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Annual Comets youth football camp held at Crestwood High School

The annual Crestwood Comets youth football camp was held on the grounds of Crestwood High School on July 13 and 14. The camp was open to both girls and boys from ages five through twelve. The goal of the camp is to teach youngsters basic skills and techniques; rules of the game and to have fun.

Under the direction of varsity head Coach Ryan Arcangeli, the camp includes offensive and defensive drills — ball handling, blocking and flag football games.

Coaches and varsity players took part in the two-day event.



The basic rule of catching a football is to make a diamond-shaped window. It took a few tries, but this youngster got the technique down and caught the ball.



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photos

Coach Arcangeli teaches these young players the importance of handling the ball in different situations.



This young lady practices running with the football.

At right: An essential skill in football is blocking. These youngsters are learning the basics. The way a team blocks makes the difference between winning and losing.



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

EVERY SATURDAY FREE YOGA

Free Yoga in the Park courtesy of Mountain Yoga will take place on **Saturdays** from 9-10 a.m. through the summer and fall, weather permitting. Meet at the tennis court in Wright Township Park. Please bring your own mat and drink. Cancellations will be posted on Facebook.

EVERY SUNDAY FARMER'S MARKET

The Mountain Top farmers market will be held **every Sunday** throughout the summer and fall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Crestwood High School parking lot at 281 S. Mountain Blvd. Mountain Top.

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.

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 welcome.

THURSDAYS UNTIL AUGUST 26

PICKLEBALL INSTRUCTION

Boys and girls ages 10 to 15 are invited to join a new Pickleball learning league from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, through

August 26 at the Rice Township recreation area next to the municipal building. Players will split their time between practicing fundamentals and playing games. Players must have their own paddles, but league participation is free. For information or to register, call Burt Scouten at 570-417-9488.

AUGUST 6, 7, 8 HOBBIE CARNIVAL

The Hobbie Volunteer Fire Company will hold its 2021 carnival on **August 6, 7 and 8** on the carnival grounds. Entertainment will include: Friday, August 6: *Hillbilly D'Lux* from 7-11 p.m.; Saturday, August 7: Garden tractor pull at 3 p.m. Registration starts at 2 p.m. and then *Kartune* from 7-11

p.m.

Sign up for Sunday's backyard horseshoe pitch (11 p.m. deadline). Sunday August 8: Backyard horseshoe pitch 12 noon, Chinese auction begins at 12:30 p.m. Drawing starts at 2:30 p.m. Music by *Jack'd Up Country* from 5-9 p.m.

AUGUST 6-8 CATFISH DERBY

The annual catfish derby sponsored by the White Haven Fire Company #1 in White

Haven will take place from **August 6** at 5 a.m. to **August 8** at 10 a.m. at Linesville Park. This is a 2 day event open to the public.

Friday night August 6 will feature food, beer, bonfire and The Wells River Band. On Saturday a 6:30 a.m. breakfast buffet will start your day, 8 a.m. fishing starts and on Saturday night the Dixie-Wood Duo will entertain you. On Sunday at 10 a.m. fishing ends.

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HOBBIE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY CARNIVAL

AUGUST 6, 7 & 8

Concessions Open 6 p.m. on Friday; 5 p.m. on Saturday & 2-9 p.m. on Sunday

DIRECTIONS: FOLLOW THE SIGNS FROM BRIGGSVILLE, DORRANCE OR WAPWALLOPEN

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRI.: 7-11 p.m. HILLBILLY D'LUX

SAT.: 3 p.m. GARDEN TRACTOR PULL Reg. 2 P.M.; **7-11 p.m. KARTUNE**

SUN.: 12 p.m. BACK YARD HORSESHOE PITCH Reg. Deadline Saturday, August 7 at 11 p.m.

Co-ed Teams Welcome, Reg. Fee \$20, Cash Prizes to Top 3 Teams,

Register by 11 p.m. by calling Shane at 570-956-3989 or Under Tent Near End of Track

12:30 p.m. CHINESE AUCTION (Drawing begins at 2:30 P.M.)

5-9 p.m. WELLS RIVER BAND *No Pets or Coolers on Carnival Grounds*

DAILY EVENTS: Homemade Food, Refreshments, Bounce Houses, Bake Sale, Craft Stand, Games, Caricature Artist
MENU: Old Favorites: Waffles & Ice Cream, Manning's Ice Cream, Shakes, Floats, Apple Dumplings, Homemade Piggies, Fried Oreos, Pierogies, Funnel Cakes, Potato Pancakes, Walking Tacos, Pizza, Sno Cones, Cotton Candy, Cheese Steaks, Hot Sausage, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Pork and Chicken Bar-B-Q, Fresh Cut Fries, Homemade Bean and Chicken Corn Soups, Blue Birch Beer

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Entry fee is \$25 per rod, \$40 for 2 rods. Cash prizes for tagged fish. Food and beverages open to the public all weekend. No food or beverages permitted to be brought in.

AUGUST 7 FLEA MARKET

Slocum Township Fire Company will hold a flea market on **Saturday, August 7** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spots are available for a \$15 donation. Tables are available for an additional \$5. Fire Company members will be selling refreshments. To register your spot, message them on Facebook, call or text 570-392-3531. Registrations will continuously be accepted.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

An electronics recycling day will be held at the Wright Township Municipal Building on **August 7** from 2 to 5 p.m. Residents of Fairview, Rice and Wright townships may dispose of broken or unwanted electronics and appliances with

proof of residency.

Recyclable items include computers, printers, cell phones (without batteries), DVD players, gaming systems, Christmas lights and more. Televisions, copiers, tires, and other items require a fee. For complete information, go to wrighttownship.org/electronics-recycling-day.

MAKE-A-WISH WEEKEND

Make-A-Wish Funtastic Weekend being held on **August 7** from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Moyer's Grove Campground, 309 Moyer's Grove Road, Wapwallopen. Great food, music, instant bingo, tie dye, basket raffles, tricky trays, and more! All activities benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Julia Emma Foundation will be hosting its inaugural golf tournament *Golf for an Angel* on **Saturday, August 7** at the Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Mountain Top.

