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## Christ UM Church participates in United Methodist Army Mission Week



Painting a mural on the exterior bathroom wall at Wright Township Park on July 16 are, from left, Emily Urbanski, Joanne Hagner, Kay Devlin, Paige Devlin, Lexi Carpenter and Kim Hirt. The mural was designed by Emily Urbanski.

Youth from CUMC along with several adults participated in Mission Week by doing community service projects at the Wright Township Park and at some private properties from Monday, July 13 through Thursday, July 16 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

UM Army is a national mission program of the United Methodist Church and youth participate from around the country. Most years the mission group travels outside the area to do many community projects, but this year due to Covid-19 they stayed within Mountain Top.

Volunteer Kay Devlin relates, "It is so good that despite the virus the youth are still able to go out and participate in mission work for the community." The days began with online worship services at 8 a.m. followed by working and break times as well as mealtime at 3 p.m. In the evening there was another worship service and time for chatting with participants from around the country.

The youth and adults from CUMC painted the bathroom facility, weed whacked around the tennis courts, playground areas and much more.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

From left, Kira Fenwick, 15; Kay Devlin, Connor Devlin, 9; Paige Devlin, 11; Lexi Carpenter, 17 and Wendy Fenwick working on Tuesday, July 14 at a private residence in Mountain Top. They did some basic yard work and gardening. A second group is working at another private residence in Mountain Top doing the same thing.

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

### CANCELLED MOUNTAIN TOP SOCIAL CLUB

All regular meetings of the Mountain Top Social Club are cancelled until further notice. For information about trips call Cathy Medeiros at 570-261-5016. For any other questions about the club call Rich Powell at 570-751-6249. Watch the paper for updates.

### NOW COOKIES FOR A NOBLE CAUSE

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top is sponsoring Cookies for a Noble Cause. All proceeds will benefit programs in our community. To order contact John Kranyuck at 570-466-9528. Pick up date is **August 4** from 1-5 p.m. in the Crestwood High School parking lot. Cookies are baked fresh by Simply Delicious Desserts and are \$7 per dozen.

### JULY 26 & AUGUST 2 FARMERS MARKET

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The farmer's market runs on Sundays throughout the summer from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### JULY 25 CRAFT SHOW

Moyer's Grove Campground is proud to announce that the 9th annual *Christmas in July* craft and vendor show will be held on **Saturday, July 25** from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. This event, held at Moyer's Grove Campground in Wapwallopen, will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Last year over 50 crafters and vendors participated!

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start at \$25 and you must provide your own canopy, table, etc.

### TOUR OF LANDMARK CHURCHES

The 2020 Artists' Tour of Landmark Churches will take place on **July 25**. The tour begins at 9 a.m. at the Freeland post office, Main Street, Freeland where you will see a mural of Freeland painted by John Folinsbee. The mural depicts Freeland and includes a view of two churches, one of which you will visit. The tour is free of charge and is designed for artists and photographers, amateur or professional.

Registration is required. Call John at 570-655-3437 or text 609-774-4177 to register or for more information.

### NIGHT AT THE RACES

A Mountain Top Area Little League Night at the Races will be held on **Saturday, July 25** at Orloski Field at the baseball

complex off Alberdeen Road. Event opens at 7 p.m., races begin at 8 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

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# Food Truck jamboree a big hit at Valley Regional Fire & Rescue

Many came out and supported the second Valley Regional Fire & Rescue's food truck jamboree by stopping by on Saturday, July 11 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to pick up some of the area's best food on wheels. There was a great deal of food choices from vendors around such as DA's Volcano Drinks, Tarnowski Kielbasa, Butcher Bob's Smoked Meats, Vince's Cheesesteaks, Cardinal Winery, Honey's Sugar Waffles, Joe's Pierogies, Tony's Gyros and FonDipity Ice Cream Truck.



Above: Butcher Bob's seems to be a popular choice early in the day.

At left: The crowds were plentiful making their way from truck to truck trying to decide what to order.

Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

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You may purchase horses the night of the event. Horses are \$10 each. Admission without the purchase of a horse is \$5.

Please bring a mask to wear as required by the Commonwealth of PA, if you are not socially distanced by 6 feet. Due to Covid food restrictions, food and drinks will not be provided. Please bring your own. No alcohol is allowed due to the Little League International rules. Bring your own chair, viewing will be done on the field. Restrooms will be open but will follow Return to Play plan, and only 1 person in each restroom at a time.

Sealed DVDs of races are shown on a big screen. The horses you purchase will be randomly entered into a heat. If your horse wins the heat you win \$40. Betting windows

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will be open prior to each race for you to bet on a horse. If the horse wins, you will win a percentage of the bets for that race.

### JULY 26 CAR SHOW

The Sons of the American Legion, Post 781, Mountain Top will hold its 7th annual car show on **Sunday, July 26** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All vehicles welcome. \$10 show vehicle registration starts at 10 a.m. Dash plaques for the first 100 vehicles.

Free admission to the general public, Food and refreshments available. No alcohol for sale.

For advanced registration call 570-474-2161, email mtsal781@gmail.com or on facebook: salpostseventy-eighty-one. All proceeds will benefit local veterans and their children. The Legion is located at 1550 Henry Drive, off Church Road in Mountain Top.

### AUGUST 1

#### CORNHOLE COMPETITION

The Mountain Top Juniors Comets will host a cornhole competition on **August 1** at Mountain Top American Legion Post 781 in Mountain Top.

Registration starts at noon. First bag thrown at 1 p.m. Only bags provided by MTJC will be used.

Cost is \$40 pre-registration and \$50 the day of the event for a team of 2. This includes food and soft drinks (BYOB).

The competition is for anyone ages 2-102. A basket raffle will also be held.

Two different double elimination brackets (adult only bracket and a child 13 and under bracket). The top two teams will get a cash prize.

To register please send check along with your name, your partner's name, a team name and ages to: Mountain Top Junior Comets, P.O. Box 552, Mountain Top, PA 18707

Email mtjuniorcomets@gmail.com or like them on Facebook - Mountain Top Jr. Comets or text Gary at 570-

760-5962 for more info.

