



We could never have loved the earth so well if we had had no childhood in it. ~ George Eliot, *The Mill on the Floss*, 1860



Fall at Najaka's Pond in Lee

Newport Township Public Business

By John Jarecki ~ The following are items of public business discussed or transacted at Commissioners' meetings in July, August, and September.

July 6, 2015: In response to a request by the Luzerne County 911 service and to comply with the standards of the National Emergency Numbering Association, the Commissioners voted to give a name, Kielar Lake Road, to the dirt road going from the village of Lee to the former Kielar property nearby.

Township Business Manager Rich Zika announced that the Township delayed opening the new municipal building for business until mid-July because of a hard-to-locate problem in the information technology equipment, the alarm system, or the phone system.

Commissioner John Zyla thanked the Newport Township Community Organization (NTCO) for donating to the new municipal building a

framed photo of the 1936 Newport High School State Championship basketball team. He also thanked Paul and Heidi Jarecki for having the photo professionally hung in the new building's community room by Marquis Art and Frame in Wilkes-Barre.

August 3, 2015: The Commissioners voted to hire Joseph Weiberth of Freeland as a part-time Police Officer. Magistrate Don Whitaker then administered the oath of office to him. Mr. Weiberth is an independent electrical contractor in Freeland. He looks forward to serving the community.

Commissioner John Vishnefski announced that Murph Fletcher was planning to conduct, for the benefit of community children, a summer Recreation Program sponsored by the NTCO. Mr. Fletcher had arranged for four events: 1) a Magic Show by Chad Spencer at the Wanamie Rec Park on July 21, 2) a Balloon Demonstration by

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VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Justin Credible at the Alden Playground Park on July 28, 3) a swim event at the Mocanaqua pool on August 6, and 4) a Music and Game event at the Glen Lyon Coal Street Playground on August 11.

Mr. Zika announced that the Luzerne County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday August 13 concerning a request by Glen Robert Craig Jr. of Wanamie, to rezone a three-acre parcel of land on Kirmar Parkway, near the intersection with Center Street, from residential to commercial so that he could operate a hardware store that also sells sporting goods.

The Commissioners voted to approve Township Resolution Number 3 of 2015, which authorized the Township Manager to file an application for a Pennsylvania Department of Economic and Community Development (DCED) Greenways grant to build a walking trail at the Wanamie Recreation Park. The Grant is not to exceed \$50,000.

Mr. Zyla asked Township community organizations that wish to use the Community Room in the new municipal building for their meetings to submit requests in writing to the Township, so there is no confusion in making the Room available.

He also thanked Krissy Blank, wife of Police Chief Jeremy Blank, for donating Newport Township historical police photos for placement on the walls of the police section of the new municipal building.

September 8, 2015: Murph Fletcher thanked all those who helped with the summer Recreation program that he conducted during July and August, including the Commissioners for making Township facilities available to him, Department of Public Works Supervisor Joe Hillan for preparation work, and the Township Police for traffic control and safety.

Heidi Jarecki announced that the NTCO is offering to donate three more historical Township photos for the Community Room of the new municipal building: 1) the Glen Lyon breaker, 2) the Alden breaker, and 3) the Newport Township High School. She said that the Organization would have the photos matted and framed in a way similar to that of the photo of the Wanamie breaker that the Organization recently donated. The Commissioners were pleased to accept the offer.

Heidi, as a member of the Township Recreation Board, also said that people are continuing to vandalize tables in the Wanamie Rec Park and asked the Commissioners to put surveillance cameras in the park as a solution to the problem. Commissioner John Zyla said that the R Bar in Sheatown has donated several surveillance cameras and that he will talk to Police Chief Jeremy Blank about installing them.

Mr. Zika announced that the Township had requested bids for street repair projects using state Liquid Fuels and Luzerne County Office of Community Development (OCD) grants, but no contractors had bid on them. He said that contractors are now busy working on State road projects. He said he would ask again for bids.

The Commissioners voted to approve an amendment, that requires residents to display refuse and recycling stickers, to Ordinance Number 1 of 1994, which regulates trash and recycling collection.

They also voted to appoint accountant Karen Hazleton of Nanticoke to perform a required audit of the spending of the \$500,000 grant used to construct the new municipal building.

Mr. Zika announced that he had asked Luzerne County to collect real estate taxes for Newport Township again in 2016. The Commissioners then voted to approve a cooperation agreement with the County that will allow the County to perform this service.



Magistrate Don Whitaker is shown administering the oath of office to Mr. Joseph Weiberth, new part-time police officer in the Township. Photo by Tom Kashatus



Above: Robert Street Bridge in Sheatown remains under construction. There is access for pedestrians on the west side of the site.

Robert Street Bridge Project & Paving

By Tom Kashatus ~ The Robert Street paving project through Newport Township which originated at Folstown corners in Slo-cum Township, then down Alden Mountain to Alden Corners, across Kirmar Avenue to Robert Street in Sheatown, down River Road in Sheatown, up and down West Main Street in Nanticoke, and finally terminating at the end of East Main Street in Nanticoke at the San Souci Highway in Hanover Township went well. Now residents of Newport can enjoy their trips to Mountaintop and other areas of Wyoming Valley and beyond. Kudos must be given to the Newport Township Sewer Authority. The Authority requested the contractor pay special attention to their manholes in the Township to avoid the normal dips and bumps where milling of the highway usually takes place. The Sewer Authority agreed to pay for the necessary 1½- to-2-inch manhole risers (approximately 25 at a total cost of \$2,300.00) needed to bring the manholes up to the necessary paving level in order that travelers could enjoy a smooth ride.

The same "went well" comments cannot be said about the bridge project on Robert Street in Sheatown. Replacement was to begin in the spring and was to be completed by the time school started in the Greater Nanticoke Area. With the old bridge completely removed, the detours have been an inconvenience to travelers and residents much longer than anticipated. This project, which is necessary, has definitely affected the businesses that are located in Newport Township's most important business community in a negative manner. There has been progress, but there have been many beautiful days throughout the summer when no work was being done by the contractor(s). Kudos must be given to Hemal Shah, owner of The Friendly Food Mart, whose business has certainly been affected negatively (See Spring, 2015 Newsletter, page 3). However, he has remained faithful to his employees by not laying anyone off. He has also offered incentives to patrons to go out of their way to patronize and support his business. Mr. Shah has placed signs in critical locations in the Township to inform customers and residents that he is still open seven days a week until 10:00 p.m. He continues to accept the consequences of the delay and feels that it is important to give quality service to his loyal customers.

Friendly Food Mart, formerly Penn Mart, installed a sign at the intersection of West Kirmar Parkway and West Kirmar Avenue.



NTCO President's Message

The Newport Township Community Organization extends congratulations and appreciation to the Board of Newport Township Commissioners and other individuals and groups that assisted in insuring that the new Municipal Building became a reality.

The Open House held on August 3rd was attended by a broad constituency of proponents and well-wishers.

If you have not seen the facility, you are encouraged to visit the Building, and request a tour. The new structure has an attractive Community Room that can be reserved for use by the Township's public and civic organizations.

We encourage the elected officials to continue their efforts to address important issues in the Township, and to provide leadership in resolving them.

This writer continues to advocate that the local citizenry volunteers to work with Police Commissioner John Zyla and Police Chief Jeremy Blank in a concerted, cooperative effort to establish an effective Crime Watch Organization throughout the entire Municipality.

The past several months have seen the Community Organization, through its dedicated volunteer Recreation Coordinator, Merlyn "Murph" Fletcher, work in concert with the Township's Board of Commissioners and Recreation Board to reinstitute the summer program for area youth.

Mr. Fletcher would deeply appreciate any additional volunteer assistance from the public to assist in making this a truly year-round endeavor. The Community Organization continues to seek funding from a myriad of sources to aid in underwriting the Program's cost.

It should be noted that this Organization is classified as a 501(c)(3) corporation, and, therefore any contributions made to this entity are tax deductible.

Since its inception in 2004, the Newport Township Community Organization has depended upon a relatively small group of volunteers and contributions from various sources to insure its continued viability. To continue to remain a positive face throughout the area, volunteers and financial support remain the cornerstone upon which this Organization is built.

If new volunteers do not come forward, and adequate sources of funding are not identified and obtained, the future of this Body and the many activities it has initiated and maintained, will ultimately disappear, thus diminishing the vitality of our Community.

Please continue to lend your support to our efforts, and help us make Newport a truly First Class Township.

Respectfully submitted


Stephen E. Phillips, President

I never knew...did you?

The History of the American One-Dollar Bill

By Murph Fletcher ~ Take out a one dollar bill, and really look at it. The one dollar bill in its present design first came off the presses in 1957. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it and it doesn't fall apart! A special blend of ink is used, the contents of which we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's square, a tool used for

an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know. Turn the bill over and you will see two circles. Both circles together comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested Benjamin Franklin and a group of men to come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved. Look at the left-hand circle and you will see a Pyramid with the all-seeing eye. Notice the top of the pyramid is lighted, but the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not yet begun to explore the West nor decide what we might do to benefit Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything.

The motto "In God We Trust" is on this currency. The Latin expression above the pyramid, "Annuit Coeptis," translates into: "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the pyramid, "Novus ordo seclorum," means "A new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid are the Roman numerals for 1776 (MDCCLXXVI).

If you look at the right-hand circle, you will learn that the design is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments. Slightly modified, it is on the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: first, he is not afraid of a storm. He is strong and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. Keep in mind that the United States had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country could now stand on its own. At the top of that shield, there is a white bar signifying Congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the eagle's beak you will see a banner with the words: "E pluribus unum," which means "Out of many, one." Above the Eagle, you have thirteen stars representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one nation. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch in the left and arrows in the right. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. However, think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in 'Annuit Coeptis,' 13 letters in 'E Pluribus Unum,' 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 bars on that shield, and if you look closely, 13 arrows.

