ID). Call ahead to hold a seat 570-261-5016.

The club is sponsoring a trip to Yankee Stadium on August 19. The seats are in the 200 section. Cost is \$119-\$126 per person, non-refundable. The trips are open to the public. Other trips for the year are Esther at The Sight & Sound Theater on May 5, Longwood Gardens on June 30, Playing Our Song at Hunterdon Hills on July 29 and Saturday Night Fever at Dutch Apple Theater on September 30. Call Cathy Medeiros at 570-261-5016 for

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more information and reservations. The Christmas show in November will be announced at a later date. They are looking at Wildwood NJ/Cape May/AC casino from September 9-11, Wednesday-Friday. 3 days/2 nights at an oceanfront hotel. Call Cathy Medeiros for more information.

### **FEBRUARY 21 NITE AT THE RACES**

Please join the Mountain Top Welcome Club for the 11th annual night at the races to raise money for local charities. This year's event will be held a sponsor or buying horses Friday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wright Township fire hall in Mountain Top.

Proceeds of this year's event will benefit the Mountain Top Hose Co., Kirby Library and Candy's Place. In addition it will fund a \$1000 scholarship to a Crestwood Secondary campus senior.

Horses are sold in advance for \$10 (1 in 10 chance to win \$50). \$5 admission at the door which includes beer, soda and food. The event is 21 and up. There will also be basket raffles and DJ entertainment.

The Welcome club is also looking for local sponsors. This year there are 3 tiers \$50, \$100 and \$250.

Interested in becoming please contact Pam McGovern at Pam.McGovern@century21.

### **FEBRUARY 22** WINTER SOCIAL

The Crestwood Football Booster Club will host it's 2020 winter social on February 22 from 7-9 p.m. at Cavanaugh's Grille. Admission is \$20 at the door and includes food, beer, wine and soda. Funds raised from this event benefit players and coaches in the program.

### **GFWC MEETING**

GFWC Mountain Top will participate in the county meeting on February 22 at the Café. Crafts will be judged at the meeting. Registration 9:30 a.m. Soup, sandwiches and dessert will be served. The cost is \$21. Make check payable to GFWC, Mountain Top by February 12

and send to Sharon Aronovitz.

As the Valentines Day project this year they will donate an item from the VA Hospital Wish List to the veterans to enjoy on Valentines Day.

The March meeting will be held on Monday, March 2 at Christ Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

For more information or questions please call Gaylene at 570-751-6144 or visit them on Facebook @ GFWC Mountain Top.

### **NITE AT THE RACES**

St. Mary's Church in Dorrance will hold a nite at the races on February 22. Doors open at 6 p.m., post time at 7 p.m. Your horse purchase (\$10), is your entrance to a fun

filled evening that includes food and beverages. Horses will be sold at the door for \$12. Purchase your horse prior to the event to be included in a surprise raffle.

### **FEBRUARY 23 HOAGIE SALE**

The Slocum Volunteer Fire Department is holding its annual hoagie sale on February 23. You can order an American or turkey hoagie with or without onions for \$5. Orders are due by February 19. To order call Ted at 570-868-6255 or see any member. Pickup is at 10 a.m. at the firehall, 1923 Slocum Road, Wapwallopen.

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# Peeks into the Past ...

Editor's Note: After many requests to do a feature of news items from the past, I have finally gotten

Mountain Peaks will feature Peeks into the Past at least once a month.

My parents, Andrew and Jane Yurkanin started the first newspaper in Mountain Top back in the fall of 1961. It was called *The Mountain View*. I have every edition of that paper so all of these Peeks will be from that paper.

My hope is that these will bring back some great memories for the people who are in them or know someone or something they see and maybe some history to residents who are newer to the area.

Maryellen Aton, Editor & Publisher

### **January 4, 1962**

### HONORED AT SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise birthday party was held Occambre 30 for William Burberich, Jr. and William Merager,

If, at the home of Mr, and Mrs. William Metwager, Blythehuen.

Refreshments were served to the following Ensure Rheden, they Williams, Sharon Conklin, Michele and Andrey Bellinskmin, Bryon Stirling, Thunthy Barborich, Jay Schmidt and the two hamored

### Well's Entertain Friends.

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### Bolesters Entertoin on New Your's Eve

Mr. and Mrs. Fred 1. Bulester, Les Avenue entertained residents of the Nuedorest area at a New Year's Eve Perty, Sunday a Thone attending were Mr.

Jimeph Katsay, Mr. and Mrs. am Nudlan, Mr. and Mrs. ps L. Hank, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Jin Y. Deveus, Mr. Cherles W. Kuhl. mad Men Joseph E. Heavy, Joseph E. Walnh. and Mrs Adam F. Orben. Dalanter us the Balestor Optical Company

### Corol Hiscor Visits

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### **January 4, 1962**

# NUANGOLA OFFICIALS



Shown above is Mayor Keller as he swears in Mr. Edwin Varker, Robert Owens and Harold Rule, newly re-elected Cauncilmen of Nuangola Barough.

### **January 4, 1962** J. V. CHEERLEADERS



Pictured above are the junior varsity cheerleaders from Fairview High School for the 1961-62 season. The girls on the squad are freshmen and sophomore students. Their cheering outfits consist of red sweaters and blue skirts. Members in the first row from left to right are: Shelia Morgan, Gail Hughes, co-capt.; Cheryl Miller, captain. Second row from left to right are: Maureen Rose, Bonnie Rinchimar, Cheryl Jones and Jennifer Kenthack. Absent when photo was taken: Marilyn Richards.

