

Crestwood Lady Comets hold Pink Out foul shooting fundraiser

In a normal year, the Crestwood Lady Comets would have their annual Pink Out game where they honor people who have been affected by cancer and raise money to support the fight against cancer.

Due to the pandemic, it was not safe to hold the annual Pink Out game so the Lady Comets decided that they still wanted to find a way to raise money to support those who deal with cancer in their lives. They decided to have a Pink Out foul shooting fundraiser for cancer support. Each player in the girls' basketball program (7th through 12th grade) had the opportunity to take 50 foul shots and ask family and friends to sponsor them for foul shots made. Sponsor and players could honor someone dealing with cancer or they could honor the cause. The Crestwood Lady Comets raised at total of \$2,729.50 during this event.

All proceeds raised are being donated in a 50-50 split to PanCan in memory of Jacqueline Johnson and Memorial Sloan Kettering in the name of Tia Toney who is currently undergoing care at Memorial Sloan Kettering. The Crestwood Lady Comets are proud as a program to be able to honor members of their Crestwood basketball family.

PanCan's vision is to create a world in which all patients with pancreatic cancer will thrive.

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center's mission is to lead in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of cancer and associated diseases through programs of excellence in research, education, and outreach, and cost-effective patient care.

A big thank you to everyone who donated for their generous support of this great cause.

Varsity team members are, from left, row 1: Grace Pasternick, Camryn

Collins, Olivia Jardin Mary Kate Banford, Maggie Modrovsky, Gianna Musto, Isabella Caporuscio; row 2: Lauren Kijek, Bre Kijek, Julia Johnson, Jaden Weiss, Helena Jardine, Brianna Wickiser, Cadence Hiller, Julia Glowacki, Kate Bozinko. m Freshman team members, are, from left, Lucy Malia, Kate Gallagher, Kendall Petrosky, Amira Pirrone, Jordan Andrews, Keira Dougherty, Isabella Caporuscio is Ellla Novelli, Eliza ready to make one of Seifert. her 50 foul shots.

Helen Jardine prepares to take a shot.



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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.

UNTIL MARCH 21 T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

The Crestwood baseball varsity/JV, JH (freshman) and MS (7th & 8th grade) teams are fundraising with a Strike Out Cancer t-shirt to benefit two local agencies that are helping patients and families deal with this disease, Candy's Place, Forty Fort, and Medical Oncology Associates Prescription Fund, Kingston.

Online ordering closes Sunday, March 21 at midnight. A drive-thru pickup for orders will be on Friday, April 9 from 6-8 p.m. at Crestwood High School. Direct questions and concerns to cbbccomets@ gmail.com.

You can order at https://csdspringbaseball2021.itemorder. com/.

UNTIL MARCH 28 KRISPY KREME DONUT SALE

Slocum Township Fire Company is now taking orders for Krispy Kremes! Orders are due March 28 with pickup taking



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P.O. Box 218 email: Mountain Top, PA 18707 publisher@mt-peaks.com Phone: 570-868-3070 ads@mt-peaks.com © 2021 Mountain Peaks Newspuer, LLC. All Rights Reserved. place at Slocum Fire Co. on April 3 from 3-6 p.m.

Glazed dozens, glazed dozen certificates are \$8. Half dozen specialty donuts including raspberry filled, lemon filled, kreme filled, chocolate iced \$7 per half dozen. 12 oz. bagged Krispy Kreme coffee \$9 bag, either smooth or decaf is available for order. Message the fire company Facebook page or call 570-868-6255 to place your order.

UNTIL APRIL 17 LEGION BASEBALL SIGNUPS

Mountain Post 781 American Legion baseball is back for the summer of 2021. Signups are virtual this year and open **until April 17.** Please reply to mtpost781baseball@gmail. com with your player's name and the year born and you will be emailed the correct signup form.

Three divisions are expected this year: Prep.: all players born in 2007, 2008 or 2009; Youth (Jr.): all players born in 2005 or 2006; senior: all players born in 2002, 2003 or 2004.

MARCH 20 FOOD COLLECTION

The St. Jude Council #6440 of the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Drive through Food Collection on **Saturday**,

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MOUNTAIN TOP HOP

The Crestwood Key Club and Mountain Top Kiwanis Club with the support of Christ Methodist Church have organized the first ever Mountain Top Hop. The Hop will use a QR code that will go "live" on Wednesday, March 24 releasing clues to over 30 Mountain Top businesses. Participants can follow the clue to the location, scan the QR code from the poster, answer the question and be on the leaderboard for prizes.

This virtual scavenger hunt is for the whole family and can be completed in a COVID-safe way any day or time until Sunday March 28. The Key Club and Kiwanis club will also be at the Easter drive through at the high school giving away goodies and the prizes!



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Crestwood Pharmacy holds Covid-19 vaccine clinic at CHS

Crestwood Pharmacy coowners Sonya Mylet and Jessica Orloski decided that with the overwhelming responses requesting Covid-19 vaccines and the number of appointments they had that it would be a good idea to try and hold a clinic where many could get vaccinated in one day.

After reaching out for help from the community and medical professionals they put together a large team of qualified volunteers, fellow pharmacists, nurses, pharmacy students and physician assistant students from Wilkes University and Kings College.

Most everyone had appointments to be vaccinated, but with the bonus vaccines the pharmacy received they were able to get many walk-ins vac-



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos Colleen Farley stands with her husband Dave as Tammy Preston, CRNP administers his vaccine.

cinated as well. The clinic was held at the Crestwood High School on Sunday, March 14.

The clinic was a huge undertaking to organize and run, but with the help of so many volunteers close to a thousand people were vaccinated with the first dose of the Pfizer vac-

cination.