And finally, if you notice the arrangement of the 13 stars in the right-hand circle you will see that they are arranged as a Star of David. There is a story that this was ordered by George Washington who, when he asked Hayim Solomon, a wealthy Philadelphia Jew, what he would like as a personal reward for his services to the Continental Army, Solomon said he wanted nothing for himself but that he would like something for his people. The Star of David was the result. Few people know that it was Solomon who saved the Army through his financial contributions but died a pauper.

Too many veterans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade. Many veterans remember coming home to an America that didn't care. Too many veterans never came home at all.

Ain't that the truth?

Truth is always strange, stranger than fiction. ~ Lord Byron

The Flora and Fauna of Newport Township

White Birch

White birch is a common tree found throughout the Township. It can be seen along the roadsides and in forested areas, as well as in previously strip-mined lands and other disturbed places. The trees pictured on the right are on Engle Street in Glen Lyon.

By Heidi and Paul



1. The white birch (*Betula papyrifera*) is a small to medium sized deciduous tree native to North America. It grows from 60 to 80 feet in height. As far as trees go, it doesn't live very long, only about 140 years. The bark is white, commonly brightly so, flaking in fine horizontal strips, and often with small black marks and scars. In individuals younger than five years, the bark appears brown with white lenticels, making the tree much harder to distinguish from other trees. Common names are canoe birch, silver birch, and paper birch.
2. New Hampshire designated the white birch as its official state tree in 1947.
3. White birch is a "pioneer" species. Pioneer species are hardy species which are the first to colonize previously disrupted or damaged ecosystems, beginning a chain of ecological succession that ultimately leads to a more biodiverse steady-state ecosystem. This explains their prevalence in the Township after mining activity ceased.
4. The bark is highly weather-resistant. Often, the wood of a downed white birch will rot away leaving the hollow bark intact.
5. All parts of the plant has practical uses, but the bark is by far the most important raw material. Birch bark played a key role in the manufacture of canoes for transportation, wigwams for shelter, and a host of useful implements made by the many native American tribes and nations of the Northeast. Trays, dishes, storage boxes, buckets and cooking pots were made of birch bark. If the edges were sealed with pine pitch or spruce resin, the container could be used to carry water or hung over a fire to cook a soup or stew. Lightweight and easily portable, a canoe made of birch bark could still carry heavy loads. An average-sized canoe was light enough to be carried by one person, and could be used in small rivers and streams as well as in the larger rivers.
6. The bark is often used as a fire starter because it burns even when wet.
7. The bark also contains substances such as betulin and betulinic acid that are used in the pharmaceutical industry. Bark was used as an old folk remedy for stomach ache. Also, soaked bark can be used as a cast for a broken arm.
8. The white outer bark layer made a good substitute for the paper that it resembles, and drawings could be made on it with a piece of charcoal.
9. Because the wood was strong and flexible, it was made into spears, bows and arrows, snowshoes and sleds. The wood is now used for building lumber to make veneer, pulpwood, plywood, furniture, toys, basketball courts, doors and canoes, small turning objects such as spools and bobbins, as well as tooth picks and ice cream sticks.

10. The tree could be tapped in the same manner as a maple. The sap thus obtained was drunk as a beverage and, when boiled down, was used as the basis for teas, vinegar, and sugar to sweeten medicines, syrup, wine, beer, and medicinal tonics.
11. Although white-tailed deer consider the white birch a "secondary-choice food," it is an important dietary component. Porcupines like to eat the bark and rabbits will eat the seedlings and young saplings. Yellow-bellied sapsuckers will peck little holes in the bark and feed on the sap. Hummingbirds and squirrels also drink the sap from the sap wells the sapsuckers made.

Newport Township Receives Reclamation Grant

By Heidi Jarecki ~ As has been reported in the news media, Newport Township will soon benefit from a grant from the State Department of Environmental Protection. \$988,000.00 has been awarded to Brdaric Excavating Inc., Luzerne for the abandoned mine reclamation project involving Reservoir Creek in Alden and along Kirmar Parkway. Brdaric Excavating will move the south branch of the creek to its original bed. This will alleviate seasonal flooding. The plan also includes recontouring mine pits. Funding comes from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Trust Fund. State Senator John Yudichak and State Representative Gerald Mullery helped secure the grant.

Newport Township Recreation Board

By Heidi Jarecki ~ The Recreation Board continues to discuss the possibility of forming a Parks and Recreation Association that would work in cooperation with the Board and have the ability to raise funds. Those funds would be used for maintenance of the parks and for activities for all age groups. The Township is currently pursuing a grant to build a walking trail around the perimeter of the Wanamie Park, with benches and signage.

Over the summer, the Board applied for a grant for free paint through the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful organization, but was unsuccessful. All parks suffer at the hands of graffiti artists and it was brought to the attention of the Board of Commissioners. Among the maintenance issues, the fences around both the Alden playground and the Coal Street Playground should be replaced and the tennis and basketball courts in Wanamie are in need of resurfacing. The Recreation Board will pursue funding possibilities.

The Board would like to extend its appreciation to Murph Fletcher, his assistants, and the NTCO for the successful Summer Fun program.

Members of the Board are: Ray Brabant, Dane Cooper, Paul Pierson, Judy Pazgan, and Heidi Jarecki. Recreation Commissioner is Jack Vishnefski. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the Municipal Building. Public input is encouraged.

Miracle at Bethlehem Meeting

By Tom Kashatus ~ There will be a mandatory meeting of the cast and crew for the Miracle at Bethlehem Christmas Play at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5 at the Cultural Centre of St. Faustina. Finalizing cast members and those who will be assisting in the production is on the agenda. If you are unable to attend, please call Judy at 570-735-0552 by Thursday, Oct 1 and confirm your wish to be included in the cast. Preparations are being made for the play that will be held at the St. Faustina Grove in Sheatown on Dec. 4, 5, and 6. For more information on the play, call Judy at the above number.

Not just for kids...

Climb a tree - it gets you closer to heaven. ~ Anonymous



Newport Township High School Class of 1955

The Class of 1955 held its 60th Reunion on September 24, 2015 at Gus Genetti's Hotel in Wilkes-Barre. Those who attended are pictured above. Bottom row: Sandra Grotzky Wruble, Mary Ellen Skladzien Nypower, Carol Fink Smetana, Mary Kosik Teague, Elaine Hutchinson, Marie Pucci Modrow, Emily Kellar. Middle Row: Jane Ritchie Hoffman, Kathleen Kulina Kovalesski, Peter Valania, Patricia Fudjack Tarnowski, John Antonaitis, Jean Stackhouse Harris, Stanley Cybulski, Jean Schraeder Kuchinskas, Janet Karpinsky Molski. Top Row: Richard Natalini, John Butchko, Donald Morgis, Joseph Greytok, James Pierog, Tyrone Gayewski, Armand Minuti, Louis Teletski, Theodore Stunk.



Newport Township High School Class of 1960

The Class of 1960 held its 55th reunion at the Italian Club in Glen Lyon on August 9. Pictured are: Michael Kush, Carol Novak Krushefski, Colette Sokolowski Wengryn, Mary Lou Butkoski Zaleski, Theresa Luczak, Elizabeth Najaka, Miriam Charnagorsky Ross, Gloria Repotski Eget, Bernadine Swicklik Betkoski, Irene Baran Dugan, Richard Koflanovich, Chet Krushefski, Marjorie Reakes Rinehimer, Paulette Poremba, Jane Tereshinski Boyle, Gerald Butchko, Gerald Formulak, Bolish Bralczyk, Thomas Cresci, Stanley Shepard, Clem Oraczewski, James Boyle, Edward Leshinski, James Caverly, Richard Skrip, Leon Sidas, Eugene Skordinski, Carl Kizelowicz, David Kule, William Bolinski. Also attending but absent from the picture: Ronald Ternosky and Rev. James McGahagan.



Newport Township High School Class of 1962

Newport Township High School Class of 1962 held a 70th birthday party at the American Legion, Glen Lyon, on September 22, 2014. Classmates traveled from as far away as Virginia, New York and New Jersey. Those who attended are: 1st row left to right: Paulette Deluca Ward, Mary Labeda Lesnicki, Norma Tesone Chest, Carol Kalinoski Bennett, Carol Sokoloski Sobotka. Row 2: Eugene Macur, Ronald Koflanovich, Charlene Woehrle Bolinski, Mary Ann Yanoka Youells, Bernard Mihneski, Jo Ann Shutta Kowalski, Bonnie Powis Cvejkus, Carmella Kielar Fee, Theresa Madey Zidek. Row 3: John Stapinski, Ralph Faull, Mike Figmic, Stanley Czapracki, Tom Dreyfus, Art Moyer. Committee members who made this special occasion happen were Stanley Czapracki, Bonnie Powis Cvejkus, Ronald Koflanovich, Carol Sokoloski Sobotka, Robert Sincavage, Tom Dreyfus and Mike Figmic. The committee is looking forward to having a 55th class reunion in 2017.



Newport Township High School Class of 1965

According to organizers Linda Smith Trzeciak and Joe Capece, 45 members of the class attended the ice breaker and reunion dinner at the R Bar in Alden on September 11 and 12, 2015. The class thanked Linda and Joe for organizing ten reunions over these fifty years.

The spirit of the Class of '65 was evident with all the visiting and laughter. A memorial service was held for the sixteen class members who have passed away. For more information, contact Mary Selecky at maryselecky@yahoo.com or 509-684-5378. Goooo Newport!

All-Newport Reunion

The All-Newport Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 11 at Holy Transfiguration Hall in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke, beginning with a social hour at 4:00. This Reunion is open to anyone who attended Newport Township schools. At press time, about 135 guests are expected to attend.

Yard/Bake Sale

The Glen Lyon American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 held the second of its bi-annual yard/bake sales on Saturday, August 22nd at the Post home on Newport Street. Several new vendors were present, and the bake sale and hot lunch served during the sale were big hits, especially since the lunch menu consisted of mostly Polish foods, with American items included for the kids and those with less "ethnic" palates. The next yard/bake sale is scheduled for the spring.



