



Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons. ~ Jim Bishop



Sugar Maples on East Main Street in Wanamie

Newport Township Public Business

By John Jarecki ~ The following items of public business were discussed or acted on at Township Commissioners' meetings in July, August, and September:

July 5, 2016: Township Manager Peter Wanchisen announced these items of business:

- 1) The Township has hired ADP, a national company providing business outsourcing services... 2) A bond covering the activities of the new Township Manager was approved... 3) Mr. Wanchisen discovered that the Township had in its finances \$17,897 in Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) funds...

Commissioner John Vishnefski, who oversees Township Parks and

Recreation, said that he and the Township Recreation Board had been working for some time to have a walking trail constructed in the Wanamie Recreation Park.

The Commissioners announced that the State has awarded the Township a \$250,000 grant to construct a pole building for housing large equipment on land next to the Municipal Building.

The Commissioners voted 1) to appoint Chad Callahan, from Nanticoke, as a part time police officer, and 2) to authorize transferring Township funds that are deposited with the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) to FNCB Bank.

August 1, 2016: Mr. Wanchisen announced these items of business:

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VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

1) A random State audit of Township Liquid Fuels funds (funds received from the State for road repair and maintenance) was completed on July 11. The audit found only two minor problems (a misplaced certification document and an uncashed check), both of which were corrected.

2) Mortgage payments on the new municipal building, now \$538.11 per month, will increase in November to \$1,038.11 per month because the payments will then include repayment of both principal and interest.

3) The Township has received a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant of \$14,000 toward the purchase of a new police cruiser, which is expected to cost \$40,773. The Township will take out a loan (discussed below) to cover the remaining cost.

The Commissioners voted to: 1) hire Don Seng as part-time Township Secretary, 2) to approve a resolution authorizing Township Manager Peter Wanchisen to sign checks and documents on behalf of the Township, and to appoint him as Township Secretary, 3) to award a contract to Brdaric Excavating Inc. to demolish the building at 42-44 Newport Street in Glen Lyon for \$10,600, and 5) to approve taking a loan of approximately \$28,000 from FNCB Bank to partially pay for a new police cruiser at an interest rate of 2.6% for 48 months, resulting in a monthly payment of approximately \$615.30.

**September 6, 2016:** Mr. Wanchisen announced these items of business:

1) Police Chief Jeremy Blank, Commissioner John Zyla, and Mr. Wanchisen met with District Attorney Stephanie Salavantis in an attempt to improve the Township's chances of being reimbursed for drug and alcohol test costs that motorists stopped by Township police fail to pay.

2) John Elmy, John Wilkes, and Joseph Yudichak have provided guidance and labor in preparation for construction of the new pole building in order to reduce costs. They have also helped in preparation for construction of a State-funded walking trail that the Township will be building.

3) The Township has found that Berkheimer, a tax collection service for school property and per capita taxes, is using an out-of-date list of Township residents. Work is now being done to update this list.

4) Some residents of Lee were concerned about the safety of material used by the Susquehanna Coal Company to reclaim mine scarred land near their homes. Mr. Wanchisen and Joe Hillan, head of the Township Public Works Department, met with Susquehanna officials who showed them documents indicating that the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has approved the material being used.

5) The Township has chosen the site and layout of the new walking trail that will be built with State grant funds. The Township engineer is now writing the request for bids that will be placed in the newspapers.

Chris O'Brien, a resident of Ridgeview, said that during Labor Day weekend, there was continuous firearm shooting near Ridgeview, and that one house on Overlook Drive had been hit twice by bullets. The Commissioners replied that they were gradually taking the steps needed in order to stop the shooting: they have asked landowners near Ridgeview to post no trespassing signs (and have gotten compliance), and were now getting grants for an ATV that would allow police officers to access off-road sites. They were hopeful that enforcing the trespass law would keep nuisance shooters away.

The Commissioners voted on the following items: 1) to appoint John Elmy to the Newport Township Authority to replace Diane Hillan, who recently resigned, 2) to adopt a reorganization of Township operations to provide for shifting of the workload and improved continuity of services, 3) to use \$50,000 of the \$100,000 the Township received in insurance payments related to the loss of funds under the former Township Manager for the purpose of reducing the principal of the \$150,000 loan used for construction of the new municipal building.

*By Tom Kashatus ~ “Rusty” Shutta was ninety one years old. He was a miner (like so many before him) and a mailman. He was a veteran of World War II - “America’s Greatest Generation” - and proud of his family and community. He was one of fourteen. Rusty may not be the best writer, but he gets his message across. He enjoyed reading the NTCO newsletter. I knew “Rusty” and you couldn’t find a nicer guy. Following is a letter that he recently wrote to NTCO President Stephen Phillips:*

*“I used to be your mailman from 1972 to 1986. Since I retired in ‘86, Wanamie has grown a lot. I enjoyed working in Newport Township. I am the last of my family. I am 91. I was born in the Kanadian section of Glen Lyon. I worked in the mines from 1947 to 1961 and I was lucky to get a mailman job. I imagine that there is not too many people left from the mines. I enjoyed reading the newsletter. Joan Kowalski is my niece and she gave me a copy. The new school director is my grandson. Thank you.”*

*Leonard “Rusty” Shutta*

There should be more like Mr. Shutta who gave his all whenever possible. Rusty passed away about two weeks after he wrote this letter. He will be missed. His obituary appears in the NTCO Summer 2016 newsletter and on the NTCO website: [www.newporttownship.com](http://www.newporttownship.com)

### **National Night Out Community Event “Thank You” from the Crime Watch**

On Tuesday, August 2nd, the Newport Township Crime Watch and Newport Township Police Department sponsored the First Annual National Night Out Community Picnic at The Grove in Sheatown and were overwhelmed by the community’s response.

The Crime Watch would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this event. So many individuals, businesses, civic organizations, performers, members of the military and law enforcement, and public officials were involved that it would take an entire page of this newsletter to list them all. The Crime Watch is deeply grateful to each and every one.

Newport Township has received a lot of negative publicity during the past year; but the actions and opinions of a few do not define a community. It’s people who give their all toward a positive conclusion that define a community in the end. On August 2nd it was evident that community pride is alive and well and flourishing in the Newport Township area. Personal differences were set aside and everyone worked together as a team.

Special thanks must be given to the first responders of Newport Township and Nanticoke City. These outstanding men and women proved that they are truly deserving of our trust and respect.

To everyone who attended and enjoyed the community picnic, thanks for coming. We hope to see everyone again on August 1, 2017.

Newport Township Crime Watch

### **Spaghetti Dinner at St. Adalbert’s Church, Glen Lyon**

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Adalbert’s Church, Holy Spirit Parish will host a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, October 30. Take-outs will be available from 12 noon to 1:30 pm. Eat-ins will be served between 12:30 and 3:00 pm. Adults: \$8.50, Children: \$4.50. Delivery is available. Tickets were mailed to parishioners and can also be purchased by calling the parish office at 570-736-6372. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

### **Election Day Hoagie Sale**

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Adalbert’s Church, Holy Spirit Parish will be selling Italian hoagies on Election Day, Tuesday November 8. Please place your orders by calling Carol at 570-736-7149. Hoagies are \$5.50 each. Pick up will be 11:30 AM to 1:00 pm. Thank you for your support.

#### **Don’t Sweat It!**

The happiest people don’t worry too much about whether life is fair or not, they just get on with it. ~ Andrew Matthews

## Email to NTCO

Below is an email sent by Jim Caverly, formerly of Alden, to Tom Kashatus with an article about a Newport Township police officer who was killed in the line of duty in the 1920's:

I enjoyed talking with you, and as I mentioned, it's a real gift to be able to access news coming out of my old hometown. It seems your energy has a lot to do with the success of this program. Thank You.

I'm a graduate of Newport Twp. High School, Class of 1960. I grew up in Alden and went in the service right after graduation. Spent 27 years as a FBI agent and 25 years that overlapped with the FBI as a grief counselor with a national organization called Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS). During that time I worked with the families and co-workers of the approximately 150 officers that die in the line of duty each year. My wife Jeanne joined me in this effort after my retirement. COPS provides retreats in different parts of the U.S. for parents, spouses, teens, siblings, co-workers, etc. Lots of sad stories!

Having spent my early years in Alden I never heard the story about a police officer from Alden who died in the line of duty and don't know if many folks in Newport Twp. are aware of his loss. I submitted his name to the Pennsylvania family who takes care to see that fallen officers from Pennsylvania have their names carved into the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC and his name now appears on this memorial. This memorial is located in Judiciary Square and honors the 20,267 officers who have died in the line of duty throughout history.

Peter's story is timely in view of the large number of officers that have been murdered in different parts of the country in the recent past. I believe the following story appeared in a local newspaper at the time of Peter's murder.

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### NEWPORT TOWNSHIP OFFICER PETYNKO WAS KILLED IN 1924

Newport Township has always been more rural than urban, and in 1924 the woods surrounding Glen Lyon, Wanamie and Newport Center must have seemed like forests out of Grimm's Fairy Tales. Yet, all was not always tranquil in the self-contained communities that depended upon the Susquehanna Coal Company for much of their commerce.

On a chilly evening in January, 1924, Stevan Jukanovich, 29, left his boarding house at 136 Gruver Street, Alden, and joined Chich Nelson for several drinks at the local saloons. The pair then walked up the street and began breaking windows in the nearby homes.

When an altercation broke out between the men, Jukanovich pulled a revolver from his pocket and fired three shots at Nelson. Two bullets went through his clothing, but narrowly missed the man and the third bullet went astray, Nelson then tried to wrestle the gun from his friend's hand, but was unable to take it and ran off.

Shortly after 10 PM, Jukanovich joined three other men to drink moonshine. There was another quarrel and the men set upon Jukanovich. Furious, he returned to his boarding house where he again picked up his gun. But when he returned to the men, he found that two of them had gone, leaving a man named Chris. Jukanovich took a shot at the man, who high-tailed it away.

Notified that someone was shooting, Newport Township patrolman Peter Petynko, 24, went to investigate, arriving just after 10:50 PM. As he approached Jukanovich, intending to place him under arrest, the latter brought out his gun, shot Petynko dead, and ran away.

Shortly after midnight police converged on a barn on Prospect Hill, where they believed Jukanovich was hiding, but when they surrounded the building, the suspect was not inside. It was later learned that Jukanovich had taken refuge on Hell Gate Mountain. He was eventually arrested and on May 26, declaring he was crazed by moonshine liquor and expressing extreme sorrow Jukanovich threw himself on the mercy of the court and pled guilty to shooting and killing Peter Petynko. Jukanovich was remanded to jail and later adjudged by the court to be guilty of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to from ten to twenty years.

(End of Article)

Tom, some communities take the opportunity to highlight both the dangers of policing and the service the officers provide to the citizens by honoring the fallen officer. Some do so with a ceremony where they may place a stone or some other type of memorial in memory of the fallen officer, possibly at the town hall or police station, while at the same time highlighting the dedication of the officers serving the community.

