

Rotary sponsored farmer's market opens at Crestwood

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top's annual farmers market opened on Sunday, July 5 in the parking lot of the Crestwood High School with a great line-up of vendors including Mrs. D's Welsh Cookies, J&A Farms, Ten Mile Mushrooms, High Meadow Micros, Fermented Delights, Simply Delicious Desserts, Keiner's Apiary and Sugar Plum, Creekside Farms, OHF (Fruits) and Rock Farms. With perfect weather and holiday weekend picnics it was a great day for a farmer's market. The farmer's market will be open on Sundays throughout the summer from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Karen Olszyk purchases some cookies from Tom Gougherty of Mrs. D's Welsh Cookies.





Customers line up to purchase some local raw honey from Keiner's Apiary.

Mountain Peaks/ Claudia Strycharz photos

Legion holds July 4th ceremony



Shown at the ceremony are, from left, Len Biel, S.A.L. Commander; Martine Columbo, Post Commander; Al Finn; Joe Hudock,

Despite the Covid-19 Pandemic of 2020 and all the cancellations of events on July fourth, the American Legion held a short ceremony to honor and celebrate our country's birthday. Members of the American Legion, Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo S.A.L. Adjuant; Marica Finn, Auxiliary President; Ray Samolis; Steve Sisko, Post Historian; Rick Tomko, S.A.L. member.

Sons of the American Legion, Auxiliary and Legion Riders gathered at the memorial next to the tank to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, listen to some words by officers and hear taps played ending the ceremony.

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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 11 CARNIVAL FOOD SALE

Slocum Township Fire and Ambulance is holding a carnival food drive thru on July 11 starting at 3 p.m.

The sale will include potato pancakes, pork bbq, wimpies, halushki, chicken and broccoli shells and more.

Pre-orders are appreciated but not required. Message them on Facebook or call 570-868-6255 to place your order.

FOOD TRUCK JAMBOREE

Come out and support Valley Regional Fire and pick up some of the area's best food on wheels on **July 11** from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. There will be plenty of options on site from premier vendors such as DA's Volcano Drinks, Tarnowski Kielbasa, Butcher Bob's Smoked Meats, Vince's Cheesesteaks, Cardinal Winery, Honeys Sugar Waffles, Joe's Pierogies, Tony's Gyros, FonDippity Ice Cream Truck.

The Fire Company is located at 14 West Butler Drive in Drums.

JULY 11 & 14 JR. COMETS REGISTRATION

Mountaintop Jr. Comets football and cheer organization will hold registration for the upcoming 2020 season on Saturday, July 11 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Tuesday, July 14 from 6-8 p.m. at the Crestwood High School parking lot. There is no registration fee required at time of registration; the fee will be collected during equipment handouts at a future date. First year players please bring a copy of a birth certificate. Any questions please contact mtjuniorcomets@gmail or Tom at 570-926-7263.



Free Community Yoga in the Park will run every Saturday until August 29 at 9 a.m. on the tennis courts in Wright Township Park. Please try to arrive by 8:45 a.m. to secure your spot. Spaces are on a first come first serve basis. Face masks are not needed, but they will still be practicing social distancing. Bring your mat, water bottle, a towel and anything else you may need. Mats and props will not be provided. Please check Facebook for updates in case of weather cancellations.

Contact Kim @ Mountainyogallc@gmail.com or Tracy @ Positivevibes.tmc@gmail.com.

JULY 12 & 19 FARMERS MARKET

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top's farmers market will open on July 11 and 19 with the following vendors on site in the Crestwood High School parking lot: Mrs. D's Welsh Cookies, J & A Farms, Ten Mile Mushrooms, High Meadow Micros, Fermented Delights, Simply Delicious Desserts, Keiner Apiary and Sugar Plum. In the

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Pickle ball court officially opens in Rice Township

Rice Township supervisors recently held the grand opening of the municipality's new pickle ball court which has proven to be a popular attraction.

The court was constructed through a \$38,788.05 Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant along with private donations. It is located adjacent to the township tennis courts.

Much of the work on the project was done by township road department workers under direction of supervisor Bob Pipech. The supervisor credited township secretary/ treasurer Jeff Beck for the idea for the court and for his work obtaining the grant. He noted the township is working on installing lights for the court.

The court is laid out similar to a tennis court, but smaller in size. It is played with a solid paddle and plastic ball with holes. Games can be played as singles or doubles matches.

