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## Back the Blue rally held in Wright Township Park



Corey Camasso, event organizer, presented each officer a plaque of appreciation during the event on September 19. Each officer will also receive a Certificate of Appreciation. From left are Corey Camasso, Sgt. Harry Ehret of Rice Town-

ship, Chief Phil Holbrook of Fairview Township, Chief Royce Engler of Wright Township and Officer Richard Mocofan of the White Haven Police Department.



From left, Elizabeth Bilbow, 9, Mia Correll, 9 and Anthony Correll, 4 sit on the big rock in the park with a *Back the Blue* flag and a flag that represents the solidarity and brotherhood of the police. The flag was first designed by the police departments of New York City and the design is now the symbol of all police.

A *Back the Blue* rally was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 19 in the Wright Township Park. The event was organized by Corey Camasso of the *Critical Political Thinking* YouTube Podcast.

Present were police officers from Fairview, Wright and Rice Townships, and the White Haven Police Department.

Many came waving flags representing *Back the Blue* and America's Flag Truck was there to see. The weather provided a beautiful backdrop for the peaceful event held in appreciation for those who protect us every day.



Donna and Kirk Strong from Drums came to show their support for the men and women in blue.



Kathleen Bilbow walks across Park Road with her *Back the Blue* flag waving in the wind.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos  
Brian Price readies his truck before heading to the Wright Township park for the festivities.



## 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 the club call Rich Powell at 570-751-6249.

### NOW GUN RAFFLE

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top is conducting an Old West Gun Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each with 20 days worth of prizes in October.

Winning numbers will be based on the first evening Pick 3 PA daily lottery number drawn.

See a Mountain Top Rotarian for tickets or stop by the Farmer's Market to purchase.

### EVERY SUNDAY SPIRITUAL YOGA

Join Stairville United Methodist Church, 1790 Stairville Road in Mountain Top for spiritual yoga on Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

Spiritual yoga deepens the connection to God through a spiritual and physical practice.

Weather permitting, they will be meeting outdoors but there is room to move inside if needed.

You are required to wear a mask to and from class and bring your own yoga mat. You will be spaced 6 feet apart and during the yoga practice you may remove your mask.

A donation basket will be available and donations are given to the church.

The class lasts 1 hour, all levels are welcome. There will not be a class on October 18.

### DURING OCTOBER PURSE BINGO

The SPCA of Luzerne County will hold a designer purse raffle during the month of October. 24 purses will be raffled off. The cost is \$24. Tickets on sale now through noon of each scheduled raffle day. Contact the SPCA at 570-825-4111 ext. 107.

### OCTOBER 4 & 11 FARMERS MARKET

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top's farmers market will be open on October 4 and 11 in the Crestwood High School parking lot. The farmer's mar-

ket runs on Sundays throughout the summer from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### OCTOBER 3 CHICKEN DINNER & CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

A benefit chicken dinner and cornhole tournament will be held for Frank Peters on October 3 at the Hobbie bazaar grounds. The benefit is to help defray medical costs from an accident that occurred on July 24. Frank is healing well but was unable to return to work until recently.

There will be a basket raffle held during the event. BYOB. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be

available for purchase during the event.

\$30 per team for pre-registrations, \$35 the day of. The tournament will begin at 11

a.m. Payouts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

\$10 for the chicken dinner.

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Orders were due by September 28. Dinner pick up will be from 12 to 3 p.m. on October 3 rain or shine.

For cornhole registration please contact Meghan (call/text) at 570-762-7247 or Jonny at 570-233-0759. The rain date, for the tournament only will be October 4.

### THINK PINK GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 12th annual Think Pink charity golf tournament in honor of Danielle Cavanaugh will be held on **October 3** at Sand Springs Golf Course in Drums.

Shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Registration starts a 9 a.m. \$100 entry fee includes your round of golf and cart, food buffet at Sand Springs after your round and prizes.

For more details contact Kim Davis at 570-332-7442 or Michelle Casey at 570-262-4050.

### OCTOBER 4 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Council #6440 is hosting its annual charities golf tournament on **Sunday, October 4** at Sand Springs Country Club in Drums. Shotgun start at 10 a.m. Teams are captain and crew.

They are looking for hole sponsors, individual patrons, and any businesses in the area wishing to donate. Please contact Jerry Nash at 570-262-8983 or email him at gtn55@aol.com or Alan Guitson at 570-954-1231 or email him at guitson@msn.com to sign a team up or make a donation.

### CAR SHOW

Slocum Volunteer Fire Company is holding a Rod Run and Fall Fest on **October 4** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1923 Slocum Road in Wapwallopen.

All vehicles welcome: rods, customs, muscle, classic, new age, trucks and motorcycles.

Registration is from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost for a vehicle is \$10; craft/flea vendors \$15. Dash plaque to first 50 vehicles registered.

The event includes food, music, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, vendors and fun for all. Car parade at 2 p.m. Awards approximately at 4 p.m.

For more info call 570-764-2315.

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## OCTOBER 10 ROSARY RALLY

A rosary rally will be held on Saturday, October 10 at 12

noon in the Weis parking lot in Mountain Top. This event is sponsored by America Needs Fatima and will be one of over 23,000 rallies that will take place all across the U.S. on

that day.