Stations were set up to expedite the different phases of the process and the gymnasium was set up for patients to wait for 15 minutes after the vaccine before leaving. Twelve vaccines were administered every five minutes throughout



People waited in the gym for 15 minutes after given the vaccine before they were able to leave.

the clinic. For those with disabilities, or not able to get out of their vehicles, there was also curbside vaccinating with all the same protocols.

Pharmacy co-owner, Sonya Mylet stated, "Because of the

overwhelming response of volunteers I believe we could do more." All those vaccinated received appointments for their second dose on April 11, also to be held at Crestwood High School.



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March 20 from 9 a.m. till noon in the parking lot of St. Jude Parish. Food items that can be

donated include coffee, peanut butter, jelly, ketchup, dry and canned soups, pudding, Jell-O mixes, canned vegetables, pork and beans, popcorn, pudding,

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jello mixes, dry and canned pasta, mustard, mayonnaise, tuna, macaroni and cheese. and noodles. All items collected will be given to the Mountaintop Food Bank located at St. Pauls' Lutheran Church.

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MARCH 21 EASTER ROLL SALE

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church, Dorrance is conducting an Easter roll sale. The rolls are \$7 each and are available in apricot,

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blueberry, blueberry cream, nut, poppy, prune, raspberry, and raspberry cream. Prepaid orders may be placed in the collection or by calling Susan at 570-868-6983. Final orders are due by March 21. Rolls may be picked up on April 1 at the meeting room at the rear of the rectory.

MARCH 26 **TAKE OUT FISH SUPPER**

Slocum Township Fire Company will be holding its annual takeout fish supper on Friday, March 26 from 3-7 p.m.

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Crestwood Menu

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Due to the Covid-19 virus, the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs are providing free meals during the 2020-21 school year.

In order to qualify students must take a complete meal which consists of meat or meat alternative, minimum of 1/2 cup serving of fruit or vegetable, grain/bread.

The menu is the same for all buildings and locations for both virtual or in person. A breakfast menu will be provided once the school returns to hybrid/in person learning.

Week of March 22

Monday: Yogurt, string cheese and Goldfish crackers or barbecue pork rib on a roll, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

Tuesday: Turkey bacon club sandwich with cheese or beef and cheese burrito on a soft shell tortilla, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

Wednesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich or cheeseburger on a roll, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

Thursday: Italian hoagie with cheese or buffalo chicken and cheese on a soft shell tortilla, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

Friday: Tuna salad sandwich on hamburger roll or hot dog on a roll, assorted vegetables,

Send your news to publisher@mtpeaks.com assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

Week of March 29

Monday: Bologna and cheese sandwich on a hamburger roll or pulled pork barbecue on a roll, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

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a dinner roll. Extra pieces are available for an additional cost. Preorders are appreciated and can be made by messaging the fire company Facebook page or calling 570-868-6255.

MARCH 27 EASTER EGG HUNT

CVCO invites you to the first annual Easter Egg Hunt at Whispering Willows Park on Saturday, March 27. Event will be at CVCO building in case of inclement weather. Masks are required at all times for anyone in attendance.

Cost: A monetary donation to CVCO for future events and 1 canned good for the Valley Food Pantry. Ages 2-4: 9-9:45 a.m.; ages 5-7: 10:15-11 a.m.; ages 8-10: 11:15-11:45 a.m. An Easter bonnet and Easter tie contest will take place at 10 a.m.

Sign up online at: https:// tinyurl.com/CVCOEggHunt by March 24. Email CVCOinfo@ gmail.com with questions.

DORRANCE EASTER EVENT

Dorrance Township will hold a drive-thru Easter Bunny event on Saturday, March 27 from noon until 2 p.m. (or while supplies last). The event will be held at the township recycling center rain or shine. Donations received from the 2020 cancelled Easter egg hunt will be used for the event.

FOOD TRUCK FRENZY

The Crestwood football team will hold a fundraiser/community event on Saturday, March 27 from 12-6 p.m. in the park-

Fairview to borrow money for new police vehicle

Fairview Township supervisors voted at their March 2 meeting to borrow \$30,600 from First Keystone Community Bank to pay for a new police vehicle. The term of the loan is three years at 2.35 percent with monthly payments of \$880.

In other business ...

They also gave permission to the historical society to resume holding its meetings at the township municipal building. The society meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Its next meeting will be March 22.

Township zoning officer Carl Alber noted in his report that Luzerne County 911 obtained a building permit for removal and replacement of its radio tower on Penobscot Mountain. The new tower is part of the center's move from analog to digital communication.

Supervisors approved a motion acknowledging that active fire fighters and operational support members of Mountain Top Hose Company No. 1, the township's volunteer fire department, are covered under the township's workman's compensation police as per state law. Fire company president David Hourigan reported the company responded to 300 calls in 2020. There were 13 calls in February, 2021.

Dorrance asks state Supreme Court to hear its appeal

Dorrance Township has asked the state Supreme Court to hear its appeal of the Preserve at Blue Ridge Trail decision.

Township solicitor Donald Karpowich told supervisors at their March 8 meeting that a petition of allowance of appeal for the Preserve at Blue Ridge Trail was filed to the Supreme Court on March 5 by the township's insurance company.

Commonwealth Court last month denied an application by Dorrance Township to reargue its appeal of a decision by a three-judge panel regarding the Preserve at Blue Ridge Trail. The one-sentence decision was issued February 11.

Last December, a three-judge panel of the Commonwealth Court upheld a decision by the Luzerne County Court that overturned Dorrance Township's denial of the Preserve at Blue Ridge Trail's application to build a planned residential community (PRD) around the existing Blue Ridge Trail golf course.

