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# Crestwood celebrates Homecoming

It felt like summer, not early October during Homecoming week at Crestwood High School. The school was decorated in Comet colors, red and white as students showed their school spirit and pride. This year homecoming took place the week of October 4. Activities included theme days, a pep rally, a bonfire and the annual Powder Puff game on Thursday, which pitted the junior girls against the senior girls and was coached by members of the varsity football team.

On Friday, fans lined South Main Road starting at Christ United Methodist Church up to the school for the annual homecoming parade. The Crestwood High School color guard, marching band and cheerleaders led the parade, followed by the homecoming court: Colbey Gallagher, Nadia Peimany, Enderson Martinez, Julia Lazo, Melanie Golden, Natalie Charton, Bryce Vieney, Nash Greene, Carter Laubach and Ethan Shudak, all clustered together on a cart decorated in fall colors. The homecoming court was followed by students and area fire and ambulance companies.

Before the start of the game against the Abington Heights Comets from Clarks Summit, the homecoming court was introduced. Nash Green was crowned King and Melanie Golden was crowned Queen. The Crestwood Comets went on to trounce Abington Heights 33-0.



Photo by CHS Amanda Zavacky

Junior Isabella Caporuscio has the ball while teammate Caitlin Dushanko tries to holdoff the senior defenders during the annual Powder Puff game on October 7.



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photos

Youngsters along the parade route compete to see how much candy they can gather.

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The Crestwood **High School** 2021 Homecoming King and **Queen Nash** Green and Mela-



# 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 U.S. veterans and first responders.

# 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 16 CORNHOLE TOURNEY

The Slocum Township Fire Company is holding a cornhole tournament on **October 16** on the fire company grounds. The

tournament will begin with registration from 9-11 a.m. and games start at 11 a.m. Rain date is October 17.

There will be prizes for three teams. Breakfast and lunch foods will be for sale.

Cost is \$25 per person, \$50 per team. Registration includes a chicken barbecue.

Message the fire company on Facebook or text 570-706-5582 to register.

#### **ROSARY RALLY**

A rosary rally will be held on Saturday, October 16 at 12 noon in the Weis parking lot in Mountain Top. This event is sponsored by America Needs Fatima and will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the U.S. on that day.

Please join them in offer-

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Support the Cause
Rotary of Mountain Top's 5K Run/Walk

FOR THE PREVENTION OF OVERDOSES AND SUICIDE

October 23, 2021

Wright Township Municipal Park, Mountain Top P

RUN 10 A.M. WALK 9:45 A.M.

Entry Fee/Registration

Fee: \$25 Adults, \$12 for those 17 and under

T-Shirt guaranteed when registered by October 1st Day of registration fee is \$30/ adult, \$17/17 and under Registration will be from 8:30 -9:30 the day of the race, START TIME is 10:00 a.m.

NEW THIS YEAR! FUN RUN/WALK! ONE MILE COURSE, NO HILLS. THIS EVENT IS NOT TIMED AND NO MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED.

SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT GUARANTEED WITH REGISTRATION PRIOR TO OCT. 1ST. FEE: ADULTS \$20,00 17 AND UNDER \$12,00

EVENT BEGINS AT 10:30 AM WRIGHT TWP. MUNICIPAL PARK.

Make checks payable to: Rotary Club of Mountain Top.

Mail to: Rotary Club of Mountain Top, P.O. Box 244, Mountain Top, PA 18707



More Info

Contact either Joe Aquilina at joeaquilina99@gmail.com or Jo Gulvas at jogulvas1@gmail.com

#### ourse Description

The race will start and finish at the Wright Township Park. The 5k course is a loop course all within Wright Township  $\sim$  and yes, it's hilly!! For runners' safety: NO strollers, pets, bikes or roller blades permitted.

#### Age Groups and Awards

5K overall male and female awards for first place. Runners and Walkers: Medals will be awarded to the top three Male and Female finishers in five year age groups.

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ing reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the U.S.

For more information call Marie at 570-574-0849 or Carmen at 570-262-7373.

# OCTOBER 17 BINGO

Emmanuel UCC is holding a bingo in its 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 p.m.

#### **HALLOWEEN PARADE**

The annual Halloween parade sponsored by the White Haven Lions Club will be held at 2 p.m. at Lehigh Park in White Haven on October 17 with registration at 1 p.m. Prizes are

awarded in several categories from children to adults and floats. Registration for everyone is free. Refreshments are provided for everyone at the end of the parade. See any White Haven Lions Club member for more information.

#### TRUNK OR TREAT

The Presbyterian Church of Mountain Top will hold a Trunk or Treat event on **Sunday**, **October 17** from 2-4 p.m. at the

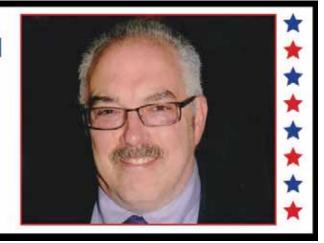
lower parking lot. (If inclement weather, event will be held inside).

The church is located at 9 Chestnut Street, Mountain Top.

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# Re-elect Barry Boone for School Board putting 'Education First'

#### MY PLATFORM

- Strong programs, academic and otherwise
  Have been instrumental in adding relevant, updated courses demanded by the students of Crestwood
  Strongly believe extra-curricular activities are an important part of a well-rounded education
- Accountability on all levels
   Have held administrators, teachers, support staff, bus drivers, and firms doing business with Crestwood accountable for quality work
- Fiscal responsibility

Recently negotiated a contract which has the potential to lower the cost of the district's insurance claims by over \$500,000 per year

Served as conduit between FNCB bank and Crestwood to get the \$30,000 marquee in front of the high school donated by FNCB bank

• 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)
- · 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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# OCTOBER 23 HALLOWEEN PET PARADE

Join Christ United Methodist Church Mountain Top for a Halloween pet parade on October 23 sponsored by P&D Pet Supply in Mountain Top.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m., the parade itself will circle the church twice and start around 1:45 p.m. Costume judging and awards will be held at 2:15 p.m.

