



I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields... It covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says, 'Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again.' ~ Lewis Carroll



A snowy night in Glen Lyon

Newport Township Public Business

By John Jarecki ~ The following items of public business were discussed or acted on at the Township Commissioners' work session in September and at their regular monthly meetings in October, November, and December:

September 20, 2016: Township Manager Peter Wanchisen said that he reorganized the operation of the Township office, increasing the activities and responsibilities of the position formerly called the Administrative Assistant, and changing its title to Administrative and Operations Director. Joseph Hillan now holds the position, which, in addition to the duties of the Administrative Assistant, now includes the supervision of the Street Department. The new position also includes duties related to the Police and Fire Departments. Because all these duties are the responsibility of one person, the Township actually reduces its human resources costs.

October 3, 2016: 1) The Commissioners voted to approve an ordinance regulating soliciting and peddling in Newport Township. The ordinance requires a person engaging in these activities to get a license that is good for 30 days by paying a fee of \$20 and filling out a form giving the following information: name, address, employer, merchandise to be sold,

vehicle to be used, and whether the person has been convicted of a crime. In addition, the person must carry a copy of this registration form while conducting business.

The purpose of the ordinance is to protect residents against unscrupulous solicitors. The Township Manager will keep a list of persons having licenses, and residents will be able to call to find out if the person soliciting has registered with the Township.

Certain persons are exempt from registering by State law, for example: children under the age of 18 selling certain items for Scout organizations, insurance agents, members of religious or charitable organizations, and people who have paid a business privilege tax in another municipality.

The penalty for violation is \$300 plus costs.

2) The Commissioners voted to approve a resolution to authorize borrowing from FNCB Bank an amount of up to \$28,000, for a term of 4 years, at an interest rate of 2.62%, for the purpose of purchasing a 2016 Ford Interceptor SUV police car.

3) The Commissioners voted to approve hiring Jennifer Polito to do temporary financial consulting work, at a rate of \$350 a month, in order to identify and correct what seem to be numerous accounting errors in Township financial records. (Continued on next page)

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This will be a step in preventing any future loss of Township funds such as was recently discovered.

- Mr. Wanchisen included the following items in the Manager's Report:
- 1) He said that he reviewed Township insurance coverage and found that we could eliminate unnecessary coverage and purchase necessary insurance, from highly reputable companies, at a lower cost than at present.
 - 2) He also switched the Township electricity provider to a lower-cost company, South Jersey Energy, which will save the Township approximately \$4472 a year. He also found that Newport Township was not listed as a tax-exempt entity and that correcting this oversight would save several more hundred dollars a year in electricity costs.
 - 3) He found an alternative bonding company that would reduce the cost of the Township Manager's bond from \$1050 a year to \$475 a year and would increase coverage from \$300,000 to \$450,000.

- November 7, 2016:**
- 1) The Commissioners voted to approve applying for a State Local Share Grant (gaming money grant) to be used in purchasing a new dump truck, the present one being 11 years old.
 - 2) The Commissioners voted to spend \$8,000.00, all of which comes from State Liquid Fuels grant money, for the purchase of a tar buggy to use for road maintenance in filling cracks in asphalt before they become larger and cause serious damage to pavements.
 - 3) The Commissioners voted to approve the transfer of \$25,659 from the Township Recycling Fund to the General Fund. This amount is equal to the salaries of three Township workers who did recycling work during the first three quarters of 2016, and is therefore eligible for transfer to reimburse the General Fund for payment of those salaries.
 - 4) The Commissioners voted to keep 2017 tax rates unchanged from those of 2016. They also voted to renew Mel Dudek's appointment to a five-year term on the Township Sewer Authority.

Mr. Wanchisen included the following items in the Manager's Report:

- 1) He said that the Township had received an alphabetical list of Sewer Authority customers. That list will be used to update Berkheimer's per capita tax list for the Township. The per capita list has not been updated since it was originally compiled.

- 2) Effective as of January 1, 2017, the Township will only accept payments in the form of checks, money orders, or credit/debit cards. This will provide a more efficient way of handling these payments. More importantly, it is one of 3 steps that the Township is taking to ensure that Township funds will not be lost in the future as they have been in the recent past. A second step is introducing a more rigorous auditing procedure, including hiring a consultant to correct accounting errors in financial records (as mentioned above) and an accountant especially noted for thorough and careful work. A third step is to require that financial work in the Township office be reviewed by two people, who would at present be Mr. Wanchisen and Mr. Hillan.

- 3) Mr. Wanchisen acknowledged the receipt of \$1,490 from the Newport Township Lions' Club to be used to purchase a printer for a Police car and for the repainting of recreation park benches. A Township resident has volunteered to do the painting.

- 4) Commissioner John Zyla, Mr. Wanchisen, and Police Chief Jeremy Blank recently spoke to Luzerne County District Attorney Stephanie Salavantis about a problem the Township has involving drug and alcohol tests performed on motorists suspected of a DUI violation. Commissioner John Zyla also spoke with Luzerne County Judge Richard Hughes about the same problem, which is that if the Township Police performs one of these tests on a driver who does not have health insurance, the Township is billed for the test. As a result of these efforts, Judge Hughes has agreed to attempt to find a solution to the problem.

December 5, 2016: Township Solicitor Rich Shiptoski read a letter which he had already given to the Commissioners in which he said that he is resigning with regret from his position as Solicitor as of December 31 2016. He cited an increased amount of work in other areas of law in which he is engaged and a desire to spend more time on his private law practice. Commissioner Zyla and Manager Wanshisen thanked him for his service and complimented him on the fine work he has done for the community.

The Commissioners voted to approve:

- 1) a Township Budget for 2017, 2) tax rates for 2017 that are unchanged from those of 2016, and 3) a refuse plus recycling fee (for payments made in the special discount period) of \$195, which is \$25 less than last year's fee of \$220.

Mr. Wanchisen included the following items in the Manager's Report:

- 1) He said that he has completed a check on the accuracy of the list of Township residents required to pay the per capita tax by comparing that list with the Newport Township Sewer Authority's list of residents. He will make a further check by comparing the per capita list with the Township's file of occupancy permits.
- 2) Waste Management Inc. was the successful bidder for the Township's trash collection contract for the years 2017 (at a cost of \$264,600), 2018 (\$268,592), and 2019 (\$272,592).
- 3) Signs have been placed signs at all entry points into the Township indicating that permits are now required for peddling and soliciting.
- 4) One of the police cruisers (the sedan) hit a deer and was badly damaged. Instead of repairing it, it will be sold "as is" on the Muncibid internet website and the money from the sale will be used to refurbish the other police vehicles.
- 5) As of January 1, 2017, the Township's insurance coverage will be transferred to DGK Insurance and Financial Services, an employee-owned independent insurance agency located in Factoryville, Pennsylvania. The total insurance bill will decrease.
- 6) The Newport Sewer Authority donated an electric generator that is no longer in use to the Township to enhance emergency response services. This will save the Township a good deal of money.

Township Budget for 2017
by John Jarecki

At their monthly meeting on December 5, the Township Commissioners approved a budget for 2017. The budget is divided into four major parts, of which revenue and expenses are listed in the following table.

	Revenue	Expenses
General Budget	\$ 843,596	\$ 843,596
Refuse Budget	310,025	310,025
Recycling Budget	63,000	63,000
Liquid Fuels Budget	143,431	143,431
Total	\$1,360,052	\$1,360,052

For the 2017 budget as a whole, the five largest sources of revenue are listed in the following table along with the corresponding amounts from the 2016 budget.

	2016	2017
Refuse and Recycling Fees	\$375,000	\$378,133
Real Estate Tax	305,000	308,414
Earned Income Tax	292,000	331,053
Liquid Fuels Payment from State	125,000	143,431
Building Code Enforcement	27,500	30,000
Total Revenue	\$1,298,500	\$1,360,592

These amount to about 87% of total income. The largest source of 2017 revenue, refuse and recycling fees, results in a combined refuse and recycling fee of \$195 per household, \$25 less than the \$220 charged last year. The 2017 real estate or property tax rate is 2.2 mills (a mill is \$1 in taxes per \$1000 of property value), which is the same as last year. The expected earned income tax receipts are about \$39,000 more than last year's expected amount. They have been corrected to more closely match the actual earned income tax receipts from 2016.

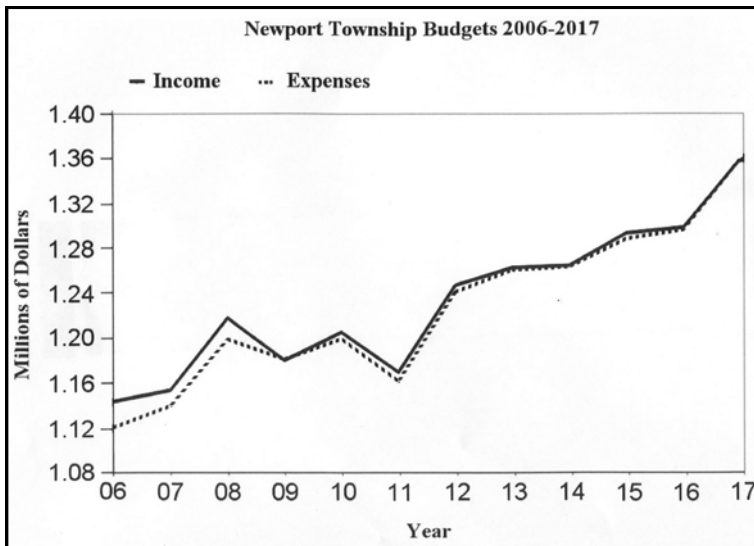
The six largest expenditures from the 2017 budget are listed in the following categories along with the corresponding amounts from the 2016 budget.

	2016	2017
Refuse Collection	\$270,120	\$272,592
Street Department	255,120	260,223
Police department	171,049	186,068
General Government	120,851	184,868
Fire Department	170,326	174,404
Employee Fringe Benefits	150,410	149,841
Total Expenditures	\$1,296,703	\$1,360,592

These categories amount to about 87% of total expenses. For 2017, the largest expenditure, which covers the amount Waste Management (the new trash collector) charges the Township for refuse collection, is slightly more than last year. The increase in Street Department funding is the result of increased spending for such things as wages, winter maintenance, street cleaning, and equipment purchases. The largest single item in the increase in Police funding is increased spending on salaries for part time officers. The increase in general government funding is the result of increased spending on a variety of items, such as engineering services, rentals, and consulting fees.