### **January 4, 1962**



### **January 4, 1962**



### **November 9, 1961** HUDOCKS HONORED BY FAMILY ON 55th ANNIVERSARY



Pictured shows see Mr. and Mrs. Janoph Hudock, Sr. and their seven children L to R; William, Henry, Mrs. Catherine Joseph, Mrs. Christiae Aton, Mrs. Marie Randle, Hellock. Mrs. Ann Modrovsky. All are residents of Manusalatop. Mr. and Mrs. Budock will calebrain their 55th wedding anniversary on November 13,

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### **CHS CLASS OF 1970 MEETING**

The Crestwood High School Class of 1970 will hold a class meeting on Sunday, February 23 at 2 p.m. at Abe's Lunch at 419 S. Main Street, Wilkes Barre. All classmates are invited to attend.

### **FEBRUARY 24 KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUT SALE**

The Slocum Volunteer Fire Department is holding a Krispy

Kreme doughnut sale on February 24 with delivery at 5 p.m. Half dozen is \$7, choose from chocolate iced, lemon filled, raspberry filled and Kreme filled; a dozen glazed is \$8, glazed certificates are also available. Orders are due by February 18. To order or with any questions call 570-868-6255 or contact Charles at stvfckrispykreme@outlook.com.

### FEBRUARY 25 **PHOTO CLUB MEETING**

The Mountain Top Photo

Club invites anyone interested in photography to attend its meeting held at King's Restaurant on February 25 at 6:30 p.m. Monthly workshops are given by talented members on a wide range of subjects having to do with the various aspects of photography, and field trips to various places are on the calendar. Whether new to photography or the professional photographer, all are welcome. Visit www.Mountain Topphotoclub.com or visit its Facebook page at Mountain Top Photo Club.

### **TROUT UNLIMITED MEETING**

Western Pocono Trout Unlimited will meet on Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. at the White Haven Library, 121 Towanda Street, White Haven Pa. Guest speaker will be Ed Wytovich, president of the Catawissa Creek Restoration Assoc. Ed will provide a program on the three acid mine

drainage treatment systems his group has built and operate on formerly degraded Catawissa Creek in northern Schuylkill County. Using this state of the art project the CCRA hopes to enable Catawissa Creek to become a first class wild trout stream with public access. The program is free and the public is invited.

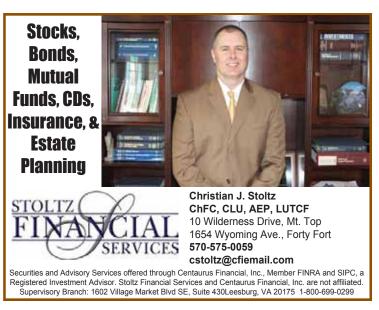
### MARCH 5 **RICE ELEMENTARY BOOK FAIR AND FAMILY NIGHT**

Please join Rice Elementary on Thursday, March 5 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for its Book Fair and Family Fun Night. Shop the book fair in the large group room, enjoy some games and activities in the gym from 6-7:30 p.m. and purchase some goodies at the 6th grade bake sale. This is a non-chaperoned event. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information contact Karen Weiss at kjbweiss@frontiernet.net or Paula Sapak at paula.sapak@csdcomets.org.

### MARCH 7 **PYSANKY EGG WORKSHOP**

The White Haven Area Community Library will be having an egg-citing program, Pysanky Egg Workshop on Saturday, March 7 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This is a 4 hour workshop for adults and children as young as 10 (children must be accompanied by adult). The instructor is Margie Bogash of Sunnyside Designs (Facebook site by the same name). All products and equipment supplied and you will design and complete your own egg to take home. There will also be snacks but you may bring your own. The cost is \$40 per person, payable in advance when registering. Please come to the library to reserve your spot, 121 Towanda Street, White Haven. 570-443-8776 for more information.





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# News in Brief ...

### Five Mountain Top organizations selected as finalists for Fidelity Bank \$15,000 IMPACT grant

In celebration of its new Mountain Top office, Fidelity Bank will award \$15,000 to one non-profit organization that has proposed a project that will make a significant impact in the communities it serves.

A committee of Fidelity bankers and volunteers who live in the Mountain Top area reviewed and discussed numerous applications and culled the list to five finalists.

The finalists are the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library; Mountain Top Area Community Ambulance; Mountain Top Hose Co. No. 1; Wright (Twp.) Environmental and Recreation, Inc.; Wright Township

Volunteer Firemen's Association.

The library's project involves three main areas where funds will be used. They include public and staff computers, the children's library area, and the library security system. The library pointed out in its proposal that its computers are all currently running Windows 7 and need to be replaced. The Children's Library would be updated, and the security system will receive an upgrade.

The Mountain Top Area Community Ambulance would use proceeds of the grant to purchase a Lucas Chest Compression System. This piece of equipment is designed to deliver uninterrupted compressions for a cardiac arrest patient at a consistent rate and depth to facilitate ROSC (return rate of spontaneous circulation). This machine would deliver automated compression from first response in the field to ambulance and throughout the hospital.

