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Mountain Top Hose Company hosts inaugural Community Day



Two-year-old Madison Flynn plays in the foam at Mountain Top Hose Company No. 1 Community Day.



Zachary Fisher helps his one-year-old daughter Savannah check out the foam from That Foam Guy at Mountain top hose Company No. 1 Community Day.



Kids leap into the air to try to grab a large bubble created by That Foam Guy, Mark Krokos.

Despite intermittent showers throughout the late morning and early afternoon, scores of people turned out for the inaugural Mountain Top Hose

Company Community Day held Sept. 7 at the hose company grounds,

The event featured a variety of food trucks, vendors, a bounce house and potato

pancakes. The day ended with the drawing of the 50-50 raffle.

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**SEPTEMBER
14
SLOCUM TWP
VOL. FIRE DEPT.
MUDBOG**
Slocum Township Vol. Fire Dept. Annual Mudbog is open to the public and fun for the whole family. \$20 per carload for entry. Registration runs 7 a.m. - 10 a.m., with races starting shortly after. Fire

Company volunteers will be selling non-alcoholic beverages, homemade food, t-shirts and more.
**THINK PINK
"OCTOBERBREAST"
FUNDRAISER AT
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 781**

The Think Pink "Octoberbreast" fundraiser will be held Sept. 14 from 3 to 10 p.m. at American Legion Post 781
There will be a number of area bars and restaurants participating. Each participating establishment will have their own "Oktoberfest stand." Participating bars and restaurants include The Office - Mountaintop Pub, Wheel's Bar & Grill, III Guys Restaurant & Sports Bar, Cavanaugh's Grille, and The Ice House Pub.
From 4 to 7 p.m. there

will be local food vendors and food trucks including The Jump Start Cart, Salt & Honey by Marin, Buttons Real BBQ, and a potato pancake stand.
There will be three bands providing entertainment throughout day - Rockaholix, John Simo Mike Elward. There will be a 50/50 raffle, basket raffles, pumpkin painting and pumpkin bowling for children, along with face painting. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children.

**SEPTEMBER
19
MOUNTAIN TOP
WELCOME CLUB**

A new season of the Mountain Top Welcome Club is just around the corner, and we're planning some fantastic events. Our monthly luncheons will continue on the 3rd Thursday of each month at noon, hosted at the Broadway Tavern. Our first luncheon will be on Thursday, September 19th. We will be having lunch from Pizza Bella for \$10 per person. Please reach out to Pam, (570) 905-4098, with RSVP and questions.

**SEPTEMBER
22
AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY NEW
EVENT**

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 781 will be hosting a POW/MIA Memorial Ceremony. On September 22, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
A Missing Man Table

will be on display. All are invited to attend. The Service will be held at our Legion Home, 1550 Henry Drive Mountain Top, PA 18707
Any questions or concerns? Call Auxiliary Chaplain Julia Vencak 570-550-2054.

**FOOD AND FUN
AT ST. MARTIN'S
CHURCH**

St. Martin's Church will be hosting a food, fun, and gift basket raffle day on Sunday, September 22nd from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Come enjoy a late summer outdoor gourmet, hotdog picnic lunch including chips, drink, and your choice of fixings.
Take a chance on the many household gift baskets on display which will be raffled off at the end of the day.
Please visit the "Cops and K-9" event across the street.

St. Martin's Episcopal Church is located just off Interstate 81 at 3085 Church Road in Mountain Top.

**SEPTEMBER
23
MOUNTAIN TOP
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

The Mountain Top Historical Society's (MTHS) monthly meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 6 p.m. at Ice House Pub, Nuangola Road, Rice Township. Come

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and hear all the details about the upcoming Dancin' at the Drive-In, Trivia Night, Santa at the Caboose, a MTHS contest for grade and high school students, the Quilt Raffle, Santa at the Caboose, and what MTHS items are available for purchase at the MTHS's every Sunday booth at the Sunday Farmers Market at Crestwood High School (from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Non-members are always welcome, and the Annual membership due of \$15.00 includes entrance to the annual Christmas party in December. Future meetings will be October 28, and November 25.

**SEPTEMBER
24
MOUNTAIN TOP
SOCIAL CLUB**

The annual Potluck Dinner will take place at the September 24 meeting, and the Christmas Party has been scheduled for December 3, 2024. October meetings are on the 8th and 22nd. For trip information call Delores, trip coordinator at 1-732-690-9609, for club information call Sharon, club president at 570-868-6598.

**SEPTEMBER
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MOUNTAIN TOP
WELCOME CLUB
MEET AND GREET**

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7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, at the Broadway Tavern for a "Meet and Greet" to learn about the Welcome Club and the upcoming fall events. Enjoy complimentary appetizers and grab a drink. Reach out to Pam, (570) 905-4098 with questions.

SEPTEMBER 28 GFWC MOUNTAIN TOP DAY OF SERVICE

GFWC Mountain Top Day of Service with drive through food collection to benefit the Mountain Top food bank.

9 a.m.-noon at St. Paul's Church, Rt. 309, across from Malacari's Ice

Cream/Mini Golf.

Non-Perishable food items and monetary donations will be accepted.

OCTOBER 6 CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY

The Blytheburn Lake Association will be holding its annual Children's Fishing Derby on Sunday, October 6th, 2024 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Lake Blytheburn.

The event is for children 12 years and under.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Fishing will be off the dam and along the shoreline. Bait will be provided.

Refreshments will be served, and prizes will be awarded.

There is no charge for this event.

For more information, please contact Felicia @ 570-678-5261 or contact us on Facebook.

