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Crestwood presents inaugural Distinguished Alumni Awards

A challenge to take up “your space” in every relationship.

Advice to do something in life about which you are passionate.

And a lesson in the importance of perseverance.

Those were three of the messages Crestwood High School students received from the recipients of the inaugural Distinguished Alumni Awards presented at a student assembly held on October 20.

The recipients were Louis Fouché, Crestwood Class of 2003; James Harvey, Fairview High School Class of 1942; and Marcie Turney, Crestwood Class of 1988.

Crestwood High School senior Shannon Griffiths who designed the cover for the program booklet for the Distinguished Alumni Awards presentation thought the pro-



Louis Fouché, a 2003 graduate of Crestwood is a saxophonist and music producer on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert.

gram was valuable and said she found the messages delivered by the recipients important

“I think that it’s a great idea to not only recognize the accomplishments of the hardworking alumni, but also to have them as role models for Crestwood students,” she commented. “It’s encouraging to know that such highly decorated people are from this little town.”

Fouché currently is a saxophonist and music producer on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert for the house band Jon Batiste & Stay Human. He has performed in 27 countries on six continents and has composed or performed music appearing on Grammy-nominated (USA) and Edison Award-winning (Netherlands) albums. Fouché graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 2007 with

degrees in physics and chemical engineering.

He was introduced by Crestwood High School English teacher Bill Reznak who nominated him for the award and who described him as Crestwood’s Renaissance Man.

Fouché told the audience his family moved to Mountain Top when he was five years old when his mother received a promotion at her job. He described his relationship with Mountain Top as complex. He pointed out that the ceremony was the first time he was in the high school since graduating in 2003. He acknowledged the award committee for its work, in particular chairman Tom Benz and committee member Barry Boone, who he described as one of his favorite teachers. Boone, a member of the Crestwood Board of Education, is a retired math teacher.

Fouché said one of his first



Lt. Colonel James Harvey is a 1942 graduate of Fairview High School and Tuskegee Airman who fought in WWII and the Korean War.

memories in life was being called a racial slur while in kindergarten at Fairview Elementary. “As a five-year-old, I didn’t know what it meant,” he related. As the only black/Latino member of his class

throughout his time at Crestwood, Fouché said he decided not to worry about fitting in. “I decided to take up ‘my space’,” he said. “To be myself.”

The musician explained that he learned through therapy that in all person relationships, everyone deserves the right to 50 percent of the “space.” “Nothing more, nothing less,” he noted.

“At the end of the day, you deserve to be yourself,” he told the students. “I challenge you to take up your space in any interaction.”

He urged the students to think about what they can do to make Mountain Top a better place where everyone can take up their space. “Start by changing Mountain Top. Make Mountain Top a more welcoming, loving place to

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Marcie Turney is a 1988 graduate of Crestwood High School and a renowned chef in Philadelphia who owns six restaurants and four retail operations in the city.



Members of the student body gather around and chat with members of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers, a group that pays

homage to and ensure the legacy of African American military contributions in the post Civil War era.

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EVERY SUNDAY SPIRITUAL YOGA

Join Stairville United Methodist Church, 1790 Stairville Road in Mountain Top for spiritual yoga on **Sundays** at 5:30 p.m. Weather permitting, the class is outdoors but there is room to move inside if needed.

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 NOVEMBER 4 COOKIE DOUGH SALE

Slocum Township Fire Company is taking orders for a cookie dough sale **until November 4**. Pickup will be tentatively be November 21 from 5-8 p.m. at the firehouse on Slocum Road. Cookie dough tubs are 2 lbs. They can be frozen, refrigerated, or kept room temperature.

Tubs are \$12 each and can be ordered in chocolate chip, sugar delight, white chip macadamia, cinnamon oatmeal raisin, or snickerdoodle. These tubs of cookie dough make great gifts, taste great, and are an easy alternative to holiday baking. Please message them on facebook or contact Brianna at 570-706-5582 to place your order.

OCTOBER 30 TRUNK OR TREAT

The Slocum Volunteer Fire Company will hold a Trunk or Treat on **October 30** from 5-8 p.m. with setup beginning at 4 p.m.

This event is in a safe environment, free and fun for the whole family. Registrations will be consciously taken. Free hot cocoa and snacks will be provided by fire company volunteers. Awards will be given to the most creative, funniest, creepiest, and best in show.

Volunteers will also be having a basket raffle. Anyone interested in donating a basket or registering, please message them on Facebook or contact Cindi at 570-578-7573.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Conyngham Valley Civic Organization (CVCO) is holding a Halloween parade on **Saturday, October 30** at 2:30 p.m. Meet at Conyngham Borough Building. Parade begins at 3 p.m. Register at <https://forms.gle/QPd8JjvQxVoFAzwaA>. Cost is a monetary donation to CVCO for future events and 1 canned good for the Valley Food Pantry.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Wright Township Halloween parade will take place on **Saturday, October 30** at 3 p.m. in the playground of the Wright Township Municipal Park. All children age 10 and under accompanied by a parent or guardian are welcome

to attend this family fun event. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Scariest, Funniest & Best Costume. Games and treats will also be provided!

TRUNK OR TREAT

The Dorrance Township Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is holding a free Trunk or Treat event with DJ Carol Jean, campfire, snacks and beverages on **Saturday, October 30** at 5 p.m. Set up begins at 4 for the trunks. The public is invited.

The fire department is located at 402 St. Johns Road, Wapwallopen. Please contact Carol Jean Davis at 570-793-6940 to reserve your space as a trunk by October 28.

OCTOBER 31 TRUNK OR TREAT

St. Mary's Church Community Outreach Group is sponsoring a Halloween trunk or treat on **October 31** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the church. Wear your

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costumes and enjoy some safe trick or treating.

St. Mary's Church is located at 3529 St. Mary's Road in Wapwallopen.

If you would like to volunteer and decorate a car, please call 570-760-3167 to register. Setup begins at 5:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 31 FARMER'S MARKET

The last day for the 2021 Mountain Top farmers market will be **Sunday, October 31** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Crestwood High School parking lot at 281 S. Mountain Blvd. Mountain Top.

NOVEMBER 2 AUXILIARY MEETING

The Mountain Top American Legion Auxiliary, Mountain Post 781, will have its monthly meetings at the legion home in the down stairs hall.

The meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Executive meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. The November meeting is on **Tuesday, November 2** at 7 p.m.

All auxiliary members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend and ideas for fundraising and veteran programs.

NOVEMBER 4 CONCERT

Mac Frampton and the Threepenny Symphony with Pop Go the Classics will perform at the Hazleton Area High School, 1601 W. 23rd Street, Hazle Township, on **November 4** at 7:30 p.m. The concert blends today's pop rhythms with favorite classical works providing a family-friendly show. More information can be found at www.hazletonconcertseries.org or contact Amelia at 570-788-4864 or Cynthia at 570-579-7110.