Today, in the United States, more than 900,000 law enforcement officers put their lives on the line for the safety and protection of others. They serve with valor and distinction - and with great success. I'm sure the officers serving Newport Township do so as well. Federal statistics show that violent and property crime rates in the United States are at historic lows, thanks in large measure to the dedicated service of the men and women of law enforcement. This protection comes at a price, however. Each year, there are approximately 60,000 assaults on law enforcement officers, resulting in nearly 16,000 injuries. This along with the on-average 146 officers killed in the line of duty. (National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial)

Tom, again, I enjoyed speaking with you. If there is anything I can do, give me a call. Any questions about the material, let me know. And use or not use the information in any way you see fit. Thanks again.

Jim

## Letter to the Editors

### Mrs. Helen Selecky

I often find myself thinking of Mrs. Selecky, especially when I pass the Church or her home. For a long time, I've wanted to remember this special lady in writing. A tribute of sorts.

She was a big part of our lives growing up in Glen Lyon and especially anyone involved with St. Adalbert's Church. Aside from our own mothers, I think she had much to do with us becoming fine young women.

From teaching catechism, choir practice, trips and gatherings, she gave us opportunities we may not have had otherwise. She organized trips to movies, ice skating, picnics, etc. I especially remember "The Ice Capades" in Philadelphia. She kept us busy.

It seemed she never ran out of energy. She was generous, kind, understanding, and tolerant. She never judged, as we came from many backgrounds. She was our "Good Fairy." At least she seemed that way to me.

Mrs. Selecky was a role model for our faith. I'll never forget you or your kindness.

God bless and keep you, Mrs. Selecky.

Eileen Derr Case



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### Happiness is...

Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love, to work, to play, and to look up at the stars. ~ Henry Van Dyke

## NTCO President's Message

By Stephen E. Phillips

Despite the fact that the alleged malfeasance of the former Newport Township Manager has cast a pall over the Community, many positive events have continued to occur within the Municipality. Subsequent to the resignation of the preceding Township Manager, the Board of Commissioners acted in an expeditious manner and unanimously selected retired bank Executive and local resident Peter Wanchisen to assume this important position. During his short tenure, Mr. Wanchisen has brought a welcome aura of professionalism and conviviality to this role. The atmosphere within this office is much more positive than it had been previously. The Community Organization anticipates expanding its already close working relationship with the Township's new chief appointed official. Within the past several months, the Township's elected officials have announced several grants which will prove beneficial to the locale's future. Among the areas in which the public monies are anticipated to be expended are the following:

-\$40,072 to the Township for a Community Walking Trail.

-\$250,000 to the Municipality for an equipment storage building.

In addition, neighboring Nanticoke City has been granted \$505,000 on behalf of the Lower South Valley Council of Governments, of which the Township is a member, to purchase public works machinery.

Once again, the Community Organization is striving to lead from the front. Its summer recreation program under the very capable direction of Merlyn "Murph" Fletcher has completed another successful season. Mr. Fletcher designed a multifaceted program which included a broad spectrum of activities for the attendees. Included among the diverse activities "Murph" developed were a Tea Party for young ladies, presentations involving live animals and animal pelts, historical and patriotic events, and others which encompassed music and singing, reading and story times, swimming, and games and crafts. This year, numerous adults remained with the youngsters, and also enjoyed the wide range of activities available to all participants. Mr. Fletcher had an intern assist him for the first time. Travis O'Boyle was a great asset to the Organization's Recreation Chairman. As a direct result of the Summer's successes, serious consideration is being given to expanding the program into the Fall and Winter Seasons.

A major humanitarian endeavor involves participation among the Township's Community Organization, the Commission on Economic Opportunity's Weinberg Regional Food Bank, and the Township's American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 who are working in unison to host a Food Distribution Event the 4th Wednesday of every month. The Director of this activity is Palmira Gregory Miller, and Lorrie Materewicz is the co-chair. Only families living in Newport Township are eligible to participate. In order to receive food, families are required to pre-register by calling Lorrie at 570-736-7177. This will assist in insuring that adequate foodstuff are available. Lorrie can also advise potential participants what other requirements have to be met in order to receive the free items. Volunteers are welcome to assist in the set up, registration, and distribution activities. The Township's Crime Watch, under the very capable leadership of Jerry McMahon, has been a great help in aiding the program sponsors and participants. The initial food distribution took place in June. At that time 23 households participated. By August, 70 households were involved.

The Community Organization also wishes to acknowledge the Crime Watch for the outstanding event held at St. Faustina Grove on August 2nd to celebrate National Night Out. The expansion of the former Glen Lyon Crime Watch to a Newport Township Crime Watch is a graphic illustration of what a committed group of volunteers can accomplish. Please consider lending your talents to one or more of the various groups working to make Newport Township a better Community.

### I never knew...did you?

By Murph Fletcher ~ Two dates of significance in American history are December 7, 1941, and September 11, 2001. On those days America was attacked without warning. Both of those events cost lives, and also brought out the courage and bravery of people in times of stress. There are numerous accounts of people performing heroic

acts to help those in need, without regard to their own safety. Their ability and desire to help drove them to perform. No one wakes up in the morning saying: I am going to be a hero today, or that I will need a hero today. The event needing a hero could be an armed conflict, an accident, a terrorist plot or a natural disaster. All of these events could cause severe injuries, property destruction, and an immediate need of help. But when a 7-year-old girl named Courtney needed a hero, one young soldier stepped up to the plate.

A Gentleman who had attended a conference in Atlanta, Georgia tells this story: I was in the airport returning home, when I heard several people beginning to clap and cheer. I immediately turned around and witnessed one of the greatest acts of patriotism I had ever seen. Moving through the terminal was a group of soldiers in their camos. As they began heading to their gate, everyone (well, almost everyone) stood abruptly on their feet with their hands waving and cheering. When I saw the soldiers, probably 30-40 of them, being applauded and cheered for, it hit me. I'm not alone. I'm not the only red-blooded American who still loves this country and supports our troops and their families. Of course I immediately stopped and began clapping for these young unsung heroes who are putting their lives on the line every day for us so we can go to school, work and home without fear of reprisal. Just when I thought I could not be more proud of my country or of our servicemen and women, a young girl, not more than 6 or 7 years old ran up to one of the male soldiers. He kneeled down and said "Hi." The little girl then asked him if he would give something to her daddy for her. The young soldier, who didn't look any older than maybe 22 himself, said he would try and what did she want to give to her daddy. Then suddenly the little girl grabbed the neck of this soldier, gave him the biggest hug she could muster and then kissed him on the cheek. The mother of the little girl, who said her daughter's name was Courtney, told the young soldier that her husband was a Marine and had been in Iraq for 11 months now. As the mom was explaining how much her daughter Courtney missed her father, the young soldier began to tear up. When this temporarily single mom was done explaining her situation, all of the soldiers huddled together for a brief second. Then one of the other servicemen pulled out a military-looking walkie-talkie. They pretended to activate the device and talk back and forth on it. After about 10-15 seconds of this, the young soldier walked back over to Courtney, bent down and said this to her, "I spoke to your daddy and he told me to give this to you." He then hugged this little girl whom he had just met and gave her a kiss on the cheek. He finished by saying "Your daddy told me to tell you that he loves you more than anything and he is coming home very soon." The mom at this point was crying almost uncontrollably and as the young soldier stood on his feet, he saluted Courtney and her mom. I was standing no more than 6 feet away from this entire event. As the soldiers began to leave, heading towards their gate, people resumed their applause. As I stood there applauding and looked around, there were very few dry eyes, including my own. That young soldier in one last act of selflessness turned around and blew a kiss to Courtney with a tear rolling down his cheek. We need to remember every day all of our soldiers and their families and thank God for them and their sacrifices. At the end of the day, it's good to be an American.

### Blast from the Past: Time Capsule



Forty years ago, in 1976, in conjunction with the national Bicentennial Celebration, a time capsule was buried in the Wanamie Recreation Park near the flag

pole. Members of the committee are pictured left to right: (Standing) Walter Bodek, Joe Hillan, Phoebe Hillan, Ann Forgach, Dorothy Yarasavage, Al Yarasavage, Alice Krushefski, Mary Gavarecki, Al Walker and Syl Czyzyk. Kneeling: Joe Hitzner and Tom Kashatus. Builder of the time capsule box was Nick Conrad.

## The Flora and Fauna of Newport Township



### Sugar Maple Tree

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Newport Township contains a great many sugar maples and this becomes very evident in

the fall when the Township comes alive with their golden color, as pictured on the cover of this newsletter.

### Sugar Maple Facts

1. Sugar maple is a native of North America and is the most commonly found species among the seven other types of maple trees. It grows in abundance throughout southern Ontario, Nova Scotia, New England, Texas, Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic states.
2. The normal height of sugar maple trees ranges between 70 to 100 feet. The trees have an average diameter of 5 feet. The tallest Sugar Maple tree has a height of 110 feet and a width of 5.6 feet. This tree is presently in Bethany, West Virginia.
3. Large quantities of sap are collected from January to April that is industrially used to manufacture maple syrup.

4. The sugar maple is the state tree of the states of New York, West Virginia, Vermont, and Wisconsin. Sugar maple wood is used to make furniture, veneer, paneling, flooring, gunstocks, tool handles, plywood dies, cutting blocks, woodenwares, bowling pins, and musical instruments.
5. Sugar maple is one of the most valuable hardwoods from a commercial standpoint. It provides a variety of patterned wood for lumber and for furniture.
6. Sugar is produced in the leaves during photosynthesis. It is transported into the wood and stored during the winter. During warm periods when temperatures rise above freezing, pressure develops in the tree. This pressure causes the sap to flow out of the tree through a wound or tap hole. Once temperatures no longer fluctuate between freezing at night and thawing during the day, the sap stops flowing.
7. You would need 43 gallons of sap with 2% sugar content to produce one gallon of syrup.
8. The sugar in maple syrup is sucrose with small amounts of glucose and fructose sugar. White sugar is sucrose. Because it is a less refined sugar, maple products contain minerals, antioxidants, and other compounds that have been shown to have health advantages in other foods.