OCTOBER 12 TASTE OF THE MOUNTAIN

Taste of the Mountain returns to the American Legion Post 781, 1550 Henry Drive, Mountain Top, PA. Enjoy local food and wine samples, food trucks, breweries, entertainment and more. Visit tasteofthemountain.wixsite.com

ANNUAL PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Please join the 2024 Public Rosary Rally. This Rosary Rally is sponsored by America Needs Fatima. Our nation needs public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Our local Public Rosary Rally will take place under the portico of St Jude Church, Route 309 in Mountain Top. Please

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OCTOBER 26 MOUNTAIN TOP HISTORICAL SOCIETY DANCE EVENT

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area drive-ins, including the Sunset Drive-In Mountain Top, will be happening at the Broadway Tavern, Route

309, Fairview Township on Saturday, October 26 from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. The \$20.00 admission ticket includes hamburgers and

hotdogs, and music of the 50's and 60's. A cash bar will be available. You may bring your own snacks to the Mountain

Top Historical Society's semi-annual, often-requested fundraiser. Tickets can be purchased at the Mountain Top

Historical Society's Booth at the Mountain Top Rotary's Sunday Farmers Market from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

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Crestwood Wrestling Club hosts inaugural Corn Hole Tournament



Crestwood wrestler Mariusz Bibla tosses a bean bag.



Former Crestwood wrestler Col Kakalecik was one of the competitors.



Crestwood wrestler Nathan Wisniewski flips a bag toward the board.

The Crestwood Wrestling Club held its inaugural cornhole tournament

September 8 at the American Legion Mountain Post 781 grounds. The round

robin, double elimination tournament was divided into three divisions,

advanced, competitive and social with cash prized for each division winner.

Crestwood High School 'Salute to Service' will be held Friday

The fourth annual Crestwood High School "Salute to Service" will be held Friday, Sept. 13, when the Crestwood Comets take on the Western Wayne Wildcats at 7 p.m.

Once again, the event will be coordinated by assistant coach Martin Bibla and Patrick Rother, commander of Slocum

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7918, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

This year's honoree will be George Yatsko, a U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam and taught mathematics at Crestwood High for 22 years, retiring in 1994.

A number of veterans

groups from the Mountain Top area will participate in this year's event, according to Rother. In addition to Slocum VFW Post 7918, veterans' groups will include Mountain Top American Legion Post 781, Mountain Top Sons of the



Crestwood High School football players, coaches and 2024 Salute to Service honoree George Yatsko at their appearance on PA Live to talk about the 2024 Salute to Service. From left, Lincoln Bibla, assistant coach Martin Bibla, Colin Lazo, Eli Meadows, Aleks Jaskiewicz, Dane Diladovico, Jaden Shedlock, Pat Rother, commander Slocum VFW Post 7918, Yatsko, head coach Ryan Arcangeli, Sgt. Patrick Rettger, Pennsylvania National Guard, Chris Bohinski, PA Live.

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Wright Township News

Fairview Twp. supervisors are hoping for the second application for a gaming grant to pave the Fairview Elementary School parking lot will have more success than a previous application for the funding.

The supervisors voted at their September meeting to submit a \$250,000 Local Share Account (LSA) application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority on behalf of the Crestwood School District.

During the most recent round of LSA grants which were awarded in May, the township asked for \$250,000 for paving the Fairview Elementary parking lot but did not receive any money for that project. Under the gaming grant regulations, only municipalities can submit applications for project funding, but they can submit applications to pass through the money to other entities.

The school parking lot was one of three LSA grant submissions approved by the supervisors this week. They voted to apply for \$67,878 for a pickup truck and \$957,400 for paving of Hemlock Terrace and Blue Elder Drive.

Several residents questioned why the township was applying for gaming money for the school district. They expressed concerns that any money awarded to the school district project would take away from grant money for the township. One resident noted that at the August work session of

neighboring Wright Twp. supervisors, while there was not a vote, supervisors indicated they were not inclined to submit an LSA application on behalf of the school district for paving of the high school parking lot.

During that discussion at Wright Twp., board chairperson Don Zampetti expressed concern that if the township supports the school district LSA grant application it won't get the money it needs to pave township roads.

During a heated debate over the application, supervisors emphasized the school district was not eligible to apply for the money. Supervisor Harry Zearfoss noted that if the district has to pay for the paving project, the cost will come from local tax dollars.

Supervisors voted to

accept the resignation of zoning officer Carl Alber and appointed Advanced Code Consultants, Sugarloaf, to provide municipal code services. The company will provide zoning, code enforcement and construction code inspection services for the township. Rather than have limited set hours as was the practice for previous zoning officers, supervisors said they are working on a plan to have Advanced Code Consultants available through cell phone.

Supervisors also accepted the resignation of police officer Charles Callahan effective Sept. 28. Callahan has been with the department for three years. The department has been advertising a replacement for Callahan and officials are conducting interviews of

prospective candidates. The department's authorized strength is seven full-time officers. Salary for patrol officers in Fairview Twp. is approximately \$70,000 annually. New hires start at 85 percent and work their way up to full salary.

The Wright Twp. zoning hearing board approved a request by Auto Zone Development, LLC. for a waiver of the maximum allowable impervious surface coverage that would allow the

company looking to construct a 22,320-square-foot automotive supply store on a 40,000-square-foot parcel located between Steve Shannon Tire and McDonald's along Route 309.

The township's zoning ordinance allows a maximum of 50 percent impervious surface coverage, and the proposed building would cover 55.8 percent of the property. The property is owned by Shannon Properties, L.P.

The next step is for Auto Zone to submit a land development plan to the township planning commission.

The zoning board continued until Oct. 10 a hearing on an application by Kaitlin Ingram for a special exception use for property at 455 Alberdeen Road where she wants to have an animal kennel and equestrian center. The property is zoned both residential (R1-A) and conservation (C-1).

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Blythburn resident hosts longtime online friend from Belgium

Lucia Harkenreader and Nathalie Compennolle are proof that friendships that begin online can thrive – even trans-Atlantic friendships!

Harkenreader of Blythburn and Compennolle, who lives in Gullegem, Belgium, met nearly a quarter century ago in an internet chat room titled “Single Parents Looking for Friends.”

Harkenreader recently hosted Compennolle for a three-week visit at her Blythburn home, her second visit to the Mountain Top area since the women first met online.

