



**In June, as many as a dozen species may burst their buds on a single day. No man can heed all of these anniversaries; no man can ignore all of them. ~ Aldo Leopold**



**Tiger lilies blooming along Kirmar Parkway in Wanamie one summer morning**

## Newport Township Public Business

*By John Jarecki* ~ The following items of public business were discussed or acted upon at Newport Township Commissioners' Meetings in May and June of this year.

**May 5, 2015:** Heidi Jarecki, President of the Newport Township Recreation Board (Rec Board), thanked all the individuals and community organizations who worked at the Rec Board's clean up of the Township's recreation areas on Saturday April 25. She also said that the members of the Rec Board are now discussing the formation of a new Parks and Recreation Association, which would be independent of the Township and the Rec Board. They are doing this because they find it difficult to continue with Rec Board work under present conditions in which the Board receives little funding from the Township and is forbidden by regulation to raise its own funding. The new Association would be able to apply for grants and accept donations. Discussions are ongoing. Heidi asked the Commissioners for their cooperation in this matter.

Township Manager Rich Zika announced that he had received an anonymous letter saying that, 1) according to county regulations, it is illegal to raise chickens in residential areas, 2) asking the Township to enforce the regulation, and 3) naming two Township resi-

dents who are illegally raising chickens. Mr. Zika said that, since he is also the Township's Building Code Official, he is responsible for enforcing this regulation. He then sent an inspector to find where chickens were kept in the Township and, as instructed by the County, forwarded this information to the County Zoning Board. The Zoning Board then sent letters to those residents who were found to raise chickens illegally informing them that they had to stop or face heavy fines.

Several of the residents who received letters were at the meeting and asked the Commissioners if they could help them keep their chickens. Township Solicitor Rich Shiptoski commented on this matter, saying that he had talked with an official at the County Zoning and Planning Commission who said that Newport Township is one of 28 County communities that do not have their own zoning commission but instead rely on the County Commission to do this work for them. Under County ordinance, chickens can only be kept in areas zoned as agricultural or in Conservation districts. Newport has no agricultural land and only two small conservation districts near Lee. Newport cannot choose to exempt itself from County ordinance in this case, but individuals can ask the Commission for an exemption in the form of a variance at a cost of \$210. Mr. Shiptoski said that the Township has in the past looked into whether it could have its

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own zoning commission and concluded that it was just too expensive. (At the June Commissioners' meeting, Commissioner John Zyla said that he had asked officials in the offices of State Senator John Yudichak and State Representative Gerald Mullery whether there was state help available in this matter. There is none.)

Concerning a different matter, Solicitor Shiptoski said he had been talking to Attorney John Dean, who is acting on behalf of the Newport Township Fire Department. The Department will be getting ownership of the old municipal building once all township offices are moved to the new building. Although the Township will give, without charge, the old building to the Fire Department, the transaction is subject to a 2% transfer fee. Mr. Dean suggested that each party to the transaction pay 1%.

The Commissioners approved Township Ordinance #1 of 2015, which authorizes an intergovernmental cooperation agreement that establishes a Lower South Valley Council of Governments (COG) involving Newport Township, Nanticoke, Hanover Township, Plymouth Township, Sugar Notch, Warrior Run, and Ashley. The Ordinance authorizes the Township to participate in the COG. Each municipality must approve its own cooperation agreement. Plans are that this will be done by the end of July. The agreement will allow the participating local governments to share equipment and in this way reduce expenses.

The Commissioners approved Township Ordinance #2 of 2015, which allows the township to pass a 5% fee for the collection of delinquent property taxes onto the property owner.

**June 1, 2015:** The Commissioners approved a motion to appoint Ray Brabant to the Township Recreation Board to replace Cindy Foringer. His term will expire in 2017.

Recreation Board member Dane Cooper said that the Board is now deciding whether it should close the Coal Street Playground in Glen Lyon because it needs a great deal of repair work and has safety problems.

Mr. Zika announced that the dedication of the new municipal building is scheduled for August 3. The Township will begin moving its offices into the new building on June 8 and this will continue until the end of the month. Commissioner John Zyla added that on August 3, there will be an open house at the new building from 3 pm to 6 pm. The August Commissioners' meeting will be held at 6 pm, and the dedication will take place at 7 pm. The Commissioners have invited a large number of people, including Senator John Yudichak and Representative Gerald Mullery and members of the police and fire departments and Township organizations.

### **Miracle of the Bells: The Story Behind the Movie**

*By Julianna Zarzycki ~* Attorney Charles Petrillo recently made a presentation to the Nanticoke Historical Society about the making of the film "The Miracle of the Bells." This movie is based on the book, a fictitious account of the life of Glen Lyon native Olga Treskovna and written by Russell Janney. Attorney Petrillo presented the program in two phases, the first was the showing and explanation of the actual movie and its characters which previously took place at the Saint Faustina Cultural Center in Nanticoke. The second phase was an explanation of the production of the movie, and this event was also held at the Cultural Center.

Attending the presentation was Mark Wolfe of Nanticoke who has collected memorabilia of the movie which was displayed for the public to view at the Luzerne County Historical Society on South Franklin Street, Wilkes Barre. Also present was Bill Piccone of Philadelphia who has done extensive research on the life of Olga Treskovna. The movie was produced in 1948 and even today there is still much local interest in the film.

## **Glen Lyon American Legion Auxiliary Post 539**

### Auxiliary Yard Sale

*By Lorrie Materewicz ~* On Saturday, May 16 the Glen Lyon American Legion Auxiliary Post 539 held the first of two yard sales planned for this year. Though the weather was rainy, attendance was brisk due to the fact that this was an indoor multi-vendor sale, also offering lunch all day as well as a bake sale. Customers came from as far away as the Poconos and Scranton. Many positive comments were received about the facility, parking and most of all the tasty food for sale. The next yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 22.

### Memorial Day

Memorial Day was celebrated on Monday, May 25 this year and the traditional services at the American Legion in Glen Lyon were hosted by the Chester Stralka VFW Post 8353. They were joined by members of Glen Lyon American Legion Post 539 and their Auxiliary and SAL. A caravan of flagged vehicles left the Legion at 9:15 am to perform military memorial services at the west end of Glen Lyon at Saint Adalbert's and St Michael's Cemeteries (including the Italian and St John's Cemeteries) first at 9:30, followed by the same at Saint Nicholas Cemetery at the east end of Glen Lyon. Finally, the caravan headed back to the Legion to hold the final service at the monument there and raise the American flag to full staff at noon. All participants then enjoyed a full course meal prepared by the American Legion Auxiliary. Wanamie American Legion Post 971 meets regularly at the Glen Lyon home. They also had a full day of services scheduled in Wanamie, Sheatown and Alden and attended the after-ceremony meal at the Glen Lyon post home. (Related article on page 19).

### Flag Day

Flag Day, June 14 fell on a Sunday this year. Though rain was predicted, it held off long enough for Glen Lyon American Legion Post 539 and its Auxiliary to hold a brief Flag Day ceremony in front of the post home at 62 Newport Street. An opening prayer was followed by the traditional inspection of the unserviceable flags by Legion officers as presented by the Sergeant-at-Arms. Then the Commander gave a short speech followed by the order to the unit to proceed. The flags were then placed in the burn barrel for proper disposal. The flames and smoke emanating from the red, white and blue barrel as the fire consumed the flags was an awe-inspiring sight to behold! After the "Dismissed!" command was issued, participants and the public were invited into the post home for hot dogs, homemade cupcakes, drinks and copies of the Flag Code. The public is reminded that worn flags may be turned in to any Legion member or to the Post Office in Glen Lyon and they will be stored for proper disposal every Flag Day.



Flag Day Ceremonies at the Glen Lyon American Legion Post 539 in Glen Lyon. Above are: Glenn Kipps, Francis Kirschner, Tim Moore, Commander Shawn Swicklik, Aux. President Lorrie Materewicz, and Aux. Members Andrea Rambus, Sally Billings, and Mary Martin.

## I never knew...did you?

*By Murph Fletcher* ~ If you have ever been to a military funeral in which "Taps" was played, the following story brings out a new meaning of the song. Here is something every American should know. Until I read about it, I didn't know either. But I checked it out and it's true.

We in the United States have heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's a song that gives us a lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But do you know the story behind the song? I think you will be interested to learn about its beginnings.

Reportedly, it began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Captain Robert Elli was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of a narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Elli heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through gunfire, the Captain reached the soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy had enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission from his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But out of respect for the father, they said they would give him one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody we now know as "Taps" was born.

The words are:

Day is done. Gone the sun. From the lakes. From the hills.  
From the sky. All is well. Safely rest. All is nigh. Fading  
light. Dims the sight. And a star. Gems the sky. Gleaming  
bright. From afar. Drawing nigh. Falls the night. Thanks  
and praise. For our days. 'Neath the sun. 'Neath the stars.  
'Neath the sky. As we go. This we know. God is nigh.

I too have felt chills while listening to "Taps" but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song. I now have a deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Remember those lost and harmed while serving their country. Also remember those who have served and returned; and those presently serving in the Armed Forces.

