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## Congratulations graduates!



Sabrina Williams is greeted by sixth grade teachers and handed her certificates and gifts before heading through the line of well-wishers.



Senior Anna Kahlau waves to the crowd as she rides in the parade honoring Crestwood seniors on June 11. Members of the community lined the roads along the route to bid the graduates farewell.



Crestwood Principal Peg Foster presents Nichole Joseph with her diploma.



Mrs. Mary Leo presented Julia Martin and Sara Mascelli with the Chorus Award at the CHS awards night.

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photos



Lauren Hayden and fellow graduates prepare to march down the aisle at the start of the St. Jude School 8th grade graduation liturgy.

More photos, pages 19, 20, 21 & 22.

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

### 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. Weather permitting, the class is outdoors but there is room to move inside if needed.

You are required to wear a mask and bring your own yoga mat. You will be spaced 6 feet apart and during 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 welcome.

copal Church will be holding its annual bake/book/yard sale on **Saturday, June 26** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is something for everyone; baked goods, household items, collectibles, and books. They are cleaning out their Book Nook and you can get some good reads at \$5 per bag! Masks and social distancing are required in the Book Nook. St. Martin's is located at the corner of Church and Nuangola Roads at 3085 Church Road. Call 570-868-5358 for more information.

### MUSIC FEST 2021

New Life Community Church will hold a Music Fest 2021 on **June 26** from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Wright Township Rec-

reation Park, 321 South Mountain Blvd. (Rt. 309), Mountain Top.

Music provided by S. P. Music Ministry. The line up is: 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.: Stephen Perillo & The NEPA Praise Band from Larksville; 1 to 2:15 p.m.: Paul and Mary Good from Quakertown; 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.: David Griffin from Jim Thorpe; 4 to 6 p.m.: Broken Road from Plains. Thanks to Sound Producer David Priestner.

Bring a blanket or chair, weather permitting. Treats by Simply Sensational Sweets; hot dogs by Abe's, balloons, frisbees!

### JULY 3

#### FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS

Wright Township will hold

its annual fireworks display on **Saturday, July 3** with a rain date of July 5. The fireworks will be presented by ZY Pyrotechnics and will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m.

In addition to the awesome display of fireworks, there will be vendors in the park including Geraldo's Pizza, George Webby offering chicken fingers, french fries and drinks, and Dan McDonough serving lemonade, orangeade and potato pancakes. PA

Party Rentals will be hosting a bounce house. The Kiwanis Club will be selling food and refreshments at the pavilion by the basketball courts. Mountain Top Healthcare will be providing complimentary water and snacks to the community.

The third annual charity hot dog eating contest sponsored by Abe's Hot Dogs will happen right before the fireworks at Abe's Hot Dogs, 315 South

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### JUNE 26 YARD AND BAKE SALE

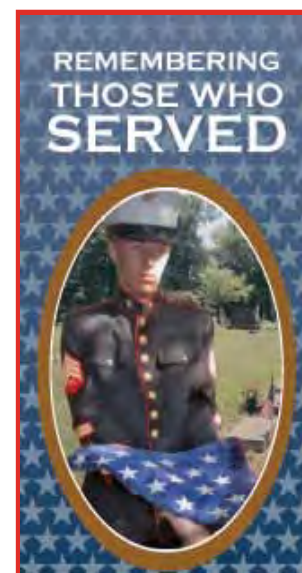
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*Thanks to Sound Producer David Priestner*



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Monday: breakfast and lunch for Monday and Tuesday; Tuesday: closed; Wednesday: breakfast and lunch for Wednesday and Thursday; Thursday: closed; Friday: breakfast and lunch for Friday. Summer meals program will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Fourth of July holiday.

Meals are free to all children 18 years and under. Meals can only be picked up by the student, their parent or legal guardian. Student does not need to be present. Please remain in vehicle at all times. Food will be passed via open window or placed in the trunk of your vehicle. Social distancing and masks are required when picking up meals.

#### Week of June 28

**Monday:** Turkey and American cheese on a club roll and cheeseburger on a roll, assorted vegetables and fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

**Tuesday:** Closed

**Wednesday:** Chef salad with ham and turkey served with a dinner roll and chicken fajita with cheese on a soft shell tortilla, assorted vegetables and fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

**Thursday:** Closed

**Friday:** Yogurt, string cheese

and Goldfish crackers or walking taco with beef with a roll, assorted vegetables and fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

#### Week of July 5

**Monday:** Closed in observance of the 4th of July holiday

**Tuesday:** Closed

**Wednesday:** Ham and Amer-

ican cheese on a club roll and cheeseburger on a roll, assorted vegetables and fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

**Thursday:** Closed

**Friday:** Turkey bacon club sandwich with cheese or chicken patty on a roll, assorted vegetables and fruit, 100% fruit juice, low fat milk

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Mountain Boulevard. Abe's will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and will have a pop-up restaurant open in the park so people don't have to walk up the hill.

Please note there will be clearly marked no access safety zones in the area of the fireworks set up and detonation.

The annual 4th of July parade will also be held July 3 at 10 a.m. beginning near Saint Jude's and ending at Crestwood

High School with a flag raising ceremony.

**JULY 9, 10, 11**  
**SLOCUM CARNIVAL**

Slocum Township Fire Company will be holding its annual fireman's carnival on **July 9 and 10** from 6-11 p.m. and on **July 11** from 2-10 p.m. on the carnival grounds on Slocum Road in Slocum Township.

Fridays entertainment will feature *Bad Liars* from 7-11 p.m.; Saturday will feature *Alibi* also 7-11 p.m. Sunday breakfast will be held 9 a.m.-

noon, fireman's parade at 4 p.m. and entertainment with *Boots and Bangs* from 6-10 p.m. The fireman's parade will be held on July 11. Lineup starting at 3 p.m., parade at 4 p.m. Awards presented for newest apparatus, oldest apparatus in service, most members, judges award (x3), best appearing ambulance service, rescue, tanker, company (members and apparatus).

Anyone interested in donating a raffle item or basket please text or call Brianna Bur-

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# King's captures youth flag football title



King's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria captured the Freeland flag football 7U mini division championship by beating Wilkes-Barre Saxon Sports Academy's Red Demonz 21-8 in the championship game recently. Team members are from left, front row, Bo Galella, Matt

Hummel, Jax Yanchick, Gus Engelman, Henry Arcangeli, Jaxon Kepping, Harrison George, Riley Mahmond, Maddox Centak, Joey Pellegrini, Brayden Lapansky; back row, coaches TJ Yanchick, Kevin Engelman, Tom Kepping, Craig Mahmond and Bob Pellegrini.



Nolan Hischak and Alexandra Prince celebrate Pentecost through music and art.

## Saint Jude pre-school celebrates Pentecost

Each year, as part of the Christian liturgical calendar, the Easter season comes to an end with the celebration of Pentecost. This feast day is celebrated on a Sunday to commemorate the sending of the Holy Spirit down upon the first apostles of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that tongues of fire appeared above those present, and today the symbol of a flame represents the Holy Spirit and feast. Pre-kindergarten classes celebrated Pentecost by learning about the important day in their Catholic faith, singing songs and making tongues of fire headbands to show how the Holy Spirit is with them.