In August of 2001, Harkenreader, then a recently divorced mother of two boys, decided she wanted

to meet some new friends. “All my friends were married,” she related. “I wasn’t looking for someone to date, just make new friends,” she explained.

She found the Single Parents Looking for Friends chat room and while looking at profiles, Compennolle’s popped up. “We had several things in common. She was a single mom with two boys, just like me. She mentioned she knew several languages. That intrigued me,” Harkenreader related. “We just started chatting and it went from there,” she noted.

Talking about their friendship in

Harkenreader’s cozy kitchen, Compennolle said her boss at the time gave her a used computer to take home. “I didn’t have a computer at home at the time,” she said. The company was getting new ones, so she got one of the ones being replaced.

“I had the internet installed and I wanted to practice my language skills,” said Compennolle who speaks Dutch, French, English, German and Italian.

She found the single parent’s group and posted her profile on it. “I was looking for people to communicate with, preferably not from home (Belgium) but further away,” she offered.

Harkenreader was one of the first people to welcome her to the group. “She put in a little more information about herself than most people. We started chatting, first in the group message box. Later, we exchanged emails and took it from there,” she said.

Being divorced mothers with two boys close to the same ages, they found they had a lot to discuss. “Just being able to find someone who could relate to my situation, which was important,” noted Harkenreader. “She likes to travel, and I knew I wanted to do that someday,” related Harkenreader who until recently operated an independent tax accounting business.

“She was so easy to talk to,” Harkenreader said. Her emails were so honest and descriptive.

Compennolle invited her new friend to visit her in Belgium and Harkenreader made the trip in 2005. A year later Compennolle made her first trip to Mountain Top.

Over the years they have remained close, communicating mostly through emails.

So, what has sustained their relationship?

Interestingly, one of the things they agreed on is their distance apart, “So many times in my life she has been the first person I go to when I couldn’t talk to anyone else (at home),” Compennolle explained. “I can send her a quick email and get relief from my worries. I have many friends at home, but our connection is different. If I want a straight answer or an



Nathalie Compennolle, left and Lucia Harkenreader, right.

opinion without judgment, I know I will get it,” she explained.

Harkenreader echoed her friend’s description of what has sustained their relationship. “What I consider a good friend is someone who will be honest with you,” she said. “Sometimes you need that honesty that kick in the behind to put you in the right direction. I got that pretty much any time I asked or any time she felt I needed it.”

The two also have shared many happy moments in their lives.

“She was the first person to know I was going to have my first grandchild,” Compennolle revealed. “I knew I could tell her because I knew she wasn’t going to tell anybody. Who could she tell?” she said with a laugh.

“We have a saying in Dutch, ‘The joy you share is doubled and the sorrow

you share is halved,’” Compennolle said.

The women noted their three-week visit seemed to fly by. They drove to Connecticut to see Harkenreader’s son and grandchildren. They had lunches with friends, went kayaking, hiked a section of the Appalachian Trail, took a train ride to Jim Thorpe, shopped at Hometown and even went Contra dancing in Honesdale.

They drove to Fayette County to see Fallingwater a house designed in 1935 by renowned American architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The home is one of his most widely acclaimed works. While in western Pennsylvania they visited the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, a sight that was moving for both women.

So when will be the next in-person visit? “We will have to see,” said Harkenreader.



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The Wright Center for Community Health's mobile medical unit bringing vaccine and school physical clinics to Hazleton area

The Wright Center for Community Health is bringing its mobile medical and dental unit, Driving Better Health, to the Hazleton area in September to help children get ready to head back to school.

Full care clinics – which will include school, sports, and driver's physicals, along with chicken pox; measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR); polio; human papillomavirus (HVP); pertussis; tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (DTaP); Hepatitis B; and meningitis vaccines – will be offered at the Hazleton Area School District, 1525 W. 23rd St., from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24, and Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Another full care clinic will be offered at the Hazleton Integration



The Wright Center for Community Health's Driving Better Health mobile medical and dental unit will be providing full care clinics in the Hazleton area in September to prepare children for a return to school. To make an appointment, call 570.230.0019 or visit TheWrightCenter.org.

Project, 225 E. 4th St., from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Appointments are required for physicals. Walk-ups are welcome for vaccines, but appointments are recommended. Bring ID, insurance

cards, and vaccination records. A guardian must accompany patients 17 and under. To make an appointment, call 570.230.0019 or visit TheWrightCenter.org. The clinics aboard Driving Better Health are

supported through a grant from the Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition.

Pennsylvania requires physicals for every child entering kindergarten, sixth and 11th grades, as well as any new students

enrolling from out of state. The state also requires students to be immunized against various diseases to protect everyone's health and safety. For a full list of required vaccinations, visit www.health.pa.gov and search for "vaccinations."

All clinics will be held aboard Driving Better Health, a 34-foot mobile medical and dental unit that delivers responsive and inclusive whole-person primary health services to people of all ages regardless of their insurance status, ZIP code, or ability to pay. Driving Better Health began serving populations of special concern in 2020 and is regularly deployed to senior living centers, regional school districts, homeless shelters, and

other community gathering spots.

The Wright Center for Community Health is a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike.

Community health centers offer affordable, safety-net health care services and are the largest providers of primary care for the nation's most vulnerable and medically underserved populations. Prevalent in both urban and rural settings, community health centers are located in regions with high-poverty rates and/or low numbers of private or nonprofit health care systems and hospitals.

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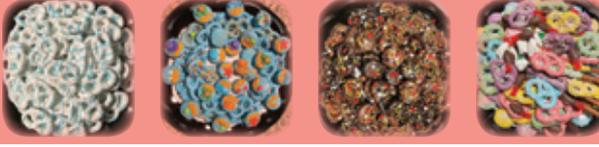


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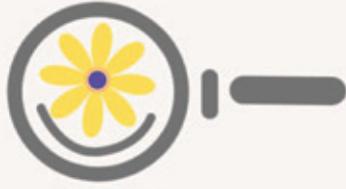
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helicopter from Fort Indiantown Gap is expected to land prior to the game. The National Guard also will provide game jerseys for the Crestwood players.

