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Kayley Laurence and her family dog, Nala, an Aussie Doodle attend the pet parade at Christ United Methodist Church on October 23. The event was sponsored by P&D Pet Supply.



Theo Chuplis, 15 months, runs with a candy bar in hand at the Slocum Volunteer Fire Company's trunk or treat on Saturday, October 30.



Kylie Brennan, 3, clowns around at the Dorrance Township Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary's trunk or treat event on October 30.



At the Halloween extravaganza in Rice Township on October 23, Bella Nester works on her pumpkin decorating.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos
Twin cows Wesley and Dansby Borger, 10 months, with mom Katie and dad Drew arrive at St. Mary's Church Community Outreach Group's Halloween trunk or treat on Sunday, October 31.



Gavin Rindock is all set to march in the White Haven Halloween parade sponsored by the White Haven Lions Club on Sunday, October 17.

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NOVEMBER FEED A FRIEND

It is once again time for the Mountain Top Feed A Friend project. Your donations help provide Thanksgiving dinners for those in need in our community. Please look for food collection boxes and money canisters located in various locations throughout the Mountain Top area including Kirby Library, Little Big Steps, Mountain Top Kids, Starry Nights, and Wright Township Recycling Center. Mountain Top Family Church and St. Jude Church are also doing food drives. Monetary donations can be made at Carone's Market.

The Boy Scouts will be collecting food around the Mountain Top area on Saturday, November 20. Volunteers are needed Tuesday, November 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to assist with distribution, which will be a drive through event.

Contact Terry Scott at 570-855-5813 or Tjsscott805@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

To receive up to date information please follow their Facebook page, Mountain Top Feed A Friend.

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.

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.

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 20 WREATH SALE

St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church will hold a wreath sale on **Saturday, November 20**. Wreaths are 15-16" in diameter on a 12 inch frame. They are made locally with fresh evergreens and decorated with a red bow. Wreaths are \$20 each. Orders are due Saturday, November 13, and pickup is at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 3085 Church Road, on Saturday, November 20 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Orders can be placed by calling Mimi at 570-332-6690, Harriet at 570-817-5189 or Pat at

570-868-5690. You can also submit your order at stmartin.mountaintop@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 20, 21 HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

A holiday craft show will be held on **Saturday, November 20** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and **Sunday, November 21** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's parish center, 411 Allegheny Street in White Haven. Come support local artists and find some great gifts. There will be homemade food and tricky trays available.

NOVEMBER 21 TURKEY SHOOT

The American Legion, Moun-

tain Post 781 at 1550 Henry Drive in Mountain Top will hold its annual turkey shoot on **November 21** at 10 a.m. All are welcome! Any questions please call 570-678-7105.

BINGO

Emmanuel UCC is holding a bingo in the social hall on **November 21** at 4 p.m. There will be cash prizes. Cost is \$25 for 20 games. Food and drinks will be available to purchase. Doors open at 3:30 and games begin at 4. Come out to enjoy the fun and good luck! Emmanuel is located at 7768 Blue Ridge Trail in Dorrance.

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Judge Richard Hughes swears in Acting Police Chief Dennis Monk to Police Chief of Fairview Township Police Department while his wife Dawn, daughters Payton and Shelby look on.

Monk sworn in as police chief

Acting Police Chief Dennis Monk was sworn in by Judge Richard Hughes before the Fairview Township supervisor's meeting on Wednesday, November 3. The meeting room was filled with family and friends to watch Monk get sworn in as the permanent Police Chief. Monk replaced Phil Holbrook who has retired.



Dawn Monk puts a police chief badge on her husband, Police Chief Dennis Monk's official jacket.

Valley Food Pantry receives donation from Drums Lioness Lions Club



From left, Drums Lioness Lions members Lorna Veglia, Marlene Kadany; Valley Food Pantry co-chairpersons Billie Shaffer, Linda Snyder. Absent from photo Maureen Younger, Valley Food Pantry co-chairperson.

The Drums Lioness Lions Club recently presented the Valley Food Pantry with a monetary donation. The Valley Food Pantry currently serves more than 60 families in the Valley area. Community outreach projects are a major function of the club to help meet needs in the community. New members are always welcome. For more information visit the Drums Lioness Lions Club Facebook page or email drumslionesslions@hotmail.com.