NOVEMBER 7 MONTHLY BREAKFAST

An all you can eat breakfast will be served on **Sunday,**

November 7 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Center in White Haven.

The event is hosted by the White Haven Marine Corps

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\$9 per adult and \$4 per child. Everyone is welcome to attend. St. Patrick's Parish Center is located at 411 Allegheny Street, White Haven.

PANCAKE, SAUSAGE AND SCRAMBLED EGGS BREAKFAST

The Kiwanis Club of Mountain Top will be serving the

famous "all you can eat" pancake breakfast on **Sunday, November 7** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Crestwood High School cafeteria. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. The cost is \$8 per person, children under 12 are \$3. Please come out and enjoy the morning with your friends and neighbors and support a great organization.

The Kiwanis Club of Mountain Top has been active in the community for well over 50

years and supports many worthy causes such as Crestwood Odyssey of the Mind, the MS Kirby Library, the local food bank, Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center and other events and groups that focus on the well being of the children in our community.

For more information on joining the club and making a difference in the community, please see their Facebook page or call Brian at 570-868-5861.

NOVEMBER 8 CHS PARENT NIGHT

Attention parents/guardians of Crestwood seniors! Bob Manganello, representative from Herff Jones, will host Parent Night on **Monday, November 8** from 4-6 p.m. in

the lobby of the Secondary Campus for parents/guardians who wish to purchase graduation items for their graduating senior. Items include but are not limited to: cap/gown ensemble, tassels, class rings, Class of 2022 clothing and graduation announcements.

NOVEMBER 13 INDOOR COMMUNITY YARD SALE

St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Freeland will sponsor an indoor community yard sale on **Saturday, November 13** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Michael's Recreation Center, 300 Fern Street, Freeland.

Numerous vendors with new and old items, and crafters will be selling their goods. A bake

sale will be featured, along with Tricky-Tray chances and much more. As always, delicious homemade foods will be available for eat-in or take-out.

This is a rain or shine event and plenty of parking is available. No early birds please.

CHICKEN & WAFFLE DINNER

Faith United Methodist Church, 1448 Slocum Road in Wapwallopen will serve its homemade chicken and waffle dinner on **Saturday, November 13** from 3:30-6 p.m. The dinner is a drive thru, take-out only. Cost is \$10. Please call to place order by November 3 with Joy at 570-592-0725, or Wilma at 570-868-5511, or

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- **Fiscal responsibility**
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- **Common sense approach in making Crestwood a top-notch district**
Believe in giving our staff the proper training and tools necessary for high student achievement. Presently involved in a feasibility study and helping to prioritize our needs in the building and grounds area.

MY QUALIFICATIONS

- 35 years teaching high school and college mathematics
- Co-founder and member of the Crestwood Education Foundation
- Member of the Distinguished Alumni Award nominating committee
- Served 4 years on the Crestwood School Board, presently serving as board president
- Served 12 years as Crestwood's mathematics department chairperson
- Coached 38 seasons of high school sports
- Served on Crestwood's action planning committee (1993)
- 36 year resident of Mountain Top
- U.S. Navy veteran
- My 5 children attended Crestwood for grades K through 12
- Kept a pulse on education through community involvement and private tutoring
- Volunteer in the school district's elementary backpack program and its offshoot the CEO/Weinberg food distribution at Crestwood High School

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Crestwood Menu

Crestwood School District operates "Offer vs. Serve" meal programs following the guidance of the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs overseen and regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the PA Department of Education.

Due to the recent Covid pandemic, Crestwood School District is providing a reimbursable breakfast and lunch at no charge for all students, regardless of family income. This benefit is set to expire June 30, 2022.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the food service program, feel free to contact the Food Service Director at 570-474-6782 ext. 313.

Elementary Schools and Secondary Campus Week of November 1

Monday: Pulled pork barbecue sandwich or chicken nuggets with a roll, featured veggies: curly fries, tossed salads, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Nachos grande with beef or chicken served over tortilla or cheeseburger on a roll; featured veggies: ranch refried bean dip, lettuce and tomato cup, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Open faced turkey sandwich with gravy or hot dog on a roll; featured veggies: au gratin potatoes, homemade cole slaw, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Homemade mac and cheese with dinner roll or chicken parm sandwich; featured veggies: stewed tomatoes, fresh cucumbers, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Stuffed crust pizza or ham and cheese melt with honey mustard; featured veggies: broccoli and cheese, Caesar salad, choice of fruit and

milk

Week of November 8

Monday: Sausage, egg and cheese on a croissant or chicken tenders with roll; featured veggies: tater tots, broccoli salad, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Italian meatball and cheese hoagie or cowboy burger with cheese, onion rings and barbecue sauce on a roll; featured veggies: steamed steamed golden corn, baby carrots, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Homemade beef and cheese lasagna with dinner roll or hot dog on a roll; featured veggies: hash brown potatoes, steamed steamed cauliflower, romaine salad, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: No school, Veteran's Day

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Rhea Mascarenhas, a 6th grade student at Saint Jude school, recently took 3rd place in the Junior Varsity Diocesan Regional Forensics competition held at Holy Redeemer High School. Seventh grade student Cali Glaser took 5th place honors in the varsity division. The students competed against schools from across the southern region of the diocese. Students selected an excerpt of literature and performed a dramatic skit using the text. Rhea's performance piece was *Be A Perfect Person in Three Days* by Stephen Manes and Cali's performed *Junie B. Jones Has a Monster Under Her Bed.* Both students will compete in the Diocesan Finals on October 28 at Holy Cross High School, Scranton.



Rhea Mascarenhas and Cali Glaser place at the Diocesan Regional Forensics competition.

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Marie at 570-301-8097.

NOVEMBER 14 CRAFT/TALENT AUCTION

A Make-it, Bake-it, Sew-it, Grow-it Auction will be held by St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women on **Sunday, November 14** at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The church is located at 316 S. Mountain Blvd. Mountain Top. Any questions call 570-474-6616 or 570-474-6558.

NOVEMBER 26 CONCERT FOR REBECCA

The 10th annual Concert for Rebecca and all victims of domestic violence will be held

on Friday, November 26 from 6-10:30 p.m. at Sands Springs Country Club, 10 Club House Drive in Drums.

Music by Don Shappelle & The Pickups Band with Craig Thatcher, John Lukas plus special guest speakers Tammy Rodgers, Tammi Burke, special speaker from Luzerne County Courthouse. Basket raffles will be held.

Admission is free, all donations will be sent to the Domestic Violence Service Center and Victim's Resource Center.

DECEMBER 11 COOKIE SALE

The Nuangola Library, located at 5150 Nuangola Road in Nuangola, will be holding its annual, and very popular,

Christmas Cookie Sale on **Saturday, December 11** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Everyone is invited to stop by and choose from the many varieties of homemade cookies that will help make your holiday preparations easier!