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## Mr. and Mrs. John Domyan, Sr. celebrate 45th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Domyan, Sr., of Wapwallopen, will celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 19. They were married by the Rev. Henry Weitmann at St. John's United Church of Christ, St. John's, PA on June 19, 1976.

Mr. Domyan is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Domyan, Ashley. Mrs. Domyan is the former Crystal Meyers, daughter of Margaret Meyers, Wapwallopen and the late George Meyers.

The couple has two children, John Jr., Mountain Top, and Kelly Devlin, Harrisburg. John and Crystal are the proud grandparents of four grandchildren. Their son, John Jr. has two girls, Riley. 9 1/2 years old and Hailey 4 years old. Their daughter, Kelly has two boys, Noah 14 years old and Liam 9 years old.

The couple celebrated with a private dinner.

## Mountain Top Welcome Club sponsors animatronic dinosaur drive-thru expo



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

**This Stegosaurus and babies are heading up the hill to greet everyone.**

The Mountain Top Welcome Club sponsored an animatronic dinosaur drive-thru expo on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6 at Crestwood High School. The event was held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days.

It was a spectacular day to see dinosaurs and cars lined up with curious children and adults slowly driving by each of the fantastic displays.

Cost for the event was \$12 a carload.

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### JULY 12-15 SUMMER ADVENTURE CLUBS

Mountaintop Family Church will be hosting a modified version of Summer Adventure Clubs from July 12-15 with two times to choose from: 4 to 5:30 p.m. or 6 to 7:30 p.m. This year, the theme is *Camp Creation* and they will be held outside. Rain dates will be July 16 and 17, as needed since they will be held outside. Children entering kindergarten this fall through those who have just completed 6th grade can register by calling the church office at 570-474-0900 or by emailing [katie@mfcchurch.com](mailto:katie@mfcchurch.com) by Sunday, July 4 or sooner before the Adventure Clubs fill up. Space is limited!

### JULY 13 & 14 YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

The Crestwood Comets will hold a youth football camp on July 13 and 14 for boys and girls ages 5-12. The cost is \$50 per athlete which includes a camp shirt.

The camp will include offensive and defensive skills and drills, flag football games, instruction by varsity coaches and players. Mouthpiece required to play. Spikes/cleats optional.

Registration is July 13 from 9:30-10 a.m. Camp times are July 13 and 14, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

E-mail [Jim.Shedlock@gmail.com](mailto:Jim.Shedlock@gmail.com) or [AMC5476@gmail.com](mailto:AMC5476@gmail.com) for registration form.

### JULY 13 & 27 SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Social

Club will hold its July meetings on July 13 and 27 at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Rt. 309 in Mountain Top. Call Rich Powell at 570-751-6249 for more information. For information about trips call Cathy at 570-261-5016.

### JULY 24 CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Christmas in July and the 10th annual Make-A-Wish Christmas craft and vendor show will be held on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at

Moyer's Grove Campground, 309 Moyer's Grove Road, Wapwallopen. Food will be available for purchase.

### JULY 25 CAR SHOW

The Sons of the American Legion, Post 781, 1550 Henry Drive, Mountain Top, will hold its 8th annual car show on Sunday, July 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All vehicles welcome. \$10 show vehicle registration. Gates open at 9 a.m. Dash plaques for the first 100

vehicles.

Free admission to the general public. Proceeds to benefit local veterans and their children. Food and refreshments available. No alcohol for sale.

For more information call 570-474-2161 or email [mtsal0781@gmail.com](mailto:mtsal0781@gmail.com). Check them out on Facebook at [salpostseventyone](https://www.facebook.com/salpostseventyone).

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## Quilt raffle to benefit Mountain Top Historical Society

Churches of the Mountain Top area are featured on a quilt made by two members of the Mountain Top Historical Society. The quilt is being raffled off as a fundraiser for the Society.

The quilt was designed and made by Mary McGinnis and Anne Wambold and features 20 churches and two seasonal chapels across Mountain Top. The women traveled across the area taking photographs of the churches. They then printed the photos onto 5x7 sections of cloth which were sewn onto the quilt. It is the third quilt the women designed and made as fundraisers for the organization.

Tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5. They are available by contacting Steve McGinnis at 570-474-6942 or by leaving a message on the Society's Facebook page. Tickets also will be sold at the Mountain Top Farmer's Market beginning July 4 at Crestwood High School. Drawing will be December 27.



Pictured with the quilt are Anne Wambold, left, and Mary McGinnis.



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## Kiwanis holds golf tournament fundraiser

On June 4 the Kiwanis of Mountain Top hosted its annual golf tournament at Mountain Laurel Golf Course.

Ninety six golfers enjoyed a great day on the course followed by dinner and the awarding of prizes.

This tournament is one of the largest fund raisers for the club. Funds from this event go toward donations to the local food bank, supporting Crestwood Odyssey of the Mind teams, donations to the Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center, the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library, Movies in the Park, Mountain Top Hop and other events to benefit the community.

Kiwanis of Mountain Top always welcomes new members and meets monthly for dinner. Check them on Facebook for more information.



Barb McLaughlin and Deb Vilegi-Payne help Charlie and Chaz Polchin register for the golf tournament.



The team of John Russell, Brent Tomek, Joe Sklarosky and Bryan Johnson start their round of golf.

# Congratulations

to our son Reece and all the  
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### Ice Lakes dam project may not be complete until close to winter

It looks like it may be close to winter before the five-year-old Ice Lakes dam project is completed.

Rice Township engineer Andrew Pasonick told supervisors at their June meeting that recent conversations he had with Kirk Kreider of the state Department of Environmental protection (DEP) dam safety

division led him to believe that the agency's review process could drag on for months.

The good news, the engineer reported, is that the contractor may be able to use the existing sluice gate in the dam, but capacity calculations must be rerun to ensure that the sluice and pipe meet the legal dewatering requirements. Pasonick said he would deliver the conceptual design to Kreider and if it is approved, the engineer will work on the extensive amendment to its original application and operations and maintenance manual for the dam.

Pasonick reported Kreider told him that the DEP review process may take several rounds. He said because DEP is short-staffed and with new, inexperienced employees, the review process could last into the fall. At that point, the lake would be dewatered again for the final construction.

In response to a question by township planning com-

mission member Tom Romanynshyn, Pasonick said that the necessary gate and lifting mechanism for the sluice could take time to receive after the order was placed. While the actual dam construction might be only three to four weeks, the review process and gate order and delivery could drive the project into the winter, Pasonick reported.

Last November, the township awarded a \$427,695 contract to FABCOR, Inc. of Jessup to repair the pipe in the dam wall. Last summer, the township was awarded a \$508,833 grant funded by the H2O PA and the Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Program to repair the dam.

### Rice takes steps to begin work on new multi-purpose field

Rice Township supervisors at their June meeting took steps

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Pictured from left, Linda Kostic, Drums Lioness Lions vice-president; Emily Reinmiller, Rebekah Klinetop, Gabriella Bredbenner, award recipients; Jeanette Tait, Drums Lioness Lions president.

## Lioness Club presents scholarships

The Drums Lioness Lions recently presented scholarship awards to three eighth grade students of the Drums Elementary/Middle School. The club annually recognizes the top female student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement from the eighth grade class at the Drums school. This year resulted in a three-way tie for the honors award scholarship. The recipients of the award are Gabriella Bredbenner, Rebekah Klinetop and Emily Reinmiller.