### AUGUST 5

#### FREE REFEREE CLINIC

Each year, the Mountain Top Youth Soccer Association offers a free referee clinic for anyone interested in working as a referee for youth soccer games in Mountain Top. This year's clinic is being held on **August 5** at 8 p.m. at the SoccerPlex. Please arrive at 7:45 p.m. Minimum age is 14. The clinic is free, and anyone interested is welcome to attend. Advanced registration is required. Deadline to register is July 29. Call or text Judy at 570-299-9513 to reserve your spot.

### AUGUST 8

#### RIDE FOR PATRIOTS

Patriots Cove invites you to join them for the Ride For Patriots, a benefit for motorcycle enthusiasts. In the morning, Patriots will cruise in honor of veterans and first responders. Following the ride, Patriots Cove will host Wheels For Patriots Car and Bike Show, as a chance for enthusiasts to put their motorcycles, classics, and customs on display! Winners will take home trophies and get braggin' rights.

Ride for Patriots will be held on **August 8**. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Moun-

tain Top American Legion Post 781, 1550 Henry Drive, Mountain Top. They will roll out of Mountain Top at 11:30 a.m., and end at Black Walnut American Legion Post 510 for a car and bike show, chicken bbq, live music by R.J. Scouton, vendors, and raffles! All ride participants will be entered into the car and bike show at the Black Walnut American Legion, Old Route 6, Laceyville.

Judging will take place upon arrival at Black Walnut. The awards being offered this year are: Top 20, Top 5 motorcycles, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Best in Show, Patriots Choice, and most unique. The chicken barbecue will include baked potato, cole slaw, baked beans, and dessert.

Proceeds will support veterans and first responders at Patriots Cove. Patriots Cove is a non-profit organization in northeastern Pennsylvania that was founded by a military veteran and his spouse to empower other veterans, first responders, and their caregivers to heal and adapt to life after service.

Registration for the Ride for Patriots is \$15 per person, which includes admission to the Ride for Patriots, car and bike show entry and a chicken barbecue dinner (first 400)!

Are you interested in becoming a sponsor or vendor?

Contact Sheila Brandon at 570-855-8964 or email patriotscove@gmail.com for details and applications.

### AUGUST 28 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 31st annual St. Jude golf tournament is scheduled **Friday, August 28** with a 1 p.m. shotgun start at Sand Springs Country Club, Drums. Tournament fee is \$75 for single junior, golfer, \$90 per single golfer or \$360 for captain & crew. Cost includes green fees, beverages & snacks, and prizes.

Indicate which school the \$25 (per golfer), \$10 (junior golfer) tuition credit should be applied: St. Jude, Holy Family Academy or Holy Redeemer High School. Make check payable to: St. Jude School and return by August 10 to reserve your spot. Mail to St. Jude Golf Tournament, 422 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top, PA 18707. Questions, call St. Jude School at 570-474-5803.

#### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Kiwanis Club of Mountain Top golf tournament originally planned for June 5 has been rescheduled for **Friday, August 28** at Mountain Laurel Golf Club in White Haven.

This tournament is the primary fundraiser for the Club. Please come out and enjoy a much needed day of golf, fun and fresh air with your neighbors for a great cause.

Kiwanis has been active in the Mountain Top Community for well over 50 years, and supports worthy causes.

For more information on the tournament or about joining the club, please see their Face-

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## Yoga in the Park returns at the Wright Township Park



Instructor Lori Kozelsky leads a group of yoga enthusiasts into various poses during the free

Mountain Yoga, LLC is hosting a free community Yoga in the Park every Saturday through August 29 beginning at 9 a.m. on the tennis courts in Wright Township Park. The program began on June 13.

If anyone is still interested, try to arrive by 8:45 a.m. to secure your spot as spaces are on

yoga class in the Wright Township Park on Saturday, July 11.

a first come first serve basis. Face masks are not needed, but everyone is practicing social distancing. Bring your mat, water bottle, a towel and anything else you may need. Mats and props will not be provided. Check their Facebook page at Mountain Yoga for updates in case of weather cancellations.

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## AUGUST 31

### DOG PARK PURSE RAFFLE

The Wright Township dog park bingo originally scheduled for March 22 has been reinvented as a designer purse raffle. Anyone who purchased a bingo ticket may exchange it for a raffle ticket at the following stores: P&D Pet Supply, Triangle Pharmacy and The Woman's Boutique & Consignments. Additional tickets will also be for sale to the public at these locations. Cost of ticket is \$20. All 23 purses will be raffled off on August 31. Prizes will feature purses by Tori Burch, Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Coach, Dooney & Burke and LuLuLemon!

Several baskets were also donated to the bingo, they are on display at P&D Pet Supply. Tickets for the basket raffle will be on sale for 3 for \$2 or 10 for \$5.

## NOVEMBER 28

### CHS CLASS OF 1980 REUNION

The Crestwood class of 1980, will celebrate its 40th class reunion on Saturday, November 28 at the Woodlands Inn, Wilkes Barre, at 5 p.m. The icebreaker will be held Friday, November 27, at King's Restaurant, Mountain Top, at 7 p.m.

They are seeking classmates.

If you haven't already received an invitation, email Marie Helfrich Shovlin at mariehelf@hotmail.com, call Molly Rother Mendofik at 570-262-4628, or find them on Facebook "Crestwood High School Class of 1980" with contact information or for more details.

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## News in Brief ...

### Public hearing to be held on dirt bike track controversy

The Wright Township zoning hearing board will hold a public hearing August 3 at 7 p.m. on the four-year-old controversy over the operation of a dirt bike track in a rural area of the township.

The controversy began in the summer of 2016 when former township zoning officer Andrew Holter sent Mick and Melissa Gentilescos a violation letter which alleges they were operating a private recreational facility on their property. The letter was sent after Holter received complaints from neighbors about noise and dirt pollution emitting from a dirt bike/ATV track on the Gentilescos's property.