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The Julia Emma Foundation, founded in 2020 by Jon and Rebecca Petrochko, aims to break the silence around pregnancy and infant loss in order to promote social change. Proceeds from the event will go toward the primary mission goals, which include raising awareness, educating the community, advocating for change, increasing research, and providing needed comfort to families that have experienced pregnancy and infant loss. Specifically, this event will help fund the Plant for an Angel program and community education seminars.

The tournament will feature teams of 4 at a cost of \$100 per participant.

Registration will end at noon on August 7, with a shotgun start to commence at 1 p.m.

For more information visit www.juliaemmafoundation.org.

AUGUST 10 & 24

MOUNTAINTOP SOCIAL CLUB MEETINGS

The Mountain Top Social Club July meetings will be held on **August 10 and 24** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top at 1 p.m. The meeting on the 24th will be a hoagie party.

Any questions about the club call Sharon Gorka at 570-868-6598. Any questions about trips call Cathy at 570-261-5016.

Trips this year include; September 1: Dutch Apple Theatre for *Grumpy Old Men, The Musical*; September 16: Sight and Sound Theatre for *Esther*; October 28: Penn's Peak Theatre in Jim Thorpe for *Island in the Stream*, a tribute to Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton and on November 16 the Dutch Apple Theatre for *Miracle on 34th Street*. Trips to Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem are on Thursdays, September 9, October 14 and November 11.

Call Cathy Medeiros at 570-261-5016 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. for cost and pickup times.

AUGUST 14

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

A cornhole competition sponsored by the Mountain

Top Junior Comets will take place on **August 14** at the American Legion Post 781. Registration starts at noon with first bag thrown at 1 p.m. Cost for a team of two is \$40 with pre-registration or \$50 the day of the event. The event is open to all ages. Food trucks will be on site. BYOB.

To register send check along with your name, partner's name, a team name and ages to Mountain Top Junior Comets, P.O. Box 552, Mountain Top, PA 18707. If you have questions or want more information email them at mtjuniorcomets@gmail.com or text Gary at 570-760-5962.

CRESTWOOD CLASS OF 1981 40TH REUNION

The Class of 1981 will hold

its 40th reunion at King's Restaurant, Route 309 Mountain Top on **August 14** at 6 p.m.

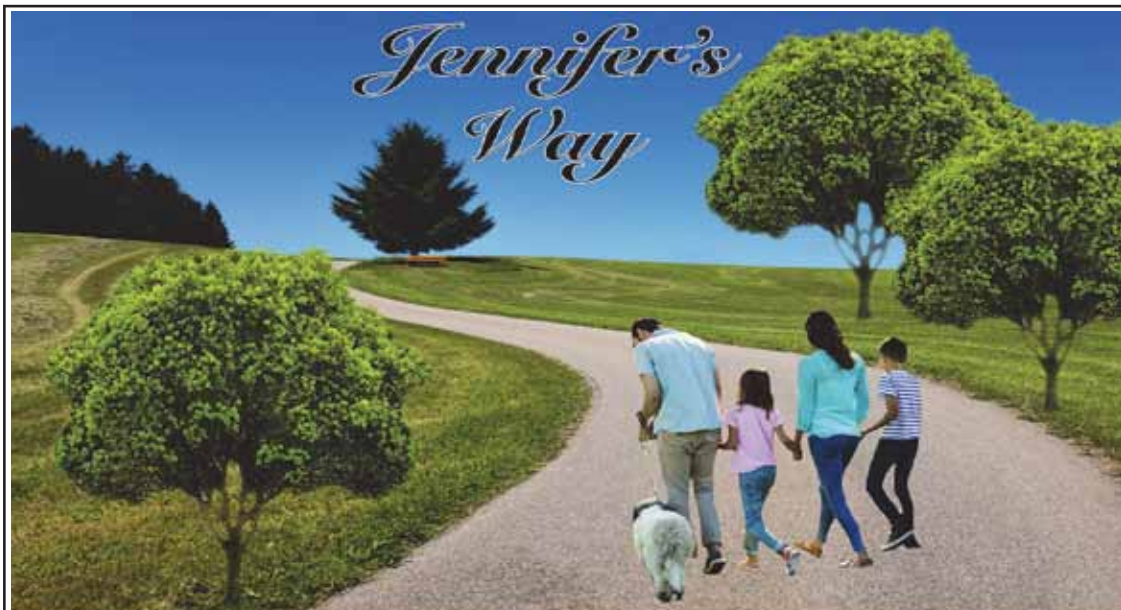
Pizza and beer will be provided at no cost. Please RSVP to Mary at 302-562-7309 or on the class Facebook page.

There will be an informal gathering on Friday, August 13 at 7 p.m. at Cavanaugh's Restaurant, 163 Main Street, Mountain Top.

ST. JUDE CLASS OF 1970 REUNION

The 1970 graduating class of St. Jude Elementary School will hold its 51st reunion on **Saturday, August 14** at the parish picnic beginning with the 4 p.m. Mass, followed by a gathering in the grove. Everyone

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Entertainment: 8/7: Tori Viccica

8/14: Kelly Reilly Duo

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who was part of the class at any point is welcome!

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**AUGUST
14 & 15**

ST. JUDE BAZAAR

The 67th annual St. Jude parish picnic will be held on **Saturday, August 14** from 4-10 p.m. and **Sunday, August 15** from noon-8 p.m. on the parish grounds at 420 South Mountain Boulevard, in Mountain Top. There will be traditional picnic and ethnic food favorites, the Sweet House, a theme basket raffle and an open pit chicken bbq dinner on Sunday, starting at noon. Entertainment includes *Chester Street* (Saturday 6-9 p.m.) and *2Rockaholix* (Sunday, 2-6 p.m.). In addition, there will be the Beer Tent, Sidewalk Café, Kielbasa Korner, Italian Corner, pierogies, haluski, potato pancakes, pizza and fried dough, clams, sausage and peppers, roasted corn on the cob, funnel cake, ice cream, Vera Bradley, 50/50 each night, instant bingo and the summer picnic raffle with a five chance to win cash prizes ranging from \$250 to \$2,500.