Please join them in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the U.S. For more information call Marie

at 570-574-0849 or Carmen at 570-262-7373.

## OCTOBER 17 FALL RUMMAGE AND YARD SALE

St. Martin-In-the-Fields

Church, 3085 Church Road in Mountain Top will hold a rummage and yard sale on **Saturday, October 17** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors are welcome at \$10 a space and can call Alicia at 570-762-0528 for a reservation. This is an outdoor event. Everyone needs to wear a mask and practice appropriate social distancing. If necessary, the rain date is October 24.

## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

A cornhole tournament will be held on **October 17** at 10:30 a.m. to benefit the Crestwood Senior Lock-In. Check in starts at 9:45 a.m. The event will be held at the American Legion lower grove at 1550 Henry Drive in Mountain Top.

Only 60 teams will be allowed. Teams must provide bags. It is a double elimination tournament.

The cost is \$25 pre-pay or \$35 day of tournament. The event includes food and drinks, cash prizes, other assorted prizes, gift baskets, instant bingo and a 50/50 raffle.

For further information, please contact 570-474-5035 or email lorimatt23@hotmail.com.

## DRIVE THRU DONUT SALE

On Saturday, October 17 from 8-11 a.m. the St. Jude Knights of Columbus will hold a drive thru donut sale in the parking lot of St. Jude Church.

Donuts are from Krispy Kreme and will cost either \$8 for a dozen glazed donuts or \$7 for a half-dozen of specialty donuts. The donuts are on a first come, first serve basis. The event will be held rain or shine. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the Coats for Kids program that will benefit

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elementary students in Mountain Top.

Distribution will take place at the high school entrance and it will be a drive-by distribution. There will be no need to

get out of your vehicle. Please provide the teachers working there with the student's name

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### OCTOBER 24 SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Hobbie Fire Company will hold a spaghetti dinner on **Saturday, October 24** from 3-6 p.m. at St. James Church in Hobbie. Cost is \$10. This event will be preorders and take out only!!

Orders are being taken until October 17. To order please text or call (leave a message) Penny at 570-233-1881.

Due to the pandemic it will be in a drive thru fashion. Menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, dressing, bread, and cookies.

### 50/50 RAFFLE

The St. Jude Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a 50/50 raffle with proceeds to benefit the Pro-Life Center in Wilkes-Barre. Tickets are \$10 each and you must mail a request and/or a donation to the Knights of Columbus, Post Office Box 55, Mountain Top, PA 18707. The deadline for requests is Wednesday, October 21 and the drawing will be held on **Saturday, October 24**.

### OCTOBER 20 NOVEMBER 24 DECEMBER 21 CHS YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION

The 2019-2020 Crestwood High School yearbook will be distributed on **October 20** from 6-8 p.m., **November 24** from 6-8 p.m. and **December 21** 6-8 p.m. for students, grades 10-12 and recent graduates who ordered one last year.

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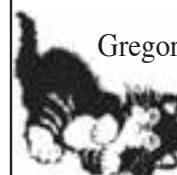
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and grade (2019-2020 grade year).

If there are any questions, please email amanda.zavacky@csdcomets.org.

### OCTOBER 25 CHICKEN DINNER

The Sons of the American Legion, Mountain Post 781 will hold a roast chicken dinner on **Sunday, October 25** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or until sold out. Cost is \$10, take out only. Menu includes half chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll and dessert. The Legion is located at 1550 Henry Drive in Mountain Top.

Send your non-profit events to [publisher@mt-peaks.com](mailto:publisher@mt-peaks.com)

### OCTOBER 30, 31 HOAGIE SALE

A hoagie sale will be held at St. James Lutheran Church in Hobbie on **Friday, October 30** and **Saturday October 31** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church parking lot. The hoagies are all to be pre-ordered by calling Shelly at 570-854-2161 and orders need to be in by Monday, October 19. Hoagies available are regular and turkey and cost \$6 each including a bag of chips. St. James church is located at 827 East County Road.

### NOVEMBER 14 PURSE RAFFLE

Due to the Covid-19 crisis, the Mountaintop Hose Company No. 1 is conducting a designer purse raffle in place

of its popular designer purse bingo this fall. The raffle will feature a grand prize of a Louis Vuitton purse and 10 designer purses. The purses will be awarded separately. The drawing will be a Facebook live drawing on **November 14** at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Tickets are available by calling Michelle Aigeldinger at 570-650-9818 or Jared Aigeldinger at 570-239-3393. Tickets are also available from any Hose Company member or by stopping at Century 21 Smith Hourigan Group weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Hose Company wishes to thank Anneliese Moghul for providing the grand prize again in 2020.

## Fall field trips offered at Hickory Run and Nescopeck State Parks

The following programs will be offered with the Hickory Run State Park Complex in October 2020. Register through the online calendar of events found at <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/> or by calling the park at 570-403-2006.

Field Trip Opportunities for Students Learning at Home

Space is limited for these in-person learning opportunities, so pre-registration is required and an accurate headcount (including adults and younger siblings) is necessary due to Covid-19 precautions.

Parents, please consider bringing only students who will be able to actively participate in the activity, so they are able to accommodate as many students as possible.

In case of inclement weather on the day of the event, it will be canceled, and participants will be notified. These offerings are designed for kids ages 8 and up.