The sale will also feature

local artisans offering homemade holiday crafts and more, holiday wreaths and poinsettias from Old Post Farm and raffles featuring a \$25 Visa gift card, photograph from local photographer Claudia Strycharz and a kissing ball from Old Post.

If you would be interested in becoming a vendor, space is limited, and cost for a table is \$20 with all table proceeds going to the Nuangola Library to help with the library's on going operations and scholarship awards. Call Loraine at 570-868-6308 for a table.

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Apple festival draws large crowds despite inclement weather

With wind and rain forecast for the afternoon, people started arriving early on Saturday, October 16 for the start of the 33rd annual apple festival at Heller Orchard in Wapwallopen. The festival started in 1988 as a fundraiser for two area churches: today the event benefits nearly five area churches and several local first responders.

The apple festival features traditional and ethnic foods of all kinds; over 50 craft booths, homemade goods, activities for children such as corn shucking and washing clothes with a hand-cranked wooden washer.

Then there was everything apple — a wide variety of apples, fresh apple cider, apple desserts, apple dumplings, apple pie, apple cake and candy covered apples for sale.



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosić photos
Pete Webby has his concession stand set up and ready to serve his famous funnel cake and many more delectable items.



Timothy Trivelpiece, his wife Corey and their grandchildren Camille and Isaac Cunningham take a break before checking out more of the craft booths at the apple festival at Heller orchard.

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Brumagin and Mullisky named Commended Students

John Gorham, principal of Crestwood Secondary Campus announced that Jack F. Brumagin and Ruth E. Mullisky have been named Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue on the 2022 competition for National Merit Scholarship Awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000

students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."



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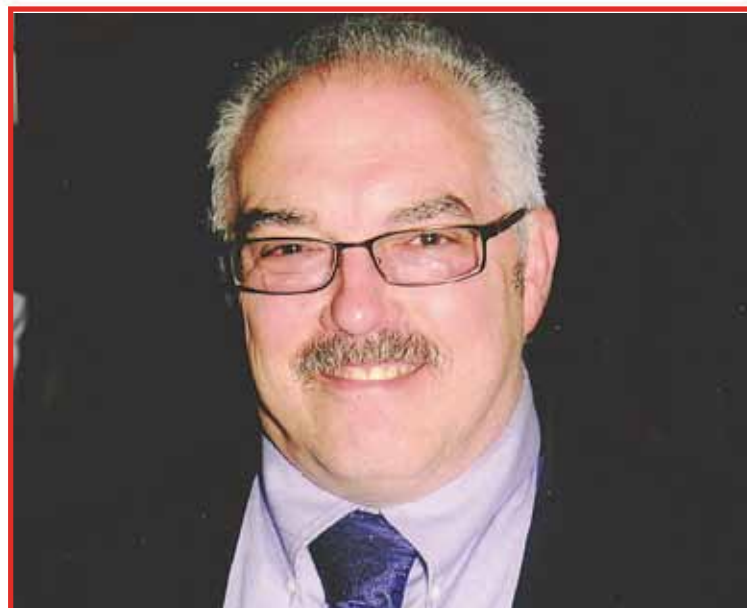
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live."

Griffiths said Fouché's comments about claiming your own space resonated with her. "I especially liked when Mr. Fouché said to take up your

own space in all relationships, and that no one person deserves more or less space than another," she offered. "It was a great reminder to live unapologetically and be my true self in all settings," she added.

Turney co-owns Safran Tur-

ney Hospitality which consists of six restaurants and four retail operations. Along with her partner, Valerie Safran, Turney has been recognized for pioneering the revitalization of a once desolate area of Center City Philadelphia into the vibrant and thriving Midtown Village. She is the executive chef for the group's six restaurants with three more on the way, including a restaurant in the iconic Love Park.

In 2019, Chef Turney won the Trailblazer Award, given annually by Philadelphia Magazine to a woman in the Philadelphia region who is considered a pioneer in her field.

"I loved high school," said Turney who noted she has been back for two of her graduating class reunions. "My best memories of growing up are



Crestwood High School senior Shannon Griffiths designed the cover for the program booklet for the Distinguished Alumni Awards presentation. She is pictured with the recipients, Fouché, Turney and Harvey.

from high school," she added.

A three-sport athlete, Turney said she was drawn to field hockey where she captained

Crestwood's outstanding teams in the late 1980s. "That's what kept me grounded," Turney said of her experience as a member of the Comet field hockey squad. "The whole thought of being a member of a team is what I take to my (restaurant) staff," she related.

The chef and entrepreneur got choked up when she pointed to her field hockey coach Elvetta Gemski who was in the audience. "I get emotional when I think of Elvetta," she said. "You will have a coach or

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Rice Township hosts informational session on proposed community center

The Rice Township recreation board and township supervisors hosted an informational session on October 20 to share their ideas and get public input on a proposed community center.

About a dozen people turned out for the session which included a power point presentation by representatives of Williams, Kinsman, Lewis Architecture of Wilkes-Barre, which prepared some conceptual renderings of what the center might look like.

Supervisors and some members of the recreation board have proposed an idea to build a community center on the site of the former Rice Township Fire Department hall, located

on Willoughby Street, just off Nuangola Road. The parcel is 3.58 acres, and township officials said they have an option for an additional approximately two acres just north of the township-owned property.

The center, officials said, would include an indoor recreation area and meeting spaces for senior citizens and veterans. While the plans are in the very preliminary stages, the design showed indoor multi-purpose courts, meeting areas and a small kitchen area. Officials emphasized they are looking for input on what the community would like in the building and how it should be designed.

Questions from audience

members included how the construction of the center would be funded; how and by whom it would be run and maintained; and what types of recreation activities the center would accommodate.

Supervisor Rick Arnold, vice president of the recreation board, told residents the township would seek public and private grants and donations from citizens and businesses to fund its construction. "We're going to have the building paid for, or we're not moving forward," Arnold promised. He said the township is proactively pursuing funding sources. "Something like this doesn't happen

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overnight,” he cautioned.

John Rodgers, chairman of the recreation board, outlined some of the potential funding sources for the project. He said they are looking at grant money from the state’s Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RCAP), a portion of the Luzerne County’s federal CARES money, Luzerne County Tourism Office, private sponsorship and possibly some of the township’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money.

The Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program is administered by the state’s Office of the Budget for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects. According to its website, RACP

grants are intended for projects that have a regional or multi-jurisdictional impact and generate substantial increases or maintain current levels of employment, tax revenues, or other measures of economic activity. RACP projects are state-funded projects that cannot obtain primary funding under other state programs.

Rodgers said private foundations grants would be used as seed money for the project. He also mentioned possible sponsorships from businesses such as banks.

Asked about plans for maintenance and sustaining the operation of the center, Rodgers said that would be part of the plan that needs to be worked out. “We don’t want it to be like the ice rink in Wright Township that was built and is not used,” he commented.

“If we get it, this could



change the quality of life in the township,” Rodgers said of the idea.