Mountain Top Hose Company No. 1 would use the grant to purchase equipment that will be used to clean the firefighting turnout gear. Firefighters pointed out that cancer causing carcinogens are encountered during fire calls. The carcinogens not only remain on the gear after an incident but can permeate the gear if not removed properly.

The awareness of this situation has significantly come into the spotlight in the past 10 years. Firefighters point out protective gear should be cleaned after each use to reduce the exposure to these carcinogens.

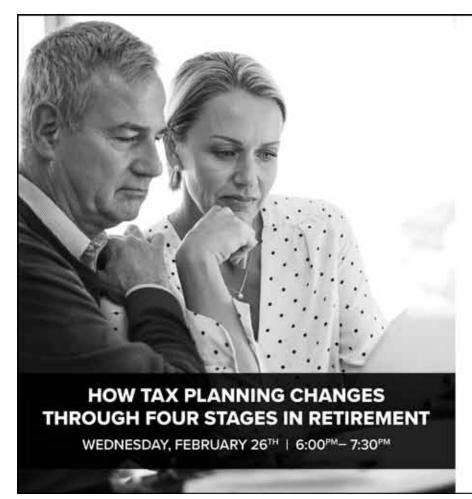
Wright Environmental and Recreation, Inc. would use the funds for the township's playground/recreation area. The township explained the recreation area needs constant maintenance, repair and replacement of outdated and aged equipment. They want to replace the outdated jungle gym including safety and accessibility surfaces and features; smaller repair and maintenance projects in the park and replacement of outdated

basketball backboards.

The Wright Township Park is extensively used by school and community sports teams for practices and games. The basketball courts are used for youth basketball teams and an adult basketball league. The courts need replacement backboards due to existing broken or aged equipment.

Wright Township Volunteer Fireman's Association points out in its proposal that increased emergencies over the past 10 years include transport of medical patients out of remote areas, lost residents in remote areas, and brush fires in remote areas. The depart-

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- Address how taxes impact Social Security and Medicare
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### Carone's presents check to Relay For Life team

Carone's Market recently presented a check to the American Cancer Society's Mountain Top Relay For Life team. The market donated all proceeds from the sale of dollar cards in the month of October 2019, which were displayed in the store.

The money will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society provides patients with free lodging near hospitals, free rides to treatment, and their live 24/7 cancer helpline, as well as, tools and services to help people cope with a cancer diagnosis.



Shown at the check presentation front row, from left, Rachel Boellmann, team member; Regina Kloeker, team captain; Eric Favata, Carone's Store Manager; Ava Boellmann, team member; back row: Jeff Krisulevicz, Carone's Assistant Store Manager; Corey Chalk, team member; Cameron Chalk, team member.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Making some bets on his favorite horses in the first race is Rich Karpusik. MYBL President Mark Kijek works the betting table with Commissioner Jeff Kuniegel.

### MYBL holds night at the races

Mountaintop Youth Basketball League held its 3rd annual night at the races on Saturday, January 25 at the American Legion Post 781 in Mountain Top. Cost to play was \$10 which included admission, horse, food and beverages. Side betting took place in between races. There were also plenty of basket raffles to try and win.





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### Mountain Top team competes in Lego Challenge

The Mountain Top Odd Waffles competed at the first Lego League's PA East Regional Championship on Saturday, January 25 at Penn State Berks. The Nittany Lion cheered the teams on.

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology — Lego League, teams (up to 10 members, grades four to eight), guided by two or more adult coaches, research a real-world problem and are challenged to develop a solution. They must also design, build and program a robot using Lego Mindstorms, and then compete on a tabletop playing field. Participants develop valuable life skills and discover exciting career possibilities while learning that they can make a positive contribution to society.

The team, consisting of Liam Balliet, Liam Pawlowski, Jack Hoovler, Frankie Magistro, Ethan Deivert and Chase Williams learned so much in its rookie year. They constructed Lego missions to exact specifications, learned basic EV3 Mindstorm programming, designed and built an autonomous robot, troubleshot design issues, and developed an innovative solution to a real-world public space problem. The team members had to present each aspect to a panel of judges, complete with four interview sessions, and run their robot under the pressure of time and an audience.

The real reward was in watching the Odd Waffles transition from six individuals who talked over each other and emphasized self-interest to a dynamic team that embodied the STEM, communication, and perseverance qualities valued in today's world.

The team is coached by Sara Nemshick, Sharon Randle and Steve Hoovler.



Team members posing with the Nittany Lion, are, from left, Liam Balliet, Liam Pawlowski, Jack Hoovler, Frankie Magistro, Ethan Deivert and Chase Williams.



The team works on their project.









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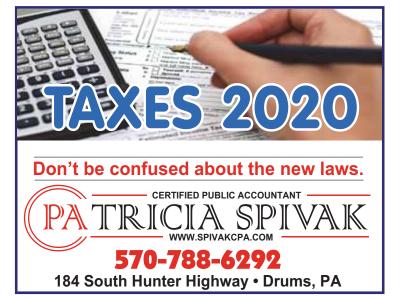
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### **Teen programs set at Kirby Library**

The following teen programs will be held at the Kirby Library:

Middle School Book Club, grades 6-8, Tuesday, February 11, 6-7:30 p.m. They will be discussing *Rufugee* written by Alan Gratz. The book follows the stories of three refugee children to Germany in the 1930s, Cuba in the 1990s, and Syria in 2015. Books available to checkout at the circulation desk. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

Winter Teen Minute to Win It Game Night, grades 6-12, Tuesday, February 18, 6-7;30 p.m. Enjoy a fun night of playing Minute to Win it winter games. Refreshments and snacks will be served. You may win a prize.