The Preserve plans to develop approximately 135 acres of its 546-acre property as sin-

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gle-family dwellings on one acre lots. A planned residential development allows a developer to meet overall density and land-use goals without being See News in Brief, page 10





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bound by rigid zoning requirements such as minimum lot size and use categories. *In other business ...*

The township received a letter from its volunteer fire department advising supervisors that the \$20,000 contribution to the department from the township was used for debt reduction, building and vehicle maintenance and personnel training. Fire department officers for 2021 are: Jeff Kotarsky, president; Donnie Earnhart, vice president; Teresa Earnhart, secretary; Valerie Zane, fire department treasurer; Janet Jones, fire relief treasurer. Supervisors approved a request for the department to attend non-emergency events and activities as listed as well as other function that may arise.

Supervisors approved the Witinski minor subdivision per the planning commission's recommendation. No waivers were requested, and the only condition was to confirm the maintenance agreement for the road is included in the deed. Atty. Karpowich confirmed the maintenance agreement was included in the deed.

Supervisors tabled a motion to apply for a Highway Occupancy Permit from the state for the Liberty Travel Plaza, Blue Ridge Trail project. The agent is Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. They put off action until all the agreements are signed and the bond is received by the township. Atty. Karpowich will prepare an additional agreement requiring the property owner be responsible for maintenance in a state right of way.

Rice Township creates township recreation board

Rice Township supervisors at their March 2 meeting fol-

lowed through on a promise to appoint a township recreation board.

Supervisors passed a resolution creating the Rice Township Park and Recreation Board and then adopted a second resolution adopting by-laws for the organization.

The creation of the recreation board came about as the result of input from residents of the Ice Lakes last summer when the township announced it had received a \$508,833 grant to repair the dam. At that time, residents asked the township to also address sediment which has built up near the lakes' inlet, reducing its depth by several feet. Supervisors decided to create a recreation board that would be made up of residents from throughout the township and address all aspects of its expanding recreation areas.

The resolution creating the board acknowledges the township recognizes the importance of recreational activities and parks being available to its residents; that the township is engaged in upgrading and expanding its parks and available recreational activities; and wants more direct input from residents regarding this expansion and management of its parks.

The board will be made up of five township residents with no more than two supervisors serving on it at any one time.

Supervisors did not make any appointments at the March 2 meeting. It is expected those

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Logan Mark Bensavage celebrated his 6th birthday on February 10. He shared his special day with family.

Logan is the son of Samantha and Mark Bensavage of Mountain Top. Logan has a big sister, Natalie, big brother, Luke, and little sister, Charlotte.

He is the grandson of Mary Jo and Richard Shutt of Mountain Top and the late Edward and Agnes Bensavage.

MMI senior Dominique Kline wins two awards in Scholastic Art & Writing Awards regional competition

MMI senior Dominique Kline received two awards in the regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition.

Kline, the daughter of John and June Kline of Mountain Top, won a Silver Key for her poem, *no harmony in human NATURE* and was awarded an Honorable Mention for her poem *Notches on a Belt*. MMI English instructor Jennifer Novotney served as the advisor for the competition.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the nation's longestrunning, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. Students in grades 7-12 (ages 13 and up) can apply in 28 categories of art and writing.

In the Poetry category, stu-



Dominique Kline

dents write in verse. The work may include, but is not limited to, prose poetry, free verse, formal poetry, song lyrics, and spoken word. Each submission may consist of one to five poems, which are judged as a collection, with a limit of 20–200 lines total for the entire collection. Students may submit more than one collection, but must register each separately.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their remarkable work to the world through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

The Awards give students opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships. Students across America entered nearly 320,000 original works in 2020.



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From left: Amanda Deisroth, Divine Providence Shelter program supervisor, Linda Kostic, club vice-president, and Mary Ann Molendini, club secretary.

Drums Lioness Lions Club donates to Divine Providence Shelter

The Drums Lioness Lions Club recently presented the Divine Providence Shelter of Hazleton with a monetary donation. The club helps to provide needed services for individuals and organizations within the community. New members are welcome. For more information, visit the Drums Lioness Lions Facebook page or email drumslionesslions@hotmail.com. Members need not reside at a Drums address to participate.





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Children learn shapes and colors by playing bingo

Children in Mrs. Stone's preschool class at St. Paul's are enjoying learning their shapes and colors by playing bingo.





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blow out," Pipech commented. He said he and Pasonick will determine which roads are most in need of repair and when asphalt plants resume production, township crews will begin making repairs. He noted three township-owned bridges also are in need of repair.

Supervisors put off decision on July 4th parade until April

Wright Township supervi-

sors put off until April a decision on whether Mountain Top on the Move or Mountain Top Area Community Association will receive permission to hold the annual July 4 parade, urging both groups to try to reach a compromise.

That recommendation to work out an agreement also

came with an admonition – come to an agreement or there might not be a parade.

Mountain Top Area Community Association wants to hold its parade on July 3 with a rain date of July 5. While the organization does not plan to use township facilities for the event, a letter of support from the township is required for PennDOT to approve use of a state highway.

Mountain Top on the Move plans to hold its parade on Sunday, July 4 and submitted a request to use the township park for its ceremony as well as for a letter of support to use state roads.

Both groups are planning to start their events near St. Jude Church. Mountain Top on the Move plans to end its parade with a ceremony at the municipal building grounds. Mountain Top Community Association plans to finish up at the Crestwood Secondary Campus.

A decision on the parade was tabled at the board's February meeting when supervisors urged the groups to try to work out an agreement. When the issue came up at the supervisors' March work session, and it was determined no agreement had been reached, attorney Jack Dean, solicitor, recommended the board give the groups one more month to work to reach a compromise. If both groups want to hold parades, he suggested one be held on July 4 and the other on Labor Day. He also suggested they could rotate their parades.

The solicitor said he spoke to each supervisor individually and all five agreed with his recommendation.