"When the word got out that the court was finished, people were here at 7 o'clock in the morning wanting to use it," said Pipech, chairman of the township board of supervisors. "People are lined up waiting to use the court," he added. The court is the first outdoor pickle ball court on the east side of



Officially opening the Rice Township pickle ball court, from left, are Jeff Beck, township secretary/treasurer; supervisor Bob Pipech;

the Susquehanna River.

Nuangola resident Larry

Stets, who donated \$500

efforts to construct the court. Stets said he has been playing for four years and has seen

was absent from photo. Fruct the court. its popularity grow by leaps and bounds, especially among and has seen people over 50.

thusiast Larry Stets. Supervisor Rick Arnold



Wyoming Seminary Lower School announces third term honor roll

Dr. Kathleen Hanlon, Dean of Wyoming Seminary Lower School, has announced the greater Mountain Top area students named to the Academic High Honor Roll and Academic Honor Roll for the third trimester of the 2019-2020 academic year.

High Honor Roll: Grade 5: Laura Olsen, Mountain Top; Simran Sharma, Mountain Top; Claire Woo, Mountain Top.

Grade 7: Alexander Ross, Mountain Top.

Grade 8: Christian DeBellis, Sugarloaf; Katelyn Hohn, Mountain Top; Jason Piavis, Wapwallopen.

Honor Roll:

Grade 6: Aarav Gupta, Mountain Top; Swati Sharma, Mountain Top. Grade 8: Laine Cabell, Sugarloaf: Christina Olsen, Mountain Top; Lucie Racicky, Mountain Top.



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weeks to follow vendors will also include Creekside Farms, OHF (Fruits) and Rock Farms.

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

JULY 18 DRIVE-THRU, TAKE-OUT HAM DINER

Emmanuel UCC will hold a ham dinner on **Saturday, July 18** from 3-5 p.m. Cost is \$10.

This event is pre-orders and take out only!! Orders are being taken until July 11. To order please call Joan at 570-574-0626 or the church office at 570-868-5675, leave a message.

Due to the pandemic it will be in a drive thru fashion. Menu includes: ham, mashed potatoes, corn, apple sauce and bread.

Emmanuel UCC is located at the end of Alberdeen Road in Dorrance Township, across from Andy's Gas Station.

FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Council 6440 is sponsoring a drive thru food drive on **Saturday**, **July 18** in St. Jude parking lot, entrance to the grove. Drive up, open your trunk, and they will do the rest.

JULY 19 CHS 1970 CLASS REUNION MEETING

The Crestwood High School Class of 1970 will hold its next meeting on **Sunday**, **July 19** from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Wright Township park pavilion. All classmates are urged to attend to finalize the events for the 50th reunion to be held over the weekend of October 16 and 17.

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!

Please email lvsgtam5678@ yahoo.com what you make or sell for event information and an application. 10x10 spaces start at \$25 and you must provide your own canopy, table, etc.

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.

> No interest, low monthly

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: salpostseveneightyone. 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 8 RIDE FOR PATRIOTS Patriots Cove invites you

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The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) Application shown with this press release must be completely filled out, signed by the eligible participant and then mailed or emailed to our agency. The distribution by mail will be done from June through September 30, 2020 -- applications received after the deadline date of Wednesday, September 30th will not be accepted.

This year two participants can be included on one application as long as they live at the same address. EACH participant must complete their part of the application and BOTH signatures must be on the application, or it will not be processed. Proxy forms WILL NOT be required this year -- you will be allowed to have someone pick up your fruits and vegetables in your place with the vouchers. It is important that your name and address are printed clearly and legibly in order to expedite the process of sending out the vouchers.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) Each qualifying individual is allowed four (4) \$6 vouchers for a total SFMNP benefit of (\$24) ONE TIME per program year.
- 2) A person is not eligible if he/she resides in a nursing home, convent or residential facility where meals are prepared.

SFMNP applications are also available for pickup at any of our Active Adult (Senior) Centers listed; on AAA/Luzerne-Wyoming Counties' agency website: www.luzernecounty.org under Dept.-Area on Aging-News; and from your local legislature's office.

The completed SFMNP Application can be either mailed to: Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne & Wyoming Counties, 93 N. State Street. Wilkes-Barre, Pa 18701 or emailed to Rhonda.Adams@luzernecounty.org.