Conceptual drawings provided by Williams Kinsman Lewis Architecture



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Rosary rally held in Weis Markets parking lot



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

A large group of people gathered around the bus in Weis Markets parking lot to participate in the praying of the rosary on the beautiful fall day.

A rosary rally was held on Saturday, October 16 at 12 noon in the Weis parking lot in Mountain Top. The event is sponsored by America Needs Fatima and was one of over 20,000 rallies that took place all across the

United States that day. The Rosary Rally offering is in reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the U.S.



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photo

David Jaques, his wife Noreen and granddaughter Allison Van Pelt manned one of the game booths at the Harvest Festival at St. Jude Parish grove.

St. Jude's holds harvest festival

It felt like summer with the temperature in the seventies in the grove at St. Jude's Parish; but it was the middle of October. The grove was lit up for the first harvest festival, sponsored by the St. Jude Parish family and St. Jude School PTG. The Knights of Columbus, Boy Scout Troop 60, St. Jude Youth Group, the St. Jude School 8th grade class and the ladies from *Walking with A Purpose* also took part. There was a haunted walk, face painting, a DJ, a costume contest, games, food and s'mores on fire pits around the grove.

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wheat dinner roll, gelatin, milk and coffee

Wednesday: Baked ham, diced beets, sweet potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, pineapple, sugar cookie, milk and coffee

Thursday: Breaded chicken cutlet, vegetable medley, buttered noodles, baked apples, graham cracker, milk and coffee

Friday: Pulled pork, corn

chowder, cole slaw, whole wheat sandwich roll, chocolate pudding, milk and coffee

Week of November 8

Monday: Greek salad with turkey, whole wheat dinner roll, grapes, milk and coffee

Tuesday: Shrimp alfredo, broccoli and red peppers, rigatoni, whole wheat dinner roll, fresh orange, milk and coffee

Wednesday: Apple butter

pork chop, brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, oatmeal cookie, milk and coffee

Thursday: Center closed

Friday: Turkey and bean chili, peppers & onions, corn, cornbread, fresh apple slices milk and coffee

Seniors are invited to attend lunch daily. Regular and health plus menus are available. The suggested donation is \$2.

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Halloween getting back to normal in Mountain Top

The Wright Township Halloween parade will be held Saturday, October 30 at 3 p.m. in the playground of the municipal park. Children age 10 and under, accompanied by a parent or guardian, are invited. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories: scariest, funniest & best costumes. Games and treats will also be provided.

Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department will distribute glow necklaces and conduct safety patrols in Wright and Rice Townships on Halloween evening. The department has about 3,000 necklaces to distribute.

In Fairview Township, Mountain Top Hose Company No. 1 announced it will once again travel throughout the township handing out glow sticks, necklaces and candy on Halloween.

The Dorrance Township Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will host its second annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Dorrance fire hall.

Slocum Township Volunteer Fire Department will host a trunk or Treat on October 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. Setup begins at 4. Free hot cocoa and snacks will be provided by fire company volunteers. Awards will be given to the most creative, funniest, creepiest, and best in show. Volunteers will also be having a basket raffle.

Leaf programs have begun in area

Rice Township road master Bob Pipech reported the township's leaf drop off program began October 16 and

concludes Saturday, November 20. Leaves can be left by the dumpster at the rear of the municipal building. They must be in clear plastic bags. Branches cut to a length of three feet and no more than one inch in diameter may also be left. The leaf drop off program is for residents with a 2021-2022 recycling permit. Pipech noted cameras record activity in the area.

Meanwhile, Wright Township has begun its annual fall leaf cleanup campaign.

Supervisor Matt Howton, the township's road master, said public works crews will be using the township's new leaf vacuum to pick up leaves from the edge of roadways, starting at the northern edge of the township and working south. Howton emphasized leaves must be raked to the edge of the pavement to be collected by the machine. Crews will not attempt to vacuum leaves from stone swales or cross over swales onto yards. He added that only leaves, no grass or

twigs will be collected. Residents also have the option to put leaves in biodegradable bags for collection. Call the township office for bag collection. The program will continue until December 1 as long as weather permits.

WTVFD recognized

Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department was recognized for its service a few times at this month's township supervisors meeting.

Solicitor Jack Dean expressed

the appreciation of Crestwood School District for the department's staffing of the annual homecoming bonfire. It appears the fire department wasn't notified until a couple hours before the event, but still responded a crew to keep everyone safe.

Dean also thanked the department for promptly responding to an inquiry from the Luzerne County Election office about locating a mail-in

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ballot drop off box in the fire hall. The department agreed to the request and as a result Mountain Top residents who wish to drop off mail-in ballots won't have to drive to Wilkes-Barre or Hazleton.

Finally, Howton thanked the department members for their response to flooding and other weather-related incidents con-

nected with Tropical Storm Ida and subsequent heavy rains. Township resident Steve Gothreau offered his personal thanks to fire fighters who responded to flooding at his home on September 1.

Be sure to get out and vote November 2

There are supervisor races in three Mountain Top townships

in the upcoming General Election as well as a contest for tax collector.

In Fairview Township incumbent Mike Iorio, a Republican, is opposed by Kelly Rose Sones who secured the Democratic nod in the primary.

Rice Township incumbent supervisor Rick Arnold, a Republican, faces opposition from Democrat Tom Romanynshyn.

Former supervisor Candace Smith, who won the GOP nomination in the primary squares off against Democrat Kyle Rozitski, in the race for Wright Township supervisor. Long-time tax collector Barbara Macko, a Democrat, faces a challenge from Republican Laura Beers.

Incumbent Slocum Town-

ship supervisor Charles Herring Sr. is unopposed as is Dorance Township incumbent supervisor Kevin Gallagher.

In Nuangola, where there are four seats up for election, incumbent council members Tom Williams and Joseph Tucker, both Democrats, and Republicans Mark Gandzyk and Michael Johnson have no opposition. There is no candidate on the ballot for mayor. The late Norm Rule held that post for many years.

In the race for four seats on the Crestwood school board, Independent Marla Campbell has thrown her hat into the ring. Incumbents Barry Boone and Randy Swank, along with newcomers John Macri and Michael Maguire won Democratic and Republican nomina-

tions in the primary.

Voters who requested mail-in ballots have the option of dropping them off at the election bureau's official drop box located in the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department, 477 South Main Road. The drop off box is open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, through November 1. Remember, you can only deposit your own ballot in the box.

Budget meetings scheduled in Wright Township

Wright Township supervisors scheduled their 2022 budget meetings for November 15

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at 7 p.m., and December 20 at 6 p.m. The meetings are open to the public.

New Emergency Management Coordinator needed in Wright Township

Wright Township is looking for a new Emergency Management coordinator.

Supervisors announced at their October meeting that long-time EMA coordinator Stanley Gutkowski III is resigning effective January 1, 2022, when his current term expires. Howton noted the position requires emergency response training, which is free, but requires time. Dianne Hoppersberger currently is assistant EMA coordinator.