Awards provided by P&D Pet Supply for: Cutest, Funniest, Scariest and best couple's costume with their human.

This is an outdoor event with plenty of space.

Please keep the 3' distance between families as per the CDC guidelines.

#### **CONQUER THE MOUNTAIN**

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top will hold its annual 5K run/walk on Saturday, October 23. This event will be held to support the prevention of drug overdoses and suicides. Some of the profits from this event, called Conquer the Mountain will 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 will be held at Wright Township Municipal Park in Mountain Top. This year there will be a fun run/walk, which does not include any hills! Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Online registration can be done at www.neparunner.

com. A t-shirt is guaranteed with registration by October 1.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The walk begins 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 will be timed and medals will be presented to the overall winners and to the top three in each age group.

For more information visit the Rotary Club of Mountain Top Facebook page, or contact Joe Aquilina at Joeaquilina99@gmail.com or Jo Gulvas at jogulvas1@gmail.com.

#### **WELSH COOKIE SALE**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is holding a Welsh cookie sale on October 23. Cost is \$6 per dozen. Pick up is October 23 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the

Church, 316 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top.

Any questions or to order please contact Kelly at 570-474-6616 or Lois Scott at 570-239-7421.

#### **PAPER SHREDDING EVENT**

State Rep. Gerald Mullery, D-Luzerne, will hold a free paper shredding event to help residents safely dispose of their unwanted and personal documents.

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Saturday**, **October 23** at Crestwood High School, located at 281 South Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top.

This will be a drive-thru shredding event. Residents are asked to place items in the back of their vehicles to be removed by a staff member

and then wait in their vehicles for the boxes or bags to be returned.

Common types of unwanted items for shredding include credit card statements, credit card applications, bank and investment statements, canceled checks, income tax information, insurance and health records, and retirement or pension fund information.

This event is only for residential documents. Business documents will not be accepted.

Documents will be shredded on site.

For more information, residents may call Mullery's Nanticoke office at 570-740-7031.

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# Crestwood Menu

#### Elementary Schools and Secondary Campus Week of October 18

Monday: Italian meatball and cheese hoagie or chicken tenders with a roll, featured veggies: green beans, baby carrots, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Chicken fajita wrap or cheeseburger on a roll; featured veggies: roasted pepper and onion, homemade cole slaw, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Loaded bacon and cheddar pierogies with roll or hot dog on a roll; featured veggies: steamed carrots, sliced cucumbers, choice of fruit and milk

Thursday: Philly cheesesteak on club roll with cheese sauce or chicken parm sandwich; featured veggies: baked potato wedges, fresh cauliflower, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Italian dunkers or ham and cheese melt with honey mustard; featured veggies: steamed mixed vegetables, chick pea salad, choice of fruit and milk

#### Week of October 25

Monday: Buffalo chicken dip over tortilla chips or chicken fries with roll; featured veggies: tater tots, baby carrots, choice of fruit and milk

Tuesday: Spaghetti and meatballs with garlic toast or cowboy burger with cheese, onion rings and barbecue sauce on a roll; featured veggies: steamed garden peas, curried chick pea salad, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Brunch 4 Lunch: French toast sticks with breakfast sausage links or hot dog on a roll; featured veggies: hash brown potatoes, steamed mixed vegetables, 100% fruit juice and choice of milk

Thursday: Walking taco with seasoned ground beef or

chicken patty sandwich; featured veggies: refried beans, lettuce and tomato cup, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Italian style strom-

boli with sauce or turkey and cheese melt with ranch; featured veggies: roasted broccoli, carrot and celery sticks, choice of fruit and milk

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LARGE 2 TOPPING	\$8
LARGE 3-5 TOPPING	\$9

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#### **CAR CRUISE IN THE PARK**

Mountain Top Area Community Association (MACA) is sponsoring a spooktacular car cruise in the park on October 23 from 12 to 3 p.m. at Wright Township Park off Route 309 in Mountain Top. Prizes and raffle baskets are part of the event. Come in costume or deck out your ride. There will be food and fun for everyone. Find them on Facebook @ MACA18707.

#### **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

Join Stairville UMC on Saturday, October 23 at 6 p.m. for a family movie night featuring *Hotel Transylvania* on the big screen. The event is free and there will be plenty of snacks and beverages too. Children are encouraged to brings something comfortable to sit on (sleeping bags, beanbag chairs, etc.) and wear their PJs or even their Halloween costumes! Stairville UMC is located at 1790 Stairville Road, Wapwallopen.

# HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

Rice Township is sponsor-

ing its first annual Halloween extravaganza at the Rice Township municipal building park area on **Saturday**, **October 23** from 4-7 p.m.

Dress up in your costumes and wander along the Trick or Treat Trail. Meet spooky characters along the way for a trick or treat, whatever you dare to choose. At the end of the walk, enjoy free Abe's hot dogs and refreshments, or maybe a campfire s'mores. Pick a pumpkin from the patch to decorate and take home. Games and prizes for the best costumes, too!

# OCTOBER 24 CHICKEN DINNER

The Sons of the American Legion, Mountain Post 781, will hold a chicken dinner on Sunday, October 24 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. or until sold out. The dinner will include 1/2 roast chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll and dessert. It is take out only. The legion is located on Church Road in Mountain Top. For more info call 570-474-2161 or email mtsal0781@gmail.com.

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## **WEDNESDAY**

BUILD A BURGER \$10 All Bottled Beer \$3.00

## **THURSDAY**

ITALIAN NIGHT 4-8:30 P.M. 3 Courses \$20

## FRIDAY & SATURDAY

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# **SUNDAY**

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#### **COAT COLLECTION**

Crestwood Competitive Cheer is collecting clean, gently worn and new coats during their One Warm Coat drive.

Donations will be accepted at Crestwood High School on October 24 from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

# OCTOBER 26 MOUNTAINTOP SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The next Mountain Top Social Club meeting will be held on October 26 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top at 1 p.m. It will be a pizza party. Any questions about the club call Sharon Gorka at 570-868-6598. Any questions about trips call Cathy at 570-261-5016.