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Friday: Sweet & sour chicken, stir fry vegetables, brown rice, dinner roll, fresh orange, milk and coffee

Thanksgiving holiday

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

The center is located at 460 South Main Road, Mountain Top. Make your reservations at least one day in advance by calling 868-8517 before 1 p.m.

Bonita Tomcho is the director of the center.

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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 15

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

Tuesday: Mini corn dog nuggets or cheeseburger on a roll; featured veggies: seasoned curly fries, black bean salad, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: Thanksgiving meal: roasted turkey with gravy, traditional stuffing, cranberry sauce, dinner roll; featured veggies: mashed potatoes, steamed corn, Thanksgiving treat, choice of milk

Thursday: Classic toasted cheese sandwich or chicken patty sandwich; featured veggies: tomato soup, celery sticks, choice of fruit and milk

Friday: Italian style dunkers with sauce or ham and cheese melt with honey mustard; featured veggies: steamed carrots, broccoli salad, choice of fruit and milk

Week of November 22

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

Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza or cowboy burger with cheese, onion rings and barbecue sauce on a roll; featured veggies: steamed garden peas, cur-

ried chick pea salad, choice of fruit and milk

Wednesday: No School, Act 80 Day

Thursday: No school, Thanksgiving Day

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Choose 1: Fresh Cranberry Relish, Cole Slaw, Tossed Salad w/Dressing

Choose 1: Pumpkin Streusel Pie, Apple Crisp, Fudgy Chocolate Bundt Cake, Rice Pudding, Pumpkin Cheesecake (Add 15)

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Chicken Fingers_____8	Bread Stuffing_____14		26
Fresh Cranberry Relish_____9	Cavatelli w/Sauce_____14		26
Cole Slaw_____8	Buttered Corn_____8		15
Turkey Gravy_____Qt. 8	Sautéed Green Beans_____8		15
	Herb Buttered Carrots_____Qt. 8		15
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WHITE HAVEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The White Haven Area Historical Society is looking to gather historical items and memorabilia from White Haven and surrounding areas to add to its display at the White Haven Community Library.

The Society resumed its meetings this fall and will have its last meeting for this year on **Sunday, November 21** at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. Meetings will resume on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. weather permitting.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information call Lynne Jarick at 570-443-7507.

NOVEMBER 23 MOUNTAINTOP SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The next Mountain Top Social Club meeting will be held on **November 23** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 309 in Mountain Top at 1 p.m. 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: November 16 the Dutch Apple Theatre for *Miracle on 34th Street*. Trip to Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem on Thursday, November 11.

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

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NOVEMBER 24 FREE TURKEY DINNER

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in White Haven is holding a free take out turkey dinner on **Wednesday, November 24** with pick up times from 4 to 6 p.m. The dinner will consist of turkey, stuffing, vegetable, mashed potatoes, gravy and a dessert. Please call or text Arlena at 1-843-602-7730 to order ahead of time. Leave a message with your name and how many dinners you will be picking up. Due to Covid this is a drive thru pick up. Follow the signs to the back of the church.

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.

NOVEMBER 28 HOAGIE SALE

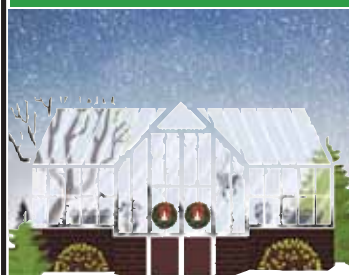
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DECEMBER 5 MONTHLY BREAKFAST

An all you can eat breakfast will be served on Sunday, December 5 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 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.

DECEMBER 10 & 11 LIVE NATIVITY

Mountaintop Family Church will hold a live nativity on Friday, December 10 and Saturday, December 11 from 5:30-8 p.m. Their hope is

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that everyone in the community will add this to their list of Christmas light sight-seeing as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Rain date: December 17 and 18 from 5:30-8 p.m. For more information contact the

church office at 570-474-0900 or katie@mfcchurch.com

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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Crestwood cheer team holds coat drive

The Crestwood Competitive Spirit Cheer team recently collected over 100 coats during their Warm Coat Drive. The coats were donated by the community and dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre to be given to those in need of a warm coat.