A native of Nanticoke, Yatsko attended Penn State University earning a degree in Electrical and Electronics Technology. Following college, he worked for General

Precision, Binghamton, NY, where he contributed to the creation of the flight simulator for what would become the Lunar Module. He subsequently earned a degree

in Aeronautical Engineering from Trine University, Angola IA.

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Crestwood Area Community Education, CACE, in Mountain Top, is pleased to announce that registration for the Fall 2024 semester is now open.

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include Basketball, Qi Gong, Crystal Singing Bowl Sound Bath, Painting with Watercolors, Understanding Medicare, Bonsai, Genealogy and many more. Hard copies are available at local libraries and post offices. We are incredibly proud of our talented local instructors who are ready to share their expertise and talents with the community. Some classes fill up quickly, so register today.

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Revised Fall hours beginning September for New Hope Wapwallopen's Thrift Store located @ Faith United Methodist Church, 1448 Slocum Road are the 1st Thursday of month 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the 2nd & 4th Saturdays from 10 a.m.

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in our lower-level social hall. Find additional info & like/follow our Facebook page: New Hope Thrift Store.

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his plans to earn an advanced degree, Yatsko joined the U.S. Army where he became part of the famed 101st Airborne, 506th Infantry Battalion. He and his unit soon found themselves in Vietnam.

His awards for his service in Vietnam included two Purple Hearts; a Bronze Star; Combat Action Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal; Air Medal; Army Commendation Medal and a National Defense Medal. He achieved the rank of Specialist-4 (E-4) prior to an honorable discharge.

He completed his study for teaching credentials at

Kings College and went on to teach math to thousands of students at Crestwood School District.

Yatsko is also the Vice Commander of American Legion Post 795, Butler Township as well



Specialist-4 George Yatsko during his service with the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

as an ambassador at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. He is married to the former Anna Marie Rother of Dorrance.

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Attorney Partners Jenna Franks and Landon Hodges Earn CELA Certification



Attorney Jenna Franks, Esq.

Attorney Jenna Franks, Esq., and Attorney Landon Hodges, Esq., both partners at the elder law firm of Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak, recently both earned their Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA®) certification from the National Elder Law Foundation. The CELA® certification is frequently referred to as the “gold standard” for elder law and special needs practitioners, and

fewer than 600 attorneys have this certification in the entire country, including just 68 in Pennsylvania as of September 2024.

Jenna and Landon join fellow Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak partner attorneys Julie Steinbacher, Esq. and Amos Goodall, Esq. as CELAs, giving the law firm four of 68 in Pennsylvania, which is the second-most of any law firm in the state, and most of any firm in SGY’s geographic footprint, which spans northeast, north central and

central Pennsylvania.

Preparation for the CELA designation is rigorous and a multi-stepped process. Applicants for the certification must have practiced law for at least five years, half of which must be in the special needs/elder law field for at least the last three of those years. They also must demonstrate substantial involvement in special needs and elder law practice by showing a minimum number of individual cases spread across a number of different



Attorney Landon Hodges, Esq.

categories making up the “elder law” definition. They also must complete a day-long written exam, of which passing

rates are usually below 50%. Finally, applicants must undergo a review by peers and colleagues, focused on the applicant’s reputation for ethical and competent representation in elder law and special needs planning matters.

Jenna is licensed to practice law in both Pennsylvania and Florida. She joined SGY in 2017 as an associate attorney after moving back to Pennsylvania from Florida to be closer to family. A native of central Pennsylvania and a graduate of Penn State, Jenna received her law degree from Nova Southeastern University. She became a partner of the firm in April 2022.

Jenna’s focus is primarily on estate planning, long-term care planning, and special needs planning. A Certified Dementia Practitioner, Certified Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia Care Trainer, and also certified as a VA-accredited attorney, Jenna was named a Super Lawyers Rising Star each year from 2020-24. In addition, Jenna has co-authored the book *Protect Your Family! What You Really Need to Know for the Second Half of Life* as well as the 2021 and 2022 Supplements to the *Pennsylvania Trust Guide: A Handbook for Trustees and Their Advisors*.

More recently, Jenna also became a Virtual Dementia Tour Certified Trainer, and in 2023, was named the Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County’s (CBICC) Employee of the Year. She

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practices out of the firm's State College and Altoona offices.

Landon is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and joined SGY during his last semester of law school in January 2017 as a legal extern prior to obtaining licensure to practice law and becoming an associate attorney. His primary practice areas are in wealth protection planning, long-term care planning, tax planning, elder care navigation and estate administration.

In May 2021, Landon became a partner of the firm with the firm's acquisition of the law office of Leslie Wizelman in Wyalusing, Pa. He has also been named a Super Lawyers Rising Star each year from 2020-24. In addition, Landon has successfully argued a case before the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court setting a statewide precedent affecting inheritance taxes applied to trusts.

A native of Mount Airy, N.C., Landon is a graduate of Wake Forest and he earned his law degree from Elon University. He practices out of the firm's Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, Wyalusing and Wysox offices.

"I am thrilled that Jenna and Landon have both earned their CELA certifications and are able to join this select and small group of elder law experts in Pennsylvania and nationally," said Attorney Steinbacher, partner and founding shareholder of SGY. "Both have been giving our clients exceptional service for more than seven

years, and while nothing is changing with how we help our clients through difficult times in their lives, these certifications are a further validation of our commitment to providing the best service to our clients by having the most knowledge in elder law of any firm in the areas we serve."

SGY was founded in 2002 by Attorney Julie Steinbacher, who opened a single office

in Williamsport, Pa., and for over the last two decades, has assisted thousands of clients with their legal planning needs for their second half of life. The firm acquired the State College elder law firm of Goodall & Yurchak in 2015. In 2021, upon the retirement of Attorney Leslie Wizelman, SGY acquired her former elder law firm with locations in Wyalusing and Wysox. In 2023,

the firm opened new locations in both Altoona and Wilkes-Barre. In 2024, the firm acquired the Muncy law office of Howard Langdon, which became its seventh location.

