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White Haven Fire Company sponsors 6th annual catfish derby

The 6th annual catfish derby sponsored by White Haven Fire Company #1 in White Haven was held August 6 beginning at 5 a.m. through August 8 at 10 a.m. at Linesville Park. The event was open to the public and primitive camping was allowed since it was a multiple day event. Friday night, August 6 featured food, beer, a bonfire and The Wells River Band. On Saturday a 6:30 a.m. breakfast buffet was held with fishing beginning at 8 a.m. and on Saturday night the Dixie-Wood Duo entertained all. Fishing ended at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Food and beverages were available to the public all weekend including a chicken bbq dinner offered for the first time on Saturday evening. The fire department had the pond stocked with an abundance of catfish.



Poles are up and fishermen and women are waiting for the big one.



Donald Singer catches a nice size catfish on Saturday. It was the first time he has been to the event.



Alex Valovich, 13, shows off the good-sized catfish he caught on Saturday.



Joseph Rogosky, 9, and his family have been camping and Joseph is tending their camp fire to help ward off the bugs.



White Haven Fire Co. #1 members Richard Jones and David Raudenbush turn the chicken on the barbecue.

Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

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

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.

UNTIL OCTOBER 23 GUN RAFFLE

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top is holding a gun raffle fundraiser **now through October 23**, 2021. Tickets are \$5 each with the prize of (firearms of winner's choice) valued at \$800 or \$500 cash. Firearms provided by Piestrak's Gun Shop of Nanticoke. Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket can message them on their Facebook page: The Rotary Club of Mountaintop, stop by the farmers market at Crestwood High School on Sundays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call Michelle at 570-715-7752. Proceeds will go toward the Hometown Heroes project honoring our U.S. veterans and first responders.

AUGUST 21 GOLF TOURNEY

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

MOVIES IN THE PARK

The Kiwanis Club of Mountain Top is hosting a Movies in the Park at the Wright Township Park on **Saturday, August 21**. Bring your chairs and blankets to the baseball diamond to watch a family friendly movie on a big screen. The snack bar will open at 7 p.m. with hot dogs from Abe's Hot Dogs, candy and soda for sale along with free popcorn! The movie will begin at dusk. Rain date is August 28.

FOOD DRIVE

The St. Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a drive thru food drive on **Saturday, August 21** from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of St. Jude's Church. All food and monetary donations will go the Mountain Top Food Bank hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Food items that are needed include coffee, peanut butter, jelly, condi-

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ments, dry soup, jello, popcorn, pork and beans, canned vegetables, mayo, tuna, macaroni and cheese, canned pasta, and noodles. For more information check the website, st.judekofc6440.org or Facebook page, [st.judekofc6440](https://www.facebook.com/st.judekofc6440).

AUGUST 24 MOUNTAINTOP SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The Mountain Top Social Club July meeting will be held on **August 24** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top at 1 p.m. The meeting will be a hoagie party. If you want to order call Mary Dopp at 570-855-3525.

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 27 CRUISE-IN NIGHT IN THE PARK

The Mountain Top Area Community Association (MACA) presents Cruise-in Night in the Park on **Friday, August 27** from 5-8 p.m. at the Wright Township Municipal Park. Door prizes, games and raffles are all

part of the event. All vehicles welcome. Abe's Hot Dogs will be on site.

BLOOD DRIVE

Good Shepherd Church, Route 309 in Drums, is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on **Tuesday, August 24** from 1-6 p.m. in the church hall. Anyone who is at least 17 years old, weighs at least 105 pounds, and is in general good health is eligible to give blood. If you wish to make an appointment, call the Red Cross at 1-800-REDCROSS. Walk-ins are welcome.

AUGUST 28 PEACH FESTIVAL

St. John's UCC will host the annual peach festival in Wap-

walpen on **Saturday, August 28** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the area surrounding the church on Church Street, Wapwallopen. Admission and parking are free. Peaches from Heller Orchard will be featured. Homemade peach ice cream, peach dumplings, peach shortcake sundaes, french fries, hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. Over 50 craft vendors will be part of the event. Music provided by *Campfire Bacon*.

FAMILY FUN & FAITH DAY

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 playing games, walking through the nature trail, talking about our faith in Jesus, and enjoying some popcorn and sno-cones. For more information contact the church office at 570-474-0900 or email katie@mfcchurch.com.