Register for one or all offerings. Sessions will last about 1 ½ hours and begin promptly at 1 p.m. Specific meeting locations will be given upon registration.

Covid-19 precautions: Pre-registration is required.

All participants and leaders will wear a face covering for the duration of the program and social distancing will be maintained. Participants should bring their own hand sanitizer.

#### Session One – Nescopeck State Park

Friday, October 9

Hiking Preparedness

Hiking is more than just a walk in the woods! Come learn about what you should consider before you even step foot on the trail. (Trail is not

stroller friendly).

#### Session Two – Nescopeck State Park

Friday October 16

Outdoor Survival

What do you do if you suddenly find yourself lost in the woods? Join them for an introduction to outdoor survival and safety.

#### Session Three – Hickory Run State Park

Friday, October 23

Find Your Pace

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#### Session Four – Hickory Run State Park

Friday, October 30

Introduction to Orienteering

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The Slocum Township Board of Supervisors feel it is time to speak up in defense of the police. We know many police officers personally, and interacted with them in many different ways. We have grown up with them, we have coached them on a teener league team, we have taught them in school, we have grieved with them when they lost loved ones, and many other aspects of their lives. We know they are everyday people who do extraordinary things.

When you hear journalists talk about police officers they talk about them like they are a robot. They must be perfect

all the time, and must never make a mistake. They forget that the police are people just like everyone else. They have fears, and they have emotions, and they do make mistakes. Police are the most important part of our society. Without them our way of life will disappear into a world of chaos.

Every day the police go to work with the following facts of life always present in their minds. There is a war going on in our country, and they are on the front lines. The enemy is peddling drugs, and the merciless gangs are armed with machine guns. They also deal with people who are texting and driving, drinking too

much, families who are having troubles and the police have to intercede, car accidents with people broken and bleeding, robbers who are plying their trade, and so many other problems that we could never imagine.

We forget to remember that they are there to protect us from anything that endangers our lives. When we need them, we call and expect them to be there in a flash, and save us from whatever is threatening us. When a police officer goes to work these facts are also constantly on the minds of their loved ones.

1. There are 800,000 + (12 % female) police officers who are

ready to respond to our needs.

2. In the last 10 years 1,627 police officers went to work, and did not come home.

3. One police officer dies every 54 hours and they wonder, will my loved one be next.

4. 2018: 58,866 police officers were assaulted, with 18,005 injured.

2019: 134 died in the line of duty.

2020: So far this year 77 police officers have failed to come home at the end of their shifts.

Journalists over the last few months have taken two tragic events and with 24 hour news cycles made it seem that they are an everyday happening. We must realize with over 800,000 police officers at work every day (remember when they are off duty they are still

on duty, ready to respond to any emergency that may arise) there are millions of police/people interactions every day, and 99.999% are done professionally.

What do they get for putting their lives on the line and doing their jobs so well? People are screaming to do away with their job. Can you imagine what happens to our country when they are gone? What should we do? We should all go to the men and women in blue who stand watch as we sleep safely under the umbrella of their protection and tell them, "Thank you for keeping me safe!"

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## Otero completes Eagle Scout project at Wright Township Municipal Park

Crestwood High School junior Joseph Otero recently built a new bench at Wright Township Municipal Park as his Eagle Scout project. Otero dedicated his project to his late cousin, 12-year-old Dylan Matthew Murphy, who died in 2018 after a battle with cancer.

Constructed with weather-resistant composite material, the bench was erected near the flagpole in front of the municipal building, facing the park's Veteran's Memorial.

Otero received help with his project from fellow scouts from Troop 434 as well as local businesses. Mason Girton of Girton Construction donated the concrete pad for the bench as well as labor to install it. Bob Barley of B & B Mechanical and Environmental provided materials and equipment. George Burger and Sons Garden Center donated mulch for the landscaping and provided a tree and shrubbery at a discount price.

Dylan's Dream Team, a foundation in memory of Murphy, provided funding for material Otero needed to purchase for the project.



Dylan Otero stands next to the bench he completed as his Eagle Scout project. It is dedicated to his late cousin, Dylan Matthew Murphy who

passed away in 2018. Inset shows the plaque placed on the bench in memory of Dylan Murphy.

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Members of the GFWC Mountain Top gathered at Christ United Methodist Church in Mountain Top on Saturday, September 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to hold a drive-by and drop off event. Various items were collected for local law enforcement officers. Some of the items collected were bottled water, Gatorade, granola bars/trail mix, coffee, candy, gum, small packs of nuts and other individual snacks, gift cards from Dunkin Donuts and other restaurants, hand sanitizer, gloves, masks, and much more.



Fairview Township Police Officer Rachel DeLuca stands with members of the GFWC Mountain Top and vehicles filled with

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### Dorrance Township learns of delays in grant money

Dorrance Township supervisors learned at their September meeting that gaming grants and state Liquid Fuels allocations have been affected by Covid-19.

Supervisors received a letter from state Rep. Tarah Toohil

advising them that gaming grant applications (formally known as Local Share Account grants) continue to be delayed in processing due to the pandemic and re-scheduled meetings.

They also were informed by PennDOT that the township's estimated 2021 Liquid Fuels allocation is \$122,825.70, a reduction of \$13,464.96 over

2020. The money, derived from taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel, is used for road maintenance, road improvements and road maintenance during winter storms.