After a lengthy delay, the zoning board advertised that it would hold a hearing on April 9, 2018 on an application by the Gentilescos for a special exception to operate a private recreational facility on their property located in a conservation zoning district. However, the hearing never took place.

At that session, attorney Mark McNelis, representing the Gentilescos, took the position that the hearing was not about an application for special exception, but rather an appeal of the zoning officer's letter. He claimed they had appealed the zoning officer's violation letter and were entitled to a hearing. He insisted the township had the burden of proving the violation, rather than his client presenting the case for a special exception.

The zoning hearing board decided the Gentilescos were entitled to an appeal of the zoning officer's violation let-

ter. The board held hearings and voted 3-0 on July 17, 2018 to dismiss a notice of violation letter issued by Holter. The board decided the track, located on Yeager Road, does not constitute a private recreational facility, which would be a violation of the township's zoning ordinance.

The township subsequently voted to appeal its zoning board decision to Luzerne County Court.

Township solicitor Jack Dean reported last October that Judge Fred Pierantoni determined the township's zoning hearing board made an error in its decision regarding the case. The judge sent the matter back to the zoning hearing board.

Dean explained that the court's decision means it will be up to the Gentilescos to file an application for a special exception to use their property as a private recreational facility. In that case, Dean

emphasized, it will be up to the applicant to prove their case to the board to grant the special exception.

### Fairview Township awards paving contract

Fairview Township supervisors at their July 7 meeting awarded a contract for paving of Hazlenut Drive and Ridgecrest Drive to American Asphalt. The paving company bid \$186,990 to perform the work, the lowest of five bidders.

#### In other news ...

They also named Abby Wasiakowski as assistant secretary/treasurer at an hourly rate of \$19.50 with benefits effective August 3. They also appointed Larry Chapman as a fire police officer.

Northeast Signal and Electric Co. was hired to furnish labor, material, and equipment to

perform annual preventative maintenance on the two signalized intersections in the township at a cost of \$1,370. The signalized intersections are Route 309 and Kirby Avenue and Route 309 and South Main Road.

Responding to concerns of a resident about speeding on North Main Street, supervisors said they will direct the police department to look into steps

that can be taken, including placing a digital speed display machine on the street.

### Wright Township offering retirement incentive

Wright Township is offering employees who meet certain criteria a \$20,000 incentive if

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they retire before December 31, 2020.

At their July 13 meeting supervisors approved on a 3-2 vote a "voluntary employment separation plan."

To be eligible, employees must have 25 years of full-time employment in the township or be age 60 or older with a minimum of five years employment. Employees who want to participate must submit a notice of separation by October 1 and retire by December 31. A \$10,000 incentive will be paid to the employee on their separation and a second \$10,000 on the one-year anniversary of their leaving.

The motion to approve the plan, which was not on the board's agenda, was made by supervisor Michael Marshall and seconded by Colleen Macko. Macko, Marshall, and board chairman Matthew Howton voted in favor of the resolution. Supervisors Donald Zampetti and Louis Welebob Jr. opposed it.

Solicitor Jack Dean said the plan is similar to that offered from time to time by school districts. He explained that the municipality can save money if it does not replace people who choose to leave. Even if it does replace employees who leave, the township could save money because replacements most likely would be hired at a lower salary.

Following the meeting, township secretary/treasurer Pam Heard said there are four employees who are eligible, two in the police department and two in public works. She would not release their names. However, responding to a sub-

sequent email inquiry, Heard said the plan is limited to those DPW workers in the laborer classification only.

Zampetti said he opposed the measure because he does not know what the measure will cost the township. Should four employees take the offer, their departure would cost the township \$80,000 in incentive over two years.

### In other news ...

On that same 3-2 vote, supervisors added another street to the \$350,637.90 paving contract awarded to Barletta Materials last month. The pact awarded last month includes paving of Yorktown Road from Hitching Post Road to the southerly end; Red Coat Lane from Walden Drive up to dead end just past Colonels Ridge Road; the northerly portion of Rebel Hill Road; and White Tail Drive from South Main Road to Deer Run Drive.

At the time, they decided not to include Fawn Court, which would have cost another \$49,075.35. The motion to add Fawn Court was approved by a 3-2 vote with Welebob and Zampetti voting no. Welebob expressed concern last month that including Fawn Court would nearly drain the township's Liquid Fuels Fund which has a balance of \$412,365. When he asked at the July meeting what would be the source of the additional cost, he was told the money would come from either the general fund or capital reserve fund.

It doesn't look like the \$50,000 Wright Township has to refurbish its playground will go far. Earlier this year, the township received a \$25,000 grant from the state Department of Community and Natural Resources to upgrade its aging playground equipment.

The grant requires a \$25,000 local match.

Heard reported at the supervisors meeting that the township has had just one response so far from the request for proposals sent out through COSTARS to furnish and install playground equipment. She anticipates additional proposals by the July 31 deadline, she said.

At the June 23 recreation board meeting, Heard told board members that the quote to replace the climber in the

lower playground was close to \$70,000. While the cost for that equipment alone is \$20,000 more than in the budget, it's possible the township could obtain additional funding through a Luzerne County Community Development Block Grant.

At their July meeting, supervisors voted to return a Luzerne County Community Development Block Grant intended to raze a dilapidated home on Third Avenue. They said

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# Combine miniature golf with some ice cream at Valley Scoops and More

When John Cara and his family purchased Valley Scoops and More in Conyngham back in 2015, he had a vision of how he wanted the business' miniature golf course to look.

Actually, it was his sons who had the vision.

"Whenever we went on vacation, we always took our children miniature golfing. They knew what it was supposed to look like," Cara explained.

So, over the last five years, Cara and his sons Brent and Matt have made many improvements to the scenic miniature golf course located along Route 93 in Conyngham. "The first thing we did was restore the running water," said Cara. "We then added chlorination and filtration systems," he explained. The water feeds a scenic waterfall, stream, and a



**John Cara, owner of Valley Scoops & More, stands near the beautiful waterfall located on the miniature golf course.**

pond with a fountain throughout the 18-hole course laid out on a hillside, providing plenty of challenges for golfers.