Kristen Boone joins DAHU Board of Directors

Kristen Boone, Senior Benefit Consultant, Lyons Companies, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of Delaware Association of Health Underwriters (DAHU), a chapter of the National Association of Health Underwriters. Boone will serve as board secretary.

"I am honored to be recognized with this new opportunity," said Boone. "I hope to advance the organization by bringing legislative recognition to challenges in the health insurance industry."

"Kristen's commitment, leadership and expertise will be an asset to DAHU," said Catharine N. Lyons, President and CEO, Lyons Companies. "I commend her for taking on this role and expect that her clients, too will benefit from her involvement."



Kristen Boone

NAHU recently advocated for the "No Surprises Act" eliminating unexpected out-of-network charges for patients. With the support of NAHU lobbying efforts, the Act was passed by Congress and will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

DAHU offers timely industry-related resources to its members. Employee benefits professionals living or working in

Delaware interested in DAHU membership should visit: www.nahu.org.

The DAHU 2021-2023 Board of Directors includes: Jen Wilson, President (L&W Insurance); Alexia Sassi, President-Elect (Highmark Delaware); Rob Jordan, Treasurer (Highmark Delaware); Yanique Williams, Membership Chair (Highmark Delaware); Kristen Boone, Secretary (Lyons Companies) and Kevin O'Neill, Legislative Chair (Colonial Life).

For more information, contact Kristen Boone at 302-472-2915 or kboone@lyonsinsurance.com.

Originally from Mountain Top, Boone is a 2002 graduate of Crestwood High School. She currently resides in Ridley Park with her partner Russell Martin.

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News in Brief ...

Wright police participate in Operation Safe Stop

On Wednesday, October 20, under the direction of Chief Royce Engler, the Wright Township Police Department participated in Operation Safe Stop. Operation Safe Stop is a proactive approach to educate the motoring public that passing a stopped school bus, when children are loading or unloading, is both dangerous and illegal. The goal is to raise public awareness about the potential consequences and reduce the occurrence of illegal school bus passes in our jurisdiction as well as in the Crestwood School District.

Officers followed the buses and watched the identified stops in a marked police car. Being visible while promoting school bus safety was another one of the goals.

Officers observed buses on their designed routes during high school and elementary school pickup and dropoff times on their way to school and on their way back home. The police will be doing this intermittently and issuing citations to violators in order to make Wright Township and the Crestwood School District safer for our children.

Penalties for passing a school bus are as follows: A person who passes a school bus with its safety arm out and flashing red signals commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and a \$35 surcharge. The surcharge shall be deposited into the School Bus Safety Grant Program account. In addition, violators will be assessed 5 points on their license and their license

will be suspended for a period of 60 days.

Township grants variances for miniature golf course

Malacari Ice Cream cleared the first hurdle toward construction of an 18-hole miniature golf course on prop-

erty adjacent to its existing business at 315 S. Mountain Boulevard.

The Wright Township zoning hearing board issued a decision at its October 26 meeting granting, with some conditions, variances requested by the business. That hearing was continued from October 4 at which time testimony

was offered by the firm's engineer.

The variances deal with requirements for landscaped buffer areas around the property; width of the access driveways to the proposed miniature golf course; and a requirement the parking area be surfaced with asphalt or concrete.

The board granted all vari-

ance requests under the following contingencies: both Malacari lots at issue are combined into one lot; the development of the minigolf course must be in strict conformity with the evidence and testimony presented at the October 26 hearing; the development

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Brownie troop attends Halloween party



GSHPA Brownie Troop 32267 attended a Halloween party that was celebrated on Wednesday, October 27 at St. Paul's Church. From left, are Troop leader Sara Wegrzynowicz, Reagan Williams, Lydia Nardi, Mariah Marsilio, Aryana Dahal, Kelsey Dewey, Kayla Cora, Finley Evans, Taylor Wegrzynowicz, and Troop leader Kayla Eddinger.

Decorating pumpkins for Halloween at Kirby Library

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library hosted a mini pumpkin decorating event on Tuesday,

October 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. The fun event was for children in grades 6 through 12.



Olivia Kripp decided to do a glow in the dark painted pumpkin.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos

Evelyn Harmon just pulled out her mini pumpkin that she did with nail polish in water to make a marbled look on her pumpkin.

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of the minigolf course must comply with all other ordinances, laws, and regulations. The zoning hearing board also granted an impervious surface variance.