#### In other news ...

Following a public hearing, supervisors voted to amend the township code of ordinances to increase the height of unattached accessory structures.

There was no public comment at the hearing.

They also reiterated that the recycling center is closed until further notice.

Due to the Columbus Day holiday, the next monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, October 13, at 7 p.m.

The 2021 budget meetings will be held after the October 13 meeting and Monday Octo-

ber 26 if needed.

### Wright Township tries to offset costs of recycling

Wright Township supervisors, faced with mounting recycling costs, took steps at their September meeting to

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try to offset some of those expenses.

Township officials voted unanimously to require residents, non-residents, and businesses to obtain permits to use the township's recycling

center. Permits will be free for township residents, but non-residents and all business owners will have to pay a fee to use the center.

The cost for non-residents will be \$25; business with fewer than 10 employees, \$50; and businesses with more

than 10 employees, \$100. The permits will be good for the remainder of 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Everyone using the recycling center will be required to show the permit.

Supervisor Matthew Howton said he and supervisor Michael

Marshall met twice in recent weeks with Solomon Container Co. officials to discuss ways to reduce recycling costs. "Solomon agreed to lower some fees," Howton related. However, he pointed out that through August the township's recycling costs had already

doubled the about allocated in the 2020 budget.

"We're trying to do everything in our power to keep it open," Howton said of the recycling center. He described the cost for non-residents as a

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“reasonable fee.” During the board’s work session prior to

the regular meeting, township secretary/treasurer Pam Heard reported she checked with the state Department of Environ-

mental Protection and was told the township could impose a recycling fee as long as it does not generate more income

than the cost of recycling. Supervisor Donald Zampetti had questioned the legality of the fee since the recycling garage was built with a state grant.

### **In other news ...**

Wright Township supervisor Colleen Macko announced that Gretchen and Chloe Greene have donated a bench for the township dog park in memory of Lael Swank who passed away earlier this year after a courageous battle with cancer. The bench will include a sun-

flower design in her memory.

The recreation board reported Jimmy and Michelle Ayre donated \$3,500 for agility equipment for the dog park.

Wright Township police department is hiring, but so far there haven’t been any takers. Supervisors noted at their September 14 meeting that they’ve not received any responses to advertisements for part-time officers. The position pays \$18 per hour not to exceed 30

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hours per week. Applications will be available at the police department or supervisors office, 321 South Mountain Blvd., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wright Township supervisors took several steps at their September meeting aimed at improving the township park. They named River Valley Recreation, Wrightsville, as vendor for park equipment. Heard said the company was one of three to submit proposals to furnish equipment which will be funded by a state Department of Community and Natural Resources grant. She said the company's proposal best met the township needs. She

said the company indicated it may be able to complete installation by November. The township's public works department will assist with site preparation.

Supervisors approved submission of an application to Luzerne County Office of Community Development for a \$113,000 grant to be used for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to the parking lot at the municipal park. They also voted to ask for a \$699,545 Multimodal Transportation Fund grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority. The money would be used for improvements of the Park Road, specifically to take steps to mitigate reckless driving and better pro-

tect pedestrian and bicyclists safety.

Wright Township supervisors accepted the resignation of Chris Madden from the Environmental Advisory Council and appointed Anthony D'Angio and Gary Bella to the (EAC). Rick Ercolani was named alternate zoning hearing board member.

Ordinances authorizing the police department's participation in the Luzerne County DUI Task Force and the Luzerne County Drug Task Force were approved.

### Mountain Top will have less money for snow removal

Municipalities through-

out Mountain Top will have less money to spend on road maintenance and snow and ice removal next year, thanks in part to the Covid-19 pandemic.

PennDOT recently released its estimated Liquid Fuel reimbursements for 2021 and six Mountain Top municipalities will receive a total of \$65,987.94 less than this year.

The reimbursement comes from taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel and since people drove considerably less during the shutdown earlier this year, the state received less revenue from fuel sales. The money can be used for road paving and repairs, purchase of rock salt and anti-skid material.

Rice Township which will see a \$13,288.61 reduction

in Liquid Fuels money in 2021, pays \$77.19 per ton for rock salt through the state's COSTARS cooperative purchasing agreement program. The township would be able to purchase 172 tons of rock salt with that money.

Estimated reimbursement by municipalities are: Wright Township, \$180,032.63 (\$19,736.37 reduction); Fairview Township, \$155,843.50 (\$16,454.58 less); Dorrance Township, \$122,825.70 (\$13,464.96 less); Rice Township, \$121,217.10 (\$13,288.61); Nuangola Borough, \$30,928.93 (\$3,390.61); Slocum Township, \$27,761.97 (\$3,043.42 less).

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### Wright announces cleanup in October

Wright Township officials found that sometimes saying "no" pays off.

At their September 14 meeting, township secretary treasurer Pamela Heard reported the municipality received just one written quote in response to its request for proposals (RFP) to provide containers for its annual cleanup.

That bid, from J.P. Mascaro and Sons, was \$900 per container, more than double the amount the township paid last year. Supervisor Matt Howton, the township's road foreman, said he felt that price was way too much and recommended

the township seek additional quotes. After a couple of days of emails and telephone calls the effort paid off. Howton said Waste Management has agreed to provide containers at a price of \$399 each.