"Two parades on a holiday weekend is untenable," Dean stated. He added that he doubts PennDOT would approve closing Route 309 for two parades on one weekend. The solicitor tossed the ball into the laps of the two groups. "Come up with a plan or risk we will all be sitting home on July 4," the solicitor admonished. "The



Saint Jude students selected as Holy Redeemer scholars

Six students from St. Jude School received scholarships to Holy Redeemer High School for the upcoming 2021-2022 academic year. Students completed an entry exam and were ranked based on their overall scores. Students chosen were: Thomas Dugan, Anna Ostaltsov, Lauren Hayden, Grace Tedford, Xavier Bleiler, and Anne Carter. Grace did exceptionally well, scoring in the top three of all who took the entrance exam. Congratulations to all the Holy Redeemer Scholars.



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RICE ELEMENTARY

The following sixth grade students have achieved Principal's Honors for the First Quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. The Crestwood School District Honor Roll reflects that the student has attained an A in all courses offered.

Kaylyn Anderson, Matthew Bealla, Gabrielle Carlin, Abigail Chandler, Alexis Chandler, Gianna Costible, Jack Growth, Willow Guydish, Blake Harkenreader, Olivia Hogan, Jack Hoovler, Alyssa Leicht, Kendall Mendrzycki, Nidhi Patel, Julie Peterlin, Angelina Seeba, Luke Wendolowski, Robert Zanicky.

The following sixth grade students have achieved Principal's Honors for the Second Quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

Addison Anderson, Kaelyn Anderson, Abigail Chandler, Alexis Chandler, Gianna Costible, Jack Groth, Willow Guydish, Blake Harkenreader, Olivia

Hogan, Jack Hoovler, Alyssa Leicht, Kendall Mendrzycki, Jake Mitchell, Nidhi Patel, Julie Peterlin, Scott Ruddy, Angelina Seeba, Luke Wendolowski, Robert Zanicky.

FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY 6th Grade Honor Roll

The following sixth grade students have achieved Principal's Honors at Fairview Elementary School for the 2nd Quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. The Crestwood School District Elementary Honor Roll (6th Grade) reflects that the student has attained an A in all courses offered.

Sophia Biscotti, McKenna Claudio Batista, Evey Concannon, Carly Dushanko, Mia Franks, Jacqueline Gallagher, Catherine Green, Chiara Gustinucci, Stella Jaaznosczyk, Sarah Kondraski, Allen Seifert, Adrienne Shebelock, Norah Sklarosky, Celia Stahlnecker, Lexi Zabroski.

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Head of School List first semester of 2020-2021 school year.

Students are as follows: Sixth grade: Philip Benyo, Drums; Avari DeAngelo, Mountain Top; Zachary Jordan, Drums; Ruhani Shah, Mountain Top; Delilah Yatsko, Drums; and Sharon Zhuang, Mountain Top; seventh grade: John Ferry, Drums; Ruth Huey, Drums; Sharan Parikh, Mountain Top; Rishi Patel, Drums; Caleb Skuba, Drums; Arushi Solgama, Mountain Top; and Georgia Washko, Drums; eighth grade: Aspen Crilley, Mountain Top; Thomas Horvat, Drums; Danica Karlick, Drums; Aubryannah OBoyle, Mountain Top; Scott OBoyle, Mountain Top; Kiyan Paknezhad, Mountain Top; Evan Pedri, Drums; and Mia-Lyn van den Berg, Mountain Top; ninth grade: Emily Borchick, Drums; Brendon Brobst, Drums; Kyle Kocon, Mountain Top; Bria Kringe, Drums; Caitlin Lenahan, Mountain Top; Ethan Lloyd, Drums; Robert Orbin, Mountain Top; Kasra Paknezhad, Mountain Top; Jakob Rossi, Drums; Kathryn Sissick, Drums; Nathan Sissick, Drums; Connor Strecker, Mountain Top; and Heath Williams, Mountain Top; 10th grade: Khristian Banks, Mountain Top: Annabel Dobash, Mountain Top; Anden Karlick, Drums; Erica Kline, Mountain Top; Manal Muhammad, Mountain Top; Caden Pease, Drums; Kasia Svendson, Drums; and Lucille van den Berg, Mountain Top; 11th grade: Andrew Blasko, Mountain Top; Lindsay Horvat, Drums; Amelia Minzola, Drums; Katelyn Overa, Drums; Connor Spencer, Mountain Top; Althea Stewart, Drums; Morgan Strecker, Mountain Top; Kennedy Tavaris, Mountain Top; and Grace Warner, Drums; **12th grade**: Lindsay Braunstein, Mountain Top; Alexis Dalesandro, Drums; McKenna Gallagher, Drums; James Kelly, Mountain Top; Dominique Kline, Mountain Top; Sydney Kohl, Mountain Top; Katherine Lewandowski, Mountain Top; Noah Long, Mountain Top; Hiba Muhammad, Mountain Top; Ethan Stine, Mountain Top; Millie Symbula, Drums; and Colin Williams, Mountain Top.

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board should not be put in the middle of this," he added.

When the issue came up during the regular meeting that followed the work session, board chairman Matt Howton said he agreed with Dean's recommendation. During public comment, Wright Township Volunteer Fire Chief Dave Pettit urged the organizations to work together. "Have some consideration for participants and emergency services," Pettit urged.

Wright supervisors unhappy with county response to road maintenance

Wright Township officials, at the urging of board chairman and road foreman Matt Howton, late in January wrote a letter to Luzerne County Manager David Pedri expressing the municipality's frustration over winter storm maintenance on county-owned roads in the township.

Almost a month later, Howton received a response from Pedri who told him, in essence, if the township isn't satisfied with the way the county takes care of its roads, it should consider taking them over.

That response wasn't received well by township officials.

