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## All about puppies and dogs at M.S. Kirby Library

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library in Mountain Top held a Make Dog Treats and Adoption event on Saturday, February 22 beginning at 1 p.m. Families were invited to come and learn how to make dog treats from simple ingredients that are good for your dog. Also, anyone thinking of adopting a dog could hang out and meet some adorable puppies from NEPA Pet Fund & Rescue that need their fur-ever homes. For a complete list of adoptable dogs visit [nepapetrescue.com](http://nepapetrescue.com).

Six-year-old Renee Graham is loving this little puppy to pieces.



From left, Miles, 4, mom Amy, Hallie, 2 and dad James Johnston came to the library to check out some puppies and learn how to make dog treats.



Gabby Grimm, 6 and her big brother Daniel, 14 are snuggling with one of the adorable puppies that are looking for special homes.



*Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos*

Calla O'Neill, 2 helps get some of the ingredients to make dog treats with her mom Melissa and brother Conall, 6.



Joette Anthony brought her grandson Owen Anthony, 8 to learn how to make dog treats at the library.

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

### UNTIL MARCH 29 EASTER ROLL SALE

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church, Wapwallopen is conducting an Easter roll sale. The costs of each roll is \$7 and the following varieties are available: apricot, nut, poppy, prune, raspberry, raspberry cream and two new flavors, blueberry and blueberry cream. Prepaid orders may be placed in the collection at Mass or can be placed by calling Susan at 570-868-6983. **March 29** will be the final day orders can be accepted. Rolls can be picked up on April 9 after 12 noon. in the conference room at the rear of the rectory.

### UNTIL APRIL 8 FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

The AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Marian Sutherland Library in Mountaintop 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 taxpayers 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**. Call 570-696-2935 and leave your name and phone number. 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.

### 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](mailto:kjbweiss@frontiernet.net) or Paula Sapak at [paula.sapak@csdcomets.org](mailto:paula.sapak@csdcomets.org).

### MARCH 5 & 7 AL BASEBALL SIGNUPS

American Legion Post 781 Baseball will hold signups for players 13 to 18 years old on **Thursday March 5**, from 5:30

to 7:30 and **Saturday, March 7** from 12 to 2 p.m.

Sign-ups will be held at Mountain Post 781 in the basement.

All players must attend one registration with one parent/guardian and bring their health insurance information and copy of their birth certificate.

Cost is \$125 made payable to Mountain. American Legion Post 781 Call 570-336-0438 or email [caladie@yahoo.com](mailto:caladie@yahoo.com) for more information.

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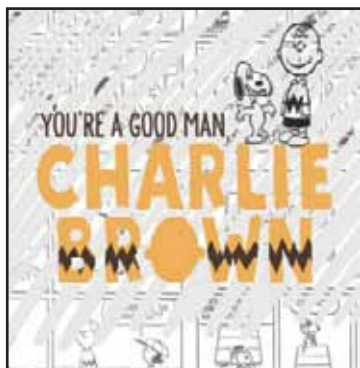
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## Theatre at the Grove presents: *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown (Revised)*

The Theatre at the Grove in Nuangola will present *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown (Revised)* on March 13 at 7 p.m., March 14 at 7 p.m. and March 15 at 3 p.m. Tickets can be reserved by calling 570-751-6393. If sent to voice-mail, leave a message with your name, number of tickets desired and the performance you would like to attend.



Happiness is great musical theatre! With charm, wit, and heart, *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* explores life through the eyes of Charlie Brown and his friends in the Peanuts gang. This revue of songs and vignettes, based on the beloved Charles Schulz comic strip, is the ideal first show for those who would like to see a musical. Musical numbers include *My Blanket and Me*, *The Kite*, *The Baseball Game*, *Little Known Facts*, *Supertime*, and *Happiness*. Guaranteed to please audiences of all ages!

Based on the comic strip *Peanuts* by Charles M. Schulz, book, music and lyrics by Clark Gesner, additional dialogue by Michael Mayer, additional music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa, original direction for this version of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* by Michael Mayer, originally produced in New York by Arthur Whitelaw and Gene Persson.

Tickets for this production are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students, \$10 for kids 8 and under.

*You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown (Revised)* is presented through Concord Theatricals.



Members of the football team leadership council are pictured with Coach Ryan Arcangeli. From left are Brenden DeMarzo, Logan Arnold,

Ethan Shudak, Coach Arcangeli, Josh Snyder, Zach Snyder, John Jones, Evan Fry.

## Crestwood football to host Easter egg hunt

The Crestwood High School football team will host an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4 at the high school football field. The hunt is open to all children up to age 12. Gates will open at 10 a.m. and the hunt will get underway

at 10:30 a.m. The event is free, but participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or make a monetary donation. All food and monetary donations will go to the food bank at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mountain Top.

## WTVFD chosen as a finalist for a \$15,000 Impact Grant!

Help the Wright Township Fire Department by voting now through April 10 at the New Fidelity Bank, next to Turkey Hill in Mountain Top.

Shown, from left, are Charles Helmbold, firefighter; Rachel Nickol, president/lieutenant; Stanley R. Gutkowski III, secretary/firefighter; Dave Coombs, fire police captain.



With the increase in emergencies including transportation of medical patients, lost residents and brush fires, over the past 10 years, a UTV will better enable the Wright Township Volunteer Fireman's Association to retrieve those individuals who may be lost or medically injured in remote areas. We could also take equipment and personnel into these areas to fight brush fires. The funds will assist in the purchase of a new UTV, an EMS skid unit and a trailer to transport it, helping the residents of the entire Mountain top Area.

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### MARCH 7 PYSANKY EGG WORKSHOP

The White Haven Area Community Library will be having a 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. 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.

### MARCH 8 BREAKFAST BUFFET

Mt. Zion's annual spring breakfast buffet & bake sale will be held on **Sunday, March 8** at the Slocum fire hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast features bacon, sausage, eggs, home fries, pancakes, toast, coffee, juices, and home-made goodies. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for children (6-12 years) and free for children 5 and younger.

### MARCH 8-29 SPIRITUAL YOGA

Stairville UMC will hold a spiritual yoga event with

instructor Mary Martin at 5:30 p.m. from **March 8-29**. Bring a water bottle and yoga mat, or one can be supplied to you. Stairville UMC is located on Stairville Road in Mountain Top.

### MARCH 9 THE WEIGHT OF ADVERSITY

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of being part of a team.

The event, sponsored by Allied Services Integrated Health System, will be held on **Monday, March 9** at 6 p.m. at Crestwood High School, 281 S. Mountain Blvd. in Mountain Top. It is free and open to the general public.

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

Sons of the American Legion Mountain Post 781 will meet on **March 10** at 6 p.m. at the Post Home. For information, contact Lenny Biel at 474-2161 or mtsal0781@gmail.com.

### MOUNTAIN TOP AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING

MACA Mountain Top Area Community Association will be hold its monthly meeting on **March 10** at 6 p.m. at Abe's Hot Dogs on Route 309 in Mountain Top. They are welcoming new members, please come and join them. Contact MACA18707@aol.com or 570 332-8448.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council #6440 is **Tuesday, March 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](http://www.stjudekofc6440.org) or like them on Facebook at stjudekofc6440.

### MOUNTAIN TOP GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Garden Club will host the first meeting of the year on *Gardening for the Birds*, on **Tuesday, March 10** at 6:30 p.m. at the Rice Township Municipal Building.

The presenter will be Roberta Troy, Penn State Master Gardener. Come and learn what plants provide our feathered-friends with food, water, shelter and places to nest. Roberta will also explain how the choices we make in our gardens impact the diversity of birds and other wildlife we attract.

The meeting is open to the public and new members are always welcome. The Garden Club offers educational presentations, creative activities, and plenty of gardening information, and exclusive discounts a several local garden centers. Its mission is to help

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## S.A.L. donates to food banks



Shown at St. Paul's Church are, from left, Ed Baker, 781 S.A.L. Chaplain; Florence Pedley, Louise Wendt, Anne Cleaver and Linda Weaver, Mountain Top Food Bank; Dave Schiel, S.A.L. 1st Vice Commander.

The Mountain Post 781 Sons of the American Legion recently donated monies to two Mountain Top area food banks. Mountain Top community food bank at St. Paul's Church and Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Dorrance were the recipients. The S.A.L. holds a number of fund raisers throughout the year to help provide for local, state and national programs.

## Saint Jude School holds spelling bee

As a part of their jungle themed Catholic School's Week Saint Jude School celebrated being "Wild about Academics" with a school-wide spelling bee.