Yard Sale: Top: Janet Wenner. Immediately above: Left to right, Donna Burd, Janet Wenner, Billie Fox, Lorrie Materewicz, Sally Billings and Steph Stogoski

Artifacts Come Home

Remember the World War II Honor Roll that was displayed in the Glen Lyon Bank and then transferred to Alden Manor? Remember the large gold-framed picture of Newport Township's deceased war heroes? Whatever happened to those artifacts and many others that local veteran historian John Forgach of Lily Lake so lovingly and diligently assembled?

This question bothered many local veterans and Auxiliary members for quite some time. We knew, as mentioned earlier, that after the Glen Lyon Bank closed, they were transferred to Alden Manor and Alden Manor has since become the R-Bar. The wildly successful R-Bar is under the ownership and management of two sisters, Lauren Maga and Lindsey Tamerantz. Lorrie Materewicz, Auxiliary President, and Sally Billings, Secretary, discussed the matter with their membership. Sally contacted the sisters, and long story made short, on a hot day in August, the entire collection of artifacts and memorabilia was taken out of storage by Lindsey and Lauren and presented to the officers of the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary, Legion, and SAL wish to publicly acknowledge the sisters for their generosity and thank them for their time and effort in locating these precious items. Our reunion with each piece was joyous and tearful, and they will be preserved in a place of honor in the hall at the Legion Post home. The public will be invited to view them when the display is complete. Once again, thank you Lauren and Lindsey. Best of luck with the R-Bar! *(See related article on page 8)*



Shown at the transfer of the John Forgach collection are: From left to right: Sally Billings, Secretary; Kathy Heddings, Treasurer; Lauren Maga and Lindsey Tamerantz, R Bar; and Lorrie Materewicz, President



Installation of Officers

Glen Lyon American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 recently held the installation of officers for the years 2015–2016 for the Luzerne-Wyoming Bi-County region. The event was held July 2nd. Installation officer was Barb Miller, past District President and current National Chairperson for Constitution and By-Laws. The accompanying official was Bonnie Femae, current District President. A Thanksgiving-in-July dinner was held following the installation.

Pictured above left to right are: seated, District President Bonnie Femae, Auxiliary Vice President Faye Maloney, Past District President Barb Miller. Standing are: Auxiliary President Lorrie Materewicz, Secretary Sally Billings, Treasurer Kathy Heddings, Chaplain Stephanie Stogosky and Sargent-at-Arms and Membership Chairman Barb Meyers. Absent was Historian Leanne Wenner.

Future Events

Mark your calendars! Upcoming Legion/Auxiliary events include the following:

November 8, Sunday: Piggie Dinner. On the menu are: Homemade piggies, mashed potatoes, corn, and dessert. Donation \$8.00. Limited tickets available from any Auxiliary member. Watch for more information on this one!

The harder I work, the luckier I get. ~ George Allen

Newport Township Obituaries

By Tom Kashatus

RUSHIN, Frances C. (Dzialdowski), of Dallas died Saturday, May 30, 2015, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township. Frances was born in Glen Lyon and was the daughter of the late Adam and Victoria (Leshinski) Dzialdowski. She graduated from Berwick High School and received a B.S. in Pharmacy from Temple University.

POWELL, Dorothy (Ogin), 88, formerly of The Village at Greenbriar, Dallas, passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at Tiffany Court, Kingston. Dorothy was born in Wanamie and was the daughter of the late Clarence (Dutch) and Edith Ogin. She graduated from Newport Township High School, Class of '44. She was employed as a secretary for Zoeller Paper Co. and Whiteman Tower Paper Co.

SHELHAMER, Matilda D. (Sokolnicki), 93, of Glen Lyon passed away Sunday, June 7, 2015, at Hospice of the Sacred Heart in Dunmore. "Til" was born in Glen Lyon on December 12, 1921, and was the daughter of the late Alexander and Helen (Tarnowski) Sokolnicki. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '41 and Wilkes Barre General Hospital School of Nursing. She was a veteran of WW II serving as a US Army nurse from 1944 to 1946 as a lieutenant.

KOTULAK, Eugenia Jean (Spocu), 91, of Nanticoke passed away Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at Birchwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Newport Township and was the daughter of the late Stanley and Sophie (Maday) Spocu. Jean was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

SIMS, Blayne Earl, 80, of West Nanticoke passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2015, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Blayne was born and raised in Alden on October 16, 1934, and was the son of the late Lewis and Mildred (Woomer) Sims. He graduated from Newport Township High School, Class of '53 and received a business degree from Wilkes-Barre Business College.

GRODZICKI, Gerald John, 79, of Green Valley, AZ, and formerly of Glen Lyon and Wanamie, passed away at his home on June 1, 2015. Jerry was born on June 24, 1935, and was the son of the late Mitchell and Mamie (Zaboroski) Grodzicki. After graduation from Newport Township High School Class of '55, Gerald served four years in the US Air Force, followed by service in the naval reserve. He was a master carpenter and worked at Hughes Aircraft/Raytheon.

YOUNG, Susan (Squarok), 87, of Sheatown passed away Sunday, June 21, 2015, at the Guardian Elder Care Center where she had been a patient for the past month. Susan was born on September 27, 1927, in Dundee, Hanover Township, and was the daughter of the late John and Fannie Squarok.

DRURY, Katherine Ann, 48, of Hunlock Creek and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, June 28, 2015, at home. Kathy was born in Werzburg, Germany, on January 11, 1967, and was the daughter of Warren Drury of Ashley and the late Mary T. (Penman) (Drury) Beggs. Kathy graduated from John S. Fine High School in 1985.

KISHEL, Leonard R. Sr., 87, of Nanticoke passed away Monday, June 29, 2015, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Leonard was born October 9, 1927, in Glen Lyon, and was the son of the late John and Stephania (Tarnowski) Kisielewski. Leonard graduated from Newport Township High School, Class of '46, and was a veteran of the US Army. He was employed by Tarnowski's Market and Bell Telephone.

STUMP, George F., (73) of Kingston, and formerly of Glen Lyon during his early childhood, died Friday, July 3, 2015, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. George was born March 16, 1942, in Larksville, and was raised by his Uncle and late Aunt, Paul and Edna Roberts, after his mother passed away at an early age.

ANTONELLI, Robert J., (83), of Nanticoke passed away Friday, July 3, 2015, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township. Robert was born in Glen Lyon, September 13, 1931, and was the son of the late Cesare and Helen (Casaccia) Antonelli. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '49. He was a veteran of the US Navy and was proud to serve his country as a radar operator on the minesweeper USS Revenge during the Korean War. Bob graduated from Penn State University with a degree in business admin-

istration and thereafter worked as a controller for Vulcan Iron Works and also established a business in tax preparation.

GOLANOSKI, Anna B. (Swanberry), 89, of Lake Street, Dallas, and formerly of Old Newport Street in Sheatown, passed away Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at Celtic Hospice in Geisinger South, Wilkes Barre. Anna was born in Wanamie on October 28, 1925, and was the daughter of the late James and Mary (Morrissey) Swanberry. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '43, and worked at Wyoming Seminary.

MITROS, Marilyn, 65, of Arlington, VA passed away July 9, 2015. Marilyn was born on July 20, 1950, in Nanticoke and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Ann (Matusek) Mitros. She graduated from Newport Township High School, Class of '68, and received a bachelor's degree from Mansfield University and a master's degree from Wilkes University. She was a teacher at Corpus Christi School in Falls Church, VA.

MITROS, Mark, 51, of Barnesville, passed away on July 2, 2015, in Punxsutawney, PA. Mark was born in Danville and was the son of Claire (Smith) Mitros and the late Eugene A. Mitros, a former Glen Lyon resident. He was also the grandson of the late Joseph and Ann (Matusek) Mitros of Glen Lyon.

GIZARA, Anthony "Ben," 86, of Baltimore, MD, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away June 3, 2015. Ben was born in 1929 and was the son of the late Louis and Genevieve (Rumpalski) Gizara. He graduated from Newport Township High School and was a US Air Force veteran.

KAMIONKA, Mitchell D., 20, of Shickshinny, passed away Tuesday after a motorcycle accident on July 14, 2015. He was born in Wilkes Barre and was the son of Darren (a former resident of Glen Lyon) and Angie (Pachick) Kamionka.

RAVIN, Stasia C. (Kush), 81, of Hamburg, New York, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away July 11, 2015. Stasia was the daughter of the late Matthew and Mary Kush of Glen Lyon and graduated from Newport Township High School and Temple School of Nursing.

VALENTI, Lynn Marie, 45, of Glen Lyon, passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at home surrounded by her family. Lynn was born August 10, 1969, in East Stroudsburg, and was the daughter of the late Brantley Whittaker Jr. and Violet (Stalmer) Whittaker.

FALL, Stacia (Cherwin), 99, of Wilkes Barre, passed away Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at Saint Luke's Villa, Wilkes Barre. Stacia was born in Alden, October 17, 1915, and was the daughter of the late Stanislaus and Constance Cherwin.

VANDERMARK, Frank E., 52, of Plymouth, formerly of Wanamie, passed away unexpectedly at home. Frank was born in Lewisburg on November 10, 1962, and was the son of the late Frank and Catherine (Gretz) Vandermark. Frank was a US Air Force veteran and graduated from the Air Force Community College. He worked as an instructor in computer networking. He served on the Greater Nanticoke Area School Board.

JAMES, Edward Earl Sr., 79, of Alden passed away Sunday, August 16, 2015. Edward was born in Plymouth on September 2, 1935, and was the son of the late Kenneth and Helen (Snyder) James.