In addition to zoning approval, the project also must get approval from the township's planning commission.

Mullery introduces bill to ensure burial grounds receive necessary care

State Rep. Gerald Mullery, D-Luzerne, recently introduced legislation that would increase the amount of money municipalities can spend on burial ground maintenance to prevent neglect and overgrowth.

"Under my legislation, municipalities would be able to increase the amount of money they can spend on burial ground maintenance to ensure the lands are well kept for Pennsylvanians past, present and future."

Current Pennsylvania law designates that when burial grounds are neglected to the point of becoming a nuisance,

residents living within a 5-mile radius of the property may petition the court to have care duties transferred to the local municipality.

"This law, which is severely outdated, directs municipalities to spend no more than \$30 on maintenance costs per calendar year. When this law was enacted in 1923, \$30 may have been sufficient. Unfortu-

nately, in 2021, \$30 is simply not enough."

Under H.B. 1841, state law would be updated and the \$30 spending limit on burial ground maintenance for municipalities would be increased to \$5,000.

Mullery said his legislation has been referred to the House Local Government Committee for further consideration.



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Kiwanis serve pancake, sausage and scrambled eggs breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of Mountain Top held its 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 included pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Cost for the all you can eat meal was \$8 per person, children under 12 cost \$3.

The breakfast is always

a great time for family and friends to come out to enjoy a delicious breakfast and support the Kiwanis Club of Mountain Top.

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 wellbeing 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.

At right: Jay and Janice Kittrick came out to enjoy a delicious breakfast and show their support for the Kiwanis Club.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photo



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Addeline Vosik-Pekala is a beautiful unicorn princess at the trunk or treat sponsored by St. Mary's Church Community Outreach Group.

At right: The prairie family Papadopoulos is ready to hand out candy at the Dorrance Township trunk or treat event on October 30. From left are mom Ashlee, Leighton, 2, Grayson, 8, Hadley, 6 and dad Jason.



Mountain Peaks/Claudia Strycharz photos
Anne Marie Marcus, Eliot Kleinheider, Alexander D'Alonzo, Ronan Kleinheider are ready to march in the annual Halloween parade sponsored by the White Haven Lions Club on Sunday, October 17.



Mountain Peaks/Norberta Kosin photo
St. Jude School Pre-K classes are the first to arrive at the trunk or treat held at St. Jude School.



Aaron Sturgeon-Zawada, 4 is the main backhoe operator and his dad Matt Zawada is the company foreman at the Slocum Volunteer Fire Company trunk or treat on Saturday, October 30.



Coming out of the scary mist and heading down the trail at the Rice Township Halloween Extravaganza are Charlie Wilczak and his sister Zoey, 3.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church preschool classes celebrate Halloween

During Halloween week-end the students at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Preschool had a spook-tacular time celebrating. After a small program for parents each class played games and carved pumpkins.



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Ne Pa Music Teachers Association announces Luzerne County's Got Talent show in March

Ne Pa Music Teachers Assoc. (NEPMTA) recently announced they are sponsoring the first ever *Luzerne County's Got Talent* show. The event consists of an online audition where a panel of judges will choose finalists to perform at the Kirby Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

The audience will have the opportunity to vote for the winners and cash prizes will be awarded. Eddie Day Pashinski will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Tickets for the *Luzerne County's Got Talent* show will be available for purchase through Ticketmaster and the Kirby Box Office at a later date. The contest is open to all ages, amateur and professional, and all genres of entertainment. Contestants must reside in Luzerne County.

NEPMTA is currently seeking sponsors and donors to help defray the cost of the event. Program ads and Good Wishes can also be purchased.

This competition will highlight the amazing talent that lives right here in Luzerne County. Any proceeds from the event will be used toward establishing an NEPMTA Music Scholarship Fund.

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We've Got Mail ...

Township police can issue school bus citations based on signal arm cameras

Dear Editor,

I saw that Crestwood either has or will be installing stop-arm cameras on the school buses, as a deal was reached with a municipal police department to handle ticketing. I follow the local news closely, but heard nothing about this, until it seemed like a done deal. Actually, the news came out during a Wright Township meeting. This should have been a major topic that the board sought the input of the public on, as well as outside sources. The board should repeal this program immediately, as stop-arm cameras are a terrible idea. If the board listened to a salesman from a camera firm, but not the taxpayers, it is not a good thing. Also what happens here, since the district is much more than Wright Township? Surely the

township will not issue tickets for every municipality in the district, right? Also, these are not standard tickets, so the penalty is much less, and if someone else drives your car, you will get the ticket. How is that right?