Anyone interested in the position should contact the township secretary.

In other news ...

It appears Wright Township supervisors will be looking for input on how to spend its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The township recently received its first ARPA payment of \$294,591 and is still looking for federal guidance on how the money can be spent.

Last month, Stephen Gothreau, a member of the township's planning commission, urged supervisors to allocate half of the \$294,591

to "private sector entities of Wright Township impacted by Covid." Gothreau recommended supervisors use the money to provide premium pay to essential workers in the private sector who worked throughout the Covid crisis. He cited a U.S. Treasury Department fact sheet on uses of ARPA funds to support his proposal.

Township solicitor Jack Dean told Gothreau last month that regulations on how the ARPA funds can be used are continu-

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ously evolving. "Right now, I am not sure that is something we can do," Dean said at that time.

At the October meeting, Gothreau again urged supervisors to consider using half of the first installment to assist

the private sector. "It's sound public policy," he commented. "The most vulnerable in our society are the very young and the very old. I hope the board would see to it not to let people fall through the cracks." He urged them to consider providing premium pay to workers in nursing homes and daycares

located in the township.

Dean noted that his research has shown there are numerous eligible uses for the funds, including that which Gothreau suggested. Board chairman Matt Howton pointed out the board does not want to rush into spending the money. "We want to be thoughtful on our approach (to spending the money)," Howton offered. "One use is the one you brought to us," he said of the resident's recommendation.

Howton said at the board's

November meeting he would like to appoint a committee to come up with a plan on how to spend the funds.

Supervisors tabled a draft short-term rental ordinance for review. Dean drafted the ordinance which is based on one in use in nearby Penn Lake Park. Dean pointed out that ordinance has been in effect for about one year and seems to be working well.

Howton reported ZY Pyrotechnics, which has put on the July 4 fireworks display

the last few years, notified the township there will be a price increase for 2022. Howton said the company indicated the cost will jump by \$30 per case but did not indicate what the total cost would be for next year. Howton will follow up to get a better cost estimate as the company wants a deposit by the beginning of the year.

A request from secretary/treasurer Pamela Heard to purchase five updated township code books (hard copy) at a cost of \$664 was approved. They tabled a request from the planning commission to hire Jack Varaly to update the township zoning map at a cost of \$2,650. Supervisors said they want more information on what the end product will be.

Supervisors approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Crestwood School District to allow township police to enforce school bus stop violations supported by evidence from a school bus signal arm camera. Dean said a statute enacted last year gives police the authority to cite motorists for school bus violations based on evidence from the cameras mounted on buses.

Recycling center open to nonresidents

Wright township's recycling center will be open to non-residents and businesses again in 2022, for a fee.

Supervisors passed a resolution at their October meeting establishing a \$25 annual permit fee for non-residents and a \$100 annual fee for small businesses located in the township. A small business is defined as having fewer than 10 employees and less than \$250,000 in

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MMI Preparatory School receives donation through Weis4School Program

Several members of the management team at the Weis Market in Mountain Top presented MMI Preparatory School with a \$400 donation from the Weis4School program on Monday, September 20. MMI's Advancement Director, Kim McNulty said, "We were pleased to be part of this one-year program and really

thrilled with the support our community gave our school by shopping at Weis. Thank you to Weis Markets for giving us the opportunity to participate."

The Weis4School program was launched in September 2020 and allowed customers to earn points on purchases to generate donations for local pre-k through 12 schools.

Each school was provided with a unique code to provide to their constituents who were then able to pass on the donation through their regular grocery shopping.



From left, Ashley Harrison, Deli Manager; Cheryl Sorkine, Bakery Manager; Jason Scholz, Store Manager; Justin Kleinheider, MMI Preparatory School Head of School; Robert Hossler, CGO Coordinator; and Scott Bogert, Assistance Store Manager.

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Rotary holds annual 5K run/walk

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top held its annual 5K run/walk on Saturday, October 23.

This event supports the prevention of drug overdoses and suicides.

Some of the profits from this event, called *Conquer the Mountain* benefit the local chapter of NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) and the *Too Good for Drugs* program in the Crestwood School District, presented by Pathways to Recovery Educational Services.

It was held at Wright Township Municipal Park in Mountain Top. This year there was a fun run/walk, which did not include any hills! Registration began at 8:30 a.m. The walk began at 9:45 a.m., the run at 10 a.m. and the fun run/walk at 10:30 a.m.

The 5K run and walk were timed and medals were presented to the overall winners and to the top three in each age group.



And they're off!



Michelle Reilly, Jo Gulvas and Beth Langston help walkers and runners register.

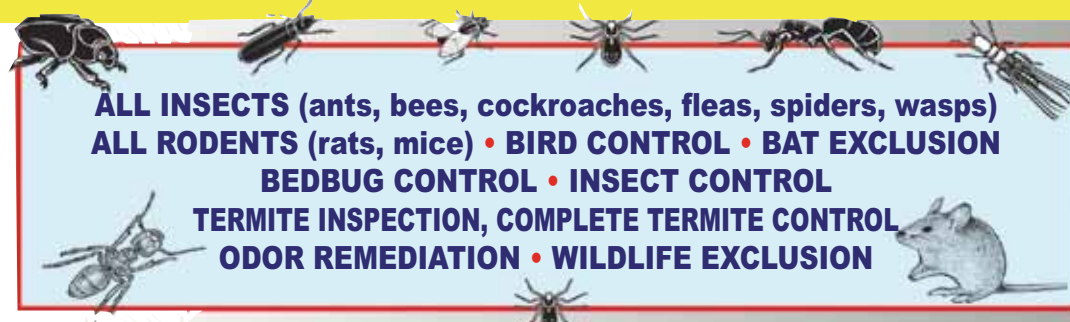
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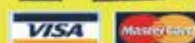
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Sixth grade student Brayden Hernandez asks some questions of Officer Petroski.

SJ students learn about internet safety

Officer Petroski of the Pennsylvania State Police made a visit to Saint Jude School to talk internet safety with fourth through eighth grades. The officer discussed with children the dangers of online gaming and the need for them to be ever vigilant while surfing the web. Students learned how various setting and filters can be used to keep themselves safe as they engage in social media and other online applications. The Saint Jude School PTG sponsored the event.



Jason Bender



Jasmine Hutchins-Spellman



Lily Petras

LCCC accounting students receive PICPA scholarships

Three accounting students from Luzerne County Community College have been awarded Community College Scholarships from the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants Foundation.

The 2021 scholarship recipients are Jason Bender, White Haven; Jasmine Hutchins-Spellman, Plymouth; and Lily

Petras, White Haven.

The community college scholarships are awarded to current community or junior college students in Pennsylvania who intend to transfer to a four-year institution and complete their bachelor's degree in accounting. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

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annual gross revenue. Residents will be required to obtain a permit sticker to use the center. There will be no charge to residents, but proof of residence will be required.