A number of figures in this year's budget are different from last year's because of improved accounting methods. This makes it difficult to directly compare the 2016 and 2017 budgets. The overall result, though, is that both income and expenditures are about 4.5 percent above those of last year. In comparison, the following chart shows the changes in total income and expenditures in the Township budget from 2006 to 2017. Except for 2017, over this 12 year period, income and expenditures have increased by an average of about 1.5 percent a year.

During this time, the average annual inflation rate has been about 2 percent. Budget income and expenditures have therefore approximately increased at the same rate as the cost of the products and services the Township purchases.



New Police ATV

By John Jarecki ~ On Tuesday November 1, Township Commissioners John Zyla, Paul Czpracki, John Vishnefski, and Debbie Zaleski, together with State Senator John Yudichak and State Representative Gerald Mullery, introduced to the public an enclosed ATV that will be used by the Township Police Department in off-road locations to deal with such problems as illegal dumping, nuisance shooting, vandalism, and rescue situations. The Township purchased the vehicle, a blue 2016 Polaris General 1000 ATV, with funds from Earth Conservancy and a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Keystone Communities grant program. Senator Yudichak said that this is the first ATV used by a police department for this purpose in Luzerne County and, in fact, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



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NTCO PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Stephen E. Phillips

Winter 2017

During the past three months, the Newport Township Community Organization has continued to exert a positive influence in the Township.

Co-Chairpersons Palmira Miller and Lorrie Materewicz have continued to do an outstanding job with the Organization's sponsored monthly food distribution at the American Legion in Glen Lyon. Since the inception of this Program in June of this year, the number of households served has increased from 23 to 90. This Report is being drafted prior to the December distribution. Given the time of year, the figure may very well increase again.

During the Township Commissioners' meeting in November, this writer complimented the Board for its successes during the year, and suggested that it adopt a proactive approach to encourage development within the Municipality. The Community Organization is prepared to assist in this endeavor. Expansion of new residential, commercial, and industrial development within the Township would provide a substantial boost to the local tax base and increase the Municipality's tax revenue.

This entity continues to assist other nonprofit and community related groups via cash contributions and other means of support. For example, your Community Organization has written two letters endorsing the Earth Conservatory's Bliss Bank Reclamation Project, and also advocated for the grants submitted by that Body to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the same projects as well as the restoration of Espy Run.

The Community Organization's dedicated Recreation Chairperson, Merlyn "Murph" Fletcher is in the process of developing an extensive program of activities for the coming year. The Program's magnitude will depend upon the amount of funding generated to assist in underwriting the cost of the ventures, and especially upon the number of volunteers who lend their assistance to the implementation phase. Fiscal constraints preclude the Municipality from assuming an active role, therefore, the Community Organization is attempting to fill the void, but help is needed.

In conclusion, I join all my fellow Community Organization members in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Joy-filled New Year.

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Winter Moon over Glen Lyon

Nature's Beauty

He who marvels at the beauty of the world in summer will find equal cause for wonder and admiration in winter....In winter the stars seem to have rekindled their fires, the moon achieves a fuller triumph, and the heavens wear a look of a more exalted simplicity.

~ John Burroughs,
 "The Snow-Walkers," 1866
 Photo by Paul Jarecki

The Flora and Fauna of Newport Township



Black Capped Chickadee

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki
 ~ A common sight at any bird feeder during the winter months is the chickadee. This cheerful little bundle of energy can brighten even the darkest winter day. We especially love their sometimes roly-poly shape. This one was spotted on Engle Street in Glen Lyon.

Chickadee Facts

1. The Chickadee is a small North American bird of the titmouse family. The black-capped chickadee (*Parus atricapillus*), lively and gregarious, is a permanent resident over most of its range in the East. Both sexes have black caps, gray backs and wings, and fluffy white to buff underparts.
2. Chickadees can be found coast to coast across the northern half of North America. Their range in the north extends to the southern edge of Canada's Northwest Territories and the Yukon, and the southern half of Alaska, and they inhabit the northern half of the United States.
3. Chickadees are one of the easiest birds to attract to feeders for suet, sunflower seeds, and peanuts. They don't mind using tiny hanging feeders that swing in the wind, and also readily visit window feeders. Planting willow, alder, and birch trees provides future nesting habitat for chickadees.
4. Chickadees may also be distinguished by their distinctive call of 'chick-a-dee-ee-ee'. The call can be incredibly complex, and can convey information about their flock, mating status, and nearby

threats. Chickadees will add more 'dee' sounds to their call when a threat is nearby.

5. During the summer, chickadees primarily eat insects, and will often gorge themselves on caterpillars. They will also catch flying insects in mid-air as they hop from branch to branch in trees and take short, quick flights between shrubs. During the winter months, they will change their diet and primarily eat seeds and berries, and can often be attracted by black oil sunflower seeds. Chickadees are quite curious and trusting, and will even land on your hand if you have birdseed to offer them.
6. The chickadee is the state bird of Maine and Massachusetts, and the provincial bird of New Brunswick in Canada.
7. Chickadees fly at a speed of around 12 to 13 miles per hour.
8. Chickadees can gain as much as 10 percent of their body weight each day and lose it all again during a cold winter night.
9. Chickadees weigh less than one-half of an ounce (.03-.05 oz.) When the temperature falls below 10 degrees, research has shown that the survival rate of chickadees almost doubled when they had access to feeders. This resulted in an overall higher winter survival rate of 69% versus a 37% survival rate for populations without access to feeders.
10. Chickadees will often nest in cavities that were once old woodpecker nests.
11. Chickadees are hoarders of bird seed. They will hide seeds in many different places that only they know about, and can remember thousands of these locations.
12. They usually mate for life.

Ebert Sworn In As Constable

Shown below right is Ron Ebert of Newport Street, Glen Lyon as the newly elected Constable of Newport Township. Luzerne County Judge William Amesbury presided over the ceremony while District Attorney Stephanie Salavantis looks on. Holding



the Bible are Constable Ebert's nephews Jaden and Logan Burke. Newport Township's senior constable is Norman Bodek of Wanamie.

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The Art of Winter

What a severe yet master artist old Winter is.... No longer the canvas and the pigments, but the marble and the chisel.

~ John Burroughs, "The Snow-Walkers," 1886



All-Newport Reunion

The 31st All-Newport Reunion was held Sunday October 9, 2016 at the Holy Transfiguration Hall in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke, pictured left. About 130 people attended. Pictured right are committee members Joe Molski and Phoebe Thomas Hillan. The reunion is held each year on Columbus Day weekend. It is open to all who attended Newport schools.



Pictured left at the All-Newport Reunion are: Tillie Howanitz Stapert, Ed Rogowicz, and Stephanie Shemanski Stogoski

Newport Class of '67

The Class of '67 will begin planning their 50th Reunion. Any class member interested in serving on the committee is asked to contact Heidi and Paul Jarecki at 570-736-6782 or email: hselecky@pa.metrocast.net. The first meeting will be on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 2:00 pm at Heidi's house.

Greater Nanticoke Area Class of '91 Celebrates 25 Year Reunion



GNA Class of '74 Celebrates Birthday



The GNA Class of 74 held a "60th Birthday Bash" from 1:00-9:00 pm at Konefal's Grove on Saturday, September 3rd, 2016. 50 plus members enjoyed great food and drink, dancing, games, and music by DJ Linda.

The photo includes the class members from Newport Township (NT) and Conyngham Township (CT). Everyone in the photo attended Pulaski Jr. High located on South Market, Glen Lyon from 1968-1971.

Seated left to right are: Vicki Frace (NT), Barbara Klotz (NT), Pam Ashford Prushinski (NT), Jane Kubasek Shaffer (NT), Earl Hess (CT), Phoebe Hillan Tarnowski (NT), and Sharon Vance Hitzner (NT).

Standing left to right are: Karen Morucci Kanjorski (NT), Jean Swithers (NT), Dave Prushinski (NT), Mike DeLuca (NT), Tom Rowlands (NT), Gene Novak (NT), Keith Augustine (NT), and Carol Bachstein (NT).

Left to right, front to back & Code: Nanticoke City (NA); Newport Township (NT); Plymouth Township (PT); West Nanticoke (WN); and Conyngham Township (CT).
 First row: Jason Adamczyk (NA); Tanya Casaldi Czek (NA); Denise Wasmanski Grigas (NA); Pat Dougherty (NA); Kim Starr Dougherty (NA); Kelly Weiss (NA) Holly Lucas Matos (NA); Brian Charlton (NT);
 Middle row: Joe Deluca (NT); Holly Ann Petroski Brannigan (NA); Scott Kairo (NA); Russell Brassington (NA); Heather Rusnak Brassington (PT); Carmen Wampfler Evans (NA); Larry Butczynski (NA); Kristin Egenski Sirak (PT); Joe Riley (NT); Amy Goodwin Saraka (NA); Jen Pasetti Krieger (NA); Brian Rinker (NA); Mike Edwards (WN); Jay Poslock (NA); and Jen Wendol (NT).
 Back row: Tim Yatsko (NA); Len Sodrosky (NT); Dave Zigarski (NA); Terence Walton (NT); Tony Hoover (NA); Ralph Pointkowski (NA); Ryan Pointkowski (NA); Jim Atherton (WN); Len Bartosiewicz (PT); Pete Czek (NT); Chris Bartosiewicz (PT); and John Brassington (NA).
 Absent from photo are: Rita Kirshner (NT), Joe Kosch (NA), and Rich Wiaterowski (NA).
 The event was held at the Saint Faustina Grove in Sheatown.

An Adventure Every Day

You may not know where you're going, but so long as you spread your wings the winds will carry you. ~ C. JoyBell

American Legion Auxiliary News

By Lorrie Materewicz



Lorrie Materewicz and Sally Billings

World War II Letters

December 7, 1941—Pearl Harbor—the date that will live in infamy—the start of U.S. involvement in World War II. Lives all over the world were changed, many ended, and it was 75 years ago. Today we have many reminders of that war: memorials, photos, books, newsreels...and letters. Lorrie Materewicz and Sally Billings are continuing to work on their project of returning World War II letters to family members. If you recall, this project was announced more than a year ago in this newsletter. Lorrie had discovered the scrap-

books containing the letters, Sally had sorted and alphabetized them, and a list was published and placed in the back of Holy Spirit Parish churches for folks to check to see if their relatives' names were on the list. To date 230 letters from 79 different veterans have been delivered to 45 family members. However, we still have a long way to go.. The updated list appears on page 7 of this newsletter. It also remains in the back of both St. Adalbert's and St Mary's Churches, so if you think your relation's name or the name of someone you know may be on that list, please contact Lorrie @ 736-7177 or Salley @ 736-6543 and we will follow up. It is our goal to place as many of these precious letters into the hands of family as possible. We appreciate your assistance and co-operation.