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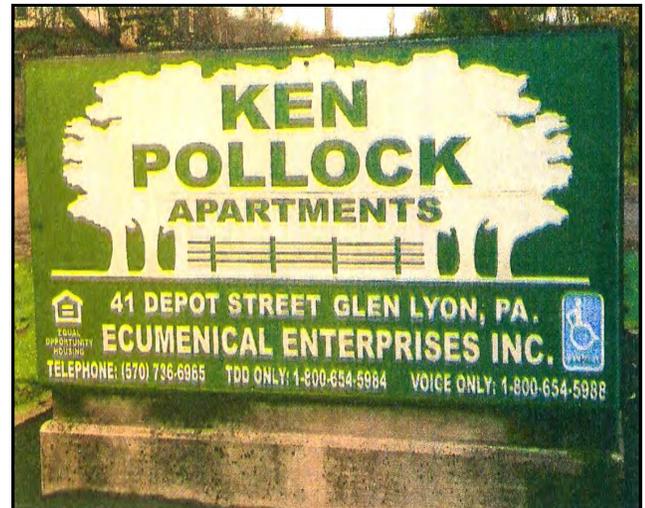


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**Class of '56 Holds 60th Reunion**

Newport Township High School Class of 1956 held its 60th Reunion at Nuangola Grove at Lake Nuangola on Saturday, August 6. Pictured are: Front kneeling: Frank Paluck, Nancy Jenkins Schwartz 1st row: Marlene Pawlowski, Robert Pivais, Norma Frankiewicz Roche, Arlene Mungetski, Patricia Fisher, Rosemary Malec Klop, Theresa Bernesi, Barbara Keblish, Irene Kleyps. 2nd row: Eugene Domzalski, Mary Vavrsek, Cynthia Smereski, Audrey Maxey Luzenski, Jane George, Margaret Bieski Alber, Eizabeth Rule, Regina Wozinski Magaleski, Gerald Magaleski. 3rd row: Carl Rokosz, Ann Marie Demski Gorgus, Edward Yacoboski, Eugene Paisley, Elaine Stewart, Frank Chest. 4th row: Bernard Strzelecki, Joseph Samuels, Simone Simchick Baldar, Paul Selecky, David Palonis, Irvin Rinehimer.

**Class of '61 Holds 55th Reunion**

The Newport Township Class of 1961 held its 55th anniversary reunion on Saturday, September the 24th, in the Private Party room at the R Bar (the former Alden Manor) at 119 East Kirmar Ave. Alden. The reunion started at 5:00 P.M., with a cash bar, followed by a buffet meal at 6:00 P.M.



Pictured at left: Joyce Yohey, Al Yarasavage, and Alberta Waclawski Yarasavage



Pictured at left: Alex Preslopski, Carol Anskis Kurbasik and Frances Meshinski Evans



**Class of 1966 Holds 50th Reunion**

Newport Township High School Class of 1966 celebrated their 50th class reunion on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the R-Bar in Alden. Pictured above are L to r, 1st row: Elaine Tarnowski Deluca, Kathleen Chapin Rinehimer, Carol Sokolnicki Wilkes, Joyce Huk Chwalek, Sia Sweeney Sager, Harry Howell, Bethany Venit, Robert Deluca, John Onderko. 2nd row: Donald Lapinski, Leon Zimolzak, Joann Meshinski Dekutoski, Judy Sedorchak Rinker, Robert Bohinski, Adrian Merolli, Maria Cavallini, Eileen Krzywicki Polascik, Maureen Vollinger Jaslar, Karen Cooper Metta, Daniel Makowski. 3rd row: George Ball, John Frinsko, Norma Brown Magrone, Leonard Krasucki, Alan Zerfoss, Pat Sweeney Rymar, Shirley Wojcik Zubritski, Edward Roke.

**40th Reunion of GNA Class of '76**

By Tom Kashatus ~ Below is a photo of the Greater Nanticoke Area Class of '76 students from Newport Township. They celebrated their 40th class reunion on August 6th at Saint Faustina Grove in Sheatown. A mixer was held at the R-Bar in Alden the night before. This information was furnished by Elaine Molski.



Kneeling from left: Richard Shiptoski, Debbie Yatko Augustine, and Julie Kowalski Nichols. Standing from the left: Alexis Lapinski Shumack, Diane Novak Rybak, Mary Pekt Schlicht, Charmaine Higgins Zwiebel, Diane Bukoski Eskey, Susan Guzofsky Witkowski, Thomas Olinginski, Charlie Nutaitis, Elaine Molski, Mary Ellen Kovalich Kaye, Richard Borofski, Darlene Shuma Mitchell, John Paczkowski, and John Lapinski. Absent from photo: Richard Anthony and Gary Wojcik

**All-Newport Reunion**

The 31st All-Newport Reunion will be held Sunday October 9, 2016 at the Holy Transfiguration Hall in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke. The reunion begins at 1:00 p.m. and is open to anyone who attended Newport schools. Cost is \$30.00 per person.

## American Legion Auxiliary News

By Lorrie Materewicz

### Veteran's Hygiene/Comfort Collection

The Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 recently held a hygiene/comfort collection for the veterans at the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital. The drive included such items as shampoo, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sunglasses, baseball caps, hairbrushes, combs, socks, puzzle books, denture cleaner, items of clothing, and more. On July 1, approximately 17 boxes and 8 fifty gallon bags of these items were presented to Lisa Schlosser, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at the hospital. Shown below following the presentation are Al Chesney, Legion member and President's assistant, Janet Wenner, Vice President of Unit 539, and Lorrie Materewicz, President of Unit 539. Special thanks is extended to Father Louis Kaminski's parishioners at Holy Spirit Parish, the employees of the State Correctional Institute at Dallas, the Newport Township Women's Activity Group, Wanamie American Legion Post 971, Glen Lyon Legion Post 539, and Glen Lyon SAL Squadron 539 for their generous donations to the veterans.



### Installation of Officers

On August 4th, the Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 held their installation of officers for 2017 at their regular monthly meeting. The Auxiliary meets monthly on the first Thursday at the Post home at 6 PM. New members are welcome and further information can be obtained by calling Lorrie @ 736-7177. The Auxiliary's mission is to support Veterans' and community interests and events. The unit was recently presented three awards: the National Membership Award for Recruitment and Retention, the Pennsylvania State Award for Community Action, and the Pennsylvania State Award for Leadership. These awards were presented to the unit by Auxiliary National President at the American Legion Auxiliary Convention in Harrisburg.



Pictured above are Sergeant-at-Arms Billie Fox, Chaplain Barb Meyers, Secretary/Treasurer Sally Billings, Vice-President Janet Wenner, President Lorrie Materewicz, and installing officer District President Beverly Kemmerer.

## Auxiliary Piggie/Haluski Sale November 6

The Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 is at it again! Since their piggie dinner was so well received last autumn, and many requests were made for extra piggies that were unable to be filled, it was decided this year that only the piggies would be offered for sale. The date of the event is Sunday, November 6 from noon to 4 pm at the Legion Post Home on Newport Street in Glen Lyon. Like last year, the piggies will be huge, \$3.00 each, and can be ordered in any quantity. Haluski with homemade noodles and locally grown cabbage, is \$5.00 per quart. Delivery on pre-paid tickets is available. Tickets can be obtained from any Auxiliary member or by calling Lorrie at 570-736-7177 or Sally at 570-736-6543. In addition to the piggie/haluski sale, an exciting Chinese Auction will be held the same day as the sale, as well as a used book sale. This is the Auxiliary's biggest fundraiser of the year, so please come out and support the girls. All proceeds benefit our Veterans' Benefit Fund that supplies the needs of our veterans, especially those in our local VA hospital. A list of activities the Auxiliary regularly participates in for our veterans will be on display in the Legion Hall at this event. While you are there picking up your piggies and haluski and checking out the auction and book sale, why not take a stroll around the newly dedicated Veterans' Memorial Gallery at the rear of the Hall? See if one of your family member's name is perhaps on some of the memorabilia hanging there. This writer is sure many of the names will be familiar to natives of Newport Township and stir quite a few memories, maybe even bring a tear to your eye. As always, we thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Monthly Food Distribution at Legion



Above photo shows Palmira Miller, Cathy Goliash and Lorrie Materewicz preparing registration forms for the food distribution at the Glen Lyon American Legion. The NTCO and the Legion Auxiliary are partnering with the Weinberg Food Bank for distribution to those in need. The event takes place on the 4th Wednesday of each month and is open to Township residents only. Participants must pre-register by calling Lorrie at 570-736-7177.

### Township Fire Department Plans Spaghetti Dinner

The Glen Lyon-Alden Hose Company and the Consolidated Fire Company of Newport Township will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 16 at the R-Bar in Alden. Cost is \$9.00/person. Patrons can eat-in or take-out, and delivery is available. Serving is from 12 noon to 3 pm. For tickets, call Len at 570-430-7212. Proceeds benefit the Fire Department.

### St. Andrew's Holds Fall Festival

St. Andrew's Church in Alden will hold their annual Fall Festival on September 30 and October 1 in the Church Hall. A flea market, mums, and bake sale are featured, as well as food offerings and a Chinese auction. Fall and Christmas items will be available for purchase. Come one and all!

## Newport Township Obituaries

*By Tom Kashatus*

**CRAGLE**, Marion H. (nee Rule), 87, of Wapwallopen, passed away Sunday, June 5, 2016. Marion was born in Nanticoke. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '46. She was predeceased by her husband, Franklin Cragle.

**FEDORCHAK**, Sandra Lee (nee Martin), 72, of Prince Street, Sheatown, passed away Thursday evening, June 9, 2016. Sandra Lee was born in Wilkes Barre. She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph.

**JOANNA**, Ruth (nee Drum), 82, of Nanticoke, passed away on Friday, June 17, 2016. Ruth was born November 13, 1933 in Mountain Top. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School. She was predeceased by her husband, Vincent.

**YACUBOSKI**, Eugene B., 76, of Canadensis, died Sunday, May 22, 2016. Gene was raised in Glen Lyon, attended Newport Township schools and graduated from Newport Township High School, Class of '57. He was a veteran serving with the US Navy. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marianne (Sheroshek) Yacuboski. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. John Boyle, formerly of Glen Lyon, at the Villa of the Lady, Mount Pocono.

**ZAK**, Eugene J., 82, of Edwardsville, and formerly of Ocala, FL, passed away Monday, June 27, 2016. Eugene was born in Wanamie. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Interment was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery, Glen Lyon. He was predeceased by his wife Sylvia (Gdovin) and first wife Elizabeth (Jarolim).

**WOJCIECHOWSKI**, Carl P., 79, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Alden, passed away Monday, May 2, 2016. Carl was born in Nanticoke on July 14, 1936. Carl was a US Army veteran serving in the Korean War. Carl was predeceased by his wife Felicia (Dydo) Wojciechowski. Burial was in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Wanamie.

**PHILLIPS**, Jean "Goldie" M. (nee Goliash), of Miner Avenue, Wanamie, passed away Wednesday, July 6, 2016. Jean was born in Glen Lyon and was the daughter of the late George and Marcella (Siepietowski) Goliash. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '57. Jean was owner of the Tal Phillips Insurance Agency. Burial was in Saint John the Baptist's Cemetery, Glen Lyon. Jean was predeceased by her husband, Talcott.

**SHIPTOSKI**, Phyllis M. (nee Chrzan), RN, 89, of Sheatown passed away Friday, July 8, 2016. Phyllis was born September 18, 1926. Phyllis is survived by her husband of 63 years, Joseph Shiptoski.

**HUNTER**, Larry R., 64, of Brown Row, Wanamie, passed away July 9, 2016. Larry was born in Nanticoke on June 29, 1952. Larry is survived by his wife, Bertha.