In the state legislature, Act 38 of 2020 sadly became law, and should be repealed. This law modified the stop-arm camera law for illegally passing school buses. It assumes a vehicle's owner was driving, and takes away all the person's rights. Will also allow multiple entities to reap profits, based upon the number of tickets, which will act as an incentive to make sure the tickets keep flowing. The goal should be to prevent illegal school bus passing, not try to rake in revenue without trying to correct a potential problem. The

law will do nothing to solve anything, as that is not the point. Where is a requirement for a minimum flashing yellow duration? How about mandating stop-arm extenders to block the next lane? Making bus stops only on the right side of the bus to prevent crossing the roads? Adults to cross the kids, as some areas do? Moving bus stops to smaller roads and away from intersections?

If a flashing yellow is too short, what is the incentive to fix it? The district has a variety of road types, some being multi-lane arterial routes, like SR 309. Same for moving bus stops to more suitable locations. If money can be made, why fix these things? In some places you may not see a bus, may not be able to safely stop, or not know if you must stop. Pennsylvania law differs from those of most states, as there is no nationwide standard. What

happens if you are already close to the bus when the lights change to flashing reds? Are split-second violations issued? Also, people may end up slamming the brakes or flooring it, if they think they could get tickets. This would actually create an unsafe situation, perhaps? You must also stop if a school bus is on an intersecting road, did you know that? Most people do not know this.

I spoke to some people who ran into situations where a bus was stopped, then a short distance later, the bus stopped again. There was not a suitable amount of flashing yellow in these cases. The one person had to slam the brakes.

The worst problem with school buses is the school bus itself running the students over. There are devices to address that issue. Address things like that first.

Illegal passing is not an epi-

demic, and federal data proves it. So why use cherry-picked studies to justify the cameras? Money, of course! That is why the law was changed, as the previous law had a stiffer penalty.

The current law also has multiple subjects and is nothing like the original bill, since it was amended, so is it legal?

James Sikorski Jr.
PA Advocate National
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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.

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

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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 con-

tributions help needy families in our area.

Emmanuel UCC is holding a bingo is its social hall on November 21 at 4 p.m. There will be cash prizes. Cost is \$25 for 20 games. Food and drinks will be available to purchase. Doors open at 3:30.

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.

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.

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

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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 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.

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.

Mountaintop Family Church will be hosting a Thanksgiving 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.

Mountaintop Family Church will be holding a live nativity on Friday, December 10 and Saturday, December 11 from 5:30-8 p.m. They hope everyone in the community will add this to their list of Christmas light sight-seeing as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Rain date: December 17 and 18 from 5:30-8 p.m.

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 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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On November 14 there will be a special musical worship service. Tom Sitler and Mike Cagigas will share their music and songs of praise during the service.

Bill Bowden will lead the worship service on November 21.

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-

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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.

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, November 14. 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 notate 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.

Until December 5 donations will be accepted for two homeless ministries. Small items are needed for the street homeless in Wilkes-Barre, and items are also needed for a homeless veteran's project sponsored by the Lions Club. Call Linda or Pam for additional information. Leave messages at 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 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.

Thanksgiving baskets will be prepared on November 21 at 11:30 at St. James. Students will be given a note with items

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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.

**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.

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, Bisquick, 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.

Advent by Candlelight: Join the women of St. Jude for an evening of fellowship, spiritual reflection, and beautiful table settings on Friday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Jude School cafeteria. Guest speaker is Kylie Ballinger. Questions or for more info. contact Theresa Kline at tk8688@aol.com.

Adult Faith Formation: Kylie and Fr. Joe invite you to an evening of formation around the Eucharist. Come together to learn, study and reflect on our faith. Please join them on November 30 in St. Jude Church at 6:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited!

Advent begins on November 28. This Advent, you will be receiving daily text mes-

sages to remind us of the birth of Jesus. If you aren't on the text message list already, please send your number to tscanlan@stjc.org. Questions or more info, contact Tricia, tscanlan@stjc.org.