Trips this year include; 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, 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.

# 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 inter-

ested in donating a basket or registering, please message them on Facebook or contact Cindi at 570-578-7573.

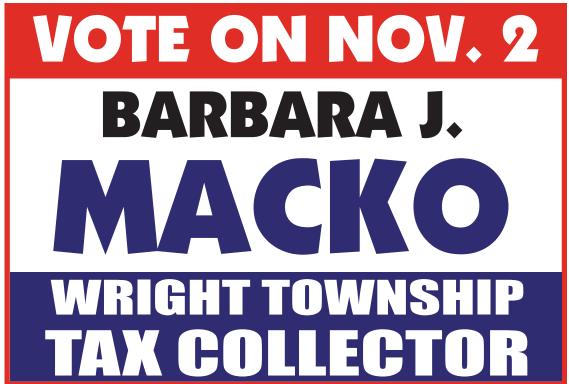
#### **HALLOWEEN PARADE**

Conyngham Valley Civic Organization (CVCO) is holding a Halloween parade on **Satur**- day, October 30 at 2:30 p.m. Meet at Conyngham Borough Building. Parade begins at 3

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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.

# 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. Patricks Parish Center in White Haven.

The event is hosted by the White Haven Marine Corps League #1039.

The monthly all you can eat breakfast includes pancakes, cheesecake crepes, eggs to order, SOS, ham, bacon, sausage, homefries, coffee, tea, and orange juice.

\$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.

# 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 avail-

able. No early birds please.

# 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.

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# **Golf tournament benefits Max and Lorraine Foundation**

On a beautiful early fall day the first annual Button Holdings charity golf tournament was held on Friday, October 1 at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Mountain Top.

The proceeds from the tournament go to the Max and Lorraine Foundation which is named for Max Button and his mom Lorraine Button Tracy, who both lost their lives to asthma.

The tournament included lunch, a putting contest, 18 holes of golf, dinner, and an open bar. The tournament format was Captain and Crew and 120 golfers signed up to play for a great cause.

At bottom right: Amanda Moyer registers Sean Rogan for the tournament and answers any questions he has.



Friends Shirley Keefe, Kate Button, Sister Miriam and Ann Cromarty enjoy catching up.



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# **Vote Maria Campbell for Crestwood School Board**

Hello, my name is Marla Campbell. I am currently running for Crestwood school board as an independent candidate. I wanted to introduce myself and let you know who I am and why I am running for school board.

First, I am a mother of two. One child is in high



Marla Campbell

school and one in elementary school. My husband and I have been so proud to have our kids in the Crestwood school district. My kids are lucky to have had many wonderful and dedicated teachers. They have helped to inspire me to get involved and help create a great school system.

I have been an advocate for safety improvements in our schools for years. I have attended many board meetings and parent meetings encouraging positive changes to protect our students. We need to give our schools the tools necessary to keep our kids safe.

With the onset of the pandemic we face new issues regarding the health and well being of our students. We have new responsibilities to them and to the community. During this pandemic I feel that now, more than ever, we need a medical professional on the board. I have been a practicing physical therapist for over 20 years and currently hold my Doctorate in Physical Therapy. I have enlisted a group of doctors and health care

providers from Commonwealth Health system, Geisinger Medical System and Allegheny Health Network who have all agreed to be advisors. Having access to trained, respected, medical professionals in various fields will allow us to always have the best and most current information available. I want to use this information to help keep our kids safe, and in school.

While education and safety is at the core of my beliefs, there is also a financial component to any management of a school district. All board members have a responsibility to the current and future tax payers of the community. I believe we need to have a long term plan for expenses that are coming and will not be able to be ignored. While debt is a part of many school districts, it is the board's responsibility to make sure the debt is necessary, the resultant outcome tackles priority problems first and improves the school district as a whole.

My community involvement and interests extend along many areas of the community. I am a youth soccer coach for over 9 years, I am a proponent of sport safety and injury avoidance education, and I am on the Crestwood cross country booster club. I also teach religious education at St. Jude Parish and have helped organize and work at the Rice Easter egg hunt.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my platform and I humbly ask for your support.

Marla Campbell DPT

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Olivia Kripp, left and Evelyn Harmon work on making some Halloween jewelry at the MSK Library.

#### **MSK Library hosts jewelry program**

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library held a Halloween jewelry making workshop for children in grades 6 through 12 on Tuesday, October 5 from 6 to 7 p.m. The kids made caged skull necklaces and Halloween stretch bracelets.

# Post 781 collecting items for troops

Mountain Post 781 will be collecting items to send to our deployed troops. This is a yearly project held by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 781, the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion.

Monetary donations may be sent to the Mountain Post 781, 1550 Henry Drive, Mountain Top.

They are also asking for names and addresses of service men and women. Please contact the American Legion at 570-678-7105. Please make a difference in a serviceman's deployment away from home during the holi-

days. Packages will be sent in November.

The American Legion Auxiliary Mountain Post 781 will be collecting donations to send packages to our activeduty military troops. There will also be donation drop-off boxes at the secondary campus, Rice Elementary, and Fairview Elementary. Please keep in mind that a homemade card is one of the best gifts that can be given.

Donations for active duty troops can include these suggested items: beef jerky, pull tab fruit, Tuna Sensations, wrapped candy, cheese crackers, Tums, chips, Tastykakes, gum, powdered drinks, peanut butter crackers, peanuts, pretzels, popcorn, mints, instant coffee, ice tea mix, Gatorade mix, lemonade mix, power/protein bars, instant soup mix, trail mix, instant mac-n-cheese, floss, tissues pillow cases, Chapstick, antiitch cream, Gold Bond foot powder, mouthwash, Visine eye wash, shampoo, phone chargers, puzzle books, body wash, band-aids, wet wipes, deodorant, hair ties, soap, sanitizer, bobby pins, sunflower seeds, dry shampoo, flip-flops, playing cards, greeting cards, and notebooks and pens.