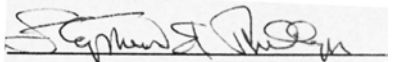
## Township Serves As Meal for Gypsy Moth Caterpillars

*By Heidi Jarecki* ~ Upon returning from visiting my family in California, I was quite dismayed to find large tracts of forest throughout the Township defoliated from an infestation of gypsy moth caterpillars. Trees have become completely devoid of leaves, making it look like winter. The caterpillars are capable of feeding on some 500 species of trees and shrubs, especially oak. One way to protect trees near your home is to place burlap and sticky bands on them for early detection of all life stages. Keep your lawn and woodlot clean and free of hiding places for egg masses. Unfortunately, there are no quick fixes that will get rid of the caterpillars once they have become established. Let's hope the trees can recover over time.

## NTCO President's Message

The Newport Township Community Organization extends its congratulations to all those individuals who received nominations for the office of Township Commissioner in the May Primary Election. The Organization looks forward to a close working relationship with those candidates who emerge victorious in the November Election. It will require a concerted, cooperative effort as we all strive to make Newport Township all it can be. Attendance has increased at the Community Organization's monthly meetings, but we still need your participation to insure that we can continue to assist the Municipality in a variety of ways. The Organizations' annual Big Junk Pick Up had to be cancelled this spring because of a lack of volunteer support. Assuming that we can generate more support for this important Township project, we hope to see this event take place again next year. We shall also be scheduling litter collection along the Township's major thoroughfares, and we respectfully solicit your assistance. Dates and times of these activities will be forthcoming. Many of you may have read the feature story written about the Organization by Paul Golias which recently appeared in the Citizen's Voice newspaper. The Organization appreciates Mr. Golias' kind words and coverage of its past activities and plans for the future. The Organization is partnering with the Township's Recreation Board in a joint effort to provide a recreational program for Area youth, and ultimately for citizens of all ages. Merlyn "Murph" Fletcher has kindly consented to serve as an Advisor to aid in the reinstatement of a program which was very successful in the past. The Community Organization has applied for, and shall continue to seek, funding from various sources to help in underwriting the cost of this program and related efforts. The Organization recognizes the Township Government's fiscal constraints, and is attempting to help fill the funding void by implementing these steps. As stated previously in this publication, we cannot depend solely upon government to address all of our wants and needs. Volunteers will be relied upon more and more to assist in filling the funding gaps in many program areas. One program this writer advocates is to volunteer and work with Police Commissioner John Zyla and Police Chief Jeremy Blank in a combined effort to establish an effective Crime Watch through the entire Township (see p. 4). Both of these gentlemen would welcome your positive response to this idea. Remember, it is the responsibility of us all to help make Newport Township as safe as possible for ourselves, our families, friends, visitors and prospective new residents and businesses. During the past several months, the NTCO has continued its philanthropic efforts by contributing money and time to a broad spectrum of other groups throughout the Area. This shall continue as long as we are able to continue to generate the funding to support this type of undertaking. We look forward to working with you all as we continue to strive to insure that Newport is viewed as a First Class Township in deed as well as in name.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Every now and then, we are treated to a sighting of unusual fauna in the Township. One day in late March, this pileated woodpecker was seen pecking away at a telephone pole in front of Marcy and Ed Raiewski's home on West Main Street in Glen Lyon. (Photo taken by Paul Jarecki)

## Pileated Woodpecker Facts:

1. The Pileated Woodpecker was considered rare prior to 1900 but is no longer endangered and is currently not listed as a threatened or endangered species; however, it is protected. The Pileated Woodpecker depends upon mature forest habitats. Timber harvest and other human activity had a significant negative impact on their populations.
2. The Pileated Woodpecker (*Hylatomus pileatus*) is one of the biggest, most striking forest birds on the continent. It's nearly the size of a crow, black with bold white stripes down the neck and a flaming-red crest.
3. Woodpeckers have a chisel-like bill that is used for drilling of trees when it searches for food or when it prepares a nest during the mating

## Glen Lyon Crime Watch Set to Expand

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Members of the Glen Lyon Crime Watch have been discussing the possibility of expanding its geographic boundary to include all of Newport Township. This idea received a big boost when about forty new people attended the June meeting. Many attendees voiced concern about illegal drug dealing in the Township, among other issues. Police Chief Jeremy Blank was on hand to answer questions. Contact has been made with the parent organization, The National Association of Town Watches, concerning protocol and guidance for forming the new group, the Newport Township Crime (or Neighborhood) Watch.

The Glen Lyon Crime Watch was headed by the late Marie Morucci for many years. Among its activities were patrolling the streets on Halloween and attendance at the State Police Citizen's Academy. In recent years, the group has made donations to the NTPD for equipment and sponsored National Night Out activities in August.

The next meeting will be held July 9 at 7:00 at the Italian Club in Glen Lyon. All residents are encouraged to attend.

season. Its beak acts as both a chisel and a crowbar to remove bark and find hiding insects. Their main prey is the carpenter ant. They also eat other insects, insect larvae and eggs, tree sap, seeds, and nuts.

4. The Pileated Woodpecker's range covers from the northern areas of Canada, even in the Yukon Territory, to southerly areas of the United States such as Florida and along the Gulf Coast. Their east-west range covers from the east coast of Nova Scotia to the west coast of California.

5. Pileated Woodpeckers are monogamous, meaning they stay with the same mate for life.

6. The nest holes these birds make offer crucial shelter to many species including swifts, owls, ducks, bats, and pine martens.

7. The Pileated Woodpecker was the inspiration for the cartoon character "Woody Woodpecker" which was created by artist Ben "Bugs" Hardaway in 1940.

8. The Pileated Woodpecker is the third largest woodpecker in North America. The Imperial Woodpecker and the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker are larger, although they are generally considered extinct. The Ivory-Billed Woodpecker of the virgin forests of southeastern United States was the largest woodpecker specie. It measured 20 inches in length and had a 30-inch wing span. The largest confirmed woodpecker is the Great Slaty Woodpecker of Southeast Asia, which measures 20 inches long. The bar-breasted piculet is the smallest woodpecker, measuring 8 cm. in size.

9. There are more than 180 species of woodpeckers worldwide, but none are found in Australia, Madagascar or New Zealand. There are about two dozen woodpecker species found in the United States.

10. Although pecking of trees looks like activity that may hurt a woodpecker, it does not feel the pain at all. Its brain is prevented from trauma thanks to special air pockets in the skull. Woodpeckers also have a very thick skull and squashy bone that provide protection while drumming against tree trunks.

11. A woodpecker is able to peck 20 times per second. It produces between 10,000 and 12,000 pecks per day.

## Newport Township Recreation Board

By Heidi Jarecki ~ The Board welcomed its newest member, Ray Brabant at the June meeting. Ray lives in Glen Lyon and owns a landscaping business. He worked with Recreation Commissioner Jack Vishnefski to install the slide at the Wanamie park, as well as on other maintenance projects. New mulch was purchased for all playgrounds, however, the budget could only pay for Wanamie. The NTCO pledged \$1,000.00 towards the cost of mulch for Alden and Glen Lyon. Also, the NTCO is sponsoring a Summer Recreation program, with Murph Fletcher at the helm.

The Board plans to purchase stain and paint for the picnic tables in all Parks, and to paint the Wanamie Park sign. Also, the fence at Coal Street will be repaired.

Because of conflicts in the usage of the parks, The Board is re-implementing the "Request for Usage" book. Each organization is now required to register its proposed schedule with the Board. The request will be discussed and approved (or not) at each meeting. The book will be kept in the municipal building. Failure to comply may result in suspension of privileges. The Board thanks all groups for their cooperation. Board members also include Patrick Dane Cooper, Paul Pierson, Judy Pazgan, and Heidi Jarecki.

## Beauty in the Season

And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.

~ F. Scott Fitzgerald



# NEWPORT CLASS NEWS — REUNION TIME!

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## Class of '55



The Class of '55 is planning their 60th Reunion to be held on September 24 from 1 to 6 pm at Best Western Genetti's Hotel, 77 East Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, phone number 570-820-8508. A block of rooms has been reserved at special rates for those who travel from a distance. An icebreaker will be held from 6 to 8 pm at the Selecky/Jarecki homestead in Glen Lyon on September 23. For more information, contact John Antonaitis at 607-748-8783 or Marie Modrow at 570-283-1911. Please get your reservations in ASAP. Hope to see everyone there!

## Class of '60



Newport Class of 1960 is planning its 55th Class Reunion to be held on August 22, 2015 at the Italian Club in Glen Lyon, beginning at 3 pm. The dinner will be catered, and classmates are asked to bring hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, and desserts to share. Guests are welcome. Please contact Mary Lou Butkoski Zaleski at 570-736-6336 or Bernadine Swicklik Betkoski at 570-735-8144 for more information. Would love to see everybody there!

### My old friends!

The trick is growing up without growing old.

~ Casey Stengel

Ah, how good it feels! The hand of an old friend.

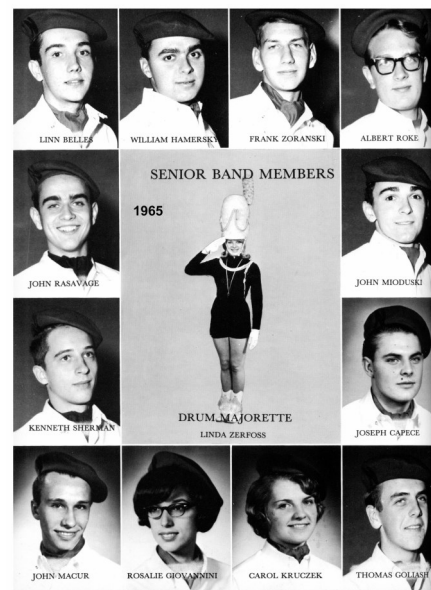
~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

You don't have to have anything in common with people you've known since you were five. With old friends, you've got your whole life in common.