Pictured crossing the bridge are Ella Herbst, Allison Wegrzynowicz, Morgan Miller, Kamryn Kem-

per, Allison Joseph, Gianna Petrylak, Maegan Miller; back row: Alexa Mihalos and Anna Joseph.

## Troop 33268 holds bridging ceremony

In their final meeting as Brownies, Girl Scout Troop 33268 celebrated with a Bridging Ceremony. Having met the requirements needed to bridge to Junior Scouts, these Brownies will

retire their brown vests for green, and be ready for new adventures in the fall. Girl Scout sign ups will be available online in July for those wishing to join a troop for the upcoming school year.

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to begin work on construction of a new multi-purpose field, parking lot changes and signage which will be funded by grants from the state Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program and the state Department of Community and Natural Resources. Supervisors voted to enter into an agreement with Barry Isett and Associates for design of the multi-purpose field, construction, permitting, bidding and construction administration.

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

Supervisors voted to purchase 2021-2022 recycling stickers at a cost of \$1,345.50 for 230 stickers. Cost of the stickers will be offset by a \$500 donation from First Keystone Community Bank. Once they are available, the non-transferrable stickers will be available free of charge for township residents. The stickers must be displayed

on the vehicle windshield on the driver's side for anyone using the recycling center.

### **Townships contribute to fireworks display**

Rice and Fairview Township supervisors voted to contribute \$250 from each municipality to the Wright Recreation and Environmental, Inc. for the 2021 fireworks. The event is scheduled for July 3 with a rain date of July 5.

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

A proposal by the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Co. for the Dorrance Township ambulance to become the first responder for basic life support (BLS) calls in Wright Township remains an open issue. Last month, the fire company told supervisors it wants to house the Dorrance Township ambulance at Wright's fire headquarters and staff it around the clock with paid staff. The

Dorrance ambulance has been out of service for nearly two years due to lack of volunteers.

Fire department president Gary Price last month asked supervisors to designate the Dorrance/Wright ambulance as first responder for BLS calls in Wright Township. Mountain Top Community Ambulance would remain first responder for advanced life support calls in the township, according to the proposal.

A motion at last month's supervisors meeting by supervisor Mike Marshall to designate Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department, in conjunction with Dorrance Township Ambulance Association, as the BLS provider for Wright Township failed. Marshall's motion was seconded by supervisor Colleen Macko. The motion failed when supervisors Donald Zampetti and Louis Welebob Jr. abstained, and Matt Howton voted no. Welebob and Zampetti said they just learned of

the plan and needed more time to consider it. Howton said he wanted to give Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department and Mountaintop Community Ambulance Association time to discuss the acquisition in detail.

### **Dorrance supervisors ask PennDOT to conduct site survey**

Following two crashes in a

48-hour period on South Main Road, Dorrance Township supervisors voted at their June 14 meeting to ask PennDOT to complete a site survey to determine what can be done to improve safety in the area.

South Main Road resident Dan Cornelius told supervisors that twice within a 48-hour period vehicles left the roadway as they rounded a curve and wound up in a pond on his

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## Boy Scout Brendan Croke donates blue bird houses

Brendan Croke, a Boy Scout with Troop 60 based at St. Jude Catholic Church has completed his Eagle Scout project and will become an Eagle Scout later this year.

His project, which his mother thought of, was to build blue bird houses to be placed around one of the Wright Township Park's paths.

Brendan met with Dale Hildebrand, Beneficiary of the Advisory Environmental Council (AEC) for Wright Township to discuss the bird houses and to see if he could get a design

pattern for the houses. Brendan then went to local scout meetings and talked to scoutmasters and leaders about what he wanted to do.

Brendan received help from 46 scouts and his mom Penney who is the Scoutmaster for girls troop 781. Four Boy Scout troops were involved including Brendan's Troop 60, All Girls Troop 781, Troop 166 from Wilkes-Barre and Venturing Crew 461.

Forty-seven blue bird houses were built over a couple of months and on June 11 they were presented to Wright Township. Since they built so many some will get dispersed to other organizations to be put up around Mountain Top.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Standing with the blue bird houses that Boy Scout Brendan Croke donated to Wright Township are from left, Tom Mayka, AEC Chairman;

Dale Hildebrand, member of AEC; Brendan Croke, Penney Croke, Don Zampetti, Township Supervisor and Joan Schmidt, member of AEC.

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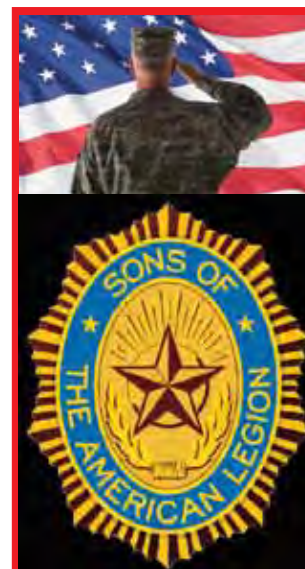
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## More than 150 students named to Penn State Hazleton spring 2021 dean's list

More than 150 Penn State Hazleton students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2021 semester. The following local undergraduate students earned a single semester GPA of at least 3.5:

Zachary Baran, Drums; Nicholas Joseph Berger, Weatherly; Sylver Nicholas Brown, Mountain Top; Bran-

don Ronald Crockford, Drums; Megan Darrough, Drums; Jacob Deremer, Sugarloaf; Kayla Marie DiSabella, Drums; Jennifer Fisher, Drums; Emily R. Flaim, Conyngham; John August Gaughan, Mountain Top; Jeremy Harper, Mountain Top; Megan Elizabeth Hudock, White Haven; Molly Elizabeth Isom, Weatherly; Clayton

Josiah Kimsal, White Haven; Owen R. Klingaman, Drums; Christopher James Krout, Mountain Top; Catherine E. Matyas, Sugarloaf; Lauren Elizabeth Matyas, Sugarloaf; Colt McAninch, Wapwallopen; Sara A. Miglas, Sugarloaf; Noah Dennis Miller, Sugarloaf; Jake Minnig, Conyngham; Nicholas Edward Molino, Hazle Town-

ship; Amanda Montz, Weatherly; Kevin Michael Osifat, Weatherly; Samantha Paisley, Weatherly; Nicole Paranich, Mountain Top; Alicia Rose Penning, Weatherly; Camille Principe, White Haven; Dustin Rentschler, Drums; Gianna Nicole Reynolds, Weatherly; Star Alexandra Rotzell, White Haven; Courtney Stone,

Mountain Top; David Stratchko, White Haven; Nicholas Vital, Mountain Top; James Patrick Walsh, Mountain Top; Kayla Rosellen Witcher, Hazle Township; Jordan Joan Woitko, Hazle Township; Deonna Zamudio, Freeland; Nikolas Edward Zasada, Mountain Top; and Jason Andrew Zingaretti, Mountain Top.



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# Congratulations graduates!

## Saint Jude 8th graders graduate

Give them a challenge and they will rise to it. That could be the slogan of any graduating class this year with all the 2020-2021 school year dished out. But this is most especially true of the eighth grade students at Saint Jude School who remained in person the entire school year despite the challenges. During the eighth grade graduation Mass students were reminded of the bonds that were made during a year of limited group experiences, masks and cancelled field trips. Yet despite all these trials the focus of this year's graduation Mass was on hope, celebrating accomplishments, and looking to the future.