The firm's mission is to provide protection in times of prosperity, security in times of uncertainty and comfort in times of crisis. It provides a full suite of elder law services, which include

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The vision of the firm has been to provide

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The Greek Shack earns \$10,000 in SCORE Pitch Contest

A Mountain Top business that will celebrate its first anniversary later this month recently took second place among more than 2,200 entrants in SCORE's 60th Anniversary Pitch Competition held in Philadelphia.

The second-place finish earned Demetri Patitsas and The Greek Shack a \$10,000 prize that he will use to convert a commissary space at 683 S. Mountain Boulevard into a year-round brick and mortar restaurant.

SCORE (Senior Corps of Retired Executives) is the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors. The competition was an avenue for small business owners to showcase their presentation and selling skills to industry experts, win funding and gain valuable knowledge and mentorship, all at no cost.



Demetri Patitsas makes his pitch at SCORE's 60th Anniversary Pitch Competition held in Philadelphia.

"It was unbelievable," Patitsas said of the experience and his second-place finish. The competition started out with over 2,200 small

business entrants. That number was culled to 450 who met with mentors. Of that number, 189 were invited to submit videos to the panelists. The final 10 small business owners then had the opportunity to make their pitch in person at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

In that three-minute in-person presentation, Patitsas told the judges that in less than one year of operation his business has developed significant following throughout

northeast Pennsylvania and that he and his family "burned their boat" when they decided to enter the food truck business. After getting laid off from Amazon in early 2023, Patitsas and his wife invested their life savings in 18-foot food trailer and leased the former Butcher Bob's location at 683 S. Mountain Boulevard with its indoor and outdoor seating and commercial kitchen.

"This is it. We have no other plan," Patitsas explained.

"It meant everything to us to be awarded this," said Patitsas, who runs the Greek Shack with his wife Calliope. "It is a sense of affirmation," he added. "This is hard, but we are not alone," he explained.

Patitsas described the award as a victory for Mountain Top. "The community has supported us over the last year," he offered. "They've also been forgiving," he added.

The Greek Shack features homemade dishes prepared with fresh herbs and high-quality Greek ingredients, bringing the rich culinary traditions of the Greek island of

Lefkada to the community.

The cash award will help Patitsas turn the commissary space into a brick-and-mortar restaurant, and he expects there will be enough demand for his food to operate six days a week throughout the year. He plans to convert the commissary space into a full kitchen, purchase equipment, and cover propane, electrical work, and signage costs.

"The brick-and-mortar space will allow us to take the food truck out to festivals and events throughout the area," he

noted. He expects to hire four full-time employees to staff the restaurant.

The first place \$20,000 prize went to Lisa Basini – The Baking Coach, of Bellport, NY. The Baking Coach is a baking entertainment company offering baking activity kits and ready-to-eat baked cookies.

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We need to seriously consider why we want to be in touch with God, not only during our worship service, but also throughout our daily routines. As with other aspects of our lives, our faith grows and matures. We constantly work to improve our understanding of who God wants us to be and what he wants us to do.

As we cultivate and deepen our own relationship with God, our children see that faith is not something that should be stagnant or comatose. We pass on our active, living faith to our children and help them to develop into Christians who truly care about what and why they believe.

As in all other areas, the groundwork needs to be solid in order to build. Basic Math before Algebra. Basic Science before Chemistry. Basic Bible Stories before Life Application. A good basis for our children's development is regular attendance at Sunday School. Through the teachings of God and Jesus as found in the Bible, children can establish a solid foundation to build upon. Bring your children to Sunday School and give them the opportunity to achieve the sound and strong belief they will need to deal with the experiences of life.

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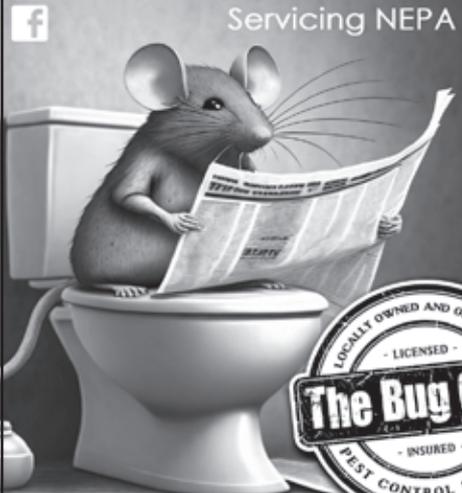
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Friends and family of Michael Padden, a 27-year-old Mountain Top native serving in the United States Coast Guard while undergoing treatment for cancer, will hold a benefit on Sept. 21 to help with some of his expenses.

The 2015 Crestwood High School graduate was diagnosed with testicular cancer last March. Since then, he has undergone two surgeries and completed four rounds of chemotherapy. While his cancer is in remission, he has lost

significant income and he and his fiancé and family have incurred tremendous expenses for travel and lodging while he underwent treatment, including a period at Sloan-Kettering Hospital in New York City.

To help recoup with

those expenses, his family and friends will hold a benefit on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the large pavilion at American Legion Mountain Post 781, Mountain Top.

His sister, Meghan Mrozinski, Co-Founder,

Grab Life by the Benefit, said the fundraiser will feature more than 65 baskets and other raffle items, a bottle raffle, bake sale and food throughout the day. There will be two bands providing entertainment throughout the day – Eraser and Guilty

Pleasure.

Anyone wanting to donate a basket for the raffle or make a monetary contribution can contact Mrozinski at grablifebytheb@gmail.com.

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Our newsletter, The Messenger, is available through our website, emmanuel-ucc.org, along with other information about us and our surrounding communities. You can also check us out on Facebook at facebook.com/emmanuelucc.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Dorrance Township houses the Food Bank for the Wapwallopen Minsterium. All contacts are kept strictly confidential as we understand each person's need for privacy and self-esteem. The food bank is open by appointment only. If we can help you or someone you know, please call (570) 868-5675 and we will provide for you and those you care for, at this time we are not accepting any food donations. We are offering gift cards only at this time. We are accepting monetary donations to make the gift card purchases. Please give us at least 24-hour's notice in order to set up an appointment.