Howton reported at the January supervisors meeting that he received numerous complaints from residents concerning snow removal, icy conditions, drainage problems and general road maintenance issues with county-owned roads. The supervisor said he had left numerous voice mails with the county road

and bridge department and had not gotten a response. He noted he made numerous calls over the last two years about conditions of Church Road, a heavily traveled roadway. He added that he made several calls to the county during snowstorms to get the county to plow its roads, all of which went unanswered. Two of the major county-owned roads located in Wright Township are Church Road and Crestwood

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Drive. The latter carries heavy truck traffic to and from the Crestwood Industrial Park.

In a letter dated February 26, Pedri told Howton that he shared his concerns about road maintenance. His solution, though, is for the township to take over those roads.

"Please advise if Wright Township would be interested in taking over the County roads located in Wright Township," Pedri wrote. "The County

would fix the roads to Wright Township's standards per your engineer and then turn them over to you," he added.

The county manager noted the township would be eligible to receive Liquid Fuels funds for maintenance and upkeep of those roads.

Pedri's offer wasn't wellreceived by Howton or other supervisors. Howton, in the board's work session said he was "totally against" the idea. Later, in the board's regular meeting, Howton chided county officials for not maintaining their roads. "The county should do what it is supposed to do, take care of its own property and maintain it," the road foreman stated.

Supervisor Louis Welebob Jr. was blunter. "Pedri is a joke," Welebob stated.

Howton asked township sec-

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retary/treasurer Pamela Heard to set up a meeting with Pedri to discuss road maintenance.

Wright Township to hire police officer

Wright Township should



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soon have another full-time police officer, thanks in part to tax revenue from the sale of three properties in the Crestwood Industrial Park.

Supervisors at their March 8 meeting unanimously approved a motion by supervisor Donald Zampetti to hire a full-time police officer. The township did not replace fulltime Officer Brian Macko when he retired July 31, 2020. Rather, it hired a part-time officer. The additional officer would bring the department's complement to seven full-time officers.

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Macko, along with public works employee Chris Kania, took advantage of a voluntary separation bonus offered to long-time township employees.

Zampetti made a similar motion in January that was defeated by a 3-2 vote. At its February meeting, the board acknowledged a letter from Police Chief Royce Engler requesting a full-time officer be hired but did not take any action on his request. Citing budget restraints, the board indicated it would hire an offi-

cer for the second half of the year.

In making his motion to hire another police officer, Zampetti pointed out the township received over \$200,000 in unanticipated realty transfer tax revenue which he felt should be used to hire a police officer now instead of waiting.

The township budgeted \$150,000 anticipated revenue from the realty transfer tax. So far in 2021, it has received \$274,874. Of that amount, nearly \$260,000 is from the sale of three properties in the industrial park.

In other business ...

It's not likely the splash pad in the township park will be operable this summer.

During the board's work session, Zampetti suggested the township investigate the cost of repairing the splash pad which was inoperable last year and most of the previous sum-

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ing lot of the Secondary Campus of Crestwood High School.

Come enjoy some of your local favorite food trucks all in one place! Free Easter candy baskets for children 10 and under. There will also be a flower sale and basket raffle!

If you have any questions please contact Kerri Fey 570-855-4014 or email cometfootball18707@gmail.com.

MARCH 28 EASTER PARADE

Slocum Township Fire Company will hold an Easter parade within the township on **Sunday March 28**, starting at 1 p.m.

The parade will start at the

fire station, continue down Slocum Road to the park, turning onto Schmidt's Road, turning right onto Lily Lake Road, continuing to Blue Ridge Trail and finally back to the fire hall.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Wright/Fairview Townships' annual Easter egg hunt will be a drive-thru event on **Sunday, March 28** from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Crestwood secondary campus. The event is open to all children age 10 and under.

Lauren McCurdy, who is coordinating the event for the Wright Township Recreation Board, said organizers want to keep everyone safe while at the same time providing an enjoyable experience for children. She said vehicles will enter the school parking lot from Route 309 and will be directed to the rear of the school. Stations will be set up along the way where children will receive goodies while remaining in their vehicles. Participants will be asked to wear masks when vehicle windows are open. Vehicles will exit onto South Main Road. The Easter Bunny will be present on a Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company vehicle. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact the township office at 570-474-9067.

APRIL 2 FISH FRY

BSA Venturing Crew 461 along with the BSA Scout Troop 781 girls is holding its annual Good Friday fish fry on **April 2** from noon to 7 p.m. or until sold out! Cost is \$10 per meal. Meal includes fried fish fillet, French fries, cole slaw, dinner roll and dessert.

The event will be held at the American Legion Post 781, 1550 Henry Drive in Mountain Top. It is take out but space is available outside to eat.

If you want to place an order call Sheila Bender at 570-436-6276. All money earned goes to help the kids go to camp and do all the fun things they

want to do.

POTATO PANCAKE AND HALUSHKI SALE

The White Haven Fire Company is holding its annual potato pancake and halushki sale with pickup starting at 11 a.m. on **April 2** at the White Haven Fire Company #1 on Buffalo Street. Pre-orders are due by Friday, March 26. Contact any WHFC firefighter to place your order. Potato pancakes are \$1 each and halushki is \$7 per quart.



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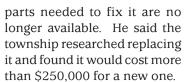
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mer. Zampetti noted the splash pad, when in operation, is used

heavily. Supervisor Matt Howton, road department foreman, said the splash pad is not repairable, pointing out that



Supervisors did authorize Howton to look into the cost of repairing lights at the ice rink.

The board voted to accept the resignation of Chris Madden from the zoning hearing board. Madden has moved to Fairview Township. They also appointed Tracy Cornelius to the recreation board. Last month Madden was named to the recreation board. It was noted that residency is not a requirement for appointment. Cornelius also does not live in the township. Howton pointed out that the township has had difficulty finding volunteers to serve on the board.

The board voted to solicit proposals for a park master plan consultant and to create a master plan committee. They also voted to purchase an additional \$6,100 in playground equipment from River Valley Recreation, Wrightsville. The township received a \$25,000 grant from the state Department of Community and Natural Resources grant for purchase of park equipment. The grant requires a \$25,000

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match.