~ Lyle Lovett

## Class of '65

Can it be true? The Newport Class of '65 will celebrate its 50th Reunion on September 11 and 12, the weekend after Labor Day, at the R Bar (the former Alden Manor) on East Kirmar Avenue, Alden. Class members are asked to contact Linda Smith Trecziak at 570-822-0494 with any questions and to make reservations. Bring your stories and reminiscences of our high school days and don't forget to practice the Alma Mater!



## All Newport Reunion

The All-Newport Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 11, from 4 to 9 pm at Holy Transfiguration Hall, Hanover Section of Nanticoke. This reunion is open to anyone who attended Newport schools. Invitations will be mailed in July. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Heidi and Paul Jarecki at 570-736-6782 if you wish to be added to the mailing list.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NTCO Summer Recreation Programs** are being planned for all age groups in the township. Sponsored by the Newport Township Community Organization, the activities are coordinated by Murph Fletcher assisted by Kathy Domashinski. Among the events are: a swim party at the Mocanaqua Pool on August 5, Introduction to Tennis 101 for children age 10 and under, a Walk in the Wanamie Recreation Park for adults, and a game day. These programs have the endorsement of the Newport Township Recreation Board. At press time, plans have not been finalized, but will be publicized in local media and on signs. Get outside and enjoy the summer!



**Vacation Bible School** at St. Adalbert's Church, Holy Spirit Parish is planned for July 13-17. Pictured above are team leaders, top row: Debbie Ward, Marge Zastavny, Ken Angradi, Ann Marie Gorgas, Brenda Grabowski, Jane Straub. Bottom row: Joanne Thomas, Mary Lou Zaleski, Dolores Grabowski, and Susan Najaka. For children ages 4 to 12.

**Upcoming Legion Auxiliary Events** by *Lorrie Materewicz* ~ Mark your calendars! Glen Lyon American Legion Post 539 and its Auxiliary have been busy planning events for the rest of the year. First, the annual Auxiliary blood drive will be on a Monday in August, date to be finalized. Watch the newspapers, church bulletin and Legion Facebook page for further information. Also, on Saturday, August 22nd will be the next big yard sale to include lunch and a bake sale. In October will be the annual chicken barbeque. This was such a success last year that more tickets will be available for this year's event. In addition, the monthly Legion breakfasts may be reinstated if there is sufficient interest. If any of you who remember these breakfasts is interested in having them resumed, please feel free to let any Auxiliary or Legion member know. As always, American Legion Post and Unit 529 thank the public for their support of our activities.

**The 10th annual Eastern Pennsylvania Car & Truck Show** will be held August 2, 2015 at the Grove in Sheatown for the benefit of the Greater Nanticoke Trojans Baseball Team. All proceeds go directly to players in the Greater Nanticoke Area School District. Sponsorships are \$30, \$50 and \$100. For details, call Dean Myers of Nanticoke Baseball at 570-466-5312 or 570-735-6554.

**Newport Township Lions** are sponsoring a golf tournament on Friday, August 14 at the Rolling Pines Golf Course beginning at 8:00 am. Participants can win more than \$1,500.00. (Must have 80 golfers.) This is the biggest fundraiser for the Lions. Projects funded from the proceeds include community recreation equipment, holiday parties for nursing home residents, and fruit baskets for the home-bound. Contact John Zyla at 570-735-1714 for more information.



### Valley with a Heart Benefits of the Luzerne Foundation

will sponsor a motorcycle ride and picnic at St. Faustina Grove in Sheatown on Sunday, September 6. The day features live music, food, bike games, children's games, vendors and souvenir T-shirts. All proceeds benefit local children with serious illnesses and their families. For more information, contact President Rick Temarantz at 570-735-5333 or check out the website.

Corporate sponsorships are available. Please reply by August 1.



**Newport Township Fire Department Fundraiser** will be held September 13. Details will be announced.

**The 4th Annual Dennis Makarczyk Golf Tournament** hosted by Brent Makarczyk will be held Saturday September 26th at the Sand Springs Country Club, Drums. Proceeds to benefit a local man who is battling a rare form of cancer. \$100 per golfer and \$400 per team includes 18 holes, prizes, dinner and cocktails. Proper golf attire required (no jeans). Limited to the first 120 golfers. The Makarczyk Family has long ties to Newport Township. For more information contact Brent at 570-735-3788.

**Don't Forget** the open house (3 to 6 pm) and dedication (7 pm) of the new Municipal Building in Wanamie on August 3.

## KUDOS!

### Samantha Russin, Glen Lyon

Samantha was chosen to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston, MA, held June 24-26. The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields. The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, and motivate the top students in the country who aspire to be physicians or medical scientists to stay true to their dreams and reach their goals. Samantha was nominated by Dr. Connie Mariano, the Medical Director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent Pennsylvania based on her academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine. Congratulations!



### R Bar and Grill, Alden

Hamburger Lovers Alert! Residents in Newport Township need look no further for prize winning hamburgers than the R Bar and Grill in Alden. The Times Leader newspaper conducted a Best Burger contest and the R Bar came in third, after the Ice House Pub in Mountaintop and Majestic Lunch in Pittston. On Saturdays you can build your own burger and add anything you want. Try the "Dirty Burger" if you dare. Better come with a big appetite for one of those! Congratulations!

### All Graduates

The NTCO salutes all graduates from Newport Township. From pre-school all the way through advanced degrees, we encourage you all to reach high and help make the world a better place. Congratulations!



## Newport Township Obituaries

By Tom Kashatus

**BEZDZIECKI**, Julia T. (Yeninas), 94, of Glen Lyon, passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Julia was born in Glen Lyon on October 16, 1920, and was the daughter of the late Anthony and Anna (Latwiss) Yeninas. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

**NOVAK**, Edward J., 83, of Endwell, New York, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away March 7, 2015, at his home. Ed was a veteran of the US Air Force and served during the Korean War.

**GRIFFITH**, James W., 78, of Wanamie, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2015 in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. Mr. Griffith was born in Newport Township on August 25, 1935, and was the son of the late Sylvester and Esther (Belles) Griffith.

**SEDORCHUK**, Henry A. III, 42, of Wanamie, passed away Sunday, March 22, 2015, at his home. Henry was born in Wilkes Barre and was the son of Henry A. Jr. and Mary Alice (Lane) Sedorchuk.

**PAZGAN**, Martha (Waselus), 88, of Nanticoke, passed away Monday, March 23, 2015 at Birchwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Nanticoke. Martha was born in Glen Lyon and was the daughter of the late Michael and Mary Waselus.

**BODEK**, Helen (Kozobowski), 90, of Sheatown, passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at Birchwood Nursing Center. Helen was born in Wanamie on June 5, 1924, and was the daughter of the late Bruno and Mary (Rospierski) Kozobowski. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '42. During WW II, she worked at Bell Aircraft in Wheatfield, NY.

**KALINOWSKI**, Helen (Kostek), 93, of Sheatown, passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at Birchwood Nursing Center. Helen was born April 30, 1921, in Alden to the late Alex and Julia (Wanchisen) Kostek and attended Newport Township schools.

**BABECKI**, Alfred J., (89), of Sebastian, FL, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away at home on January 17, 2015. He was born in Nanticoke on August 23, 1925, and was affectionately known as "Big Al." Al was a WW II US Army veteran, serving in the ETO at the Battle of the Bulge. His remains will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

**PETERFREUND**, Josephine "Tina," (Rogowicz) passed away on March 27, 2015, at The Nottingham, in Jamesville, NY. Tina was born in Glen Lyon on January 25, 1925, and was the daughter of the late Edward and Celia (Dutch) Rogowicz. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '42. She was interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

**SKLANEY**, Gertrude (Chojnowski), 87, formerly of Alden, passed away Friday, April 3, 2015, at Minora Park Nursing Center, Dewitt, NY. Gertrude was born February 16, 1928 in Nanticoke. She was the daughter of the late Frank and Sophie (Shipperski) Chojnowski.

**LAKATOS**, Raymond, 68, of Sheatown, passed away Friday, April 3, 2015, at Birchwood Nursing Center. Raymond was born in Nanticoke and was the son of the late John and Elizabeth (Scott) Lakatos. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '64.

**SCOBLE**, Geraldine J. (Durso Trathen), 75, of Alden, died Monday, April 6, 2015, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township. Geraldine was born in Hazleton on March 5, 1940, and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Helen (Bennis) Durso.

**SEROKA**, Alma M., of Sheatown, passed away at home with her family at her side. She was married to the late John Seroka.

**OLEN** (Olenginski), Chester P., 93, of Heritage Springs Memory Care, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Lewisburg. Chester was born December 28, 1921, in Glen Lyon and was the son of the late Walter and Helen Olenginski. Chester graduated from Newport Township High School and was a veteran of the US Air Force, serving at Langley AFB, VA.

**PRESTASH**, Frank J., 70, of Nanticoke and formerly of Alden, passed away Friday, April 10, 2015, at Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Robert was born March 27, 1945 in Alden Station, and was the son of the late Frank and Louise (Melick) Prestash.