Food Distribution

The Newport Township Community Organization and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 continue to sponsor a monthly food distribution supported by the Weinberg Food Bank and CEO. It is held the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7 at the American Legion Post home at 62 Newport Street in Glen Lyon, and only Newport Township residents are eligible. The NTCO website may be checked for further information. Registration is necessary, but only requires a phone call to Lorrie Materewicz at 570-736-7177. Volunteers are also needed for this project for truck unloading, set-up, distribution and clean-up. Anyone wishing to volunteer may call Palmira Miller @ 570-592-7876.

Annual Agenda

The Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539, Post, Sal, Home Association, & Riders have their annual meetings to set agendas for the year in January. Since the timeline of the publishing of this newsletter conflicts with those meetings, that calendar will be published in the spring. Until then, please check your local newspapers and social media for upcoming events. We appreciate your continuing support!

Piggie/Haluski Sale

Sunday, November 6 was an incredibly busy day for the Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary 539 Unit. It was their annual piggie/haluski sale. But this year it was combined with a Chinese auction and used book event. In order to serve everyone more efficiently, it was decided to do deliveries prior to serving the general public, so our "piggie ranger" Joel Samuels loaded up his vehicle to make 11



Lorrie Materewicz, Barb Meyers, Tiffany Graham, Allie Graham, and Sally Billings

stops throughout Nanticoke and the Township. His hard work is deeply appreciated. We also had the support and encouragement of the following sponsors, and we thank them for their assistance and enthusiastic generosity: Friendly's Food Mart, MJ's Deli, Modern Gas, State Representative Gerald Mullery, Nanticoke Fitness Center & Tanning, Newport Township Community Organization, Newport Township Women's Activity Group, R-Bar & Grill/One Stop Service Center, Tarnowski's Kielbasa, & State Senator John Yudichak, Many thanks is extended to all our Chinese auction & used book donors, the many volunteers who gave countless hours to this project, and of course to our ever faithful supporting patrons without whom this event would not have been the huge success it was. Your participation has enabled us to raise funds for the many worthy projects we have in our future for the community and, of course, our veterans. God bless you and God bless America.

Christmas Party

The Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 held their annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 1 at the Legion post in Glen Lyon. The monthly meeting preceded the party. Caroling, many games, a raffle, and a gift exchange completed the evening. Anyone wishing to join is urged to call President Lorrie Materewicz at 570-736-7177. The group's activities are veteran and community-centered and volunteers are needed for a monthly food distribution. In the photo are seated from left, members Charlotte



Santry, Donna Burd, and Faye Maloney. Standing, second row, President Lorrie Materewicz, member Mary Martin, Secretary/Treasurer Sally Billings, junior member Allie Graham. Third row members Kathy Sobocinski, Karen Samuels, Tiffany Graham, and Chaplain Barb Meyers.

Illegal Dumpsites



By Tom Kashatus ~ The photo above was taken recently of an illegal dumpsite on the top of Alden Mountain and depicts a "thumb your nose at our community and authorities" attitude as this high profile location remains a favorite spot for litterers to dump their deplorable garbage. Another area which has been cleaned up time and time again is near Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Cemetery at Three Legged Pond outside of Glen Lyon.

After over ten years of dedicated volunteers constantly trying to create a positive image of Newport Township by cleaning highways, removing illegal dumpsites and tires from within our towns, applying for grants to clean up the "strippings," etc., there are those who betray moral consciousness and challenge authorities to catch them performing their illegal activities. As time goes by, it is hoped that members of our community will just try a little harder to keep a watchful eye and report any activity of illegal dumping throughout our beloved Newport Township and also report pertinent information to local law enforcement.

Babetski, Alfred	Kaczmarek, Frank	Makowski, Clarence
Babetski, Edward	Kaftanowicz, Stanley	Maslowski, Leonard
Babetski, Richard	Kalinowski, Leon	Maxey, Albert
Babskie, Robert	Kamieniecki, Frank	Meshinski, Joseph
Bellini, August	Kaminski, Leonard	Meyeski, Margaret
Benkoski, Walter	Kane, Norbert	Miara, Chester
Bodek, Edmund	Karcheski, Joseph	Michalek, Thomas
Bolek, Michael	Kasnikowski, Joseph	Mitros, Joseph
Bozinski, Edward	Kemp, Walter	Mitros, Julius
Bozinski, Sylvester	Kempinski, Philip	Mundgetski, Clem
Brocki, Henry	Keyeck, Anthony	Myefski, Edward
Brozowski, John	Keyek, Stanley	
Brozowski, Henry	Keyeck, Walter	Namowicz, Edward
Brutski, Walter	Kizelowicz, John	Namowicz, John
Bukoski, Walter	Kleypis, Edward	Nork, Edward
Bush, Albert	Kmietowicz, Edward	Noss, Alfred
Butka, Albert	Kmietowicz, Walter	Novak, Alvin
Butkiewicz, Edward	Koas, Adolph	Novak, Barney
	Kolakoski, Celia	Novak, Ernest
Cassoni, Alexander	Kornoski, Leonard	Novak, John
Cheklinski, Michael	Koval, Joseph	
Chelmecki, Michael	Kovaleski, Albert	Obidzinski, Chester
Cheski, Max	Kovaleski, Steven	Odinetz, Frank
Chmielak, Albert	Kowalski, John	Olenginski, Henry
Chmielewski, Henry	Kowaleski, Clarence	Olshefski, Anthony
Cobosko, John	Krauser, Leonard	Omichinski, Chester
Cwiklik, John	Kray, John	Omichinski, Ted
Cwiklik, Michael	Kray, Frank	Ozechowski, Edward
	Kriefski, Albert	
Dekutoski, Casmir	Kriefski, Eugene	Pawloski, Edmund
Dombroski, Gerard	Kriefski, Sylvester	Pawloski, Joseph
Dombroski, Sygfried	Krzywicki, John	Petchik, Edmund
Domzalski, Stanley	Kuchinski, Chester	Petchik, Leo
Drozdienski, Joseph	Kuchinski, Joseph	Piavis, George
Dudzinski, Frank	Kwiatkowski, Ted	Piavis, Walter
Dudzinski, Walter		Pietrzyk, John
	Lashinski, Joseph	Pish, Chester
Fundalewicz, Leonard	Laskowski, Joseph	Pish, John
	Leshniak, Julius	
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Gionta, Quinto	Levulis, Josephine	Rachunas, Frank
Gorney, Walter	Lipski, Henry	Ramaika, Joseph
Guffrowicz, Emory	Lipski, Wanda	Rasmus, Walter
Helmecki, John	Lucas, J.A.	Reno, Wadic
Helmecki, Leonard		Repotski, Stephen
Himilefski, Frank		Ringawa, Walter
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**Remembering Newport Township Veterans:
St Adalbert's WW II Service Club**

During World War II, the parishioners of St. Adalbert's Church, Glen Lyon, formed a Service Club to send news bulletins and comfort packages to those serving in the military. The men and women often wrote letters, notes, postcards, greeting cards, V-letters, or change-of-address cards back. These items were kept in scrapbooks. The scrapbooks were recently discovered by Lorrie Materiewicz, President of the Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary would like to return the letters to family members.

If your family member is listed here and you would like to obtain the original letters, please call Lorrie at 570-736-7177 or Sally at 570-736-6543.

Robachinski, Stanley	Supko, Joseph
Rokicki, Edmund	Sweeney, Stanley
Rule, Chester	Talanowski, John
Ruminski, Thomas	Tarnowicz, Edward
Russin, Stanley	Tereshinski, Joseph
	Tereshinski, Thomas
Sawetski, Jean	Terkoski, Ray
Schraeder, Raymond	Terkoski, Sylvester
Scott, Clemence	Tokarchik, Joseph
Shekletski, Zigmund	Trynoski, Joseph
Shemanski, Clemence	
Shemanski, Walter	Valenia, Chester
Sherrick, Frank	Venslove, Adam
Sherrick, Kazmier	Vinicki, John
Sherrick, Stanley	Voytkowski, John
Shutta, Bernard	
Shutta, Carl	Waclawski, Clem
Shutta, Leonard	Waclawski, Zigmund
Shutta, Michael	Wintergrass, Frank
Skouronski, Clem	Wrona, Eugene
Slupecki, Joseph	Wuchek, John
Smocarski, Edmund	Wyda, Edward
Snopkoski, Ed	
Snopkoski, Ray	Yablonski, Lew
Sobolewski, John	Yachimiak, Edmund
Sopka, Joseph	Yacuboski, John
Stankiewicz, Stanley	Yacuboski, Stanley
Stopchinski, Stanley	
Stopchinski, Ted	Zakrzewski, Clem
Strzalka, Chester	Zaucha, Mitchell
Strzalka, Frank	Zawacki, Louis
Strzalka, Joseph	Zawala, Chester
Stuczynski, John	Zawala, Edward
Stuczynski, Joseph	Zawatski, Edward
Sugalski, Paul	Zawatski, Eugene

Newport Township Obituaries

By Tom Kashatus ~ The Newport Township Community Organization has added an obituary page to its quarterly newsletter since the 2014 winter issue. These obituaries are in reference to individuals who have ties to Newport Township and/or Newport Township High School. This page has been receiving favorable reviews from our readers and we hope that it continues into the future. The obituaries in the newsletter are published in abbreviated form due to limited space; thusly, it has been decided to run a more complete obituary on our website to include employment, survivors, family, church membership, funeral director, place of interment, etc. See www.newporttownship.com. The website also has a link leading to the original newspaper obit. Your comments are always welcome. If someone is missed, please notify this writer at tomkash@verizon.net or call (570) 736-6981.

GROZIO, Dolores M. (nee Baluta), 85, of Prince Street, Sheatown, passed away Friday, September 9, 2016.

LUCKE, Jane A. (nee Rushin), 86, of Anderson Township, OH, passed away August 20, 2016. Jane was born on February 7, 1930. She was raised in Alden, was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '47 and Penn State University Class of '51.

KRAY, Robert C. Sr., 86, of Mountain Top, passed away Monday evening, September 19, 2016. He was a professor at Luzerne County Community College.

WASENDA, Raymond, 90, passed away Sunday, September 18, 2016. Ray was born January 23, 1926. He was raised in Alden and graduated from Newport Township High School Class of '44. He was a veteran of the US Army, joining the Army Air Corps and was trained to fly the P-38 Lightning fighter plane.

PIENTKA, Eleanor L. (nee Cholewa), 86, of Alden, Prospect Hill, passed away Thursday, September 22, 2016. Eleanor was born in Nanticoke on April 11, 1930.