Walk-in or drop off applications will not be accepted because of social distancing restrictions.

Once the application is reviewed and approved, the (SFMNP) vouchers and pertinent information will be mailed to the participant. Please allow a few weeks for your application to be processed and for your checks to arrive in the mail.

> FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhonda Adams SFMNP Coordinator 570-822-1159 Ext. 2337

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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 Mountain 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 bbg, 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, Lacevville.

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 Fri-

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day, 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 pay-

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able 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 Moun-

bors 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 Facebook page or call Brian at 570-868-5861.

SEPTEMBER 13 **PURSE BINGO**

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top will hold a purse bingo on September 13 at Wright Township Firehall, South Main Road, Mountain Top. Doors open at 12 noon with bingo beginning at 1 p.m.

The event will feature food. raffles, 50/50, refreshments, special games and a bake sale.

Presale tickets are \$20, \$25 at the door. Proceeds will go back into the local community in many ways.

For more information or tickets contact Joanne Joseph at 570-262-0548.





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Urbanski named National Merit Scholarship winner

Emily Urbanski, a member of Wyoming Seminary's Class of 2020, has been named a 2020 National Merit Scholarship recipient.

She is among about 7,500 high school academic champions from throughout the United States who have received National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million.

Urbanski is the daughter of Carl Urbanski and Martha Shipe of Mountain Top.

This year's scholarship competition began in October, 2018 when about 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, an initial screen of program entrants. Last fall, the highest-



Emily Urbanski

scoring participants in each state, representing less than one percent of the nation's seniors, were named Semifinalists. About 16,000 Semifinalists met the very high academic standards and other requirements to advance to the Finalist level of competition.

Daisy Troop 33267 finishes first year of scouting



Pictured are, Mariah Marsilo, Alanna Mulligan, Madison Stepanski, Kelsey Dewey, Harper Fada, Hunter Bedosky, Mckenzie Stepanski, Alaina Clark, Taylor Wegrzynowicz,

Daisy Troop 33267 finished its first year of scouting recently.

Their last trip before the Corona virus pandemic ended their physical meetings abruptly was to Weis Markets in Mountain Anastasia Eichorn, Kayla Cora, Lydia Nardi, Hope Gould, Reagan Williams, Marisa Truszkowski, and Alison Williams.

Top on March 3, 2020. They earned their Weis Explorer patch.

The girls still met on a bi-weekly basis through Zoom earning the remainder of their petals making the best of the situation.





Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Members of the White Haven Fire Company make potato pancakes for their customers.

White Haven presents food truck event

White Haven Borough presented a food truck event at Lehigh Park on Thursday, June 25, Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27. Everyone was asked to wear masks and observe social distancing. Several food vendors offered everything from ice cream and lemonade to hot sausages, gyros, crab cakes and potato pancakes.

News in Brief ...

Township parks open

While the township's summer program has been put on hold, Fairview Township's Memorial Park is open for use. Over the last couple years, using state grants, the township renovated its playground installing modern, up-to-date equipment and rubberized mulch in the toddler area. Supervisors recently awarded a contract to renovate the park's basketball courts.

Earlier this year, Wright Township received a \$25,000 grant from the state Department of Community and Natural Resources to upgrade its aging playground equipment. The grant has a \$25,000 local match. Township secretary/treasurer Pam Heard said the township's consultant on the project has sent out a request for proposals through COSTARS (the state's cooperative purchasing program) to furnish and install new equipment.

Meanwhile, the township park's walking trail, basketball and tennis courts and dog park are open.

Road foreman Matt Howton said his crew is conducting an inspection of the splash pad to see if it can be utilized. The splash pad has been the victim of vandalism over the last few years as well as breakdowns. Howton said parts for the splash pad are not available and when it breaks down replacements must be manufactured. Cost of replacing the splash pad with equipment that meets current health and safety requirements has been estimated at \$300,000.

Rice Township held the ribbon cutting for its new pickle ball court recently. The pickle ball court is open to the public along with the tennis courts, softball and soccer fields and walking trail.

Dorrance Township park also is open.

Crestwood track available for walking

For those who enjoy walking, the track at the Crestwood secondary facility is open during the day.

The track is open to the public Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and again

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from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are posted rules, including: no bikes, skateboards, strollers, or pets on the track. Of course, you're expected to clean up after yourself if you have any water bottles or food.