St. Jude Parish/School drive-thru nativity will be held on December 11 from 6-8 p.m. The church is in need of families to help act out the story of the nativity. Young Family Life is also looking for parishioners to sponsor the various nativity stations with a \$50 gift. Money will help with expenses such as costumes, scenery, etc. Please contact Carrie Grandzol to take part or to donate and help make this a reality. Rain/snow date: December 12.

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
570-868-5358

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

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mission which includes proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom, teaching and nurturing new believers, safeguarding the integrity of creation, and of particular importance to them, responding to human need through loving service and seeking to transform unjust structures in society; and, challenging violence of every kind. The charitable work they do individually, and collectively as a congregation reflects their commitment to these increasingly crucial needs in our area.

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

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

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

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Services: Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday: 10:15 a.m.

Rev. Peter O'Rourke,
Sacramental Minister
411 Allegheny St., White Haven
570-443-9944

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

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

St. Patrick choir is looking for new members. Adults and children in grades 3 and up are invited to join. Practices are on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7 p.m.

Christmas boutique & craft show sponsored by the Women of Saint Patrick will be held on Saturday, November 20 and Sunday, November 21 in Saint Patrick's Parish Center.

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.

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 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.

Adopt-A-Highway clean-up-every fall, St. Paul's has adopted the 2-mile stretch of Route 309, extending from La Napoli's restaurant at Konn's

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Corners to Rockledge development, to clean up the community and take care of God's world. Join them for adopt-a-highway on Sunday, November 14 at 9:30 a.m. Each person will be provided with a safety vest, work gloves, and garbage bags. You will be assigned a 1/2 mile stretch of highway in a group and will drop your filled garbage bags on the roadside for pickup by PennDot. Please dress for the weather and safety, long pants, closed-toe shoes. RSVP how many are coming and with any questions by email to heyshai@verizon.net or call Shai post at 570-474-2170.

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 Mountain Top Feed A Friend Project is underway at St. Paul's. Thank you for all of your donations for Harvest Home; they received 233 items which will be matched \$1 per item with a Thrivent action team project. While a lot of preparations are done behind the scenes, they always need help with distribution day. This will be Tuesday November 23 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. This is the day they distribute all the food. They need help carrying boxes and bags of food to people's cars. They hope to do a drive through again this year so they will be outside. If you would like to volunteer for this please contact Terry Scott at 570-868-7468, or the church office.

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.

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.

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.

Sunday School is provided from September-June to children ages 4-12 during worship service, after the Children's Moment. It takes place in the lower level of the church.

Crestwood boys soccer beats Dallas

Here are the stats for the Crestwood vs Dallas varsity boys soccer game on November 1. Crestwood won 3-2.

Crestwood stats: goal scorers: second half: Ben Rossi (Pk.1, 29:39) Lars Stephenson (2, 25:19) Connor Herron (3, 4:40); Assist: Darran Zimmerman (2) Ben Rossi (3); Corners: 3; Shots:17; Shots on Goal:8; Saves (Cole Kranson):4.

Dallas: No Roster was given upon request.

Goal scorers: second half: (1, 24:18) (2, 17:30); Assist: First Half: Corners:3; Shots: 4; Shots on Goal: 3; Saves: 6.

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MMI announces Commended Student in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program

The Head of school, Justin Kleinheider, of MMI Preparatory School announced today that Rachael Betz has been named a Commended Student in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®), which conducts the program, was presented to this scholastically talented senior. Mr. Kleinheider said, "We are extremely proud Rachael and her accomplishments. Being recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program is a testament to

Rachael's academic achievement and dedication."

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2022 competition for National Merit Scholarship Awards, Commended Students place among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

"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 to pursue their pursuit of academic success."



From left, Justin Kleinheider, Head of School and Rachael Betz, National Merit Commended Scholarship Student.

Jones participates in Fashion & Finance to Empower Women

Lewis, Litwinsky & Associates of The Princeton Group recently held a "Fashion & Finance" fashion show event at White House Black Market at the Shoppes at Montage.

During the lively, high-energy fashion show, Caroline Jones, financial advisor and assistant vice president, spoke and explained that many women will experience increased longevity and caregiving obligations that can have an impact on their retirement. "It is so important for women to be empowered to have control of their financial future," Jones said.



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