AUGUST 15

**CHS CLASS OF 1970
REUNION MEETING**

The Crestwood High School Class of 1970 will hold its final meeting at the Wright Township Park pavilion on **Sunday, August 15** from 1-3 p.m. All classmates are urged to attend.

The 50th class reunion will be held the weekend of September 10 and 11 at Edgewood. Payment is due August 4 for the class reunion.

**AUGUST 21
GOLF TOURNEY**

Whisker's World will hold its 7th annual golf tournament

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Crestwood Menu

Summer program winding down

Nutritious grab n go lunches now available to Crestwood students

Until August 20, CSD Food Service will offer 'Grab & Go' meals. The program will offer both breakfast and lunch. They will be available each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the secondary campus only, 281 South Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top.

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 August 9

Monday: Yogurt, string cheese and Goldfish crackers and chicken fries with dinner roll, assorted vegetables and fruit, 100 % fruit juice, low fat milk

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Ham and American cheese on 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

Week of August 16

Monday: Turkey bacon club sandwich with cheese and buffalo style chicken wrap, 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 cheeseburger on a roll, assorted vegetables and fruit, 100 % fruit juice, low fat milk

Thursday: Closed

Friday: Yogurt, string cheese and Goldfish crackers or chicken patty on a roll, assorted vegetables and fruit, 100 % fruit juice, low fat milk



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on Saturday, August 21 at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club. Captain and mate format. Cost is \$200 per team. 1:30 shotgun start.

Tournament includes long drive competition, closest to the pin, pot of gold hole (50-50), flight prizes, 50/50 drawing, raffle prizes and dinner.

Send payment with players names and a contact phone number and email address to 100 Williams Street, Plains, PA

18705. Make checks payable to Whisker's World Inc.

For more information contact Tom Buckler at 570-954-2888 or Thomasbucklerjr@gmail.com.

AUGUST 29 POKER RUN & BIKE SHOW

Slocum Township Fire Company will be holding its first poker run and bike show on Sunday, August 29. Start and finish will be at the fire hall

bazaar grounds. Registration 9 a.m.-noon with kickstands up at 12:15. Last card will be drawn at 5 p.m., sharp. Prizes will be awarded for the top three poker hands and the worst hand. Registration is \$20/driver \$10/passenger (includes poker run shirt and bike show entry).

Stops will include Capone's Bar & Grill, Bandit's Roadhouse, Village Tavern, Wheels Bar & Grill and back to the fire company for the last card.

Bike show will be 3-6 p.m., \$10 entry fee. Awards will be for best cruiser, best sport, best custom, and kids choice.

Volunteers will be selling shirts, food, drinks, and more at the bazaar grounds. This event is fun for the whole family.

Anyone looking for information, wishing to help sponsor the event or to register, please message them on Facebook, or call or text 570-589-9454.

PURSE BINGO

The SPCA of Luzerne County will hold its annual purse bingo on Sunday, August 29 at The Woodlands. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and bingo starts at 2 p.m. \$30 includes 20 games of bingo. Reserve your spot or a table for 10 today.

The cost includes your bingo tickets for all 20 games, an Italian lunch, coffee, soda and water. An open bar is also

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Mountain Top Knights of Columbus will hold a charity golf tournament on **Sunday, August 29** at Sand Springs Country Club in Drums with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Fee is \$80 per person. Sponsorships

available are \$100 plus Gold, \$50-\$99 Silver, and \$25 for patrons. For more information contact Jerry Nash at 570-262-8983 or email gtn55@aol.com or Alan Guitson 570-954-1231 or email guitson@msn.com.

BINGO

Emmanuel UCC is holding a bingo in the social hall on **August 29** at 4 p.m. There will be gift cards and cash prizes. Cost is \$25 for 20 games. Food and drinks will be available to

purchase. Doors open at 3:30 and games begin at 4. Come out to enjoy the fun.

SEPTEMBER 4 FALL FESTIVAL

The Nuangola Library will hold its annual fall festival on **Saturday, September 4** from 10 a.m. to noon at the historical Nuangola Lake Pavilion on Raeder Avenue. There will be vendors, crafters and local artisans showcasing and selling their items and a bake sale

will offer an array of delicious baked goods for sale.

Tables are \$20 each and vendors can contact Loraine Stook at (570)868-6308 to reserve a spot. We are also looking for bakers to donate homemade baked goods for the bake sale.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Nuangola Library so, mark your calendars and come on over, do some shopping and support our library.

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Farewell party held for Bernice Saylor



Bernice makes her way around the room to visit friends from Wright Manor and the Active Adult Center.

Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos



Former Wright Manor resident Irene Edwards and Bernice Saylor say goodbye.

The Active Adult Center located in Wright Manor in Mountain Top hosted a going away party for long time resident and AAC volunteer Bernice Saylor. The center was full of friends and family. There was cake, snacks, and beverages for all to enjoy. Bernice welcomed and thanked everyone for coming with joy and tears. She made her way through the room to visit her friends throughout the afternoon and gave out many hugs. Bernice moved from her apartment of many years to one closer to family.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Randy and Linda Case of Mountain Top check out this sweet 1951 GMC Panel Truck.

Car show held at the American Legion

The Sons of the American Legion, Post 781 held its 8th annual car show on Sunday, July 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All vehicles were welcome and there was a registration fee of \$10 for each show vehicle registration. Dash plaques were given to the first 100 vehicles. Admission for the public was free and there was food available for purchase. Proceeds benefit local veterans and their children.

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News in Brief ...

Townships finally receives grant money to fix roads

Rice Township

When Rice Township supervisor Bob Pipech got the news that the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) had finally awarded Local Shares Account (LSA) grants for 2019 and 2020, he was thrilled. In fact, the veteran supervisor said he was 'tickled pink.'

The township was awarded a total of \$560,172 for road improvements, part of nearly \$1.8 million in gaming grant money to be distributed to Mountain Top communities. The grants were announced recently after a two-year delay by the CFA in disbursement of the revenue collected from casino operations.

"We can get a lot of roads

done with that money," said Pipech, who is also the township's road master. "We're looking forward to it."