High School Book Club, Grades 9-12, Tuesday, February 25, 6-7 p.m. Join the library for an hour book discussion and some tasty snacks. They will be discussing *Paper Towns* written by John Green. The book is a suspenseful mystery that explores a relationship that will teach us more about ourselves. Books are available to check out at the circulation desk.

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





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### Teens attend "book tasting" at the Kirby Library

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library in Mountain Top held a winter teen book tasting for children in grades 6-12 on Tuesday, January 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The fun event was a great way to find books to read during the winter months, socialize and enjoy some snacks including making mug cakes and hot cocoa.

The book tasting works like this: the kids attending sit at a place setting that has a book and a book tasting menu. They then have ten minutes to read the forward and first chapter. After they read, they rate the book and move on to the next book. At the end of the night the most



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Teens enjoying the book tasting are from left Lauren Lassiter, Aiden Froehlich, Madison Casey, Lucy VandenBerg and Beth Sodergren.

popular and best rated book wins. All the while everyone gets to read enough of each book to entice them to want to take the book home so they can finish reading it.

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ment hopes to obtain the grant to purchase a utility task vehicle (UTV) to enable retrieval of individuals who may be lost or medically injured. They could also take equipment and personnel into remote areas to fight brush fires. The funds will be used to purchase a new UTV, an EMS skid unit and a trailer to transport it.

Mountain Top residents can vote for their favorite organization by visiting Fidelity Bank at 1 South Mountain Blvd. The polls will be open through April 10, 2020 and residents can vote once daily.

# Fairview Township voting will be held at Mountain Top Hose Co.

The Luzerne County Election Bureau plans to conduct voting for Fairview Township's two voting districts at the Mountain Top Hose Company No. 1. The election bureau split the township into two voting districts for the November 2019 General Election. One district voted at the fire hall. the other at the Fairview Township municipal building. Both districts will vote at the fire hall with separate sign-in desks. The election bureau received several complaints about voting at the municipal building, in particular lack of parking.

# New community group forms in Mountain Top

A dispute among members of Mountain Top on The Move (MTOTM) has resulted in formation of a Mountain Top Area Community Association (MACA), an organization with the goal of undertaking efforts to improve the quality of life in

the greater Mountain Top Area.

As it stands, the creation of that new group could result in two July 4th parades in Mountain Top.

Fairview Township supervisors at their January 6 meeting approved a request from MTOTM to use Route 309 in the township for its annual July 4 parade. The request was submitted by Dianne Hopersberger, president of MTOTM which has sponsored the annual parade for more than 30 years.

A week later, Wright Township supervisors voted 4-1 to approve a request from MACA to use Route 309 in the township for its July 4 parade. Both MTOTM and MACA had submitted requests for Wright Township's approval.

Since the highway is a state road, it will be up to PennDOT to issue a permit for use of the roadway. It could issue a permit for one parade starting in Fairview Township and a second in Wright Township.

Matthew Howton, chairman of Wright Township board of supervisors, said there were at least a half dozen members of MACA present to support the group's request, while no one from MTOTM attended. "The MACA members are all people who put on the parade years ago," Howton noted.

According to Hopersberger, disagreements developed in late spring and early summer of 2019 between MTOTM officers and 2019 July 4 parade committee members over planning and implementation of the parade and post-parade festival. She said several of the parade committee members were not MTOTM members and she described some of them as "disruptive and hostile."

Hopersberger said nomination of officers for 2020 were held at the October 2019 MTOTM meeting with elections scheduled for November 19. She said she became concerned that there would be an attempt

by the "opposition" to bring new members to the November 19 meeting in a "coup d'état" and cancelled that meeting.

Some MTOTM members were not happy the meeting was cancelled and decided to schedule a meeting. Attorney Roger Schwartz, vice president of MACA, stated in an email requesting comment that since the meeting was canceled by the organization's directors, without the advice or consent

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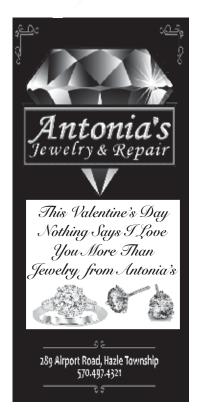
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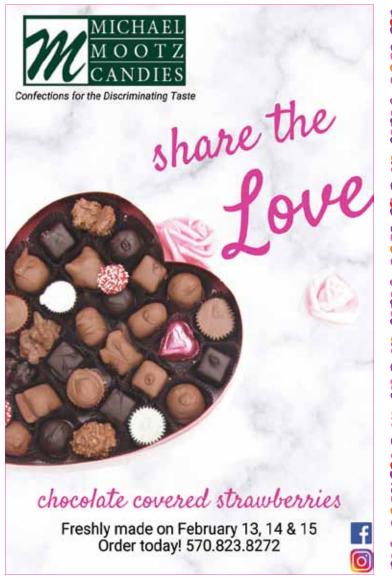
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of the members in general, the MTOTM members spontaneously contacted each other by e-mail and decided to hold a general meeting.