**CROUSE**, George W., 78, of Robert Street, Sheatown, passed away Monday, July 11, 2016. George was born in Dorrance Township on February 27, 1938. He is survived by his wife, the former Carol Brudnicki.

**SHARP**, Clem, 89, of Lewes DEL, and formerly of Wanamie, passed away recently. He was born in August, 1926. He was raised in Wanamie and was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '44. He was a US Navy veteran serving from graduation to 1946. He would have been a 70-year member of American Legion Post 971 in 2017. He is survived by his wife, Amy (Linton) Sharp.

**WOMELSDORF**, Wayne, 72, of Slocum Township passed away on July 12, 2016. He is survived by his wife of more than 40 years, Lorraine (nee Sklaney, formerly of Alden) Womelsdorf.

**PRICE**, Ruth N., RN, (nee Crouse), 86, a resident of Sheatown, Newport Township, passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2016. Ruth was born in Wanamie on October 29, 1929. She was a

graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '47. Ruth was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, John Price.

**SIMCHICK**, Charles Robert, 79, of Hanover Township and formerly of Newport Township, passed away Friday, July 15, 2016. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '57 and was a veteran of the US Air Force from 1957 until 1963.

**KNORR**, Wilbur S., 87, of West Wyoming, and formerly of Wanamie, died Friday evening, July 22, 2016. Wilbur was born and raised in Wanamie. He graduated from Newport Township High School, Class of '46. He was a veteran and served in the US Air Force during the Korean War. Wilbur is survived by his wife of 61 years, Judith (Rasi) Knorr.

**SOLETSKI**, Josephine (nee Capece), 86, of Nanticoke, formerly of Glen Lyon and Sheatown, passed away Monday, August 1, 2016. Josephine was born and raised in Mocanaqua and was the daughter of the late Rocco and Carmella (Cerbese) Capece. Josephine was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Edward Soletski.

**KALAFUT**, Lottie (nee Krashefski), 100, of New Jersey, born in Glen Lyon and raised in Plymouth, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2016. Lottie was born May 25, 1916. She was predeceased by her husband, Michael J. Kalafut, in October, 1975. Burial was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery in Glen Lyon.

**BODEK**, Albina (nee Sosinski), 92, of Nanticoke, formerly of Newport Township, passed away August 6, 2016. Albina was born in Nanticoke on February 28, 1924. She was predeceased by her husband, Michael Bodek. Interment was in Holy Trinity Cemetery in Newport Township.

**MACKIEWICZ**, Mildred (nee Laychush), 98, of West Grand Street, Nanticoke, passed away Monday, August 8, 2016. Mildred was born April 2, 1918. She raised in Glen Lyon and. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '35. She was a bookkeeper for Peterfreund Furniture Store and then worked in the garment industry for Engle Manufacturing of Glen Lyon. She was a member of Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Church of Glen Lyon. Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, Chester.

**PAINTER**, Terry, 74, of Thomas Street, Sheatown, passed away recently. Terry was born in Nanticoke on December 11, 1941. He was employed most recently as owner-operator of the Painter Van Lines of Glen Lyon with his sister-in-law, Delphine Painter.

**ZMIEWSKI**, Henry J., 95, of Mahoning Township in Montour County, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away July 10, 2016. Henry was born February 8, 1921, in Glen Lyon. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '39 and was a decorated veteran of WW II while serving in the US Army in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He received three Bronze Stars. He was also a graduate of Bucknell University and received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Josephine (Riley) Zmiewski.

**KARPINSKI**, Joseph, (aka James Bekker) 88, of Sheatown, passed away Tuesday, August 9, 2016. Joseph was born in Scranton on November 18, 1928, and was the son of the late William and Mary (Kearney) Karpinski. He was an alumnus of Saint Stanislaus Institute and graduated from Scranton High School. Joseph was a decorated US Army veteran. He served during the Korean War for which he received a presidential citation for outstanding performance of duty and extraordinary heroism at Tokohol-Li, Korea, on September 6, 1951. Over the years his special project was attending to the graveyard at the rear of Saint Stanislaus Orphanage which was overtaken by high grass and brush. He researched the names and locations of the graves of the children that were buried there and was instrumental in having a monument erected there in their memory. Joe's burial was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery, Glen Lyon.

Please note that 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](http://www.newporttownship.com), or use the following link: <http://www.newporttownship.com/Obituaries/Obituaries>. To place an obituary in our newsletter, you may notify Tom Kashatus (570) 736-6981 or email [tomkash@verizon.net](mailto:tomkash@verizon.net)

## Taste of the Township

### Mushrooms



By Heidi and Paul Jarecki

~ On a recent visit to Glen Lyon, Father Adrian (nee Donald) Tirpak, Class of 1951, told us that his father, Andrew, picked wild mushrooms every year under the pines in the woods of the Township. He would bring home a sack of mushrooms which

would be placed in the bath tub to soak the pine needles out. Then, they would cut them up on the kitchen table and can them. During Lent, they would have scrambled eggs and mushrooms for breakfast which he described as delicious.

This time-honored tradition of mushroom picking used to be a common activity but every year fewer and fewer Township residents continue the practice. However, Joe Molski of Wanamie is one of the few who still venture out to pick wild mushrooms. "When is the best time to go picking mushrooms?" we asked Joe. He replied, "The best time is in the fall."

In other regions of America, however, wild mushrooms are gaining in popularity as people look to experience new tastes in their food. But beware, experts sharply warn against picking any kind of mushroom unless accompanied by an expert. You should either learn from a mycologist or join a mushroom club that has very knowledgeable amateurs. This is because many mushrooms are highly poisonous and distinguishing between poisonous and edible mushrooms is difficult, so much caution should be taken. Pennsylvania fields and forests are home to at least seven species of popular wild mushrooms. Bearing such exotic names as king bolete, morels, chicken of the woods, shaggy mane, horn of plenty and oyster mushrooms, you can find these fungi growing abundantly throughout the state. Most of the edible wild mushrooms grow in forested areas, although there are several that thrive in open fields. Poisonous mushrooms are very toxic and in most cases lethal. First learn what mushrooms not to pick. Most, but not all, deadly mushrooms in Pennsylvania are the Amanita species. These mushrooms vary widely in appearance, but some common characteristics are white spores, a veil hanging from where the cap meets the stalk, and a cup-like or bulbous base.

Most of the mushrooms Joe Molski picks are popinki, but occasionally he's lucky and finds rare sheep's head. Popinki (also spelled podpinko or pidpenky) are remarkable mushrooms in many respects. As this mushroom prefers to grow on dead or injured roots and wood, it got its name from the phrase, "під пеньки" meaning "near the stump." These mushrooms are actually in a complex collection of six to thirty species collectively called *Armillaria mellea* in biological Latin. Their exact number is disputed even by experts. In English they are called "honey mushrooms."

#### Mushroom Facts

1. Mushrooms are fungi. Fungi are as uniquely different from plants as plants are from animals. In fact, fungi and animals are now in the same super-kingdom, Opisthokonta.
2. Fungi recycle plants after they die and transform them into rich soil. If not for mushrooms and fungi, the Earth would be buried in several feet of debris and life on the planet would soon disappear. The oldest mushroom found in amber is from 90 million years ago. Scientists recently discovered a fossil dating back more than 420 million years.
3. The visible part of growing mushrooms is only part of it. Below ground are the feeding hairs, the mycelium. The mycelium can be compressed into root-like "rhizomorphs" which can spread outward at a rate of about one meter per year and it is in this way that popinki mushrooms spread and reproduce themselves.
4. The mushroom is one of more than 100 species that contain compounds called psilocybin and psilocin, which are psychoactive and cause hallucinations, euphoria and other trippy symptoms.

These "magic mushrooms" have long been used in Central American religious ceremonies, and are now part of the black market in drugs in the United States and many other countries, where they are considered a controlled substance.

5. The word mushroom is derived from the French word for fungi.

Fungi were most likely cultivated for the first time around the year 600 in Asia. In Europe, the first cultivated fungi, the mushroom, was introduced in the 17th century.

6. Some of the oldest living mushroom colonies are fairy rings growing around the famous Stonehenge ruins in England. The rings are so large that they can best be seen from airplanes.

7. There are an estimated 1.5 to 2 million species of fungi on planet Earth, of which only about 80,000 have been properly identified.

8. Mushrooms have been successfully used in traditional Chinese medicine for thousands of years to treat many different types of health conditions. Western science and medicine are finally beginning to recognize and utilize some of the medicinally active compounds in mushrooms and elucidate their modes of action. Penicillin and streptomycin are examples of potent antibiotics derived from fungi. New classes of antibacterial and antiviral agents continue to be discovered in the fungal kingdom.

9. In the Blue Mountains of Oregon is a colony of *Armillaria solidipes* that is believed to be the world's largest known organism. The fungus is over 2,400 years old and covers an estimated 2,200 acres.



Tarnowski's Kielbasa placed first in the fresh category at the Plymouth Alive Kielbasa Festival held August 14 and 15. Pictured above with their trophy are the proprietors Anastasia (Breznak) Vishnefski and John Vishnefski. John is the son of Jack and Diane Vishnefski, Wanamie. The store is located at 579 East Main Street, Nanticoke.

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## Remembering Newport Township Veterans

### Letters from Home

*By Juliana Selecky Semple ~*  
 In 1944, St. Adalbert's Church gathered the names of military from the parish, put them in a basket on the communion railing, and invited children to pick a name. The purpose was to keep in touch, to let them know people at home cared about them. I was 7 years old, yet I remember the day. I was lucky to select Ralph Galicki, formerly of Glen Lyon who now resides in Mocanaqua. With the help of my parents, I wrote letters and sent pictures and boxes of goodies to "my soldier boy" as he served in the far reaches of the world. He wrote to me as often as he could and I looked forward to his letters telling me bits and pieces of what he was doing. He would visit me and my family when he came home on leave. This went on for years. I was so enamored by him and his interest in me I remember being jealous when he introduced me to his fiancé, Ann. He was supposed to marry ME !!!



.Top left to right: sisters Heidi Jarecki and Juliana Semple. Seated: Ralph Galicki with bayonet

After his safe return, we reconnected and I even came to love Ann! He kept in touch with my family even after I left home for nursing school and then married. Periodic visits have kept our friendship alive. I recently visited my family and homestead in Glen Lyon and went for a surprise visit to him in his home. As I walked in the door I saw my handsome soldier boy looking quite like I remembered. He saw a white-haired gal in her 70's and yet knew who I was. Mr. Galicki bestowed a great honor upon my family. He presented us with the bayonet that was attached to his rifle that saw combat in the Pacific. A little girl selecting a name out of a basket turned into a lovely lifelong connection.

### World War I



Pictured above is a parade of returning World War I Newport Township military marching up East Main Street in Glen Lyon.

## Active Military:

### Patrick Hourigan Promoted to Commander

*By Heidi Jarecki ~* Patrick Hourigan of Strike Fighter Squadron 151, US Navy, has been promoted to Commander/Commanding Officer. He is a graduate of Bishop Hoban High School and the Naval Academy, earning a BS degree in History.