ROBACHINSKI, Stanley L., 89, of Flint, MI, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away on August 25, 2015, at his home. Stanley was the son of the late Chester and Johanna Robachinski and graduated from Newport Township High School. He was a US Navy veteran of WWII and served on the USS Prentiss in the Pacific Theater.

CZAPRACKI, Paul R. "Chipper", 72, of Glen Lyon passed away Thursday, September 3, 2015, at the Celtic Wilkes Barre Inpatient Unit. Paul was born in Nanticoke on October 25, 1942, and was the son of Stasia (Olshefski) Czapracki and the late Edwin Czapracki. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School and was a US Army veteran serving during the Vietnam War.

Please note: The preceding obituaries are in abbreviated form due to space limitations. A more extensive account of these obituaries can be found on our website: www.newporttownship.com



Taste of the Township Placki (Potato Pancakes)

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Potato pancakes are fried pancakes of grated or ground potato, flour, and egg, often flavored with grated onion or garlic and seasoning. Potato pancakes are associated with the cuisines of many European and Middle Eastern century-old traditions including Austrian (as Kartoffelpuffer or "Erdäpfelpuffer"), Belarusian (as дра́нікі draniki), Czech (as bramborák or cmunda), German (as Kartoffelpuffer or Reibekuchen), Hungarian (as tócsni), Iranian, Jewish (as latkes or latkas), Latvian (as kartupeļu pankūkas), Lithuanian (as bulviniai blynai), Luxembourg (as Gromperekichelcher), Polish (as placki ziemniaczane), Russian (as draniki, дра́ники), Slovak (as zemiakové placky, haruľa or nálečníky), and Ukrainian (as deruny, деруни).

In the North-East of England (particularly County Durham), there is a popular dish known as *tattie fish*, because the pancake resembles a deep fried piece of fish. The pancake consists of flour, eggs, shredded potatoes and onions. Some people add tomato or cheese to the mix, depending on taste.

In Poland, potato pancakes were a food staple in 17th-century monasteries. In the 19th century, especially in hard economic times, potato pancakes often replaced missing bread. In Poland, their popularity is also closely associated with the historic presence of their large Jewish population. Latkes (לאַטקעס) are traditionally eaten by Jews during the Hanukkah festival. The oil for cooking the latkes is symbolic of the oil from the Hanukkah story that kept the Second Temple of ancient Israel lit with a long-lasting flame that is celebrated as a miracle. Prior to the introduction of the potato to the Old World, latkes were made from a variety of other vegetables, cheeses, legumes, or starches, depending on the available local ingredients and foods of the various places where Jews lived. The word "latke" itself is derived (via Yiddish) from the Russian/Ukrainian word латка (Polish: łatka, ACC: łatkę) meaning "patch."

In Newport Township, potato pancakes were traditionally made and served in many households, particularly during Lent. In recent times the art of making this food is gradually being lost. Now potato pancakes are more commonly sold at church and community festivals and fund raisers. Try the following recipe:

Ingredients: 4 large white potatoes, peeled and grated fine
1 medium onion, grated fine
1/4 to 1/2 cup flour, depending on the water in potatoes
1 beaten egg
Vegetable oil, (Crisco)

Grate potatoes and onion into a bowl. Add the egg. Mix in flour gradually, depending on the water content in the potatoes. (Too much flour, and they will turn out like hockey pucks!). Heat the oil in a heavy pan (cast iron is good) over medium heat. Drop potato

mixture into the oil by the spoonful. Brown on both sides. Season lightly with salt. Serve immediately with sour cream or applesauce.

Glen Lyon Crime Watch

By Heidi Jarecki ~ Glen Lyon Crime Watch continues to meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Italian Club. The September meeting was well attended, and a lively question and answer period took place with Police Chief Jeremy Blank. The Crime Watch meetings are an opportunity to interact with law enforcement about any issues concerning public safety. Among the topics discussed were: the bridge work being done in Sheatown and how that changes the traffic pattern on Vandermark Road in Wanamie, with drivers going a little faster than they should; what constitutes self-defense; a scam involving paving of private driveways, and safety on school buses. The monthly crime report is a public document and used as a basis of discussion. Drug-related crimes and domestic disputes continue to be a concern. Meetings are held at 7:00. All residents are welcome to attend.

World War II Letters

By Lorrie Materewicz ~ As you might have read elsewhere in this newsletter, the American Legion Auxiliary holds twice yearly yard/bake sales. As I was searching my home for articles to sell, I came across two scrapbooks that, I assume, once belonged to my mother. How she came to possess them is a mystery to me, and, I must confess, I do not remember ever having seen them before. As I began perusing them, I started to cry, for I realized they were letters written during World War II from what were then the young men of Newport Township serving in the military. I recognized many last names. Apparently the parishes of St. Adalbert's and St. Michael's had each formed "support sodalities" whose mission it was to keep in touch with their respective members who were serving both stateside and overseas in support of the war effort. Some of the letters mention care packages sent by the parishes that included fruit cake and shoe shine kits. One such letter was from my own Dad! Anyway, the point of this article is to relay that, if anyone had a relative in World War II that belonged to either of these parishes and thinks letters may have been exchanged, feel free to call me at 570-736-7177. I will be happy to check these books for any postcards or letters from your specific relative and return them to you. The 100th anniversary of the American Legion is in 2019, and if these letters are not claimed by 2018, they will be archived carefully and maintained at the American Legion in Glen Lyon, along with the John Forgach memorabilia. However, if they can be placed in the hands of a family member, so much more precious the memory. I sincerely hope I can be of service. As I have more time, I will catalog and publish a list of the names in each scrapbook so if anyone is not sure if their relative might have written a letter, all you will have to do is check the list. Hopefully I'll have the list prepared for the next issue or two of this publication. Wish me luck!

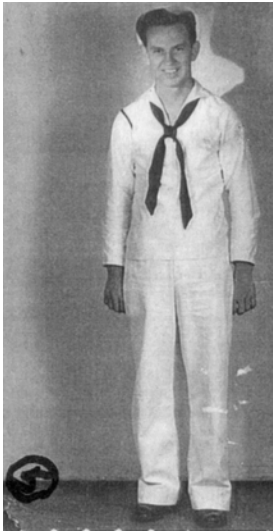


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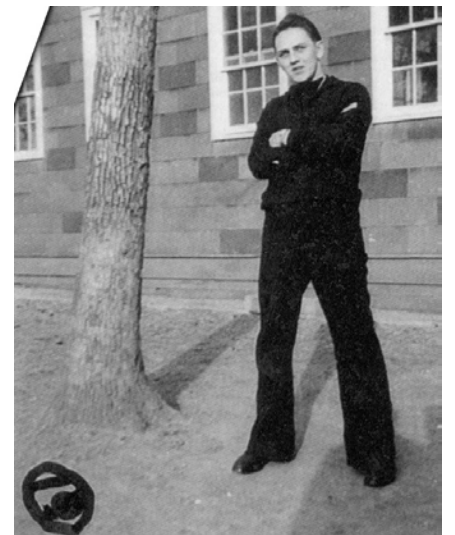
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Remembering Newport Township Veterans

In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt



Pictured are eleven members of the Golanoski /Testaguzza Family who served in the military during and after World War II. Included are Casimer Golanoski, husband of Julia Testaguzza Golanoski, her brothers and brothers-in-law. Eight were born in Newport Township. All were honorably discharged, having served in the European, African, Middle Eastern and Pacific theaters. Veterans Day is November 11.



1) Sergeant Biasso (Buddy) Barretta born in New Jersey, 2)Sergeant John Sledziak, Alden, 3)Sergeant William (Bill) Broski, Alden, 4) Pfc. Edward (Gundy) Golanoski, Alden, 5) Gunner's Mate Casimer (Cowboy) Golanoski, Alden, 6) Cpl. Raymond Bartuski, Glen Lyon, 7) Seaman Stanley (Stash) Skrip, Alden, 8) Major Louis (Gi Gi) Testaguzza, Nanticoke, 9) Seaman Stanley (Boe) Golanoski, Alden. 10) Warrant Officer Marino Testaguzza, Nanticoke, 11) Seaman Leonard (Casey) Golanoski, Alden.

"On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free." ~ Dan Lipinski



Above photo shows arrival of participants at the Legion.

At left is Doreen Guszak of Humble Pie preparing lunch.

Corrections Officers Bike Rally

By Tom Kashatus ~ On Saturday, July 18, they came to Newport Street with a rumble - fifty eight of them with excitement filling the neighborhood. They stayed for about forty minutes and filled their bellies with lunch at Post 539. And then, on to Benton they went, correction officers from Dallas, Retreat, Mahanoy City, Frackville, and Coal Township riding their motorcycles on a "bike run" as a symbol of unity and support for fellow officers who have been harmed at the hands of inmates or their families who have been disadvantaged by economical or environmental misfortunes. There have been bike runs through Newport Township in the past, but this run was unique in that it began in Newport Township at the R Bar in Alden, stopped at American Legion Post 539 in Glen Lyon for lunch, and finally ended at the R Bar. The entire run covered 120 miles with intermediate sequential stops at the Benton VFW Post 8318, the Outpost Inn in Hunlock Creek, and the Big House in Hanover Township.

Steve Rutkowski, Hanover Township resident and a correctional officer at SCI-Retreat, is the national president of the Pride MC National that has eighteen chapters from Pennsylvania to Wilmot, Arizona, and 600 members. Rutkowski stated that a member must work in a correctional facility which may be either a state or county facility.