"This was a meeting by the members at large, with plenipotentiary authority as a Committee of the Whole, to hold a new election," Schwartz stated. He said it was perceived by the general members that the directors had purposely sabotaged the election meeting in order to avoid being replaced by newly elected officers. "Everyone knew of the meeting because it was scheduled through the MTOTM e-mail network, so the Board of Directors was aware that it would go on and they were free to appear and run for office if they chose to do so," he stated.

At the meeting the new slate of officers was unanimously elected: Tracy Cornelius, president; Schwartz, vice president; Tanya Gregory, treasurer; Dr. Mark Bohn, secretary. Schwartz said a decision was made at the meeting to notify the old board members that they had been replaced by duly elected officers and that they should hand over all money, documents, and resources under their control that belonged to MTOTM.

The original board of MTOTM refused to acknowledge the legitimacy of the November election and through their legal counsel, attorney Paul Rushton,

sent the new officers a cease and desist letter. The letter advised the new officers that the meeting on November 19 "was not a properly called meeting of the members or Board of Directors of MTOTM. Accordingly, neither the November 19 meeting nor any of the actions purportedly taken at the November 19 meeting have any legal effect on MTOTM and/or its members, directors, or officers. For such reason, your request that the

current directors and officers of MTOTM relinquish possession of MTOTM's financial, corporate, and other records and items to you is without any legal basis and will not be granted."

Subsequently, Hopersberger and her fellow officers, Daniel Frascella, vice president; Anneliese Moghl, second vice president; Katie Lick, treasurer; and Laurie Nudo, secretary, scheduled a meeting at noon on December 16, 2019 at the

Fairview Township municipal building, to vote on an amendment to the original MTOTM's articles of incorporation which stated that the corporation would have no members.

Hopersberger described the move as a type of "guardian-ship."

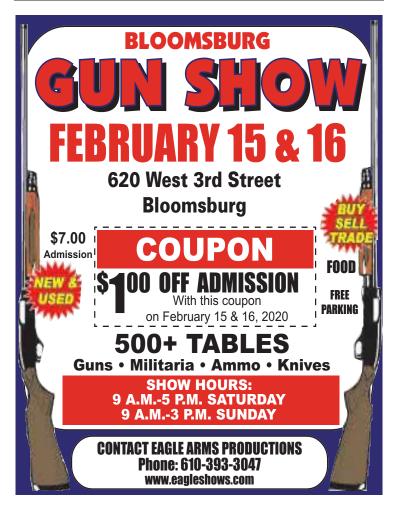
"In order to protect the current situation, we were advised to have non governing mem-

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### White Haven scouts host district troop meeting

BSA Scouts Troop 25 of White Haven recently hosted the Anthracite District scouts BSA for their monthly traveling District Troop meeting on January 20.

The topic for the meeting was CPR training for the scouts and scouters, provided by Geisinger Health Systems RN Austin and her staff. The meeting and training session were held at St. Paul's church hall.

The turnout was better than anticipated with 65 scouts and scouters attending to receive training and certification in CPR. Scouts need CPR training for a few of their merit badges, such ings. as lifesaving and lifeguard and knowledge of it for some rank advancement. It is a good skill to have whether a scout or not. Adult scouters are required to have at least one leader trained in CPR and first aid on all out-

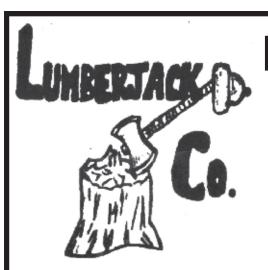


Troops from all over the Anthracite District participated including Troop 790 from Hazleton, Troops 63 and 772 from Drums, and Troop 25 from White Haven.

Troops from outside the Dis-

trict in Mountain Top were also invited and nine scouts from Troops 781 and 60 came for the training.

The training ran a little longer that planned due to the numbers involved but all those attending received their certification.



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# **Saint Jude School holds** family STREAM night

Saint Jude School brought STREAM to life at a recent night showcasing student science, technology and creative abilities. STREAM stands for Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Mathematics and is the focus of a recent Diocese of Scranton initiative. The Diocese has pledged to fund one million dollars towards STREAM programming throughout the Catholic School system through 2022. The recent event held at Saint Jude School was run by students for students and their families. Each small group from fourth through eighth grades had to design, create and implement a game using various forms of technology from Google Chromebooks, to Ozobots to Bee Bots and beyond. Games were given creative flare with such names as Candy Kingdom, Temple Toss and Rapid Racer Wringers. Families were invited to play each game, win some prizes and enjoy an ice cream treat.



Fifth graders Max Bleiler, Camden Brownell and Gabriel Shutt enjoy sharing their STREAM game with the families in attendance.



Maya Martin tries out Jenna Medvetz's and Molly Grove's STREAM game at Saint Jude's STREAM and Ice Cream night.

### **CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Services: Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Saturday 6 p.m. JP Bohanan, Pastor 175 S. Main Road, Mountain Top 570-474-6060

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

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

Adult Choir practices Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir, Kids Choir, Adult Bell Choir and Kids Bell Choir also practice on Thursday evenings.

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.

Mt. Top CARES (Community, Advocacy, Recovery, Education, Serenity): This is a peer-to-peer support group for those affected by a loved one's substance use disorder. The goal of CARES is to offer a safe place for people to share their story, find support, understanding and empathy. Contact the church office for schedule.