WHACL opens

The White Haven Area Community Library is offering front door pickup for books, audio books and DVDs. The library hours of operation will be Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., during which time volunteers will be available to process materials and answer questions or requests by phone and email.

Current library members will be able to request materials through the library's email, whacl.library@yahoo.com or by phone, 570-443-8776. A partial listing of new resources is available on the library's

brary.com.

Volunteers will put requested items in bags with the patron's name on the bag and place it on a table in the vestibule. Patrons will be able to pick up their items at an appointed time without entering the library.

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The library's annual membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Committee reports, the election of new board members and an

update on the Rail Yard Park will be presented. The public is invited. Face masks for all attendees is required and social distancing practices will be in place for seating.





Chloe





Pictured are Kiwanians Allison Latagliata, Wendy Griffiths, Ed Griffiths and Mike Hill; Crestwood Key Clubbers Shannon Griffiths and Megan McLaughlin; and Florence Pedley and Louise Wendt of the Mountain Top Food Pantry located in St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Kiwanis Club of Mountain Top donates to Mountain Top Food Pantry for hunger relief

Kiwanis Club of Mountain Top and Crestwood Key Club members met recently at the Mountain Top Community Food Pantry at St. Paul's to present a \$1,000 donation for hunger relief. The donation is to aid in the food pantry's efforts to support area residents who are food insecure and need a helping hand to meet their families' food needs. The money comes from community fundraising, especially the annual golf tournament, which has been moved to Friday, August 28 at Mountain Laurel Golf Course. Members thank all past and present supporters for their generosity that enables the club support of worthy local organizations.

Crestwood announces 2020 award recipients

Crestwood High School presented awards to the class of 2020 on June 11, the day before graduation. The awards and recipients are:

National Business Honor Society: Madelyn Adamczyk, Britney Amigon, Robinderpal S. Bahl, Karla Bautista Ramirez, Evan Burleson, Tyler Cesario, Gabriel Chmiola, Ashleigh Delay, Gabriel Gardner, Abbigail Harris, Madison Hiller, Rachel Hudock, Sydney Kearney, Bridget LeRoy, Bradley Papura, Robert Pellegrini, Evan Priest, Sarah Richards, Dwyane Rockey, Madyson Sobolewski, Matthew Stopper, Garrett Swank, Natalie Thomas, John Van Fossen, Joshue Van Gorden, Mackenzie Yenchik, Sarah Zaleppa

Spanish National Honors Society (Isabel Allenda Chapter): Alexis Armstrong, Jay Bhavsar, Brian Costello, Megan Cragle, Chloe DeSanto. Cortney Dushanko,Peter Espiritu, Timothy Gallagher, Chloe Greene, Olivia Grigas,



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photo

Among the awards presented was the Wright Township Police Benevolence Award, which was presented to Brenden Ehret by Wright Township Sargent Scott Rozitski.

Charles Helmbold, Madison Hiller, Jenna Lines, Francisco Mendoza, Connor Olenginski, Nihar Patel, Kayla Sukowski, Abigail Waite

Award recipients: Ann

Thomas, Nuangola Library: Alexia Armstrong

Band Director's Award: Thomas Beurmann, Thomas Murawski

Burger King Scholarship: Kaitlyn Schwartz

Bear Creek Lions: Hannah Kresge

Carone's Scholarship: Madison Palmiero

Chang/Przewlocki Award: Brain Costello and Natalie Thomas

Chorus Award: Brian Costello and Nicole A. Orlando

Crestwood Education Association Award: Cortney Dushanko Cassondra Menn Brian Costello

Crestwood Educations Association Senior Student of the Year: Donald Shaw

Daniel J. Hudak Award: Brooke Weiss

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Harold Baker Award: Madelyn Adamczyk, Rianna Ambosie, Britney Amigon, Zachery Andrews, Alexis Armstrong, Andrew Barno, Cassidy Brumagin, Jocelyn Cussatt, Cortney Dushanko, Anthony Gesford, Payton Glynn, Daniel Gomes, Charles Helmbold, Madison Hiller, Sarah Joseph, Cassondra Menn, Nicole Orlando, Mahtab Peimany, Sierra Prokarym, Sarah Richards, Alexis Smith, Madyson Sobolewski, Emily Sulkowski, Samantha Thorpe, Matthew Venturi, Brooke Weiss, Mackenzie Yenchik, Sarah Zaleppa