**YUHAS**, Peter, 81, of Alden, passed away April 16, 2015, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Peter was born in Alden on May 26, 1933, and was the son of the late Paul and Mary (Warrick) Yuhas. Peter was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '51. He was a proud career veteran serving in the US Air Force as a technical sergeant.

**YOUELLS**, Christine, 45, of Falls passed away April 16, 2015, after a lengthy illness. Christine was born in Plymouth on August 25, 1969, and was the daughter of David and Many Ann Yanoka Youells. Her maternal grandparents were the late Michael and Julia (Semko) Yanoka of Glen Lyon.

**SUDOL**, Joseph B., 85, of Bloomington, CA, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away on April 18, 2015 at Kaiser-Permanente Hospital. "Sud" was born in Glen Lyon on May 20, 1929, and was the son of the late Joseph P. and Stella (Lemanowicz) Sudol.

**RESAVY**, Edith M. (Deluca), 94, of Wanamie died Monday, April 20, 2015, at Mountain City Health and Rehabilitation Center in Hazle Township. Edith was born in Pittsburgh on June 29, 1921 and was the daughter of Quinto and Phoebe (Rasi) Deluca. She was a life resident of Wanamie and graduated from Newport Township High School in 1939.

**CHESNEY**, Margaret Mary (Padagomas), 88, formerly of Wilkes Barre and Woodleaf, NC, passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Timber Ridge Health Care Center, Plains Township. Margaret Mary was born in Blakely on March 15, 1927, and was the daughter of the late Peter and Elizabeth (Williams) Padagomas. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '45.

**RUCH**, Matthew, a resident of Glen Lyon and New Jersey, passed away on March 30, 2015, due to crash related injuries which took place February 8, 2015 on the Lee-Mocanaqua Highway. Charges of homicide by motor vehicle while DUI have been filed against the second vehicle driver involved in the accident.

**RUDAWSKI**, Mary T. (Radziak), 82, of Alden, passed away May 1, 2015, at home. Mary was born in Nanticoke on January 8, 1933 and was the daughter of the late Paul and Catherine (Krzak) Radziak.

**STAVETSKI**, Barbara D. (Delefeti), 77, of Turnersville, NJ, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away on March 27, 2015. Barbara was born on October 24, 1937, and was the daughter of the late William and Adeline (Brozowski) Delefeti/Popish. Barbara graduated from Newport Township High School, Class of '55.

**DEVRIES**, John C. R. Jr., 45, of Glen Lyon, passed away Friday, May 1, 2015.

**PRZEKOP**, Peter J., 68, of Glen Lyon passed away Saturday, May 2, 2015, in the Department of Veterans Medical Affairs Center in Plains Township.

**WOZNAK**, Helen (Radziak), 95, of Nanticoke, passed away Friday, May 8, 2015 in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Helen was born in Alden on April 16, 1920, and was the daughter of the late Paul and Catherine Krzak Radziak.

**PISH**, Edmund Z., 71, of Nescopeck Township, and formerly of Wanamie, passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2015 in Geisinger Medical Center, Danville. Ed was born in Nanticoke on September 11, 1943, and was the son of the late Zigmund and Helen (Shershen) Pish. He attended Newport Township schools and graduated from Milton Hershey School.

**WOMELSDORF**, Dorothy J. (Schultz), 86, of Sheatown, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Dorothy was born in Askam, one of seven children, of the late Frank and Mary (Kowalski) Schultz.

**TROYAN**, Elizabeth (Rish), of Alden, passed away Monday, May 11, 2015 at Birchwood Nursing Center. "Ez" was born in Alden and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Alice Rish.

**BUJNO**, Thaddeus, 83, of Alden, passed away Thursday, May 14, 2015 in the Celtic Hospice Unit of Geisinger South Wilkes Barre. Ted was born in Mocanaqua on June 4, 1931, and was the son of the late John and Stella (Yasniesky) Bujno. He was a veteran of the US Army serving in the 82nd Airborne Division.

**POWELL**, TARA, 27, of Main Street, Glen Lyon, died May 21, 2015, at Wilkes Barre General Hospital.

**WENDOWLOWSKI**, Tillie A. (Russian), 84, passed away May 23, 2015 in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Tillie (Tekla) was born April 27, 1931 and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Stephina Russian. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '49.

**CESARZ**, Lillian P. (Yeninas), 85, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away at Smith Health Care in Mountaintop. Lillian was born in Glen Lyon on August 5, 1929 and was the daughter of the late Anthony and Catherine (Yarrish) Yeninas. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '47 and the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Nursing.

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)

# TASTE OF THE TOWNSHIP BREAD

*By Heidi and Paul Jarecki* ~ Bread in its simplest form is a paste of flour or meal and water cooked over or surrounded by heat. More complex breads are leavened. Leavening means to ferment and rise by adding a rising agent that causes a foaming action that lightens and softens. Yeast is the most common leavening agent. Bread can be made from virtually any grain—wheat, rye, corn, barley, oats, teff, amaranth, millet, and rice. Only wheat has gluten which is essential to leavening. Wheat is the single grain that contains enough gluten to allow the development of protein strands that are the foundation of bread. These strands form layers and pockets that trap the steam from the water. Carbon dioxide is released by the yeast during the fermentation process and gives bread its rise.

Prehistoric man had already been making gruel from water and grains, and soon starting cooking this mixture into a solid form by frying it on stones. Wheat, the most common grain used to make bread, has been cultivated by man since before recorded history. Wheat and other grains belong to the order of grasses and nobody has yet found the wild form of grass from which wheat developed. The earliest archaeological evidence for flour dates to the Upper Paleolithic in Europe, around 30,000 years ago. Paleolithic diets were based mainly on animal proteins and fats. Cereals and bread became a staple food during the Neolithic, around 10,000 years ago. Cereal crops allowed agricultural societies to sustain much larger populations than had previously been possible, which in turn led to greater economic and social complexity and eventually to the formation of towns, as opposed to the nomadic lifestyle. Egypt (5000-3700 BC) first developed grain production along the fertile banks of the Nile and grain became a staple food.

The development of leavened bread can also be traced to prehistoric times. Leavening made the bread lighter and more appetizing. Yeast spores occur everywhere, including on the surface of cereal grains, so any dough left to rest will become naturally leavened. The earliest archaeological evidence of leavening is from ancient Egypt, which confirms yeast was used as a leavening agent and also for brewing ale as early as 4000 B.C. One theory is that on some occasion ale was used instead of water to mix the dough. The rise would be more spectacular and would be easily reproduced. Greeks used wine (which is fermented) in the bread making process.

The most important part of the bread baker's equipment is his oven. It was the Egyptians who first used a manufactured portable oven. Egyptians also invented the closed oven. However, the idea of a free-standing oven that could be pre-heated, with a door for access, appears to have been a Greek one. In about 8000 BC, the first grinding stone was invented in Egypt, and the first grain was crushed. The Mesopotamians refined this process around 800 BC, using two flat circular stones, stacked on top of one another to grind the grain. These stones were continuously rotated by draft animals or slaves. This "milling" is how we create flour today. The water mill was invented in Greece around 450 BC. The Persians are said to have invented the windmill. The power generated by these mills could drive much heavier stones

By the mid to late 1800's, technological developments in many areas set the stage for the mass production of bread. The first modern mill was constructed in 1830, adapting to hydraulic power in 1875. These mills were located by rivers and could produce massive amounts of flour. In 1834 the roller mill was invented in Switzerland. Rather than crushing the grain as in stone-ground methods, the steel roller mill breaks open the grain, allowing easier separation of the germ, bran, and endosperm. This invention drastically changed milling around the world and increased the consistency of milled flour. Dough mixers were invented in 1850 and became standard use in bakeries. Also, the North American prairies which

were ideally suited to grow wheat, provided ample grain. This, together with the invention of the roller-milling system, meant that for the first time in history, whiter flour (and therefore bread) could be produced at a price which brought it within everyone's reach. Another major change happened in 1961 with the development of the Chorleywood Bread Process. This process used intense mechanical working (kneading) of dough to dramatically reduce the fermentation period and the time and expense taken to produce a loaf. The process, whose high-energy mixing also allows for the use of inferior grain, is now widely used around the world in large factories.

## Bread facts:

1. Bread is the most widely consumed food in the world.
2. Bakers were fined if their loaves were under weight, so they used to add an extra loaf to every dozen, just in case, hence the expression "baker's dozen," which is thirteen.
3. Bread was a form of currency in ancient Egypt, and the term "bread" is colloquially used as a term for money.
4. Legend has it that whoever eats the last piece of bread has to kiss the cook.
5. When the Israelites left Egypt in a hurry as described in the Book of Exodus in the Bible, they were prevented from allowing their bread to rise as usual. Jews today commemorate this event by eating unleavened bread during Passover.
6. By the early twentieth century, bread flour was largely replaced by bleached, bromated, and enriched flour. The grain is bleached and sterilized with chemicals to make it white and soft. It is then enriched by adding back the vitamins and minerals destroyed in the processing. The two most common enrichments are folic acid, which prevents heart disease and neural deformities, and the other, B vitamins, including niacin, thiamin, and riboflavin, which prevent beriberi, pellagra, and nutritional anemia.