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, Convngham 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.

Brothers in Christ: This men's group meets each Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. for a Biblical study and fellowship.

Religious Studies: This ecumenical group of women (men are welcome) meet Wednesdays at 10 a.m., September through May and on occasion during the summer months. The focus of this Biblical study group is to learn of the ancient times and lives of those in the Bible as discovered through old writings, including the Bible, and archaeology.

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.

TAG: This youth group, for youth in grade 7 through 12,

### Kids paint kindness rocks at Christ United Methodist Church

Christine Sallid of *Hope Rocks of Mountain* Top held a rock painting party for children and teens at Christ United Methodist Church in Mountain Top on Saturday, January 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. It was the first time for the event to be held for children. Children and parents filled a large classroom to paint one of a kind kindness rocks. Cost to participate was a donation for the SPCA of Luzerne



Chase Brendza, 5, is very careful about the details he is painting on his kindness rock.

County; of which many items from food to cat litter boxes and more were donated.

Sallid holds monthly kindness rock painting for adults at the church and may for children in the future. The kindness rocks are a wonderful way to spread inspiration and motivation for unsuspecting recipients through random inspirational rocks dropped along the way.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos Maggie McGreer, 3, very carefully paints a kindness rock.

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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

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

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

Dinner Church Community Ministry. Once a month F.C.D. offers a free meal to the community.

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

Sunday, February 16: Lovely Day Pasta Meal: After the 10 a.m. church service. Bring a friend and fellowship with other believers! Special speaker TBA.

Friday, February 28: Church Work Day: Painting, reorganizing, cleaning, set up and tear down of the stage from Christmas to Easter.

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### **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 the month.

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

You can email Pastor Scott at somiller@susumc.org or call him at 570-200-5388.

Find them on Facebook at newhopewapwallopen.

### **GOOD SHEPHERD** CHURCH

Services: Saturday: 6 p.m. Sunday: 8 & 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael J. Kloton, Pastor Route 309, Drums 570-788-3141

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

As the parish breakfast is growing, more help is needed - setting up tables, serving, and clean-up. The Confirmation students are always welcome to help! We always strive to make sure all patrons enjoy a great breakfast. Please call Barbara Lawrence at 570-788-1676 if you have any questions or want to join the team.

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.

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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.

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For more information visit harvestcv.org or Harvest Conyngham Valley on Facebook.

### **MOUNTAIN TOP BAPTIST CHURCH**

Services: Sunday 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. **Dale Mooney, Pastor** 865 Church Rd., Mountain Top 570-868-6863

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

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

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

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

### MOUNTAINTOP **FAMILY CHURCH**

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

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

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

A Preschool Play Group will meet Thursdays, February 13 and 27 at 10 a.m. in the KinderTown classroom. Play Group meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month and is for all infant through preschool aged children accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

The Winter Session Small Groups will be held Sunday, February 16 through March 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. There are many groups to choose from and something for everyone from 1st grade through adults. Childcare is available for children in kindergarten and younger who have parents attending a Sunday Night Group. Please sign up in the church foyer by February 9 or contact the church office for more information.

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

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Pastor Brian Knorr welcomes everyone to the fun annual event and prays over the meal that everyone had a part in preparing for all to share during the game.

### Super Bowl Party held at MFC

Mountaintop Family church held its annual Super Bowl party in the sanctuary on Sunday, February 2 beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone attending brough a covered dish or dessert to share. Four large screens gave everyone a great view of the game. For those not interested in football there was a gaming station set up in the foyer with Xbox and other video games.



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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 holds Thursday Family Faith Nights. There is 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

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# 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 invited to the Valentine's Day dinner on February 14 at 6:30 p.m., with pasta, salad and garlic bread for only \$3 each.

Everyone is welcome to join them for a time of Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. with prayer at 6:30 p.m.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOUNTAIN TOP

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

You are invited to join in worship on Sunday, February 9. Pastor Neil Partington will deliver the message. The Evangelism meeting will be after worship. If you are even slightly interested in sharing Christ beyond the church doors, please plan on attending. A light lunch will be provided. For more information contact the church office.

Youth Group will meet February 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The Transition team will meet February 10 at 7 p.m. All are invited.

The choir practices every Thursday at 7 p.m.

March 21 will be the Jim Weaver Memorial blood drive from 9:30 til 1. Please consider donating and giving the gift of life.

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

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

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

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

The church office is open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Email: pbychmt@verizon.net. If you have any questions about the church or its ministries please call 570-474-9951 or find them on Facebook.

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### 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.

St. James Lutheran Church is planning a bus trip to the Ark Adventure (the model of Noah's Ark which was built to the original measurements and specifications listed in the Bible) and the Creation Museum. The ark is an amazing re-creation built in Kentucky based on scientific facts and knowledge of the period. It is inspirational, educational, and fascinating and appropriate for all ages.. Not only is the ark itself fascinating, but the story of how and why it was built is also captivating. The trip will be April 18-19. The price is \$300/person and includes bus, admission to the ark and the museum, hotel and breakfast on the 19th. Anyone interested in taking this twoday bus trip can sign up in the narthex. If you are interested or would like more information contact Shelly Lawton at 570-854-2161.