Besides restoring the water, they replaced about 60 percent of the carpeting on the course, giving the scenic layout

a fresh new look. Cara and his sons provided all the labor to remove the old carpeting and replace it with new material. He said he worked with Nick Bonomo of Bonomo's Floor covering in Hazleton to obtain the carpeting. "There is only

one company making carpeting for miniature golf courses right now," he noted. Recently, they removed a large boulder that had been placed on the third hole as an obstacle.

While his course is popular, and brings visitors from many surrounding communities, Cara acknowledged miniature golf has lost popularity over the years. "Miniature golf is going away," he explained. "You almost have to have a passion for it to keep it going." He pointed out it is difficult to find suppliers for balls and clubs. "Because of the water, we need balls that will float," he noted.

Cara pointed out that balls and clubs are sanitized after every use to keep customers safe from Covid-19.

While the golf course is popular, it's not the main attrac-

tion at Valley Scoops. It's the Leiby's Ice Cream that draws people to the Conyngham business. "We sell twice as much ice cream as food," Cara related. When the business first opened following the pandemic shutdown, they set up a drive-through for customers hungry for the ice cream. Recently, the ice cream and food business opened following CDC guidelines with social distancing emphasized.

Valley Scoops and More is located at 683 State Route 93, Sugarloaf Township (Conyngham). It is open Saturday and Sunday noon to 8 p.m. and weekdays 3 to 8 p.m. It is located next to Gould's Market. The supermarket was started in 1971 by Cara's father-in-law John Gould and Cara is the manager of the store.



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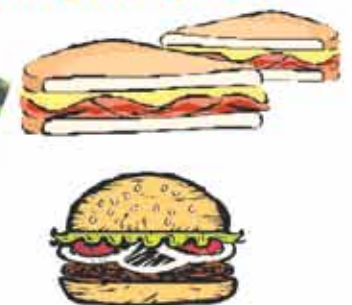
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## Crestwood High School graduates launch the JumpStart Cart to assist adults with autism

Two Crestwood High School graduates with more than 30 years of experience treating people with special needs have launched the JumpStart Cart to provide young adults with an opportunity to continue to build the skills they need to obtain and maintain employment within their local community.

Co-founders Jackie Elick, OTR/L, COO, of Slocum Township and Jess Light, CCC-SLP, CEO, of Bear Creek, established the nonprofit organization in 2019 after noticing the shortage of available resources and services for adults 21 years of age and older.

"We saw firsthand what happens when our former students graduate and age out of the educational system at 21," said Elick, a licensed occu-



Jackie Elick

pational therapist. "Jess and I would discover that our former students were at home with little to no participation in their community. This also posed difficulties for parents



Jess Light

and caregivers that continue to work daily."

"Our mission is to educate and train adults with special needs to integrate and function independently in the

community by acquiring life and employment skills," Light, a licensed speech-language pathologist, added. "We hope this specialized program will offer the support needed to further develop life and employment skills and promote successful career opportunities."

Once operational, the JumpStart Cart will address that shortage of ongoing support and services their clients need throughout their lifespan. It will provide vocational and community living skills training for up to four young adults who have been diagnosed with a disorder on the autism spectrum or special needs. The organization's founders and community volunteers outline intentions to continue growing the fledgling nonprofit in their business plan.

In six months, the nonprofit envisions up to eight employees and increasing the number of people it serves further to about 16 after its first year of operation. A second food truck with up to 24 total employees is planned for the second year of operation.

The food truck will be staffed by community volunteers, including Elick and/or Light, once fundraising is complete. The operation will be stationed at farmers markets, outdoor festivals, and other special community events. The menu will feature rotating signature panini sandwiches, including vegetarian and vegan options, pasta salad, a smoked deviled egg and soft drink to complete the meal.

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Once you become a client of Zola Law, you become the firm's top priority. Their lawyers will relieve you of the constant phone calls from insurance companies or large corporations so you can focus on recovery. The firm has operated this way since it began and promises to continue to do so in the future. The reason is simple. It's the right thing to do and clients appreciate the way the firm represents them. They point out proudly that the majority of their clients are the result of positive references from other clients and local attorneys.

Attorney Daniel E. Zola is a life resident of Hazleton. He prides himself in aggressively fighting for and assisting residents of his community. During his long career as an

assistant district attorney, Zola has acquired courtroom skills that he uses in cases he handles. He has a 99% conviction rate at the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office, including successful prosecution of homicides. He emphasizes that he fights for his clients' rights just as he fights for the rights of victims in the criminal justice system.

Attorney Angel Mae Webby-Zola is a life resident of Luzerne County. She has spent the last 15 years fighting for the rights of injured clients.

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## Slocum carnival food sale is a big success

Who doesn't love carnival/bazaar food? Well, with the annual bazaar being cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Slocum Township Fire and Ambulance decided to hold a carnival food drive-thru on Saturday, July 11 beginning at 3 p.m. Orders were made and confirmed at one end of the property and picked up at the hall entrance.

The sale included all-time favorites such as potato pancakes, pork barbecue, wimpies, halushki, chicken and broccoli with shells, piggies, fish sandwiches, sausage sandwiches and much more.

Preorders were appreciated but not required. The



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

**Above:** Inside the fire hall it was busy with volunteers putting together the food orders.

**At right:** Volunteer Mallory Moratori delivered the food orders.

event was extremely busy, and cooks were cooking all day to keep up with demand.



## JumpStart ...

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Community board members for the JumpStart Cart include Theresa Kline, president, of Mountain Top; Traci Donahue, treasurer, of Mountain Top; Kristin Ermak, secretary, of Larksville; Evelyn Hogan of Mountain Top, and Heather Pugliese of Mountain Top.

To reach their goals, the novel program continues to raise money to purchase a food truck, equipment, and supplies.

The community can support the JumpStart Cart's mission by voting for it in The Westmoreland Club's "501C Free: Raise to the Finish" competition. One of 15 finalists, supporters of the new initiative can vote online at <https://501cfree.info>. Each vote for a nonprofit in Luzerne County costs \$10. The

winner will receive a grand prize valued at more than \$10,000 and each nonprofit will keep all proceeds from votes cast. Voting concludes August 1.