Students competed at the classroom level and then went on to compete in the school-wide competition. There were three levels of competition: First through third grade, fourth through sixth grade, and seventh and eighth grades.

The student body enjoyed cheering on their classmates and hopes this becomes a Catholic School's Week tradition.



Saint Jude School spelling bee winners from left: Rhea Mascarenhas (fourth through sixth grade winner), Grace Tedford (seventh and eighth grade winner), and Elizabeth Bilbow (first through third grade winner).

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### SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Mountain Top Social Club will be on **March 10** at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 309, 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 pp., 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 new year are as follows: *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 more information and reservations. They are looking at Wildwood NJ/Cape May/AC casino from September 9-11, 3 days/2 nights at an oceanfront hotel. Call Cathy Medeiros for more information.

### MARCH 12 ROTARY CLUB MEET & GREET

The Rotary Club of Mountain

Top will hold its first Meet and Greet of 2020 on **March 12** at Kings Pizza, located on Route 309. They will kick off the event at 6 p.m. Food and soft drinks will be served. There is no admission fee for the event. Please come mingle with club members as well as many other members of the community. They have an exciting year planned and would love to get more people involved in upcoming activities.

### MARCH 14 HAM & CABBAGE BOWL

A blindfolded ham and cabbage bowl to benefit local women cancer patients will be held at the Broadway Tavern, 295 North Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top on Saturday, March 14 starting at 7 p.m.

Donation is \$10; \$15 donation to bowl, food, drinks and cash bar, baskets, 50/50s and much more are part of the event. Entertainment by 2Rockaholix and DJ Quinn. Bowling prizes: 1st prize \$200, 2nd prize \$100, 3rd prize \$50.

### MARCH 16 CACE CLASSES BEGIN

Crestwood Area Community Education begins its spring classes on **March 16**.

Brochures are available at the Mountain Top Post Office lobby and Kirby Library.

To obtain a copy of Brochure online go to [csdcomets.org](http://csdcomets.org) then click on "links" and then on CACE. Registration form must be printed and mailed.

### MARCH 17 MT.TOP CARES MEETING

Mountain Top Cares will meet on **March 17** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the United Meth-

odist Church, 175 S. Main Road in Mountain Top.

They meet monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. 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](mailto:mttopcares19@gmail.com) or call 570-262-3793.

### MARCH 17, 24 and 31

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Mountaintop Family Church will host After School Clubs on **Tuesdays, March 17, 24, and 31** from 4-5 p.m. for all children in the community in 1st-6th grade. The children will have free play time with

air hockey, foosball, group games and more. Children will choose from the following clubs: Crafts or Cup Stacking for grades 1-6, and Lego Robotics for grades 3-6. Please sign up by March 15 by contacting Debbie Knorr at the church office at 570-474-0900 or [debbie@mfcchurch.com](mailto:debbie@mfcchurch.com).

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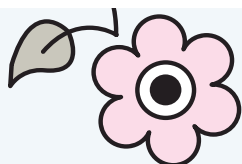
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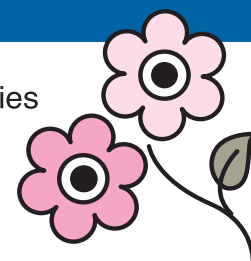
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## Crestwood Menu

### Elementary Schools

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

### Week of March 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:** Chicken fajita on a soft tortilla or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: refried beans, coconut energy bites, choice of milk

**Wednesday:** Macaroni and cheese with a dinner roll or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: yellow beans, stewed tomatoes, choice of fruit and milk

**Thursday:** Cowboy burger with cheese, onion rings and barbecue sauce or chicken patty on a bun; featured veggies: oven baked fries, cucumber salad, choice of fruit and milk

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

### Week of March 16

**Monday:** Toasted cheese sandwich or chicken nuggets with a dinner roll; featured veggies: oven fries, tomato soup, tater tots, choice of fruit and milk

**Tuesday:** Walking taco, tortilla chips or cheeseburger on a bun; featured veggies: refried beans, St. Patty's treat, choice of fruit and milk

**Wednesday:** Oven roasted turkey with roll or hot dog on a bun; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, carrot sticks, choice of fruit and milk

**Thursday:** Spaghetti and

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

**Friday:** Pizza bagel or meatballs and marinara with cheese on a roll; featured veggies: sweet potato fries, celery sticks, 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 March 9

**Monday:** Italian meatballs and cheese on a roll or chicken nuggets with a dinner roll; featured veggies: oven fries, red

pepper strips, choice of fruit and milk

**Tuesday:** Nachos grande, tortilla chips or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, coconut energy bites, choice of milk

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

**Thursday:** Hot roast pork sandwich with gravy or barbecued rib on a bun; featured veggies: steamed peas, green pepper strips, choice of fruit and milk

**Friday:** Fish nuggets with a dinner roll or Italian stromboli with sauce; featured veggies: sweet potato fries, celery

sticks, choice of fruit and milk

### Week of March 16

**Monday:** Turkey bacon ranch melt on flat bread or chicken tenders with a dinner roll; featured veggies: French fries, steamed corn, choice of fruit and milk

**Tuesday:** Ziti and meat sauce, garlic bread stick or chicken parmesan on a bun; featured veggies: green beans, St. Patty's Day treat, choice of fruit and milk

**Wednesday:** Macaroni and cheese with a dinner roll or

meatball hoagie on a roll; featured veggies: stewed tomatoes, celery sticks, choice of fruit and milk

**Thursday:** Cowboy burger with cheese, onion rings and barbecue sauce or barbecued rib on a bun; featured veggies: steamed broccoli, carrot sticks, choice of fruit and milk

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

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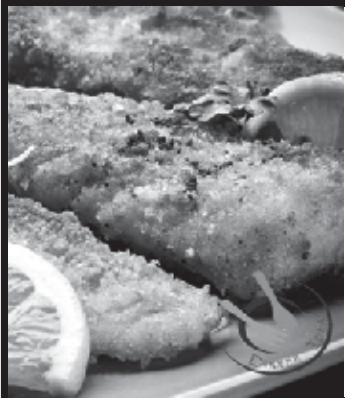
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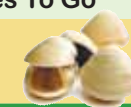
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If you did not order a lunch and would like one, call the center at 570-868-8517 to

check for any cancellations.

### Week of March 9

**Monday:** Teriyaki glazed pork, sesame brown rice, stir fried vegetables, carrot ginger soup, margarine, fresh melon, milk and coffee

**Tuesday:** Center closed

**Wednesday:** Beef stew, pota-

toes, peas, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, fresh fruit salad, milk and coffee

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

**Friday:** Vegetable lasagna, Italian green beans, cauliflower, margarine, diced peaches, milk and coffee

### Week of March 16

**Monday:** Cheeseburger on whole wheat sandwich roll, ketchup, potato & ham chowder, coleslaw, margarine, fresh melon, milk and coffee

**Tuesday:** Special St. Patty's Day: Ham & cabbage, potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, margarine, cookie, milk and coffee

**Wednesday:** Chicken & dumplings, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, margarine, scalloped pears, milk and coffee

**Thursday:** BBQ pork patty on whole wheat sandwich roll, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, margarine, cottage cheese & fruit, milk and coffee

**Friday:** Egg & cheese bake Monterey, sauteed peppers & onions, diced potatoes, whole wheat biscuit, margarine, fresh melon, birthday cake, milk and

coffee

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

The center is located at 460 South Main Road, Mountain Top. Make your reservations at least one day in advance by calling 868-8517 before 1 p.m.



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## AAC announces activities

The Active Adult Center, located at 460 South Main Road in Mountain Top, is open Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Canned food drive all month for St. Paul's Food Bank. Collection box inside the community room at Wright Manor.

Weekly activities:

**Mondays and Wednesdays:** 10-10:45 a.m. Geri Fit exercises with certified trainer RN Rose Lecher.

**Wednesdays:** 12:30 p.m. Amanda Sandorni of CEO leads Eat Healthy, Be Healthy, March 11 and March 18.

**Thursdays:** 10:30 a.m. to noon: Wii bowling tournament

**Fridays:** Zumba 10-10:45 a.m. with certified trainer Rose Lecher

**March 9:** Wilkes University pharmacy staff and students answer questions

**March 12:** Members of State Representative Gerald Mullery's staff are on hand to help fill out Property Tax Rebate forms starting at 10 a.m. Kay Kennedy and Alberta Balliet invite you make spring-themed cards for the veterans. 12:30 p.m.

**March 13:** Donna Thorton of Guardian Health stops in with special prizes for a Nutrition Bingo

**March 16:** Wilkes Pharmacy faculty and students are back on hand to answer any question on prescriptions at 11 a.m.

For more information call Director Paul Waliczek at 570-868-8517.