Pettit volunteered to work on the township's web site to get it operating so township staff will have the ability to update it more easily. Supervisors also will look into adopting a written policy regarding background checks for new hires and for volunteers who interact with children.

COG center opening

The Mountain Top Council of Governments (COG) compost facility in the Crestwood Industrial Park will open for the year on Saturday, April 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday hours will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning April 7.

Permits for 2021 will be required to drop off yard waste. Permits are available at Wright Township Municipal building for Wright Township residents and Fairview Township municipal building for Fairview Township residents. Permits also will be available at the compost facility.







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Jones gives TEDx talk: Educating Leaders, Changing Futures

Caroline Jones gave a TEDx our country Talk that was released this month on the TEDx YouTube and TED.com.

TEDx is a program of local, leader was independently organized TEDlike events that bring people together to share their "idea worth spreading" in the form of a powerful talk that sparks deep conversation and connection in their communities. TEDx events have both live speakers and recorded talks. and are organized through a license granted by TED. Jones gave her talk at the TEDx ScrantonWomen conference that took place in November.

Jones spoke about the critical need to introduce leadership concepts to children as early as preschool and kindergarten. She said, "We can all debate the quality of leadership in



ers of the future. If we want to improve leadership quality in the future, we must be more intentional about developing

those skills today." Through her research interviewing 100 children in grades kindergarten-third grade and asking them questions about leadership, Jones found that most children believe that a leader is someone with a position of authority, rather than viewing leadership as a process involving influence, relationships, and working toward

a goal. Additionally, the students did not think that they were leaders or had leadership potential because they were too small, too young, or not athletic. Using what she learned about children's mindset on leadership, Jones and her mentor, Dr. Matthew Sowcik, co-authored The Line Leader, a researched-based leadership children's book to help teachers and parents purposefully introduce leadership concepts into classrooms and at home to help their students and children understand how they can demonstrate leadership in their daily lives.

To watch and listen to Jones's TEDx Talk, visit https://www. voutube.com watch?reload = 9&v = Od0m6AaoV7oor search online "TEDx Educating Leaders, Changing Futures."



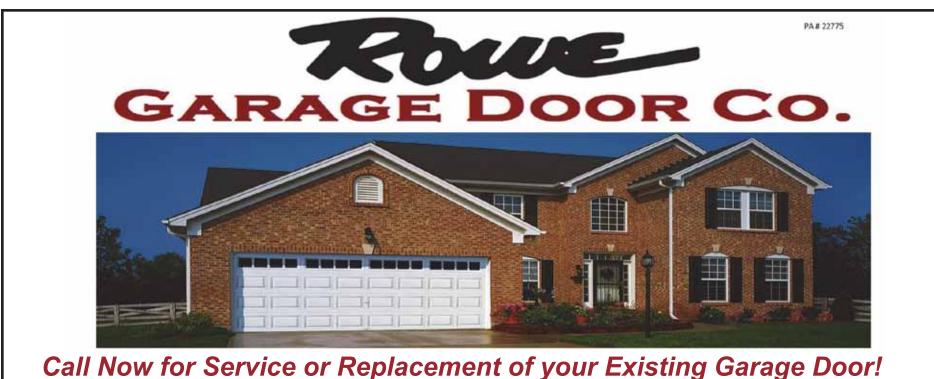


Tabitha Fontenova

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STREAM abounds at Saint Jude School

Most people will tell you STREAM stands for Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. But the kindergarten classes at St. Jude's think the S and T stand for "scrumptious treats"! Mrs. Capaci and Mr. Leicht's classes recently built with marshmallows and toothpicks as they explored engineering and all its intricacies. From putting in enough toothpicks to hold up a marshmallow to gauging how many marshmallows could balance on the toothpicks students explored the best way to build their individual structures.



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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

Sunday in-person, indoor worship at 9 a.m. Seating is limited. Pre-registration recommended at: christonthemountaintop.org. Online worship Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

Palm Sunday, in-person, indoor worship at 9 a.m., online worship at 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday 7 p.m. in-person worship and streaming online. Limited seating available for in-person worship. Pre-registration is recommended at: christonthemountaintop.org.

Easter worship outdoors at 9 and 10:45 a.m. with live streaming at 10:45. BYO seating. Pre-registration not required for outdoor services.

Online worship services are available on demand thereafter on the church's website: christonthemountaintop.org.

CONYNGHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Graham Truscott, Pastor 411 Main Street, Conyngham 570-788-3960

Worship will continue online. To join them for worship virtually visit their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/CUMCConyngham/. Join them every Friday at

7 p.m. for People in Prayer

in the social hall. This is simply a time to get together, to share what is weighing on your heart, and to pray about it. You don't have to arrive on time or stay the whole time. You don't have to pray aloud or even pray at all. And everything is kept confidential. But if you have something weighing on your heart and would like companions to help you bear the burden and take it to God, then they are there for you. All are welcome. If you can't come in but would like some prayer on your behalf then simply email pastor Graham at wgtruscott@ gmail.com.

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Services: Sunday 10 a.m. Michael & Kim Pickreign, Pastors 3577 Church Road, Mountain Top 570-678-7231

Services are casual and family friendly. They are a group of believers passionate about sharing the gospel of Christ, healing broken hearts and seeking liberty for all who are oppressed.

Join them online weekly on Sundays at 10 a.m. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1494616649 or iPhone one-tap:US + 1 (470) 8692200,,1494616649# or telephone, dial +1-470-869-2200, meeting ID: 149 461 6649.

The church is handicap accessible. For further information contact Pastor Pickreign.