AUGUSTINE, Janet Marie (nee Jakes), 83, of Brooks Estates, Wesley Village, Jenkins Township, and formerly of Sheatown, passed away September 22, 2016. Janet was born in Hanover Township. She was employed by Luzerne County for over 30 years at the Recorder of Deeds office and later as director of the Tax Claim Office.

ANTONIK, David P., 59, of Wanamie, passed away Monday, September 26, 2016. David was born on December 5, 1956. He attended John S. Fine High School in Nanticoke and retired from Luzerne County Community College working in the maintenance department.

GOTCHA, Andrew J., 87, of Alden was born on March 1, 1929, and raised in the Kanadian section of Glen Lyon. He passed away September 29, 2016. Andrew graduated from Newport Township High School Class of '47. He had been employed by Glen Alden Coal Company (Susquehanna breaker) and retired from Mr. Z's, Nanticoke, from the maintenance department. He had been highly active in the Newport Township Little League, Saint John the Baptist Cemetery Association, and the Newport Township Lions Club.

MASLOWSKI, Marie B. (nee Sawinski), 95, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, October 2, 2016. Marie was born in Glen Lyon on April 19, 1921.

FRANKEVICH, John E., 90, of Alden, passed away on October 3, 2016. He was born in Alden on September 19, 1926. John was a graduate of Newport Township High School. He was a US Army veteran serving his country in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II.

McMAHON, Gerald A., 53, of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, October 3, 2016, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Gerald was born in Lancaster, PA, on May 28, 1963. He was a graduate of John S. Fine High School and Luzerne County Community

College. He was employed by Henry Schien Dental Co. of Hanover Township. Gerry was a member of the Glen Lyon Hose Company and the Newport Township Lions Club. He served as president of the Newport Township Crime Watch.

BROCKI, Henrietta (nee Washock), 93, of Sheatown, passed away October 16, 2016. Henrietta was born in Nanticoke on August 18, 1923. She was a housewife and a cook at the former Saint Stanislaus Medical Center in Sheatown.

MISAVAGE, Martin V., 83, raised in Glen Lyon and a resident of Port Saint Lucie, FL, passed away on March 3, 2016. Dr. Misavage was born in Nanticoke on April 19, 1933. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '51 and the University of Pennsylvania where he attained degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences and Doctor of Dental Surgery. He was a veteran of the US Navy, attaining the rank of Lieutenant and was stationed at the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot of Parris Island. He practiced dentistry for 45 years at West Palm Beach, FL.

MURPHY, Gertrude (nee Smocharski), 97, a resident of Mercy Center, Dallas, and formerly born, raised, and a lifelong resident of Glen Lyon, passed away October 24, 2016. Gertrude was born on September 22, 1919. She graduated from Newport Township High School Class of '38 and College Misericordia in 1955. She was employed by the PA Department of Welfare as a caseworker and later as a supervisor.

BRALCZYK, Bolish J, 74, a life resident of Glen Lyon, passed away October 30, 2016. Bolish was born on January 26, 1942. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '60 and was a US Army veteran. Bolish had been employed by Eberhart Faber of Mountain Top and Topps Chewing Gum in Duryea.

KERBAUGH, Alicia Rose, 23, of Plymouth, and formerly of Sheatown, passed away October 6, 2016. Alicia was born January 10, 1993. She was a graduate of Greater Nanticoke Area High School.

FINNEGAN, Robert, 85, of Levittown, passed away July 14, 2016. Robert was raised in Wanamie, Newport Township. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '51 and served in the Armed Services from 1951 to 1952 and the National Guard until 1954. He was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad (later CONRAIL).

GAVRISH, Clemence J., 93, of Glen Lyon, passed away November 6, 2016. Clem was born on May 25, 1923, and was the son of the late John and Anna (Boynoski) Gavrish. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '41. He also was a WWII veteran serving as a squad leader overseas in Italy with the 349th Infantry Training Regiment. He had been employed as a coal miner with Susquehanna Coal Co. Breaker in Glen Lyon and later with the Luzerne County Road and Bridge Department. Clem was active as a volunteer with the Newport Township Little League and Newport Township Bidy Basketball.

MAY, Jamie L. (nee Gardjulis), 36, of Wanamie, died November 6, 2016 at home. Jamie was born June 24, 1980. Jamie had been employed at RCN, Citizens Bank, and Navient of Hanover Township.

HOOVER, Mae Susan (nee Smith Hunter), 53, of Prospect Street, Nanticoke and formerly of Wanamie, passed away November 7, 2016. Mae was born in Nanticoke on May 4, 1963. She had been employed by Birchwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Nanticoke. Mae is survived by her husband, Howard Hoover.

HUTTENSTINE, Adeline J. (nee Materewicz), 87, of Hanover Street, Nanticoke, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away November 13, 2016. She was born in Glen Lyon on January 30, 1929. Adeline was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '46. She had been employed by Pomeroy's of Wilkes Barre and Penn Footwear.

BARRON, Robert, 83, of Berwick passed away November 17, 2016. Robert was born in Glen Lyon on November 11, 1933. Robert was a US Army veteran of the early 1950's and was later employed by Old Spice in Clifton, NJ and Carlisle Plastics, Inc. of Berwick.

BOVA, Pasquale "Pat," 41, of Glen Lyon, passed away November 8, 2016 in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. "Pat" was born in Brooklyn, New York.

STREIMIKIS, William P., 66, formerly of Wanamie, passed away November 24, 2016. He attended Holy Spirit Parish/Saint Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon and Newport Township schools.

TASTE OF THE TOWNSHIP



Hot soup can warm a belly on the coldest winter day. Pictured is one of many at a Soup Event at the American Legion in Glen Lyon.

SOUP

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Food historians tell us the history of soup is probably as old as the history of cooking. Evidence of the existence of soup can be found as far back as 20,000 B.C. when hot rocks were used to boil the water and cook acorns and other plants. Watery gruel is the likeliest origin of soup. Cereals would be roasted and ground into a paste, which would later be cooked. The word "soup" probably derives from the bread over which this gruel was poured, called "sop" or "sup." The modern word comes from the French soupe ("soup", "broth"), which comes through Vulgar Latin suppa ("bread soaked in broth") or from a Germanic source, from which also comes the word "sop," a piece of bread used to soak up soup or a thick stew.

Traditionally, soups are classified into two main groups: clear soups and thick soups. The established French classifications of clear soups are bouillon and consommé. Thick soups are classified depending upon the type of thickening agent used: purées are vegetable soups thickened with starch; bisques are made from puréed shellfish or vegetables thickened with cream. Cream soups may be thickened with béchamel sauce and veloutés are thickened with eggs, butter, and cream. Other ingredients commonly used to thicken soups and broths include eggs, rice, lentils, flour, and grains. Soups are similar to stews, and in some cases there may not be a clear distinction between the two; however, soups generally have more liquid than stews.

Soup Facts

1. Americans eat over 10 BILLION bowls of soup every single year. Women are twice as likely to eat soup as men.
2. In the late 1700s, a French King had his royal chefs create a soup that would allow him to see his own reflection in the bowl and as a result, consommé (clear broth) was born.
3. Why did thin soups became all the rage in Europe during the 17th century? The spoon was invented. One wonders, how did they eat soup before the spoon??
4. Frank Sinatra always asked for chicken and rice soup to be available to him in his dressing room before he went on stage. He said it always cleared his mind and settled his tummy.
5. Another famous person who loved soup was Andy Warhol. He told someone that he painted those famous soup cans because it's what he had for lunch every day for 20 years! Andy Warhol turned the famous (or infamous) can into pop art. His painting "Small Torn Campbell Soup Can (Pepper Pot)" 1962, sold in 2006 for \$11.8 million.
6. January is National Soup Month. February 4th is National Homemade Soup Day.
7. The Campbell Soup Company started in 1869 by Joseph A. Campbell and Adam Anderson. Seven years later, Anderson left the company and the name became the "Joseph A. Campbell Preserve Company." Campbell reorganized into "Joseph Campbell & Co." in 1896. The following year, John T. Dorrance, a nephew of the general manager Arthur Dorrance, began working for the company and developed a commercially viable method for condensing soup by halving the quantity of its heaviest ingredient: water. He went on to become president

of the company from 1914 to 1930, eventually buying out the Campbell family.

There are thousands of recipes for soup, and everyone has their favorites. Here is one from Carolyn Phillips of Wanamie:

Carolyn's Zuppa Toscana

- 1 lb. Italian sausage cut into pieces
Sauté until browned
Then add: 2 minced cloves of garlic
6-8 red potatoes diced
Add: 2 qts. of chicken broth
1 pkg. of golden George Washington seasoning
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1 can cannellini beans drained
1 lb. cut spinach
Salt and pepper to taste
- When boiling and ready to serve, drizzle in egg mixture.
Egg mixture: 2 eggs
1/2 to 1 c. grated parmesan cheese
Juice of 1/2 lemon
Mix (should be like cake batter)
Drizzle into boiling soup.

Drug Abuse Epidemic

By Sue Heinz ~ There is an epidemic sweeping our community that can affect anyone, but is targeting mainly our young people as young as 11. It's not chicken pox or head lice or the flu. This epidemic can kill. It can affect anyone: the athlete, the popular crowd or the nerd; the D student, the A+ student and every letter in between; the low income, the middle class or the wealthy; the single parent family or the two parent family. No one is immune and there is no vaccine. Every young person in our community has already been touched by this epidemic, either personally or by having a friend or classmate affected. The worst part about this epidemic is that some families do not even realize that their child or grandchild is a victim. This epidemic is: Drug Abuse.

On Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017, the Newport Township Crime Watch will host a program presented by Rachel Wydra RN, Population Health Nurse, Northeast District Office, PA Dept. of Health, on the signs, symptoms and ways to combat this epidemic. The information you receive could help save the life of a son or daughter, a grandchild, a friend, a neighbor or even your own.

Please join Crime Watch on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017, at 7 pm at the Newport Township Municipal Bldg. on West Kirmar Avenue, Wanamie. Bring a friend, bring two, but please come. Become an active soldier in the war against the epidemic of Drug Abuse!