In the future, the JumpStart Cart will hold additional fundraisers in support of its mission.

For more information about the nonprofit or future fundraisers, please contact Elick at 570-233-7567 or [jelick29@gmail.com](mailto:jelick29@gmail.com) or like the organization on Facebook and Instagram.

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the action was taken because of lack of cooperation from the property owner. They then voted to submit a block grant application for funds for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) park improvements.

Howton reported the park's splash pad still is not in opera-

tion. He said there are mechanical issues along with concerns about maintaining social distancing even if it is repaired. He also noted the device's plumbing design does not allow for recycling of water.

During the supervisors' work session, a lengthy discussion was held on a request for permission to hold a 3-on-3 bas-

ketball tournament on Aug. 22 at the township basketball courts. Jean Fredmund, committee chair, assured supervisors CDC guidelines would be enforced by the tournament committee. The tournament raises funds on behalf of the Luzerne Foundation's Erik Fredmund Memorial Fund. The event celebrates the life of Fredmund, who passed away in 2018.

Supervisors approved the request pending approval of the tournament committee plan by Dean.

### Dollar General clears some hurdles in Rice Township

The developers of a pro-

posed Dollar General store in Rice Township cleared a couple major hurdles at the July 7 meeting of township supervisors.

Following a short public hearing, supervisors approved an application for a conditional use for the construction of the discount store on a parcel located near the Nuangola exit of Interstate 81. The application was submitted by LIVIC Civil/David Coleman on behalf of Dollar General. Coleman is owner of the property.

While the business is a permitted use in the B-2 zone, the conditional use approval was required because the township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO), requires that any land dis-

turbance exceeding 80,000 square feet and any building/impervious area exceeding 20,000 square feet obtain approval of supervisors.

At their regular meeting that followed the public hearing, supervisors approved the subdivision application conditioned on the developer meeting outstanding items recommended by the township planning commission. They also granted preliminary approval to the land development application conditioned on receipt of all outstanding permits recommended by the planning commission.

The planning commission at its June meeting recom-

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## Girls' basketball clinic held in Rice Township



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Mia Hopkins conducts the clinic for girls who enjoy playing basketball.

A girls basketball clinic was held on the Rice Township Municipal Park basketball courts in Mountain Top on Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. The morning session was for girls in grades 3-5 and the second was for girls in grade 5 and up.

The clinic was run by professional basketball player and local basketball coach Mia Hopkins. Local girls from various leagues as well as non-

league members were invited to attend. Cost to attend was \$35 for those pre-registered and \$40 the day of the clinic. All participants brought their own basketballs, lunch, and plenty of water. Proper social distancing guidelines pursuant to Pennsylvania Department of Health and PIAA were conducted. The goal of the event was to get kids outside and active during this time.



From left, Flossie Pedley, Mountain Top Food Pantry coordinator/volunteer; Linda Banos, physical therapist, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) Health Center at Mountain Top; Jane Dodson, Mt. Top Food Pantry volunteer.

## LVHN donates to food bank

July 15 was National Give Something Back Day so colleagues at LVHN Health Center at Mountain Top decided to give back to the community by collecting food for the Mountain Top Food Pantry located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The food pantry is always in need of donations, especially pasta, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese, rice, Hamburger Helper and canned vegetables. Donations are accepted on Fridays at the church located at 316 S. Mountain Blvd.

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The council is working at implementation plans that keep the current recommen-

dations from the Bishop, the PA Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control in mind. The technology team is working at testing and implementing technology to make it possible to live-stream worship from the sanctuary. The staff is imagining how to make worship "fun" given the limitations imposed by the virus and how to provide a diverse menu of options to reach a congregation with a variety of needs.

For more information: church office: 570-474-6060,

church email: [ChristUM-ChurchOffice@gmail.com](mailto:ChristUM-ChurchOffice@gmail.com).

### EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

**Louis Aita, Pastor**

**7768 Blue Ridge Trail, Dorrance  
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Regular church services have resumed and they are following the CDC guidelines. They welcome visitors and friends to join them for worship every Sunday.

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

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

are kept strictly confidential.

If you are in need of pastoral care, call Pastor Lou Aita at 570-582-9550 or email him at [aitat112@ptd.net](mailto:aitat112@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**

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Reservations to attend Mass will no longer be required. Safety guidelines, however, remain in place. You can only enter the church through the main entrance and you must sit at the blue tape in the pews. Family members may sit together. You must wear a mask during the entire Mass. Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass. Anyone wishing to receive the Eucharist on the tongue is asked to wait until the end. Immediately exit the church through the side doors after Communion. Mass attendance has been below designated capacity. Should they reach capacity, they would have to cut off attendance at the maximum allowed.

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## MOUNTAINTOP FAMILY CHURCH

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

Mountaintop Family Church is holding modified Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. for one hour. Children and adults will attend service together and there will be limited seating. They ask that anyone who has been sick, has recently been exposed to Covid-19, has a compromised health condition, or is not comfortable attending services to please continue joining them for online services. All other services and activities normally held at Mountaintop Family Church are being held online or are canceled at this time.

Sunday morning services are also available through live-stream: MFC web page, [www.mfcchurch.com/live-stream](http://www.mfcchurch.com/live-stream); Youtube, search for Mountaintop Family Church; Facebook, go to Mountaintop Family Church Facebook page

On Sunday afternoon, they will post the video of the service on the church website under the "watch and listen" tab.

Zoom meetings are being held throughout the week and the links for the Zoom meetings can be obtained by

emailing [Debbie@mfcchurch.com](mailto:Debbie@mfcchurch.com). Zoom Meetings: Men's and Women's Groups are held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Ground Zero56 for completed grades 5 and 6 and Starting Point Youth for completed grades 7-12 are both held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. KidsTown Church is held on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Canvas Young Adult Group is held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Children's Activity Club is held on Tuesdays at 12 p.m.

Please contact the church office at 570-474-0900 if you have any questions or would like more information about MFC.

## MOUNTAINVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Service: Sunday 10 a.m.**  
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Mountainview services are back on Sundays at 10 a.m. They have several environments for folks to encounter Jesus! They are: Livestream on Facebook every Sunday at 10 a.m. or @Mountainviewnepa or meet in person, outside on the church lawn in socially distanced circles for each family. Bring your beach umbrella, tents, beach towels, lawn chairs, and your own picnic! You can also park in your car on the perimeter parking lot and watch the service from your car using an FM transmitter to your radio. If it rains, they meet indoors with social distancing and everyone wears a mask. All small groups are

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*Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo*

**Church members Chris and Joannie Rinehimer deliver meals to Diane Bloss.**

## Take out dinner held at Emmanuel UCC

Emmanuel UCC held a curb-side pick-up ham dinner on Saturday, July 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the church in Mountain Top. Cost for the dinner was \$10 and included ham, mashed potatoes, corn, apple sauce, and bread. Almost 200 dinners were sold. All dinners were pre-ordered for pick-up only.

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still meeting via conference call or Zoom video chat. Small groups currently include: Wednesday night Discovery Bible study for families, Thursday Small Groups: Evidence That Demands a Verdict, and Sermon Scripture Bible Study Group. Every morning at 7:07 a.m. join Pastor Brook and his wife, and others for a 20 minute devotional Bible reading, over Zoom.

Contact Pastor Brook for

more information about small groups and gatherings: Brook Selby, Pastor 570-580-0808 [www.MountainviewNEPA.org](http://www.MountainviewNEPA.org).

### MT. ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Services: Sunday 9 a.m.**  
**Pastors: Bob Thomas and Rev. Fran Fink**  
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rest room facilities.

Pastor Bob Thomas will lead the worship service on July 26. On Sunday, August 2 Rev. Fran Fink will lead the service.

For more information on church guidelines and services, please contact Diane Webster at 570-379-3713.

### NEW HOPE WAPWALLOPEN CHARGE

**Services:**  
**Faith UMC: 8:45 a.m.**  
**Stairville UMC: 10 a.m.**  
**Slocum UMC: 11:15 a.m.**  
**Scott O. Miller, Pastor**  
**Stairville Road, Mountain Top**

All three churches are open for services with masks required and social distancing through the green phase. There is no Sunday School or other church activities at this time.

For any needs or concerns, please contact: Faith UMC:

Wilma Baratta at 570-200-5329; Stairville UMC: Christine Kellow at 570-868-3413; Slocum UMC: Charles Herring at 570-868-6478.

Pastor Scott can be reached by phone, text, or email at: 570-200-5388, email: [somiller@susumc.org](mailto:somiller@susumc.org).

Visit them on Facebook at New Hope Wapwallopen.

### 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.

The church has reopened for in-person services at 50% seating capacity. Please bring your own Bible as they will not be using the pew Bibles, hymnals or bulletins at this time.

Everyone is welcome to join them for a time of Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you prefer to join in with Bible study using Zoom, please contact Pastor John.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOUNTAIN TOP

**Services: Sunday 10:30 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, July 25, via Facebook Live and back in the sanctuary. There are 2 sanitizing stations available, and masks will be required as well as social distancing. If you have been ill during the 2 weeks prior to any service, you are asked to stay home and join in on Facebook or Zoom. They will continue to make the service available live on Facebook and for replay. Pastor Neil Partington will deliver the message. Please continue to mail your tithes if you are not attending in person.

There is a children's program with study and games on Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. On Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. there is a fireside chat/Bible study for anyone interested. These are Zoom meetings and can be joined on video at <http://PAiu.zoom.us/j/52653314753>

or can be joined by phone at 8773690926, meeting number 5263314753. Some of the church boards are starting to meet in the church. Please check with your board presidents to make sure if you are meeting live or zooming!

The bloodmobile will be in the church parking lot on Fri-

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day, August 14 from 9:30 until 2. Please call Red Cross and schedule an appointment.

The church logo t-shirt order has been put on hold until after the "shelter-in" directive is over. You can still reserve one by emailing size and color to the church.

If you have any questions about the church or its ministries call 570-474-9951 or find them on Facebook: Presbyterian Church of Mountaintop PA.

### 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

Services have begun in the church. Face masks must be worn except for children under 2. They are following social distancing practices. Offering plates will not be passed. They will be placed so people can place their offerings while entering or exiting the church. Please avoid any physical contact.

If you wish to mail in your offering, you can send it to St. James at 619 Birch Road, Wapwallopen, PA 18660.

The floor tile fund currently has \$5,802.98. They need approximately \$6,500 to redo the floor in the social hall. The old tiles have been in place for over 50 years and have been deteriorating over the past few decades. At this point, it not only looks bad, some of the spots are becoming a safety issue due to holes, cracks, and bumps. If you would like to donate to the fund you can put your donation in an envelope

and put "floor fund" on it or you can write a check, put "floor fund" in the memo and send it to the church at 827 E. County Road, Wapwallopen PA 18660. All donations are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

The Cub Scouts have not been meeting and their summer camp experience was cancelled due to the closure of the camp.

### 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

St. Jude Church is now open for private prayer from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday. The Parish office will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Thursday and parishioners are asked to use the intercom system. Due to the small space

and social distance requirements, the Adoration Chapel and St. Jude Shrine will remain closed until further notice.

Daily Masses have resumed following the regular schedule: Monday to Friday, 7 a.m.

Weekend Masses have resumed with the normal Mass schedule. Registration is required for weekend Masses. Each Monday they will post the link for St. Jude parishioners to register for the coming weekend Mass. The link will be posted at [www.stjc.org](http://www.stjc.org).

Here are the requirements: You must be a St. Jude parishioner; you may only register for yourself and members of your household; you will only be able to register for one weekend at a time; each Monday you will need to fill out another registration form if you wish to attend the coming weekend; the deadline for registration is Thursday at 1 p.m.; if you have difficulty with the registration

form, call the parish office to place your reservation, 570-474-6315, ext. 221.