We thank everyone who contributes to our recycling aluminum cans

project and hope you will continue to help us raise funds for the Cemetery Association by recycling cans. Please place the cans in large bags and drop them off in the large crates at the back of the lower parking lot. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ is located at 7768 Blue Ridge Trail at its intersection with Alberdeen Road (across from Andy's Gas Station) in Dorrance Township, Mountain Top, and we invite you to join us on Sunday mornings for Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. We have a Nursery available for children to age 6 during our Worship Service. If you need directions or would like more information, please call the church office at (570) 868-5675. Our church is handicap accessible.

Our Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. and is led by Pastor Lou Aita. We welcome visitors and friends to join us for worship every Sunday.

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

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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 Queen of Our Hearts Rosary Group invites you to pray the rosary in church on Saturdays from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Confessions are on Saturdays from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Fr. Kloton's office. Please enter and exit through the outer library door (white storm

door) located at the ramp entrance to the church.

MOUNTAIN TOP FAMILY CHURCH

Services: Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.

**Brian Knorr, Pastor
209 S. Mt. Blvd.,
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570-474-0900**

Mountaintop Family Church Preschool Playgroup will meet on September 23rd at 10:30am in the Upstairs Youth Room. Infants, toddlers and preschool age children accompanied by their parent, grandparent or caregiver are welcome to attend. Playgroup meets every other Monday. Contact the church office or email katie@mfchurch.com for more information.

Wednesdays at MFC have a ministry for just about everyone in your family. Men and women are invited to attend our Men's Small Group and Ladies Small Group; both meet on Wednesdays with two times to choose from: 10am and 6:30pm. Contact the church office for am small group locations. Evening small groups meet at MFC. Starting Point Senior

High is for students who are in grades 10-12 and meets in the Youth Room from 6:30-8:00pm and Starting Point Junior High is for students who are in grades 7-9 and for the month of September will meet in the UpTown Classroom from 6:30-8:00pm. Ground Zero is for students in grades 4-6 and for the month of September, will meet in the sanctuary from 6:30-8:00pm. Rainbows, Prims and Rangers meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm for children 4 years old through 3rd grade. Registration forms and payment are required for these three groups. Please contact the church office for if interested in registering or for more information. There is no registration or payment required for Starting Point Senior High, Junior High or Ground Zero. Students may join at any time.

Mountaintop Family Church holds Sunday morning services from 9am-10am and 10:30am-11:30am. KidsTown Children's Ministries takes place during both services for children 8 weeks old through 6th grade.

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Our Sunday morning services are also available through live-stream. If one platform happens to not be working, please try the others!

- MFC Webpage - www.mfcchurch.com/live-stream
- YouTube - search for Mountaintop Family Church

- FaceBook - go to Mountaintop Family Church Facebook page

Please contact the church office at 570-474-0900 if you have any questions or would like more information about MFC.

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Tiffany Herron serves Mike Herron a plate of potato pancakes at Mountain Top Hose Company Hose Co. No. 1 Community Day.



Jay Kotowski, left, of Abe's Hot Dogs, Mountain Top, serves a hot dog to Chris Leonard.

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Orloski family recognized by Mountain Top Historical Society

The Mountain Top Historical Society recognized the Orloski family for its donation of a parcel of land along Route 309 to the society at a dedication ceremony held on Labor Day.

The ceremony included the unveiling of a plaque mounted on a large stone at the edge of the property where the historical society's popular caboose is located. The inscription on the plaque reads, "In grateful recognition of Frank and Adeline Orloski, generous benefactors to the Mountain Top Historical Society. Their legacy lives on through the gift of this property for generations to come."

"My parents were certainly people who were supportive of the community and of northeast Pennsylvania," said Frank Orloski Jr., speaking on behalf of his family. "This would make them very happy to have this here for future generations to



Members of the Mountain Top Historical Society with Matt Fisher, senior vice president/general manager of the Reading and Northern's passenger division, gather around a plaque honoring the late Frank and Adeline Orloski. Front row from left is Pam Kirn, secretary; Steve McGinnis, vice president; Fisher, Joe Kubic, historian; Beth Langston; treasurer. Back row, Eric Aigeldinger and John "Chico" Kirn.

come. I just want to say thank you for the recognition of mom and dad and to the historical society for the hard work it has done here," he added.

The post-World War II vintage caboose located on the property was donated to the historical society more than two years ago by the Reading

and Northern Railroad.

Thanks to the efforts of several society members, including Eric Aigeldinger and Steve McGinnis, and the cooperation of the Reading and Northern Railroad, the project overcame numerous obstacles in its relocation from Towanda to the Reading

& Northern Penobscot Yard in Mountain Top. At the Penobscot Yard, a crew from Lane's Cranes lifted the body of the rail car onto an Ayer's Towing flatbed which carried it to the historical society property.



Mountain Top Historical Society members Steve McGinnis, left, and Eric Aigeldinger, center, chat with Matt Fisher, senior vice president/general manager of the Reading and Northern's passenger division.

Subsequently, the exterior was sanded and repainted Cornell red, the official color of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Logos of the Reading & Northern Railroad, which currently serves Mountain Top; Conrail,

the Lehigh Valley Railroad, Central Railroad of New Jersey (Jersey Central), Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton Railway and Old Company's Lehigh were added. The Defabo

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Members of the Orloski family gather around a plaque honoring their late parents Frank and Adeline Orloski that was unveiled at a dedication ceremony on Labor Day. From left are Adeline Zack, Donna Orloski, Frank Orloski Jr., Jerry Orloski, Bob Orloski, Diane Orloski.



Steve McGinnis, vice president of the Mountain Top Historical Society, rear, with his sons and granddaughters following the plaque dedication honoring the late Frank and Adeline Orloski. Seated from left are Matt McGinnis, Sammy McGinnis, Lacie McGinnis, Charlotte McGinnis, Tim McGinnis.