The cleanup will be held October 5-10. Drop off days will be to Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 8, 9, 10. Arrangement can be made for pickup by visiting the township office during normal business hours.

### Mary Street project to come to an end

After more than two decades, it looks like the Mary Street bridge demolition project in Fairview Township will come

to an end. Supervisors will hold a public hearing prior to their October 6 meeting on an ordinance to vacate Mary Street from Route 309 to Lehigh Street. The action follows the final completion of the Mary Street bridge demolition. The bridge has been closed for more than 20 years, but demolition was delayed repeatedly due to entanglements with the Public Utility Commission, utilities, and other state agencies.

Rice Supervisors recently adopted a resolution to permanently close Willowby Street to vehicular traffic from Nungola Road to Front Street.

They also ratified a decision to hire Chemung Supply to strengthen previously installed

guide rail on the south side of Weyhenmeyer Road bridge, extend the existing guide rail, and install a new guide rail on the north side of the bridge at a cost of \$5,495.

### Fairview Township receives grant for Lake Road project

Fairview Township has received a \$94,626 low volume road grant from the Luzerne Conservation District for phase 2 of the Lake Road project. The township has until August 2021 to use the grant. Supervisors also voted to apply for a \$350,505 gaming grant for Spruce Street drainage work and paving.

### Mullery announces DCNR grant funding to improve local recreational spaces

State Rep. Gerald Mullery, D-Luzerne, announced the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources awarded grant funding totaling \$241,000 to two communities and a nonprofit organization in the 119th Legislative District.

"This funding supports projects that would greatly enhance outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy," Mullery said. "I am pleased to see the state recognizing their importance

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## Hope Rocks of Mountain Top holds rock painting at Kirby Library

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library in Mountain Top hosted a fun rock painting event outside under the pavilion on Saturday, September 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The program was organized and run by Cristine Solliday, founder/owner of Hope Rocks of Mountain Top.

Everyone of all ages was welcome to come and participate, learn painting tips and ideas all to do with painting rocks. The program was held in 20-minute sessions limited to three families each and masks were required due to Covid-19.



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**Above:** Callie Martin, 9 paints a rock pink as her mom Katie Martin watches.

**At right:** Three-year-old Christopher Tigue is having fun painting his hope rock.



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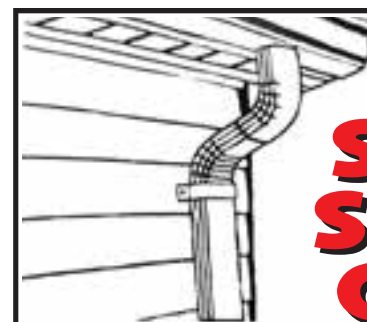
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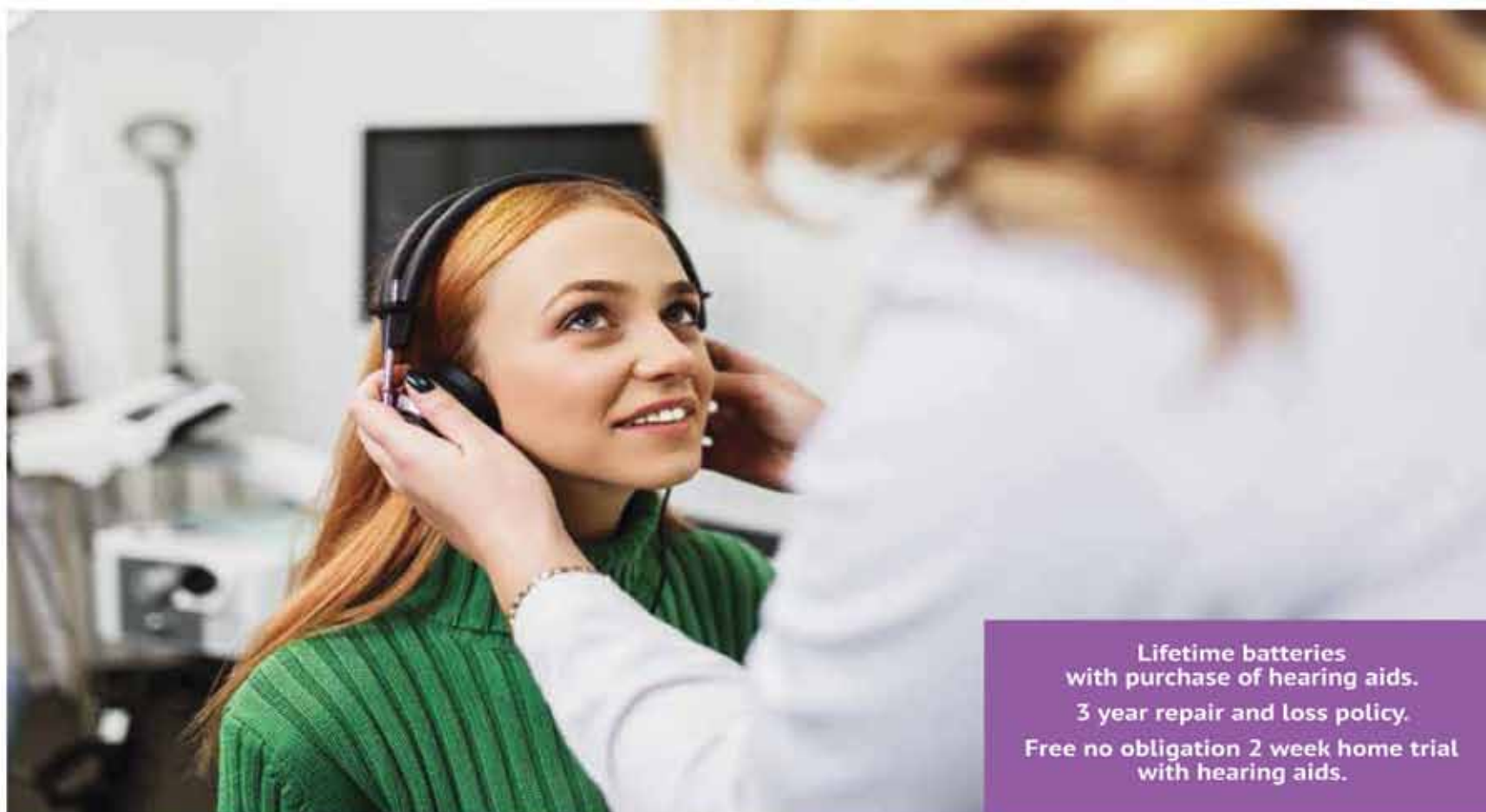
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and providing our communities with the funding to make these plans happen."