The church is still in need of someone to help prepare Communion. If willing to help even for one month, sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. This involves filling cups with wine, getting the bread from Dalo's and setting up the wine and bread on the altar and then cleaning up after the service. Currently, members of Council are taking turns setting up the Communion service. See Shelly Lawton (570-854-2161) or Eileen Hoffman (570-379-3503) if you would be willing to serve the church in this way on a regular basis.

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

First Penance will be held at St. Mary and St. Jude Parishes/ School on Saturday, February 8 at 10 a.m.

Volunteers needed for a Valentine's Day party for Brandon's Forever Home on Sun-

day, February 9 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in St. Jude School cafeteria. This includes set up and clean up.

Like kids? Like fun? Join them in hosting Brandon's Forever Home foster families at a Valentine's party. They will be helping with games, crafts and fun. Also in need of cookies, cupcakes and bags of Valentine candy. Please drop off at the church. Any questions regarding Youth Ministry, please call Tricia Scanlan at 570-474-6315, ext. 228 or email tscanlan@stjc.org.

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

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,



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

The Noah, 8, and his sister Annabelle, 2, Franks take part in the Souper Bowl cook-off by trying some of the many soups and chilis made special for the event.

### Presbyterian Church holds Souper Bowl

The Presbyterian Church of Mountain Top held a Souper Bowl event on Saturday, February 1 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the church hall. It was a great way to try twenty plus soups and chilis made just for the cook-off. Church members volunteered to make soup or chili and baked goods for a bake sale held at the same time. Awards were given out to the best in numerous categories.

ketchup, mayonnaise, pudding, jello, sugar, hot chocolate and coffee.

The Parish office hours are Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 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

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### ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

St. Martin-in-the-Fields is an inclusive and modern Episcopal Church that incorporates into its liturgy the best of both Catholic and Protestant traditions. Everyone, regardless of their faith or background, is welcome to attend Holy Eucharist services on Sunday. The last Sunday of each month features a Healing Service.

Sunday School: Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Common Room.

AA Meetings: Mondays in the Common Room at 7 p.m. Stop by and visit the Book Nook, where you can select from a wide variety of books at low prices. The Book Nook is open on the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Book donations are welcome and much appreciated.

Everyone is invited to participate and attend choir rehearsals, which are held on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m.

For more information on St. Martin's services and upcoming events, visit stmartintimeless.org or call Patty Siegel at 570-868-5690.

# 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.

The next meeting of the youth group will be held on Sunday, February 16 from 6-8 p.m. in the dining room. Youth Group is for all young adults in seventh grade and older. Parents always welcome! Stop in and see what they're all about. Youth Group focuses on SSS, spiritual, service, and social. Meetings are typically held twice a month on Sundays from 6-8 p.m. Questions or for more information please call Molly at 868-5855 or 262-4628.

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.

A nite at the races will be held on February 22. Doors open at 6 p.m., post time at 7 p.m. All parishioners should have received their horse purchase sheet in the mail. If not, please call the office. Your horse purchase (\$10), is your entrance to a fun filled evening that includes food and beverages. Returns can be mailed to the office, dropped in the offertory basket, or delivered to the parish office. Reservations are being accepted. Please call the parish office.

Horses will be sold at the door for \$12. Purchase your horse prior to the event to be included in a surprise raffle.

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.

Sweethearts dance: update: Mark your calendars for Friday, February 14. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person, and includes dinner, beverages, and music. Tickets will be available after Masses February and 8/9. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or by appointment. In case of emergency call 570-474-6315 and follow prompts for emergency.



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# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Services: Saturday 5 p.m. Sunday: 10:15 a.m. Rev. Peter O'Rourke, Sacramental Minister 411 Allegheny Street, White Haven

570-443-9944

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

Faith Formation (CCD) classes for grades Pre-K to 8th are held in the Parish Center from 9 to 10 a.m. every Sunday.

The next Children's Mass

will be on January 16 at 10:15 a.m. The 5th grade students will lead them in prayer.

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

Living Stations will be presented by the youth of the parish on Palm Sunday. Students in grades 6 through 12 are encouraged to participate in this moving presentation of the Stations of the Cross. The first practice will be on Sunday, March 1 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Annual Ash Wednesday fish dinner: Choice of baked or fried, green beans, french fries, cole slaw and dessert. Pick up only from 3-6:30 p.m. Cost: Adults \$10, children under 8, \$5. Sign-up sheet will be on the

table in back of church and at the parish center.

Palm branches blessed on Palm Sunday should not be thrown away. Instead, they should be burned or buried. Burned palm becomes the ash used on Ash Wednesday. If you have palm branches in your home and you want to dispose of them properly, please bring them to church and place them in the container in the back of the church. They will be burned before Ash Wednesday.

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 8:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Rev. Michelle Kaufman, Pastor 316 S. Mt. Blvd., Mountain Top 570-474-6616

The congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Mountain Top encourages you to join them for worship this week. The following is a brief summary of upcoming worship and service opportunities.

February communion is on February 16.

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.

February movie night will be held on Tuesday, February 18. The movie is *A Question of Faith*.

The next WELCA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 22 as they gather at St. Paul's for a night of fun, food, and fellowship as they celebrate St. Valentine's Day. The cost is \$6 per person and it will be an Italian fare. BYOB, and they ask you bring along an appetizer or dessert. The fun begins at 6 p.m. Kids are welcome at no charge.