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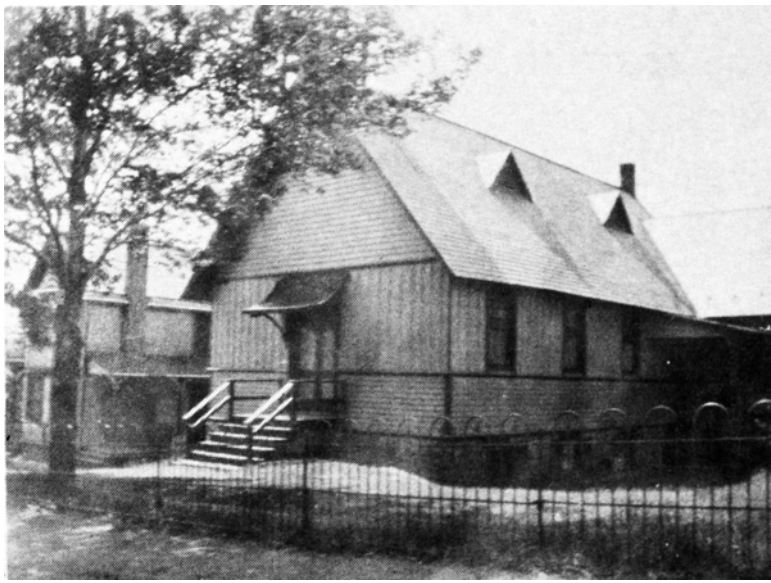


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Attention Buck Hunters!

If you are from Newport Township and harvested a buck in or out Newport Township, please forward the following information for the April 2017 Newsletter to tomkash@verizon.net: a photo of you and your harvest and where, points, weight, what used, and how long hunting. All appreciated.



Pictured left is Saint Andrew's Church in its early days. At right is how it appears today. Below is the Altar and the Moller organ.



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church The Little White Church on the Hill

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ St. Andrew's Church is a handsome white framed building which is located on East Kirmar Avenue in Alden. The interior lends itself to quiet contemplation with its softly lit altar, dark oak pews, walls and beamed ceiling, and stained glass windows.

The Episcopal Church in the Wyoming Valley had its beginnings when the first clergyman visited in 1772. However, it took forty years before regular services were held. The Episcopalians worshipped with other members of the church known as "Old Ship Zion" after it was built in 1812. Old Ship Zion was located on what is now Public Square in Wilkes-Barre and was part of a complex which included the court house, a market house, an academy, and a building used by county officials. In 1814, the Rev. Jackson Kemper of Philadelphia performed the first recorded baptism in the Valley according to the Prayer Book rite.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church was founded by Dr. Henry T. Jones, rector of St Stephen's in Wilkes-Barre in 1884. Rev. Jones persuaded two vestrymen of St. Stephen's, Richard Sharp, President of the Alden Coal Company and Charles H. Weiss, to build the church. Work began in early 1884. A Sunday School was started by W.H. Squarey on January 19, 1884 and held in the old Alden School, just up the street. The first service was held in the basement of the church on October 21, 1884 by the Rev. Arthur Forbes of New York. The charter members of the church were: W. H. Squarey, W. H. Bray, Thomas Turner, Charles H. Weiss, George Smith, Alexander Smith, John O. Jones, Edwin Jones, Michael Richburn, Samuel Young, Martin G. Edgar and Mary C. Metzgar. K.M. Smith served as senior warden and is listed as a founding member.

The first baptism at St. Andrew's was performed on April 17, 1885 by Rev. William Brittain, minister in charge. Shortly after, Rev. Charles Carr took charge of the new parish. The completed church was consecrated on June 28, 1885 by Rt. Rev. Nelson Rulison, assistant Bishop of Central Pennsylvania. At that time, St. Andrew's had 84 baptized persons, 21 communicants and 124 members in the Sunday School. St. Andrew's was a mission of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre. For a brief period, it was affiliated with the Lower Luzerne Parish. In 1982, St. Andrew's joined with St. George's, Nanticoke and St. Martin's, Nuangola to become the Episcopal United Ministry.

In 1923, through the generosity of local philanthropist, K. M. Smith, a pipe organ was installed in St Andrew's Church by Moller Organ Company of Hagerstown, Maryland. The church also held fund-raising events to help defray the cost. For example, a dance was held at Kirmar Park on April 14, 1924. Located in the chancel choir, the organ plays a prominent role in services.

Through the years, St. Andrew's has sponsored community groups, such as the Air Scout Squadron (Boy Scouts of America) in the late forties. The Church held Halloween parties for the children, and during the 1930's, penny suppers. In the late '30s, the Patri-

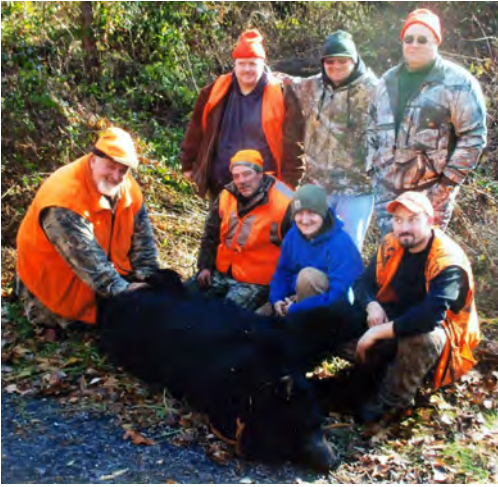


otic Order Sons of America met there. And in May 1939, miners and laborers gathered to form committees in an attempt to force the Alden Coal Company to reopen its mines and reemploy 500 men who had been affected by a shutdown for over two months. In August 1939, a joint picnic of combined Sunday schools of Methodist churches of Alden, Wanamie and Glen Lyon together with St. Andrew's was held at Moyer's Grove near Hobbie. Buses collected children and parents at various places in the township and conveyed them to the grove.

In 1984, the Church celebrated its centennial with Bishop Mark Dyer as celebrant. Three members of St. Andrew's entered the ministry: Rev. Gilbert Gould, Rev. William Smalley, and Rev. Carl Coslett.

Today, the Church has a small but active membership. It hosts the annual Fall Festival, the Blessing of Pets, the Ben Frace Lobster Dinner and other events. The immediate past pastor is Rev. John Leo. The current pastor is Rev. Charles Warwick.

Large Bear Harvested in Glen Lyon



By Tom Kashatus ~ Leon Bonczewski (shown kneeling far left) killed this 569 pound bear in the Hollywood section of Glen Lyon on the first day of bear season. He was hunting with Tim Pearson; his son, Tom Bonczewski; and Jay Wertz. Also shown in the photo are Leon Bonczewski Jr., Ben Bonczewski, and Mike Figmic Jr. The bear had been previously

tagged a while back by

the PA Game Commission in Nanticoke. It is claimed that the bear ravaged the garbage containers of Wanamie and Glen Lyon residents as evidenced by the remains in his entails.

Newport Firemen Purchase Wanamie Hose House



Members of the committee shown are Norman Bodek, member; Leonard Paczkowski, Secretary; John Elmy, President; Ronald Jones, Vice President; and Ron Womelsdorf, Treasurer.

By Tom Kashatus ~ After the Newport Township commissioners moved their offices along with the police department into the new Municipal Building on West Kirmar Parkway, the question arose as to what to do with the old municipal building/fire house. Subsequently after formal discussions and by mutual agreement, Newport Township's two fire companies, Consolidated Fire Department and Glen Lyon-Alden Fire Department, formed a committee to purchase the building and claim ownership to all properties associated with the former municipal property. Agreements were finalized on October 24, 2015, and for the purchase price of one dollar, joint ownership was taken by both companies.

Initially, many issues were put on the table for consideration: (1) repair of the building, (2) payment of utilities, (3) housing of the

vehicles and equipment, (4) major fundraising, etc. Even with the municipal fire protection tax, state grants to fire companies, and 24/7 fire truck drivers paid by the municipality, it was determined that additional funds were needed to make ends meet. That meant additional funding programs and hard work. Keep in mind that all active firemen except for the Fire Chief who receives a nominal yearly salary are all volunteers. The committee and the members with the cooperation and assistance of the R Bar in Alden decided to hold three fund raisers each year: (1) a fish dinner in February, (2) a breakfast in July, and (3) a spaghetti supper in September. It is hoped that the public will respond to this need when the volunteers are selling their tickets. This is also an excellent way to bring the community together for its own benefit. As committee member Mr. Bodek stated, "A good response by the public to our fundraisers will help us to help them during times of emergencies with up-to-date equipment and valuable training in our fire-fighting responsibilities."

Township Continues to Demolish Substandard Properties



By Tom Kashatus ~ Glen Lyon resident and community activist, Dwayne Knapp, expressed his pleasure and relief over the demolition of the property at the southwest corner of S. Chestnut and Newport Street (42-44 Newport Street). Mr. Knapp lives on the opposite corner from the now empty lot and had always been concerned about the danger that it posed to nearby residents and his young grandson who plays in the area. He would like to compliment the commissioners for their effort to get the difficult job and complicated paperwork completed. He also feels that Brdaric Construction has done an excellent job with the demolition process and new landscaping. The property was highlighted in a previous newsletter (Winter 2016, Issue 43, page 4.)



GNA 2016 Junior High Football

First row, ninth grade: 86 - Josh Oborski, 76 - John Novak, 74 - Brian Stritzinger, 42 - Collin Kudrako-Kashatus, 39 - Seth Pelton, 8 - Keanu Ammons, 62 - Zack Pelton, 88 - Jared Pointkowski, 23 - Pierson Park, 13 - Isaiah Hayes, 7 - Jeff Henderson, and 53 - Chris Shon.
Second row, eighth grade: 53 - Justin Winters, 75 - Ahmad Toney, 70 - Dalton Bopp, 22 - Brandon Rosario-Clark, 1 - Mike Marcella, 24 - Nate Penko, 77 - Henry Sedorchuk IV, and 65 - Elijah

Third row, seventh grade: 44 - Aiden Jaskulski, 57 - Kaleb Petrone 56 - Joe Krieger, 52 - Justin Vetaique, 53 - Ayden Everet, 4 - Nate Lennard, 60 - Austin Blank, and 72 - Braden Zaremba.

Top row, Coaches: Joe Shimko, John Pietrzyk, Walt Szychowski, and Blake Balderama.

Absent for photo: Devlon Heffron, John Bren, Jake Krupinski, Manny Saldana, Colin Mackiewicz, Dan Shipperski, Nate Hitalski, Zack Simon, Nate Leonard, and Chris Horn.



Photo left: St Adalbert's Church, Holy Spirit Parish held a spaghetti dinner in the Hall in Glen Lyon on October 30.

Photo right: Fireman's Spaghetti Dinner at the R Bar in Alden on October 16. From left to right: Bob Shemanski, Ron Womelsdorf and Ron Jones.



The Altar and Rosary Society of Holy Spirit Parish held a hoagie sale in the basement of St. Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon on Electron Day. Pictured l to r: Carol Sobotka, Heidi Jarecki, Stef Stogoski, Debbie Prokop, Carol Wilkes, JoAnne Thomas and leaning forward, Ann Marie Gorgas.