A few years ago a benefit run was held for an officer from the State Correctional Institution at Dallas who was hit by a drunk driver, resulting in a bruised brain stem and his long-term sick leave had expired. The benefit run, a huge success, enabled the officer and his family to pay rent and other bills. As a result of this experience, the "Pride," terminology that came from the mind of Jack Callaghan, was born. Other contributors to the initial effort of organization were Charlie Coleman, Linda Wodyka, Paul Robison, Ed Lanyon (President), Tom Miknitch (Vice President), Art Comparetta (Treasurer), and Rich Snyder (Membership Chairman). American Legion Post 539 members who are also members of the Pride requested that the Glen Lyon Legion be added to the day's journey. Lunch of pizza, wings, and hoagies were provided by

Doreen Guszak of Humble Pie and the expanded kitchen of Post 539. Shawn Swicklik, a correction officer at SCI-Dallas, and Francis Kirschner, a correction officer at SCI-Retreat, are Commander and Home Association President of Post 539, respectively. Lorrie Materewicz is president of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Rutkowski also stated, "The Pride has had a long term relationship with the R Bar of Alden. The Temarantz Family and their staff are wonderful people who just love to help out their community and have supported our functions for the last five years. They are also involved with The Valley with A Heart Foundation (see p. 18) to which the Retreat and Dallas chapters of the Pride donate."



Above photo at the R Bar: Front: Lindsey Temarantz and Lauren Temarantz Maga. Rear: Eric Barciz, Mike Laurie, Steve Rutkowski, and Tom Shaffer.

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Two or three or four....
Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success. ~ Author Unknown

Tarnowski's Kielbasa

By Tom Kashatus ~ Where does one from Newport Township go to meet old friends on a hot summer day? The answer is the Plymouth Kielbasi Festival - more specifically, the vendor stand, Tarnowski's Kielbasi. On August 14 and 15, it was constant work as the Vishnefski Family was kept busy serving the public smoked and fresh kielbasi sandwiches and Polish nachos. Even though other vendors took first place in the smoked and fresh Kielbasi competition (Tarnowski's Kielbasi placed second in the smoked category), that didn't stop long lines from forming at the Tarnowski Kielbasi stand. But best of all was the gathering of old friends with Newport Township roots that took place as the day went on, reminiscing about old times and looking forward to new days ahead. Tarnowski Kielbasi is now located at 579 East Main Street, Nanticoke, the former location of Janison's Garden Center.

Others stopping by, just to name a few, were: Steve Resavy & his wife, Mary Jo (Tilletski) Resavy; Art Moyer and his wife, Eileen (Richards) Moyer; Dane Cooper and Lauren Gorney; Joe & Janice Deluca; John & Carol Jarecki; Bob Fowler and his wife.

Proprietors of Tarnowski's are John and Stacie Vishnefski.



Pictured left: Vito Deluca, Kathleen (Stashik) Chapracki, Robert Chapracki, Jack Vishnefski, Maria Deluca, Anthony Deluca, and Nico Deluca.



Pictured left: sitting, Julia (Selecky) Semple; kneeling, Jack Vishnefski and unidentified youth; standing left to right, Mary Selecky, Dr. Paul Selecky, Peter Selecky, Andrea (Novak) Selecky, Diane (Tarnowski) Vishnefski, John Vishnefski, Paul Jarecki, Heidi (Selecky) Jarecki, and Anastasia (Breznak) Vishnefski.



New Business in the Township: Vishnefski Electrical, Inc.

By Heidi Jarecki ~ If you are thinking about installing baseboard heating, increasing the amperage in your home, or putting motion lights on your garage, look no further than the latest new business in the Township: Vishnefski Electrical, Inc. Proprietor Daniel Vishnefski (pictured above) is a fully licensed electrician whose shop is in Sheatown.

Daniel, 32, is a graduate of Greater Nanticoke Area High School, Class of 2001. He studied electrical construction technology for two years at Luzerne County Community College before getting accepted into the IBEW L.U. #163 five-year apprenticeship program. The program involved full-time schooling and on-the-job training under experienced journeymen. Coursework took place at Union Hall on the San Souci Parkway and at LCCC. It included: grounding/bonding, data/communication wiring, AC/DC fundamentals, and conduit bending/installation. Continuing education of the National Electrical Code is required of all licensed electricians.

Daniel possesses a master's electrical license in the city of Wilkes-Barre. His work ranges from changing a simple receptacle to wiring or rewiring an entire commercial or residential building. He also has training in "green" technology (LED lighting and solar panel installation).

Daniel's employees are also highly trained and licensed. His focus is on reliability, affordability, and customer satisfaction. For pictures of his various projects, check out his Facebook page. His website is at: www.viselectrical.com. Daniel offers free estimates. You can contact him at 570-574-3785 or his email: daniel@viselectrical.com

Daniel is the son of Diane and Jack Vishnefski of Wanamie. He likes to fish and hunt in his spare time.

15th Annual Holy Child Car & Truck Show

By Tom Kashatus ~ On a beautiful afternoon at Saint Faustina Grove in Sheatown, the 15th Annual Holy Child Car & Truck Show took place on Sunday, September 20. It featured classic cars, antique cars, street rods, custom cars, muscle cars, trucks and motorcycles. As a side feature, the 3rd Annual Chili Contest was held between 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. with six participants striving for the title: "King/Queen of the Chili Makers." The contest was supervised by members of the Newport Township Community Organization and judged by the public who attended the car show. For the first time ever, there was a tie as the chili of Sharon Nenichka of Swoyersville and Jack Rudeski of Hanover Township went down to the wire for first place. For third place, the chili of Jonathan Kashatus of Glen Lyon nosed out the other three entrants.



Chili contest winners are Jack Rudeski (1st), Sharon Nenichka (1st), Father James Nash of Saint Faustina Parish, and Jonathan Kashatus (3rd)



Pictured at left: Solicitor Rich Shiptoski, Commissioners Mike Roke, John Zyla, Paul Czapracki, John Wilkes, John Vishnefski, and Township Administrative Assistant Kelli Vallaitis.

available) to cover construction, but with no success. The estimated cost of this building was over a million dollars.

In 2012, the Commissioners revised the plans for the building, omitting the Fire Company and ambulance sections and adding a room serving as both a meeting room and community center. With the help of State Representative Mullery and now State Senator Yudichak, they submitted a new revised application for a gaming grant for \$800,000, the estimated cost for this building. In March of 2013, they learned that their application had been approved for \$500,000. They again revised the building plans to bring the cost down to

Dedication of New Newport Township Municipal Building

By John Jarecki, with photos by Carol Jarecki, Heidi Jarecki and Tom Kashatus ~ On August 3, the community of Newport Township came together to dedicate its new Municipal Building and Community Center. The occasion was a celebration of the substantial achievement of acquiring a modern building with offices for Township workers and a community meeting room for Township organizations and their activities. It was also a celebration of years of effort by a partnership of Township officials, state officials, and a wide range of people in the community that finally got this project completed.

Specifically, the new building houses Township administrative offices, the Police Department, the Emergency Management Agency (EMA), and a meeting and community room. It is equipped with modern electronic technology and is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Many of the people who partnered to get this building constructed were at the dedication. State Senator John Yudichak was master of ceremonies, and those speaking included Paul Czapracki (President of the Township Board of Commissioners), Mike Dziak, (President and CEO of the Earth Conservancy), and State Representative Gerald Mullery.

Senator Yudichak began the ceremony by asking the members of three Township veterans organizations, Wanamie American Legion Post 971, Glen Lyon American Legion Post 579, and Glen Lyon Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8353 to conduct a flag raising ceremony honoring America and Pennsylvania. Pastor Louis Kaminski of Holy Spirit Parish in Glen Lyon then offered a blessing for the occasion.

Senator Yudichak continued by introducing each of the evening's speakers, starting with Mr. Czapracki, all of whom told parts of the following story of how the new building came to be built.

The Township Commissioners began discussing a new municipal building in 2004. Their original plans were for a complete administrative complex housing Township administrative offices, the Police Department, the Fire Company, the Newport Ambulance, and the EMA. They held many discussions at the time with then State Representative John Yudichak, and starting in 2006 and 2007, with Earth Conservancy's CEO Mike Dziak. With Mr. Dziak's help, Earth Conservancy donated more than 5 acres of land to the project, which made it financially feasible. With Mr. Yudichak's help, the Commissioners, for a good number of years, submitted applications for state grants (including State gaming grants when they become

\$675,000, an amount that could be spent without raising taxes with the help of a 15-year bank loan for \$150,000 and a donation of \$25,000 from the Newport Township Authority. Construction of the building began in September of 2014 and was completed in July of 2015.

The speakers specially thanked a good number of people and organizations for their help in bringing this project to completion, including the following: Mr. Yudichak and Mr. Mullery, Mr. Dziak, Commissioners John Vishnefski, John Wilkes, and John Zyla (who are retired and donated a great deal of their own time, effort, and decision making into the construction), Township Manager Rich Zika, Department of Public Works (DPW) Supervisor Joseph Hillan, DPW employees Jordan Sager and Richard Guziak, the Earth Conservancy, L&K Construction Company, Penn Eastern Engineering, Plymouth Township Supervisors (including Joseph Yudichak and Gale Conrad), the Newport Township Lions Club, Newport residents Peter Felici, Ray Brabant, and Ron Papciak, Newport Aggregate (including Raymond Czapracki), the State Correctional Institution at Retreat, the Newport Township Authority, and the Newport Township Community Organization.

In concluding the evening, Mr. Yudichak said that the Commissioners wanted him to emphasize that they chose to put the new municipal building on Kirmar Parkway as a celebration of the potential of the community to create new businesses and other development both along the parkway and in the nearby great expanse of unused land in the Township.

The dedication of the new municipal building was a day of celebration for the people of Newport Township on their important new acquisition. It was day of looking forward to the future of the community. It was also a celebration of partnership and community as described nicely by Mr. Mullery, who said "This beautiful building shows what can be accomplished when people work together toward a common goal."

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Pictured at the top is the American Legion/VFW dedication of the flagpole which was donated by the Newport Township Lions Club. Above: State Senator John Yudichak, Commissioner Paul Czapracki, and Earth Conservancy President, Mike Dziak. At right is State Representative Gerry Mullery. Below left are citizens who attended the dedication. Below right are NTCO President Steve Phillips and First Vice President Tom Kashatus alongside the picture of the Newport Township High School 1936 State Championship Basketball Team, donated by the NTCO and Jim Murphy.