Jean Foley Scholarship Award: Bradley Papura and Donald Shaw

Kenneth L. Malkemes Jr. Memorial Scholarship: Rianna Ambosie

Louis Armstrong Award: Thomas Beurmann

Mateusz Szymczak Memorial Award: Sydney Kearney

Mildred and Charles L. Benis Award: Tim Gallagher

Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Award: Jav Bhavsar

Murphy Family Accounting: Sarah Zaleppa

Howell and Isabela Reluzco National Business Honor Society: Bradley Papura

Music Achievement: Layla

Orlove Outstanding Business and Technology: Robert Pellegrini

PIAA Scholar Athlete: Alexis

Armstrong and Andrew Barno Semper Fidelis Award: Robert Murawski

Welcome Club Award: Isabela Reluzco

Wilkes Barre Area Career & Technical Center National Technical Honor Society:

Nicolas Biros

Wright Twp. Police Benevolence Award: Brenden Ehret

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Machine Shop, National Institute for Metal working Skills Certificate (NIMS), OSHA Certification, Youth **Empowerment Service (YES)** Certification of Northeast Pa.: Nicolas Biros

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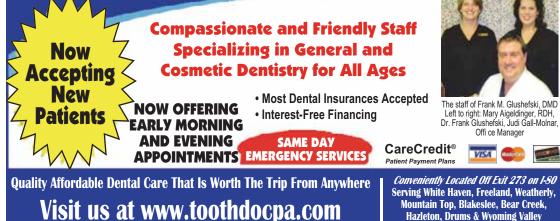
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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

The church will hold a live online worship Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Visit its website at christonthemountaintop. blogspot.com for details.

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Replays are also available.

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

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ining 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.

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

It's summertime and that means the Old River Church would normally start to open for worship on Sunday evenings. These services were a trip back in time to when believers came together to praise God without electricity or rest room facilities (although there was an outhouse). This year due to the pandemic the Cemetery Association chose to cancel these services until next year.

Regular church services have resumed and they are following the CDC guidelines. They welcome visitors and friends to join them for worship every Sunday.

Emmanuel UCC will hold a ham dinner on **Saturday**, **July 18** from 3-5 p.m. Cost is \$10.

This event is pre-orders and take out only!! Orders are being taken until July 11. To order please call Joan at 570-574-0626 or the church office at 570-868-5675, leave a message. Due to the pandemic it will be in a drive thru fashion. Menu includes: ham, mashed potatoes, corn, apple sauce and bread.

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

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

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

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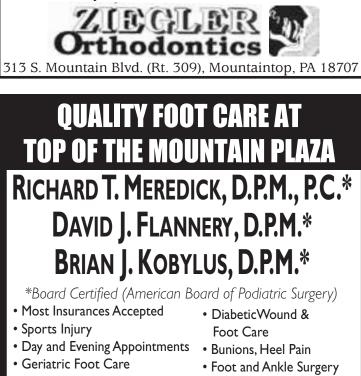
Service: Sunday 10 a.m. Keith Evans, Pastor 4 Rittenhouse Place, Drums 570-599-8123

On Sunday, July 12 the church will reopen.

The church will hold Parents Night Out every Friday night from 6-8 p.m. in the summer with games, Christian and clean family movies, Biblical/ faith lessons, snacks and food. Cost is \$20 per family.

On Mondays and Tuesdays Faith Life Coaching and Counseling will take place. You can inquire by texting 570-599-

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If anyone is in need of help contact the pastor at 570-764-6444.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Services: Saturday: 6 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Rev. Michael J. Kloton, Pastor Route 309, Drums 570-788-3141

There are two Masses at Good Shepherd, 6 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses have begun at 8 a.m. The Bishop has allowed for 25% capacity. For Good Shepherd, this is a total of 67 parishioners. Confessions have resumed on Saturdays from 5 to 5:30 p.m. in Fr. Kloton's office. Please enter and exit through the outer library door (white storm door) located at the ramp entrance to the church.

Reservations to attend the weekend Masses are required. Call the parish office at 570-788-3141 on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7 p.m. Please remember that 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. At Communion, you should pull your mask down, take the Eucharist,

consume it, then return your mask and immediately exit the church through the side doors. You should not congregate outside the church after Mass. There will be no bulletins in the church on the weekend.