WINE AND BEER FESTIVAL

The Hazleton Rotary Wine & Beer Festival returns **Saturday, August 28** at Louis Schiavo City View Park, 700 South Poplar Street, Hazleton from 12 noon-8 p.m. (final ticket sales

will be 7 p.m.). Entertainment will be music by *Ostrich Hat* from 12-3 p.m. and *Kartune* from 4-7 p.m. and Latino DJs from 3-4 p.m. Beer, wine, food, craft vendors, tricky trays are all part of the event along with face painting, beer pretzel necklaces, 2022 lottery tickets, festival t-shirts, fantasy football and wheel of chance. Drop the Drug Van, 2-6. All proceeds benefit Hazleton Rotary community service projects. Tickets: \$20 in advance; \$25

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AUGUST 28 & 29 LOVE LETTERS

The acclaimed and popular play, *Love Letters* by A.R. Gurney will be presented on August 28 and 29 at the Penn Lake Community Center on Lakeview Drive in Penn Lake Borough. The Saturday performance begins at 8 p.m. The Sunday performance begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the White Haven Library on Towanda Street in White Haven and at G&A Hardware on Main Street in White Haven. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Guests are welcome to bring their own beverages and refreshments; however, a cash bar serving wine and beer will also be available.

Love Letters tells the poignant story of the lifelong relationship between Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and Melissa Gardner, both born to wealth and position, who share their dreams, ambitions, agonies and affections through letters, postcards and notes. It is a story intended for mature audiences.

For more information, call the White Haven Area Community Library at 570-443-8776, visit the library's Facebook page or their website at www.whitehavenlibrary.com.

All proceeds benefit the library.

AUGUST 29 POKER RUN & BIKE SHOW

Slocum Township Fire Company will be holding its first poker run and bike show on

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Senior Farmers Market Nutrition vouchers still available

The Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne/Wyoming Counties still has Senior Farmers Market vouchers available for seniors who have not picked up their vouchers yet this year.

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, developed by the Federal and State Dept. of Agriculture, provides each eligible senior with four \$6 vouchers (\$24) which can only be used to purchase Pennsylvania grown fresh fruits and vegetables from a participating farmer's market stand.

Applications will be accepted until Friday, September 24, 2021.

To be eligible for program an individual is required to meet these three requirements:

1.) Be at least 60 years old or turn 60 before December 31, 2021

2.) Live in Luzerne or Wyoming County

3.) Meet the 2021 household total income requirements:

one person: \$23,828

two people: \$32,227

Only one set of vouchers (\$24) per person, per year is allowed.

Seniors residing in an assisted living facility, nursing home or convent where meals are provided, do not qualify for the

program.

Any senior who has not received vouchers yet this program year and qualifies for the program, can pick up an application at any of the Active Adult Centers.

The centers in our area are: Butler Township Active Adult Center, 411 West Butler Drive, Drums; Freeland Active Adult Center, 701 Chestnut Street, Freeland; Mountain Top Active Adult Center, Wright Manor Apartments, South Main Road, Mountain Top.

Anyone having questions regarding the program can contact Area Agency on Aging, at 570 822-1158.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Ginny Buckley purchases some tomatoes from Jason Kobusky of J & A Farms.

Farmers market held every Sunday

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top sponsored Farmers Market is up and running and 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.



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Hobbie carnival attracts large crowds

The Hobbie Volunteer Fire Company held its 2021 carnival on August 6, 7 and 8 on the carnival grounds.

Entertainment included: Friday, August 6 Hill-billy D'Lux; Saturday, August 7 the garden tractor pull at 3 p.m. and Kar-tune provided music at night. On Sunday there was horseshoe pitch at noon and the Chinese auction began at 2 p.m. plus music by Jack'd Up Country at night.

There was a great variety of food for sale including potato pancakes and funnel cakes. Old time games kept the children busy and winning prizes.



Clockwise, from above: Jessie Wenner, 3, just caught a fish for a prize; Chrissy Barrall puts powdered sugar on a funnel cake; cheerleading friends Emma Diltz, 6 and Accalia Garrison, 7 take time out for something to eat.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

New member inducted into Lioness Club



The Drums Lioness Lions Club recently inducted Carmen Kahiu, pictured left, as a new member into the club. Jeanette Tait, club president and Carmen's sponsor, conducted the induction ceremony. The Drums Lioness Lions Club helps to provide needed services for individuals and organizations within the community. New members are always welcome. Members need not reside at a Drums address to participate. For more information, visit the Drums Lioness Lions Club Facebook page or email drumslionesslions@hotmail.com.