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Drums Lioness Lions members participating are from left, Lorna Veglia, Mary Ann Molendini, Rafael Billet, Monica Weidick, Nancy Defazio, and Jeanette Tait

#### Lioness members walk for Alzheimer's

The Drums Lioness Lions Club recently participated in the National Alzheimer's Walk. This walk was held in conjunction with the Faith United Church of Christ of Hazleton, host of the event. The walk provided awareness information and generated funds for quality care and support for those dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementia diseases.

# First Responders Day held at Kirby Library



Four year old Christopher Tigue and patrolman Aaron Fromm of the Wright Township Police Department get to know each other.

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library in Mountain Top held a First Responders Day on Saturday, October 2 at the library. Everyone was welcome



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Cassidy and Chase Brendza ask 2nd Assistant Fire Chief of Mountaintop Hose Company No. 1 Josh Antosh how tall the fire truck is, which they were told is 11 feet tall.

to stop by anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to meet local first responders. Children made little first aid kits that they decorated and filled with band aids and other things that would fit. They also could write a thank you letter to a local first responder. The event was a great way to get children to know there is nothing to fear and that first responders are there to help them if the need arises.

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# News in Brief ...

# **Property sales bring** revenue to Wright **Township**

The sale of two more properties in the Crestwood Industrial Park continues to bring unanticipated revenue into Wright Township's coffers.

The former Certain Teed plant at 1220 Oak Hill Road recently was sold for \$32 million to GL 1220 Oak Hill, LLC of Brooklyn, NY. The property transfer tax means \$16,000 each for the township and the Crestwood School District.

Also sold was the Baker **Hughes Oilfield Operations** building at 1150 Crestwood Drive. The property was purchased by WDC Realty LLC of Collegeville for \$1 million. The township and school district received \$5,000 each from the property transfer tax.

Earlier this year the town-

ship received \$260,000 from the sale of KT Holdings properties on Elmwood Drive and Baker Properties Limited on Oak Hill Drive.

The township budgeted an anticipated \$150,000 revenue in 2021 from realty transfer taxes.

#### **Police chief retires**

Fairview Township supervisors at their October meeting approved the retirement of police chief Phil Holbrook effective September 24. Holbrook was a member of the department for 33 years, the last four as chief. Previously he served as detective sergeant. Holbrook has accepted a position as an investigator with the state Attorney General's office.

Sgt. Dennis Monk is expected to be named chief at the board's November meeting.

## **Rice supervisors** approve police pact

Rice Township supervisors at their October 5 meeting approved by a 2-1 vote a new four-year contract with members of the police department.

Supervisors Rick Arnold and Bob Pipech voted in favor of the pact while supervisor Carl Smith voted no. Pipech, board chairman, said he was reluctant to vote in favor of the agreement, but in the interest of harmony agreed to it. The pact covers the years 2022 through 2025.

The new contract calls for a three percent wage increase in 2022 and four percent in each of the following years. Beginning in 2022, police officers' contribution to their health care premiums will increase from two to three percent. The residency requirement also

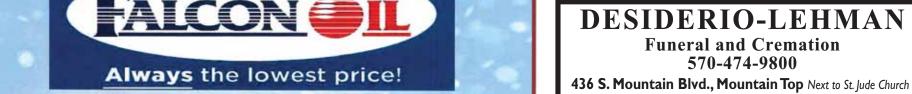
will change next year. Staring in 2022, police officers must reside within 15 miles of the township. Currently they must reside within 10 miles. Additionally, the starting salary for probationary officers will increase from 80 to 85 percent of full-time officers.

Salaries for department members in 2022 will be \$57,101.12 for patrolmen; \$61,058.40 for sergeant; and \$66,339.21 for the chief.

Supervisors recently named Harold Ehret acting chief. He is expected to be appointed chief in December when long-time chief Robert Franks retirement is effective. Supervisors appointed Christopher Dimmick as a full-time patrolman effective October 6. They unanimously approved a revised police department operations manual.

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Ronald Miller Jr. was appointed a part-time Rice Township public works employee at a rate of \$14 an hour, not to exceed 30 hours a week.

# Rice to hold special meeting October 20

Rice Township supervisors and the township recreation committee will hold a special community meeting on Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the municipal building to reveal ideas for a proposed multimillion dollar indoor youth recreation/senior citizen/veterans gathering center on the property of the former Rice Township Volunteer Fire Company, 40 Willowby St.

Arnold, the vice president of the recreation committee, discussed the community meeting at the recent supervisor's meeting. He said the proposed facility would serve not just Rice Township but the greater Mountain Top community. Supervisors and the recreation committee will be looking for

reaction and input from the community regarding their ideas for this property. Recreation committee chair John Rogers and Arnold will present the committee's ideas and answer questions. An architect also will attend.

Over recent months, the township has received inquiries from individuals interested in purchasing the former fire department property located just off Nuangola Road. However, supervisors said they have no plans to sell the property. "We feel strongly about not selling it," Arnold said of the property. His comments were echoed by Pipech.

Arnold was asked if the township has funding in place for the facility and he said the

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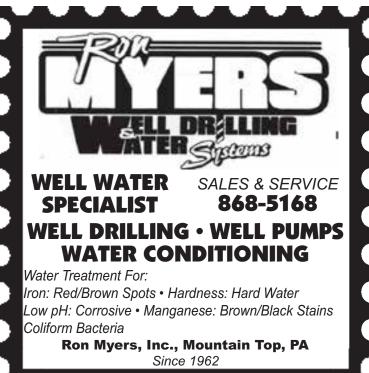
# Rice supervisors appoint new officer



From left are Acting Police Chief Harold Ehret, Officer Christopher Tyler Dimmick and Magistrate Ferris Webby.

Rice Township supervisors appointed a new police officer at their October meeting. Officer Christopher Tyler Dimmick was sworn in by Magisterial District Judge Ferris Webby immediately after his appointment. Dimmick, age 22, is a graduate of Lackawanna College Police Academy and most recently worked for Rush Township and East Union Township in Schuylkill County.