The township recently advertised for bids from firms interested in hauling recyclables from the recycling center.

**Pennsy Supply
inspection in complete**
Dorrance township solicitor

Sean Logsdon told supervisors at their October 11 meeting that the report on the recent Pennsy Supply inspection is not complete. He said he is waiting for additional information from Pennsy.

In other news ...

Supervisors voted to advertise for a CPA to perform the township's 2021 audit. Following their meeting, supervisors held a 2022 budget preparation meeting.

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At left, Lisa Haasis, organizer of teen programs plays Connect 4 with Onur Haltas, while James Grosz and Julianna Kitchen play a game called Bumparena.

Game night held at Kirby Library

The MSK Library hosted a teen game night on Tuesday, September 28 from 6 to 7 p.m. The fun event was held for children in grades 6 to 12 and was a great time to socialize, play games and enjoy snacking on goodies.

Teen programs listed at Kirby Library

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library has announced some teen programs that will be held during the month of November.

Fall teen game night for grades 6-12 will be held on Tuesday, November 2 from 6-7 p.m. You can have fun playing games and eating snacks.

Teen fall craft program for grades 6-12 will be held on Saturday, November 6 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. You can make a sock pumpkin and luminary craft. You may bring your own sock for the pumpkin craft.

Middle School Book Club for grades 6-8 will take place on Tuesday, November 16 from 6-7 p.m. They will be discussing *A Tale of Magic* by Chris Colfer and other fun activities. Books are available at the circu-

lation desk.

The Holiday Minute to Win It Program for grades 6-12 will take place on Tuesday, November 30 from 6-7 p.m. Play holiday minute to win it games and see if you can win a gift card or other prizes!!

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The Wright Centers for Community Health and Graduate Medical Education names Krzywicki as public relations manager

The Wright Centers for Community Health and Graduate Medical Education recently named Paul Krzywicki, an award-winning journalist and public relations professional, as public relations manager.

A Mountain Top resident, Krzywicki will manage media outreach, and the planning and implementation of communication programs that create a positive image of The Wright Centers for Community Health and

Graduate Medical Education. He will create and transform ideas into communication strategies that include news articles, publications, blogs, social media posts, and other supportive materials. In addition, Krzywicki

writes and edits copy for a variety of marketing needs, such as print ads, signage, web content, press releases, video scripts, and leadership talking points and presentations.

He will also provide strategy direction, message development, and communication planning and implementation to increase the understanding of corporate vision, business strategies and initiatives among the company's internal and external audiences.

A graduate of King's College with a bachelor's degree in mass communications, Krzywicki has experience in print and broadcast journalism, and publications, public relations and grant writing for a regional institution of higher education and non-profit agency. His work has been recognized by the Society of Professional Journalists and College & University Public Relations and Associated Professionals.

The Wright Center for Community Health is a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike, as designated by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). It is dedicated to serving Northeast Pennsylvania's most vulnerable residents and currently provides a comprehensive medical home



Paul Krzywicki

to more than 26,000 patients, more than 40% of whom are uninsured, underinsured or low income. The Wright Center for Community Health draws patients primarily from a five-county service area that includes Lackawanna, Luzerne, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties.

The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education is fully accredited by the American Council on Graduate Medical Education. It is the largest HRSA-funded teaching health center for graduate medical education. Founded in 1976, it offers training programs for internal medicine, family medicine and psychiatry residents, and cardiovascular disease, gastroenterology and geriatrics fellows.



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teacher that will mean a lot," she said of her mentor, now retired.

Turney said on graduation from Crestwood she enrolled at Temple University to study art and play field hockey. After her second year, she became disenchanted with how computers were introduced into the curriculum at Temple's Tyler School of Art and Architecture. She turned to working in restaurants which eventually became her profession and her passion.

Turney admitted she's had some failures in her professional career, but she was determined to learn from her failures, just like she and her teammates learned from losses on the field hockey field. "My ego doesn't come into play. It's how do we fix it," she explained.

The award recipient encouraged students to look for a career they find fulfilling. "It doesn't have to be about

money or success," she said. "Do something you're passionate about.

Harvey, 98 years old, was class president and valedictorian of his graduating class from Fairview High School. He went on to become a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, who were the nation's first all African American group of military pilots.

The retired Lieutenant Colonel fought in WWII and Korean Conflict and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross along with multiple Air Medals.

Harvey was born in Montclair, NJ and in 1937 he and his family moved to Nuan-gola Station. Though he was the only African American in his school, Harvey said he did not experience any segregation or discrimination. A self-described perfectionist, he

became captain of the school's basketball team and anchor on its tumbling team. He was drafted into the Army in April of 1943 and at this time, he said, was first introduced to prejudice and discrimination.

Harvey wanted to become a pilot and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, but as an engineer, rather than a pilot.

The biggest obstacle Harvey faced in his quest to become a pilot, he said, was the color of his skin. He pointed out that many Army officers believed in the stereotypes perpetuated by the Army War College *Studies of the Negro* produced in the previous decade. Harvey said the study described African American soldiers in a negative light, using such terms as child-like, careless, shiftless, irresponsible, unmoral and untruthful. The African American soldier was branded as a

comic, emotionally unstable, musically inclined with good rhythm" and "if fed, loyal and compliant."

"Since every white commander had a copy of this report this is how they perceived us," Harvey explained. Despite the obstacles, he persisted and eventually was accepted for flight training at Tuskegee, Alabama. Harvey finished his training as a pilot in April 1945 and as he was preparing to head to Europe, the war on that continent ended. "Hitler gave up the following month. And I can tell you why," Harvey quipped.

"He knew I was coming."

During the Korean Conflict, he flew 126 missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Between World War II and Korea, Harvey and other members of his unit were selected to go to Nevada to participate in a competition now known as Top Gun. Though his team won the competition, Air Force records for years listed the 1949 winner as "unknown." It was through his persistence that the record was changed in 1995, 46 years later, to reflect the team of black airmen finished on top.



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A Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 30 at 5 p.m. in the church parking lot. Set-up and decorating begins at 3:30 p.m. Register your vehicle at 570-474-6060. Please provide candy/treats for the kids. Non-perishable food items will be accepted for the Mountain Top Area Food Bank.

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place on Saturday, November 6 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. To schedule an appointment please visit: redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Covid protocols will be in-effect at all events.

Visit the church's Facebook page: Christ on the Mountain Top or its website: christon-themountaintop.org.

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Most everyone knows what the last day of October is: Hal-

loween. But not many people know the meaning of the name. It is actually a contraction of "All Hallow's Evening". It is the evening before the day on which Christians remember the people who promoted the Christian faith, All Saints Day, which is November 1. Pope Gregory IV first instituted All Saints Day in 837 to honor all saints, known and unknown. This was also done in an effort to bring non-Christians into the faith. In many countries, November 1 was celebrated by pagan people as the beginning of winter and the decreasing daylight was feared as a time when evil spirits would be more powerful. To counteract this superstition, Pope Gregory IV provided a Christian ritual. This year, as you walk around trick-or-treating, take some time to think about where the name "Halloween" comes from and that it is meant to help us remember our saints.