If you would like to attend Mass more than once each month, you may call the parish office on Wednesday or Thursday during business hours. If the quota has not been met, you may register to attend the Saturday 6 p.m. Mass or the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass.

There will be one live streamed Mass each weekend on YouTube. The link is: https:// www.youtube.com/channel/ UCRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSysm3w. You can also access the Masses through their Facebook page (Good Shepherd Church Drums) and our website (goodshepherd-drums.org).

A basket will be at the entrance of the church for your envelopes. There will be no collection during Mass. They sincerely thank all who are continuing to support the parish during this difficult time by

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dropping off or mailing your envelopes.

Although the 2020 festival has been cancelled, the raffle is still taking place on Sunday, July 12. If you haven't returned your tickets yet, please do so as soon as possible. Anyone interested in purchasing additional

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tickets can contact the parish office and they will be mailed to you.

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 livestream: MFC Webpage, 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. 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.

Brook Selby, Pastor 5126 N. Lehigh Gorge Dr., White Haven 570-443-9438

The church is closed. They will be live-streaming the service on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

All small groups are still meeting via conference call or video chat. Talk to your small group leader, or contact Pastor if you would like to be a part of one.

MT. ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Services: Sunday 9 a.m. Pastors: Bob Thomas and Rev. Fran Fink Lily Lake Road, Slocum

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

Pastor Bob Thomas will lead the worship service on July 12.

The annual church picnic and vacation bible camp have been cancelled for this summer.

On Sunday, July 19 Sue Gannis will be the special guest speaker.

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.

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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.

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 12, 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://

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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 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

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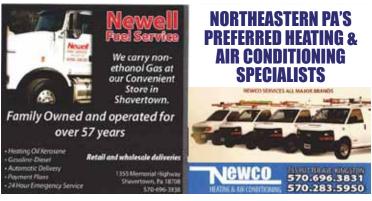
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Services have begun in the church. Facemasks must be worn except for children under 2. They are following social distancing practices. Offering plates will not be passed. They will be placed so people can place their offerings while entering or exiting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

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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.

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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

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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.

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.

The week of service this year will be from July 19-24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., grades 7th to 12th, cost is \$20 suggested donation to cover expenses.



will be a little different. They are still going to serve our community, that's what it's all about! But they will be doing most of the service at St. Jude's. Also, this year they are coordinating with Vacation Bible School. VBS will have a drivethru pick up of activity bags. They will assemble the bags and hand out to the families. Here's a tentative look at how the week will go: Sunday, July 19 (time tbd): come help put together VBS activity bags and decorate the front of St. Jude's. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. gather for prayer and get ready for the day; 9 a.m.: help hand out VBS bags and say hi to the kids as they drive through to pick up. Assemble the bags for the next day; 10 a.m.: work on the service projects of the day; 2 p.m.: group discussion and closing prayer. There may also be some days with optional service projects that are at different Mountain Top locations or at different times (park cleanups, food packing, etc.). Everyone will be notified and have the option to participate in these projects. This year lunch will be provided. Bring a water bottle and snack.

Registration form and Hold Harmless Agreement are due July 14. Hold Harmless may be scanned and emailed to tscanlan@stjc.org.

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

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Services: Sunday at 11:15 a.m. 285 Pond Hill Mt. Road

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Wapwallopen 570-735-8531

The congregation of St. Mark's invites everyone to join them as they share God's Word and celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday.

St. Mark's is a small country church with a big Christian

heart! They believe they are called to: Be the body of Christ: His heart, His hands, His voice!

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

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL

CHURCH

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

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 Allen, 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 stmartintimeless.org or call Patty Siegel at 570-868-5690.

ST. MARY'S OF DORRANCE Services: Saturday 5:30 p.m.

ices: Saturday 5:30 p.m.

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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 register 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.

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; 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 Mon-

day-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.stpaulsmttop.com.

The church office will be open Fridays starting July 10





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.

Movie night is scheduled for Monday, July 13 at 6:30. The movie is *The Butler*.

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

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Bishop ordains Mountain Top native, Jonathan Kuhar

On June 27, 2020, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera ordained three men to the priesthood. One of those men was Attorney Jonathan P. Kuhar of Mountain Top. The ceremony, originally scheduled for early June, took place in St. Peter's Cathedral. Because of Covid-19, the guest list was limited to accommodate the six-foot rule for social distancing and masks were required.