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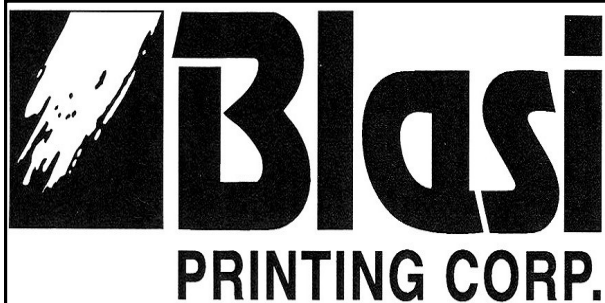
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Above photo shows the kitchen crew at St. Andrew's Fall Festival in Alden which was held September 30th and October 1. At center is Rev. Charles Warwick, pastor.



Above photo: The Newport Township Women's Activities Group held their Turkey Bingo on November 13 at St. Adalbert's Church Hall in Glen Lyon. Some lucky people went home with gift cards and other prizes.

St Adalbert's Keepsake Ornament



Pictured left is a keepsake ornament of St. Adalbert's Church, Holy Spirit Parish in Glen Lyon. It is offered for sale by the Altar and Rosary Society for \$10.00 each. The ornament is made of lacquered brass and stands 3 inches tall. It features a likeness of the Church with the words Holy Spirit Parish, St. Adalbert's Church, Glen Lyon Pennsylvania on the bottom edge. Please contact Heidi Jarecki at phone number 570-736-6782 or email hselecky@pa.metrocast.net

or Jennifer Morgis at 570-991-0127. They can be mailed if you live outside the area. Checks can be made out to: Altar and Rosary Society, St. Adalbert's Church. They are available year round.

Get cozy on a winter's night

You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me.

~ C. S. Lewis

I never knew...did you? The Bravery of Four Chaplains

By Matt Grills, The American Legion and submitted by Murph Fletcher ~ On February 3, 1943, the United States Army Transport Dorchester – a converted luxury liner – was crossing the North Atlantic, transporting more than 900 troops to an American base in Greenland. Aboard the ship were four chaplains of different faiths: Reverend George Fox (Methodist), Rabbi Alexander Goode (Jewish), Reverend Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and Father John Washington (Roman Catholic).

Around 12:55 am, a German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck Dorchester's starboard side, below the water line and near the engine room. The explosion instantly killed 100 men and knocked out power and radio communication with Dorchester's three escort ships. Within 20 minutes, the transport sank and more than 670 men died. As soldiers rushed to lifeboats, the four chaplains spread out, comforting the wounded and directing others to safety. One survivor, Private William Bednar, later said, "I could hear men crying, pleading, praying. I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going." Another survivor, John Ladd, watched the chaplains distribute life jackets, and when they ran out, they removed theirs and gave them to four young men. "It was the finest thing I have seen, or hope to see, this side of heaven," he recalled. As Dorchester sank, the chaplains were seen linked arm in arm, praying. Fox, Goode, Poling and Washington were posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart, and in 1948, Congress declared February 3 to be Four Chaplains Day. The four chaplains were also honored with a U.S. postage stamp that year.

Because of the Medal of Honor's strict requirements of heroism under fire, Congress authorized a one-time Chaplain's Medal for Heroism on July 14, 1960. The award was presented to the chaplains' next of kin on January 18, 1961.

On February 3, 1951, President Truman dedicated a chapel in the chaplains' honor at Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia. When the building was sold, the chapel fell into disrepair, and the foundation overseeing the chapel moved it to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in 2001. The chapel was repaired in 2004 and given the name Chapel of the Four Chaplains. In 2006, at the American Legion's 88th National Convention in Salt Lake City, the National Executive Committee passed a resolution that supported awarding the Medal of Honor to Fox, Goode, Poling and Washington.

Every year, American Legion posts nationwide "Remember Four Chaplains Day" with memorial services. To request information on how to conduct a Four Chaplains Memorial Service, contact Charles Graybiel (cgraybiel@legion.org) of the Americanism and Children & Youth Division at (317) 630-1212.

Learn more about the four chaplains by visiting The Immortal Chaplains Foundation (www.immortalchaplains.org) and The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation (www.fourchaplains.org).



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2016 General Election



Shown are poll workers of the Glen Lyon 1st Ward (Precinct) of Newport Township l.to r.: Judge of Elections Joseph Hillan; Debra Zaleski, Machine Operator; Joe Wilkes, Clerk; Minority Inspector Krissy Blank; and Majority Inspector Felicia Domulewicz.

By Tom Kashatus ~ Voting in Newport Township in the recent General/Presidential election was extraordinarily higher than usual. Luzerne County records show that there are 2,694 registered voters in the three precincts of Glen Lyon/Lee (1st); Wanamie/Alden (2nd); and Sheatown/Newport Center/Ridgeview (3rd) with the Democrats holding over a 4 to 1 advantage. Competition for State Representative in the 119th Legislative District of PA between Newport Township resident Gerald Mullery (D) of Alden and Justin Behrens (R) of Mountain Top drew the most votes - 1,815 or 67% - of any contests on the ballot. Mullery, the incumbent and eventual winner for a fourth term, captured 1,362 to 453 for Behrens. Rep. Mullery, being a Newport Township resident, follows in the footsteps of old time Glen Lyoners Charlie Wright and Leonard Najaka.

The contest for President of the United States followed in a direction that was completely opposite of the norm for Newport Township which is to be considered a Democratic stronghold. Businessman Donald Trump (R) garnered 1,026 votes to 741 votes for Secretary Hilary Clinton (D), a difference of 285 votes.

In the race for Congressman of the PA 11th Congressional District, incumbent Lou Barletta (R), eventual winner, outdistanced Mike Marsicano (D) 1,019 votes to 778 votes. Both candidates are from the Hazleton area and, interestingly, both have been the mayor of Hazleton city in the past. In all other state wide contests voting followed the registration pattern: PA Attorney General - Josh Shapiro (D), eventual winner, topped John Rafferty (R); PA Auditor General - incumbent and eventual winner Eugene Depasquale (D) topped John Brown (R); PA Treasurer - Joe Torsella (D), eventual winner, topped Otto Voit (R); and US Senator - Katie McGinty (D) topped eventual winner and incumbent Pat Toomey (R).

Notes of interest: (1) Voters in Newport Township and Luzerne County know how to "split" their ticket when voting as evidenced by the final vote tallies. There were 286 (D) and 194(R) straight party votes in Newport. (2) In contrast to a heavy Democrat registration throughout Luzerne County's four cities - Nanticoke, Wilkes Barre, Pittston, and Hazleton - voters, in general, will cross over party lines and vote for their favorite candidate, even if the candidate is a Republican. (3) It appears that the trend to political philosophy continues to be divided between rural and city whereby a more liberal philosophy can be found within our cities and a more conservative philosophy can be found throughout our rural townships and municipalities. (4) Gerrymandering is a key tool in the election process and will attempt to strengthen the political party in power and its candidates, and overlook the needs and philosophies of a homogeneous group of electors. (5) In the election for State Representative. Gerald Mullery exhibited extraordinary strength throughout the municipalities of Newport Township, Nanticoke City, Plymouth Township, Plymouth Boro, Warrior Run, Sugar Notch, Larksville, Hanover Township and West Hazleton Borough. The rural areas are Slocum Township, Dorrance Township, Nuangola Borough, Wright Township, Dennison Township, White Haven Borough, Foster Township, Freeland Borough, Jeddo Borough, and Hazle Township. These municipalities were acquired by the 119th Legislative District in the last gerrymandering process, following the 2010 census. Representative Mullery eventually won the election by just over 3,000 votes.

Newport Township Crime Watch News

By Sue Heinz ~ Newport Township Crime Watch meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the community room of the Newport Twp. Municipal Building on West Kirmar Ave. in Wanamie. All township residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. It's very easy to become a member. Just come to the meeting and take a seat. There is no membership fee.

On January 12, 2017, nomination and election of officers for our second year will be held.

February 9, 2017, a program will be presented by Rachel Wydra RN, PA Department of Health, on drug abuse and the use of Narcan. This is a very serious problem in our area and we urge you to attend.

In March we're planning a self defense/ active shooter demonstration by Kevin Barrett. Kevin is a member of Crime Watch and a self defense instructor. The date and location of this program will be announced at a later time. Please watch for more information on this program as it becomes available.

We would love to see some new faces at any or all of these meetings. The safety and security of our neighborhoods depends on all of us.

Reilly Christmas Tree Lane



Left to right pictured in front are Hannah Fink and Joanne Cyron. Middle row Linda Conner, Sue Maza, Vicki Frace, Barbara Lach, Carol Sukowaski, and Kathy Kobylarz. Back row are Stephen Phillips, Joe Reilly, Dale Reams, Rep. Gerry Mullery, and Amanda Cragle.

By Tom Kashatus ~ In early December, Alden Road in Sheatown lit up once again. Supporters of Reilly Finishing Technologies' "Christmas Tree Lane" braved inclement weather conditions to kick off the special event for the third consecutive year with the lighting of new LED lights decorating the row of Christmas trees. Youngsters Hannah and Wyatt Fink, and employees Amanda Cragle and Bob Fink volunteered their time to decorate the trees over the month of November. President and owner of Reilly Finishing Technologies, Joseph Reilly, welcomed all those in attendance.

Representative Gerald Mullery officiated over the tree lighting ceremony and spoke a few words as to how important these events are to our community. He stated, "The holidays provide us with the time to take a step back from our busy lives and think about what is truly important - our friends, our neighbors, and our family. It is also a time when so many, like those here at Reilly Finishing, go the extra step and help provide for those in our neighborhood who need our assistance. The monies generated from the sponsorships (of these lighted trees) are directed right back into our community. This year our own Mill Memorial Library in Nanticoke will be the primary recipient of the donations and they will use the money to upgrade their computer systems. As the parent of four children who relishes the programs of the Mill Library, I can tell you first hand that they are worthy of the contribution."

When Project Coordination and "Reilly" Human Services Manager Kathy Kobylarz brought this initiative to the attention of Mr. Reilly to provide the land, electricity, and lights, he did not hesitate to accommodate her in its entirety. Quickly, over 20 sponsors from businesses in the community participated and now there is a waiting list due to a shortage of planted trees. Mr. Reilly stated, "This project is a great way to advertise in our hometown, and also the donations remain in our community." Coordinator Kobylarz also realized that "there is a great deal of work and expense involved, but it is all worth it in the end."

A festive time was enjoyed by all at the Parkway Inn, Alden, to complete the evening, courtesy of Reilly Finishing Technologies.