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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).

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 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.

The cost includes your bingo tickets for all 20 games, and

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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 1 p.m. at the Nuangola Library at 5150 Nuangola Road. 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. Masks are required.

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 the library.

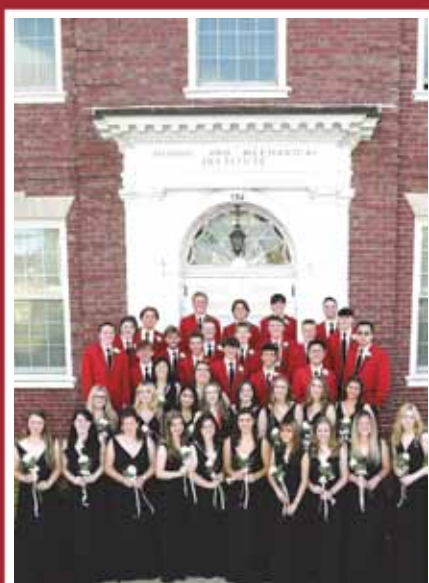
FLEA MARKET/CRAFT SALE

Stairville United Methodist Church in Slocum is hosting a flea market/craft sale and bake sale on **Saturday, September 4** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring a variety of vendors and local artisans selling crafts, home goods, jewelry, collectibles and

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St. Jude Parish holds 67th annual Picnic in the Grove

The St. Jude Parish Picnic in the Grove was back this year for the 67th time on the weekend of August 14 and 15. Although scaled back this year because of the uncertainty of Covid, crowds streamed in and out, lining up for the homemade pierogi, haluski and of course the potato pancakes. The Sweet House was filled with a large selection of homemade sweet treats. There were also all-time favorites like clams, sausage and peppers, roasted corn, ice cream, Vera Bradley, 50/50 chances, and Instant Bingo. The highlight of the picnic had to be the 122 theme baskets that were being raffled and the Summer Picnic Raffle with five chances to win cash prizes ranging from \$250 to \$2500.



The chicken barbecue is always a popular choice on Sunday.



The wait was long, but Lauren and Lily Jendrzewski wait patiently for their homemade potato pancakes.



Bill Andahazy and Chris Van Pelt keep the potato pancakes frying.



With 122 theme baskets up for bid, Rose Klepaski tries to decide what she wants to bid on.



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photos

Caden, 10; Summer, Lukas, 6 and dad Kenny Koziel were ready to sample the funnel cake.



Liam Petty is ready to wrap a funnel cake, as his dad, Daniel checks to be sure it is done.

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Active Adult Centers serve as a place for socialization, hot, nutritional lunches, recreation, cultural arts, and health and wellness programs for persons over the age of 60 and of all income levels to help them remain independent and contributing members of the community. Centers are a source of information and referral to available services for older adults.



If you would like to get active, call your local Area Agency on Aging today

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Mountain Top Junior Comets hold cornhole competition



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photo

The Mountain Top Junior Comets sponsored a cornhole competition on Saturday, August 14 at the American Legion Post 781 grounds.

Registration started at noon with the first bag thrown at 1 p.m. Cost for a team of two was \$40 with pre-registration or \$50 the day of the event. The event was open to all ages. There were plenty of activities for the kids and food was available.

2021 Crestwood Comets football starts August 27

It was Media Day on Saturday, August 14 for the Crestwood Comets. Both the varsity and junior varsity football teams waited patiently as team and individual photos were taken. The

2021 season starts next Friday, August 27, at home, in a non-conference game against the Williamsport Millionaires. The team had an 8-1 season last year.



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The 2021 Crestwood Comets football team and their coaches line up for a team photo.

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Aimee Andes and Ali Lizza check out some of the jewelry offered for sale at one of the vendor tables.

Flea market held in Slocum Township

Slocum Township Fire Company held an outdoor flea market on Saturday, August 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the bazaar grounds. Fire Company members were selling a variety of refreshments. There were approximately 20 vendors selling crafts, household items, jewelry, collectibles and more.

Lady Comets hold youth basketball camp



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photo

The Crestwood girls basketball camp, for girls entering grades 3-6, was held August 2 through 4 in the school gym. The camp was directed by Comets Coach Don Hopkins and the

coaching staff along with volunteer Lady Comets. The camp focused on basic drills, shooting, passing, dribbling, fast break drills, foul shooting, defensive and rebounding skills.