Above: Sewer Authority making final payment to FCG Construction Group, LLC for completion of project. Seated from the left are: maintenance employee Robert Donahue, Secretary Dawson Jenkins, Contractor Herbert Fehlinger, Treasurer Peter Wanchisen, and Maintenance Foreman Jim Sedorchuk.

Sewer Authority Eliminates No. 4 Pumping Station

By Dawson Jenkins and Tom Kashatus ~ The Newport Township Sewer Authority was incorporated on July 12, 1971 and began operation in 1981. At that time the Authority replaced an antiquated system that basically used storm drains and an open stream to the Susquehanna River. Today's system is a slightly aging system that requires upgrades to meet changing regulations and demands.

The current Sewer Authority members consist of President Mel Dudick, Vice President Joseph Deluca, Treasurer Peter Wanchisen, Secretary Dawson Jenkins, and member Sean Farrell. Solicitor is Attorney Vito Deluca and Authority Engineer is Glace Associates of Camp Hill. This is a good mix of talent that allows for expertise in the fields of plumbing, carpentry, electricity, finance, and state regulations of the Department of Environmental Resources. This also allows the operation and maintenance of the system in a progressive manner.

The Authority has three employees who conduct the daily business and maintenance of the system to keep it running properly. Mary Jo Resavy is the Office Manager, Jim Sedorchuk is full-time maintenance employee, and Robert Donahue is part-time maintenance employee.

The system consists of four pumping stations and necessary sewer lines that convey sewage from approximately 2,000 dwelling units and commercial facilities to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Treatment Plant to be treated and then discharged into the Susquehanna River.

Over the past fifteen years it has become very apparent that the pumps and equipment required to transfer the sewage are aging and need repairs or replacement. This was especially the case with equipment in Station # 4 at the end of No. 1 Patch in Wanamie. Pumping Station No. 4, the smallest station in the system, had compressor and engine valve problems. A new compressor was installed; however, an effort to get valve replacement was stymied by the lack of parts for the thirty-year-old station. Although some parts were obtained from a decommissioned pumping station in Larksville, all parts were not available. Therefore, in 2011, the Authority asked its consulting engineers, Glace Associates, Inc. to evaluate replacing the station. An estimate of \$300,000.00 on the low end and \$500,000.00 on the high end was the result. As a result of this estimate, the Authority was moved to look for some other solution. Jason Tarnowski, a local surveyor, was called upon to evaluate the possibility of extending the sewer line at Pumping Station No. 4 which in turn would eliminate the pumping station.

Once Mr. Tarnowski determined that this proposal was feasible, a plan was formulated by the Authority to run the line extension from the station to the main line which runs along West Kirmar Parkway. Engineering estimates also made it apparent that not operating this station would pay for the cost of the line extension and save money in the long run.

In order to obtain the proper permits and plan approvals, the original Newport Township Sewerage Facilities Plan, Act

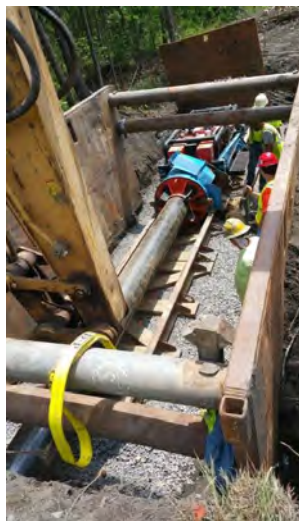
537, had to be revised. Plan approvals from the Luzerne County Planning Commission and Luzerne County Conservation District delayed the project approximately 18 months.

Once all the approvals and permits were obtained, Glace Engineers, Inc. were then authorized to develop plans and drawings of the inherent line extension. These were completed and approved by the Authority and put out for bids. Bids were received from sixteen contractors ranging from \$369,000.00 to \$125,700.00 by winner Fehlinger Construction Group, LLC which was accepted on January 19, 2015. Incidentals boosted the final cost to \$163,000.00. Secretary Jenkins stated that it may take seven to nine years for the savings to be realized.

Construction was scheduled to begin Spring, 2015, but was delayed. It was finally started the first week in July, with boring under West Kirmar Parkway to tie into the manhole of the main line on the north side of the road. The next step was to install the line west along Kirmar, south across the Recreation Park, west through an alley behind West Main Avenue, and finally to the tie-in manhole at the former pumping station.

The job was completed in four weeks and the new line is now in service. The pumping station was disconnected and taken out of service. The proper grades to the landscapes and roads were restored and modified stone put in the alley. Grass was planted in all other disturbed areas.

The Newport Township Sewer Authority would like to thank the Newport Township Commissioners, Newport Township employees, Luzerne County Planning Commission, PA Senator John Yudichak, PA Representative Gerald Mullery, Newport Township Community Organization, Landmark Community Bank, Fehlinger Construction Group, LLC, Joseph Bluge of Glace Associates, Inc., Solicitor Vito Deluca, surveyor Jason Tarnowski, Edward Piestrak and all other parties and residents who made this project possible. The end results of the project will be fewer costs for the Authority and ultimately a savings to the citizens of Newport Township.



Left: Equipment and construction personnel boring hole under W. Kirmar Avenue to hook new line into main sewage line. Above: Contractor laying new sewage line in alley right-of-way behind West Main Avenue, Wanamie.

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First row, left to right: Josh Bencoter, Ian Litchkofski, and Matt Labenski. Standing: Kyle Pokrinchak, Tyler Kotch, Stephen Kreitzer, and Alec Norton.

Trojan Baseball Awards

By Coach Dean Myers & Tom Kashatus ~ Greater Nanticoke Area varsity baseball coach, Dean Myers, announced that the Trojan baseball team had a successful season as they advanced to the District II AA semifinals. After getting past Meyers of Wilkes-Barre Area and Lakeland by scores of 6 to 0 and 6 to 3 respectively, the Trojans lost to Montrose, the number one seed and eventual district champion. They carried a 12 and 7 regular season record into the playoffs.

At Awards Night, Josh Bencoter of Glen Lyon/Nanticoke received the Joseph A. Hillan Award which is given to the senior player who played in Newport Township Little League and has made a contribution to his community, excelled in the classroom, and also made a contribution on the baseball field. Joe Hillan Sr. was the long-time president of Newport Township Little League. Ian Litchkofski of Honey Pot, a sixth grade student, was named Honorary Captain of the Trojan baseball team for the third straight year. Ian gave the home plate umpire the lineup card prior to the game and threw out the first pitch. Three successive successful seasons followed Ian as he was an inspiration to the team and all who know him. Matt Labenski of Nanticoke received the Dave Yenchek Award for excelling on the field and putting his teammates ahead of himself.

Kyle Pokrinchak of Honey Pot earned the Offensive Award for his exploits and great contribution at the plate. Tyler Kotch of Nanticoke, a senior player and a graduate of Nanticoke Little League received the Bob Price Award for his contribution to community, excelling in the classroom, and making a contribution on the playing field. Bob Price was a long-time president of Nanticoke Little League. Stephen Kreitzer of Nanticoke with Alden roots received the Defensive Award for making a great contribution to the team on the field. Alec Norton of Nanticoke received the Coaches Award. As a ball player, he was a pleasure to coach and came to practice every day and did whatever was asked of him. Alec helped the team in every way possible and made a determining contribution on the playing field.

It is awesome to see Joe Olszyk, Alden native, continuing his academic career at Division II IUP this fall. Looking forward to next spring, returning will be seniors Alex Norton, Matt Labenski, and Stephen Kreitzer; junior Kyle Pokrinchak; and junior Aaron Kreitzer of Alden.



Bottom row left to right: Abby Cullen, Jen Kurkoski, Riley Baird, Reilly Miller, Olivia Nice, and Abecka Jones.

Second row: Jess Skladzien, Mackenzie Casey, Lauren Mullery, Emily Cullen, Kasidy Slusser, Ali Keener, Gabby Rakowski. Not in picture: Manager Colleen Baird, Coach Chris Slusser, and Coach Paul Cullen.

Nanticoke Area Majors Make It to State Tournament

By Colleen Baird & Tom Kashatus ~ Nanticoke Area's 11- & 12 year-old girls' softball All-Stars roughed it through district and sectional competition to eventually make it to the Little League State Tournament. Entering district competition and playing against Pittston Area, the locals dropped their first game 2 to 0. Mountaintop was the next opponent in the double elimination competition and Nanticoke Area came alive to take an 18 to 0 shut-out victory by pitcher Kasidy Slusser in four innings. It was back to Pittston, where it was lose and go home. Nanticoke Area fought to a 3 to 0 victory to stay alive in the tournament. Now, the local girls faced Pittston a third time for the title and battled to take a come-from-behind victory to win the District title 10 to 5 behind the pitching of Jessica Skladzien.

North Pocono was the first team Nanticoke Area faced in Sectional competition and our girls handily won the game in four innings, 10 to 0. Back Mountain was next and was also shut out, 4 to 0. With two victories to their credit, Nanticoke sat back to wait for their next opponent. It was Back Mountain once again. Knowing that it would be a dog fight, fans saw the score going back and forth as Nanticoke Area broke a 6 to 6 tie in the bottom of the 6th inning. Reilly Miller playing heads-up base running, scored the final run to seal the victory as the team moved on to the State Tournament.

The State Tournament at Mansfield was hampered by inclement weather off and on. On Tuesday, a rain-delayed first game was lost to South Williamsport 6 to 0. Wednesday's game was cancelled due to rain, which resulted in a double header on Thursday. Nanticoke Area won the first game against East Stroudsburg 11 to 2. In the second game of the double header, the Punxy Groundhogs scored a run in the fifth inning which held up to be the margin of victory. Nanticoke Area had base runners throughout the game but just couldn't bring anyone around to score, thus ending their run for a State Championship. The thirteen teammates enjoyed the experience and made friends with a team from Exton at their hotel. They will have many fond memories that will last forever.