The recipients of the DCNR grants in Mullery's district are: Rice Township: \$200,000 for further development of Rice Township Park. Work to include construction of a soccer field, parking areas and

pedestrian walkways, ADA access, landscaping, project signage and other related site improvements.

Wright Township: \$19,000 to prepare a master site development plan for the 40-acre Wright Township Park.

The DCNR's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation assists local governments and recreation and conservation organi-

zations with funding for projects related to parks, recreation and conservation.

### Toohil's bill to protect living organ donors advances

Legislation that would protect living organ donors in Pennsylvania, sponsored by Rep. Tarah Toohil (R-Luzerne),

was unanimously approved by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and now moves to the full Senate for consideration.

House Bill 924, or the Living Donor Protection Act, would prohibit a life, accident or health insurance company from discriminating against an organ or tissue donor. It would also ensure family and medical

leave be provided for an eligible employee for the preparation and recovery necessary for surgery related to living organ or tissue donation. In addition, the proposal would require the state Department of Health to develop informational materials relating to living donors and the benefits of live donation of organs and tissue.

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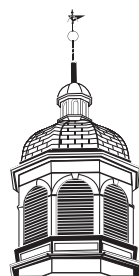


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The church will hold a live online worship Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Visit its website at christonthemountaintop.blogspot.com for details. Replays are also available.

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  
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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.

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hotmail.com and the website is emmanuel-ucc.org.

### FAITH CHURCH DRUMS

**Service: Sunday 10 a.m.**

**Keith Evans, Pastor**

**4 Rittenhouse Place, Drums  
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The church has now reopened for indoor services.

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 570-599-8123, \$40 for group, \$60 for Individual sessions.

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

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**Services: Saturday: 6 p.m.**

**Sunday: 9:30 a.m.**

**Rev. Michael J. Kloton, Pastor  
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The 2021 Mass book will open October 1. Mass intention request forms are available on the table in the church vestibule and on the church's website under the Downloads section. No Masses will be automatically grandfathered and no Masses will be scheduled over the telephone.

*See Worship, page 26*

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Faith Formation registration letters have gone out in the mail. This letter contains very important information as to how classes will be conducted and also the schedule of classes. If you haven't received your letter and registration form, please contact the parish office. You may also access this information on the church's website at [www.goodshepherd-drums.org](http://www.goodshepherd-drums.org).

The 8 a.m. Sunday Mass has resumed as of Sunday, September 27. There are two other Masses at Good Shepherd, 6 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses have begun at 8 a.m. Confessions have resumed on Saturdays from 5 to 5:30 p.m. in Fr. Kloton's office. Please enter

### Spiritual yoga classes being held at Stairville UM Church

Stairville UMC is hosting spiritual yoga classes in the church fellowship hall on Sundays. Church member Mary Martin, is the yoga instructor. The hour long classes are held Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring their own yoga mat, water, and to dress comfortably. The classes are held at no cost, but donations are appreciated for the use of the church building. All levels are welcome. There will be no classes on October 18.



Instructor Mary Martin leads the group in stretching. *Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo*

and exit through the outer library door (white storm door) located at the ramp entrance to the church. The church is open for private individual prayer until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There will be one live streamed Mass each weekend on YouTube. The link is: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRogmn\\_HRMsPzAq4XSys-](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSys-)

m3w. You can also access the Masses through their Facebook page (Good Shepherd Church Drums) and our website ([goodshepherd-drums.org](http://goodshepherd-drums.org)).

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*See Worship, page 27*

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for one hour. They ask that anyone who has been sick, has recently been exposed to Covid-19, has a compromised health condition to please continue joining them for online services.

Sunday morning services are also available through live-stream: MFC Webpage: [www.mfcchurch.com/live-stream](http://www.mfcchurch.com/live-stream); Youtube: search for Mountain-top Family Church; Facebook:

go to Mountaintop Family Church Facebook page.