Tim Gallagher named to dean’s list at St. Joe’s

Tim Gallagher was named to the Dean’s List at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia for the fall and spring semesters of the 2020-2021 academic year. Tim was also accepted into the

Dean’s Leadership Program at SJU. Tim is a double major in Business Administration and Interdisciplinary Health Sciences. Tim is a 2020 graduate of Crestwood High School.

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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.

FLEA MARKET, CHICKEN BBQ & BAKE SALE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top is holding a flea market, chicken bbq and bake sale on **September 11** from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Questions call 570-474-6616.

SEPTEMBER 13-18 FOOD DRIVE

The Rotary Club of Mountain

Top is sponsoring a Breakfast of Champions food drive to benefit St. Paul's food pantry. The drive takes place **September 13-18**.

Donations of canned food and non-perishable items and/or grocery store gift cards can be dropped off at the Mountain Top branch of Fidelity Bank.

SEPTEMBER 18 SOCCER CHALLENGE

The St. Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus will host the annual soccer challenge on **Saturday, September 18** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mountain Top Youth Soccer Complex on Church Road. The event is free to boys and girls ages 9-14. The challenge is 15 penalty kicks with points awarded for each kick. A proof of age and signature of legal guardian is required to participate.

For more information please check the website, st.judekofc6440.org or Facebook page, st.judekofc6440.

SEPTEMBER 19 HOAGIE SALE

The Slocum Township Fire

Department is holding a hoagie sale on **September 19** with pickup at 11 a.m.

The cost is \$5 for a 12 inch hoagie. Choose from American with hard salami, bologna, ham, American cheese, lettuce, tomato, option of onion or turkey with turkey, American cheese, lettuce, tomato, option of onion.

Orders are due by **September 13**. Message them on Facebook or call 570-868-6255 to place your order.

SEPTEMBER 25 FALL FLEA MARKET

St. John Bosco's Church on Route 93 in Sugarloaf will hold a flea market on **Saturday, September 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.

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Ice rink named in remembrance of Madry, Kahlau

It's official. The ice rink at Wright Township Municipal Park is now the Madry Kahlau Memorial Rink.

Township supervisors voted at their August 9 meeting to name the rink after the late Brian Madry and Tanner Kahlau. The 5-0 vote came after Butch Kahlau, father of Tanner Kahlau, asked the rink to be named in memory of the two men. Supervisor Colleen Macko made the motion to name the rink, seconded by Michael Marshall.

Tanner Kahlau was killed earlier this year in a skiing accident in New York, and Brian Madry died in a 2011 car crash. Both were former Crestwood High School ice hockey stars who frequently played at the rink.

Last January, within hours of the death of the 27-year-old Kahlau, his friends, teammates, and classmates gathered at the rink to not only remember him, but to begin the process of restoring the ice rink which had fallen into disrepair.

Jared McCune, a friend, and former Crestwood ice hockey teammate of Kahlau, led the restoration project and organized a GoFundMe to help finance cost of further restoration the rink. The effort raised approximately \$48,000.

The facility was built by the township in 2008 at a cost of approximately \$650,000. The rink hadn't been used for ice skating or ice hockey since 2014 when it was not opened that year due to warm weather. It since developed leaks in the concrete floor seams, and

along the perimeter, making it unusable for ice skating.

At the board's August 9 work session, Butch Kahlau, along with Susan Kahlau, Tanner's mother, told supervisors a non-profit foundation was formed to oversee use of the money raised by the GoFundMe and to hopefully secure additional funding to restore and maintain the rink. "Our goal is to work with all those in the community for whom the rink would be of use," Susan Kahlau said.



Brian Madry

Butch Kahlau explained the group has begun an assessment of the rink and feels a



Tanner Kahlau

pavilion-style roof would not only help extend the ice-skating season, but also create a

multi-use facility that would benefit many people in the community. Kahlau, who is in the construction business, said preliminary estimates put the cost of a roof at \$340,000. "That's huge. It's because of the inflationary pricing of steel," he related. "This project is not going to start tomorrow," he emphasized. "We're working to bring down that cost," he added. He discussed the possibility of obtaining grants to