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15 and 22. The service begins at 10:30 a.m. led by Elder Wes Mullen. If you are watching on the Facebook stream or away on vacation, please do not forget to mail your tithes and offerings.

Return to Sunday School: The fall Worship schedule will begin Sept. 8 with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m. Classes are available for all ages. The adult class meets in the Sanctuary and the kids will meet in Fellowship Hall! Come and enjoy the fellowship and the learning!

Presbyterian Women (all women of the church): will have their first meeting of the new church year on September 4 at 10 a.m. Presbyterian Women meet the first Wednesday of each month for a time of Worship, devotions, and serving the church when possible. Come join the fun.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: will start meeting again on Thursday, September 12. Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Sunday School room. All knitters and crocheters are welcome.

Choir: will soon be returning to enhance Worship time. New talent is always welcome. If you

are interested in sharing your gift, please contact our Director of Music Bill Blannett at 570-498-7375, or by email at wpb67@yahoo.com. So come and make a joyful noise with friends who love and care about you.

Fall small groups will be forming soon. Stay tuned for more information.

Food Bank: The food bank is in need of the following items: peanut butter, canned tomatoes, canned pasta, sugar, coffee, mayonnaise, catsup, and mustard. There is a bag located in the Narthex for the items.

HOME Fund: Please consider donating to the HOME Fund (Helping

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For more information on the church and ministries, the website is pbychmt.org or find us on Facebook.

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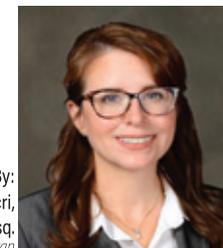
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Sunday: 8:30 & 11 a.m.

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the St. Jude Adoration Chapel.

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Renee Graham and brother Bernie Graham are all smiles as they start a new school year.



Row 1: Thomas Noble, Gabriella Correll, Joseph Gombs, Stella Serino, Maggie Schillinger, Hailey Metrick, Elise Carone, Emily Benyo, Zoe Benulis.

Row 2: Connor Cinoski, Gemma Benulis, Matthew Crowell, Elizabeth Decowski, Evan Gregory and Sister Ellen Fischer.

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Graphics created them which were installed by Jared Aigeldinger. The interior of the caboose also was refurbished and equipped with a coal-burning stove.

Matt Fisher, senior vice president/general manager of the Reading and Northern's passenger division, described the work that went into bringing the caboose from its location in an area in Towanda overgrown with weeds and trees to the railroad's Penobscot station. He praised the efforts of Aigeldinger

and McGinnis for their unyielding efforts to bring the project to fruition. He pointed out Mountain Top is steeped in railroad history.

Rev. Joseph Evanko, pastor of St. Jude Parish, who offered invocation, lauded the Orloski family for helping to create a "place for everybody."

Scott Hilenski, society president, gave a brief history of the organization.

Master of ceremonies was Luzerne County Common Pleas Court Judge Richard Hughes, a resident of Mountain Top.

Following the



Jim Mack, left, owner of the Ice House Pub, serves hamburgers and hotdogs following the dedication ceremony.



Frank Orloski Jr. speaking on behalf of the Orloski family.

dedication ceremony, the historical society, through the courtesy of Ice House Pub owner Jim Mack, provided refreshments for the nearly 75 people who attended.

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Rev. Joseph Evanko, pastor of St. Jude Parish, offers the invocation at the plaque dedication ceremony honoring the late Frank and Adeline Orloski.

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Eighth grade students were busy on the first day as they escorted the younger and the new students to the classrooms. From left: Noah Boshek, Olivia Reinhardt, Rhyleigh Reinhardt, Inara Shutt, Alivia Sweet, Elizabeth Bilbow, Hannah Fauerbach and Mia Correll.



Student Brynley McShea comes off the bus on her first day of 6th grade ready to share her summer literature project.



Sister Mary Theresa welcomes back student Jacob Soucy on the first day of classes.



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

The parish will be hosting Yoga Classes on Wednesday evenings. (Thursdays the first week of the month). Parishioner Lisa Rosser will be the instructor. There is

no set fee, but donations will be accepted.

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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: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8 a.m
Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday: 10:15 a.m.
Rev. Peter O'Rourke, Sacramental Minister
411 Allegheny St.,

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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.

The Mission of Faith cabinet has been restocked with inspiring and informative materials for adults, teens, and children. The cabinet is located on the right as you enter the Church. Monetary donations are appreciated and are sent to the foundation that provides the books. These donations help the foundation to continue this service.

Please be aware the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation require our children to attend 2 years of Faith Formation. If they have not attended the required 2 years, they will be moved appropriately to fulfill the requirement.

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Join us for worship at St. Paul's for Sunday Services at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. starting September 8. As always, you can call the church office and leave a message for any inquiries.

The signup window for our vocal choir's 2024-2025 season is 9/1-9/15. During this period, anyone interested in joining should sign up. Additional information can be found in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Schyler.

Signups for First Friday dinners will be out on September 8. Pick up will be September 13, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 29 for a chance to worship outdoors and share a time with music, food and fellowship at our Annual Church Picnic. Meats and the basics will be provided. We ask everyone to bring along a dish to share and /or dessert. Bring a friend. Signup is in the narthex.

Our Harvest Home Celebration will also fall on Sept. 29. As in years past, you are asked to bring in items to help restock the shelves of our Food Bank, as well as items that might be used in our Thanksgiving Feed-A-Friend project. Mark your calendar now and make a difference in our community!

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the church, please do so on Fridays 9 a.m. to noon.