Pipech noted the township awarded a \$258,701 contract to New Enterprise Stone & Gravel in June for base repair of Ice Harvest Drive, Lakeview Drive, and Wilderness Drive. Pipech said supervisors decided to use Liquid Fuels and general fund money for the much-needed paving work.

State Rep. Eddie Pashinski, whose district includes Fairview Township said that because of the delay by the CFA in awarding the grants, for this round of awards only, the state will allow municipalities the flexibility to use the money for other needs if the projects for which they submitted the grant applications already have been completed.

However, Pipech said he expects all of Rice Township's gaming grant money will be used for road repairs. "All municipalities are hurting when it comes to roads," Pipech commented. "Take a ride around, you'll see," he added. The supervisor said he and township engineer Andrew Pasonick will survey township roads in coming weeks to determine which are in most need of repair.

Wright Township

Wright Township received \$382,412 in gaming grant money, all of which was designated for road repairs. The township received \$182,412 for drainage and road work in the Maplewood development and another \$200,000 for road work in the Deerfield development.

Township supervisors at

their June meeting voted to advertise for bids to pave Spring Mill Road, Westbrook Drive and Brookfield Way in the Maplewood development. They had put off a decision on the 2021 paving project, hoping to hear about the township's Local Shares Account (gaming) grant application, but decided to move forward using other funds. A contract for that work has not been awarded.

Matthew Howton, chairman of the board of supervisors, said that since neither the Maplewood nor the Deerfield

projects have been awarded, he expects the township will use the gaming money for those projects.

Fairview Township

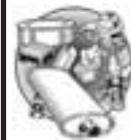
Fairview Township's 2019 award included \$200,000 for repairs to Park Lane North and Deer Path Drive, both of which are badly in need of repair. The township also received \$47,513 for purchase of a police department SUV. For 2020, the township received \$120,000 for repairs to the Dale Drive cul-

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SEPTEMBER 11 MUD BOG

Slocum Township Fire Company is hosting its 2021 annual mud bog at the Slocum Township Fire Company

bazaar grounds on Saturday, September 11 with registration from 7-10 a.m. The event will also include food for sale. The event is open to the public and fun for the whole family.

SEPTEMBER 25 FALL FLEA MARKET

St. John Bosco's Church on Route 93 in Sugarloaf will hold a fall flea market on Saturday, Sep-

tember 25 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

They are accepting items on Sunday, September 19 from 12-2 p.m. and Monday through Thursday, September 20-23 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Drop off at gym. Items they cannot accept are TVs, computers, printers, trees, exercise weights, clothing and shoes. Volunteers are needed September 19-26. Contact church office 570-788-1997 to volunteer.

OCTOBER 1 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The first annual Button Holdings charity golf tournament will be held on Friday, October 1 at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Mountain Top. The proceeds from the tournament will go to the Max & Lorraine Fund, a charity that is very personal to the Button family. The tournament will include lunch, putting contest, 18 holes of golf, dinner and open bar.

There are several opportunities for you to support this event. Sponsorship levels: Tournament sponsor \$5,000: golf foursome, announcements, banner, website; dinner sponsor \$2,500: golf foursome, dinner signage, website; bar sponsor \$1,500: 2 golfers, bar signage, website; contest sponsor \$1,250: 2 golfers, putting green sign, website; beverage cart sponsor \$1,000: 2 golfers, beverage cart signage, website; gold sponsor \$750: 2 golfers, banner, hole sign, website; silver sponsor \$400: 1 golfer, banner, hole sign, website; hole sponsor \$150: hole sign.

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Drums Lioness Lions Club and Providence Place Retirement Community collect food donations

The Drums Lioness Lions Club recently partnered with Providence Place Retirement Community, 149 S. Hunter Hwy, Drums, in collecting food donations to support the Valley Food Pantry. Residents of Providence Place, their families and staff along with Drums

Lioness Lions members collected various food items to assist the Valley Food Pantry in their mission of serving more than 60 families in the Valley area. The Drums Lioness Lions Club helps to provide needed services for individuals and organizations within the

community. New members are always welcome. For more information, visit the Drums Lioness Lions Club Facebook page or email drumslionesslions@hotmail.com. Members need not reside at a Drums address to participate.



From left, Kim Perchak, Providence Place Executive Director; Jeanette Tait, Drums Lioness Lions President; Arlene Stagg, Drums Lioness Lions Chaplain; Barbara Stauffer, Providence

Place Community Life Director; Mary Ann Molendini, Drums Lioness Lions Secretary collect food donations to support the Valley Food Pantry.



At the Valley Food Pantry are, from left, Arlene Stagg and Jeanette Tait, Drums Lioness Lions; Billie Shaffer, Valley Food Pantry co-chairperson. Missing from photo were Maureen Younger and Linda Snyder, Valley Food Pantry co-chairpersons.

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Local athletes selected to play in USA Nexus championship



Kylah Kelly and Ava McConnell, both local athletes were selected to play in the U-14 USA Nexus Championship recently in Virginia Beach, VA. Nexus, presented by Harrow Sports is USA Field Hockey's Olympic Development Pathway program designed to help players take their game to the next level and develop the next Team USA Olympians. The five game tournament included the top field hockey athletes from around the country. Kylah and Ava are freshmen at Crestwood High School.

Saint Jude students enjoy Knoebel's Day

Nothing says end of the school year like fresh funnel cake and a ride on the carousel! Saint Jude School recently spent a day at Knoebel's to welcome in summer and say

farewell to a school year with many a challenge. Students, parents, faculty, and staff enjoyed a day at the park and a day together as the school year came to an end.



Addison Pecile and Aria Karnoski enjoy front car fun at Knoebel's.



From left, Brynley McShea, Audrey McShea, Brooke Birster, Connor Cinoski, Luke Fauerbach and Bert Marcalus have fun on Knoebel's Day!

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vert which spans Big Wapwallopen Creek. The township had asked for \$471,000 for the Dale Drive culvert replacement and about \$400,000 for the Park Lane and Deer Path road work. The township is looking into whether American Recovery Act funds can be used for repair of the culvert which was ordered closed by PennDOT over a year ago.