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# **Crestwood celebrates Homecoming 2021**



Juniors Ellen Morris, Madison Foley and Andrew Poyer take part in the 2021 Homecoming Parade knowing the next year it will be their turn!



Photo by CHS Amanda Zavacky
Senior Natalie Charton tries to hold off Junior Caitlin Dushanko
at the annual Powder Puff game on October 7.



The Comets cheerleaders spark the crowds along the 2021 Homecoming parade route.



The Homecoming Court: Colbey Gallagher, Nadia Peimany, Enderson Martinez, Julia Lazo, Melanie Golden, Natalie Charton, Bryce Vieney,

Nash Greene, Carter Laubach and Ethan Shudak where all smiles as the 2021 Homecoming parade was about to start.



Kindergarten student Abby Geiser dresses up as a tacky tourist during homecoming week at Fairview Elementary.



The Color Guard was in the lead as the 2021 Crestwood High School Homecoming parade started to make its way on South Main Road.

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# **2021 Crestwood Homecoming Court**

# **Natalie Charton** escorted by **Nash Greene**

Natalie Charton is the daughter of Lisa and Ross Charton. Natalie attends LCCC as a young scholar and is Vice President of the Key Club. She is a member of Crestwood girls lacrosse team, National Honor Society and National Business Honor Society. In her free time, Natalie enjoys hiking, yoga, and spending time with her friends. Following graduation, Natalie plans to attend college and major in physical therapy.

Nash Greene is the son of Paul and Karen Greene. Nash is a young scholar and a member of the varsity golf team, the varsity cross country team & the varsity track/field team, FBLA and the Interacts Club. In his free time, Nash enjoys playing basketball and golf with his friends. Following graduation, Nash plans to attend college and major in finance.

# **Colbey Gallagher** escorted by **Carter Laubach**

Colbey Gallagher is the

daughter of Lori and Jamie Gallagher. Colbey is a member of the Yearbook Club. In her spare time, she enjoys baking and cooking. Following graduation, Colbey plans on pursuing a career in the culinary arts.

Carter Laubach is the son of Scott and Christy Laubach. Carter is a member of the Crestwood basketball team, National Honor Society, National Business Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America. He attends King's College as a Young Scholar. In his free time, he enjoys watching sports and listening to music. Following graduation, Carter plans to attend college to major in marketing.

# **Melanie Golden** escorted by **Enderson Martinez**

Melanie Golden is the daughter of Rich and Christine Golden. Melanie attends LCCC as a young scholar, and is treasurer of the senior class. Melanie is a member of the lacrosse team, National Honor Society, and was recognized for having 1000 career assists as a mem-



er, Nadia Peimany, Enderson Martinez; back: Julia

eney, Nash Greene, Carter Laubach, Ethan Shudak.

ber of the Crestwood girls volleyball team. In her free time, Melanie enjoys hanging out with friends and family. Following graduation, she plans to attend college and major in physical therapy.

Enderson Martinez is the son of Gerson Martinez. Enderson is a member of the Chess Club and the E-Sports Team. In his free time, Enderson likes to write and read books. He also likes to go horseback riding and play video games. Following graduation, Enderson plans on attending King's College and major in business management.

# Julia Lazo escorted by Ethan Shudak

Julia Lazo is the daughter of John and Heather Lazo. Julia is Spanish National Honor Society and the varsity track/ field team. In her free time, Julia enjoys pole vaulting and spending time with her friends and family. Following graduation, Julia plans to attend college and major in physical therapy.

Ethan Shudak is the son of Eric and Jessica Shudak. Ethan is a member of the varsity football team, the varsity track/ field team and the National Honor Society. In his free time, Ethan enjoys hanging out with friends, building & designing projects and fishing. Following graduation, Ethan plans to attend college and major in

mechanical or electrical engineering.

# **Nadia Peimany** escorted by **Bryce Vieney**

Nadia Peimany is the daughter of Ron Peimany and Ruby Peimany. Nadia has a sister, Mahtab. Nadia is a member of FBLA, the Key Club and the Environmental Club. In her free time, Nadia enjoys volunteering with the Key Club and having fun with her family. Following graduation, Nadia plans to attend LCCC to then transfer to a four-year university majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Bryce Vieney is the son of Erin and Amy Vieney. Bryce is a member of the varsity football and basketball teams. In his free time, Bryce enjoys hanging out with friends and playing Xbox. Following graduation, Bryce plans to attend college and major in International Business or Pre-Law.



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The 2021 Crestwood High School King and Queen and their court: Nadia Peimany, Julia Lazo, Colbey Gallagher, Natalie Charton, Mela-

nie Golden, Queen; Nash Green, King; Carter Laubach, Enderson Martinez, Ethan Shudak and Bryce Vieney.

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township and recreation board have "a few funding sources" that have stepped up but did not elaborate.

"We're looking for input," Arnold said. "We want to take our time and do this the right way," he offered.

# Temporary repairs completed to Heslop Road bridge

Rice Township engineer Andrew Pasonick told supervisors at their October 6 meeting that Luzerne County has completed temporary repairs to the Heslop Road bridge, but the span will be limited to one lane for the foreseeable future.

Pipech, the township's road master, responding to a complaint by resident Carl Kaminski, said the township will look for a contractor to remove a dead tree along Heslop Road. Kaminski said the tree is lean-

ing toward the road, creating a dangerous situation.

# Rice leaf drop off program to start

Supervisor Bob Pipech reported the township's leaf drop off program will begin October 16 and conclude 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.

A potential shortage of General Motors trucks caused Rice Township supervisors to amend a resolution they passed last month authorizing township secretary/treasurer Jeff Beck to apply for Local Shares Account funds to buy two dump trucks. The amended resolution allows the township to buy two new Ford vehicles or two new General Motors trucks. Supervisors said the change was made because

General Motors trucks may not be available. The amendment also set the amount of the grant application at \$190,715.66 originally the amount was set as up to \$225.000.