## Lenten Specials!

**Fisherman's platter** (breaded haddock, shrimp and scallops) with fresh cut fries and cole slaw **\$12.95!**  
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## News in Brief ...

### Township sets COG fee

Wright Township supervisors voted at their January 13 meeting to continue the \$10 fee for Mountain Top Council of Governments (COG) compost site permits and to give any resident 65 or older a permit for free.

That motion, which passed by a 3-2 vote, could wind up costing the township money. That's because the COG governing board voted at its meeting a week later to set the cost for permits to use the facility at \$25.

Wright Township supervisor Louis Welebob Jr. brought up the issue at the board of supervisors February meeting. Welebob believes the COG action means the township is going to have to pay the difference in the cost for all permits it sells for \$10 and the entire \$25 cost for all permits given to seniors for free. He and supervisor Donald Zampetti voted against the January motion by supervisor Michael Marshall which set the fee to be charged by the township. Following a heated argument between Marshall and Zampetti at the supervisors February meeting, it was agreed that solicitor Jack Dean would review the COG's by-laws to determine if the COG governing board sets the fee or if individual townships can set the cost for permits.

The COG is made up of Wright, Fairview and Dorrance Townships. Each township has two members on the governing board. Supervisors Barry Jacob and Fred Rose represent Fairview Township while Marshall and Zampetti represent Wright Township. Dorrance Township is represented by Bill Wengrynek and Gary Zane but does not participate in the operation of the compost facility.

The COG governing board's articles of agreement appear to give the governing board the authority to set the fees.

Article 4, Section J of the articles of agreement state the governing board has the authority "To fix, alter, charge and collect fees, rates and other charges for work, services and publications it provides as it determines, for the purpose of providing for the payment of Mountain Top Area - COG's expenses and to fulfill the terms and provisions of any agreements made with its Members, and to determine the services and improvements

required to provide adequate, safe and reasonable service."

Fairview Township supervisor Michael Iorio agrees with Welebob's take on the issue.

"If Wright (Township) refuses to charge \$25, they are going to be responsible for the difference," Iorio responded when asked about the COG fee. "And they are going to be responsible for the entire cost of the permits they give to seniors for free," he added. Iorio does not represent Fairview Township on the COG board this year but was a member the last few years. He attended the January 20 meet-

ing of the COG at which the permit fee was set.

Iorio pointed out the COG has \$8,400 in its treasury as of the January meeting. He pointed

out the machine which grinds yard waste, leaves and small brush into compost, known

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as The Beast, is broken. "It will cost \$10,400 just for the part to fix it," Iorio reported. "If we don't have any compost to sell, we won't make any money," he noted. He pointed out the COG's insurance will cost \$2,400 this year. In addition, it must pay for fuel and electricity and water for its new building.

### Crestwood receives grant money

State funding in the amount

of \$362,800 through the School Safety and Security Grant Program has been awarded to six local school districts, state Reps. Gerald Mul-lery and Eddie Day Pashinski, both D-Luzerne, announced.

Crestwood School District received a grant in the amount of \$40,000.

The funds can be used for a wide variety of programs that address school safety, including risk assessment and violence-prevention efforts, classroom management, conflict resolution or dispute

management initiatives, and the installation or purchase of technology related to school and student safety.

### Historical Society looking for vintage photographs

The Mountain Top Historical Society is seeking specific vintage photographs of Mountain Top. These pictures should show a history or story in a picture of any older Mountain Top landmarks, businesses, churches, or places of interest.

Pictures can be donated or copied and returned to you. If you are willing to help, send an email with your contact information to Mountaintophistorical@gmail.com.

### Rice Township approves health plan

Rice Township supervisors last month approved a new Geisinger health plan for township employees that is expected to save the municipality \$24,000 this year. Supervisors also voted at their February meeting to fund all employee

deductibles and reimburse co-pays in excess of the cost of the previous plan.

### In other news ...

Supervisors approved a one-year lease with First Light Cable for part of the former Rice Township fire hall property at a cost of \$1,500 per month. The company will use the property to store equipment and supplies. Pipech said the lease may be extended beyond one year.

Township engineer Andrew Pasonick reported that all

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## Invisible Fence of Northeast PA awarded 2019 National Dealer Circle of Excellence Award

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"Each of this year's 30 winners has truly excelled in a variety of crucial business areas and are, in fact, the faces of our brand on the ground," said Ed Hoyt, Director of Invisible Fence® Brand. "We appreciate these teams for their immense contribution to the brand and their communities."

Invisible Fence of Northeast PA has been part of the Invisible Fence network since 1992, serving over 6000 customers in the greater Northeast PA region. Not only do they offer free in-home consultations, professional installation and



From left are Jim White, Director of Dealer Support Invisible Fence® Brand; Jacob Prohaska, Vice President Invisible Fence of Northeast PA; Shawn Prohaska, President Invisible Fence of Northeast PA; Ed Hoyt, Director of Invisible Fence® Brand.

certified Perfect Start™ Plus training to keep customer's pets contained, but they are also play an active role in helping local fire and ambulance departments through Project Breathe. Over the past several years, Invisible Fence of Northeast PA has donated almost 100 mask kit sets to first responders from Schuylkill County to Pike County to Northumberland County and everywhere in between.

"I am happy to win this

award again," said Shawn Prohaska, owner of Invisible Fence of Northeast PA. "I am especially proud of it since my son Jacob came back into the business last year and has been a significant part of why we won."

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### MARCH 19

#### WELCOME CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Welcome Club will meet on **Thursday, March 19** at noon at the Presbyterian Church in Mountain Top. The speaker will be Deb Bolus, Supervising Attorney at Domestic Violence Service Center's Civil Legal Representation Project. She will discuss the services provided to domestic violence victims and human trafficking. She will touch on how this affects people in our local area, how to recognize it and what to do if it happens to you or a loved one.

Annual dues are now \$10. Lunch will be \$8 and be pro-

vided by Junie G's. Please RSVP to [kristendelgrosso@yahoo.com](mailto:kristendelgrosso@yahoo.com). For more information find them on Facebook, search Mountain Top Welcome Club.

### MARCH 21, 31 and APRIL 11

#### JR. COMETS REGISTRATION

Mountain Top Jr. Comets will hold registrations for the 2020 season for football and cheerleaders on **Saturday, March 21** from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; **Tuesday, March 31** from 6-8 p.m.; **Saturday, April 11** from 10 a.m. to noon. All sign ups are in the CHS cafeteria. Please bring birth certificate if your child is a first year player. Registration costs \$90 for the first child, \$85 for the second child

and \$65 for the third child. Any questions contact tem at [mtjuniorcomets@gmail.com](mailto:mtjuniorcomets@gmail.com).

### MARCH 22

#### DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

A designer purse bingo fundraiser to benefit the Wright Township Dog Park will be held on **Sunday, March 22** in the Crestwood High School cafeteria. The bingo will feature 20 games of bingo plus 3 specials. Doors open at noon with bingo beginning at 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased at P&D Pet Supply and the Triangle Pharmacy. Prizes will feature purses by Tori Burch, Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Coach, Dooney & Burke & LuLu Lemon! Raffles and

refreshments will also be available for sale. Call 570-474-9067 for more information.

#### HAM DINNER

St. James Lutheran Church in Hobbie will hold a take out ham dinner on **Sunday, March 22** with pickup between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The dinner includes Ham, baby bakers, vegetable, apple sauce, roll and dessert. Price is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 years old. For tickets call and leave a message at 570-854-2161, 570-379-3878 or 570-379-2239.

### MARCH 22, 29

#### LENTEN CONCERTS

In a 70 year tradition of inspiring prayer and medita-

tion through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present its annual Lenten concerts. The first concert on **Sunday, March 22** will be held at 3 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, St. Aloysius Church, 143 Division Street, Wilkes-Barre. St. Robert Bellarmine Senior Choir will be featured performers. Snow date for the concert is Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m.

The second concert will be held on **Sunday, March 29** at 3 p.m. at Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, St. Mary's Church, 1090 Carmalt St., Dickson City. The concert will also feature St. Mary's Visitation Choir. Snow date for the

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concert is Tuesday, March 31.

The concerts are open to the public free of charge. There will be a good will offering. The group, marking its 70th season, is composed of 50 members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties who will perform inspirational music in the Lenten tradition. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at [www.catholic-choralsociety.org](http://www.catholic-choralsociety.org).