After flight training, he was designated a Naval Aviator in August 2000. In September 2001, CDR Hourigan began operational flying, and participated in Operations Southern Watch and Iraqi Freedom. After further training, he graduated from TOPGUN in March, 2005. Following a series of deployments, Patrick then attended the US Navy War College in Newport, R.I., earning a Master's degree in National Security Studies. He has accumulated over 2,300 flight hours and over 500 carrier arrested landings, including over 40 combat missions. Commander Hourigan is now stationed in California.

Patrick is the son of Linda and Bill Hourigan of Glen Lyon. He is the grandson of the late Eleanor and Joseph Bonkiewicz also of Glen Lyon. He is married to the former Elaine Willoughby and they are the parents of three children.

### Joe Rambus Honored for Dedicated Service



Pictured in front of American Legion Post 539 are kneeling: Great-Grandson T. J. Gernhart. Standing left to right: Great-Granddaughter Elizabeth Gernhart, Mrs. Rambus (nee Andrea Zglinicki), Mr. Rambus, Rep. Mullery, Nephew Larry Ridolfi, and daughter Faith Kropiewnicki.

*By Tom Kashatus ~* On Friday, June 28th on behalf of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, the Honorable Gerald Mullery sponsored and presented a citation to Mr. Joseph Rambus of Glen Lyon. Joe was cited for his dedication to civic and fraternal endeavors whereby he contributed to the well-being of his community and ultimately to all people of our commonwealth. Mr. Rambus has been a dedicated member of American Legion Post 539 of Glen for over 60 years. He is a United States Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and a graduate of Newport Township High School. He also graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Technology and

worked as a heavy duty mechanic for 48 years with Bill McHenry's Heavy Equipment and later with L. B. Smith Equipment. Demonstrating outstanding loyalty to the noble goals and principles of the American Legion Post 539, Mr. Rambus has generously contributed to the welfare of the organization and its members throughout his sixty years of valuable service.

The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pays tribute to Joseph J. Rambus upon his well-deserved recognition; proudly recognizes his exemplary record of service and contributions; and in keeping with the highest ideals of this Commonwealth, offers best wishes for the continuation of his many beneficial and worthwhile endeavors.



### Glen Lyon Couple Wed Sixty-Five Years

By Leonard and Dee Sugalski ~ Sixty-five years ago on October 6, 1951, Leonard Sugalski and Dolores Babetski were married by Rev. J.J. Podkul in St Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon. Dolores is the oldest child of (the late) Chester and Julia Lazar Babetski, Leonard is the son of (the late) Bolish and Celia Turek Sugalski, all of Glen Lyon. Bridesmaids were Irene Babetski Stralka, sister of the bride and Dorothy Wasloski Scott. Best man was Leroy Liput and usher was Robert Antonelli. The flower girl was Jeanmarie Harkel Dolinski. It was a bright and sunny day. Also wed on the same day were friends and classmates, Thelma Littleford and Leonard Blockus.

Both graduates of Newport High School, we relocated to New Jersey where we became teachers, Len in Jersey City, N.J. and Dolores in Cranford, N.J. After numerous moves in the northeast, we retired to Charleston, TN to be near our son William and daughter, Pam Snow. Although we traveled extensively, Glen Lyon was always the "true home" with many fond memories. It seems like just yesterday that we were courting, enjoying \$1.25 lobster tails from "Slick's" and holding hands at the Glen Lyon Family Theater. Our two children and cousins were lucky to have also experienced the natural joys of Kapek's abandoned farm, the Glen Lyon water tank, the fields and streams surrounding town and the Coal Street playground.

Len loved Wyoming Valley baseball, pitching and hitting in many fine games, setting a few records and eventually getting signed to the Philadelphia Athletics and St. Louis farm teams. You could look it all up. Through it all, then and now, Dolores was his biggest fan. Now the challenge of choice is golf.

Today, in our mid eighties, we enjoy the peace of southeast Tennessee, visiting with family and friends and loving the Newport Township Newsletter with all the good days it brings back to mind. And those skies, well, they are still bright and sunny.

[Editors' note: The NTCO wishes the Sugalskis many more anniversaries and healthy years together. Congratulations!]



### Zaleski's Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary

By Tom Kashatus ~ On Friday, June 28th, on behalf of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, the Honorable Gerald Mullery sponsored and presented a citation to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Zaleski, nee Mary Lou Butkoski, in observance

and celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. Their wedding day was June 11, 1966, and took place in Saint Michael's Church, Glen Lyon, with Father Dan Olszewski officiating.

The document further recognizes them for their commitment to the sanctity of marriage and family values which contributes to the strength and unity of our great Commonwealth. It further states that their happy union has enhanced the lives of others and has been blessed by two children, Aimee and Peter John, and grandchild, Christian. The House of Representatives extends its sincere congratulations to the Zaleski's on this joyous celebration and offers best wishes for continued happiness.

### Newport Class of '51 Donates to NTCO

By Dorothy Tarnowski ~ The Reunion Committee of the Newport Township High School Class of 1951 met recently and decided to donate \$160.00 to the Newport Township Community Organization. The money was left over from its 60th Class Reunion. Members of the Committee include: Emil and Janet Augustine, Robert Ambrose, Romayne Borofski, Emily Feeley, Thomas Figmik, Phoebe Ann Hillan, Basil Rudusky, Theresa Walker, and Dorothy Tarnowski.

### Glen Lyon Italian American Club Auxiliary Upcoming Events

<b>September 24</b>	<b>Night at the Races</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Octoberfest</b>
<b>November 5</b>	<b>Chili Cook Off</b>
<b>December 2</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>

The Auxiliary thanks you for your support!



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- Hustle is providing top quality service.
- Hustle is the sheer joy of winning.
- Hustle is being the hardest loser in town.
- Hustle is hating to take a vacation because you might miss a piece of the action.
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## Review of the Spring and Summer Recreation Activities

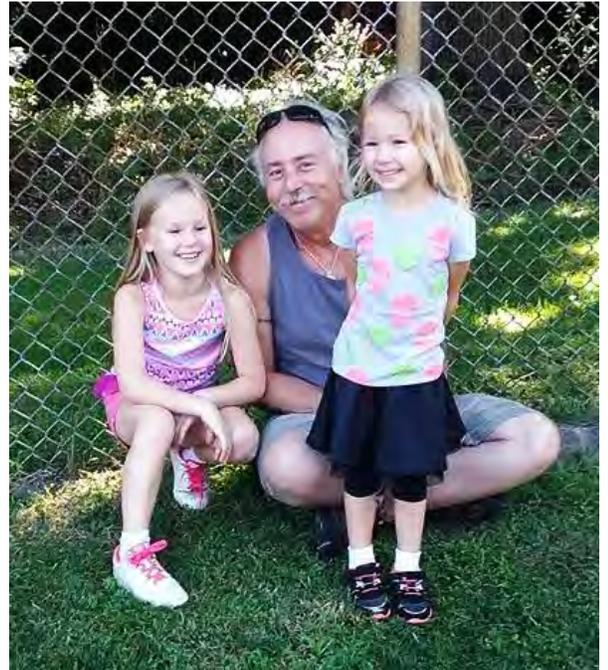
In early Spring, the NTCO applied for a grant in the Luzerne Foundation's grant program. On March 30th at LCCC, our program overview and accomplishments were presented and we were awarded the Neighborhoods & Community Grant. The NTCO recreation program has an agreement to conduct a scheduled variety of diverse programs during the year.

The first was an English Tea Party in May for girls aged 5 to 10. The program was well received and it has been requested that we make it an annual affair (there are no guarantees). The next event was the first of our Summer Programs in June. The event was a Flag Day presentation with the focus on flag history and meaning. Two Marines from the training center in Wyoming presented the program. Mr. Kalinowski, the local Legion bugler, played taps and flag-raising bugle calls. The next event was a presentation by the Pa. Game Commission on a bear's life and local habitat. The children got to touch a real bear skin. Our next event was a live bald eagle. The children learned how the bird was chosen as the official national bird. They learned about the life cycle of the eagle and its hunting habits. They also learned that any part of an eagle has to return to a repository in Washington DC, which is then given to a Native American tribe, the only ones permitted to have the feathers or body parts of the bird. Next, the Red Robin Restaurant conducted a program of

stories with their Mascot acting out the activity read from the book. The children discussed their favorite story parts and which book they liked most. The Music & Sing-along was an opportunity for the children to participate in a variety of percussion instruments. A wide range of songs and dances were performed, then followed by Games and Crafts. An interactive butterfly program presented all the stages of the butterfly life cycle and the children got to touch and hold each cycle as it was described. One child was selected to put on the parts of a butterfly as its purpose was being explained, from wings to eyes to legs. This gives the children a different viewpoint the next time they encounter a butterfly. On our final day at the parks, the children selected what they wanted to do, be it board games, cards, ball games, or play on the equipment. They varied their activities throughout the day. Swimming at the Mocanaqua Pool started out with rain but cleared up and we were able to get the day's event completed. Attendance was down because of the weather, but those in attendance enjoyed themselves. The Newport Township Women's Activity Group distributed back-to-school supplies for those children in attendance. Our Spring and Summer programs were a success with increased attendance compared to previous years. This encourages us to plan for an expanded program for next year.

Thank you to all who contributed to making it a success.

Murph Fletcher, Program Chairman



Summer Fun



## Peter Wanchisen Appointed New Township Manager



Township Manager Peter Wanchisen.

by John and Carol Jarecki ~ On June 14, the Newport Township Commissioners voted to appoint Peter Wanchisen, a 25-year resident of the Ridgeview section, as Township Manager. Mr. Wanchisen has served the Township in a number of different capacities over the years. He is Treasurer of the Newport Township Authority and a member of the Newport Township Sewer Authority. He has recently acted as consultant to the Commis-

sioners, along with Steve Phillips and John Elmy, after the sudden resignation of former Manager Richard Zika.

Mr. Wanchisen grew up in West Nanticoke, graduated from Nanticoke High School in 1967, and then served in the Navy until 1971, part of this time being stationed in Vietnam during the United States involvement in the Vietnam war.

On his return from the service, he worked with consumer lending companies for about 7 years, and then had a 29-year career in banking, starting with Northeastern Bank, which was later acquired by PNC Bank. His last position with PNC was Vice President of Consumer Lending, a job from which he retired about four years ago.

Mr. Wanchisen is currently on the Board of Trustees of Advantage Consumer Credit Counseling, an organization headquartered in Pittsburgh. He is also a former member of the Board of Trustees of Commonwealth Health Systems.

Mr. Wanchisen sees his position as Township Manager as one of improving the structure and functioning of the Township government and then turning it over to others for long term management. He brings a great deal of concern for the community and enthusiasm and energy to the position.