Numerous awards were distributed at this year's graduation ceremony. The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award recipients: Grace Tedford, Thomas Dugan; The Holy Redeemer Scholar Award recipients: Xavier Bleiler, Anne Carter, Thomas Dugan, Lauren Hayden, Anna Ostaltsov, Grace Tedford; Scranton Prep Ignatian Scholar Award recipient: Thomas Dugan; Larry Patton Sr. Memorial Scholarship recipient: Julia Dvorak; PTG Award for Academic Excellence recipients: Grace Tedford, Lauren Hayden, Melody Josefowicz; Perkins Religion Award recipients: Hayden Fleegle, Julia Dvorak; The Knights of Columbus Faith In Action Award recipient: Allison Van Pelt; Knights of Columbus Writing Competition Award recipient: Lauren Hayden; Joseph H. Schmidt VW Engine Award recipient: Thomas Dugan; Attorney Gary F. Yenkowski Memorial Scholarship recipients: Xavier Bleiler, Grace Tedford; Christian Koshinski Memorial Scholarship Award recipient: Hayden Fleegle; Karen Lavan Excellence In Music Award recipient: Allison VanPelt; Anita Legge All I Needed to Know I Learned In Kindergarten Award recipient: Anne Carter, Melody Josefowicz; Outstanding Academic



**Saint Jude eighth grade class, row 1: Grace Tedford, Allison VanPelt, Julia Dvorak, Melody Josefowicz, Lauren Hayden, Anne Carter,**

**Anna Ostaltsov; row 2: Thomas Dugan, Xavier Bleiler, Hayden Fleegle, Ryan Martinelli, Lukas Phillips.**

Excellence recipients: Xavier Bleiler, Ann Carter, Tommy Dugan, Lauren Hayden, Grace Tedford; Outstanding Academic Achievement recipients: Julia Dvorak, Melody Josefowicz, Anna Ostaltsov and Allison Van Pelt.



Julia Johnson was awarded the Jennifer Stec Memorial Runners Scholarship at the Awards Night ceremony held at Crestwood High School on June 7. She was presented the award by Jennifer's parents, Tony and Coreen Stec. Julia will be attending King's College where she will be pursuing a degree as a Physician's Assistant.



Senior Alex Romanoski rode in the parade honoring Crestwood seniors on Friday, June 11. The Mountain Top community came out

in droves to say goodbye and good luck to the 2021 Crestwood High School graduating class.

*Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photo*

# Congratulations graduates!

Crestwood School District is pleased to announce the graduation of the Class of 2021. Commencement was held on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes Barre where 223 students walked in the graduating class.

Class officers include: President: Nicholas Curry, Vice President: Maddux Testa, Secretary: Stone Magagna, Treasurer: Trey Zabroski.

Row 1: Antonella Esparza, Emilee Crawford, Lily Dennebaum, Justine Rilko, Sarah Jacob, Madison Jeckell, Caitrin Mullisky, Abigail Roman, Julia Martin, Luna Maron-Barbrie, Krista Boardwine, Alexandra Lipinski, Trey Zabroski, Maddux Testa, Stone Magagna, Nicholas Curry, Jacob Eroh, Griffen Riccio, Aaron Yocius, Kurt Grenzberg, Matthew Smith, Nicholas Schwartz, Joseph Glazenski, Ryan Kostiuik, Hunter Piech, Ethan Lieberman, Robert Spaide, Collin Palmiter.

Row 2: Khushi Kansal, Shivani Patel, Kaitlyn Smith, Yashu Bansal, Danielle Jones, Hailey Schmidt, Marissa McCune, Abigail Karassik, Ashley Yedlock, Ashley Paulino, Marley Myers, Ava Boellmann, Keirsten Whitmire, Avery Czapla, James Hawley, Adam Garraoui, Nicholas Matthews, Jordan Roberson, Christian Lake, Jeremy Buzak, Sam Savitski-Webb, Kyle Price, Alex Romanoski, Julian Dennis, William Bogdon, Michael Sheldon, Dev Patel, George Petrick, Shea Makowski.

Row 3: Samantha Andes, Jessy Bruzgulis, Chloe Caplan, Aryanna Burke, Ashleigh Button, Alicia Shypulefski, Ariana Bewighouse, Elizabeth Supkowski, Sydney Zaykoski, Nicole Joseph, Emily Davidson, Jamie Thomas, Amanda Howarth, Angelica Pares Alicea, Priyal Patel, Emma Craig, Matthew Potter, Zachary Wiernusz, Marcus Vieney, Nicholas Ruggeri, Eric Johnson, Steven Mulvey, Evangelos Victoros, Noah Partington, Chander O'Farrell, Noah Prokarym, Kyle Buchanan, Benjamin Williams, Mason Webby, Nolan Stortz.

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Novak, Derek Jankowski, Noah Kendra, Nicholas Fey, Zachary Antosh, Brennan Magin, Jeffrey Zebisch, Colin Novatnek, Daniel Swanson, Kyle Barley.

Row 6: Julia Johnson, Emily Kalada, Julia Rose, Brittany Watt, Carly Bono, Anna Kahlau, Nicole Macfarlane, Alayna Martinchek, Molly, Truszkowski, Lily Snyder, Jillian Taleroski, Sheradyn Boris, Sara Mascelli, Mychal Sarluca, Ryan Januszko, Johnny Olejnik, Dmitri Yarczower, Vincent DeMarco, Matthew Dean, Brenden DeMarzo, Thomas Haydt, Michael Zaleski, Jacob Zaleski, Alex Covelens, Zackary Mudlock, Blake Dompkosky, Adam Litchkofski, Nicholas Kreuzer.

Row 7: Rachel Zingaretti, Helena Jardine, Lily Glander, Taylor Yeager, Avery Bogdon, Karlie Searing, Jaden Weiss, Elizabeth Glowacki, Brianna Wickiser, Marley Zlockie, Kelsey Kulak, Narissa Jackson, Alexandria Carpenter, Alexandria Feisel, Dillon Shaw, Bennett Yermal, David Hiott, Nathan Sipple, Paul Feisel, Ryan Petrosky, Austin Payne, Trevor Bukowski, Reece Wagner, Mitchell Awdakimow-Stec, John Schuler, Collin Gittens, Brayden Fenwick, Logan Arnold, Kyle Johns.

Missing: Jareth Jungermann, Luke Gillen, Trevor Inman, Kristen Carter, Armani Coniglio, Kayla Derr, Molly Forst, Hana Bader, Annah Giralddi, Kaitlin Petrick, Hailey Lee, Josiah Dutcher, Jacob Gower, Michael Hogan, Nathan Love, Ian Leshko



## Senior National Honor Society

At left: Row 1: Madison Jeckell, Julia Martin, Alexandra Lipinski, Shivani Patel, Kaitlyn Smith, Yashu Bansal, Abigail Karassik, Marley Myers, Ariana Bewighouse, Avery Czapla, Samantha Andes, Chloe Caplan, Ashleigh Button, Nicole Joseph, Stone Magagna, James Hawley, Sam Savitski-Webb, William Bogdon, Nicholas Schwartz, Nicholas Curry, Trey Zabroski.