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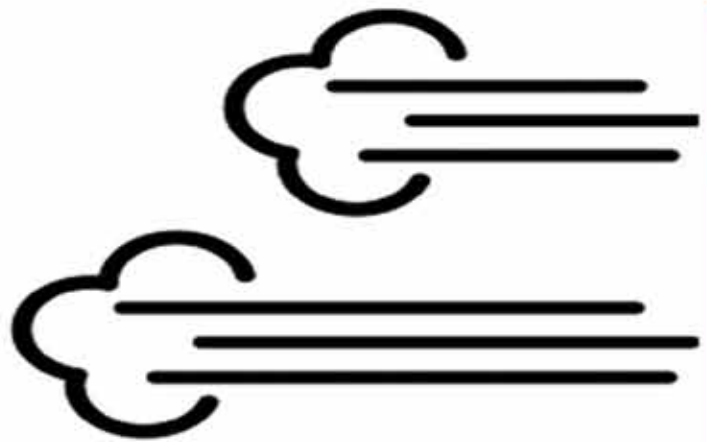


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fund the work.

Butch Kahlau explained a roof not only would help solve the problem of ice melting from winter sun but make the rink attractive for other uses. "It opens up so many other things over the other nine and one-half other months," he suggested. He emphasized he feels there is no conflict with using the rink for pickleball or street hockey. "There is a great opportunity to do a lot of different things," he said. "We're open to discussions," he added.

During the supervisors regular meeting, McCune asked about the status of pickleball courts on the rink. Supervisor Matthew Howton said the plan is for the township temporarily to paint pickleball court lines on the rink and allow the use of portable, weighted nets for pickleball play.

Responding to a suggestion by supervisor Louis Welebob Jr., Butch Kahlau promised to keep township officials informed of any steps along the way. "We can't go anywhere by ourselves," he assured the board. He also asked them for patience as the work to revitalize the rink moves along. "It's not an easy box for us to open," he said, wiping away tears. "It's difficult. Some days I just can't look at it," he explained.

Susan and Butch Kahlau previously addressed the July 7 meeting of the township recreation board which is in the process of developing a master plan for the township park. The township received a state Department of Community and Natural Resources grant to hire a consultant for the master plan and will soon advertise for a request for proposals for

that work. Susan and Butch Kahlau said the foundation board wants to be part of the planning process. In order to incorporate the foundation's ideas into the master plan, recreation board chairperson Laurel Prohaska said Susan Kahlau has been added to the planning committee.

Sunshine Law amendment requires transparency

An amendment to Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law (Act 65 of 2001), approved by the General Assembly in June and signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf on June 30, will require municipal governments and school districts to make their meeting agenda available to the public.

It appears a few Mountain Top municipalities already are in compliance with the new law while others are set to meet the regulations that go into effect August 29.

The amendment, introduced by Sen. Patrick J. Stefano (R-Westmoreland), requires municipalities and school districts that have websites available to the public to post the agenda at least 24 hours in advance of scheduled meetings.

The agenda must include a



Pictured at the swearing in are, front row from left, Autumn, Molly and Cassidy Kalish; back row, Judge Hughes, Officer Kalish, Amanda Kalish.

Kalish sworn in as new police officer

Fairview Township's newest police officer officially was sworn in at the August 3 meeting of the board of supervisors.

Officer Brian Kalish was sworn in by Luzerne County Court of common Pleas Judge Richard Hughes. His wife, Amanda, and three girls attended the ceremony. Kalish previously worked for Ashley Borough police department.

listing of each matter of business that will be or may be the subject of deliberation or official action at the meeting. The municipality also must post the agenda at the meeting location and provide copies to individuals in attendance.

The senator pointed out the intent of the Sunshine Act is to ensure that the public can be fully informed when following governmental proceedings.

Wright Township secretary/treasurer Pamela Heard said the township already is in compliance with the new regulations.

Rice Township secretary/treasurer Jeff Beck said that in

response to the amendment, the township created a new page on its website. Beck will upload the draft meeting agenda on the day before the meeting and post it on the front door of the municipal building.

Nuangola Borough council president Joseph Tucker said the borough currently does not have a website, so he does not know if the amendments to the Sunshine Act apply with regard to posting an agenda. He said he will be looking into whether the borough must create a website.

Dorrance Township has posted its agenda on its website for a while and has provided written copies of its agenda to attendees for several years.

Fairview Township provides copies of its agenda as well as financial reports at its meetings. Supervisors at their August 2 meeting discussed steps to post the agenda on its website.

Slocum Township supervisor Charles Herring said the township does not have a website and has no current plans to create one.

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Pennsylvania Supreme Court rejects Dorrance Township's request

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has rejected Dorrance Township's request to allow the municipality to appeal Commonwealth Court's rejection of its challenge to the Preserve at Blue Ridge, LLC's application for a planned residential development (PRD) around the Blue Ridge Trail golf course.