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend their own service on Sunday mornings during the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services. Students can join the adults in the sanctuary for worship and will then be taken to the Youth Room for the youth service. Students attending are asked to wear masks and observe social distancing standards.

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 grades 5 and 6 and Starting Point Youth for grades 7-12 are both held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Canvas Young Adult Group is held on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Please contact the church

office at 570-474-0900 if you have any questions or would like more information.

### MOUNTAINVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Service: Sunday 10 a.m.**

**Brook Selby, Pastor**  
**5126 N. Lehigh Gorge Dr.,**  
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Join them on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. or in the building at 11 a.m. on Sundays for worship

service. To view via Zoom contact Sarah Gardner for the link at 570-261-5064 or 410-703-6088. You can also view the services on the church's Facebook page.

All small groups are meeting via conference call or Zoom video chat or in person.

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

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Pastor Bob Thomas will lead the worship service on October 11.

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

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**Services:**  
**Faith UMC: 8:45 a.m.**  
**Stairville UMC: 10 a.m.**  
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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 11 a.m.**

**Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.**

**Interim Pastor: Neil Partington  
9 Chestnut Street, Mountain Top  
570-474-9951**

You are invited to join in worship on Sunday, October 4, 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. Please continue to mail your tithes if you are not attending in person.

Please be patient as they are learning the new technology made available by the B.O.W. project. When all the glitches are overcome, the improvements on Facebook and beyond will be apparent. Thanks to all those who donated financially and with their time to make this upgrade a reality.

On October 11 after worship the Sunday School will head to Burger's Farm for the annual hayride. Everyone who wishes to enjoy this fun fall excursion is welcome to join in. Candy

and cider will be shared onsite. Masks will be required.

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 267-831-0333 meeting number 5263314753. This is a new call number. These numbers will be the same for all meetings including Sunday worship for those who do not use Facebook.

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. Outside groups are still not being accepted to meet at the church.

Remember: the Mountain Top Food Bank is still open Fridays from 9:15 a.m. til 12 noon for those in need of food assis-

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### Meatloaf dinner held at St. James



*Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo*

**Church member Todd Henry brings a couple of dinners outside for a customer waiting in their car.**

St. James Lutheran Church in Hobbie held a take-out only meatloaf dinner on Saturday, September 26 from 3-6 p.m. Cost for the dinner was \$10 and included meatloaf and gravy, stuffing, carrots, rolls and butter, apple sauce, and dessert. The dinners were pre-ordered and take out only.



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tance. It is located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top.

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**

Indoor worship services continue every Sunday morn-

ing at 9 a.m. at St. James. If you still feel unsafe going out into groups, you can tune into the service on St. James Lutheran Church, Hobbie, Facebook page at 9 a.m. If for some reason you can't tune in at 9 a.m. you can join in with St. James Lutheran Church, Zenith (found under groups) at 10:30 a.m.

If you are among those people who still feel unsafe coming to church, your offering can be mailed to the church treasurer, Paula Gizenski at 619 Church Road, Wapwallopen, PA 18660. Be sure to indicate how much is for General Fund, Benevolence, Hunger, etc., although the doors are now open, attendance has been very low, but the bills

keep coming.

Cub Scout Pack 379 began meetings on September 13. Boys and girls ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade are welcome to attend. For more information, call Shelly at 570-854-2161.

Boy Scouts Pack 300 is looking for kids to join. There are two scouts still in attendance, but some former members who have completed Eagle Scouts would like to get the troop back on track. The meetings will begin shortly. Watch for Troop 300 on Facebook or call Gay at 570-262-2762.

Confirmation classes have been postponed until further notice due to Covid-19. Sunday School classes have been postponed until at least

November.

### **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.

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). Please refer to the website for all requirements. Any questions or difficulty with registration, call the Parish Office, 570-474-6315, ext. 221.

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.

The parish office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parishioners are to enter through

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the front center doors of the church. Please remember to wear your mask, hand sanitize and practice social distancing.

Service Opportunity: October 12 (Columbus Day) 9 a.m.-noon, youth grades 7-12 and their families are needed to help clean the church. They will be using Murphy's Oil Soap to clean the pews. Please contact Tricia at [tscanlan@stjc.org](mailto:tscanlan@stjc.org) to sign up.

**ST. MARK'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Services: Sunday at 11:15 a.m.  
285 Pond Hill Mt. Road  
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**ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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

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 Sunday worship service and other services throughout the week from the Cathedral of the

Nativity. Go to [diobeth.org](http://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](http://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 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.

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.

All religious education classes K-8 will be online through the end of 2020. Decisions moving forward will be determined based on current conditions at that time. They will continue to use their current familiar curriculum. Classes will begin October 4.

With current restrictions,

meetings are limited to the beverage stand in the grove. All groups must sanitize after use. To schedule a meeting please call the office. Current meetings: Knights of Columbus, Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.; St. Theresa's Guild, Tuesday, October 13; Altar & Rosary Society, Monday, October 19; AA meetings Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Information changes daily. Visit Saint Mary's website: [stmarydorrance.org](http://stmarydorrance.org); Face-

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

For your health and safety, services will continue to be held outside for the welfare of everyone concerned. The drive in services will be held at 9 and 11 a.m. through October 18.