# M.A.C.A. to hold Halloween car cruise

The Mountaintop Area Community Association, M.A.C.A., is having its annual Halloween Spooktacular Cruise-in and Costume Contest from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 23 at the Wright Township Munic-

ipal Park. Admission is free, open to all ages and all vehicles, rain or shine. There will be prizes for best costumes and best decorated vehicles, plus games, raffle baskets, more!

A M.A.C.A. spokesperson relayed "We want to do events that bring the community together, which in these days of Covid isn't easy. Events like the Spooktacular allow us to gather together but still follow the guidelines. You can dress up, decorate your ride, or just come as you are and join the fun!"





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# Annual children's fishing derby held at Blytheburn Lake

Sunday, October 10 was a beautiful fall day for the Blytheburn Lake Association to hold its annual children's fishing derby. It took place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lake Blytheburn. The event was cancelled last year due to Covid-19.

The event was for children up to 12 years old. Each child needed to be accompanied by an adult.

Bait was provided and fishing was off the dam and along the shoreline.

Hot dogs and snacks were served during the derby.

A huge array of prizes such as fishing poles and equipment, bean bag toss games, other assorted games and much more were awarded. As always there was no charge for the fun event.

This year 102 trout were released for the derby and more than 35 kids came to the lake to try their hands at catching a big trout.



Anthony D'Arco, 8 looks very happy with this beautiful blue gill he caught.

the boats.



Fall colors provide a beautiful backdrop for the annual children's fishing derby at Blytheburn Lake.



Hunter Bedosky, 7 has been coming to the fishing derby since she was a wee two-year-old. She just cast out her bait, and is hoping to catch a few fish.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos
Wyatt Dane, 12, just let out a great cast from shore in between





Mark Bensavage holds the trout that his daughter Charlotte just caught.

# Scout troop 106 enjoys Hawk Mountain hike



Scout Troop 106 members enjoyed a day hiking Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Kempton PA which accesses several overlooks with views onto the Kittatinny Ridge where several species of raptors migrate predominantly in the fall. Scouts also learned about raptor migration, conservation, and education at a presentation

with a Great Horned Owl and Red Tailed Hawk both of which were injured and rescued by the Sanctuary. Scouts in attendance were Luke Barley, Simon Basham, Andy Grove, Alex Jennings, John Lupcho, Weston Medvetz, Bradley Meyers, and Sean Rodgers, Leaders Christal Basham, JJ Powers and Tony Rodgers.



Milena Makuta learns all about "A" as she cuts up her apples.



Nothing but a smile behind the mask for Easton Silva as he celebrates "A" week.

#### Apples a plenty in Saint Jude pre-school

The sights and sounds of Fall would not be complete without the sights and sounds of apples: red, green, delicious and crunchy! That's just what Mrs. Papciak's preschool students found out recently as they sampled and studied their way through a lesson on all things apples. Students began their investigation as they learned about the letter "A", its sound and shape. This led them to discover the many words that begin with the letter...which went directly to a wonderfully delicious concluding activity: the making and tasting of applesauce. With all this fun the children cannot wait to work (and hopefully taste!) their way through the alphabet.

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# **Rotary Club sponsors Conquer the Mountain on October 23**

The annual 5K run/walk will take place on Saturday, October 23 at Wright Township park. This event will be held to support the prevention of drug overdoses and suicides. Some of the profits from this event, called Conquer the Mountain will 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.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Online registration can be done at www.neparunner.com. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The walk begins at 9:45 a.m., the run at 10 a.m. and the fun run/ walk at 10:30 a.m.

For more information visit the Rotary Club of Mountain Top Facebook page, or contact Joe Aquilina at Joeaquilina99@gmail.com or Jo Gulvas at jogulvas1@gmail.com.

# Marine Corps League #1039 serves breakfast



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Alex Best of White Haven has been enjoying the Marine Corps League breakfast since he was a baby.

The Marine Corps League #1039 hosted the first all you can eat breakfast at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in White Haven in 18 months on Sunday, October 3 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The monthly all you can eat breakfast includes pancakes, cheesecake crepes, eggs to order, SOS, ham, bacon, sausage, home fries, coffee, tea, and orange juice. Cost for the breakfast is \$9 per adult and \$4 per child. Everyone is welcome to come for breakfast the first Sunday of every month. St. Patrick's Parish Center is located at 411 Allegheny Street in White Haven.

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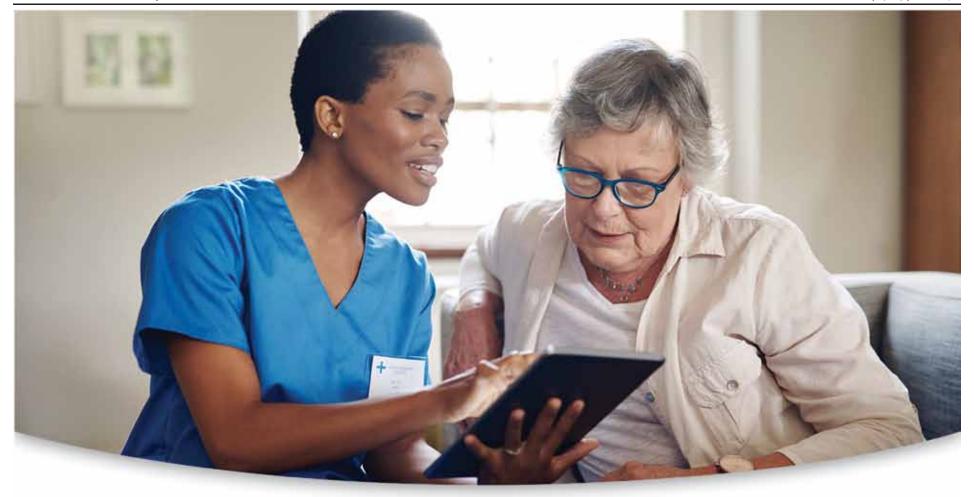
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#### **CHRIST UNITED** METHODIST CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9 & 10:45 a.m. Saturday 6 p.m. JP Bohanan, Pastor 175 S. Main Road, Mountain Top 570-474-6060

Sunday worship is held at 9 & 10:45 a.m. online and in-person. Masks required indoors.