Baking homemade bread was once very popular in Newport Township. Many of us have fond memories of the aroma of freshly baked bread when we came home from school or from sled-riding. This custom like many others, has been lost over the years as we now routinely buy bread at the supermarket or bakery. For those of you who are adventurous enough, here is a recipe from Heidi's Mom, who usually baked bread on Saturday mornings:

## Ingredients

1 large cake Fleischmann's yeast	1 tablespoon salt
5 cups warm water	1/2 cup Crisco
1 c sugar	5 lbs. King Midas flour

## Directions

Dissolve yeast in 1 cup warm water. Combine with Crisco, sugar, salt, and 4 cups warm water. Gradually add flour. Knead until light. (Mom used to say, "You knead until the sweat runs down your nose.") Cover with lightly moistened cloth and let rise about 2 hours, preferably in a warm spot. Punch down and let rise again about another hour. Lightly grease pans with Crisco, and form loaves using a rolling motion. Pan and punch air holes. Cover and let rise again. Bake at 400 for about a half hour.



At right:  
Helen  
Selecky  
baking  
bread





From left to right: John Guszak, Sebastian Maul, Doreen Guszak, Darren Sager and Brittany Engel.

## Humble Pie - Glen Lyon's New Restaurant

*By Tom Kashatus, Heidi and Paul Jarecki* ~ On April 23, Humble Pie celebrated their grand opening in the Glen Lyon American Legion Post 539 located at 62 Newport Street. Proprietors Doreen Guszak and Darren "Bruce" Sager have been involved in the food industry since they were teenagers. They currently own and operate the Corner Pocket Pizza located at the Polish Falcons in Mocanaqua. Recently, an opportunity arose and they have expanded their business to Glen Lyon.

Doreen grew up in Nanticoke and is the daughter of John and Christine (Pavelitz) Guszak, formerly of Wanamie. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education from Luzerne County Community College and has worked for several companies in banking and loan.

Darren is the son of the late Russell Sager, a Post 539 Adjutant for many years. His mother is Sophia "Sia" (Sweeney) Sager of Glen Lyon. He graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area High School and also attended Luzerne County Community College but studying was not his forte. He liked the business field and tried his hand in the pizza industry. In 1993 he and a friend, John Grabowski opened B & G Pizza (for Bruce and Grabber's Pizza) in this same kitchen over thirty years ago. When Doreen met Darren, they became friends and she decided to change her career. Together, they opened their first restaurant "The



The dining area has one big-screen television with the possibility of more to come.

Corner Pocket" in Nanticoke on October 18, 2005. After much strategizing, they moved to the Mocanaqua location in 2007. Here their business took root and grew.

Many of their customers were from Glen Lyon and it made sense to try a Glen Lyon location. The American Legion offered them space, and after negotiations, Humble Pie was born.

But first, the Legion kitchen needed extensive remodeling to bring it up to code. Most of the work was done by Doreen's dad, John. Ironically, the pizza oven, fryer, and grill were the same appliances used by B & G Pizza thirty two years ago. Legion Commander Shawn Swicklik, Home Association President Francis Kirschner and Auxiliary President Lorrie Materiewicz were encouraging and supportive of this arrangement.

Darren and Doreen look forward to serving Glen Lyon, Lee, Wanamie, Alden, and Sheatown. Humble Pie offers a wide variety of pizzas, sandwiches, chicken wings and other items from their fryer. Both take-out and a dining room, as well as home delivery, are available. Business hours are Wednesday and Thursday 4 pm to 10 pm and Friday, Saturday and Sunday 4 pm to 11 pm. Orders may be called in at (570) 733-2040. Patrons do not have to be Legion members to eat in the dining area.

We all wish Doreen and Darren success in their new venture. Welcome to Glen Lyon!

## GNA Softball

*By Tom Kashatus* ~ The Greater Nanticoke Area Softball Booster Club reorganized this year with strong support from the Junior High and Varsity parents and Varsity Coach Ryan Stetz. Michelle Stashak of Wanamie was elected president and Sandy Bohn of Nanticoke, vice president. Linda Helmecki, formerly of Glen Lyon and currently living in Plains Township, was elected treasurer, and Holly Novakowski of Wanamie, secretary.

One day while passing through Wanamie near the Recreation Park, I noticed a tent pitched next to the press box and a softball game taking place on Brad Piavis Field. I remembered times past when parents ran a concession stand at the park during the Teeners League games when my kids played 13 through 16 baseball. Those games were played at the teeners field adjacent to the softball field. As I smiled to myself, the memories of the hustle and bustle of setting up the concession stand came flooding back. Then, as now, the concession stand was a necessity to curb hunger pangs at the five o'clock games. Credit has to be given to this group of mothers and fathers who try to earn funds for the kids the hard way - by working for it.

Pictured (right) selling candy, hot dogs, potato chips, soda, water, Gatorade, and other snacks are: Michelle Stashak, Sandy Bohn,

Lynn King of Hunlock Creek, Linda Kurkoski of Plymouth Township, Carol Proleika of Nanticoke, and Sue Kotch of Nanticoke.

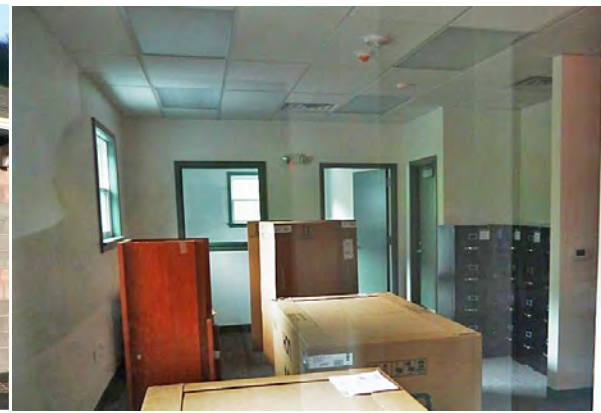
Last year, the concession stand netted over \$700.00 and the good parents rewarded the junior high team with hoodies and the varsity squad with warm-up jackets. A first annual social is also in the works as a fundraiser to give a head start for the treasury. Let's give a high five to all parents and others who get involved in support of children's activities.







The new Newport Township Municipal Building, picture taken June 15th.



Above is a view of the business office. Below is the new community room where meetings are to take place.

## Newport Township's New Municipal Building

*By John and Carol Jarecki* ~ Newport Township's new municipal building is an impressive modern building that has been designed with a good deal of thought to serve the needs of the Township's business offices, its Police Department, and its Emergency Management Agency (EMA). It is now (as of mid-June) scheduled to be dedicated on the evening of August 3 at 7:00 pm, with an open house planned for that afternoon from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

The building has two main parts, 1) the Township's business offices occupying the front, and 2) police and emergency management offices occupying the rear. The two parts are separated by a corridor, halfway between the front and back of the building, extending from its left side all the way to the right, with a door to the outside at each end. Each part has its own entrance.

The front entrance opens to a small vestibule, which has the Township business offices on its left and a community room on its right. The business offices include 1) a work area, where the Township Administrative Assistant will be located and which has space for the filing cabinets used in everyday activities, 2) an office for the Township Business Manager, and 3) a storage area for archived records. The community room has a large meeting table at one end, leaving enough space to set up chairs to comfortably seat 25 to 30 people. There is a closet at the back end, and doors (in addition to the doorway to the vestibule) which lead directly to the outside of the building and to the central dividing corridor. The intention is that the community room can be used for Commissioners' meetings and for meetings of any Township organizations that wish to use it.

At the rear of the vestibule is a door leading to restrooms that are accessible to people with disabilities. The building is fully compliant with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Although you can reach the police/EMA part of the building from the front, the intention is that people involved in police activities will enter and leave that part of the building through the rear entrance. Entering this way brings you to the police processing room, which is a large room just about in the center of the police section of the building. The police department takes up the entire back half except for the office of the Township's EMA chief, which occupies the right rear corner, and an electrical and mechanical room which occupies the left rear corner.

The police section also has an interrogation room with its own restroom, a police locker room with its own restroom and shower, an evidence room, and an office for the Chief of Police. The evidence room is interesting because two police officers, each with a different key, have to be present to unlock the door. This provides security for stored evidence.



The EMA chief's office has a door opening into the central dividing corridor directly opposite a doorway into the community room. This juxtaposition will make it possible, in a emergency, for the EMA chief to work in his office while a team of emergency workers works in the community room just a few feet away.

The electrical and mechanical room contains the electrically powered heat pumps that are used to heat the building. These heat pumps are just one of several steps taken to ensure that costs of heating and lighting the new building will be less than costs for the old municipal building. There are several safety systems: smoke detectors, a sprinkler system, and inside surveillance cameras. There is a small kitchenette off the central dividing corridor. And outside the building are antennas, one for police communications, and two for EMA communications, one of which is for short wave radio.

Overall, the building is impressive. The inside is much larger than it appears from the road. Its many rooms will serve a wide variety of needs. It is ADA compliant. It is a building whose appearance, look and feel would make you want to spend time there. The community room is especially appealing. Community organizations can reserve an evening of the month when they would like to meet there. This means that the new municipal building will be, in addition to a local government building, also a community center for Newport Township.

### Garden Pleasures

It's difficult to think anything but pleasant thoughts while eating a homegrown tomato. ~ Lewis Grizzard





Election Board of Newport Township Ward 1, Glen Lyon & Lee: From left: Joseph Wilkes, Joseph Hillan, Tillie Stapert, Krissy Blank, and Felicia Domulevicz.