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Row 4: Nicole Macfarlane, Lily Snyder, Molly Truszkowski, Jillian Taleroski, Sheradyn Boris, Helena Jardine, Lily Glander, Tayler Yeager, Jaden Weiss, Elizabeth Glowacki, Karlie Searing, Brianna Wickiser, Alexandria Feisel, Dillon Shaw, Ryan Petrosky, Austin Payne, Brayden Fenwick, Colin Novatnak, Matthew Dean.

# Congratulations graduates!



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Rice Elementary sixth grade graduates Blake Harkenreader and Michael Gill received their certificates and gifts and will be heading to the middle school in the fall.



St. Jude eighth grade graduates present their parents with a yellow rose in appreciation of their love and unwavering support before the awarding of diplomas.



Sheradyn Boris, Marisa Brown and Marley Zlockie get ready to line up for the start of the Crestwood graduation ceremony.



The Class of 2021 celebrates its graduation by tossing their hats in the air – their last act together as a class!



Class officers Trey Zabroski, Treasurer; Stone Magagna, Secretary; Maddux Tests, Vice President and Nicholas Curry, President are the first to congratulate fellow classmates as they leave the stage.



Principal John Gorham presents Raj Kaneriya with his diploma.



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photos

Jeremy Buzak fist bumps one of his teachers as he leaves the stage after receiving his diploma.

## Emily Urbanski receives academic honors

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. Mountain Top resident Emily Urbanski, a Northeastern University student majoring in civil engineering, was recently named to the University's dean's list for the spring semester, which ended in May 2021.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives

a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Emily Urbanski is a member of the University Honors Program, which offers high caliber students the chance to further hone their studies and interests, live in special interest residential communities, participate in enriched, interdisciplinary courses, and engage in research and creative endeavors, service, and global experiences. Invitation into the University Honors Program is highly competitive and students must maintain a high GPA to maintain membership.

## Allison Hohn receives academic honors from Northeastern

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. Mountain Top resident Allison Hohn, a Northeastern University student majoring in civil eng/arch studies, was recently named to the University's dean's list for the spring semester, which ended in May 2021.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

## Misericordia University announces spring dean's list

Students at Misericordia University qualify for the dean's list with a 3.55 grade point average or higher. The following local students were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2021 semester: Brett Caladie, Anna Carellas, Gene Daisey, Jade Fallbright, Maxamiliano Gariano, John Guszak, Abigail Harrison, Jonah Heiser, Arielle Jones, Breena Kravchick, Matthew Marchetti, Aoife McTavish, Alaina Page, Nicholas Toronzi, Carlos Torres-Teran, Katelyn Vols, Reayanne Yokimcus.

## Saint Jude School announces third quarter honor roll

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

**Seventh Grade: Principal's List:** Alexis Bleiler, Matthew Mascarenhas, Pierce Sparich, Patrick Smith; **High Honors:** Aurora Roote, Jacob Kopko; **Second Honors:** Cayden Sartori, Brooks Martinelli, Luiz Ortiz, Michael Grandzol

**Sixth Grade: Principal's List:** Emily Conway; **High Honors:** Cali Glaser, Isabelle Wasley, Eva Martin, Payton Bailey, Maximus Bleiler, Caity Carter; **Second Honors:** Connor Hillard, Camden Brownell, Katelyn Sweich, Jacob Hunsinger, Emily Carone



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## Cornhole tournament hosted by Slocum Township Fire Company

Ting Oh takes a good shot at the cornhole board and his opponent, Shea Makowski, waits his turn.

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Claudia Strycharz photo



Slocum Township Fire Company held a cornhole tournament on a gorgeous hot Saturday, June 5 beginning at 11 a.m. on the bazaar grounds. Team registration cost \$50 and individuals \$25. Ticket prices included the day of

games and a chicken barbecue. The food stand was also open for business. Many brought lawn chairs and between rounds hung out in the shade under trees or canopies and enjoyed a cold one.

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Kaitlyn Gliem, Drums; Virginia Gugliotti, Mountain Top; Chester Gunderman, White Haven; Michelle Heller, Mountain Top; William Jozefowicz, Drums; Christopher Kennedy, Mountain Top; Maria Mengak, Mountain Top; Timothy Miko-laichik, Mountain Top; Sabrina Miller, Drums; Tammy Parry, Mountain Top; Carlos Perillo, Wapwallopen; Ian Racho, Conyngham; Silvia Sandu, Drums; Kyle Sarluca, White

Haven; Nicole Schmoltze, Conyngham; Corie Schoch, White Haven; Elizabeth Varner, Wapwallopen; and Tyler Zaykoski, Mountain Top.

Associate in Science: Janine Cunningham, Mountain Top; Sean Dunay, Mountain Top; Danielle Eroh, Mountain Top; Mary Eroh, Mountain Top; Brandon Farmer, Mountain Top; Plinio Ferraz, Drums; Bryce Gavin, Mountain Top; Christopher Ken-

nedy, Mountain Top; Dalton Kramer, Drums; Keegan Kratz, Mountain Top; Allison Lokken, Mountain Top; Matthew Lunney, White Haven; Christina Mercadante, Mountain Top; Jena Niewinski, Mountain Top; Michael Pac, Mountain Top; Kaitlin Saake, Mountain Top; Victoria Scaramastro, Wapwallopen; Michael Skeath, Wapwallopen; Michael Smith, Wapwallopen; Jeffrey Tomas-sacci, Drums; Jennifer West,

Wapwallopen; Michael Wyda, Wapwallopen; and Viktoria Yeager, Mountain Top.

Certificate of Specialization: Justin Balas, Drums; Jenna Deisenroth, Drums; Richard Hunsinger, Drums; Margaret Loveless, Mountain Top; Corey Marsicano, Wapwallopen; Robert Miroslaw, Mountain Top; and Patricia Simms, Mountain Top.

Diploma: Domenico Scarano, Mountain Top.



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**Editor's Note:** If you have any questions about worship times or church activities, please contact the church. Things change quickly due to Covid-19. We try to publish accurate information but things may change between publications.

### CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Services: Sunday 9 & 10:45 a.m.**

**Saturday 6 p.m.**

**JP Bohanan, Pastor**

**175 S. Main Road, Mountain Top  
570-474-6060**

The church will hold two in-person services, at 9 and 10:45 a.m., with sanitation in between.

The church will no longer conduct temperature checks. Sanctuary capacity has been increased to 75 persons for each service. They will continue to wear masks at indoor worship services. When they conduct outdoor worship, once persons are seated, they will be permitted to remove their masks.

With the Pennsylvania mask mandate ending at the end of the month, Council is adjusting guidelines for worship and other gatherings. Beginning Sunday, July 4 there will be no attendance limits in the sanctuary. For vaccinated persons, masks are optional. Children and other unvaccinated persons are encouraged to wear masks.

Online worship services are available on demand on the church's website: [christon-themountaintop.org](http://christon-themountaintop.org).

The new Adventure Church group gathers on Saturday mornings for a hike, generally an hour plus and around two miles in length, with dogs welcome. They pause on the trail to read Scripture and

pray together and continue in conversation as they go.

### CONYNGHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Join them for worship on Sundays online on Facebook and in person at 10:30 a.m.