Several of his goals are the following:

1. Restore credibility and confidence in the functioning of Township government.
2. Make the Township office more welcoming to residents coming in to transact business.
3. Recoup funds lost under the previous manager.
4. Maximize Township revenue by, for example, seeing that all residents pay their fair share of taxes.
5. Reduce Township expenses by, for example, reviewing all expenses, especially major ones, and eliminating unneeded insurance coverage and looking for the lowest available premiums.
6. Restructure Township operations to improve service to residents for example, by sharing responsibilities to ensure continuity of services.

Mr. Wanchisen has accomplished a number of important things during his first few months as Manager. The following are examples.

1. He has brought in the national company ADP to handle Township payrolls. ADP provides a low cost service with liability coverage of its work. This reduces the work load of an already busy Township office.
2. He applied for and received payment of the Township's insurance claims against former Manager Richard Zika.
3. He has moved Township funds into a bank account where they will now earn interest.
4. He has put in place controls over the handling of Township funds, including cash coming in to the Township office, to

ensure that all money is accounted for.

Mr. Wanchisen is married to the former Monica Prushinski. The couple has two sons and four grandchildren, three girls and a boy. We wish him all the best in his new position.

## Holy Child 16th Annual Car & Truck Show 4th Annual Chili Contest



By Tom Kashatus ~ Sharon Nenichka (center) of Swoyersville took first place (\$50.00) at the 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off at the 16th Annual Holy Child Car & Truck Show held at The Grove in Sheatown, Newport Township. Second place (\$25.00) was earned by Charlotte Sopka Santry (right) of Glen Lyon; and third place (\$25.00) was earned by Angela Kuipers (left) of Bloomsburg. Competition was extremely close among the eight entries in the contest that was sponsored by the NTCO as an added attraction to the event.

## Water Main Project in Alden

As reported in the news media, the Pennsylvania American Water company has begun to replace 2,900 feet of cast-iron water mains with new 8-inch ductile pipe along Chestnut, Walnut, and Maple Streets. The project will "improve reliability for customers, reduce service disruptions, and increase water flows for fire-fighting. Construction, including street paving, is expected to be completed by Spring, 2017." The cost of the project is nearly \$477,000.00.

## Newport Township Women's Activity Group Plans Events



On Sunday, October 30, the Women's Activity Group will hold a "Trunk or Treat" at the Wanamie Recreation Park from 2 to 4 pm. Individuals and Township organizations are welcome to participate. This is an event that brings Halloween to a central location and kids walk from car to car to get treats.



The annual **Turkey Bingo** will be held on Sunday, November 13 at St. Adalbert's Church Hall. Doors will open at noon, and games begin at 1 and end at 5. A bake sale and Chinese Auction are included. All proceeds benefit Township children.

## Cody Forgach Appointed Mullery's Chief of Staff



*By Tom Kashatus ~*  
In May, after five and a half years as the Chief of Staff for Representative Gerald Mullery (D) of the 119th PA State Legislative District, Leigh Bonczewski has amicably departed for a new opportunity with Saint Luke's Villa Nursing Home in Wilkes-Barre. His former boss reflected, "I was very sorry to see Leigh move back into the private sector. For over five years, he was a tire-

less and devoted public servant who routinely went above the call of duty. He always had the best interests of our communities and their citizens in mind."

Cody Forgach, a longtime resident of Wanamie and Newport Township and graduate of Greater Nanticoke Area High School, has since been appointed to replace Mr. Bonczewski. Cody studied Criminal Justice at Luzerne County Community College and worked as a manager for Wegman's Food Markets. He developed a passion and energy for politics at the age of twelve when he would stand alongside his father, Mark Rinehamer, working as a poll worker and supporting his Dad's favored candidates. He feels that this job as Chief of Staff will give him the privilege to help people and strengthen the communities of the 119th Legislative District economically and socially.

In 2010, Cody worked as Rep. Mullery's campaign manager during a successful run for the State House. Subsequently, he spent a brief time in Florida and closely observed the political atmosphere there. He gained new ideas and knowledge of Florida's both positive and negative political system. While in Florida, he read about Glen Lyon being a distressed community. The negativity of this news about his home over 1,000 miles away struck a nerve. He considers, "One of my biggest tasks is going to be working on revitalizing Glen Lyon and its downtown - giving it a positive facelift."

Cody stated that he is looking forward to meeting the officials of all the municipalities in the 119th Legislative District as well as members of the various social and volunteer organizations that have an impact on community development and progress.

Representative Mullery has stated, "Cody's energy and enthusiasm is contagious. He has jumped in feet first and is becoming more knowledgeable on the issues facing the 119th every day. We are happy to have him on our team."

### A Brief History Lesson: Railroads in the Township

*By the late Tony Doren ~* During the mid 1800s, two enormous anthracite coal deposits were discovered running east to west along the full length of Newport Township. The discovery attracted a number of local start-up, regional and major railroad companies. By 1870, the tracks of seven railroads crisscrossed the eastern fourth of the Township: the Delaware and Hudson, Delaware Lackawanna and Western (D.L. & W.), Illinois and Western, Lackawanna and Bloomsburg, Lehigh Valley, Central of New Jersey and the Pennsylvania Railroad. As companies and mining interests were bought, sold, or otherwise acquired, the Jersey Central and the Pennsylvania eventually became the only two railroads operating in the township.



### Italian American Sporting Club Auxiliary Forms

*By Tom Kashatus ~* After organizing, the Italian American Sporting Club Auxiliary held their first annual "Spring Fling." The event attracted over fifty members, family, and friends for fine dining and dancing with Jim Siepietowski providing the entertainment. Pictured above are: President Faith Kropiewnicki; Treasurer Lynn Stephanick; member Judy Tarnowski, Public Relations Chairperson Terry Sokoloski, member Erin Williamson, and member Monica Wanchisen. President Kropiewnicki stated that "The mission of the Auxiliary is to assist the active members of the IASC and promote new memberships. We also assist with fundraising and other activities as needed. The club supports the community with donations as long as funds allow; and a great Christmas party will be held for the children in December." New memberships are always welcome. Upcoming events planned for the fall are: Octoberfest on October 15, Chili Cook-Off on November 5, and Christmas Party on December 2.

### Upcoming Township Events

**September 30- October 1:** Fall Festival at St. Andrew's Church, Alden.

**October 9:** Newport Township All-Class Reunion, Holy Transfiguration Hall, Hanover Section of Nanticoke, beginning at 1:00 pm.

**October 15:** Octoberfest at the Italian American Sporting Club, Glen Lyon.

**October 16:** Fire Department Spaghetti Dinner at the R-Bar, Alden. Serving from 12 to 3 pm.

**October 30:** Halloween Trunk or Treat sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group at the Wanamie Recreation Park.

**October 30:** Spaghetti Dinner at St. Adalbert's Church, Glen Lyon, sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society. Take-out, 12 to 1:30 pm. Eat-in, 12:30 to 3:00.

**November 5:** Chili Cook-Off, Italian American Sporting Club, Glen Lyon.

**November 6:** Piggie/Halusky Dinner, sponsored by the Glen Lyon American Legion Auxiliary.

**November 8: Election Day—Vote!**

**November 8:** Italian Hoagie Sale, sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society, St. Adalbert's Church, Glen Lyon.

**November 13:** Turkey Bingo, sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group at St. Adalbert's Church Hall, Glen Lyon.

**December 2:** Christmas Party, Italian American Sporting Club Auxiliary, Glen Lyon.

**December (Date to be announced):** Santa Claus Arrives On the Fire Truck, sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group.

To all Township Organizations: The Newsletter will be happy to help publicize your events. Contact the editors, Heidi and Paul Jarecki, at [hselecky@pa.metrocast.net](mailto:hselecky@pa.metrocast.net) or call 570-736-6782. Deadline is two weeks before publication.



**NA Boys 11 & 12 All Stars District 16 & Section 5 Champions**  
 State Finalist, 7th Overall. Shown L to r: Players: Colin Piestrak, Hayden Reakes, Devyn Sura, Caleb Butczynski, Ayden Everett, Charlie Casey, Colin Mackiewicz, Justin Spencer, Bryant Keegan, Derek Cease, Nick Matson, Trevor Kruczeck, and Ethan Egenski  
 Coaches: Charles Casey, Eric Spencer, Al Brown, Jim Cease, and Nick Matson.



**Nanticoke Area Girls Softball LL Champs 11 & 12**

By Tom Kashatus ~ The above NA Little League 11 & 12 year old All Stars claimed a successful season by winning the Little League District 16 championship. All girls will be moving on to Little League Junior Softball in the future. Manager Colleen Baird was highly pleased with the hitting and pitching of her squad even though they lost their title game in the Section 5 playoffs. Left to right: Prone: Riley Baird, and Alison Keener. Holding sign: Olivia Nice, and Myla Vnuk. Behind sign: Coach Sharon Nichols-Cullen, Amanda Cheslaw, Talli Ormes, Makayla Sofchak, Rachel Goss, Rebecca Ottensman, Kasidy Slusser, Kyrstin Montgomery, Lizzi Mendrzycki, and Coach Colleen Baird.



**Greater Nanticoke Area Girls 2016 Junior High Softball**

By Tom Kashatus ~ Pictured above are players and coaches of the 2016 GNA junior high softball program. The softball program coach is Ryan Stetz who also leads the varsity as head coach. Home games for the junior high squad are played at the Brad Piavis Softball Field at the Wanamie Recreation Park. This year the team ended their season with a 12 & 4 record. Left to right: Sitting: Kaeley Zatorski, Olivia Nice, Allson Lyons, Rachel Goss, Madison Stashak, Giana Donahue, Emily Conrad, and Rebecca Ottensman  
 Kneeling: Allison Graham, Jessica Skladzien, Gabby Proleika, Jennifer Kurkoski, Stephanie Layland, Haileigh Hendricks, Rachel Musto, Amanda Cheslaw, and Mandy Biehl.  
 Standing: Coach Dan Zatorski, Coach Brian Stashak, Gabby Rakowski, Emily Brown, Jilann Brown, Trinity Belles, Krysten Montgomery, Katie King, and Coach Jake Biehl.

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 It's like deja-vu, all over again. ~ Yogi Berra

**Baseball Quotes**  
 The Mets have shown me more ways to lose than I even knew existed. ~ Casey Stengel  
 Even Napoleon had his Watergate. ~ Yogi Berra



Above photo shows Hell Yo Band performing at the annual Valley with a Heart Benefit Ride and Family Picnic held on September 4 at St. Faustina Grove in Sheatown. Proceeds benefit children with serious illnesses. Check out [www.valleywithaheart.com](http://www.valleywithaheart.com) for more information.



The Newport Township Firefighters held a Breakfast July 24 at the R Bar in Alden. Pictured are Bob Shemanski, Jason Kowalski, and Kindra Polk.