Teen Talk is for anyone in 7th grade and above. They meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to talk about God and Jesus, how our lives are influenced by Them and how we can be an influence to others around us.

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.

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

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

McKenzie Wanyo is all set for the first number to be drawn in the first game of bingo.

Bingo held at Emmanuel UCC

Emmanuel United Church of Christ held a fall bingo in the social hall of the church on Sunday, October 17 at 4 p.m. There were gift cards and cash prizes. Cost to play was \$25 for 20 games. Food and drinks were available to purchase throughout the afternoon.



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the tongue are asked to come up at the end of the Communion line. 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.

Bingo at Good Shepherd Church on Tuesdays is back. The kitchen opens at 5 p.m. and the Early Bird game begins at 6 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, call the parish office.

Good Shepherd breakfast returns on Sunday, Novem-

ber 7! They need volunteers to help serve the breakfast (waiters and waitresses), set-up and clean-up people, kitchen help, and dishwashers and pancake makers when needed. Call Barbara at 570-788-1676 if you would like to help.

The next baptismal preparation class will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish (combined Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd class) on Wednesday, December 1, at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Use the Chestnut Street

side door to enter the church and proceed down the stairway to the parish hall. Call the parish office at 570-788-3141 to register. This class is mandatory for all parents who wish to have their child baptized.

The Valley Food Pantry will be making Thanksgiving boxes for needy families in the area. Good Shepherd has been asked to contribute turkey and chicken gravy, and instant mashed potatoes for 55 boxes. The local churches have also been asked to help collect coffee.

The deadline for contributions is Wednesday, November 17.

The Queen of Our Hearts Rosary Group invites you to pray the rosary in church on Saturdays from 5 to 5:45 p.m. They will pray the rosary, the Infant of Prague Novena, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The Women of Good Shepherd will return to meeting on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. They need volunteer teams to plan a monthly meeting. Please contact Cathy Penkala if you'd like to plan a meeting activity. Meeting dates are November 8, December 13, January 10, March 14, April 11, May 9, and June 13.

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.

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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.

Homes in our community will be hosting Light the Night, on Sunday, October 31 to hand out popcorn, candy, and hot chocolate to families trick-or-treating.

Mountaintop Family Church will be hosting a Thanksgiving

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Worship Together ...

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Food Drive and a Coat Drive through Sunday, November 14. Food being collected includes corn, gravy, broth, stuffing, green beans, canned fruits, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, instant mashed potatoes and noodles. Items being accepted for the coat drive are gently used and washed coats, winter hats, scarves, gloves and mittens. Contact the church office if you would like to drop off any donations.

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.

MFC's Wednesday Small Groups are meeting in person again! Men and women are invited to attend the Men's Small Group and Ladies Small Group; both meet at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Starting Point Youth for students in grades 7-12 meets in the Youth Room from 6:30-8 p.m., Ground Zero56 for students in 5th and 6th grade will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. in the sanctuary and the Royal Rangers and Girls Ministry programs for children 4 years old through 4th grade will meet from 6:30-8. Registration forms and payment required for Royal Rangers and Girls Ministries. Please contact the church office if interested. No registration is necessary for

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Presbyterian Church holds trunk or treat

The Presbyterian Church of Mountain Top held a trunk or treat on Sunday, October 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the lower church parking lot. Due to the sporadic rain showers some of the participants set up in the fellowship hall of the church to hand out candy. There were several Halloween games to play inside and outside, and of course much candy for all to enjoy. The children came in their fabulous Halloween costumes and were ready for trick or treat. Despite the weather everyone who came had a great time.



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Chase and Cassidy Brendza take some candy from the smiling scarecrow Jane Koons.

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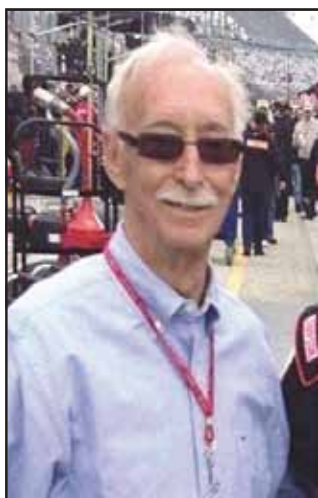
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Barry Lu Davis 1943-2021



Barry Lu Davis, 77, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on October 10, 2021. He was born on November 1, 1943, in Nanticoke, PA to the late William E. Davis and Lucy Wolfe Davis. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by siblings, William, John, and Donald Davis.

Barry worked as a CRNA, beginning in 1968, for his entire career spanning over 50 years before his retirement. He was very much devoted to his family. He also enjoyed auto racing and traveling in his motorcoach.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Linda Davis; children, Tim Davis, Lucinda Kish and Jonathan Davis (Meredith); brother-in-law, Rickey Hartley (Joann); grandchildren, Caelyn and Caden Kish, Callahan and Claudia Davis and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation for family and friends was on Thursday, October 14 at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Dale Jr. Foundation, P. O. Box 330, Mooresville, NC 28115 and/or Mooresville Christian Mission, 266 North Broad St., Mooresville, NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Davis family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at <http://www.cavin-cook.com>.

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Ground Zero or Starting Point Youth.

Young adults out of high school are invited to get together for a time of fellowship, prayer, Bible study and fun! Canvas, a small group for Young Adults meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at various locations. Contact the church office for more information and to see where they will be meeting this week.

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.

MT. ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Services: Sunday 9 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Fran Fink
Lily Lake Road, Slocum

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Cindy Faust will lead the worship service on October 31. Following the service everyone is invited to stay for refreshments and enjoy the costumes of Halloween.

On November 7 Rev. Fran Fink will lead the worship service.

The Friendship Club will celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11 with a breakfast at the Parkway Diner in Nanticoke at 9:30 a.m.

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

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.

Faith United Methodist Church, 1448 Slocum Road will serve its homemade chicken and waffle dinner on Saturday, November 13 from 3:30-6 p.m. The dinner is a drive thru, take-out only. Cost is \$10. Please call to place order by November 3 with Joy at 570-592-0725, or Wilma at 570-868-5511, or Marie at 570-301-8097.

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.

The 10:30 service includes kinder church for ages 4-6 years and junior church for 7-12 year olds.

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7 in the fellowship hall. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Everyone is welcome on Friday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. for a coffeehouse with dinner and live music at a cost of only \$3. Please bring a dessert to share.

Please join them for their Thanksgiving eve service, November 24 at 6:30 p.m.

For additional information, visit the church's website at nlccmountain-top.com.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOUNTAIN TOP

Services: Sunday 11 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

You are invited to join in worship on Sunday, October 31. Masks are optional. 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. Please continue to mail in your tithes.