The Preserve at Blue Ridge wants to develop approximately 135 acres of its more than 500-acre parcel as single-family dwellings on one acre lots.

Dorrance Township held numerous hearings over multiple years before it initially denied the Preserve's application in December of 2018. The developer appealed that decision to Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas which reversed the supervisors' decision and ordered that the matter be remanded to the board for approval of the tentative PRD application.

The township appealed the Luzerne County Court decision to Commonwealth Court which heard arguments on November 12, 2020. After hearing from both sides, the court entered an opinion rejecting Dorrance Township's decision and thus allowing land use approval to the Preserve as originally determined by the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas. Dorrance Township sought re-argument which the Commonwealth Court dismissed in February. On March 5, Dorrance Township asked the state Supreme

Court to review the Commonwealth court decision. That request was denied this week.

Jack Dean, counsel for the Preserve, previously described the continued challenge by Dorrance Township as "frivolous."

Dean said he has asked the township and its individual supervisors to place their municipal and personal insurance carriers on notice of potential claims by the Preserve due to the municipal officials' actions in this matter.

Attorney Michael G. Crotty of the Siani Law firm, which represented the township in the appeals through its insurance carrier, confirmed that the Supreme Court had entered the decision, but had no further comment.

Dorrance Township to inspect quarry

Dorrance Township supervisors want to take a look at the operation of Pennsy Supply's quarry. A 2013 memorandum that established conditions for operation of the quarry includes inspections of

the facility at the township's request. The township asked that the meeting be held on a Saturday by the end of September.

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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 a 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.

Fairview dealing with road problems

Fairview Township supervisors at their August 3 meeting heard requests for help with water problems and a

renewed plea from a resident who wants his road paved.

They also discussed ways the township's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money can and cannot be used. Supervisors reported the township recently received \$236,238.41, the first of two ARPA installments.

Jerry Kline of Shady Tree Drive told supervisors water has been collecting on the road in front of his home for several years. He said he hoped the problem would be alleviated when the road was paved, but it has only gotten worse.

Road master Tim McGinnis told supervisors when the paving was done, a storm water collection box was supposed to have been installed near the Kline's residence. However, the collection box was not includ-

ed in the bid specifications and was never built. Supervisors directed McGinnis to contact the township engineer to get an estimate on correcting the problem.

Terry Smith of Long Meadow Lane in the Highland Woods development told supervisors a drainage ditch that runs through her property is causing water to pond. She said she has spent \$10,000 attempting to correct the problem since she purchased the home last year without success.

Supervisors explained the drainage ditch was not installed by the township, nor is it maintained by the township. They said the problem is a private civil matter between her and the person from whom she purchased the property.

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Michael Hanlon of South Hill Court, who appeared before supervisors at their August 2020 meeting, was back before them wanting to know when his street will be paved.

As he did a year ago, Hanlon told supervisors he has lived on South Hill Court for 30 years and in that time the road has not been repaved. He said parts are crumbling. He wanted to know why Spruce Street and Bow Creek Drive were paved, but his street was not. He said he was promised last year if the township got a grant for which it applied, his street would be paved.

McGinnis explained that Spruce Street was paved by a utility and Bow Creek with a previous grant. He explained the township applied for a \$400,000 Local Shares Account (gaming) grant for

paving and drainage work on Park Lane North and Deer Path but received only \$200,000, which is not nearly enough to complete the job. While the ARPA money cannot be used for paving, supervisors are looking into whether it can be used for drainage work on Deer Path and Park Lane North.

Supervisors told Hanlon if money is available, they would try to pave his street, but did not make any promises.

The township also received \$120,000 for replacement of the Dale Drive culvert which was ordered closed by PennDOT over a year. The township asked for \$471,000 for the project and said the \$120,000 will not nearly cover the cost of replacement of the span.

Rice receives first installment of ARPA

Rice Township supervisors

reported at their August 3 meeting the township received its first installment of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$185,578.51 and took steps to make sure the money is spent according to federal guidelines.

They pointed out the federal program limits how the money can be used and emphasized they have not yet determined how the money will be spent.

They also voted to enter into a contract with Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC to provide the township will assistance with the management of ARPA funds. Cost of the contract is \$11,000 payable in 2021 and 2022 in two \$5,500 payments. Supervisors explained they hired the firm to avoid fund expenditures that might not comply with ARPA. The company is a Pennsylvania-based CPA firm that specializes in providing auditing, accounting and consulting services to

non-profits and government agencies.