Election Board of Newport Ward 3, Sheatown & Ridgeview: From left are Rick Tennesen, Joe Urban, Megan Tennesen, and Pete Wanchisan.



Election Board of Newport Ward 2, Wanamie & Alden: From left are (standing) Anthony Ginocchetti & Dawson Jenkins; (sitting) Sandy Michaels & Tina Wrubel, In front, Gene Wacławski, voter signing in

## Primary Election Results

*By Tom Kashatus* ~ The race for Newport Township Commissioners was the highlight of Primary Election Day on May 19. Each party was to select three candidates for the General Election in November. Incumbents Paul Czapracki (Wanamie) and Michael Roke (Alden) with former commissioner James Tarnowski (Glen Lyon) ran as a team to represent the Democrat Party in the fall. Deborah Forgach Zaleski challenged for a Democrat position, running an independent campaign. The Republican Party fielded no candidates. Two constable positions were also on the ballot; and Ronald Ebert Jr., a Democrat from Glen Lyon, was the sole candidate from both parties.

After the polls closed at 8:00 p.m. and returns were taken to headquarters at the Luzerne County Election Bureau, it was evident that a tight race for commissioner was developing as the machines began to reveal the vote count. Before absentee ballots were counted the three wards from Newport Township initially gave Zaleski the lead with 408 votes. Czapracki followed with 383, and Roke and Tarnowski were tied with 378 each. As the night wore on, tabulations changed dramatically as the absentee ballots were counted. In the end, Czapracki garnered 461, Zaleski 455, Roke 454, and Tarnowski 453. Keep in mind that the top three candidates move forward. A week later, the Election Bureau announced that John Grabowski, a Democrat from Glen Lyon, won a spot on the Republican ticket with 17 Republican write-in votes (10 are needed for a nomination).

In the constable race, Ebert easily gained a nomination while Norman Bodek, Democrat of Wanamie and currently a constable who failed to file a petition for personal reasons, acquired a double nomination as a Democrat and Republican with 149 and 18 write-in votes respectively.



Over 45 Club members pictured left to right are: Matt Kowalski, John Evans, Rich Myers, and Betsy Hanco.

## Old Timer's Club Holds Annual Pig Roast

*By Tom Kashatus* ~ The Over 45 Club of Newport Township is not very well known to most residents of Newport Township, but their mission is most noble to the lives of children who are seriously ill. Leadership of the organization falls into the hands of John Evans of Wanamie, who himself has gone through a tough time with medical issues during the past year. Usually in the fall, the Club holds an annual pig roast at their club grounds. For a donation, members and their friends can enjoy the feast prepared by the master chef for the event and play games of chance throughout the day. After expenses are paid, the proceeds are donated to a charitable organization. This past year almost \$1,050.00 was donated to Valley Santa which distributes gifts to needy children during Christmas time in the Greater Nanticoke Area. Future donations to the Shriners and the Lehigh Burn Center are being considered.

I asked John, "How does one become a member of the Over 45 Club?" He stated, "Buy a shirt with our logo and come to the party." About 75 to 100 locals show up for the occasion and, after a day of reminiscing, leave with the thought that they will have helped someone "down the line."

### A Lost Art?

Bread baking is one of those almost hypnotic businesses, like a dance from some ancient ceremony. It leaves you filled with one of the world's sweetest smells... there is no chiropractic treatment, no Yoga exercise, no hour of meditation in a music-throbbing chapel, that will leave you emptier of bad thoughts than this homely ceremony of making bread. ~ M.F.K. Fisher, *The Art of Eating*

Bread and butter, devoid of charm in the drawing-room, is ambrosia eating under a tree. ~ Elizabeth Russell

### Generosity is....

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. ~ Winston Churchill





Mike and son Neil ready for business



Neil restocking coolers

## New Business in Glen Lyon: K-Val

By Lauren Gorney ~ Glen Lyon residents will no longer need to leave town to fuel their automobiles; K-Val is now open. The family-owned convenience mart is located at the site of what was previously The Variety Stop, 15 East Main Street in Glen Lyon.

Owner Mike Patel and his family, wife Mohini, son Neil, and daughter Niti currently live near Wilkes-Barre. They saw the location and well-kept property as an opportunity to bring something new to Glen Lyon. "We are going to have different things here... a new variety for the people of the town," said Neil Patel, who is helping his father set up and run the new business. The Patels are already experienced in managing a successful convenience business, as their family owns multiple locations in Hanover and Wilkes-Barre.

"We will have hot food, gasoline, lottery, tobacco, a deli, and popular vendors," he added. They have breakfast sandwiches to go, for early morning commuters, as well as any-size coffee for 99 cents. For lunch, residents can purchase cold cut meat, and hot foods, including chicken tenders and pizza. As for dinner, there is an entire menu available at the store with combination platters. Hoagies, pierogies, potato pancakes and multiple types of fries are served hot and fresh throughout the day. They also have a frozen slushy machine, and are exploring the idea of soft-serve ice cream with an outdoor seating area. Other unique features at the store include an entire section of assorted flavored cigars and loose tobacco, grab and go frozen treats, and an ATM with no service charge.

When asked about gas prices, Mike Patel affirmed that K-Val's gas prices are in line with other local gas station pricing. According to the 2010 census, over 1,800 people live within the limits of Glen Lyon. As the only gas station in town, Mike hopes that commuters will stop by to fill their tanks, and grab a coffee for the road. He

also stated that their store products can save residents time and travel. "We don't want people to have to leave town and drive miles for these things. We have everything here and are going to be open early in the morning into the evening hours." K Val is open Monday thru Friday 5 am-10 pm, Saturday, 6 am-9 pm, and Sunday, 6 am-8 pm.

The Patel Family is extremely grateful for the welcoming response they have received here in Newport Township. The previous 'Variety Stop' owner Beverly Banks has been a part of the transition with the new business. "Mrs. Banks has been very kind, and a great help," said the family. People have been stopping by and asking questions, as well as making suggestions. "We are excited to provide gas and convenience to this town. We are looking forward to getting to know people, and will be here for a long time," said Mike and Neil.

Glen Lyon is proud to welcome the Patel Family and their business. We wish them many years of success!

Of special interest are their value meals:

**Breakfast Sandwich , Hashbrowns & Coffee \$3.99**

**2 Hashbrowns/coffee \$2.25**

**Mozzarella sticks 5 pcs \$2.99, 10 pcs \$5.49**

**Chicken Tender & fries 3 pcs \$5.99, 5 pcs \$8.99**

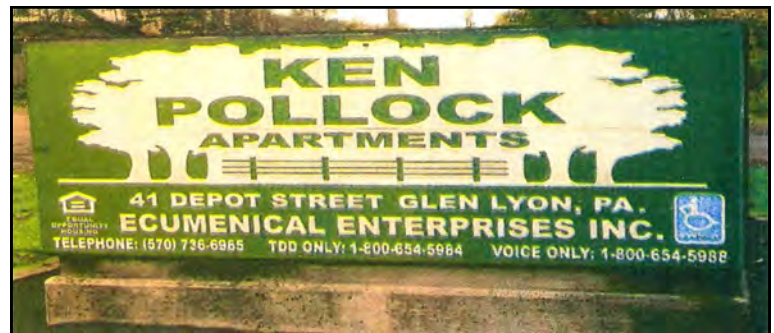
**Wings & fries 5 pcs \$5.99, 10 pcs \$8.99**

**Hoagie & fries \$4.25**

**Chicken Nuggets & fries 5 pcs \$2.99, 10 pcs \$4.49**

**2 hot dogs & fries \$3.49**

**Pizza 2 Slices & fries \$3.00**



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## Miracle at Bethlehem

*By Tom Kashatus ~* Members of the cast and crew, pictured above, of the Christmas play, *Miracle at Bethlehem*, sponsored by the Cultural Center of Saint Faustina Parish, Nanticoke held their initial organizational meeting for this year's performance. The Cultural Center is located at the former Saint Stanislaus Church in Nanticoke. The annual event is held at The Grove in Sheatown and participants are mainly from the Nanticoke/Newport communities. Discussions revealed that, even though the play has progressed in all aspects over the years, there is always room for improvement. Last year, weather played a negative factor, as two of the three performance days were cancelled due to rain - a huge disappointment due to the time spent on preparation. Cast and crew members totaled just over 100 volunteers. This year, plans are being made to schedule three days again on December 4, 5, and 6 - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The public is asked to check for further developments in the local media.



## White Haven Center Employee of the Year

*By Tom Kashatus ~* Pictured above for receiving honors as "White Haven Center Employee of the Year" for 2014 is Eileen Case, nee Derr, formerly of Glen Lyon and graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '68. Eileen had received Employee of the Month honors for April 2014 for her performance as a Residential Service Aide. Eileen works with individuals who are intellectually, developmentally, and physically disabled. Check the NTCO Summer, 2014 Newsletter for the article on Eileen when she was recognized previously. Pictured left to right are: Administrative Assistant Lucile Maloney, Training Manager Karen Supon, Eileen Case, and Facility Director Holly Lynott.