### MARCH 24 MOUNTAIN TOP PHOTO CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Photo Club invites anyone interested in photography to attend its meeting held at King's Restaurant on March 24 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.MountainTopphotoclub.com](http://www.MountainTopphotoclub.com) or visit its Facebook page at Mountain Top Photo Club.

### MARCH 27 HADDOCK DINNER

Stairville UMC will hold a fresh haddock dinner on March 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. Take-outs at 3 p.m. Price is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. The dinner includes the fish, green beans, choice of potato, baked or fries, cole slaw, dessert, and beverage. A bake sale will also take place. Stairville UMC is located on

Stairville Road in Mountain Top.

### APRIL 3 FRIED FISH OR CHICKEN FINGER DINNER

Mountaintop Hose Co. #1 will hold a take out fried fish or chicken finger dinner April 3 from 2-7 p.m.

The dinner includes French fries and cole slaw. The cost is \$9. In addition to the dinners, the famous MTHC potato pancakes will be available for purchase for \$1 each. All items are take out only.

Preorders are encouraged.

Call Jared Aigeldinger at 570-239-3393 to place your order.

### APRIL 4 EASTER FESTIVAL

Fairview and Wright Townships annual Easter festival will be held on April 4, rain or shine, at Fairview Memorial Park. Children ages 11 and under are invited to join the Easter Bunny for a day of fun, activities and prizes. Activities

including pictures, refreshments, music, moon bounce and face painting, are from 2 to 4 p.m. Egg hunt begins at 3 p.m.

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## Cub Scouts learn basic car maintenance

St. Jude Parish, Cub Scout Pack 60, Webelo and Webelo Arrow of Light Dens recently toured Steinbrenner Auto Sales and Service to learn about car maintenance.

Technicians Rob Eigenbrod and Vinnie Lamoreaux showed the scouts how to check the oil level in a vehicle, how to change a light bulb and how to remove and replace a flat tire. Each scout then got a chance to test their skills at auto maintenance.



*Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photos*  
Above: Technician Rob Eigenbrod and Webelos Harrison Vosek, JJ Pavlick, Aiden Eigenbrod and Collin Brenner watch as Jake Hunsinger and Stephen Rowlands move a tire after removing it from a car.

At left: Tyler White checks the tire pressure in the service van.



All eyes are on Steven Rowlands as he is first in line to check the oil in the service van.

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## Peeks into the Past ...

Editor's Note: 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 and maybe some history to residents who are newer to the area.

Maryellen Aton, Editor & Publisher

**March 21, 1968**

### JIM KEISER NAMED COACH



Jim Keiser has been named head baseball coach of the Crestwood High School team. Jim, a life-time resident of the Mountaintop area, has been in the Crestwood school system since graduating from Kings College in 1966. While at Kings, Jim participated in intramural sports.

Jim attended Wright Township Elementary School and graduated

from Blue Mountain Academy High School in 1961. Jim was captain of his high school baseball team at Blue Mountain.

During his youth, Jim played Little League and Teeners baseball for the Wright Twp. teams. Last summer Jim was the manager of the Mountaintop Senior Teeners baseball team that finished in a three way tie for first place. He also was the manager and a player for the Crestwood Comics Softball team that won the league championship. At present, Jim is an active member of the Crestwood Booster Club and a member of the Mountaintop Area Sports Association.

Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Keiser, Bethlehem.

### ST. JUDES BASKETBALL

Sunday, March 24 at 4:15, Court 11, playing St. Hedwig's.

• A pedestrian in a man whose son is home from college.

**May 30, 1968**

### May Crowning Held At St. Jude's



Pictured above are some of the participants in the May Crowning in which the sodality and school children took part on Sunday. Left to right, back row, are Father Matrey, Carol Kohl, Elena DeRojas, May Queen Lorraine Kuttan, Suzanne Petraski, Betty DeRojas and Father Maurice Raymond of Lady of Grace Parish, Hazleton, who delivered the sermon. Front row are train bearers James Karpinski and Jerome Cristley and Crown Bearer Lisa Rocci.

**April 18, 1968**

### PLANE CRASHES IN DENNISON TWP.



The pilot walked away from this crash of his plane in Dennison Township on Easter Sunday. He flew too low while fighting a forest fire along the White Haven Road near the overpass.

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information requested by the Luzerne County Community Development Office regarding the demolition of the former Rice Township social hall has been delivered. Once approval is given by the county, board chairman Bob Pipech asked him to be ready to advertise for bids for the project which is funded by a community devel-

opment grant.

Supervisors approved a request from Mountaintop Area Little League to use the township ball field on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 4 p.m. until dark from March through October as long as the group cooperates with other groups who are interested in using the field. The organization will be required to provide proof of insurance.

### Homes to receive 2020 census forms

Homes across the country will begin receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.

The 2020 Census will provide a snapshot of our nation — who we are, where we live, and so much more. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal

funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children. Every year, billions

of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results will also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.

The results of this once-a-decade count determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

In the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.



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gan Arnold, Mike Berezna, Steve Arnold; front row, Dylan Gensil, Kevin Titus, Mark Ferdinand, Mike Chura, Chris Chura, Greg Laganosky.

# Honey Hole Longbeards plan banquet

The Honey Hole Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, will hold its 21st annual Hunting Heritage Banquet on Saturday, March 28 at Capriotti's Hall, McAdoo. Doors open at 4 p.m. with dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment for the evening will include raffles, silent and verbal auctions, along with excellent food and refreshments.

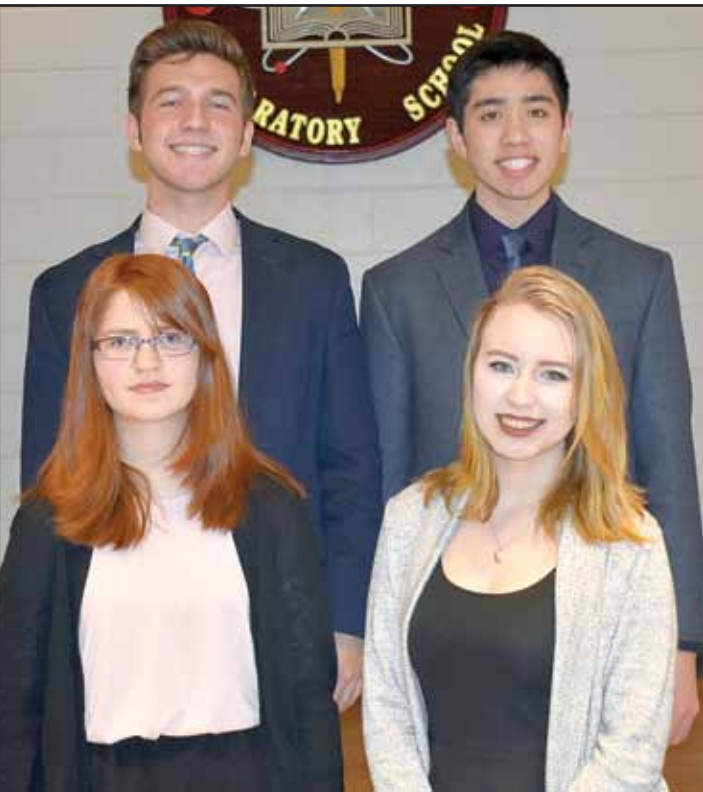
The Chapter has supported local initiatives such as habitat improvement projects on State Game Lands and Nescopeck State Park, Turkey Hunters Care program,

scholarships for high school seniors, grants to support university and wildlife agency research, outdoor education programs for women, youth and persons with disabilities.

This event is the single most important fund raising event held by Chapters nationwide which has in the past provided funding to support these NWTFF initiatives.

For more information on the banquet or becoming a member of the NWTFF please contact Mark Ferdinand at 570-788-6362.

# MMI announces Best of the Best winner for the first semester



Benjamin Putnam, pictured at left in the second row, captured MMI's Best of the Best competition for the first semester. Also pictured are, first row, from left: Rachael Betz and Catherine Havrilla; econd row at right is Connor Spencer.

Senior Benjamin Putnam captured first place in MMI Preparatory School's Best of the Best competition for the first semester of the 2019-2020 academic year. As part of the biannual competition, 10th and 12th grade students delivered presentations during an all-school assembly. Ninth and 11th grade students will make their presentations in the second semester.

Putnam, the son of Benjamin and Andrea Putnam of Sugarloaf, won the contest with his presentation entitled Rules of Language.

Sophomore Rachael Betz, the daughter of Dr. Amy Houm of Tamaqua and Richard Betz of Honesdale, discussed Forensic Science. senior Catherine Havrilla, the

daughter of Emily Havrilla of Mountain Top and the late James Havrilla, demonstrated How to Improve Your Singing Voice. Sophomore Connor Spencer, the son of Christopher and Christina Spencer of Mountain Top, presented on The Limits of Energy.