Nuangola Borough

Nuangola Borough received two grants for milling and resurfacing of 1.5 miles of Nuangola Avenue. The borough received \$115,753 in the 2019 LSA award and \$126,000 in 2020 for the same project. Nuangola Borough council president Joseph Tucker said when the 2019 grant applications were put on hold, the municipality was told to re-apply in 2020 which the municipality did.

Tucker said he has been in contact with Department of Economic and Community Development (DCED) officials in Harrisburg to determine if the money can be used for other projects.

Other LSA grants awarded were: Dorrance Township, \$48,990 for a mini paver; Denison Township, \$64,500 to renovate two restrooms in the municipal building to make them ADA compliant; Slocum Township, \$125,000 for renovations and upgrades to the municipal park on Schmid Road in Wapwallopen.

Toohil announces local state grants

Twenty-six fire and EMS organizations in the 116th Legislative District were awarded more than \$305,000 in fund-

ing support through the 2020-21 Pennsylvania Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program, Rep. Tarah Toohil (R-Luzerne) announced recently.

Projects eligible for funding include construction or renovation of a fire or ambulance company facility, purchase or repair of equipment, training and education, recruitment and retention, or debt reduction. This year, funds may also be used to supplement operational expenses incurred by the lack of fundraising opportunities resulting from the pandemic.

Following is a list of area fire and EMS organizations that received grants and the amount of the awards:

Dorrance Township Volunteer Fire Department – \$12,590; Hazle Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company – \$15,000; Hobbie Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 (fire) – \$12,055; Hobbie Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 (EMS) – \$8,993; Pond Hill-Lily Lake Ambulance Association – \$8,993; Pond Hill-Lily Lake Volunteer Fire Company – \$11,698; Sugarloaf Fire Company – \$11,877; Sugarloaf Fire Company (EMS) – \$8,993; Valley Regional Fire and Rescue Inc. (fire) – \$13,481; Valley Regional Fire and Rescue Inc. (EMS) – \$8,993.

All grants are generated from slot machine gaming proceeds, and not General Fund tax revenue. The ongoing funding

program was created by the Legislature.

Wright Township supervisors put off decision on BLS service

Wright Township supervisors at their July meeting put off until August a decision on whether to approve the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company's request to provide basic life support (BLS) ambulance

service for the township.

The issue already has been before supervisors at three consecutive meetings with no action, but board chairman Matthew Howton promised a decision on the proposal will not drag on for months like that of the July 4 parade. He pledged a decision will be made at the board's August 9 meeting.

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Fire company officials at the supervisors May meeting presented a proposal to revitalize the neighboring Dorrance Township ambulance to provide basic life support services

(BLS) to Wright and Dorrance Townships.

Fire company president Gary Price stated at that meeting that the fire department had discussions with officials of Dorrance Township Fire and Ambulance Department to resume its BLS

ambulance service. He pointed out that Dorrance's ambulance has been out of service the last two years due to lack of volunteers. The fire company plans to staff the ambulance with paid emergency medical technicians (EMT).

Mountain Top Community Ambulance Association currently provides BLS and advanced life support (ALS) response to both Fairview and Wright Townships. For the fire company's proposal to proceed, the township would need to designate the Wright/Dorrance ambulance as Wright Township's primary BLS responder.

At the May supervisors meeting, Price told supervisors the fire department has discussed the plan with the manager of Mountain Top Community Ambulance. However, Candace Smith, president of Mountain Top Community Ambulance, who was present for the supervisors meeting, said the fire

department has not discussed its plan with the board of directors of the ambulance association. While she did not object to the plan, Smith said she felt the board should be apprised of the details before it is put into effect.

After hearing Smith's concerns, supervisors decided to table any action on the request so they could get more information and input.

In June, following a presentation by Chris Woolfolk, operations manager for the Mountain Top Community Ambulance Association, supervisors again put off a decision and recommended the fire department and ambulance association meet to work out issues brought up by Woolfolk.

This month, Price told supervisors a meeting was held with three members of the ambulance association board along with Woolfolk and that an agreement had been reached. Price said it was agreed that in

cases where both ambulances respond to a call, the Mountain Top Ambulance Association would transport any ALS calls to the hospital and the fire department unit would remain in service in Wright Township. If both respond to a BLS call, the fire department ambulance will transport, and the ambulance association would remain in service at its headquarters in Fairview Township. Price said the association and fire department would work together on billing issues.

However, Smith told supervisors that the association's entire 12-member board had not discussed nor made a decision on the proposed agreement. She said she did not attend the meeting because she was on vacation, as were several other board members. Fire chief Dave Pettit pointed out the ambulance association set the date for the meeting

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with the fire department.

Supervisor Louis Welebob Jr. suggested supervisors wait until the ambulance association board have the opportunity to meet and discuss the proposed agreement. "What if the other people don't go along?" Welebob stated. "I'd rather see the ambulance association (board) vote on this. Three people do not constitute a majority."

After a back and forth over why the ambulance association board did not meet to discuss the agreement and when it would meet, Howton issued an ultimatum. "This is not going to drag out like a decision on the parade," Howton warned. "This board will make a decision at its August meeting."

Dorrance Township will be looking for a new zoning officer

Dorrance Township supervisors at their July meeting reported they received a letter from Andrew Holter of Strategic Municipal Group advising them that effective August 30 his firm no longer will be able to provide in-person zoning and code enforcement services for the township.

Holter told supervisors that due to changes in the company since the onset of Covid-19, his availability with new work constraints and the recent birth of his daughter, he is "no longer able to provide the quality service I initially guaranteed to the Township and taxpayers at large."

Holter offered to assist the township in its transition to a new zoning officer. Supervisors are expected to act on

Holter's letter at their August meeting and appoint a new zoning officer.

In other news ...

Atty. Sean Logsdon reported a letter was sent to Pennsy Supply requesting an inspection of its quarry by the end of September. A 2013 memorandum that established conditions for operation of the quarry includes inspections of the facility at the township's request. The township requested the meeting be held on a Saturday.

Supervisors reported a Talen Energy/EMA drill will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, at the municipal building.