The Fireside Chat Bible study has resumed Wednesdays at 7 p.m.. Please note the following numbers: Zoom Link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83505317603>. Meeting I.D. 83505317603, Zoom Phone: 267-831-0333.

The harvest table is open for donations for needy families for Thanksgiving. It will be in the front of the church until November 14. Please open your hearts to help the less fortunate. If you or anyone else is

in need of food for Thanksgiving please notify the church or one of the Deacons.

The Deacons are requesting the college addresses of any members or friends of the church who are away at school.

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.

Regular Sunday School classes began on Sunday, September 19, at 10:15 a.m. Plans for the fall are a Halloween party with trunk or treat on October 31 from 10:15 to 11:15. Thanksgiving baskets will be prepared on November 21 at 11:30 at St. James. Students will be given a note with items they are asked to donate for the baskets. Christmas baskets for shut-ins will be done on December 19. The Christmas program is tentatively planned for December 19 during the worship service.

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Mason Yenchik enjoys a hot dog while he watches the movie.

Hotel Transylvania shown at Stairville UMC

At Stairville UMC on Saturday, October 23 at 6 p.m. a family movie night featuring *Hotel Transylvania* on the big screen was held. The event was free and there were plenty of hot dogs, snacks, beverages, and candy too! Children brought sleeping bags and wore their PJs or their Halloween costumes.

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The Election Day soup and bake sale will be held on November 2 at the Hobie Municipal Building. Baked goods are needed and should be taken to the church kitchen on Monday, November 1 or dropped off at the sale on Tues-

day. Help working at the stand is also needed. Call Diane (570-379-3811) if you are able to help.

Cub Scouts began again on Sunday, September 12 at 6 p.m. All girls and boys from first through fourth grades are eligible to attend. Contact Shelly at 570-854-2161.

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.

The local St. Jude Council #6440 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the

weekend of November 6 and 7. You will be amazed at the difference you can make in your community with minimal time commitment and the ability to choose which programs to support that best fit your interests and busy schedule, all while building lasting friendships. If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/join us and enter council #6440, talk to a Knight identified by their blue polo shirt, or send an email at info@stjudekofc6440.org.

St. Jude Parish will participate with St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the Feed-a-Friend program that helps to supply Thanksgiving food bags for families in the Mountain Top area.

Suggested nonperishable food items include boxes of stuffing mix, pie crust mix, Biscoquick, Jello, pudding, instant potatoes, and hot roll mix and cans of vegetables, fruit, turkey

gravy, cranberry sauce, pumpkin, apple sauce, soup and pie filling. No glass please. Food may be dropped off at church and placed in the baskets located in the narthex marked Feed-a-Friend. The collection will continue through Friday, November 19.

Regular office hours have resumed, 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
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Most grateful,
**Karen and the Fromm family,
Brett, Jill, Alexx, Bree, Jerry,
Garrett and Aaron**

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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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work they do individually, and collectively as a congregation reflects their commitment to these increasingly crucial needs in our area.

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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: Students should go directly to

their classrooms. Parents need to escort their children to and from classes each week.

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.

A trunk or treat will take place on Sunday, October 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the parking lot on the grove side. All families are welcome to attend this safe and fun alternative to traditional trick or treating. Set up for those wish-

ing to hand out treats is 5 p.m. A decorated vehicle adds to the excitement, but is not required. For logistical reasons please call Wende to register: 570-760-3167.

Due to a number of circumstances related to C-19 and supply shortages, the St. Theresa's Guild turkey bingo has been changed to a cash & gift card bingo, to be held on Sunday, November 14. Games begin at 1 p.m. Doors open at noon.

Visit Saint Mary's website: stmarydorrance.org; Face-

book 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.

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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.

All Saints Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 1 at 6 p.m.

First Friday Adoration is November 5. Sign up sheet is on the table in back of the

church.

All Souls Memorial Mass for those who have passed to eternal life during this past year will be celebrated on Thursday, November 18 at 6 p.m.

Lectors are needed for both masses. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in back of the church or you can call the office at 570-443-9944.

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 will be Monday-Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., closed Thursdays. As always, you can call the church office and leave a message for any inquiries.

The church recently decided to compile a cookbook as a fundraiser for the church. There are recipe sheets located

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Hailey and Paiton Therriault of White Haven are having a great time painting two or three faces on each of their pumpkins.

Halloween fest held at St. Paul's

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, White Haven, held a Halloween festival on Saturday, October 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall. There was pumpkin painting and games for kids. Delicious food was available for purchase plus tricky trays, bake sale, craft sale and a quilt raffle. Proceeds from the event will benefit the youth that are going to attend the Lutheran Youth Gathering in 2022.



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in the narthex. You can write them on paper and hand deliver them to the church, give them to Elizabeth, Pastor or Sue or you can email them directly to dukster1958@gmail.com. Please spread the word about the cookbook the more recipes the better!

There will not be a healing service for the month of November. They will resume in December.

The church will hold its craft/talent auction on November 14 starting at 6 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.! If you're crafty please start making your creations now! They hope you join them for the fun and some apple

dumplings too!

The 10th concert for Rebecca & All Victims of Domestic Violence will be Friday, November 26 from 6-10:30 p.m. at Sand Springs Country Club. Music by Don Shappelle & the Pickups band with Craig Thatcher, John Lukas, & guest speakers Tammy Rodgers, Tammi Burke, & more. There will be basket raffles. Admission is free.

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.

**418 Berwick St., White Haven
570-443-9424**

Sunday morning worship service is at 9 a.m.

The church is using Zoom so you will still be able to attend services. It is held on Sundays at 10 a.m. If you are not able to join a computer, phone or ipad, you can call into the worship service.

The number is 1-646-876-9923. Press the # sign after the prompt. The meeting room ID again is 557 531 789 and the password is 470085.

**Adult Sunday School: 8 a.m.
Todd Glasmire, Pastor
335 W. Butler Drive, Drums
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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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Bill Lester, Leader
305 Berwick Street, White Haven
570-443-7293

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

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The NE Pa. Music Teachers Association recently conducted a music competition for piano, voice, strings, instrumental students who performed 2 memorized pieces for adjudicating, announced local NEPMTA Pres. and chairperson for the event, Andrea Bogusko. Serving as judges were: Gary Eslinger, Sarah Houck, David Meehan, and Mark Reinhart.

Winners received cash awards, certificates, dinner and a recital performance at the historic Mary Stegmaier Mansion in Wilkes-Barre on June 23.

NEPMTA members, from throughout NE PA. whose students were chosen as winners include Maria Amionitis, Andrea Bogusko, Erica Castaldo, Alana Cross, Judith Fedor, Harvey Feldman, Judith Katra, Denise Knox, Christine Leandri, Roxane Lee, Margaret Reitz, Mary Ann Saylor, Christina Shimp, and Michelle Triaca.

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