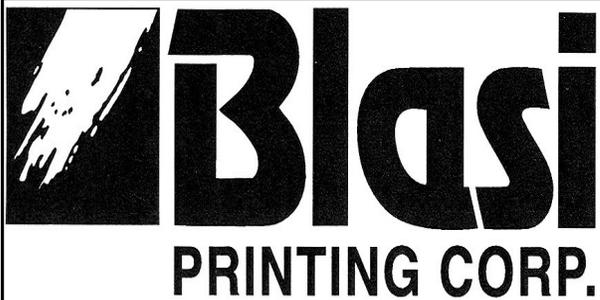
**NTCO Red Devils Minors Softball Team**

At left is the 2016 Little League Red Devils Minors Team. The Newport Township Community Organization sponsors both a minors and a majors team. L to r: Sitting: Sophia Cromer, Sierra Ripka, and Lauren Shatley.

Kneeling: Hannah Panetta, Janessa Buchanan, Isabella Buchanan, and Olivia Cromer. Standing: Coach Lindsey Rowles, Angelica Tobin, Manager & League President Wade Rowles, Irelyn Karnes, Coach Scott Shatley, Katelynn Cholewa, and Coach Jason Cromer. Absent: Kohen Mager.

**NTCO Red Devils Majors Softball Team**

L to r: Prone: Ali Keener, Riley Bauer. Kneeling: Isabella Emel, Riley Cullen, Kelsey Clark, & Alley Brown. Standing: Talli Aimes, Alyssa Rawaski, Lizzie Menchizyski, and Camiean Turak. Absent: Coach Colleen Baird



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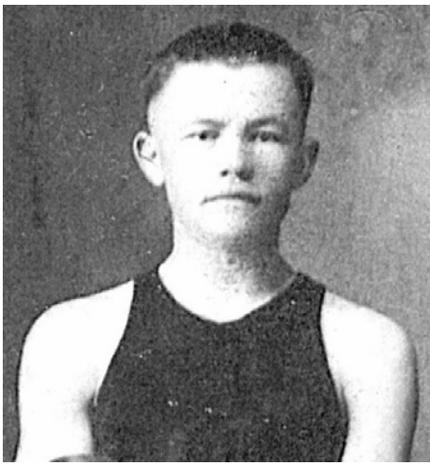
# National Night Out on August 2



Pictured directly above is Newport Township Crime Watch President Jerry McMahon presenting Sue Mieczkowski of Newport Center with a \$50.00 prize for achieving first place in the National Night Out chili cook-off. Also shown is Kim Kashatus, representative of the NTCO, sponsor of the contest and collaborator with the Crime Watch for the event. Sue was thrilled with the "unexpected" result and spent most her time that day in charge of the NNO bake sale.

National Night Out was held at St. Faustina's Grove in Sheatown. Sponsored by the Newport Township Crime Watch, it offered an opportunity for residents to form partnerships with the Police Department and have some fun in the process. Half the proceeds from the event were donated to the Police Department for the purchase of equipment.





Basketball Player, 1918



Graduation from  
Bloomsburg, 1922



Assistant Basketball Coach for  
Newport High School, 1924



Newly Appointed Principal of  
Newport High, 1950

### Newport Township Teachers: Frank B. Shepela

*By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~* Frank B. Shepela (sometimes spelled Sheppela) was born on January 15, 1902. His father Joseph was born in Poland in 1864. He immigrated to Alden in 1883 and found work as a coal miner. He married Antoinette Furtak and together they had ten children: Catherine, John, Agnew, Julia, Victoria, Frank, Adam, Alexander, Leona, and Edward. They lived on Prospect Hill.

Frank was educated in Newport Township schools and played basketball for "Central" (Newport) High School from 1916 till 1920. His fellow players included Joe Cherry, Chet Rogowicz, and his brother Agnew. He also played football. He graduated in 1920 as valedictorian along with Dale Richards, Chester Rogowicz, Alexander Kovaleski, and Frank Klem.

That summer, on August 17, 1920, he was run down by a car as he was walking the public thoroughfare between Alden and Kirmar Park which was located on West Kirmar Avenue. According to newspaper accounts, the driver was going at an excessive rate of speed, failed to blow his horn, and after striking Frank, failed to stop. Frank was taken to the office of Dr. Thomas in Glen Lyon. Frank's companions knew the driver and an arrest was expected.

Apparently the injuries sustained in the accident were minor, as he entered Bloomsburg State Normal School in the fall. He excelled in academics, and also played Varsity football, basketball, and baseball. He was in the Drama Club, President of Philo (a philosophy club), and a member of the Obiter Yearbook staff. He graduated valedictorian in 1922 with his teaching certificate. He then returned to Alden.

In the summer of 1922, he relaxed and went camping at Nuangola with George Wright of Sheatown and J.S. Campbell of New York. He was hired as a teacher at the Newport School Board meeting on August 10, 1922. Thus began a long and distinguished career in secondary education. Also hired were: Dale Richards, Elvin Phillips, John Selecky, Edison Fischer, Louis Dzwilewski, and William Parks. Frank taught English and Latin. At that time, Peter Turek was principal of the high school, and H. U. Nyhart was superintendent of schools. To give an idea of teachers' salaries at the time, Frank earned \$1600.00 in 1923, and \$1700.00 in 1924. In today's money, the salaries equate to \$22,500.00 and \$23,900.00 respectively. All salaries were public knowledge.

Frank continued his education at Susquehanna University, attending summer school. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1929. He then studied at New York University, earning a Master of Arts Degree in Administration and Supervision in Education in 1936.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1928, Frank married Helen Sawicki of Nanticoke in St. Stanislaus Church. The bride was attended by Jennie Banashek and the groom was attended by Alex Shepela. Following a reception at the bride's home, the couple left on a motor trip to Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington. They settled on

Maple Street, Prospect Hill.

Frank's athletic abilities were not forgotten when he was hired as a teacher. His first coaching assignment was as assistant Basketball Coach in 1924.

The first time Frank served as director/stage manager for the senior class plays at Newport High was in 1926. The play was called, "Come Out of the Kitchen." He served many times as advisor throughout his career. In 1931, he directed the play, "The Whole Town's Talking," and in 1941, "Professor How Could You?"

It is obvious that Frank loved football, because he served as an official at many local high school football games. As early as 1930, he was active in the Football Officials Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and later the Wyoming Valley Football Conference. He was usually listed as an umpire, as he was at a game between Forty Fort and Swoyersville High Schools in 1942.

In about 1936, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania mandated that school districts form Athletic Councils to "control all high school athletic receipts, expenditures, and all monies involved in the pursuit of athletics." The Newport Township High School Athletic Council was formed on September 14, 1936. Frank Shepela served as treasurer. The Council consisted of school board members, coaches, teachers, the Superintendent and Principal.

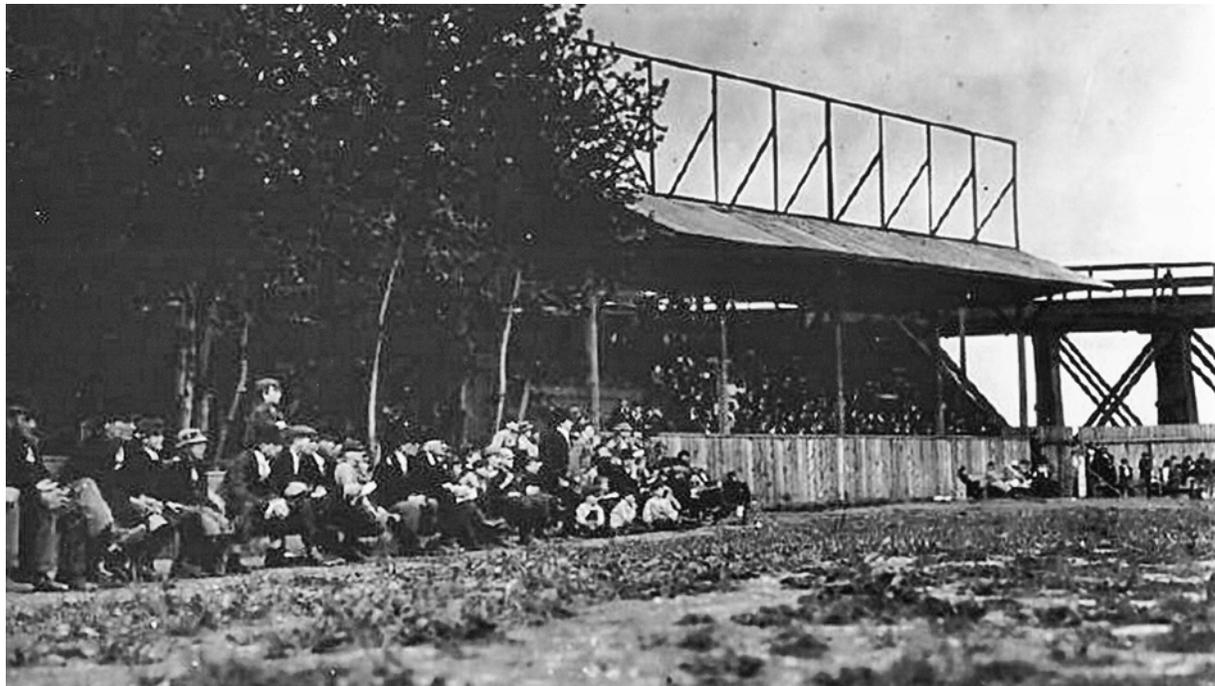
On August 16, 1944, Frank's oldest sister, Catherine Andrysick, passed away unexpectedly. Frank and Helen had no children, so they took in three of Catherine's children, Dorothy, Joseph, and Regina, and raised them as their own. Stories about the friendly competition between Frank and his brother Agnew who lived across the street as to who had the best looking lawn live on in Prospect Hill lore.

In July, 1946, Frank was named assistant to Principal John Kanyuck, and in 1949, became Principal, a position he held with distinction until his retirement in 1967. Nicknamed "Shane" by the students, he was a steadfast proponent of weekly assemblies called "chapel." Chapel consisted of music, songs, speeches, and performing acts. Later, he was adamantly opposed to the jointure between Nanticoke and Newport school districts. The Class of 1950 dedicated their Yearbook to him, as did the Class of 1967.

Frank belonged to Holy Child Church in Sheatown and was active in its societies. He served as Vice President of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Heart Association, director of Catholic Charities, and a member of the Alden Hose Company, and the Fireman's Relief Association. He was vice president of the Wyoming Valley Football Conference, and an officer of St. Stanislaus Medical Care Center Guild. He was a consistent donor to the American Red Cross and St. Stanislaus Orphanage.

On June 10, 1972, Frank Shepela suffered a fatal heart attack while driving his car from Nanticoke to his home in Alden. He was stricken on Robert Street, Sheatown and steered his car into the driveway leading to K. M. Smith School. The funeral was held from Polnaiszek's Funeral Home in Glen Lyon with a Requiem Mass at Holy Child Church, Sheatown. He is buried in Holy Trinity Cemetery, Sheatown.