They also reported a letter was sent to PennDOT's, Dunmore office requesting a

review of the area of 1075 to 1082 South Main Road where there is a sharp curve in the roadway. The township asked PennDOT to look into adding more signs, pavement markings, or rumble strips that might improve safety.

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

PennDOT complete a survey to see what can be done to improve the safety of the road approaching the curve and the pond. Cornelius thanked supervisors for their efforts.

Labor Day parade may come to Mountain Top


The Wright Township board gave conditional approval of an application by Mountain Top on the Move (MTOTM) to hold a Labor Day parade. The

approval was conditioned on the organization correcting an error in its application.


In other news ...

Wright Township supervisors accepted the resignation of part-time police officer Brandy Cole and part-time parks employee Kyle Price. Police Chief Royce Engler was given approval to advertise for a part-time officer to replace Cole.

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Lake Nuangola art fest held July 31

The Lake Nuangola arts festival and sale was held on a spectacular and beautiful Saturday, July 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the century old historical Lake Nuangola Pavilion.

Local artists set up on the shores of the lake to photograph, paint, draw or whatever their medium is the week prior and then brought the finished products to the pavilion on Saturday to show off and sell.

Several local musicians performed around the lake at set times and places for all to enjoy throughout late evening.

The Wyoming Valley Art League had a booth set up with information on what they do and represent throughout the area. Many of the artists belong to the art league.

The arts festival was organized by Rod Kaiser, Greg Koons and Margo Serafini.



Residents sat in their boats or on their docks or grass to enjoy the music.

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

From left, Mary Kaspriskie, Greg Koons, Rod Kaiser and his granddaughter Tiffany Nguyen take some time to visit during the arts festival.

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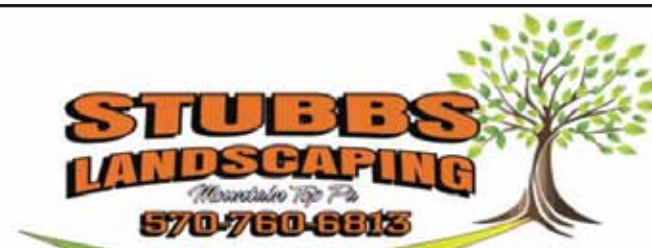


Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

Carmel Kaiser, a lake resident chats with artist Diane Grant Czajkowski about some of the items she brought to sell.



John Gordon performs at the Lance St. dock at 5 p.m.



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Christmas in July Make-A-Wish craft show held at Moyer's Grove Campground

Moyer's Grove Campground hosted its annual Christmas in July Make-A-Wish Christmas craft and vendor show on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Last year the event raised \$41,000. The campground has been raising money for Make-A-Wish for over 30 years. There was great food, music by DJ Shawn, tie dye, basket raffles, many great vendors and crafters selling a variety of items and much more.



Campground owner Janet Lightner tools Santa Claus around the campground in a golf cart.



Lynda Student of Sugarloaf looks at some of the hand-made wreaths at the Glitz and Glue booth.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos
Scott Wagner and Dr. Tiffany Wagner of Canine Candy Corner sell some doggy items to Andrew Hashagen of Mountain Top.



Mary Lasoski and Louise Tredinnick of Mountain Top peruse the booth of author Walter Stoffel.

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Crestwood field hockey holds annual camp for kids

The Crestwood field hockey team recently wrapped up its annual camp. The camp ran from June 21-25. The morning session was from 9-10:30 a.m. and included those entering grades 2-4. The afternoon session from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. included rising 5th graders through rising 9th graders.

The camp was organized by head coach Patsy Moratori and assistants Amanda Tredinnick and Haley Gayoski. The camp was coached by current Crestwood field hockey players including seniors Olivia Aigeldinger, Aubrey Colo, and Krista Papura; juniors Ali Andes, Isabella Caporuscio, and Emma Guydish; sophomores Gabby Ambosie, Kyra Daniel, Emily DelVecchio, Morgan Koons, Aubrey Macri, Sydney Magda, Kaitlyn Martin, Maggie Modrovsky, Liv Oresick, Anna Thomas, and Ainsley Webby.



Mountain Top area residents graduate from Wyoming Sem

Wyoming Seminary's commencement ceremony was held May 29 with 138 seniors and post graduates earning their diplomas.

Diplomas were presented by William Sordoni, chair of the Board of Trustees.

Local graduates are Jackson Amend, Zahra Chittalia, Charles Dick, Nikka Ghorieshi, Aiden Murphy, Luke Racicky, Kaitlyn Ritsick, Aaliyah Sayed, Vandan Shah, Tyler Shedlock, and Ella Urosevich.

Alexander Ross was one of 42 graduates awarded diplomas at Wyoming Seminary's Lower School graduation on May 29 in the Carpenter Athletic Center on the Upper School Campus in Kingston.

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St. Jude Parish students in grades 7 through 12 along with adult leaders gathered outside the windows of residents at Mountain

Top Senior Care to celebrate Christmas in July by singing Christmas carols for the residents.

St. Jude youth group participates in Week of Service

St. Jude Parish students in grades 7 through 12 along with adult leaders used their gifts to serve others during a Week of Service July 19 through July 22.

Throughout the week the group split into teams and went to different work locations including St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, the Kirby Library, the Catholic Youth Center, Commission

on Economic Opportunity Food Packing Warehouse in Plains and Brandon's Forever Home in Hazleton. They also cleaned St. Jude Church and worked around the grounds. On the last day, all the teams met at Mountain Top Senior Care and sang Christmas carols outside resident's windows. It was Christmas in July and they brought joy to residents who

have had minimal interaction with the outside world for the last 18 months.



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Adison Huber and Myla Keating have their buckets filled and are ready to start cleaning St. Jude Church during the Week of Service.

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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

Online worship services are available on demand on the church's website: christon-themountaintop.org.

The new Adventure Church group gathers on Saturday mornings for a hike, gener-

ally 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 person fellowship has resumed. It will be both inside and outside on the front lawn for everybody's comfort level. They recommend that unvac-

inated 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 wgrtruscott@gmail.com.

[gmail.com](mailto:wgrtruscott@gmail.com).