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

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

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

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

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

FAITH CHURCH DRUMS Service: Sunday 10 a.m. Keith Evans, Pastor



4 Rittenhouse Place, Drums 570-599-8123

The church has now reopened for indoor services. 10 a.m.: Blended worship: music (contemporary and a hymn), encouraging corporate prayer, responsive reading, dynamic preaching, friendly and interactive, coffee, soda, tea, hot cocoa, water, snacks and more!

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Services: Saturday: 6 p.m. Sunday: 8 & 9:30 a.m. Rev. Michael J. Kloton, Pastor Route 309, Drums 570-788-3141

In light of the announcement from the governor of Pennsylvania, there may be some confusion about churches and whether they are open or not. Following the guidelines of Bishop Bambera, the churches of Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception will continue to remain open for all masses. It is imperative that people wear masks, sanitize as they come in, and practice social distancing.

Lenten confessions will be offered in Father's office on Monday mornings from 7-7:50 a.m., Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. and Saturday afternoons from 5-5:30 p.m. Please enter through the white storm door at the ramp entrance of the church.

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All Masses online beginning in Lent: The new camera system will allow you to watch all masses in both churches. This includes weekday, weekend, holy days, and Friday Benediction at 3 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 4 p.m. The link for these masses is: YouTube.com/ channel/UCRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSvsm3w.

All weekend Masses at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 8 and 9:30 a.m. will be available over your car radio. They ask that you park in the lower lot, to the left of the church, and tune your car radio to FM 98.3. You will be able to listen to the Mass over your radio in the comfort of your car and remain socially distant. At the end of Mass, an Extraordinary Minister will come to the parking lot to distribute Holy Communion. If you bring your envelopes, those will also be collected. Spread the word!

The Valley Food Pantry will be making Easter boxes for 58 needy families in the area. Good Shepherd has been asked to contribute boxed scalloped potatoes for the boxes. The deadline for contributions is Wednesday, March 24.

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 will hold a Children's Easter Walk on Saturday, April 3. Families may arrive anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. They will have an Easter story displayed along the havride path, popcorn and sno-cones, a family goody bag, and candy filled eggs with prizes for children in grades 6 and younger. Please remember to wear masks and practice social distancing. Email debbie@mfcchurch. com by March 28 to register with your name and number of children in your family for the Children's Easter Walk. In the event of rain on April 3, they will have a drive through from 1 to 3 p.m. with family goody bags and candy filled eggs.

Mountaintop Family Church is holding modified Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. for one hour. Currently, they have two KidsTown classrooms available: KinderTown for children ages 3-kindergarten, and UpTown for children in grades 1-6. 7th-12th grade students can join the adults in the sanctuary for worship and will then be taken to the Youth Room for their own youth service. KidsTown and youth services are available during both services. Students attending children's church and youth services are asked to wear masks and observe social distancing standards. They ask that anyone who has been sick, has recently been exposed to Covid-19, has a compromised health condition to join them for online services.

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.

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 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 11 a.m. **Brook Selby, Pastor** 5126 N. Lehigh Gorge Dr., White Haven 570-580-0808

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.

Pastor Brook will be doing baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 4. Baptism is a public

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The next Sunday Night Young Adult's monthly service will be Sunday, March 21 at 6 p.m. Please contact Amanda Miller for more information.

There is a wide variety of small groups available to join in person, via conference call or on Zoom.

For more information, please contact Pastor Brook 570-580-0808 or check out the Involvement page on their webpage at www.mountainviewNEPA.org.

MT. ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Services: Sunday 9 a.m. **Pastors: Bob Thomas and**

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Services: Faith UMC: 8:45 a.m. Stairville UMC: 10 a.m. Slocum UMC: 11:15 a.m.

Scott O. Miller, Pastor Stairville Road, Mountain Top

Sunday services are still being held in each church.

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.

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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.

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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, March 21, Children's Sunday School and the adult class will meet at 9:30 a.m.

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.

Sanctuary Easter flower orders must be placed by March 28. Please call office or email if you need an order form.

The church will once again be participating in One Great

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Hour Of Sharing during Lent. Envelopes and brochures are available in the Sanctuary.

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. These numbers will be the same for all meetings. Zoom is no longer available for Sunday worship.

Looking ahead:

April 1: Maundy Thursday service with Communion at 7 p.m.; April 2: Good Friday service at 7 p.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Each service is limited to 50 people so reservations must be made. Please contact the church office by phone or email with name, number of people attending and which service you will attend. April 4: There will be 2 services Easter Sunday.

The Mountain Top Food Bank is still open Fridays from 9:15 a.m. til 12 noon for those in need of food assistance. It is located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309.

The church is also collecting diapers and sanitary products for Brandon's Forever Home. For more information see Elder Nancy Badal.

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

In person services will take place on Palm Sunday. Church will begin at 9 a.m. Services will still be available on Facebook.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be in person at 7:30 p.m. Easter services will begin at 8:30 a.m. They will continue with social distancing with certain pews roped off. Hand sanitizer in the pews and please wear a mask.

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Hoagie and soup sale on March 27 with orders due by March 20 to Shelly. Regular or turkey hoagie \$6 each. Chicken corn soup \$6/quart.

Tentative date for the straw-



berry festival is June 19 at the carnival grounds.

The church will have a food stand at Mifflinville carnival if anyone would be able to help please contact Shelly or Eileen Smith, even if only for a couple hours. It is Friday, Saturday and Sunday; May 28, 29, 30.

Sunday School will not begin until September 2021.

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.

If anyone utilizes the flower chart please note flowers have increased to \$25 this year.

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

Holy Week and Easter Mass reservations: Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 p.m.; Good Friday, The Passion

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of Our Lord: 3 p.m.; Easter Basket Blessing: 1:30 p.m. church parking lot; Easter Vigil: 8 p.m.; Easter Sunday: 8 and 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

In order to accommodate all who wish to attend while still maintaining all safety protocols, they will pre-assign seating for each Mass. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 24. Please go to www.stjc.org to make your reservation. You will need to provide your first and last name, an email or cell phone number, the number attending, as well as your Mass time. Within 3 days you will receive an email or phone call confirming your reservation. If you need to change your Mass time or number attending, please call the office to do so, 570-474-6315. Do not change your reservation online. They will accommodate you with your request as best as possible.