Back in the days....

The original name for East and West Main Street in Glen Lyon was Nanticoke Street.

Summer Fun with the Magician and the Balloon Man.



On July 21, Township children were entertained by magician Chad Spencer at the Wanamie park, as pictured on the immediate left and right. The pictures below show children at the Alden playground on July 28 with some of their prized balloon creations. These events were sponsored by the NTCO under the leadership of Murph Fletcher.



Above are left to right Heidi Jarecki, Recreation Board President; Justin Credible, the Balloon Man; Murph Fletcher, NTCO Summer Fun Coordinator; and Jack Vishnefski, Newport Township Recreation Commissioner.



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Childhood is the most beautiful of all life's seasons. ~ Author Unknown



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Summer Fun Under the Sun: Swimming



Above and to the left are pictures taken at the August 6 Swimming Day at the Mocanaqua Pool

Recreation Board Report

(Editors' Note: The following was reported to the Township Recreation Board by Murph Fletcher, NTCO Recreation Coordinator)

July, 2015: While preparing the pavilions for the day's activities, the following problems were discovered: the tables that had been prepared for staining have new names cut into the table tops, bird droppings, marker names, and small rocks on the table tops and benches. As these may be continuing problems, let's look at ways to eliminate them. The bird droppings on the tables could be a health problem. Covering the rafters with a mesh could possibly eliminate that problem. The other problems present greater complex solutions.

July 21, 2015: The Magic Show had 49 children ages 3 to 11 entertained for one hour by Magician Chad Spencer. The remainder of the time was spent by the children enjoying the playground equipment of the park. The pavilion supplied the needed shade on a hot and muggy morning. The results of this day should encourage us to maintain and work to improve the program. Attendance at this event was 49 children and 12 adults (61).

July 28, 2015: The Balloon and Game Day at the Alden Park was a unique exercise in cooperation among Township Services. To get the children from the Magic Care Day Care to the Alden Park the Police and Fire Departments controlled the traffic so that the children could safely cross the roads to the Park and back to their building. It was another hot and muggy day, but that did not limit the children's enthusiasm to engage in play. The Citizen's Voice had a photographer

there for the total session taking pictures. The day's program will probably be in the Out & About section of the [Citizen's Voice] paper. Again we had a hot & muggy day but that did not stop the children. They continued with their play on the equipment. The younger girls took to the dress-up clothes and kept them on until the Balloon section of the day started. The Game Day at Alden was revised to include Balloons by Justin for one hour, with each child receiving a balloon made specifically for them. Justin allowed them to choose what type of balloon character they desired. With the hot weather, if a balloon touched the ground it would break, but if they returned the broken piece, he would make them another one. Attendance at this event was 33 children and 10 adults (43).

August 6, 2015: The Swimming Day at the Mocanaqua Pool started out a little cool but warmed up quickly and allowed the swimmers to enjoy the day. A refreshing treat of cool watermelon slices was available both morning and afternoon. Pizza, soda, and water were available for lunch. Later in the afternoon, the Women's Activity Group distributed their annual Back-to-School Goodie Bags to the children. This came as a surprise to some of the new children and parents attending for the first time. Attendance at this event was 31 children and 29 adults (60).

August 11, 2015: The Music & Game Day was canceled for weather problems. Rescheduled for August 18th. Waiting for bus service confirmation. This event on August 18, 2015 – Canceled.

Below: Vacation Bible School sponsored by Holy Spirit Parish held at St. Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon from July 13 to July 17



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Above photo shows Little Creek Band performing at the Annual Valley with a Heart Benefit Ride and Family Picnic held on September 6 at St. Faustina Grove in Sheatown. Proceeds benefit children with serious illnesses. Check out www.valleywithaheart.com for more information.

Newport's Claims to Fame

If you haven't heard of Christian Hackenberg, he is the starting quarterback for the Penn State football team, which is a pretty big deal in college sports. He hails from Palmyra, Va, and spent his early years in Tamaqua. He is the son of Erick and Nicole Miller Hackenberg. Did you know he has connections to Newport Township?

Hackenberg's grandmother is the former Elaine Schraeder who grew up on Orchard Street in Glen Lyon. She graduated from Newport Township High School, Class of 1961. She is the daughter of the late Bolish and Helen Schraeder. Elaine now resides in the Tamaqua area. Her brother Paul (Newport Class of '58) is a neurologist in the Philadelphia area. We can bet the Schraeder family is cheering loudly for Christian at every game!

Now, how about them apples?

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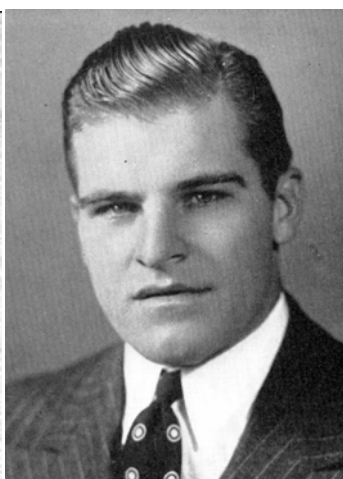
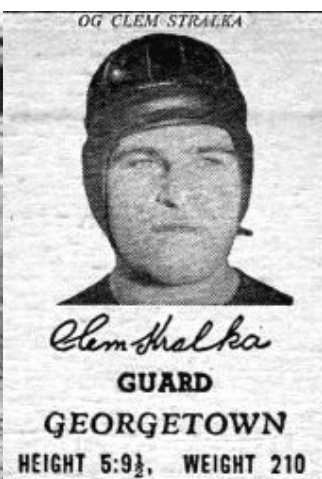
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Left to right is Clem Stralka as a Washington Redskin, followed by his Washington Redskins football card. Next is his Georgetown University graduation picture. Above right shows Clem as a player on the Georgetown University football team..

Clem Stralka

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Clement Frank Stralka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Stralka, 31 Railroad Street Glen Lyon, was born on May 19, 1913. He played football for Newport High School under coaches Arthur Jenkins, Chester Rogowicz, and Stanley Kolanowski. He is described in a newspaper article as "one of the outstanding linemen of the anthracite coal regions." A tackle, he played alongside his cousin, Ed. In 1931, he was named an All-Scholastic football player.

Upon graduation in 1932, he attended Pennington Preparatory School in New Jersey where he played football under Coach Harold Poor of Plymouth. He then entered Georgetown University and played on the varsity football team for three years under Coach Jack Hagerty. For two of those years, he was selected to the All-District team which was composed of leading football players from colleges in the Washington, D.C. area. In 1937, as a 24-year-old senior, the five-foot ten-inch 195 pound tackle was named on several All-Opponent teams including Manhattan, N.Y.U., West Virginia and Maryland. He was also selected as the most valuable player by members of the Georgetown coaching staff. Besides being a football star, Clem was vice-president of the Science Club, sergeant-at-arms of the Philodemic Society and a member of the Hoya, the college newspaper.

After graduating from college Clem pursued his athletic career and became a professional football player. From 1938 to 1942 and later between 1945 and 1946, he was an offensive guard for the Washington Redskins in the National Football League. He participated in one of the most infamous, lopsided games in pro football history when his team lost to the Chicago Bears 73-0 in the 1940 National Football League championship. However, the Redskins recovered two years later, when in 1942, they won the NFL East with a record of 10 and 1, and then beat the Chicago Bears in the championship game by a score of 14 to 6 under Coach Ray Flaherty. That year, Clem was selected for the Pro Bowl. On December 27, a charity game between the Redskins and the National League All-Stars was played. Playing for the All-Stars was another Wyoming Valley product, John Siegal of Larksville.

Football players did not receive the salaries they do today, and many had jobs during the offseason. From January to August, Clem worked at the Civil Service Bureau in Washington, D.C.

Clem's professional football career was interrupted by a stint in the United States Navy for two years and 11 months. He served under Commander Gene Tunney and was stationed at Norfolk,

Va. Clem was placed in the athletic department and served as Chief Specialist Petty Officer. He instructed swimming and played football for Camp Farragut, a Naval Station in Idaho and the Norman Zoomers, two powerful military teams which featured many professional and college football stars. He also served in the South Pacific. After he was honorably discharged, the 5-foot 10-inch 235 pound Clem, nicknamed "Little Bull" because of the strength of his short compact body, rejoined the Washington Redskins on November 8, 1945. He was 32 years old. He played for two more years for a total of 62 games, including three championship games.

After leaving the NFL, he became head football coach on June 7, 1951 at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in King's Point on Long Island. He served as head coach until 1958. He then became head wrestling coach and also was line coach for the football team until about 1980 when he retired.

On June 17, 1949, Clem married Margaret Mary "Honey" Manganiello of Ashley. They had three children, Linda, Ken, and Christopher. After retiring from the Academy, Clem and Honey lived for a time in Laflin.

The couple then moved to Denver to be close by their children. Clem passed away on January 10, 1994 at the age of 80. His body was returned to Washington, D.C. where services were held at the Georgetown University chapel.

Clem is an honorary member of the USMMA Athletic Hall of Fame and the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. He is featured at the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio and was named to the Redskins All-Time Team.

Throughout his life, he was often a guest speaker at various banquets and participated in youth football camps.

Note: In a title game played between the New York Giants and the Washington Redskins on December 3, 1939, Clem played against Johnny Mellus of Hanover Township. Johnny played his college ball at Villanova, and was a tackle for the Giants. They both graduated college in 1937. Hundreds of local people attended the game. The Giants won the division title by a score of 9 to 7.