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Louis Aita, Pastor

7768 Blue Ridge Trail, Dorrance
570-868-5675

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On Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the Christian faith when Peter and the other disciples, who had been hiding out from the authorities after Jesus was crucified, received Jesus' promised gift of the Holy Spirit. As what appeared to be flames of fire and the sound of a rushing wind encircled them, they were filled with God's power. With amazing courage and no heed for their own safety, they took to the streets of Jerusalem, the enemy territory. Peter spoke so eloquently and convincingly to the people assembled for the Pentecost festival that over 3,000 people converted to believing in Jesus. Peter and the other disciples

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were on fire. They felt true excitement. When was the last time we were so excited – so on fire? What would it take for us to feel so enthusiastic about anything that we would want everyone to know about it? “I’ll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know: The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.” Let’s pass it on.

Emmanuel UCC is holding a bingo in the social hall on August 29 at 4 p.m. There will be gift cards and cash prizes. Cost is \$25 for 20 games. Food and drinks will be available to purchase. Doors open at 3:30 and games begin at 4.

Don’t know what to do with all those empty aluminum cans? You may drop off bags of aluminum cans in the crates provided for them at the back of the church’s lower parking lot and they will get

rid of them for you. They collect aluminum cans to raise money to benefit struggling families in our community. The money stays in our area to help local people. Many of you already know about and use the church’s aluminum cans project to dispose of your aluminum cans, but they can always use more. Your contributions help needy families in our area and the church appreciates your support as they minister to their needs.

The Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank is housed at Emmanuel UCC and is open by appointment only. All contacts are kept strictly confidential. If they can help you or someone you know, please call 570- 868-5675 and they will provide nourishment for you and those you care for. Please give them at least 24-hours notice in order to set up an

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New Life Community Church holds Vacation Bible School

New Life Community Church hosted its annual VBS July 26-30 from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. at the church on South Main Road.

This year’s theme was *Mystery Island Tracking Down the One True God*. Buccaneer Bob was there to bring a lot of fun to the

kids.

The VBS included Bible study, crafts, games, and snacks for the children to enjoy. The children learned about the bible story about Jonah and the Whale, Jeremiah 32:27 and much more through Mystery Island.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

Buccaneer Bob, aka Pastor John Broglin, is having a great time playing a game with a group of older children right before the lightening, thunder, rain, and wind started on July 27.



Alexis Meadows learns about Jonah and the Whale.

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appointment.

If you are in need of pastoral care, call Pastor Lou Aita at 570-582-9550 or email him at aitat12@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 is open 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

The church's policy is that anyone who is not fully vaccinated should wear a mask. Anyone with Covid-19 symptoms should not enter the church. You are also asked to sanitize your hands as you enter and leave the church.

The church is looking for parishioners to serve as collectors at the 6 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 8 a.m. Sunday

Mass. Four people are needed for each Mass. If they get enough volunteers, they could work on setting up a schedule. Please call the parish office and leave your name, phone number, and the Mass you attend.

Parking Lot Masses: All weekend Masses at the Church of the Good Shepherd will be available over your car radio. They ask that you park in the lower lot 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.

All Masses online: The church's camera system will allow you to watch all Masses in both churches. This includes

weekday, weekend, and holy days. The link for these masses is: [YouTube.com/channel/UCRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSysm3w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSysm3w).

The next Baptismal preparation class will be held at Good Shepherd Parish (combined Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception class) on Thursday, September 9, at 6 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room. Enter through the library door (white storm door) located at the ramp entrance to the church. Call the parish office at 570-788-3141 to register. This class is mandatory for all parents who wish to have their child baptized.

Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation year. Forms are on the table in the church vestibule and also available in the "Downloads" section on their website. Please complete and return them to the parish office as soon as

possible. There will be a meet-and-greet after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 12, for children to meet their teacher and see their classroom. Classes begin on Monday, September 20, and will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child in the household.

The Shepherd's Hands will again be collecting warm socks for the Salvation Army patrons. This year, they will be collecting men's socks only. All during July, a box will be in the church vestibule for your contributions.

The Women of Good Shepherd will meet on Thursday, August 5, at 6 p.m. They will be learning how to play Mexi-

can Train. New members are always welcome!

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 Family Fun & Faith Day outside at MFC on Saturday, August 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families with children preschool age through 6th grade are invited to bring the kids and enjoy some time together at MFC playing games, walking through the nature trail, talking about our faith in Jesus, and enjoying some pop-

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A blood drive will be held on Tuesday, August 24 from 1-6 p.m. Please sign up for a time slot at www.redcrossblood.org.

Mountaintop Family Church holds Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. for one hour along with KidsTown Children's Ministries. During both services, teens are invited to a special youth service after joining the adults in the sanctuary for worship.

Sunday morning services are also available through live-stream: MFC Webpage: www.mfcchurch.com/live-stream; Youtube: search for Mountaintop Family Church; Facebook: go to Mountaintop Family

Church Facebook page.

Wednesday groups have resumed at MFC! They will have Kidstown for grades K-6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. when Pastor Megan and her team will share a Bible series based on the parables that Jesus told full of object lessons and fun applications. When the weather is nice the children will spend a good portion of the evening outside playing games so please make sure your child wears sneakers and a sweater or jacket if needed. Also, you may want to spray on a little bug spray before they arrive.

Starting Point Youth will be held in-person for grades 7-12 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Youth Room. Men's and women's small groups will also be held

in-person as well as on Zoom on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Schedule note: The Wednesday programs will take place August 11, 18, and 25.

During Sunday morning services and Wednesday programs face masks are strongly recommended for children and leaders to help keep the students safe as well as for those who may have a compromised immune system or are at risk in any way.

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

Given new CDC guidelines

and the fact that over 75% of the Mountainview attendees are vaccinated, Mountainview 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.

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.

Pastor: Rev. Fran Fink
Lily Lake Road, Slocum

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

On Sunday August 8, Bill Bowden will be the special guest speaker.

The Friendship Club will have its monthly breakfast and fellowship get together on Thursday, August 12 at Parkway Diner in Nanticoke at 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Fran Fink will lead the worship service on August 15.

For more information about church services contact Diane Webster at 570-379-3713.