In line with the new guidelines released by the CDC, the church will now allow but not require vaccinated people to remove their masks. Unvaccinated people must still wear their mask. If you are unvaccinated or vaccinated, if you do not feel well or have Covid symptoms, please stay home and attend online. For social distancing they ask that you respect the boundaries and comfort level of the people around you. Before sit-

ting down near someone, to respect them, they encourage you to ask if they would like to social distance. Singing will be fully allowed, but if you are unvaccinated then please keep your mask on, even when singing. All people in Sunday School will need to continue to wear masks for the safety of the kids.

In person fellowship resumed on June 20. It will be both inside and outside on the front lawn for everybody's comfort level. They recommend that unvaccinated people eat outside if they are not comfortable doing so inside. They are open to suggestions on how to make it more comfortable for all people, especially those without vaccines.

Kids and Youth Sunday school at 9 a.m.

Join the congregation 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.

If you can't come in but would like some prayer on your behalf then simply email pastor Graham at [wgtruscott@gmail.com](mailto:wgtruscott@gmail.com).

### CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

**Michael & Kim Pickreign, Pastors**  
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Join them online weekly on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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  
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Regular church services have resumed and they are following the CDC guidelines.

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

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Following the guidelines of Bishop Bambera, the churches of Good Shepherd and Immac-

ulate Conception will continue to remain open for all masses. The church has resumed normal activities in their parishes with a few exceptions: If you are not fully vaccinated, you must wear a mask (this will be an honor system, remember, God is watching). They also ask that you sanitize your hands as you enter and leave church. Parishioners may sit where they wish. Over the next few weeks they will add additional ministries: Extra-Ordinary ministers, servers, collections and offertory procession.

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. 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.

On Saturday, July 10, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Good Shepherd Church will hold its annual community flea market/rummage sale in the parking lot. A table and space is \$20; just a space is \$10. Donations to the Good Shepherd table will be accepted from 8:30-11:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in the church basement starting on Monday, June 14. Drop off on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons is from 12:30-2 p.m. Please

do not leave anything in the downstairs vestibule! Help will be needed for set-up and on the day of the sale. Contact Diane Lindsay at 570-599-7626 or Cathy Penkala at 570-436-5017 for more information or to reserve your spot.

### MOUNTAINTOP FAMILY CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.

Brian Knorr, Pastor

209 S. Mt. Blvd., Mountain Top  
570-474-0900

MFC will be hosting a modified version of Summer Adventure Clubs from July 12-15 with two times to choose from: 4 to 5:30 p.m. or 6 to 7:30 p.m. This year, the Adventure Clubs will be held outside and the theme will be *Camp Creation*. Rain dates will be July 16 and 17, as needed. Children entering kindergarten this fall through those who have just completed 6th grade can register by calling the church office at 570-474-0900 or by emailing katie@mfcchurch.com by Sunday, July 4 or sooner before the Adventure Clubs fill up. Space is limited!

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

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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 live-stream: MFC Webpage: [www.mfccchurch.com/live-stream](http://www.mfccchurch.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@mfccchurch.com](mailto:Debbie@mfccchurch.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 10:30 a.m.  
Brook Selby, Pastor  
5126 N. Lehigh Gorge Dr.,  
White Haven  
570-580-0808

Summer services: Given new CDC guidelines and the fact that over 75% of the Mountaintop attendees are vaccinated, Mountaintop meetings and services are now mask optional.

In person services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. In the field service is the 1st Sunday of the

month.

Join them on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. or in the building at 10:30 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.

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

Mark your calendar for White Haven Community VBS. Quest for the King's Armor for kindergarten thru 5th grade outside July 19 thru July 21 from 6-8:30 p.m. Space is limited so please register online ahead of time. Problems with registration contact Sarah Gardner 410-703-6088

The Women's Group has decided to move up the Time Capsule burial to the same Sunday as the church picnic

in July. Anyone can participate in adding to the time capsule. The focus is on sharing how our journey of faith and our relationship with Jesus and others has been changed, challenged, or touched through the Covid pandemic and the issues burdening today's society. Whether it's through sharing a poem, a short testimonial, pictures, any contribution will surely be a blessing to all who are part of this now and those who will be part of the opening in 10 years from the target time capsule burial date.

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Faith UMC: 8:45 a.m.

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Slocum UMC: 11:15 a.m.

Scott O. Miller, Pastor

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Sunday services are still being held in each church.

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Join Stairville UMC 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 meet 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. A donation basket will be available and donations are given to the church. The class lasts 1 hour, all levels are welcome.

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 Wap-

wallopen.

### 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 join them for in person worship services Sunday mornings 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. You can also join via Facebook Live on the NLCC homepage. Come grow with them as they study God's Word on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in person or via Zoom. Please contact Pastor John for the link.

For additional information, visit the church's website at nlcc-mountain-top.com. They are following CDC guidelines to ensure safety.

Register your children for Vacation Bible School July 26 thru July 30 at the church's website: www.nlccmountain-top.com.

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events. More information to follow. Concert in the park on June 26 from noon to 6 p.m.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOUNTAIN TOP

**Services: Sunday 10:30 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, June 27. The summer schedule is in effect with the worship service at

10:30 am.

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.

Come baptize your car with a free car wash on July 10 from 10 a.m. til 1 p.m. in the rear church parking lot. Open to the public!

The Fireside Chats will be suspended for the month of June. Please watch for new starting date.

The church is 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**

The church doors are open for worship services on Sunday mornings. More seating is now available so don't stay away because you think you might not get a seat. Services are also live on Facebook every Sunday morning so if you can't make it to church you can tune in by opening Facebook and typing St. James Lutheran Church, Hobbie, in the search line. In addition to the service, you can find a link to download the bulletin to make it easier to follow along with the service. If you can't tune in on Sunday morning you can tune in any time after that, as the service remains available on Facebook at all times.

Outside worship services began on June 20. Outside services will be held every other Sunday in the pavilion until September 12.

The annual church picnic will be held on July 18 with worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the pavilion. The service will be followed by a picnic lunch. The church will provide the meat, rolls and drink and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share.

Pastor Brown will be holding First Communion classes and Catechism classes beginning in the fall. First Communion classes are for anyone in 5th grade or older. Please contact Pastor Brown (570-582-6639) if you have an eligible student.

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Covid-19 restrictions at the time of planning for Vacation Bible School, it has unfortunately been cancelled again this year.

There is a cub scout pack that will start meeting in August for any youth kindergarten through 5th grade.

On July 24 the church will hold a drive through take out meatloaf meal. Cost is \$10 and includes macaroni and cheese, a vegetable, apple sauce and dessert. Pre orders are due by July 16 to Shelly at 570-854-2161.

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**

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 no longer required for weekend Masses. Please be aware that anyone who is not fully vaccinated against Covid 19 must still wear a face mask. If you are experiencing Covid 19 symptoms, please do not enter.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Monday evenings from 5:30-7 p.m. in the St. Jude Ado-

ration Chapel.

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. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

**3085 Church Road, Mountain Top**  
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structures in society; and, challenging violence of every kind. The charitable work they do individually, and collectively as a congregation reflects their commitment to these increasingly crucial needs in our area.

St. Martin-in-the-Fields is a member parish of The Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem.

For more information on St. Martin's services and upcoming events, visit [smartintimeless.org](http://smartintimeless.org) or call 570-868-5358.