When visiting the church for private prayer as well as daily Mass, please follow as stated above using only the 2 center sections and sit in the marked locations to maintain social distancing.

31st annual St. Jude golf tournament will take place on Friday, August 28 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start at Sand Springs Country Club, Drums.

Tournament fee is \$75 for single junior, golfer, \$90 per

single golfer or \$360 for captain & crew. Cost includes green fees, beverages and snacks, and prizes. Make check payable to: St. Jude School and return by August 10, 2020 to reserve your spot. Mail to: St. Jude Golf Tournament, 422 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top, PA 18707. Questions, call St. Jude School, 570-474-5803.

Gift Card sales have resumed with a limited number of cards from page 1 only. Please refer to the parish website or call the

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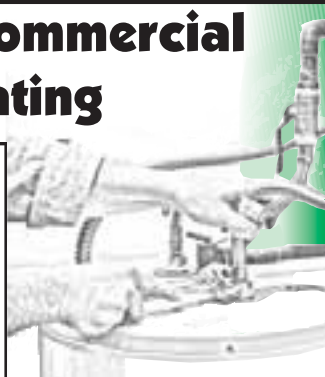


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### ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Services: Sunday at 11:15 a.m.**  
285 Pond Hill Mt. Road  
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The congregation of St. Mark's invites everyone to join them as they share God's Word and celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday.

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

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

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

All services and activities are temporarily postponed.

The Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, of which St. Martin's is an independent parish, provides live streaming of not only Sunday worship service, but other services throughout the week from the Cathedral of the Nativity. Go to diobeth.org for a full listing. Rev. Timothy Alleman, Priest in charge at their sister parish, St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre, prays morning, noon and evening prayer on

his Facebook page. He has also continued his healing services on Mondays and Wednesdays at noon.

For more information visit smartintimeless.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

St. Mary's Church is once again open for church Masses. No registration is required for weekday Masses. Registration will be required for weekend Masses. Every Monday they will post the link for Saint Mary's parishioners to regis-

ter for the coming weekend Mass. Registration will close on the Thursday of that week at 1 p.m.

The requirements are that you must be a Saint Mary parishioner; you may only register for yourself and members of your household; you may only register for one weekend at a time. Each Monday you will need to fill out a new registration form for that coming weekend.

Please call the parish office if you do not have access to social media, or if you need assistance with the registration form 570-868-5855.

Weekend Mass instructions: Doors will open 30 minutes prior to Mass. You will enter through the main double doors, street side. You must

put on your mask before entering the church. Volunteers will provide hand sanitizer and check you in. An usher will escort you to your reserved pew. The congregation is asked to refrain from singing. Eucharist will be distributed at the end of Mass. You will immediately exit the church using the same door. Prayer of thanksgiving can be done walking out or in your car.

At this time, they will not be using the offertory baskets for collections. Offertory boxes will be at the main doors on weekends and at the side door during the week. All envelopes and loose donations may be securely dropped in these boxes.

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Please follow all social distancing markings. No congregating in church or in the parking lot after Mass.

Information changes daily. Visit Saint Mary's website: [stmarydorrance.org](http://stmarydorrance.org); Facebook Page: Saint Mary's of Dorrance and Saint Mary's of Dorrance Youth Group or call 570-868-5855 for more information.

Parish office is open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**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**

Services will continue to be held outside for the welfare of everyone concerned. The drive in services will be held at 9 and 10:30 a.m. each week. Thank you to all of you for complying with the restrictions. Your compliance has allowed us to gather each week in a safe manner.

For those unable to join them, Pastor has been recording services from St. John's in Nanticoke, that are available on the church's Facebook page and website [www.stpaulsmt-top.com](http://www.stpaulsmt-top.com).

The church office will be open Fridays from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For those who cannot get out or are in need of assistance please contact the church office and leave a message or contact Pastor Kaufman at 570-443-0832. They have several individuals who have offered to assist those in need.

The Food Bank continues to distribute food to clients every Friday using safe distance practices. If you would

like to drop off donations at the church, please do so on Fridays 9 a.m.-noon. Donations are always welcome, and appreciated.

On Thursdays, Bible Study has resumed in the parish hall at 1 p.m. Tables have been set up to allow for participants to social distance.

St. Paul's mini library (free book exchange) has been installed in the front of the church near the steps to the playground. It is available to both members of the church and the community to take a book to read or drop off books you have already read.

Join them on Sunday, July 26 at 6 p.m. as they gather to paint our hearts out! By opening the parish hall, they can safely social distance and enjoy each other's company as they paint a colorful summer scene. Cost is \$30 per person. Leave a message on the church answering

machine or contact them by Facebook to reserve your spot. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the church office as well. Monies are designated for a family in need.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Hot dogs and hamburgers were ready for those who came and Christian music could

be heard all over the shopping center parking lot.

### Quarantine praise, worship, and fun at Faith Church Drums

Faith Church in Drums held a quarantine picnic on Sunday, June 28 beginning at 1 p.m. in the parking lot at the church. They offered hot dogs and hamburgers, snacks and beverages for those attending the special service

and picnic. The service was broadcast on 98.1 FM so all could eat and listen to the service from the safety of their vehicles. There was live Christian music, worship, prizes for cars and fun for the whole family.

**ST. PAUL'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Services: Sunday 9 a.m.**  
**Sunday School: 10 a.m.**  
**Janelle Wigen, Pastor**

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They are hosting virtual worship service through an online platform called Zoom. The worship service is at 10 a.m.



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## Saint Jude School says good-bye to teacher

Saint Jude School said good-bye to a well-loved teacher this past month, wishing Anne Powers well as she enters retirement.

Mrs. Powers started teaching as a permanent substitute in the Wyoming Area School District and then took a job at St. John the Baptist in Pittston where she taught 6th grade for three and a half years until her son was born. Upon her return to teaching she was hired as an 8th grade teacher at Wyoming Area Catholic School. She taught there and at St. Mary's School (Pittston). When St. Mary's closed, she moved to 2nd grade at Wyoming Area Catholic School. Mrs. Powers spent the last year at Saint Jude School.