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Every year the church youth come together and prepare a gourmet meal for their parents. This year the event is scheduled for Sunday, March 1. Youth are asked to be at the church for 3 p.m. to set up and prepare; parents are asked to come at 5 p.m. Everything is prepared and readied by the kids.

The spring flea market will be held on March 28 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The pizza sale will be March 27 with pick up from 6-8 p.m., and also on March 28 in the morning. Any questions contact Lois Scott.

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 Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Janelle Wigen, Pastor 418 Berwick St., White Haven 570-443-9424

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at 9:15.

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

Activities at St. Paul's include:

youth group for those in grade 4 through 12 the first and third Sunday at 6 p.m. Quilters on Monday at 9:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study on Tuesday at 7 p.m., community lunch each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish House.

Please join St. Paul's for a pork and sauerkraut dinner featuring homemade sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, a vegetable, apple sauce, and dessert. Coffee, tea, soda are included as well.

The dinner is on Saturday, February 22 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. and is sponsored by WELCA and the youth who are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Advance ticket prices: Adults \$10, ages 5 to 16: \$5, under 5 free. Please see any member of WELCA or a youth group member parent to purchase tickets. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. All proceeds will help to defray the costs of the youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in June of 2021.

Youth group will be held on Sunday, February 9 at 3 p.m. The youth will be decorating Valentine cookies for shut ins.

# ST. PAUL'S DRUMS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Pastor Debra and the congregation invite you to worship with them every Sunday. Fellowship time follows the service.

Holy Communion is offered on the first Sunday of the month.

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

For more information, contact them at www.stpauls-drums.com or Email: stpauls-drums@gmail.com.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WHITE HAVEN

Services: Sunday 11 a.m.
Sunday School 11:15 a.m.
Rev. Edmund Freeborn, Moderator
305 Berwick Street, White Haven

### 570-443-7293

The congregation invites all to come and worship the Lord. If you are looking for a church home, they welcome you to come and worship with them every Sunday.

Sunday School is provided from September-June to children ages 4-12 during the worship service, after the Children's Moment. It takes place in the lower level of the church. They invite you downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, goodies, and fellowship after the service.

Al-Anon meets every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. and Fireflies Youth Group meets Fridays from 6-8 p.m. For more info on their group, check them out on Facebook at Fireflies Youth Ministry.

### 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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bers," Hopersberger explained when asked about the action. "We still have many long-time active members serving on committees. Currently they have no voting powers but do have the ability to certainly be a voice," she added. She said any decisions for paying bills and direction are by the board.

"We welcome anyone that would like to enrich the community and could revisit the current by-laws," Hopersberger commented.

Schwartz said MACA sprang spontaneously out of MTOTM "as a unanimous decision by the non-officer members of that group, in protest against what we perceived to be the arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable actions of the Board of Directors of MTOTM."

He pointed out the board of directors of MTOTM have held their office for about three years. "During that time, over \$17,000 have either passed through their hands or been under their control. Despite several requests, I being one of the requestors, for an accounting of how the money was being spent, no accounting has ever been given by the Treasurer or by the President of MTOTM, to the members. In fact, the more members made requests for transparency, the more secretive the Board seemed to become," he charged.

Schwartz said rather than engage in a public fight, incur unnecessary legal costs, and become an embarrassment to the community; the new board and its members decided to establish MACA, an entirely new organization.

With regard to the parade, Schwartz said MACA's position is that virtually everyone who has valuable experience organizing and directing the Mountain Top Fourth of July parade now belongs to MACA with at least 24 members now willing to work the parade. He said this includes all three people who have directed all 34 past parades since 1987.

"This contrasts to the present, reorganized MTOTM with just three self-appointed 'Directors', no members, and no meaningful experience," Schwartz offered.

Hopersberger countered that the five remaining MTOTM officers have about 100 years experience in planning and implementing a parade.

John Hoovler, the original president of MTOTM, was one of those who became disenchanted with the direction of the organization under the leadership of the officers led by Hopersberger. Hoovler said when the organization was formed in 1986, its mission was to promote Mountain Top. He said the group has been involved in more than 30 projects since its existence. In addition to the annual parade, those project included successful opposition to making I-80 a toll road; retaining a post office in Mountain Top; erection of Mountain Top signs on I-80 and I-81; supporting development of the Crestwood Industrial Park; and annual summits which brought together business leaders across the area.

He feels the organization has strayed from its mission. "It's hard to see something you've worked so hard on go bust," he commented.

He acknowledged there were hard feelings around the 2019 parade planning, but insisted the problems went beyond that.

Gene Haverlak, who served as president of MTOTM for several years prior to Hopersberger's election, is among the members of MACA. When asked for comment, he pointed to MACA's preamble which states the organization is a non-profit group, open to the public, whose goal is to undertake efforts that improve the quality of life in the greater Mountain Top Area.

"Our membership is open to the public, and everyone is welcome to join," Haverlak stated. "We seek a broad-based membership to best represent our community," he added. He pointed out that all of MACA's members are volunteers and no one is paid. "Although every organization needs some resources to operate efficiently, this organization is not focused on fund-raising," he noted. "We do, however, endeavor to promote our area as a 'regional' concept and to facilitate projects across municipal lines," he added.

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