### May this ship sail forever!

There are big ships and small ships. But the best ship of all is friendship. ~ Author Unknown



## Mill Library Fundraiser

*By Tom Kashatus ~* Pictured above are board directors of the Mill Memorial Library, Kosciuszko Street, Nanticoke, and members of the Newport Township Community Organization. Bottom row left to right are board members Barbara Lach, Carol Sukowaski, Vicki Frace, Kim Morgan, and Sue Maza. Top row left to right are Tom Kashatus and Bill Hourigan, 1st and 2nd vice presidents of the NTCO and board members Dale Reams and Tad Wadas. The NTCO contributed \$100.00 to the library and a "Basket of Tools" to the library's fundraiser, "Love Literacy for Life Benefit," which took place April 25 at the new Susquehanna Brewing Company in Jenkins Township. Genel Gronkowski, office manager of the library, stated that throughout the year, the library sponsors events that are challenging and educational for the benefit of both children and adults. The spring schedule included activities with the Knitting and Crochet Club, the Greater Nanticoke Area Community Garden, an Earth Day Celebration, the Lego Club, the Anime club, Dungeons and Dragons, a Movie Night, and guest speakers on environmental topics. The Library services the Greater Nanticoke Area.



Pictured with Sue Maza (left) and Tom Kashatus is Lisa Palcek of Nanticoke, the happy winner of the "Basket of Tools" who stated, "Just what I needed."

### Don't worry, be happy!

The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up. ~ Mark Twain



## R Bar & Grill Supports Newport Firemen

*By Len Paczkowski* ~ The Glen Lyon-Alden Hose Company and the Newport Township Consolidated Fire Company serve all of Newport Township from their headquarters in the (old) Wanamie Municipal Building. Officers and members of both companies, along with the fire police, are pleased to announce the overwhelming success of their recent Spaghetti Dinner held on Sunday, May 31, at the R Bar and Grill in Alden. Nearly 300 dinners were served. Guests also took the opportunity to socialize in the dining area which sported red and black table cloths in recognition of the colors of Newport Township High School. Desserts were plentiful and delicious, thanks to the donations of members, their wives, and supporters of the fire companies. Members effectively handled their responsibility of serving the public and bussing tables. The fire companies extend their highest appreciation to the owners and staff of the R Bar and Grill for their expertise and commitment to the success of this event. Another affair is being planned for September 13th.



Pictured socializing after their meal are left to right: Justin Koch, Lindsey Temarantz, Jaynann Temarantz, Terry Womelsdorf, Jessica Purvin, Ariel Smith, and Jeff Smith.

## Township Firemen Overwhelmed with Brush Fires

*By Tom Kashatus* ~ As of the middle of May, Fire Chief Jason Kowalski stated that the Department has been "hammered" with brush fires this year with nineteen in April and over fifteen thus far in May. Most of these fires have been taking place on Alden Mountain to the rear of the former Equipment Center, behind Enrico's Center Inn in Newport Center, and along West Kirmar Avenue between Wanamie and Glen Lyon. On a number of occasions the Pennsylvania Forestry Department was called upon for assistance with personnel and equipment. The high numbers gave cause for investigations by the Forestry Service. Chief Kowalski noted that the costs that are incurred by the Forestry Service need not be reimbursed by the municipality to the Forestry Service.

In other department news, ten members from the Glen Lyon-Alden Fire Department and Consolidated Fire Department recently received 24 hours of National Incident Management System (NIMS) training and all became certified. This system was established just after the terrorist attacks on 9-11. It is a uniform command system used by emergency responders across the board. These emergency responders include the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), Pennsylvania Emergency Management Administration (PEMA), Emergency Management Agencies (EMA's) of Luzerne County and Newport Township, and local municipal officials, police, fire departments, and ambulance units. NIMS establishes a command system with a definite structure of personnel to include an Incident Commander, Safety Officer, Public

Information Officer, Liaison Officer and other support personnel. There are also different levels of this training; and the highest, or 400 level, is mandatory for fire department officers lieutenants and above. Instructors Jeff Finley (primary) and Mark Nalesnik (secondary) were provided by the Fire Academy; and their fee of \$400.00 was paid by the Newport Township Fire Relief Association. Many fire departments subsist on grants by the federal and state governments, and FEMA helps insure that responsible personnel within that department are NIMS compliant as required.

On June 27th Newport Township Fire Department will participate in a Six County Firemen's Parade which commemorates all emergency services. The parade features judging of vehicles and uniformed personnel of the various departments. Honeypot Hose Company is designated as the host fire company of this event.



Pictured above are Township firefighters responding to fire along West Kirmar Avenue between Glen Lyon and Wanamie.



Pictured in NIMS class are seated left to right: Deputy Fire Chief John Elmy, Mike Makavensky, Gerry Shemanski, and Evan Wasilewski. Standing left to right are: Instructor Jeff Finley, Ron Papciak, Gary Galazin, Fire Chief Jason Kowalski, Dan Kowalski, Leona Kowalski, Jim Hoffman, and Instructor Mark Nalesnik.

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When a man becomes a fireman his greatest act of bravery has been accomplished. What he does after that is all in the line of work.

~ Edward F. Croker, FDNY



## Easter Events



On April 4th, a sunny but windy Saturday afternoon, the Newport Township Women's Activity Group held its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Wanamie Recreation Park. Above, on the left and below on the left are some of the lucky children who found treats hidden in the grass. The Easter Bunny's arrival on the fire truck was greeted with great delight and children gathered to have their picture taken. A fun day was had by all!



**Firemen's Good Friday Food Sale:** Above are Lee Kowalski, Len Paczkowski, and Norman Bodek along with Ron Womelsdorf (seated) serving potato pancakes at the Food Sale on April 3. Also sold were clam chowder and halushki.

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~ Robert Brault



# THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD CLEANUP



On Saturday April 25, the Newport Township Recreation Board held a cleanup of the parks and playgrounds in the Township. Among the volunteers were members of the Newport Township Community Organization, the American Legion Auxiliary, Women's Activity Group, and the South Valley Softball League. Gloves, snacks and drinks were donated by Palmira Miller of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council. Special thanks to Brian Stashak who brought his generator and power sander, Lorrie Materewicz who conducted the Coal Street and Alden playground cleanups and Patty Smith and John Jarecki who stayed late to help members of the Recreation Board paint the playground equipment. Members of the Newport Township Recreation Board include Heidi Jarecki, Judy Pazgan, Dane Cooper, Ray Brabant, and Paul Pierson. Thanks to all who participated.



In the days following the clean-up, Recreation Commissioner Jack Vishnefski, Ray Brabant, and crew (pictured above) continued working at the Wanamie Recreation Park installing the sliding board, pulling out railroad ties, and laying down fresh mulch, among other maintenance projects. Jack and Ray's hard work and dedication made this project a success. The Recreation Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Public input is encouraged.



# LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE



On Saturday May 9th, the Greater Nanticoke Area Little League held a parade which wound its way throughout the Township. Top left is the Red Devils team which is sponsored by the NTCO.





### Election Day Hoagie Sale

For the past several years, the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Adalbert's, Holy Spirit Parish, has held a hoagie sale on both the Primary Election Day and the General Election Day. Pictured above is the assembly line: Ann Marie Gorgas, Bernie Betkoski, Joanne Thomas, Carol Sobotka, Stefie Stogoski, Carol Wilkes, Debbie Prokop, and Heidi Jarecki. Thanks to all who bought our hoagies!



### St. Faustina's Parish Festival

St. Faustina's Festival was held June 24 -27 at their Grove in Sheatown. Despite some inclement weather, polka dancers kicked up their heels.



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Ceremony at St. Adalbert's/St Michael's Cemetery in Glen Lyon...

## Memorial Day Services

*By Tom Kashatus* ~ On Thursday before Memorial Day, preparations were made to decorate the Glen Lyon cemeteries by members of the Glen Lyon and Wanamie American Legions and Chester Stralka VFW. One thing was different this year: Little League T-Ballers, the Guardian Elder Care Center and Sallie Mae Sluggers, postponed their game for the evening and showed up at the cemeteries near Weinick Park. Young and old made short order of replacing the old weathered flags with new ones while also straightening many leaning flag staffs. It was a learning experience for the children and an opportunity for parents to communicate the purpose and their experiences of Memorial Day.

On the east end of the township, the cemetery behind the old Alden Hose House which has no official caretaker was readied for Memorial Day by volunteers Ed Hummel, Roy Tinney, Roy J. Tinney, and Laura Dennis. There were some dangerous overhanging trees which had to be removed in April. (Note: We are still looking for the person or organization that is responsible for this cemetery. Please call (570) 736-6981 with any information.)

Jefferies/Slapikas Post 971 did their usual fine job of visiting and honoring the deceased at St. Vladimir's Cemetery on Polander Hill, Alden; the Cemetery off E. Kirmar Avenue; the Veteran's Memorial on Robert Street; Holy Trinity Cemetery and Saint Nicholas' Cemetery in Sheatown; Old Newport Cemetery in Newport Center; Saint Mary's (old and new) in Wanamie, and the Veteran's Memorial near the Municipal Building in Wanamie. Credit must be given to our service organizations as their numbers are decreasing, and they faithfully continue to honor "those who gave their last full measure of devotion" year in and year out.

### Some commonly accepted facts about the Vietnam War:

- 58,148 Americans were killed and 304,000 wounded out of 2.59 million who served.
- The average age of those killed in Vietnam was 23.11 years.
- 50,274 were enlisted, average age 22.37.
- The average infantryman in the South Pacific during World War II saw about 40 days of combat in four years. The average infantryman in Vietnam saw about 240 days of combat in one year, because of mobility provided by the helicopter.