Mrs. Powers has been employed by the Scranton Diocese for the past 18 years. She has enjoyed teaching students who are enthusiastic and respectful and will miss seeing her students and colleagues every day. The Saint Jude community wishes Mrs. Powers all the best as she enters retirement!



Mrs. Powers accepts well wishes from Julia Dvorak and family.



Mrs. Anne Powers celebrates with students during a "drive by parade" and here with Rhea Mascarenhas.

## Kiwanis Club participates in food distribution



From left, Wendy Griffiths, Shannon Griffiths, Megan McLaughlin and Barb McLaughlin ready to distribute food.

On Tuesday, July 7 Kiwanis Club of Mountain Top members Wendy Griffiths and Barb McLaughlin along with Crestwood Key Club members Shannon Griffiths and Megan McLaughlin participated in a food distribution event at Daniel J. Flood Elementary School in Wilkes Barre. The Parker Hill Church partners with the CEO/Weinberg food bank to distribute food to those in need at this and other locations throughout the summer.

## Saint Jude announces honor rolls

### Eighth Grade 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

**Principal's List:** Francesca Basalyga, Lainey Conway; **High Honors:** Kaylee Gryboski, Carly Glaser, Olivia Bilbow, Jack Novelli, Donato Strish, Lauren Lokuta, Molly Grove, Avery Chepolis; **Honors:** Ethan Brenner, Alex Martin, Margaret Mary Ganter, Addison Burick

### Eighth Grade 4th Quarter Honor Roll

**Principal's List:** Francesca Basalyga, Lauren Lokuta, Lainey Conway, Molly Grove, Avery Chepolis; **High Honors:** Kaylee Gryboski, Carly Glaser, Olivia Bilbow, Jack Novelli, Donato Strish, Alex Martin, Margaret Mary Ganter; **Honors:** Ethan Brenner, Joseph Kopko, George Sabatini, Ahyaan Sayed

### Seventh Grade 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

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

### Seventh Grade 4th Quarter Honor Roll

**Principal's List:** Grace Tedford; **High Honors:** Lauren Hayden, Thomas Dugan, Xavier Bleiler; **Honors:** Melody Josefowicz, Allison VanPelt, Julia Dvorak

### Sixth Grade 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

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

### Sixth Grade 4th Quarter Honor Roll

**Principal's List:** Matthew Mascarenhas, Pierce Sparich, Patrick Smith, Alexis Bleiler, Aurora Roote, Anson Jumper; **High Honors:** Kyra Chepolis, Hayley Keiser; **Honors:** Cayden Sartori, Andy Grove, Jacob Kopko, Alex Gordon, Abby Krupa, Michael Grandzol



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mended supervisors grant final approval of the subdivision application conditioned on it meeting certain outstanding items. They also recommended supervisors grant preliminary approval of the land development application conditioned on receipt of all outstanding

permits as noted in the township engineer's comments.

Solicitor Jack Dean pointed out the developer still must submit final land development plans to the planning commission for approval.

### *In other news ...*

Supervisors approved ordinances authorizing participation of the township police

department in the Luzerne County Driving Under the Influence Task Force and the Luzerne County Drug Task Force.

Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Beck reported the zoning office has more than \$1,700 income for June, the most for one month in the last four or five years. Beck attributed the higher

than usual income to increased applications for swimming pool receipts.

Beck reported township income over the first six months of the year was slightly ahead of projection, due in part to higher earned income tax receipts. He noted income from property transfer taxes was behind.

Supervisor Bob Pipech, township roadmaster, said road crews are finishing up milling and patching work on Ice Harvest Road. He said he will recommend the township advertise for bids for double tar and chip and fog sealing the road. The process was used successfully on other township roads last year.

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# MMI announces 2019-2020 fourth quarter honor roll

MMI Preparatory School has announced the names of students who achieved Honor Roll status during the fourth quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

Students are as follows:

**Sixth Grade:** John Ferry, Drums; Serena Novotney, Drums; Rishi Patel, Drums; and Caleb Skuba, Drums.

**Seventh Grade:** Aspen Crilley, Mountain Top; Thomas Horvat, Drums; Aubryannah O'Boyle, Mountain Top; Scott O'Boyle, Mountain Top; Evan Pedri, Drums; and Mia-Lyn Van den Berg, Mountain Top.

**Eighth Grade:** Emily Borchick, Drums; Caitlin Lenahan, Mountain Top; Ethan Lloyd, Drums; Frankie Martinelli, Drums; Robert Orbin, Mountain Top; Kathryn Sissick, Drums; Nathan Sissick, Drums; and Connor Strecker, Mountain Top.

**Ninth Grade:** Khristian Banks, Mountain Top; Annabel Dobash, Mountain Top; Erica Kline, Mountain Top; Manal

Muhammad, Mountain Top; Caden Pease, Drums; Kasia Svendson, Drums; and Lucille Van den Berg, Mountain Top.

**10th Grade:** Lindsay Horvat, Drums; Amelia Minzola, Drums; Katelyn Overa, Drums; Connor Spencer, Mountain Top; Morgan Strecker, Mountain Top; Kennedy Tavaris, Mountain Top; and Grace Warner, Drums.

**11th Grade:** Irene Altmiller, Drums; Alexis Dalesandro, Drums; McKenna Gallagher, Drums; James Kelly, Mountain Top; Dominique Kline, Mountain Top; Sydney Kohl, Mountain Top; Katherine Lewandowski, Mountain Top; Noah Long, Mountain Top; Hiba Muhammad, Mountain Top; Ethan Stine, Mountain Top; Millie Symbula, Drums; Peter Walko, Drums; Colin Williams, Mountain Top.

**12th Grade:** Emily Ankie-wicz, Mountain Top; Cal-lain Blasko, Drums; Brandon Crockford, Drums; Carter

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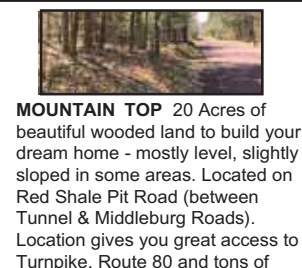
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