### 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**  
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Saint Mary's will resume confession on Saturdays from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Registration is no longer required for weekend Masses. Please be aware that anyone who is not fully vaccinated against Covid 19 must still wear a face mask. If you are experiencing Covid 19 symptoms, please do not enter.

Religious education: K-6 Stacey: 570-332-3801. Religious education forms for 2021-22, are posted on the church's website and Facebook page. The forms are fillable so you can email them directly back to the church, or you may print them and send them to the office. The cost remains the same: \$20 per students K6, \$40 per student in 7th grade and \$75 per student in eighth grade. Please call the parish office if these costs pose a

hardship on your family. Hard copies are available from the parish office during business hours and in the meeting room.

The parish cookbook was very popular in the past and people have been asking to do it again. To contribute a recipe please go to [morriskookbooks.com](http://morriskookbooks.com), click typensave, then the login button. The user name is Saint Mary. The password is fresh695. There are step by step directions. Please come to the meeting if you would like assistance. Contributors may also type or print their recipes and drop them off in the offertory box or mail or deliver them to the office. The cutoff date for recipes is July 1. To acknowledge an "in memory" recipe please add an asterisk prior to their name, \*Mary Doe.

They are selling the remaining lottery calendars for half

price! They will be for July-December 2021. Calendars are now \$15. Calendars are available from the office or after Mass. Call the parish office for more details.

The Knights will meet on Wednesday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall. To become a Knight or for more information call John 516-241-5297.

All ladies of the parish are invited to become a member of the altar & rosary society. The ladies supply hosts, wine, and candles for the altar in addition to the care of those items.

Saint Theresa's Guild will not have a meeting in July. Updates: Due to C-19, the Valentine luncheon was postponed and now is canceled. Ladies will keep the same secret pal until February 2022. To become a member or for more information please call Elaine at 570-379-2520.

Visit Saint Mary's website:

[stmarydorrance.org](http://stmarydorrance.org); Facebook Page: Saint Mary's of Dorrance and Saint Mary's of Dorrance Youth Group or call 570-868-5855 for more info. Parish office is open Monday and Wednesdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Molly will be at St. Jude office Tuesdays and Thursdays. Calls will be forwarded on those days.

### 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

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

Confession schedule: Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m.; Sunday, 9 to 9:45 a.m. You may also schedule an appointment.

The Bishop, in accordance with CDC guidelines, has issued the following policies at all weekday and weekend masses. Communion will return to its regular place in the mass rather than at the conclusion. A non-contact exchange, such as a wave or nod may be given at the sign of peace. Individuals who have not been fully vaccinated must continue to wear masks while attending Mass. Social distancing must continue to be maintained. Sanitizing the church after masses and hand sanitizing must continue.

*Knights of North Castle* is the theme of this year's community Vacation Bible School for students in kindergarten through 5th grade. It will be held at Mountainview Church, 5126 Lehigh Valley Gorge Dr., White Haven, July 19-21 from 6-8:30 p.m. All Covid regulations will be followed. Group sizes are limited and all registrations will be done online. Go to: <https://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/whitehavenVBS/> to register, or call Sharon Gardner at 570-261-5064 for more information.

Mass intention requests for 2022 will be accepted beginning Tuesday, July 6. Please note that masses will not be scheduled over the telephone to avoid errors. All mass requests must be completed in writing on the forms available on the table at the entrance of the church. Completed forms may be placed in the offertory basket or brought to the parish office. Please do not submit forms before July 6. If you have any questions, call

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the office at 570-443-9944 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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 for worship at 9 and 11 a.m. St. Paul's resumed indoor worship for the 9 a.m. worship. Masks are optional. The 11 a.m. worship will continue to be held outdoors for now. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kaufman.

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

Office hours for June are Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. As always, you can call the church office and leave a message for any inquiries.

This month they would like to gather comfort items for the Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center, a non-profit organization that provides services to children who are victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, drug endangerment, human trafficking, and other crimes throughout Luzerne county. All services are provided free of charge to families in need of help. Many children come into the center with just the clothes on their back and nothing else. Please consider donating to this organization serving the most vulnerable in our community. Comfort items

needed include the following: (new items only, all sizes birth through 18 years): pajamas, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, stuffed animals, socks and underwear, gloves, hats, scarves, school supplies, backpacks, toiletry items for children and teens, makeup, deodorants, hair brushes, combs, scrunchies, etc. You can find a collection bin in the narthex.

St. Paul's Rummage Sale 2021, will be held on June 26 with a pre-sale for members on Friday, June 25. Times will be announced soon! Items can be brought to the church. Please no electronics. If you can volunteer, please contact Pastor or call the church office.

The upcoming July 3 2021 hospitality event is fast approaching! A meeting will be on June 27 for persons interested in helping with the event held at the fireworks display scheduled for Saturday, July 3. For those who are new members, St. Paul's lawn turns into a perfect viewing place to watch the fireworks being shot off from Wright Township Park. Church

members have fun selling food at the event. Please come to the meeting to learn more.

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.

**ST. PAUL'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Services: Sunday 9 a.m.**  
**Sunday School: 10 a.m.**  
**Janell Wigen, Pastor**  
**418 Berwick St., White Haven**  
**570-443-9424**

Sunday morning worship service is at 9 a.m. Sunday school is postponed due to Covid.

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.

**ST. PAUL'S DRUMS  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**Services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Adult Sunday School: 8 a.m.**  
**Todd Glasmire, Pastor**  
**335 W. Butler Drive, Drums**  
**570-788-3051**

Pastor Todd and the congregation invite you to worship with them every Sunday at

9:30 a.m., and for Bible Study every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m.

They are an active, praying congregation with great plans for after the pandemic. They have a great family of people but have plenty of room to grow.

It's time once again to for them to make their delicious pizzas. They will be accepting orders until Sunday, June 27. Pizzas will be made on Thursday, July 15. They will be

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**PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF  
WHITE HAVEN**  
**Services: Sunday 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday School 11:15 a.m.**

**Bill Lester, Leader**  
**305 Berwick Street, White Haven**  
**570-443-7293**

The congregation invites all to come and worship the Lord. If you are looking for a church home, they welcome you to come and worship with them

every Sunday.

Al-Anon meets every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. and Fireflies Youth Group meets Fridays from 6-8 p.m.

Sunday School is provided from September-June to children ages 4-12 during

the worship service, after the Children's Moment. It takes place in the lower level of the church.

For more info on their group, check them out on Facebook at Fireflies Youth Ministry.

**WHITE HAVEN  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**Services: Sunday 9 a.m.**  
**3rd Saturday 5 p.m.**  
**Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.**  
**David Botzer, Pastor**  
**900 Buffalo St., White Haven**  
**570-443-7153**

White Haven UMC welcomes everyone to worship with them.

Sunday worship: Traditional, 9 a.m.; contemporary family, 5 p.m. with Holy Communion on 3rd Saturday and first Sunday of month.

Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. All visitors are welcome!

If you are in need of pastoral care, call Pastor Dave at 570-443-7153 or e-mail him at [dbotzer@hotmail.com](mailto:dbotzer@hotmail.com).

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property. The crashes required emergency response to remove the vehicle and assist occupants.