The Best of the Best assembly program, which is part of the MMI curriculum, is designed to help students improve and enhance their communication skills, important skills as they progress through high school, college, and beyond. The best student performances are presented twice a year to a joint assembly of both upper school and middle school students. MMI faculty members grade the presentations to determine the Best of the Best.



Pictured seated from left, are Veronica Shimkus, Hannah Siddiqui, Paige Hemmler, Ethan Cutillo, Eric Gee, Kathleen Kelly; 2nd row: Zane Villafuerte, Giovanni Ramos, Lily Judge, Antwan Murray, Adrian Murray, Erin Barno, Nathan Thomas, Nicholas Roditski; 3rd row: Reagan Blumer, Sebastian Beck,

Tatiana Schlifka, Aishani Chauhan, Adam Hudock, Jacob Ohrin, Kevin Cheng, Aaron Davis, Arielle Fan, Gwyn Cruz, Virginia Franks and Michala Dennis. Absent include: Hannah Beaudry, Jillian Dunn, Philip Gristina, James Lavan, Brady Mullin, Andrew Murawski, Jessica Polacheck, and Anna Prusak.

# 18th year Carnegie Hall recitalists chosen

NE PA Music Teachers Association held its annual Carnegie Hall competition at Dart Hall, Wilkes University, in January with Judith Fedor, chairperson, and judges: Gary Eslinger, Philadelphia, Sarah Houck, Forty Fort, Deborah Pyle, Reading, and Darlene Ziegler, Bethlehem.

Over 115 piano, violin, instrumental, and voice students competed by performing one memorized piece for judges who then chose winners to perform at Carnegie Hall, New

York on April 11.

Teachers whose students will perform include: Laura Anderson, Andrea Bogusko, Pam Carroll, Erica Castaldo, Judith Fedor, Harvey Feldman, Susan Gorman, Lynn Hurst, Judith Katra, Denise Knox, Christine Leandri, Lisa Maiolatesi, Maureen McGavin, Michele Millington, Michael Popick, Christina Shimp, Diane Shuleski, Narda Sperrazza, Rose Sperrazza, Mariann Stahl, Michelle Triaca, and Tsukasa Waltich.

# Saint Jude students selected as Holy Redeemer scholars

Nine students from St. Jude School received scholarships to Holy Redeemer High School for the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year.

Students completed an entry exam and were ranked based on their overall scores. Two Saint Jude School students were selected as Royal Scholars, scoring in the top three of the placement exam: Lainey Conway came in first place, Jack Novelli came in second place. Four students were selected as Marquis Scholars: Francesca Basalyga, Molly Grove, Kaylee Gryboski and Donato Strish. Three of the eighth grade students from Saint Jude were selected as Regent Scholars: Carly Glaser, Alexander Martin and Joseph Kopko. Students were honored at a special ceremony at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre.

At right: Sister Ellen Fischer, SCC, proudly stands with the Holy Redeemer scholars from Saint Jude School. Those scholars are, row 1: Donato Strish, Alex Martin, and Jack Novelli; row 2: Molly Grove, Carly Glaser, Lainey Conway, Kaylee Gryboski and Francesca Basalyga. Not pictured is Joseph Kopko.



# Welcome Club holds night at the races



Mountain Peaks/ Claudia Strycharz photo  
Rick Clark checks out the race program before betting begins.

The Mountain Top Welcome Club held its 11th annual night at the races on Friday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department. Post time was about 7 p.m. The event was held to raise money for 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. Most pizza restaurants in Mountain Top donated pizzas for all to enjoy.

# White Haven Lions honor Antonio's Pizza

The White Haven Lions Club recently honored Antonio's Pizza with an appreciation plaque for its continued generous support of the Lions' projects and events.

Antonio's is an excellent example of the community support that makes it possible for the White Haven Lions to serve so many needs in the White Haven area.

At right: Antonio's Pizza owner Piero Zito accepts the plaque from Lions Past President Ed Gower.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo  
Margaret Buff came to the Legion to enjoy a turkey dinner. American Legion serves turkey dinner

The American Legion Post 781 in Mountain Top held a turkey dinner on Saturday, February 22 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. The Auxiliary helped with dinner preparation, desserts and serving. Cost for the dinner was a \$10 donation for adults, \$5 for children 6 to 12 and children 5 and under ate for free.



## Ongoing commitment to service earns Century 21 agents awards

Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently recognized the following sales affiliates with the Century 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award.

The annual award is based on results from the Century 21 Quality Service Survey (QSS) which is e-mailed to consumers immediately after the purchase or sale of a home.

To earn the Century 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award, an agent must receive completed customer surveys for at least 50 percent of their transactions surveyed from January 1-December 31, with an average survey score of at least 95 percent or better for two consecutive years.

Ben Piccillo, Pamela McGovern and Valerie Zane of Centu-



**Ben Piccillo**



**Pamela McGovern**



**Valerie Zane**

ry21 Smith Hourigan Group, of Mountain Top will each receive a customized glass trophy, in addition to being recognized at the Century 21 Global Conference.

"The Quality Service Pinnacle

Producer Award is an integral part of our brand's commitment to excellence and recognizes their dedication to making each and every client interaction a positive one," said Mike Miedler, chief executive officer

of Century 21 Real Estate LLC. "They provide their clients with knowledge and advice related to their real estate transaction and offers them confidence during what may be the most significant purchase of a lifetime."

## Bognet campaigns in Mountain Top



Republican congressional candidate Jim Bognet speaks with Leslie and Chuck Mazza during a Java with Jim in Rice Township on February 1. Bognet, who previously worked in President Trump's administration, has been campaigning throughout the Mountain Top area. The primary is April 28.



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## Places To Go ...

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Easter egg hunt will be held **Saturday, April 4** at the municipal building grounds.

The hunt will start at 2 p.m. Children thru 10 years of age are welcome. Signup sheets will be available at the municipal building and recycling center. Deadline to sign up is March 20.

### APRIL 9 HALUSHKI SALE

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in White Haven will hold a halushki sale on **Thursday, April 9** with pick up from 4-6 p.m. in the parish hall.

Homemade halushki just in time for Good Friday! Sold in 2 pound containers for just \$6. Orders and payment are due no later than **March 29**.

All proceeds help defray the cost of St. Paul's youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

### APRIL 11 EASTER EGGSTRVAGANZA

An Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on **Saturday, April 11** from 10-11:30 a.m. at Mountaintop Family Church. This is an indoor event with face painting, a moon bounce, an Easter craft, puppet story and more! The activities are geared for preschool age children through 4th grade; however,

students in grades 5-6 are also welcome to participate. Children accompanied by an adult can arrive anytime between 10 and 11 a.m. All activities will end at 11:30 a.m.

### MAY 16 ANNUAL VARIETY SALE

GFWC Mountain Top is looking for crafters and vendors for its annual variety sale. The sale will be held **May 16** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Rt. 309. Applications can be requested at [wcmnttop@gmail.com](mailto:wcmnttop@gmail.com). or visit them on Facebook @ GFWCMTtoppa. Call Dianne with questions at 570-417-6115.

## White Haven Area Community Library offering various programs

The White Haven Area Community Library will be introducing a weekly lecture series every Friday morning from 11 a.m. to noon in the John Murphy Room. Various topics will be offered in a video format with general discussion by participants afterwards.

The topics and dates are as follows: *Cooking With Jackie K* will be held on the first Fridays of the next two months: April 3 and May 1; *Professional Advice on Managing Pain* will be held on the second Fridays of the next three months: March 13, April 10, May 8; *Exploring the Lore & Legacy of the American West* will be held on the third Fridays of the next three months: March 20, April 17, May 15; *Techniques and Tips for Every Gardener* will be held on the fourth Friday of each month: March 27, April 24, May 22.

The sessions are free, casual and entertaining!

Many other programs are also scheduled.

A workshop to create Pysanky eggs will be presented by artist Margie Bogash on Saturday, March 7 from 11 a.m.

to 3 p.m. The cost of the workshop is \$40, which must be paid at the time of registration.

A second book presentation and signing will be held on Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. when the library hosts Scranton author Christopher Vernon who wrote *Dancing in a Hurricane*.

Raptors and other amazing wildlife will return to the library on Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. when the Pocono Wildlife Center staff come to the John Murphy Room. The program is free; however seating will be limited so registration is required.