Supervisors opened a township general fund ARPA interest-bearing account as recommended as a best practice for the grant and approved a resolution which raises the micro-purchase amount associated with ARPA funds from the federal level of \$10,000 to the state level of \$11,500.

In other news

Supervisors approved a contract with R.A.T.T., Inc (an independent franchise of Orkin Systems, Inc.) to apply herbicide to selected sections of the park at a COSTARS price of \$1,025

Ecological Solutions completed its first application of herbicide on the lower Ice Lake to control the lily pads, supervisors reported. They said the company reported when it arrived to begin its application employees found some aquatic plants had died. Supervisors

emphasized the Ice Lakes are part of the township park system and unauthorized application of any chemical within the park system is prohibited. They said application of any chemical to the lakes violates PA Department of Environmental Protection and PA Fish and Boat regulations. Unauthorized applications of chemicals can harm the delicate ecology of the lakes.

The Ice Lake Park has reopened for the summer until dam construction resumes when the state Department of Environmental Protection grants permission to complete the project. They noted there is new signage at the park and boats must stay away from the dam construction site.

The 2021-2022 recycling stickers have arrived. Residents may obtain their sticker by turning in their 2020 recycling permit to the office. Call 570-868-6400 option 1 with any questions.

More dead trees to be cut in Wright Township park

Wright Township supervisors decided to move forward with removal of additional dead trees in the municipal park. The township budgeted \$5,000 for the ongoing removal of dead trees. They also gave township secretary/treasurer Pamela Heard permission to begin preparation of a 2021 Local Shares Account (LSA) grant proposal. Among the projects being considered are additional road paving, purchase of a new police vehicle, purchase of a new snowplow, a new roof on the municipal building and the township's

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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, 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.

Due to a sharp rise with the Delta variant cases of Covid 19 in the area the church is asking everybody to wear masks in church. Also please practice social distancing where possible. Following CDC guidelines wearing masks also applies to people who have been vaccinated.

On August 27 at 8 p.m. the church is hosting a family movie night at Whispering Willows park in partnership with the Conyngham parks and rec department. All you need to bring is a chair or blanket to sit on. The film is *Inside Out*, a Disney film that can remind both kids and adults that in order to be happy we need all our emotions, not just joy.

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.

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

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Louis Aita, Pastor

7768 Blue Ridge Trail, Dorrance

570-868-5675

The teachers and volunteers at Emmanuel have planned a great Sunday School experience based on its LIVE curriculum. The "textbooks" are Hands On Bibles, which are packed full of science experiments, crafts, Bible hero biographies, fun facts, FAQs and lots of cool and interesting stuff. There are different activities each week in addition to the Bible lessons, such as the crafts, puzzles and games. Every week there'll be something different to explore and experience. Rally Day will be held on September 12 with food, snacks, games and fun for everyone following service. The first day of Sunday School will be September 19 at 9:30

a.m.

Emmanuel UCC is holding a bingo in the social hall on October 17 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.

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. Your contributions help needy families in our area.

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 appointment.

If you are in need of pastoral care, call Pastor Lou Aita at 570-582-9550 or email him at aitat112@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

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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!

The Craguns will be in concert at 530 West Butler Drive in Drums on Sunday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m.! That evening the church will have a picnic at 5:30 p.m. with the concert following the fellowship!

On Mondays and Tuesdays Faith Life Coaching and Coun-

seling 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.

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

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Jesus, and enjoying some popcorn and sno-cones.

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. Please note: The last Wednesday for the Summer KidsTown Program will be August 25.

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.

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 com-

promised 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.

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.

Cindy Faust will lead the morning worship service on August 22. Mt. Zion Church

will host the Old River Church service at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening. Everyone is invited to this old historic church for an old fashioned sing along featuring music by Jesse Fink and Linda Fithian. Refreshments will follow the service.

On Sunday, August 29 Katie Zaloga will be the special guest speaker and lead the worship service.

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

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Faith UMC: 8:45 a.m.
Stairville UMC: 10 a.m.

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Slocum UMC: 11:15 a.m.

Scott O. Miller, Pastor

Stairville Road, Mountain Top

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.