A Halloween pet parade, sponsored by P & D Pet Supply, will take place on Saturday, October 23 from 1-2:30 p.m. Registration begins at 1 p.m. at the church's soccer fields. Parade will begin at about 1:45 p.m. This is an outdoor event. Prizes provided by P & D Pet Supply and will be awarded for the following costume categories: cutest, funniest, scariest, and best couple costume with their "hooman".

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 at both events 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 ineffect at all events.

Visit the church's Facebook page: Christ on the Mountain

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Top or its website: christonthemountaintop.org.

#### **EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

On Sunday, October 10 the church celebrated Harvest Home Sunday and thanked God for the great abundance of our harvest. In gratefulness for their harvest, they decorated the altar with an autumn theme and donated canned goods. All donations will be used to help restock the Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank which is housed at Emmanuel.

They are continuing the Harvest Home theme of gratefulness through Sunday, October

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.

Emmanuel UCC is holding

# St. Mary's holds Polish festival



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

#### Lisa Urbanski and Dorothy Peters make potato pancakes.

On Saturday, October 9 St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dorrance held a Polish festival from 2 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot near the bazaar grove. The menu included potato pancakes, piggies, haluski, and kielbasa, as well as delicious goodies at the bake sale. The lines were long with those hungry for the delicious ethnic foods. There was also a basket raffle with plenty of great items to take a chance on.

a bingo in the social hall on October 17 at 4 p.m. There will be gift cards and cash prizes.

**Services** 

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.

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@

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# 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

Masks in church are no longer required if you have been fully vaccinated, but they strongly urge everyone to wear a mask for your own protection. Also, those who receive Holy Communion on 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, November 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 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.

Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception parishes will host a joint Halloween dance on Saturday, October 30, in the Good Shepherd parish hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with music by Fr. Mike and His Heavenly Delights until 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. Although the event is "BYOB," the ticket price includes chili, pizza, and other food items as well as door prize tickets. Raffle tickets for your chance to win a 50" flat screen TV or gas grill will be on sale at the event (3 tickets for \$5). Costumes are optional, but prizes will be awarded. Tickets can be purchased by calling either parish office at 570-788-3141 or 570-636-3035. Table reservations will also be accepted. The cutoff for reservations is Sunday, October 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

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

Del Zawada brought his black lab Abby to get blessed by Deacon Joe.

#### Blessing of the pets held at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dorrance held a blessing of the pets on Monday, October 4, at 6 p.m. in the parking lot of the church near the grove. All families were invited to bring their pets for a special blessing by Deacon Joseph Chmiola. There was a goat, dogs, cats, turtles and guinea pigs among the animals that were brought to get blessed.



Sandy George brought her goat Rosie to be blessed.

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# 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 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-ortreating.

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

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 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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try church. Built in 1891, Mt. Zion still has no running water and uses an outhouse for their rest room facilities.

On October 17, Bill Bowden will be the special guest speaker

Rev. Fran Fink will lead the worship service on October 24. Following the service everyone is invited to stay for "Gospel Gleanings" led by Karen Alderfer

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.

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

Join Stairville UMC on Saturday, October 23 at 6 p.m. for a family movie night featuring *Hotel Transylvania* on the big screen. The event is free and there will be plenty of snacks and beverages too. Children are encouraged to brings something comfortable to sit on {sleeping bags, beanbag chairs, etc.) and wear their PJ's or even their Halloween costumes!

Pastor Scott can be reached by phone, text, or email at: 570-200-5388, email: somiller@susumc.org. Visit them on











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Facebook at New Hope Wapwallopen.

# NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Pastor: John Broglin 570 S. Main Road, Mountain Top 570-868-5155

**Services: Sunday** 

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 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 17. 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., but the zoom links

have changed. Please notate the following numbers: Zoom Link https://us06web.zoom. us/j/83505317603. Meeting I.D. 83505317603, Zoom Phone: 267-831-0333.

Trunk or treat! An event will be held in the lower church parking lot on Sunday, October 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is encouraged to join the fun. If you want to decorate your car or volunteer to help, please contact Steve Koons or the church office.

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 Mountaintop PA.

## ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. Oliver Brown, Pastor 827 E. County Road, Wapwallopen 570-379-3878

The church doors are open for worship services on Sunday mornings. 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

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Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo

Linda Herring looks at some beautiful handmade fall items offered for sale in the variety sale.

#### Variety sale, auction held at Stairville UMC

Stairville United Methodist Church held its annual variety sale and auction on Saturday, October 9 in the church fellowship hall. The variety sale began at 9 a.m. and the auction began promptly at 1 p.m. with auctioneer Frank Benscoter at the helm. There were vendors, local artisans, a variety of homemade food available for purchase and a bake sale. Homemade food was available for purchase plus delicious goodies at the bake sale.





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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.

Boscov Days with *Friends Helping Friends* will be held on Wednesday, October 20, all day. You can purchase a ticket from Diane (570-379-3811) for \$5 and that will save you 25%

on most items in the store. Small kitchen appliances and some other items are 10-15% off. The church keeps the \$5 as a fund raiser.

The Election Day soup and bake sale will be held on November 2 at the Hobbie 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 Tuesday. 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.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday, October 28 at 7 p.m.

A night of praise and worship in front of the blessed sacrament. There will be a speaker, an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation, and a time for fellowship afterward.

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.

Confirmation parent/student meeting on Sunday, October 17 at 9:30 a.m. and Monday, October 18 at 6 p.m. An informational meeting for all seventh and eighth grade parents. The meetings will be held in St. Jude Church. Families may attend either meeting. For religious education students, this meeting will be considered your class that weekend. Please call Molly with any questions, 570-868-5855 or 570-262-4628.

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.

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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.

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For more information on St. Martin's services and upcoming events, visit stmartintimeless.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.

The next meeting of the Altar & Rosary Society will be held on Monday, October 18 at 7 p.m. in the social hall. For information call Rita at 570-678-7520.