*Frank B. Shepela.*



Edgewater Park near the Susquehanna River in Nanticoke

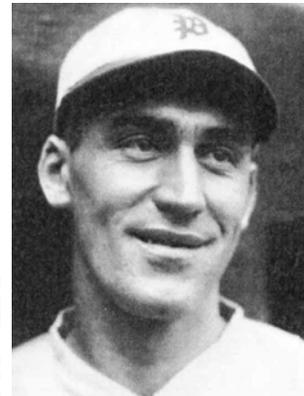
## Semi-pro Baseball in Northeastern Pennsylvania: The 1922 Season for Glen Lyon and Nanticoke Part II

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ At the conclusion of the 1922 baseball season, a bitter argument erupted between Glen Lyon and Nanticoke as to who had the better baseball team. Glen Lyon had won the championship of the County League and Nanticoke was a strong contender in the Wyoming League. Furthermore, the Nanticoke fans resented the "chestiness" of the Glen Lyon fans over their star pitcher Slim Williams who had been offered a tryout with the St. Louis Cardinals. They maintained that their hurler, Lefty Kriefski was his equal. The matter between these two rival communities was to be settled on the field and a game was arranged by Manager Nanny Yock of the Nanticoke team and Manager Pete Turek of the Glen Lyon team for October 15 at Edgewater Park in Nanticoke.

When playing in the County and Wyoming Leagues, Glen Lyon and Nanticoke were governed by league rules, many of them having to do with signing of players. Decisions were made by the leagues' advisory councils to enforce the rules. But in this game, there were no rules and there was an intense desire by both teams to win. This would have a significant influence on the events which transpired.

The game played on October 15 lacked any controversy. The lineup consisted, for the most part, of players who were on their league-approved rosters. On the field for Glen Lyon were: Reiter on first, Sweeney on second, Chet Rogowicz at shortstop, Hiram George on third, Pete Ravin as catcher and Slim Williams on the mound. The Glen Lyon outfield consisted of Dwieleski, Bender and Keen. For Nanticoke, Guido would catch; Bill Walters would be at first, Pilarek on second, Young at shortstop, Savage on third and on the mound will be their faithful old twirler Lefty Kriefski. Munda, John "The Home Run King" Leske, and Byrne would be in the outfield. The game was played with ideal weather before a crowd of approximately 5,000 cheering fans. The battle ended in a 0-0 tie in the eleventh inning when darkness prompted the umpire to call the contest. A few days later Managers Yock and Turek arranged to play another game on Sunday October 22 at Edgewater Park.

The day before the game, Dwieleski, the southpaw pitcher and outfielder who played with Glen Lyon that season, transferred his affection and activity to Nanticoke. In addition, Spears, the star for Luzerne replaced Young at shortstop and Hal Thompson of International League fame replaced Byrne in the outfield. Glen Lyon countered by securing the services of Russ Wrightstone of the Philadelphia Phillies at shortstop. By 1922, Wrightstone had already played three seasons in the big leagues. He would play six more



Russ Wrightstone,  
shortstop for Glen Lyon



Lefty York, pitcher for  
Glen Lyon

seasons in the major leagues and finish his career with a .297 batting average and 60 home runs. Glen Lyon also added "Bud" Wisner, a longtime Wilkes-Barre favorite, to play in the outfield. The game that was played that day was a ripsnorter with Nanticoke winning 11 to 9. The Nans greeted Williams warmly in the first inning. Hal Thompson tripled, Spears singled, Walters sacrificed, Dwieleski doubled and Leske tripled. Four runs crossed the plate. Glen Lyon erupted in the third. New players Rogers singled and Kovelski got on by an error. Sweeney walked to load the bases. Wrightstone flied out but Bender doubled, clearing the bases and scoring three runs. In the fifth, the Nans added five more. Thompson walked, Spears sacrificed, Walters singled, scoring Thompson. Savage singled, Dwieleski doubled scoring two runs but was thrown out at third. Guido singled and scored on Leske's double. Pilarek singled and the fifth run scored. This finished Williams and "Shorty" Mayer, another newcomer to the Glen Lyon team, took over and retired the side. In the sixth, Glen Lyon pushed over two runs. One of them was a home run by Wrightstone. The Nans came right back and scored in the seventh. Mayer, by clever head work and pitching, was holding the Nans down. Glen Lyon then scored three runs in the seventh. Wrightstone tripled, Bender singled scoring a run and Wisner hit a home run that was one of the longest ever made at Edgewater Park. The Nans scored a run in the eighth for the final run and the 11-9 victory. Kriefski pitched the entire game for Nanticoke.

With prospects of fair weather for the next Sunday, Glen Lyon fans demanded a return game with Nanticoke and Manager Yock harkened to their demands. Arrangements were made for the same two clubs to meet at Edgewater Park the following Sunday. Glen Lyon fans attributed their defeat to poor pitching, Williams having a bad shoulder. Williams, however, was expected to be in good form for the next game and Kriefski would go for the Nans. Wrightstone wasn't available to play for Glen Lyon because he was ordered by Phillies management to return to Philadelphia.

On the day of the big game, Glen Lyon pulled a surprise on Nanticoke when they sent "Lefty" York of the Chicago Cubs in to pitch. York played two seasons in the major leagues compiling a record of 5-11 with a 5.34 era but he proved too much for the heavy hitting Nans who were unable to connect with his deliveries. He was easily the best pitcher to perform in the region during the 1922 season. Leske hit a home run and also scored a run in the fifth after walking, but Glen Lyon accumulated four runs on 12 hits for the 4-2 victory. Kriefski had 11 strike outs while York had 13. With that, the 1922 baseball season ended. It was indeed a memorable one. (Source: *The Wilkes-Barre Record*)

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I can smell autumn dancing in the breeze.  
The sweet chill of pumpkin and crisp sunburnt leaves.  
~ Ann Drake, 2013

Autumn is the season of change. ~ Taoist proverb

Autumn binds poetry in its own withered leaves.  
~ Terri Guillemets

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**Burgers**

Hamburger	3.29
Cheese Burger	3.49
Chili burger	3.79
Bacon Cheese Burger	3.99
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Crispy Chicken Sandwich	3.49
Grilled Chicken Sandwich	3.49

**Pizza**

Cheese Pizza	6.99
Pepperoni Pizza	7.99
Chicken Wing Pizza	9.99
Bacon Pineapple Pizza	9.99
Meat Lover Pizza	12.99
(Ham, Pepperoni, Meat Ball, Sausage, Chicken)	
Veggie Pizza	9.99
(Black Olives, Onion, Green Pepper, Mushrooms)	
White Pizza	9.99
(Black Olives, Tomato, Rosemary)	
Hawaiian Pizza	9.99
(Ham, Pineapple, Red Crush Chili)	

**Specialty**

Garlic Bread with Cheese	2.99
Chicken Curry Dinner	6.99
(NY City Style Served with Rice)	

**Breakfast Sandwich**

**2/\$4.00**

Sausage, Egg & Cheese	2.49
Bacon, Egg & Cheese	2.49
Ham, Egg & Cheese	2.49
Pork Roll, Egg & Cheese	2.49
( NY City Best Seller)	
Turkey, Egg & Cheese	2.99
Turkey Bacon, Egg & Cheese	2.99
2 Hash Brown	1.49

**Omlets**

3 Eggs Omlet	3.99
Southwest Omlet	3.99
(Ham, Onion, Bellpeppers)	

**Hoagie**

**2/\$5.49**

Italian	2.99
Ham	2.99
Turkey	2.99
Turkey & Ham	2.99
Tuna Salad	3.29
Chicken Salad	3.29

Extra Meat or Egg add 50¢

**Add \$1.00 for French Fries with any meal order**

	<b>5pcs</b>	<b>10cs</b>
Mozzarella Sticks	2.99	5.49
Potato Pancake	-	3.49
Perogie	2.99	5.49
<b>French Fries</b>	<b>Small</b>	<b>Large</b>
Fries	1.39	1.99
Cheese Fries	1.99	2.49
Loaded Fries	2.49	3.79
Wing Fries	2.49	3.79

**Chicken Wings**

5 pcs	\$4.49	30 pcs	\$19.99
10 pcs	\$7.99	50 pcs	\$29.99

**Chicken Tender**

3 pcs	\$4.99
5 pcs	\$7.99

**Chicken Nuggets**

5 pcs	\$2.29
10 pcs	\$3.99

**Hot Sub**

Cheese Steak	4.99
Chicken Cheese Steak	4.99
Meat Ball Parm.	3.99
Chicken Wings Sub	3.99
Chicken Parm.	3.99
Tuna Melt	3.99

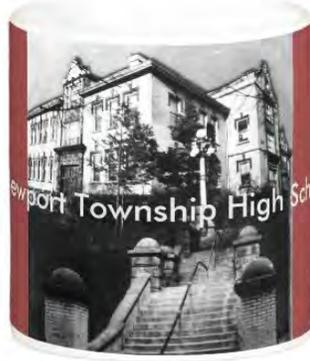
**Pizza By Slice**

Cheese Slice • 1.39	Pepperoni Slice • 1.59	Chicken Wing Slice • 1.89
Hot Dog		1.49
Chili Dog		1.79
Corn Dog		1.49

## Monthly Food Distribution

The Newport Township Community Organization, the Weinberg Regional Food Bank and the Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 are working together to host a Food Distribution for those in need. This event takes place on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Glen Lyon American Legion, 62 Newport Street, Glen Lyon from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Families must pre-register by calling 570-736-7177 to ensure enough food is available. Only families living in Newport Township are eligible to apply. On the day of the distribution please bring a form of identification which includes an address and some kind of identification for EVERYONE in the household that is registered. Forms of identification can include a birth certificate, Social Security card or medical card. We are looking for volunteers to assist in the set up, registration and distribution. Food recipients can also volunteer. The food truck arrives be-

tween 4:30 and 5:00. Help is needed to unload the truck and carry the food into the building. From 5:00 to 6:00 table set-up takes place. From 6:00 to 7:00 food is distributed and from 7:00 to 7:30 is clean up.



## Classic Mug with a Classic High School!

For a donation of \$10.00 each, you can enjoy your morning coffee or tea while reflecting on your care-free youth! The mug, pictured left, features a composite black and white photograph of Newport Township High School and its famous steps, with wide red stripes bordering each side. "Newport Township High School" is printed across the center in light gray lettering. If mailed, include postage: East Coast, \$7.15 for one, and \$9.00 for two. West Coast, \$12.00 for one, and \$15.00 for two. Contact Heidi and Paul Jarecki, 28 West Main Street, Glen Lyon, PA 18617. Phone: 570-736-6782. Email: hselecky@pa.metrocast.net.

Miniatures, DVD's and clothing are still available. All proceeds benefit Newport Township.

### 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, 113 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](mailto: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 are viewable 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
- \$50.00 Quarter-page Size Ad
- \$75.00 One-half-page Size Ad
- \$150.00 Full-page Size Ad

### NTCO MEETINGS

NTCO's meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the 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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**Be Proud of Newport and Make Newport Proud of You!**

~ The Late Honorable Paul R. Selecky