The March calendar of adult programming events will be capped off on Monday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. when the library welcomes renowned speaker Dr. Matt Moen from the Gettysburg Foundation, who will be talking about the aftermath of the battle of Gettysburg. The program is free; however, registration is required.

For more information, call the library at 570-443-8776, visit the White Haven Library Facebook page or its website.

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## Crestwood girls basketball presents check to Think Pink Foundation



Crestwood girls basketball team recently presented a check to the Think Pink Foundation, in the amount of \$1,525. The basketball fami-

lies were able to raise all of this from the Think Pink/Comets For a Cure game that took place on Saturday, February 8.



Pictured are the preschool morning class and the 3 day playschool class.

### Kids learn about dental health

St. Paul's Preschool and Mt. Top Playschool recently celebrated Dental Health Month by inviting Mrs. Lisa Fine to teach the kids all about taking care of their teeth. Benco donated toothbrushes and toothpaste for all students.



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## Century 21 Smith Hourigan Group agent receives President's Producer Award

Kevin Smith, broker/owner of Century 21 Smith Hourigan Group is pleased to announce that in recognition of outstanding sales production and commitment to quality service, Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently honored David P. Hourigan, sales associate with Century 21 Smith Hourigan Group with the Century 21® President's Producer Award.

The annual award is bestowed upon those Century 21 System sales affiliates who earn the Century 21 Centurion® award and the Century 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer award in the same calendar year.

The Centurion Producer award honors Century 21 System sales affiliates who earn



**David P. Hourigan**

\$288,000 in sales production or 69 closed transaction sides within the calendar year.

To earn the Century 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award, a C21® sales affiliate must receive completed

customer surveys for at least 50 percent of their transactions surveyed from January 1-December 31, with an average survey score of at least 95 percentage or better for two consecutive years.

"We are thrilled to recognize David's work for this momentous achievement," said Mike Miedler, chief executive officer, Century 21 Real Estate LLC. "This is an outstanding honor since only a small percentage of affiliated agents in the United States received this award for sales."

Century 21 Smith Hourigan Group is located in Mountain Top. For more information, Kevin Smith can be reached at 570-696-1195 or kevin.smith@c21shgroup.com.



**Drums Lioness Lions members assisting in a Valentine Day activity were, back row from left, Jeanette Tait, Marlene Kadany, Mary Ann Molendini, Linda Kostic and Lorna Veglia.**

## Drums Lioness Lions Club participates in Adopt a Classroom

The Drums Lioness Lions Club participates in an "Adopt A Classroom" service project partnering with the Head Start program located at Vine West Head Start, Hazleton. During the current school year the club members volunteer to read to the children each month, provide books, donate various classroom supplies and assist with field trips and classroom activities. Recently the children participated in a Valentine Day craft activity.

## Todd Ayers receives Towman Trust award

Todd W. Ayers from Ayers Towing in Mountain Top received the American Towman Trust Award in Atlantic City on December 6 at the world's largest trade show for towing professionals, the American Towman Exposition. A towing company that receives the award



**Todd and Brittany Ayers**

was nominated by a third party organization in the towing trade who has a working relationship with that towing company and the towing company also scored high on customer reviews on the internet. The Trust Award is presented by American Towing Magazine, the towing industry's premier trade publication.

Ayers Towing received the exclusive American Towman Trust pin at the Trusted Towers ceremony held in the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel.

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## Honor Roll

### Saint Jude School announces second quarter honor roll

**Eighth grade: Principal's List:** Francesca Basalyga, Lainey Conway; **High Honors:** Molly Grove, Lauren Lokuta, Donato Strish, Avery Chepolis, Jack Novelli, Olivia Bilbow, Kaylee Gryboski, Carly Glaser; **Honors:** Ethan Brenner, Alex-

ander Martin, Addison Burick, Margaret Mary Ganter

**Seventh grade: Principal's List:** Grace Tedford, Lauren Hayden; **High Honors:** Thomas Dugan, Xavier Bleiler; **Honors:** Lukas Phillips, Julia Dvorak, Melody Josefowicz, Hayden Fleegle

**Sixth grade: Principal's**

**List:** Matthew Mascarenhas, Aurora Roote, Pierce Sparich, Alexis Bleiler, Hayley Keiser; **High Honors:** Anson Jumper, Kyra Chepolis, Jacob Kopko, Patrick Smith, Andrew Grove, Karson Kremski, Abbey Krupa; **Honors:** Michael Grandzol, Christopher Herbener, Alex Gordon

## Kirby Library schedules teen, senior programs

March teen programs have been scheduled at the M.S. Kirby Library.

Middle School Book Club, grades 6-8, Tuesday March 10, 6-7 p.m. The book club will be discussing *After Ever After*, written by Jordan Sonnenblick. The book is about a teen who is cancer-free but leukemia treatments have left him with some issues to deal with. Books are available to check out at the circulation desk. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

March Madness Teen Game Night, grades 6-12, Tuesday, March 17, 6-7:30 p.m. Enjoy a night of friendly competition playing short games to earn tickets!! You may win a Dicks Sporting Goods gift card. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

High School Book Club, grades 9-12, Tuesday, March 25, 6-7 p.m. Join them for an hour book discussion and some tasty snacks. They will be discussing *The Rest of the Story* written by Sarah Desseen. The author tells the story of a girl's life changing summer. It's a season of detangling her childhood memories and learning about her late mother's past. Books available to check out at the circulation desk.

Registration required for all programs.


Please register at the M.S. Kirby Library, 35 Kirby Avenue, Mountain Top or call 570-474-9313.

The Library is now offering Seniors Connect, a new program to help seniors become better acquainted with using technology. The program pairs a teen volunteer for a one on one 45-minute session with a senior in need of help navigating a device such as a laptop, smart phone or eReader.

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Thursday, March 19: GO Teach GPS Educator Workshop; 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Registration required. \$10, payable the day of the workshop.

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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.

Upcoming calendar: Community egg hunt (Palm Sunday), Sunday, April 5; Holy Thursday with the Lord's Table, Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil at the alternative service, Saturday, April 11 at 6

p.m.; Easter Sunday, April 12, services at 8:30 and 10:45 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.

Colon Cancer Awareness: Incidence, screening, prevention and treatment. This educational offering will be presented by Thomas Erchinger, MD, Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital on Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m. RSVP to the church office.

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: Christonthemountainop.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.

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



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

**George and Jane Albright came out to support Mrs. Crofchick and have a delicious spaghetti dinner.**

### Dinner benefits St. Jude teacher

The St. Jude School community held a spaghetti dinner to benefit the family of teacher, Mary Ann Crofchick on Saturday, February 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Crofchick's husband, Robert, lost his battle with cancer this past fall and the school community is hoping the benefit will help offset medical expenses. Cost for a dinner was \$10 for adults and \$5 for a children's meal. The dinner was eat-in served family style with take-outs available. There was also a bake sale held during the dinner.

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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, is led by Rena Bicking. Their focus is to help around the grounds, help with the Sunday School Christmas and Easter parties, and support each other through prayer and friendship.

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**

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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.

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

Emmanuel will again prepare Lenten suppers prior to services on the Wednesday evenings during Lent starting March 4. These light meals will be shared in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. They will then gather at 7 p.m. in the church to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and gift of life and our response to his act of redeeming love. A sheet is on the table in the narthex for those who will volunteer to prepare meals. The Lenten meals and services are open to everyone and they welcome you to come and join them in these special meals and gather with them for worship. If you aren't able to make the suppers, they still hope you will come to the services.

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](mailto:aitatl12@ptd.net). E-mail access is [emmanuel\\_ucc@hotmail.com](mailto:emmanuel_ucc@hotmail.com) and the website is [emmanuel-ucc.org](http://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.

April Events: Palm Sunday April 14, 10 a.m.: David DeMarco concert; Easter April 21, 10 a.m. *His Story* multi-media presentation; April 28 Family Fun Day: The Bull Guys chicken bbq meal, get your ticket at the 10 a.m. service, for kids: moon bounce and Easter egg hunt!

Prayer Groups will begin in April. Coming in May: Holy Grounds Cafe, one Friday night every month, music, speakers, comedy, coffee, and more!

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

### 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

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Chris Yatsko and Barbara Malkemes check out the race program prior to placing bets and post time.

### Night at Races held at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dorrance held a night at the races fundraiser on Saturday, February 22. The doors opened at 6 p.m. and post time was promptly at 7 p.m. Entrance fee in advance was a horse purchase of \$10 and included food and beverages. Horses were sold at the door for \$12. Purchases for horses prior to the event were included in a surprise raffle.

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gation 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.