**ST. PAUL'S
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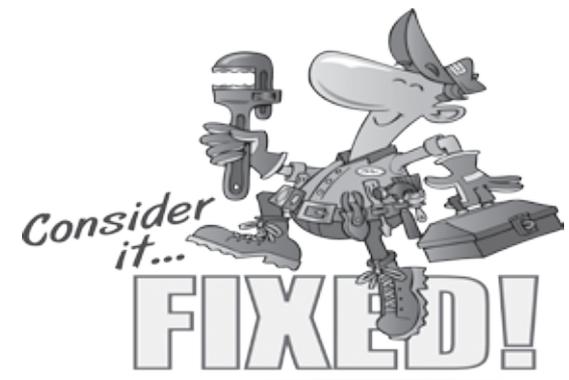
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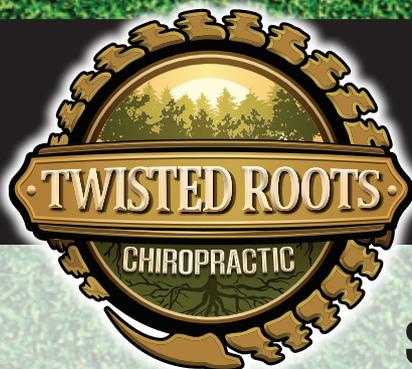


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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WHITE HAVEN

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.

Al-Anon meets every

Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Fireflies Youth Group meets Fridays from 6 p.m. to 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 through 12 during worship service, after the Children's Moment. It takes place in the lower level of the church.

WHITE HAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Services: Sunday 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15**

a.m.

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Sunday School welcomes children Pre-K through fifth grade. Youth Group welcomes those in sixth through 12th grade. Both meet every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. following worship.

Non-perishable food items are collected every Sunday to support the White Haven Food Pantry.

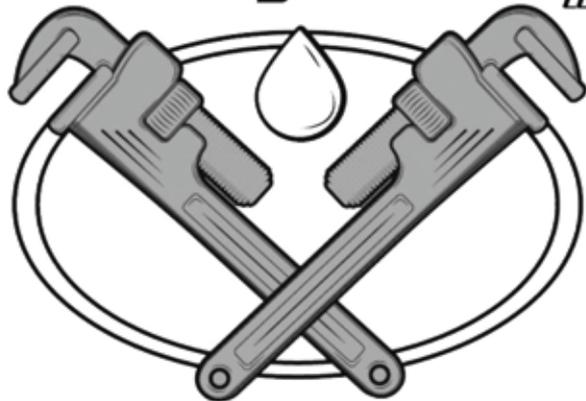
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MOUNTAIN TOP - Like new lake front 2 story home located in Laurel Lakes. 4BR, 5BA, finished walkout basement. Rear deck with beautiful views, hardwood floors, granite kit, w/lg island & walk in pantry. Must See!

MLS# 24-3488

EVELYN 570-262-5956 **\$584,999**

NEW LISTING



MOUNTAIN TOP - Very well maintained 3BR 3BA home in a quiet neighborhood. Updated kit, finished LL, 3-season sunroom, all situated on a double lot with an extra garage. Beautiful setting and yard.

MLS# 24-4376

ANTONIO 570-262-7652 **\$390,000**

NEW LISTING



MOUNTAIN TOP - Well maintained home on 4.7 acres, offers 2/3 bdrms, 1 bath, hwdw flooring in bdrms, & under carpet in living area. 2 heated cabin style bldgs for hobbies/crafts/studio. Multiple garages. One is heated w/loft. Move in ready!

MLS# 24-3598

JILL 570-479-2517 **\$389,900**

PRICE REDUCED



MOUNTAIN TOP - Move-in ready 2 story home w/many beautiful features! Serene setting on over a half acre lot. 20 x 20 maintenance-free deck; patio area; 12 x 18 shed; over-sized 2-car gar; granite kit; fin. LL w/bath; newer heat pump, a/c, and a private well!

MLS# 24-3660

LISA 570-239-6493 **\$379,900**

PRICE REDUCED



MOUNTAIN TOP - Spacious 3-4 bdrm bi-level home with 2 car garage & nice backyard. Other features include: hwdw flrs, vaulted ceilings, 4-season sun room, newer a/c & roof! Fresh paint completes the pkg & for you to call home!

MLS# 24-3461

ANTONIO 570-262-7652 **\$369,900**

NEW LISTING



MOUNTAIN TOP - Upgraded 3BR 2BA blevel situated on a large corner lot in Laurel Lakes. This home features lg bdrms, hwdw flrs, custom tilework, frpl, mod. Kit & baths, deck, fenced yard, built in 2-car gar w/add'l detached garage.

MLS# 24-4247

ANTONIO 570-262-7652 **\$355,000**

PRICE REDUCED



MOUNTAIN TOP - Spacious 3-4 bdrm bi-level home on a nice lot in a cul-de-sac close to town. Mod. Kit & baths, A/C, beautiful yard, & trex deck. This home was lovingly updated & cared for by current owners.

MLS# 24-4026

ANTONIO 570-262-7652 **\$339,900**

NEW LISTING



WHITE HAVEN BORO - 3BR, 2BA ranch built in 2020 is located in th 55+ Active Adult Community of Golden Oaks Village. Laundry off kit. Primary suite w/bath (shower) & WIC. 2 car garage. Gas heat, & central air.

MLS# 24-3111

LINDA 570-956-0584 **\$324,900**

NEW LISTING



MOUNTAIN TOP - A park like setting welcomes you to this pristine home. Space for entertaining inside & out w/two entertainment areas & a lg deck overlooking an expansive flat yard. Hwdw under carpet. Newer mechanicals & chimney lining make this home a solid investment & a lovely place to call home.

MLS# 24-4385

SANDRA (607) 857-2991 **\$320,000**

NEW LISTING



MOUNTAIN TOP - Lovely 3BR ranch home with a finished LL w/wet bar & built-in eating area. Unique feature a wall in the sunroom opens up to fit a car, mower, patio furniture, etc. LR, DR & den. A large & smaller shed. Private yd w/fire pit.

MLS# 24-4244

EMMA 570-714-9223 **\$220,000**

NEW LISTING



MOUNTAIN TOP - End unit in Patriot Cir! This home boasts tile floor in kit & dining room. Proximity to front of neighborhood makes for easy access close to the bus stop for the kids! Deck has trees directly behind for added privacy.

MLS# 24-3888

SANDRA (607) 857-2991 **\$189,000**