Reverend Jonathan P. Kuhar said his first Mass on June 28 at St. Jude Parish with select family and friends present. He also baptized his nephew, Jacob during the ceremony.

Father Jonathan is the son of Joan Kuhar and the late Gerald Kuhar. His father, along with his grandfather, were lost at sea off the coast of Long Island Sound in November of 1989. Jonathan was only six years old. In an interview for The Catholic Light, he talked about how difficult it was for his family during that time. He credits their relationship with God, with St. Jude Parish and with St. Jude School with getting him and his siblings through those difficult times.

As a young boy, Father Jonathan said he thought about becoming a priest, but dismissed the idea — put it out of his mind and went on to college, law school and became a successful lawyer. Along the way, he made a promise to God that he would reconsider the priesthood if he passed the bar and was able to make a living as a lawyer. He then came to the realization that he was asking the wrong question. He was asking "what do I want from my life" instead of "what is God calling me to do." That



Photo courtesy of the Kuhar family

Father Jonathan Kuhar celebrates his first Mass, a mass of Thanksgiving at St. Jude Parish on June 28 with family and friends. It was the culmination of many years of prayer, discernment and preparation.

is when he started thinking about becoming a priest again. God had opened his heart and mind.

Father Jonathan credits his mother with being the most influential person in molding his faith journey. As a young boy she would elbow him during Mass and remind him that God needs good priests. Joan Kuhar said that she always knew that her son would be a lawyer or a priest. He is both.

At the end of his first Mass, after thanking all those who mentored him and helped with his education and spiritual formation, Father Jonathan presented his mother with the manutergium. The manutergium, a holy cloth used by the Bishop to soak up the holy chrism oil after he anoints the new priest's hands with the oil during ordination. According



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to tradition, the mother is to keep the holy cloth in a safe place. When she dies, she is buried holding the cloth in her hands. When she comes before our Lord, He says to her: "I have given you life, what have you given me?" She hands him the manutergium and responds, "I have given you my son as a priest." Jesus then grants her entry into paradise.

Father Jonathan will start his ministry as Assistant Pastor of St. John Neumann Parish in Scranton.





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Member: Ryan Smith



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Auto Mechanics I, Outstand-

ing Class Award, Principal's Award, President's Award for Academic Excellence: Chase Govan

DieselAct 609 Clean Air Certification OSHA Certification: Zachary Jones

Plumbing, PA Builders Association Certificate: Alexis Smith

Culinary Arts, Outstanding Class Award, Principal's Award, President's Award for Academic Excellence, Rice's Food Service Award, SADD Achievement Award: Erin Smith

Wyoming Seminary Upper School dean's list

Wyoming Seminary Dean Tom Morris has announced the greater Mountain Top students named to the Upper School Dean's List for the third term of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Dean's List High Honors: Jakson Amend, Mountain Top; Jared Bozinko, Mountain Top; Anna Cabell, Sugarloaf; Zahra Chittalia, Mountain Top;



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Paige Collins, Mountain Top; Charles Dick, Mountain Top; Nikka Ghorieshi, Mountain Top; Allison Hohn, Mountain Top; Aarez Khan, Mountain Top; Jessica Kline, Mountain Top; Andrew Lehman, Mountain Top; Lindsey Lokuta, Mountain Top; Aiden Murphy, Mountain Top; Ashleigh Pyke, Mountain Top; Mya Pyke, Mountain Top; Luke Racicky, Mountain Top; Kaitlyn Ritsick, Mountain Top; Alexandra Roumyantseva, Covington Township; Owen Rowlands, Hazleton; Nadia Saeed, Mountain Top; Aaliyeh Sayed, Mountain Top; Vandan Shah, Mountain Top; Tyler Shedlock, Mountain Top; Ashley Tarud, Drums; Emily Urbanski, Mountain Top; Ella Urosevich, Mountain Top; Lauren Urosevich, Mountain Top; Jared Weisenberger, Mountain Top; Keefer Wu, Mountain Top; Joshua Wufsus, Drums; Jennifer Zemetro, Warrior Run; Benjamin Zhao, Mountain Top; Catherine Ziegler, Mountain Top.

Dean's List: Madison Dompkosky, Mountain Top; Nicholas Lucien, Moore Township; Alexis Turayev, Nescopeck; Benjamin Ziegler, Mountain Top.



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