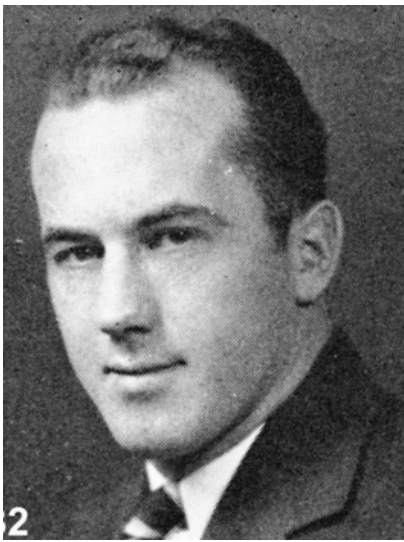
Football compared to ?

Pro football is like nuclear warfare. There are no winners, only survivors.

~ Frank Gifford, quoted in Sports Illustrated, 1960 July 4th

American football makes rugby look like a Tupperware party.

~ Sue Lawley, 1985



On the left Anthony Kanjorski when he graduated from Bloomsburg and on the right, in later life, as Commander of the American Legion in Glen Lyon.

Newport Township Teachers: Anthony E. Kanjorski

By JoAnne Kanjorski Thomas ~ The life of Anthony E. Kanjorski is typical of many who grew up in the coal fields of Pennsylvania at the turn of the century. It is a story of success built on strong family values, love, and support in the face of tragedy and hardship.

Antoni Kendzierski and Johanna Stachowicz were married in Poland in 1893 and emigrated through Russia with Antoni's two sons from his late wife. Proudly Antoni became an American citizen in 1904. By this time, they had 6 more children, 4 boys and 2 girls, with another daughter to be born a year later. Tragedy struck the family on January 15, 1908, when Antoni was killed by a train as he returned from working in the mines, leaving Johanna a widow with 9 children and expecting another baby in three months.

Anthony Eugene Kendzierski was born on April 7, 1908, in the family homestead on Arch Street in Glen Lyon's "Canada" section. He was the "baby" in the large family headed by his widowed mother and doted on by his older siblings who nurtured and guided him, trying to substitute for the loss of never knowing his father. The boys worked in the mines and the girls went to the factories to support the family in an era where government subsidies and life insurance didn't exist. Only war interrupted the boys' employment, with duty to country replacing duty to family.

Later the family relocated to a larger home on the corner of Hill and Spring Streets which was built by an older son Joseph. Tony grew up in this house, attending elementary schools in town and worshipping at St. Adalbert's Church. He went on to graduate from Newport Township High School in 1927, an opportunity not afforded to his siblings. Tony worked in the mines for a short time before going to Bloomsburg State Teachers College, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Soon he served in WWII assigned to the 414 Signal Company in Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, and Northern France where he specialized in Codes & Ciphers. This experience would lead to many interesting war stories he would share with family and students. He later would use his skills to decipher messages left behind by people's loved ones.

Tony returned from the war to continue his teaching career with the Newport-Conyngham School District, teaching English and Social Studies. He continued his education earning a Master of Education Degree from New York University. In August, 1948

he married Stasia Moskwa, a registered nurse whom he met when she was "township nurse". They settled on Ridge Street and had a son John Anthony, who died in infancy, and a daughter, JoAnne.

Tony was a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association and was active in many community organizations in Newport Township. He served as adjutant and Commander of American Legion Post 539 as well as Commander of District Post 12 American Legion and belonged to VFW Post 8353. He was instrumental in establishing the "Teen House" dances at the Legion which were very popular with the local teens in the 1950's and 1960's. He was treasurer of the No.1 Fire Company and a member of the Newport Township Ambulance Unit.

Anthony Kanjorski retired from teaching in February, 1968, due to ill health at which time he was Assistant Principal of Pulaski Junior High School. He passed away on June 3, 1968, and was laid to rest in St. Adalbert's Cemetery after a full military tribute. He was the first of his siblings to pass away.

His wife Stasia passed away in December, 2005. He is survived by his daughter JoAnne Thomas and husband Jim of Wanamie and grandchildren Brian Thomas and Lindsay Thomas Connolly. He would be proud to know that several family members followed him in teaching careers as well as military service.



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Pictured is Ben Fanucci at age 43 and in his later years

Ben Fanucci

By Heidi Jarecki, with a lot of help from Irene Fanucci Rinehimer

Benedetto Fanucci was born in Campitello, Italy on May 28, 1892. Ben was seventeen years old when he came to America aboard the ship "La Provence," setting sail from France, and arriving on October 23, 1909. (Note: During World War I, the ship was adapted into an auxiliary cruiser, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean Sea on February 26, 1916.) As with most immigrants, he left his homeland for better opportunities in the United States. He made his way to Plains, where his sponsor lived. His sponsor got him work in the mines, but after a month, Ben decided to seek employment elsewhere.

Ben tried his hand at farming. He leased the former Womelsdorf farm at the east end of Glen Lyon. It was by then owned by the Glen Alden Coal Company. The property had 48 acres and he leased it for 99 years, at a rate of \$26.00 per 3 months. He had about 50 cows and a couple of horses. His water source was a spring across the road, by way of a trough. The spring water was cold enough to supply refrigeration. He delivered milk to his customers on a regular basis by a horse-drawn wagon. Later, he grew corn, wheat, and potatoes.

When World War I broke out in 1914, Ben was drafted to serve in the armed forces. He got to the train station in Wilkes-Barre, and just as he was about to board, someone yelled out his name. Ben was informed that he was exempt from military service because he was a farmer.

He farmed for several years, then bought a truck and went into the coal hauling business. According to a newspaper account dated March 11, 1930, he was awarded contracts for supplying coal to all schools in the Township for 55 cents a ton, and 15 cents per load for removing ashes. During the Depression when money and jobs were scarce, Ben allowed townspeople to plant gardens on the farm free of charge.

Through the coal hauling business, Ben became acquainted with executives at Blue Coal Corporation. Through these contacts, he learned of a new brewery in Scranton which was looking for salesmen. Standard Brewery opened in 1933 and closed in 1953. He worked as a salesman until about 1935, when he got a license to sell beer and soda. Thus began the Fanucci Beer Distributorship, a fixture in the Township for many years. It was located on Third Street in Glen Lyon and the building still stands today.

Ben sold a variety of beer (Stegmaier, Gibbons, Budweiser, and Valley Forge, to name a few) and bottled soda of different flavors (crème, birch beer, root beer and Moxie, as well as cherry, lime,

orange, and cola) sold in cases. The soda was produced by A-Treat in Catawissa.

Mr. Fanucci was actively involved in the community. He was a member of St. Denis Church, the Eagles, a charter member of the Lions Club, and founder and charter member of the Italian Club. In 1927, he ran for Newport Township school director and was narrowly defeated. Four years later, he was appointed to the board and in November, 1935 was elected to a six-year term. He served as treasurer, and participated in the first outdoor commencement of Newport High School on June 15, 1939. More than 2,000 people attended the graduation exercises. Mr. Fanucci was instrumental in the building of the high school football stadium which was adjacent to the high school. The stadium was built at a cost of \$107,000.00. The first game on the new field was played on September 23, 1939 against Kingston High School before a crowd of 3,000 spectators.

Family-minded, Ben saved enough money to bring three of his brothers here from Italy one at a time: Camillo, Paul and Ernest. Camillo worked with him in the coal hauling business. Ernest was the father of Gertrude, who married Gigi Coassolo. A fourth brother and two sisters remained in Italy.

In January, 1922, Ben married Celia Lanuti, whose father Henry was from the same town in Italy. Ben and Celia had three children, Irene, Jerome, and Flora. Irene graduated from Penn State University. Jerome also attended Penn State and eventually earned his doctorate in aerospace engineering. Flora was a cadet nurse during World War II and later worked at Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia. She married Raymond Simpson.

Growing up, Irene remembers that the family spoke only Italian on Fridays. They kept close to their roots, practicing Italian customs on holidays. The children attended the Coal Street School and then went on to Newport High School.

Irene met Elwood Rinehimer in high school in 1937. Elwood played guard on the basketball team. They dated and married in 1949. They took over the beer distributorship in 1950 until 1986, when they retired. They have the distinction of being among the oldest Newport Township alumni, and they are still going strong. They have two children Lynne Smith and Rick, one son-in-law Charlie, and two grandchildren, Colton and Benton. Irene's brother Jerome also has two grandsons named Ben and Benjamin, in honor of their great-grandfather.

Ben Fanucci passed away on October 21, 1987. He was 95 years old.



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The recent history of Newport Township is deeply rooted in the coal industry and the immigrants who came looking for a better life. Working in the mines was dangerous, physical, and low-paying. Yet, the miners and their families persevered and established themselves as educated and participating citizens. With a small donation, you can show your pride in their accomplishments by owning any of the items below. Please contact Heidi Jarecki at 570-736-6782 or hselecky@pa.metrocast.net for more information or go to our website at www.newporttownship.com. Thank you. (Not all sizes of clothing in stock)



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

We would be honored and proud to have you as a member of the Newport Township Community Organization. Your membership will show approval of and help support our many projects to benefit your hometown! Membership is \$5.00 per year per person based on the calendar year January through December or a lifetime membership is available for \$50.00. Send application with fee to NTCO, 110 1/2 Railroad Ave., Wanamie, Nanticoke, PA 18634.

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NTCO NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

NTCO will make available printed copies of its quarterly newsletter to those living outside the area. An annual fee of \$10.00 covers the cost of mailing via the US Postal Service. Send your check payable to "NTCO" to Heidi Jarecki, 28 W. Main St., Glen Lyon, PA 18617. If you have internet access, please furnish your email address to Thomas Kashatus at tomkash@verizon.net to be entered into our data base. You will then be notified of new publications on NTCO's website at <http://newporttownship.com>. Photographs on internet publications may be viewed in color. Hard copies are printed in black and white.

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Contact Joe Maloney for more information at 570-736-6828

- \$25.00 One-tenth-page or Business Card Size Ad
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NTCO MEETINGS

NTCO's meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the new Municipal Building in Wanamie at 6:45 p.m. We invite you to attend, share your ideas and help develop new programs to benefit Newport Township. There are many ways to showcase your talents and the community will reap the rewards!

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