Faith Church will be making homemade milk chocolate peanut butter Easter candy eggs. Cost is \$1.25 each. Please call 570-301-8097 by March 12 to place orders.

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**

The next quarterly Baptismal preparation class with Deacon Jim at Good Shepherd will be held on Thursday, March 26 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, March 24, at 6 p.m. Please register by calling the parish

office.

The Good Shepherd Church baked fish take-out dinner will take place this year on Friday, March 20 from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$15. The menu includes baked haddock, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, cole slaw, green beans, and dessert. This year, all meals will be take-out only. Tickets will be sold before and after all weekend Masses. The deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, March 15. Pre-orders only! No walk-ins! Call JoAnn at 570-788-2469 or Aniela at 570-582-5623 if you need tickets or more information.

The Women of Good Shepherd will hold their next meeting on Monday, March 9 at 6 p.m. New members are always welcome. Be sure to check out their Facebook page: Women of Good Shepherd, Drums PA.

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



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**Samantha Gensil, 7, and Morgan Weiss, 8 mix up a batch of biscuits for the strawberry shortcake dessert.**

## St. Paul's youth prepare dinner

The youth of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Mountain Top got together on Sunday, March 1 with Pastor Michele Kaufman to prepare a gourmet meal for their parents. The kids arrived at the church at 3 p.m. to set up and prepare the meal. Parents arrived about 5 p.m. On the menu was BBQ chicken, cheesy broccoli and cauliflower, salad, hash brown potato casserole, appetizers, monkey bread and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

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.**  
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preaching, music, fellowship and food.

Sunday, April 21 is Resurrection Sunday.

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

Sunday School classes for children of all ages will help them learn at their level.

Children will love Junior Church during the Sunday morning service. Kids K-4 through 6th grade will be excited as they sing, learn memory verses, get prizes and hear preaching at their level.

A well equipped, well staffed nursery is provided for infants and toddlers.

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

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

**HARVEST  
CONYNGHAM VALLEY**  
Services: Sunday 10 a.m.  
Jeff Butala, Pastor  
475 Main Street, Conyngham

570-788-1055

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

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

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

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

Mountain Top Baptist Church invites you to join them for services. They offer



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Eleven church members came for the dinner party held in celebration of Valentine's Day.

### St. Paul's celebrates Valentine's Day with Italian dinner

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mountain Top held its annual dinner to celebrate St. Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 22 beginning at 6 p.m. Eleven members came to the cel-

ebration and dinner and had a great night of Italian food, fun and fellowship. The dinner was a BYOB event with Italian cuisine. Everyone brought an appetizer or dessert to share.

a fully staffed nursery for all Sunday worship services for ages 0-3.

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

Wednesday 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

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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 rela-

tionships with God and with others.

A Preschool Play Group will meet Thursdays, March 12 and 26 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.

A men's breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 14 at 9 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 total per family. Please sign up at the information table or contact the church office by Sunday, March 8.

An After School Club will be held on Tuesdays, March 17, 24 and 31 from 4-5 p.m. for all children in our community

in 1st-6th grade. The children will have free play time with ping pong, air hockey, foosball, group games and more. Children will choose from the following clubs: Crafts or Cup Stacking for grades 1-6 and Lego Robotics for grades 3 to 6. If you would like to attend, please sign up by March 8 by contacting Debbie Knorr at the church office at 570-474-0900.

An Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, April 11 from 10-11:30 a.m. at MFC. This is an indoor event with face painting, a moon bounce, an Easter craft, puppet story and more! The activities are geared for preschool age children through 4th grade; however, students in grades 5 and 6 are also welcome to participate. Children accompanied by an adult can arrive anytime between 10 and 11 a.m. All activities will end at 11:30 a.m.

Contact the office or email [debbie@mfcchurch.com](mailto: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 fam-

### Scout Sunday celebrated at Emmanuel



**Emmanuel UCC celebrated Scout Sunday on February 16. Pictured is Pastor Lou Aita with scout members and their troop leader. The scouts provided the scripture readings, took up the collection and participated in a coffee hour reception after service.**

ily 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 visit [www.mountainviewnepa.org](http://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**

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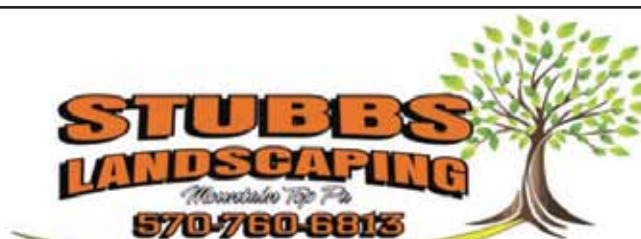
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Come worship in a real country church. Built in 1891, Mt. Zion still has no running water and uses an outhouse for their rest room facilities.

The church will host a special Saturday night worship service on March 7 at 5 p.m. Pastor Bob Thomas will lead the service.

On Sunday, March 8, the church will host its annual spring breakfast buffet & bake sale at the Slocum fire hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The all-you-can-eat breakfast features bacon, sausage, eggs, home fries, pancakes, toast, coffee, juices, and homemade goodies. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for children (6-12 years) and free for children 5 and under.

Lenten Bible Study continues every Monday at 9 a.m. in the new Filbert Hall building behind the church. The theme this year is *Developing the Eyes of Paul — When We Learn to Die We Learn to Live!* and will be led by Karen Alderfer.

The Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 11 a.m. to plan for Easter activities.

Cindy Faust will be the special guest speaker on Sunday, March 15.

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. with prayer at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 13, coffee house/game night at 6:30. Dinner is \$3. All are welcome.

### 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, March 8. Elder Dave Zaprazny will deliver the message.

The choir practices every Thursday at 7 p.m.

On March 27 the Youth Group will be making fleece blankets for veterans in their first ever *Tie - a - Thon*. Please help with either fleece or monetary donations.

The church will be starting the One Great Hour of Sharing Program with the beginning of Lent. Please open your hearts to help the "least of these".

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 fam-

ily 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.

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

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

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

### STAIRVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Services: Sunday 10 a.m.**

**Scott O. Miller, Pastor**  
**Stairville Road, Mountain Top**  
**570-868-5640**

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*Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo*

**Ralph Wintersteen receives ashes from Pastor Bob Thomas. Diane Webster holds the ashes for Pastor Bob.**

### Ashes administered at Mt. Zion

Mount Zion United Church of Christ in Slocum held its Ash Wednesday service on February 26 at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Pastor Bob Thomas led the congregation in worship, song, imposition of ashes and communion. Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten season leading up to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The ashes are from burned palms from the year before and are administered in the sign of the cross on recipients' foreheads.

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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 church will hold a fresh haddock dinner on March 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. Take-outs at 3 p.m. Price is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. The dinner includes the fish, green beans, choice of potato, baked or fries, cole slaw, dessert, and beverage. A bake sale will also take place.

A spiritual yoga event with instructor Mary Martin at 5:30 p.m. from March 8-29. Bring a water bottle and yoga mat, or one can be supplied to you.

A movie night will be held at the church on March 21 at 6 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 two-day 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**

Calling all parents of adult children concerned about their faith! Fr. Joe invites parents to come to an informal discussion on Sunday, March 15 or March 22 at St. Jude's Church, and help him learn from you and then brain storm together some possible outreach. Over the past several years, many parents have shared their thoughts, concerns and prayers for their adult children who do not practice their faith. They will meet in the church on those Sundays immediately following the 11 a.m. Mass.

Girl Scout Mass, March 8 If interested in participating, please come to the practice day on March 7 at 9:30 a.m. in church. Any questions, please call Parish Office and leave a message for Anna Kittrick.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Activities: March 8: XLT, 6 p.m., church and SJS cafeteria;

March 10: Youth Nite, 7 p.m.; March 14: Brandon's Forever Home service project; March 21: 8th grade retreat; March 22: Living Stations practice, noon-1:30 p.m.; March 29: Living Stations practice, noon-2 p.m.

XLT Exalt: Sunday, March 8, 6-8 p.m. in St. Jude church. Join them for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship music, speaker, the opportunity for Reconciliation and a social. For more info, call/text, 570-780-2996. Even though XLT is geared towards 7-12th grades and college age, all are welcome to attend!

March Youth Nite (grades 7-12th) Tuesday, March 10, 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Jude School cafeteria. Join them for this special Lenten Youth Nite! There will be activities to remind you of God's love and prepare you for Jesus' sacrifice. Activities include: prayer stations, craft, games and a service project. RSVP to tscanlan@stjc.org.