...and at St. Nicholas Cemetery in Glen Lyon.

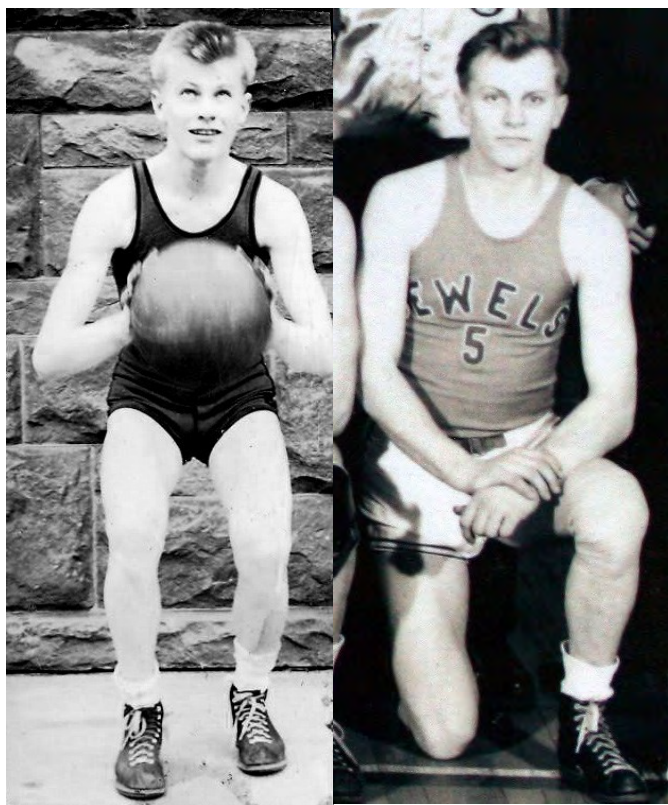


At the Veterans' Memorial on the Blockus property, Robert Street, Sheatown....



...and the (new) Saint Mary's Cemetery in Wanamie.





## Edmond "Doc" Vosheski

(Editors' note: In 1997, the Citizen's Voice newspaper invited readers to submit names to be listed among the "100 Top Athletes of Northeastern Pennsylvania." This article was written to nominate Ed "Doc" Vosheski of Glen Lyon by John Forgach. The article was never published. John passed away in 2008.)

*By the late John Forgach ~* Edmond "Doc" Vosheski, a lifelong resident of Glen Lyon and a former athlete of Newport Township High School in both basketball and baseball, was a member of that school's 1936 P.I.A.A. State Championship basketball team that defeated Newcastle by the score of 36 to 34. He was also a member of the 1937 team that lost in the State Championship Final to Pittsburgh South High School by the score of 38 to 28.

"Doc", as he was known to all, was considered by most sportswriters to be the most highly publicized and best forward in the state during that two-year period.

He received scholarship offers from Lafayette, Long Island University, Pittsburgh, Villanova and eventually selected an offer from the University of Scranton. He went on to make the basketball team as a freshman and played in every game except one in his only season as a "Tommie." (Editors' note: At that time, the school was called St. Thomas College.)

Baseball was Doc's passion. He was an outstanding southpaw pitcher for Newport Township High School, a team that won the Wyoming Scholastic League Championship in 1936 by defeating Plains in a 3 game series held at Artillery Park. Plains was the Northern Division Champion and Newport won the Southern Division by defeating Harter High School by the score of 8 - 0, behind the one-hit pitching of Doc. The Championship Series went to the final game. Plains won the opener,

### Remembering the 1936 Newport Township High School Basketball Championship Season

We all die. The goal isn't to live forever; the goal is to create something that will. ~ Chuck Palahnink



Pictured far left in 1937 with the Newport Township High School basketball team. In high school Doc starred in both basketball and baseball. (See the 2011 winter, spring and summer NTCO newsletters.) The middle picture shows Doc while on the 1947 Glen Lyon Jewels basketball team. (See the 2012 winter NTCO newsletter.) On the near left, with the 1948 Glen Lyon Condors when they won three consecutive Wyoming League baseball championships.

3 to 1; Newport won the next two; 5 to 1 and 6 to 3 in the Championship game. The coach of Newport's Championship baseball team was none other than Chet Rogowicz, who also coached the championship basketball team.

Doc also played for several local sandlot teams including the Glen Lyon Condors of the Wyoming Valley League, Orangeville of the Tri-County League, Hazleton of the Inter-State League, the Glen Lyon Kanadians, and Retreat. When professional baseball summoned, Doc left the area to play for the Knoxville "Smokies" of the Southern League. One of his teammates was catcher Andy Seminick, a former Philadelphia Phillie. Two of his adversaries were Pete Gray, the one-armed player from the Hanover Section of Nanticoke who played for Memphis and Ed Lopat, the former New York Yankee pitcher who played for Little Rock.

Upon leaving professional baseball, Doc returned to Glen Lyon to run his parents' tavern business. He later worked for the Susquehanna Coal Company and after its closing, went to work for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Corrections Officer in its prison system.

Doc passed away on March 7, 1984 at the age of 65 from heart failure due to diabetes and anthracosilicosis.

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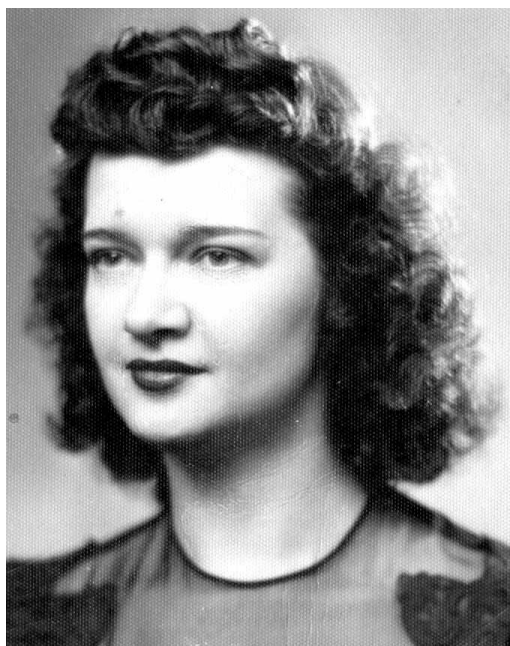
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From left: Estelle Forrish Repotski in 1931 graduating from Newport Township High School; in 1945 as Librarian at Newport; and in 1967.

## Newport Township Teachers: Mrs. Estelle Repotski

*By Donna Repotski Walters* ~ Estelle Forrish Repotski was born in Wanamie, Pennsylvania, on October 13, 1914. Her parents were Lena and Vincent Forrish. Lena was born in Massachusetts and was an American citizen. Vincent was a Polish immigrant who came to this country with four brothers to work in the coal mining industry.

Estelle was the eldest of three daughters, one of whom died in infancy. This child was buried in St. Michael's Cemetery, but her grave is lost. Estelle's remaining sibling was Eleanor Forrish Yatko.

Estelle grew up in Wanamie. She worked in her father's grocery store and butcher shop, which was located on Main Street. Later, she assisted her mother in the kitchen of a bar which they owned in Lee.

Her father Vincent was very progressive and insisted his daughters be well-schooled at a time when women were not usually expected to acquire an education. He purchased a piano and violin for Estelle who had an interest in music.

Estelle was a very intelligent child and skipped sixth grade. She graduated from Newport High School in 1931 at sixteen, and at seventeen she went off to New York City and enrolled at New York University. There, Estelle obtained a degree in English with a minor in art in 1937. When she returned to Newport Township, she attended College Misericordia and received a degree in Library Science and certification in Latin. She was hired in the Newport Township School District and taught English and Library Science at Newport High School. She frequently assisted Mr. Kovaleski and later Mr. Leonard (Penner) Zimolzak, the music teacher, with the production of plays, musicals and minstrels. She was an advisor to the first yearbook published by Newport High School in 1942. After the High School burned down in 1963, she taught at Pulaski School in Glen Lyon which was in double sessions because of the fire.

When the United States entered World War II, Estelle took leave from her teaching position at Newport to work as a tank draftsman at the AC & F (American Car and Foundry) plant in Berwick. The

plant, which originally made railroad cars, was converted to make Stuart tanks for the American army. While there, she met her future husband, Eugene F. Repotski who lived in Glen Lyon. She only knew Eugene for a few months before he was called to serve his country. He left for Italy in 1943, and he and Estelle wrote to one another throughout the war and carried on a long distance romance. Eugene returned to the United States in early 1945 and he and Estelle were married on the first of June that same year. Five years later, they became the parents of a daughter, Donna.

At some point between 1953 and 1954, Estelle took a temporary position as organist and choir director at St. Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon when the regular organist passed away. (Editor's note: Estelle's daughter Donna performs the same function today At St. Adalbert's.) In the summer of 1954, the family moved to Old Newport Road in Sheatown and joined Holy Child Church where Estelle sang in the choir.

Estelle continued to teach at Newport until the merger with Nanticoke in 1967. She then became the librarian at the new John S. Fine High School and remained in that position until she retired in 1971 after 35 years of teaching. She and her husband purchased a home in Naples, Florida and lived there until Eugene died in 2000. Estelle then moved to her daughter's home in Nanticoke. She remained there until 2005 when, at the age of 90, she peacefully passed from this life.

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