St. Jude Church is open for private prayer from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday. The Parish office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Thursday.

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Monday evenings from

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5:30-7 p.m. in the St. Jude Adoration Chapel.

Wednesday, March 24 they will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Jude Church, from 2-6 p.m.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday night during Lent at 6 p.m. at both St. Jude and St. Mary's churches. Reservations will not be required but all other safety protocols will be followed.

St. Jude shrine is open to light a candle and say a prayer for one person at a time. This will be available the same times as the church private prayer hours, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. As always, please follow the safety protocols when entering any building; face masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing.

Young adults, ages 18-35,

evening prayer and social on April 12. Join other young adults for an evening prayer and social time. This event is free of charge, but registration is required to receive the meeting link. It takes place at 7 p.m. via Zoom. To register, email Shannon at shannon-kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org.

St. Jude Parish is not accepting food donations for the food bank at this time. All donations must be taken directly to the Food Bank located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top on Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon.

The parish office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parishioners are to enter through the front center doors of the church.

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

Updated guidelines for church: You may enter when the green welcome sign is displaced. You need to be mindful of protocols: sanitize your hands before entering and upon exiting; face coverings must be worn at all times; assigned seats are needed for weekend Masses; once seated you may not switch pews; if assigned a "wall" or "aisle" seat please sit at the end of the pew allowing distance for people at the other end of the pew; and requests for specific pews cannot be accepted.

Registration is required for weekend Masses. The link is posted on the church website and Facebook page, and emailed every Monday. Choose Saturday or Sunday then click that link.

Religious education: K-6 Stacey: 570-332-3801. It's not too late to register! This year, they are using a virtual (asynchronous) format using Flipgrid.com. For more information or instruction please contact your child's teacher or call Miss Stacey.

Confirmation: Grades 7 and 8. Molly: 868-5855/262-4628. It's not too late to register! Please call if you did not receive your book or if you have any questions or concerns.

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

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Services: Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday: 10:15 a.m. Rev. Peter O'Rourke, Sacramental Minister 411 Allegheny St., White Haven 570-443-9944

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

Reservations for Holy Week services: They will be taking reservations for the Masses of Holy Week. Please call the parish office by Thursday, March 25 to reserve your seat for Palm Sunday: Saturday at 5 p.m.; Sunday at 10:15 a.m., Holy Thursday 7 p.m., Good Friday 2 p.m., Easter Vigil Saturday at 8 p.m., and/or Easter Sunday 10:15 a.m.

The Lenten schedule includes confession on Wednesdays until March 24 from 6-7 p.m.; Saturday 4 to 4:45 p.m. and Sunday, 9 to 9:45 a.m. You may also schedule an appointment.

Stations of the Cross are Fridays during Lent at 6 p.m. Booklets will not be used by the congregation because of CDC guidelines.

In-person faith formation classes resumed on Sunday March 7 and will continue through the end of April. The one-hour classes will begin at 11 a.m. for the remainder of the year. All classes will be held in the Parish Center. CDC guidelines including mask wearing, hand washing and social distancing will be observed. There will be a temperature check at the door. If your child is ill, please have him/her stay at home. For everyone's health and safety, they will admit children and catechists only.

Safety guidelines for attending mass: Face masks must be worn covering the nose, mouth and chin. The only time a face mask may be adjusted is when receiving Holy Communion. Pews are marked for social distancing. Please maintain a safe social distance of six

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feet from others in all directions. The only exception is for families who live in the same household. The distribution of Holy Communion will take place after the conclusion of Mass. At this time, communion received in the hand is preferred. Communicants will maintain social distancing in the communion line. After receiving communion, the faithful will depart the church and proceed directly to their vehicles.

If you would like information about joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Jim Curto at 570-443-8494.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Services: Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.

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

Join them on Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m. for drive in services. Worshippers remain in their cars and tune in on the radio. Everyone is welcome to join for worship. For those unable to join, Pastor has been recording services viewable on the church's Facebook page and website www.stpaulsmttop. com.

St. Paul's Lenten services will be indoors following social distancing guidelines at 11 a.m. every Wednesday. Videotaped services will be offered as well for those who prefer viewing on Facebook or the website.

Lenten devotions are being posted on the church's Facebook page daily. Hard copies are available or if you prefer, they can be emailed to you directly. Contact Pastor Kaufman if interested. Office hours for March will be Wednesday's from 3-7 p.m. As always, you can call the church office and leave a message for any inquiries.

The church will continue to collect for Michalene's Mission into the month of March. Michalene's Mission is working with the growing homeless population in the Wilkes-Barre area. They are requesting the following items: back packs/ drawstring bags, sweatshirts, boots/shoes, socks, coats, gloves, masks, blankets, hand sanitizer, \$5 gift cards for McDonald's, \$5 gift cards for Turkey Hill, candy and snacks.

Holy Week and Easter services will be offered at St. Paul's. As part of that celebration, you may place Easter flowers to beautify the drive in sanctuary. Flower choices will be lilies, mums, hyacinths, and tulips. The order deadline is March 21.

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.-12 p.m. 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 LUTHERAN CHURCH Services: Sunday 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Janelle Rothrock, Pastor 418 Berwick St., White Haven 570-443-9424 The church is using Zoom so you will still be able to attend services. It is held on Sundays at 10 a.m.

If you are not able to join a computer, phone or ipad, you can call into the worship service. The number is 1-646-876-9923. Press the # sign after the prompt. The meeting room ID again is 557 531 789 and the password is 470085.

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