Halloween in the Township



Halloween Night in the Township featured all sorts of bugs, princesses, clowns, and robots. The kids showed up in force on a rainy Sunday for the Trunk or Treat event sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group at the Recreation Park in Wanamie. The Newport Township Crime Watch had tables set up in Glen Lyon and Sheatown offering a raffle for a basketball hoop and basketball. They also had information regarding safety and candy. Township Police patrolled the streets regularly and a fun time was had by all. Pictured left is the Crime Watch table in Glen Lyon.

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Seated, left to right, are: Zlonkevicz, Kmietowicz, Zlonkevicz, Rinehimer, Struminski. Standing are: Coach Clem Rogowicz, Zubritski, student manager; Kempinski, Tereshinski, Antolik, Roidan, Semmers, Richards, faculty manager; Stoker, assistant coach.

Newport Township High School Basketball 1939-1940

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ In December of 1939 there was much excitement at Newport Township High School. The basketball team which finished 8th and 4th in the two previous seasons had matured and developed into one of the best basketball teams in the state. People were talking about a state championship. It was just three years ago that tiny Newport Township High School surprised everyone and won the state basketball title. Adding to the intrigue were some interesting similarities between this team and the 1936 champions. The coach, Clem Rogowicz, was the younger brother to Chet Rogowicz, the coach of the 1936 team. High scoring Pete Zionkiewicz and defensive standout Paul Zionkiewicz were younger brothers to Gene Zionkiewicz who was a star player on the 1936 and 1937 teams. This could be Newport's year again. Expectations were high.

Newport started the season strong with victories over Sugar Notch, Ashley and an Alumni team that consisted of several players from the 1936 championship team. In league play, they raced to win the first half championship by winning all eight games. In the second half, they started by defeating Nanticoke but then lost to a strong Coughlin team 57 - 24. They then defeated Meyers, GAR, and Hanover but lost 31 - 29 at Berwick. They finished the season with convincing wins over Kingston 45 - 19 and Plymouth 62 - 28 and took the second half championship by one game over Coughlin. Coughlin's Sol Kranson nosed out Pete Zionkiewicz for scoring honors in the Wyoming Valley Conference by one point.

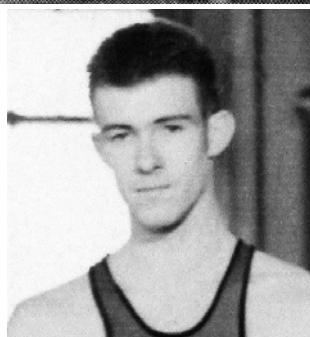
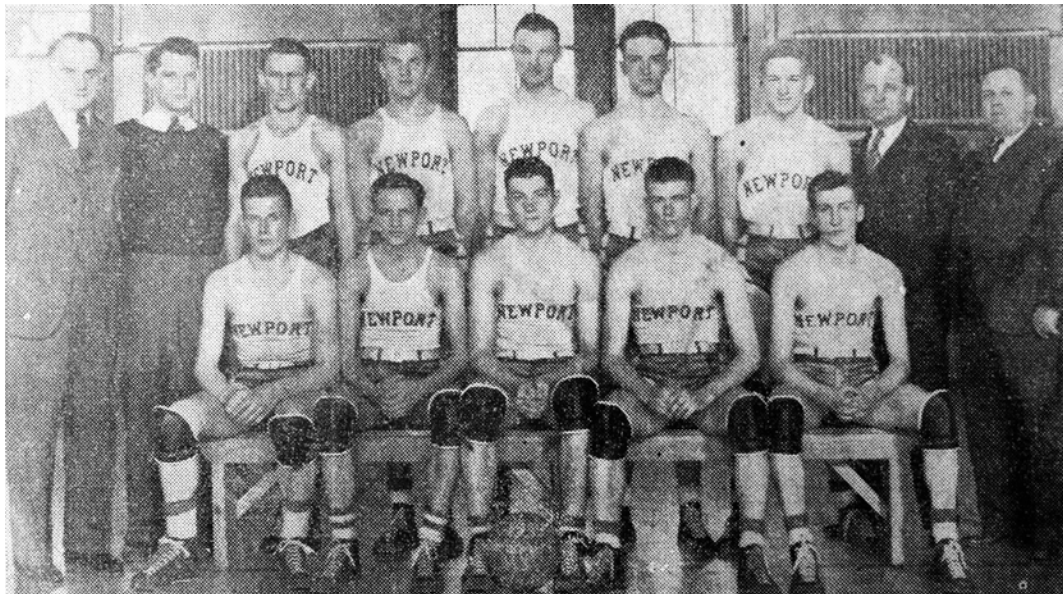
Going into the playoffs, Newport's starting lineup would be: forwards Pete Zionkiewicz and Ed Kmietowicz; guards Elwood Rinehimer and Joe Struminski; center Paul Zionkiewicz. In reserve were: forwards Kempinski and Kishel; centers, Tereshinski and Riordan; guards Antolik and Semmers.

In Newport's first game of the District 2 P.I.A.A. playoffs, they defeated the Anthracite League champion, West Hazleton 36 - 32 before 1,100 fans at Hazleton High School. Pete Zionkiewicz led the way with 15 points. In the District title game, Newport faced the slightly favored undefeated Rough Riders of Luzerne High School, champions of the Valley League. 1,400 fans jammed into the Kingston High school gym to see Newport and Luzerne battle to a 26 - 26 tie in the third quarter but then Luzerne tallied eight straight points and took the lead. With a minute left, Pete Zionkiewicz scored two goals but time cut the rally short and Newport was defeated 40 - 34. Ed Whiteman and Francis Crossin led Luzerne with 16 and 10 points while Newport's Pete Zionkiewicz had 13 points, Ed Kmietowicz 12 and Elwood Rinehimer 7.

Luzerne advanced into the play-offs only to lose in the semi-finals 44 - 31 to the Lebanon High School Tall Cedars, the eventual state champions. Newport's season ended with the loss to Luzerne and although they came close several times, Newport was never again to make it back to the P.I.A.A. state basketball playoffs. In the years following the fire that destroyed the High School in 1963, the Newport Township school district joined with other surrounding school districts to form Greater Nanticoke Area, and Newport High School became a memory.

A Conversation with Elwood Rinehimer

Elwood "Rhiney" Rinehimer was a star on the 1939-1940 Newport Township High School basketball team. Rhiney, now 96, lives in Glen Lyon. Although he has slowed down just a bit, he and his wife Irene are still very active. They faithfully attend the New-



Left is
Elwood
Rinehimer
in 1940 and
right in
2016.



port High School All-Class Reunion every year. Rhiney remembers his playing days with great affection, and to this day, wonders what might have been.

To begin with, Rhiney was born on March 14, 1920 in a house behind the Lily Lake Hotel on Pond Hill, one of nine children to Frank and Bertha Deets Rinehimer. The family later moved to Alden and then Wanamie. As a teenager, he enjoyed playing basketball, baseball, football and hunting with his father. As a hunter, he became an expert shot and hunted deer in the township with his father and also accompanied Dr. Stanley Stapinski to the Lancaster area to hunt pheasants. He also enjoyed going to the movies and earned money working for Dave Blackburn's ice company and picking coal for ten cents a bag. In high school, he excelled at athletics, especially basketball, and played all four years on the team. In his senior year, he starred on one of the best basketball teams in Newport Township history. In 1940, they won the conference championship and advanced to district playoffs. After winning their first game against West Hazleton, they faced an excellent team from Luzerne High School. In a controversial game Newport lost 40-35. The controversy involved an official who called many walking violations against the Newport team which negated some very crucial baskets by Newport. Luzerne would go on to play in the state semifinal where they lost to the eventual state champions, Lebanon High school. Interestingly, of all the coaches in high school, Rhiney was most impressed with Assistant Coach and math teacher Dale Richards (see Fall Newsletter 2015) who Rhiney described as "very well prepared." 1940 was a very exciting year. The crowds at the basketball games were large and enthusiastic. Following most home games, an informal dance spontaneously occurred with music by the Newport High School band, "The Blue Notes." After high school, Rhiney considered an athletic scholarship to a college in West Virginia. As most young men at the time when the United States was fighting in World War II, he joined the military. The Air Force sent him to Charlottesville, North Carolina. After a brief stop in San Francisco, he was sent to the South Pacific to enlarge Henderson Air Force Base at Guadalcanal. The base was constantly under fire by the Japanese and at one point, Rhiney spent 13 straight days in a fox hole. After the service, he returned to Glen Lyon and married his high school sweetheart, Irene Fanucci. They have two children, Lynne Smith and Rick, son-in-law Charlie, and two grandchildren, Colton and Benton.

Piestrak Brothers Served Honorably Daniel, Edward, and Richard



By Tom Kashatus ~
With the coming and passing of Veterans Day on November 11, we look to honor someone, something, or someplace to show respect to those who served us honorably during the past and present. There was no time greater than World War II. The veterans from Newport Township filled twenty six pages of the 1944 Newport High School Yearbook with their photographs in service of Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps,

Army Air Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, etc. It was not unusual to find a number of brothers, sisters, and/or relatives of the same family serving our country at the same time during that time of crisis. During the late 50's, three brothers, the sons of Roman and Anna (Koflanovich) Piestrak from the Kanadian section of Glen Lyon, served in the US Air Force at the same time. Daniel, Edward, and Richard Piestrak began their enlistments after graduation from high school. The three brothers served honorably until their discharge from the military and thereafter moved on to successful lives and careers as civilians. Richard and Edward both graduated in 1957, enlisted in 1958, and served until 1964. Daniel enlisted after high school graduation in 1959 and served until 1966. Basic training took place at Lackland Airforce Base, Texas for all three brothers.

Richard pulled duty in the Philippines and Nebraska as an Intercept Operator and was honorably discharged as Airman First Class. He became an employee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and retired after thirty five years service. He is married to the former Janice Gayewski and they have a son, David, and daughter, Christine. He starred on the basketball court for the Newport Nutcrackers.

Edward's duty stations were in Texas and Dover, Delaware; and he spent his time refueling aircraft. He was honorably discharged as an Airman First Class. Edward began his civilian career as a Corrections Officer at SCI-Dallas, attended Penn State Wilkes Barre, graduated from King's College, and received a master's degree in Counseling Education from Marywood College. He is the father of four children, Jeffrey, Sherry, Kenneth, and Crystal. He had the foresight to open Piestrak's Gun Shop in Alden which is now owned by his son, Kenneth. Richard, Edward, Crystal, and Kenneth continue to serve the many hunters from near and far at the gun shop.