Stairville United Methodist Church is hosting a flea market/craft sale and bake sale on Saturday, September 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring a variety of vendors and local artisans selling crafts, home goods, jewelry, collectibles and more. The bake sale will offer an array of homemade goodies. There will also be plenty of homemade food available for purchase while you shop. Tables cost \$10 each. To reserve a table, call Christine at

570-868-3413 leave a message if no answer.

Join Stairville for spiritual yoga on **Sundays** at 5:30 p.m.

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.

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 22.

There is a sanitizing station available in the narthex. 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 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
570-379-3878

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 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

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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.

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

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

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.

Come and see how much you will enjoy being a part of St. Jude's adult choir. Rehearsals for this season begin on Wednesday, September 1 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the church. Anyone high school-age through adult is most welcome to join. Instrumentalists and cantors interested in participating in the music program are most welcome as well. Please contact Joe Dubinski as soon as

possible if you would like to share your gifts!

The front office is now open Sundays from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. As of Tuesday, September 7, regular office hours will resume, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Closed for lunch 12-12:30 p.m.) Questions, call the office, 570-474-6315, ext. 221.

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services: Sunday 10 a.m.

3085 Church Road, Mountain Top
570-868-5358

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come to attend worship services. St. Martin-in-the-Fields is an inclusive and modern Episcopal church, incorporating the best of both Catholic and Protestant traditions. As an inclusive church, St. Martin's recognizes divorce and the remarriage of divorced people, male and female clergy, single or married, LGBTQ equality, and a Eucharist open to all baptized persons, regardless of their faith background.

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through loving service and seeking to transform unjust 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 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
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

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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.

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 ques-

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

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

**Rev. Michelle Kaufman, Pastor
316 S. Mt. Blvd., Mountain Top
570-474-6616**

Office hours are August 19 and 26 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. As always, you can call the church office and leave a message for any inquiries.

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 and bake sale 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.

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.

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underground fuel tanks.

In other news ...

Supervisor Matt Howton clarified that at its July meet-

ing, the board did not give Police Chief Royce Engler permission to advertise for a part-time officer. Rather, Howton said the board simply acknowledged his request for a part-time officer. The board

chairman said the part-time officer position will be part of 2022 budget discussions.

Zampetti reported the recent electronic recycling event was a "gigantic success." Wright, Rice and Fairview Townships participated in the program which was open to residents of the three municipalities. "We had non-stop traffic from 1:30 until 5 p.m.," reported

Zampetti, who organized the event. He thanked members of the township's fire police who volunteered their time to direct traffic which at times was backed up through the park road onto Route 309.

Zampetti also thanked Heard and administrative assistant/police secretary Carolyn Sromoski for their hard work on the township's 2019 and

2020 LSA grant applications. The township received a total of \$382,412 in gaming grant money, all of which was designated for road repairs. Supervisors also approved a \$1.50 an hour wage increase for Sromoski.

Wright Township residents soon will have a new provider of basic life support (BLS)

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ambulance services.

Township supervisors at their August meeting approved a proposal presented back in May by the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company (WTVFD) to revitalize the neighboring Dorrance Township ambulance to provide BLS to Wright and Dorrance Townships. In order for the fire company to respond to BLS ambu-

lance calls in Wright Township, supervisors had to designate it as the first responder.

Since May, supervisors had put off making a decision to give the fire company and Mountain Top Community Ambulance Association the opportunity to work out an agreement on which organization would provide ambulance services. Previously, Mountain Top Community Ambulance Association provided both BLS and advanced life sup-

port (ALS) response to Fairview, Rice, and Wright Townships, as well as Nuangola Borough.

At the August meeting, WTVFD chief Dave Pettit told supervisors the two organizations had worked out an agreement with regard to response.

Only a billing agreement needed to be resolved, he said. Candace Smith, president of the ambulance association, confirmed there was an agreement in principle in place. The Ambulance Association will continue to provide ALS

response to all communities it serves as well as BLS to Fairview and Rice Townships and Nuangola Borough.

Supervisor Donald Zampetti suggested any motion to approve the change in

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response include a provision that the parties submit a written agreement to the township and that agreement be reviewed by township solicitor Jack Dean. A motion to approve the fire company proposal was approved, effective August 9, with Zampetti's stipulation included. Attorney Dean noted that if a written agreement is not submitted, the resolution can be rescinded at the September meeting.

Duane Seltzer, Dorrance Township fire chief, told Wright supervisors it is his understanding Dorrance Township supervisors do not have a problem with the plan, but also want to see a written agreement.

Pettit told supervisors work on a written agreement would begin within a week of the meeting.

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