Living Stations of the Cross Good Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m. in St. Jude Church. Youth grades 7-12, help bring Sacred Scripture to life. Speaking and non speaking roles needed. Practice dates: March 22: noon to 1:30 p.m.; March 29: noon to 2 p.m.; April 5: 9 a.m. for Religious Education classes (lunch will be provided between Rel. Ed. and noon rehearsal); April 5: noon to 2 p.m. (full dress rehearsal); April 6: 5 p.m., dress rehearsal for Rel. Ed. classes; April 10: Be at church by 5 p.m., Stations begin at 7 p.m. If interested in participating, please contact Tricia, tscanlan@stjc.org or 570-474-6315, ext. 228.

St. Jude fish fry is Friday, March 13 from 4-7 p.m. Take

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out or sit down options available. Menu: fish (baked or fried), cole slaw, fries or macaroni and cheese, drink and dessert. Ticket options: \$10 adult dinner; \$5 child dinner (mac and cheese). For tickets, please call SJ School at 570-474-5803.

Calling all crafters/vendors! St. Jude School is having its 7th annual spring craft and vendor show on Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in St. Jude School cafeteria. Spaces are limited. To register or for any questions call David or Kristina Ambrulavage at 570-474-7272.

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: 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, 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.

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

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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 smartintime-

less.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 encourages you to make confession a regular part of your spiritual life, espe-

cially during the holy season of Lent, as you reflect on baptism and repentance. Confessions will be heard on Thursday, April 2 from 6-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Stations are prayed on Fridays during Lent at 7 p.m.

St. Mary's annual Easter egg hunt for children of the parish, up to 6th grade will be held on Sunday, April 19 at 11:15 a.m.

Religious Education classes

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Over 40 scouts and leaders from St. Jude Parish, Troop and Pack 60 and St. John's Lutheran Church, Troop and Pack 63 from Drums celebrated Scout Sunday at St. Jude Church.

### Scout Sunday celebrated at St. Jude Parish

On Scout Sunday, scouts celebrate their commitment to God and their faith. It is also a way to recognize the contributions scouts and their leaders make to scouting and their com-

munities. Over 40 scouts and leaders from St. Jude Parish, Troop and Pack 60 and Troop and Pack 63 from Drums celebrated Scout Sunday at Mass at St. Jude Church on February 23.

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

Youth Group is for all young adults in seventh grade and older. Youth Group focuses on SSS, spiritual, service, and social. Meetings are typically held twice a month on Sundays from 6-8 p.m. For more information please call Molly at 868-5855 or 262-4628.

There will be a bazaar planning meeting on Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the dining room. Everyone is invited to come and help plan this year's event. This is the church's biggest fundraiser and it takes many people to make this a success.

The Altar & Rosary Society will be taking orders for Easter rolls starting March 7. In addition to the regular varieties blueberry and blueberry cream have been added. Again the rolls will be \$7 each. Pre-paid orders may be placed in the collection at any Mass, or call Susan at 570-868-6983 to place an outside order.

Please place your order and payment in the collection by March 29. Mark your envelope "Easter Rolls." Rolls can be picked up April 9 in the Meeting Room after 12 p.m. Questions, please call Susan at

570-868-6983.

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.

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.

### 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.

Stations of the Cross will take place at 6 p.m. on Fridays, March 13, March 20, March 27 and April 3. Prior to Stations the youth group will serve soup and bread from 4-6 p.m. on March 20 and April 3.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Wednesdays in Lent from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Father O'Rourke will be in the robing room.

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.

Palm branches blessed on Palm Sunday should be burned or buried. Burned palm becomes the ash used on Ash Wednesday. If you have palm branches and want to dispose of them properly, 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.

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

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.

Communion services in March will be on March 15, 29.

Welsh Cookie Sale — pre-order by signing up at church or call the church office. Pick up on Friday, March 20 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Friday, and on Sunday, March 22 after the 8:30 a.m. service. Cost is \$5 for a dozen cookies. This sale will benefit Carisa Drum who needs a handicap accessible van to get her to her medical appointments.

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.

St. Paul's Hoagie Gang — sign up for delicious hoagies! March orders must be in by Sunday, March 15 with a pick up date on March 19 at 9:30 a.m. Hoagies are \$4 each. If you want your meat and toppings separated, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet. All monies earned go to benefit the church.

The church office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The first Sunday of each

month has been declared "Food Bank Day" and members are asked to 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 meets Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. WELCA meets Every 2nd Wednesday of the month. The Mountain Top Social Club meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m.

Board game day is every third Wednesday, at 1 p.m. Please bring your favorite game and a snack to share.

Bible Study is held every Thursday at 1 p.m. Have some fun with learning; only 2 hours a week with a knowledgeable teacher. Snacks provided.

### 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 pre-school through confirmation classes, is from 10 to 11 a.m. throughout the school year.

St. Paul's will hold a halushki sale on Thursday, April 9 with pick up from 4-6 p.m. in the parish hall. Homemade halushki just in time for Good Friday! Sold in 2 pound containers for just \$6. Orders and payment are due no later than March 29. All proceeds help defray the cost of St. Paul's youth attend-

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ing the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

The White Haven Mid-Week Ecumenical Lenten Services: March 11: White Haven United Methodist Church 6 p.m.; March 18: White Haven Presbyterian Church 6 p.m.; March 25: St. Paul's Lutheran Church 6 p.m.; April 1: White Haven United Methodist Church 6 p.m.

Time to order your Easter lilies! The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Deadline to order is March 29. Please place your payment in the offering in an envelope marked "Easter lily".

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.

### 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](http://www.stpaulsdrums.com) or Email: [stpaulsdrums@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsdrums@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.

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.

"Mercy Fish" is White Haven United Methodist Church's youth group, ranging from grades 6-12. While the main

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## Wilkes-Barre Academy announces Science Olympiad team



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Wilkes-Barre Academy's Science Olympiad team will participate in the Northeast Regional Science Olympiad held at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus on March 11. The team is composed of eighth, seventh, and sixth grade stu-

zur; row 2: Amanda Zemetra, Angelina Opachko, Abigail Whitby, Kate Barth, Daniel Hughes, Xander Pascoe, Tyler Vodzak; row 3: Miah Sims, Rehaan Mansuri, Ian Smith, Zachary Winder.

dents with excellent academic achievement. The students will compete in a broad scope of events that are substantially above grade level from areas of study in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics based events.



Members volunteering to represent the club are from left, Lisa Molendini, Mary Ann Molendini and club vice-president Jeanette Tait.

## Drums Lioness Club helps ACS

The Drums Lioness Lions Club recently participated in the Greater Hazleton Unit of the American Cancer Society's 42nd annual telethon. The club presented a monetary donation and assisted by staffing the phone bank to take pledges from viewers. The telethon, which aired on WYLN-TV and six other local cable networks throughout eastern and central Pennsylvania, generated over \$77,000 in donations for the local ACS office.

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## Local businesses support Max & Lorraine Foundation

On behalf of the Max & Lorraine Foundation, Mrs. Kate Button thanked Joe Yuscavage, owner of the Triangle Pharmacy in Mountain Top for his continued support of The Max and Lorraine Foundation, who along with The American Lung Association have sponsored Camp AsthmaCadabra for the past 20 years.

Shown at right are Joe Yuscavage, Triangle Pharmacy and Kate Button of the Max & Lorraine Foundation.



On behalf of the Max & Lorraine Foundation, Mrs. Kate Button thanked Kevin and Helen McDonald, owners of Damenti's Restaurant in Drums for their continued support of The Max and Lorraine Foundation, who along with The American Lung Association have sponsored Camp AsthmaCadabra for the past 20 years.

Shown at left are Kate Button of the Max & Lorraine Foundation and Helen and Kevin McDonald, owners of Damenti's Restaurant.



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focus of the group is community outreach programs, they also like to have fun!!

They meet every Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. for fun and fellowship, so join them and see what they're all about!

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

The church has great ways to become involved in Adult Ministries including: Bible Study every Tuesday at 10 a.m. The Care Team along with Pastor Dave, visit with and serve communion to shut-ins, nursing home residents, and those who are ill. In addition, this group provides meals and sends cards to members of the congregation in need during times of crises or hardship.

If you would like to be part of this Ministry contact Pastor Dave at Pastor@whitehavenumc.org.

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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Custom built home on 6+ac in Ice Ponds North w/5BR, 4BA, chef's kit w/granite, s/s appl, 2 sty FR w/frpl, LL w/bar and frpl, walk-out.  
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**MOUNTAIN TOP**  
Custom 2 sty w/ hdwd on 1st flr & upstairs hallway, granite, open flr pln w/2 sty great rm w/ frpl. Coffered ceils in LR/DR, mst w/frpl & built-ins.  
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