For those unable to join them, Pastor has been recording services viewable on their Facebook page and website: [www.stpaulsmttop.com](http://www.stpaulsmttop.com).

The church office will be open Thursdays from 3-7 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. The church has 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 from 9 a.m.-noon. Donations are always welcome.

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.

The church will begin collecting personal hygiene items for the McKinney Medical Clinic in Wilkes Barre. They are looking for donations of body wash, soap, shampoo, razors, alcohol free mouthwash and socks. A collection bin will be located at

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### New Hope Charge enjoys church picnic despite Covid-19 pandemic



*Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo*

**Church members get in line to help themselves to the buffet of covered dishes and desserts.**

The New Hope Charge Wapwallopen consisting of Faith, Slocum and Stairville United Methodist churches, hosted a worship service and picnic in the Slocum Township Memorial Park under the pavilions on Sunday, September 27 at 11 a.m. Everyone brought a covered dish and/or dessert. Masks were worn and social distancing was in effect. The meal was enjoyed by members of all three churches following the worship service lead by Pastor Scott O. Miller.

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the entrance of church services for you to place your items. They will be submitting a Thrivent grant to match every item you donate.

The congregation is collecting canned goods for the upcoming Feed-A-Friend campaign. Please bring in your items so that they can be packed in Thanksgiving baskets to help feed local families in need. Every item you bring in will be worth \$1 for a matching grant from Thrivent. Items needed for the Feed a Friend project include: boxes of noodles, gravy, yams, chicken broth, boxed potatoes and cranberry sauce.

Join them for the next socially distanced paint party on Friday, October 16 at 6 p.m. \$30 per person. Please contact Pastor Kaufman to reserve a spot.

**ST. PAUL'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Services: Sunday 9 a.m.

**Sunday School: 10 a.m.**  
**Janelle Wigen, Pastor**  
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and 28.

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your kids outside for a good old-fashioned nature hike? Kids ages 6 and up can join in for a different hike each Wednesday to stretch their legs, learn a few nature tidbits, and get away from their screens. Sign up for one or all of the offerings. Hikes will be over easy terrain and 2.5 miles or less. All hikes will begin at 2 p.m. and meet in the front parking lot.

Due to Covid-19 precautions, space is very limited for this event. Parents, please register your entire group so the head count is accurate. Please consider limiting extra adults and kids under age 6 so there is more space for the target age range to attend. Trails are not stroller friendly.

Covid-19 precautions: Pre-registration is required.

All participants and leaders will wear a face covering for the duration of the program and social distancing will be maintained.

Participants should bring their own hand sanitizer.

In case of inclement weather on the day of a hike, it will be canceled, and participants will be notified.

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park or make inquiries through the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service at 1-888-537-7294 (TTY). Bureau of State Parks Staff will gladly discuss how to accommodate your needs. With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

For more information on any of Pennsylvania's 121 state parks visit DCNR website at [www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us) (choose Find a Park) or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS.

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## Schmude featured at conference on teaching and learning assessment

Michelle Schmude, EdD, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine (GCSOM) associate dean for admissions, enrollment management and financial aid and an associate professor, participated in a round table discussion on the effects of the coronavirus on college/university campuses. The discussion was a featured session during Drexel University's seventh annual Conference on Teaching and Learning Assessment, held virtually on September 9.

Dr. Schmude was joined at the roundtable by Greg Null, MA, assistant director of assessment and accreditation at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; Gerald Kobylski, PhD, director of institution-



**Dr. Michelle Schmude**

al effectiveness and professor of mathematical sciences at the United States Military Academy; Rebecca Graham, PhD, director of institutional assessment and outcomes at the University of the District of Columbia; and Malva Daniel Reid, PhD, associate dean,

University of the District of Columbia.

The presenters discussed the experience on their campuses and initiatives that arose from the challenges posed by the pandemic. The panelists also shared their stories and took part in a question-and-answer session.

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## Nescopeck State Park announces fall programs in October

The following programs will be offered at the Nescopeck State Park in October 2020. Register through the online calendar of events found at <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/> or by calling a park educator at 570-403-2006.

Saturday, October 17: Guided Hike Through History, White Haven Access, Lehigh Gorge State Park, 9 a.m. Registration required. <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/>

pa.gov/ or by calling a park educator at 570-403-2006.

Join in for this short guided hike to discover the history of Lehigh Gorge State Park. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water for an easy 2-mile trek (or optional 4-mile extension). Meet at the White Haven Access gate. An exact head count is required, so you must pre-register through the online calendar of events.

Saturday, October 24: Just for Kids – All For Fall, Nescopeck State Park, 10 a.m. Registration required. <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/> or by calling a park educator at 570-403-2006.

Join in for some fall nature activities at the Nature Discovery Area. This program is geared for 4-8 years.

Sunday, October 25: Fall Foliage Hike - Nescopeck Trail,

Nescopeck State Park 10 a.m. Registration required. <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/> or by calling a park educator at 570-403-2006.

Take in the beautiful fall foliage as you hike the 2-mile Nescopeck Trail. Dress in layers.

Covid-19 precautions: Pre-registration is required and limited to 25 participants or less, depending on the activity.

Participants in all programs are required to wear masks for the duration of the program. Program leaders will wear a mask as well. Participants should bring their own hand sanitizer.

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