Cornelius told supervisors he contacted state Rep. Tarah Toohil's office regarding the crashes and was told the township would have to request that PennDOT complete a survey to see what can be done to improve the safety of the road approaching the curve and the pond. Supervisors directed township secretary/treasurer Patricia Davis to write a letter to PennDOT requesting the survey.

### *In other news ...*

Supervisors voted to apply for the maximum allowance of \$232,889 for the township from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Funds may be

used to support public health expenditures, address negative impacts caused by the public health emergency, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium pay for essential workers, invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

Supervisors acknowledged receipt of a letter from Atlantic Broadband regarding expanded availability of broadband internet. The internet provider said it is working with local, state and federal funding programs that help subsidize the cost of extending broadband networks into areas that are currently unserved or underserved.

### **Police chief reminds residents of fireworks restrictions**

The celebration of America's Independence on July 4 is just

over a week away. That means a parade, family outings, backyard cookouts and of course fireworks.

Fireworks are common in many neighborhoods throughout Mountain Top. Wright Township police chief Royce Engler reminds residents there are restrictions on which fireworks are legal to purchase and use as well as where and how they can be discharged.

"This time every year the Wright Township Police Department receives many complaints about residents shooting off fireworks," Engler said. He pointed out that only Class C or "Consumer Grade" fireworks are legal to purchase and use in Pennsylvania. Consumer grade fireworks include firecrackers, Roman candles, bottle rockets and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive

material.

"Display fireworks," Engler explained, which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions may only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality.

The chief noted that the state law regarding fireworks places several other restrictions on their use. The law requires that persons must be at least 18 years old to purchase fireworks. They cannot be ignited or discharged on public or private property without permission of the property owner. Fireworks cannot be discharged from, or within, a motor vehicle or building nor discharged toward a motor

vehicle or building.

Very importantly, fireworks may not be discharged from 150 feet of an occupied structure, regardless of whether a person is actually present. And they cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.

"We find most complaints are residents shooting off fireworks in their back yards in developments," Engler noted. He recommends people using fireworks keep in mind the following:

When shooting a firework into the air, it must come down. Where will it land? Be respectful of neighbors' young children (the loud noise) as well as their pets. Also be aware of the Township noise ordinance. No

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### Chief Engler gets new 3 year contract

Less than six months after scores of Wright Township residents rallied in front of the municipal building to tell township officials they wanted them to renew the contract of police chief Royce Engler, supervisors last week voted unanimously to extend the veteran chief's contract another three years.

A few days after that rally, which came about after reports surfaced that township supervisors were not going to renew Engler's contract, supervisors voted unanimously to award Engler a new pact that expires at the end of 2021.

The new agreement, also approved by unanimous vote will extend to December 31, 2024.

"I'm very grateful to the township supervisors for their confidence in me to lead the department," Engler said of the contract. Engler has been a member of the department for 43 years. He was appointed chief in June of 2012, succeeding long-time chief Joe Jacob. Like Jacob, he is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Engler's contract wasn't the only personnel matter supervisors addressed at their meeting.

David O'Brien was hired as a full-time police officer. His salary will be set by the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with the Wright Township Police officers Association. O'Brien is a 2011 graduate of the Allentown Police

Academy and last worked for the Fairview Township police department. Eric Swerdon was hired as a full-time worker in the public works department at a rate of \$18.50 per hour plus benefits. Additionally, Kyle Price was hired as a seasonal part-time park maintenance worker at \$12 per hour and Bob Patrick was appointed substitute park maintenance worker at the same rate.

#### In other news ...

Supervisor Matthew Howton reported the splash pad in the township park will not be operable this summer. Howton said the splash pad has not functioned in five years and parts to repair it simply are not available.

Howton also reported he is waiting on quotes for the installation of pickle ball courts on the ice rink. The township received a \$3,000 donation

toward the courts and last month approved an additional \$2,000 for the project. Howton said local businessman Jim Foley, owner of Cavanaugh's Grille, has offered to donate the \$2,000 in return for naming rights for the courts. Supervisors did not take any action on his offer.

### Building projects in Fairview getting closer to construction

Two projects planned along the Route 309 corridor in Fairview Township took a step closer to construction last week. The township planning commission conditionally accepted final draft plans for a new Dunkin Donuts to be built at 43 S. Mountain Boulevard, site of the current Chalet

Restaurant. The commission also gave its approval to consolidation of four lots on the property into one parcel.

Also given conditional acceptance were the final plans for the Bloomin Bagels which is planned for a property at 123 N. Mountain Boulevard where the office of Dr. Robert Dompkosky previously was located.

The planning commission recommendation for approval will go before township supervisors at their July 6 meeting. Both projects must still obtain a highway occupancy permit from PennDOT.

### Park program will not resume this year

Fairview Township supervisors had hoped to resume the township's summer park pro-

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gram, but that will not happen. Resuming the program after a one-year absence was contingent on the availability of park staff from previous years. However, officials tell me those staff were not available.

### Wright Township advertising for bids to pave roads

Wright Township supervisors voted at their June meeting to advertise for bids to pave Spring Mill Road, Westbrook Drive and Brookfield Way in the Maplewood development.

Officials had put off a decision on the 2021 paving project, hoping to hear about the township's Local Shares Account (gaming) grant application. They made the decision

to pave the Maplewood roads with other funds after hearing from solicitor Jack Dean that the gaming grants will not be awarded again this year.

Road foreman Matt Howton said the roads are prepped for paving with drainage work completed along with natural gas and water line upgrades.

They also approved a resolution authorizing the township secretary/treasurer to apply for a \$189,640 Luzerne County Dirt and Gravel Road grant that would be used to extend Elbe Road between N. Sunset Road and S. Sunset Road. Residents of North and South Sunset Roads have been after supervisors for several years to improve Elbe Road. Both roads are currently dead end, forcing delivery trucks, snowplows and other vehicles to turn around on residents' properties to return to Route

309.

### In other news ...

Supervisors announced the township received a \$114,000 grant from the Luzerne County Community Development office to be used for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) infrastructure improvements to the parking lot near the playground where new equipment recently was installed.

The township's Environmental Advisory Council, in its report to supervisors, pointed out a littering problem which they said is a concern to the group. They fear debris, if not addressed, will wind up in streams and retention ponds. They pointed out that several commercial properties have dumpsters that are uncovered and open to wildlife. They also expressed concern about litter in the Crestwood Industrial Park including hairnets

and other personal protective equipment.

Council members suggested supervisors issue a public statement of concern about the problem followed by enforcement if needed. They also recommended Luzerne County be contacted about litter control on its roads and the Chamber of Commerce be informed about the problem in the industrial park. Supervisors did not address the EAC's report at their meeting.

The township public works department was provided with Lyme Disease warning signs. Three signs will be posted in the township park with two held in reserve.

Supervisors approved updates to park rules recommended by the recreation

board.

### Teen virtual volunteer program at M.S. Kirby Library

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library is introducing a new program for teens ages 13 to 17 who are looking for community service hours. The Teen Virtual Volunteer program allows teenagers to volunteer without stepping foot in the library. There are several opportunities available.

Email Rachel at mskirbylibrary@gmail.com or call 570-474-9313 ext. 303 for more information. An application can be found on the library website, [www.kirbylib.org](http://www.kirbylib.org) or at <https://bit.ly/virteenapp>.

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