NEW HOPE WAPWALLOPEN CHARGE

Services:

Faith UMC: 8:45 a.m.

Stairville UMC: 10 a.m.

Slocum UMC: 11:15 a.m.

Scott O. Miller, Pastor
Stairville Road, Mountain Top

Sunday, August 8 at 6 p.m. a vesper service will be held at the Old River Church in Wapwallopen. A light meal to follow in the graveyard.

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.

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. You are required to bring

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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.

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. 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 nlccmountain-top.com.

The worship service on August 8 will be held at 10 a.m. at Moyers Grove Campground at the annual church picnic. There will be no services at the church that day.

Everyone is welcome on Friday, August 13 at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and a movie at a cost of only \$3. Please bring a dessert to share.

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, August 8.

There are 2 sanitizing stations available. If you have been ill during the 2 weeks prior to any service, you are asked to stay home and join in on Facebook. They will continue to make the service available live on Facebook and for replay.

Sunday school kids, join friends and neighbors for mini VBS from August 18 to August 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. Enjoy some food, song, and fun as you grow in Jesus. Reboot: Be a Light For Jesus.

The Fireside Chat Bible study will resume September 8.

The church will be volunteering to serve at St. Vincent de Paul's Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre on August 14 and October 9, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Carpooling is available for those willing to serve. See Pam Zaprazny for details.

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, email at pbychmt@verizon.net or find them on Facebook: Presbyterian Church of Mountain-top PA.

ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: 9 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Oliver Brown, Pastor

**827 E. County Road, Wapwallopen
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The church doors are open for worship services on Sunday mornings. Services are also live on Facebook every Sunday morning, you can tune in by

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

Above: Old time hymns are sung by everyone during the service. At right: Doug Fawbush of Stairville UMC is enjoying some of the homemade food.



Slocum UMC hosts picnic

The Slocum United Methodist Church hosted a church picnic for the New Hope Wapwallopen Charge on Sunday, July 25 following church service at the Slocum Park under the pavilion. Hymns were sung by all, and the message was given by Pastor Scott O. Miller. Following service, a potluck luncheon was enjoyed by everyone. There were members from Stairville, Faith and Slocum United Methodist Churches and everyone brought their favorite dishes to share.

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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. The service remains available on Facebook at all times. Outside services will be held every other Sunday in the pavilion until September 12.

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.

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

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**

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, released a letter to the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton indicating the Sunday Mass obligation will be reinstated August 15 in the Diocese of Scranton. This change will also occur in each diocese in Pennsylvania on the same date. Please refer to www.stjc.org to read the Bishop's letter.

Please be aware that anyone who is not fully vaccinated against Covid 19 is strongly encouraged to still wear a face mask. If you are experiencing Covid 19 symptoms, please do not enter the church. Call the Parish Office, 570-474-6315 if you have any questions.

The Sacrament of Reconcili-

ation is Monday evenings from 5:30-7 p.m. in the St. Jude Adoration Chapel.

Has this unpredictable and chaotic world left you feeling isolated? Looking for a wonderful experience to be connected again? Come join the upcoming Bible Study Group! The Study, *Keeping in Balance*, will begin the first week of October. They will meet each Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. The cost of the book is \$40. Please call either Kathy Lee, 570-239-0525 or Janet Jones, 570-550-6831 if you have any questions, or would like to join.

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.

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Services: Sunday 10 a.m.

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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**

Saint Mary's has confession on Saturdays from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

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.

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The next meeting of the Altar & Rosary Society will be on Monday, August 16, at 7 p.m. in the social hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to become a member. The ladies supply hosts, wine, and candles for the altar in addition to the care of those items. To become a member, or for more information call Rita at 570-678-7520.

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 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.

Mass intention requests for 2022 are being accepted. 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. If you have any questions, call the office at 570-443-9944 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Patrick's bingo is back on Wednesday, August 11. Food is available at 5 p.m. Bingo starts at 6 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

Office Hours through August 19 are Thursdays 3-7 p.m., August 26 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. As always, you can call the

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White Haven Ministerium holds community VBS

The White Haven Ministerium held its annual Vacation Bible School from July 19 through July 21 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

This year the VBS was held at the Mountainview Church. The theme was *Quest for the King's Armor* and was for children kindergarten through fifth grade.

There were various stations each with a lesson to learn and lots of fun. Snacks and beverages were available for everyone to enjoy. Members from each of the five churches in the ministerium helped to plan, implement, and help during the VBS program.



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Susan Dove from Mountainview Church and Linda Kistler from St. Patrick's teach the chil-

dren about David and Goliath through song and scripture.



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15 at 6 p.m. for worship at the Old River Church in Wapwalopen.

The monthly movie night will be August 23 at 6:30 p.m. They-

will view *Mary*.

Life Line Screenings will be back at St. Paul's on August 23 from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. It provides screenings to discover

risks for chronic diseases such as atherosclerosis, peripheral arterial disease, or other vascular conditions. Highly trained sonographers will be here to conduct the screenings. Results are sent to participants within 21 days of screening, participants are encouraged to review them with their physician. You can visit www.lifelinescreening.com for more information.

A flea market is set for September 11 at St. Paul's from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tables available please contact Lois Scott at 570-239-7421. A chicken bbq will also be held.

The Food Bank continues to distribute food to clients every Friday. Drop off donations at the church on Fridays 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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MMI announces 2020-2021 fourth quarter honor roll

MMI Preparatory School has announced the names of students who achieved Honor Roll status during the fourth quarter of the 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; Adam Frask, 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; Michael Aubryannah O'Boyle, Mountain Top; Scott O'Boyle, Mountain Top; Kiyan Paknezhad, Mountain Top; Evan Pedri, Drums; Mia-Lyn van den Berg, Mountain Top.

Ninth Grade: Emily Borchick, Drums; Brendon Brobst, Drums; Kyle Kocon, Mountain Top; Caitlin Lenahan, Mountain Top; Ethan Lloyd, Drums; Robert Orbin, Mountain Top; Kasra Paknezhad, Mountain Top; 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 Svendsen, 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.

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MMI announces second semester Head of School list

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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

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12th Grade: 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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12th Grade: 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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