Visit Saint Mary's website: stmarydorrance.org; Facebook Page: Saint Mary's of Dorrance and Saint Mary's of Dorrance Youth Group or call 570-868-5855 for more info. Parish office is open Monday and Wednesdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Molly will be at St. Jude office Tuesdays and Thurs-

days. 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 par-

ish 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.

On September 27, Bishop Bambera issued the following guidelines for a safe environment at all weekday and weekend masses: strongly recommends all parishioners, vacci-

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nated or unvaccinated, to wear a mask while attending Mass. All Faith Formation (CCD) students, teachers and parents must wear a mask while in the Parish Center for class.

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 questions, 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.

If your child is interested in Sunday school email the church at info@stpaulsmttop. com or call the church office. Please provide name and grade. Masks are required.

The church would like for all its children to put their talents to work by creating five pieces of art. Drawings, paintings, sculptures, woodworking, sewing etc. The church will have a show to sell the pieces to help with the cost of the church roof. The date of the show will be announced. Please contact Susan Ackerman at 570-751-3169 or Pastor Michelle.

The church recently decided to compile a cookbook as a fundraiser for the church. There are recipe sheets located in the narthex. You can write them on paper and hand deliver them to the church, give

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# Harvest gathering held at Good Shepherd



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Debby and Ed Yakubowski enjoy some French fries from Webby's Concessions.

Good Shepherd Catholic Church hosted a harvest gathering on Saturday, October 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 10 from 1 to 7 p.m. in the church parking lot. The harvest gathering featured food trucks, a craft show, family activities, music, a beer station, tricky trays and games of chance.

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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!

In an effort to help folks who have been affected by Hurricane Ida, the following items are being requested in order to assemble school kits. They will collect these items through the month of October. Would anyone consider sponsoring this project with a Thrivent grant? Please contact Pastor if interested. School kits: Elementary: 1 back pack draw string bag or duffle bag, draw string bags can be purchased at the Dollar Tree, 4 notebooks and 4 pocket folders, 1 blunt scissor and 1 ruler, 4 pencils, pencil sharpener and eraser, 2 pens, 1 box of 24 crayons. School kits: High School: 1 backpack or duffle bag, 4 notebooks and 4 pocket folders, 4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener and 1 eraser or 4 mechanical pencils, 4 pens, 1 high school calculator. There will be a bin in the narthex.

On Saturday, October 23, a delicious Welsh cookie sale will be back! The cost is \$6 a dozen. Pick up will be 12-3 p.m. Order forms are in the narthex. You can also order by calling the church office. The proceeds from the sale will be going towards 2022 Lutheran Youth Conference Trip!

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 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 LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Janell Wigen, Pastor 418 Berwick St., White Haven 570-443-9424

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

The church is using Zoom so you will still be able to attend services. It is held on Sundays at 10 a.m.

If you are not able to join a computer, phone or ipad, you can call into the worship service.

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

password is 470085.

# ST. PAUL'S DRUMS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Pastor Todd and the congregation invite you to worship with them every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and for Bible Study every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m.

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

# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WHITE HAVEN

Services: Sunday 11 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Bill Lester, Leader 305 Berwick Street, White Haven 570-443-7293

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

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

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







# Crestwood Boy's Soccer Roundup

Crestwood vs Wyoming Valley West Varsity boys soccer game October 1

6-3 win Crestwood

Crestwood stats: goal scorers: first half: Ben Rossi (1, 37:58) Ben Rossi (2, 35:50) Ben Rossi (3, 26:44); second half:

Hunter Rolles (4, 23:05) Hunter Rolles (5, 5:08) Hunter Rolles (6, 1:52); assist: first half: Hunter; Rolles (2, 35:50) Hunter

Rolles (3, 26:44) Collin Bogdon (6, 1:52); corners: 4; shots:16; shots on goal:9; saves (Cole Kranson):4

Wyoming Valley West: Goal scorers: first half: Will (1, 8:01) Chris (2, 6:53); second half: Aiden (3, 22:52); assist: first half: Chris Tecotl (1, 8:01); corners:2; shots: 10; shots on Goal: 5; saves (Tyler Marchichski): 8

#### Crestwood vs Gregory The Great Academy Varsity boys soccer game October 4

3-0 Crestwood win

Crestwood stats: goal scorers: first half: Ben Rossi (1, 28:23); second half: Lars Stephensson (2, 33:59) Connor Herron (3, 00:01); assist: second half: Ethan Zabroski (33:59) Braden Vasilukus (00:01); corners:4;

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shots:17; shots on goal:6; saves (Cole Kranson):1

Gregory The Great Academy: goal scorers: first half: second half:; assist: first half:; corners:1; shots: 3; shots on goal: 1; saves ( Jack Martin): 5.

#### Crestwood vs Tunkhannock Varsity boys soccer game October 5

#### Crestwood win 3-2

Crestwood Stats: Goal Scorers: First Half: Hunter Rolles (1, 30:42) Ben Rossi (2, 10:49) Ben Rossi (3, 4:01)

Second Half: Assist: First Half: Ben Rossi (30:42) Collin Bogdon (10:49); Corners: 6; Shots:19; Shots on Goal:7; Saves (Cole Kranson):2

Tunkhannock

Goal Scorers: First Half: Shane Macko (1, 17:17); Second Half: Tyler Pietrowski (2, 12:16); Assist: First Half: ; Corners:2; Shots: 5; Shots on Goal: 3; Saves (Logan Barbini): 4

#### Crestwood Vs Dallas Varsity boys soccer game October 7 3-2 Crestwood loss

Crestwood stats: goal scorers: first half: Hunter Rolles (1, 37:18); second half: Ben Rossi (2, 00:08); assist: second half: Luca Schwartz (00:08); Corners: 2; shots:11; shots on goal:3; saves (Cole Kranson):1

Dallas: goal scorers: first half: second half: Michael Bufalino (1, 20:51) Jace Chopyak (2, 20:36) Michael Bufalino (3, 16:37); assist: first half: corners:7; shots: 5; shots on goal: 4; saves (Brandon Banks): 5.

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