After Daniel enlisted and completed his basic training, he was stationed in Iceland and later at Dover, Delaware working with Air Freight. Upon discharge as an Airman First Class, he attended Luzerne County Community College and later retired from the Commonwealth of PA after working in the maintenance field at SCI-Dallas. Daniel is married to the former Barbara Altavilla; and they have four children: Danny Jr., Denise, Anthony, and JoAnn. He played baseball for the Nutcrackers and Glen Lyon Condors and continues to be an avid hunter and fisherman.

Words for the Wise

The more we sweat in peace the less we bleed in war.
~ Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day December 8, 2016

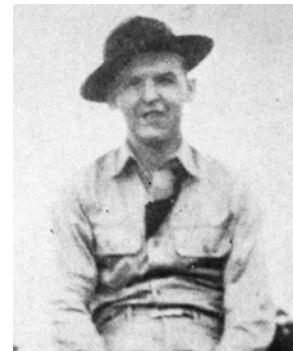
By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Seventy five years ago, two native sons lost their lives in the infamous attack by Japan on the American Navy in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii which led to a declaration of war by the United States. Keith Jeffries of Alden and Edward Slapikas of Wanamie were among the first casualties of World War II.

Petty Officer Third Class Keith Jeffries, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jeffries, was born on March 29, 1918. After completing the local grade schools, he entered Newport High School in 1932. His participation in extra-curricular activities and his scholarly attitude attributed to his wide popularity. Keith's prowess in basketball, his favorite sport, merited him a place on the varsity team which won the Pennsylvania State Basketball Championship in 1936. After graduation, Keith secured a position as a motor mechanic at Plainfield, N.J. A short time later, he became associated with the Standard Oil Company of Aruba, Dutch West Indies. On December 12, 1939, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He died while engaged as a gunner on the forward deck of the U.S.S. Arizona on December 7, 1941. Of the 1,177 Arizona crewmen killed, Keith is one of the 945 that are forever entombed in the Arizona. Members of the Alden Methodist Church, his family erected a tombstone in his memory in the Alden cemetery on East Kirmar Avenue. On January 2, 1942, the Keith Jeffries Memorial Game was played between the 1936 State Champs and the high school varsity basketball team. Keith was awarded the Purple Heart.

Seaman First Class Edward Slapikas was born August 6, 1916, the son of Frank and Ursula Slapikas. He enrolled as a student at Newport High School in 1930. After his first year, he was employed by the Glen Alden Coal Company. He entered the Army in 1938 and served two years with the Medical Corps as an ambulance driver at Fort Mills, Corregidor in the Philippines. On July 15, 1940 he joined the Navy. Ed, also a gunner, was killed on December 7, 1941 aboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was listed as "missing in action" until January 19, 1944 when his family received the Purple Heart award. Years later he and 450 of his fellow sailors were recovered and are now buried in a military cemetery overlooking Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Slapikas was also awarded the Silver Star posthumously for "military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death."



Keith Jeffries

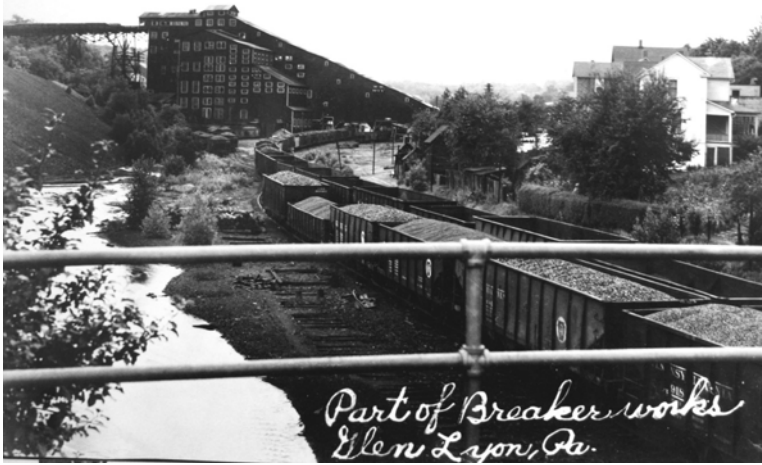


Edward Slapikas

On May 4, 1947, the Jeffries-Slapikas Post 971 American Legion, Wanamie received its charter, installed officers and initiated a class of 116 new members. It was so named at a suggestion by Zig Butka. District Commander Oscar Renfer officiated at the services held at Deluca's Hall. Officers were: Commander, Joseph Brunski; senior vice commander, Stanley Olshefski; junior vice commander, Thomas Womelsdorf; adjutant, Edward Mazur; finance officer, Anthony Shukwietis; chaplain, Andrew Voytush; historian, Raymond Wasenda; service officers, Joseph Gutsar, George Martinell; sergeant-at-arms, Frank Czaplá. The procession of candidates for membership was led by Mrs. Alta Atkins Thomas, former lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps.

The first yearbook published by the senior class of Newport High School in 1942 is dedicated to their memories.

(Source: Newportraits and Wilkes-Barre Record)



Pictured top left: Glen Lyon; top right: Alden; below left, Alden; below right, Wanamie.

Early Railroads of Newport Township

By the late Tony Doren (formerly Domzalski) ~ During the mid 1800s, two enormous anthracite coal deposits were discovered running east to west along the full length of Newport Township. One deposit ran from the Honey Pot section of Nanticoke west through Glen Lyon to the Susquehanna River; the other ran from Alden through Wanamie west into Conyngham Township. The discovery attracted a number of local start-up, regional and major railroad companies, who began buying and leasing land throughout the township. By 1870, the railroads had transformed Newport Township from an agricultural center into a major anthracite coal producing area.

In 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. 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 Newport Township.



The D. L. & W. Railroad and Coal Company was first to extend its track to the west when it opened mines at Alden and Wanamie. The D. L. & W. coal mining operation later became Glen Alden Coal Company and its railroad operation became part of the Central of New Jersey Railroad system. By 1870, the Jersey Central had firmly established itself in Newport Township. Its track connected Glen Alden collieries from Wilkes-Barre to Ashley, Alden and Wanamie. In 1885, the Jersey Central extended its track from Wanamie further west to the Lee Mine (Teasedale), near the small hamlet of Lee.

In April, 1867, the Pittston Railroad and Coal Company acquired over 6,000 acres of coal lands along the Susquehanna River in Nanticoke. Its holdings were extended into Newport Township west along Newport Creek to Glen Lyon and beyond to the escarpment overlooking the Susquehanna near Mocanaqua.

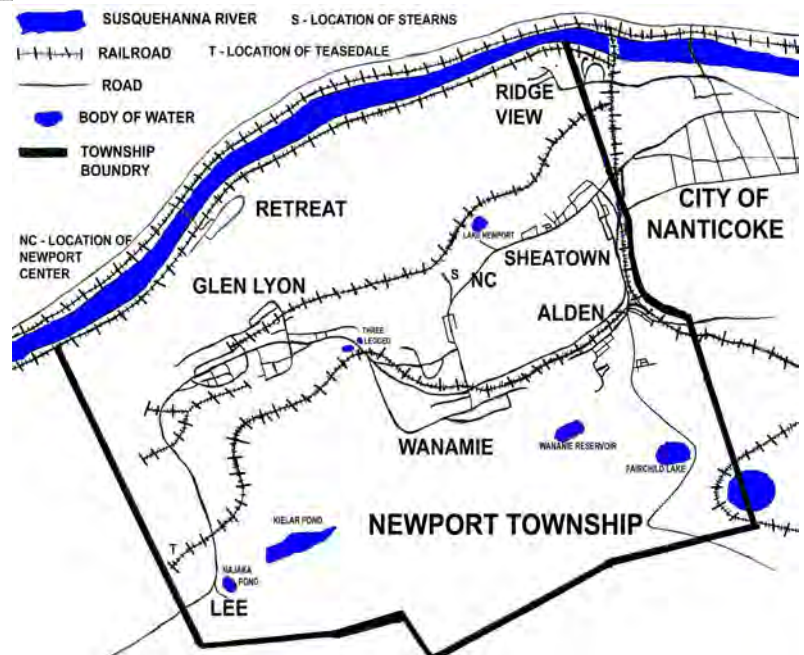
The Pennsylvania Railroad acquired the Pittston Railroad and Coal Company and changed its name to the Susquehanna Coal Company in February, 1869. In 1870, the Pennsy laid a branch track from its mainline in Nanticoke west to Susquehanna's Colliery No. 6 in Glen Lyon. At track's end, the Pennsy also built and operated the Glen Lyon Station to handle freight and passengers. In 1913 the Pennsylvania Railroad began selling its Susquehanna stock and property to the Susquehanna Collieries Company, a subsidiary of the M. A. Hanna Company of Cleveland, Ohio. By 1917, the Pennsy had divested itself of all its interests in mining and selling coal.

Following the sale, the Pennsylvania Railroad continued as the

sole provider of transportation to the Susquehanna Coal Company and its collieries. Before 1900, the Sunbury Division of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, a Pennsylvania subsidiary, serviced the Susquehanna collieries; after 1900, the Delaware and Hudson, another Pennsylvania subsidiary, took over. After 1917, the Pennsy began using its own rolling stock on the route. The business relationship continued between the companies until the Susquehanna Coal Company was dissolved around 1967.



After the demise of the anthracite coal industry in Newport Township, the need for the railroads disappeared. The Pennsylvania and Central of New Jersey track systems were removed and the rights-of-way reverted to state ownership.



Editors' note: The late Tony Doren, a former resident, lived in Washington State. He is also the author of "A General History of Glen Lyon Pennsylvania." Source: www.pagenweb.org

Man Lost : A Hunter's Story

By Frank Urban ~ A secluded narrow valley is called a glen, indicating that the town of Glen Lyon was appropriately named with roads and houses stretching east to west on the floor of the valley with some roads built up the north and south sloping mountains. Anthracite coal mining was the main industry in Glen Lyon for the first half of the 20th century. Following the end of World War II in 1945, the demand for coal fell and oil was competitive in heating homes, so many GI's returning home relocated to other areas of the country to seek employment. Those that stayed renewed many old friendships, retrained for different work and raised their families in the area.

During the late fall season, groups of hunters met to plan trips to hunt deer and exchange stories of past hunts in the Pennsylvania area and this often repeated story about a "Man Lost" during a deer hunt near Mehoopany, Pa.

Walter and four of his colleagues were sitting in a speakeasy in Glen Lyon. Walter was facing the red hot potbelly coal-fired stove, two men on each side of him forming a half circle facing the stove, all sipping on bottles of cold Gibbons beer. The owner of the store, with his wooden leg, hobbled over to the stove to cut the draft to the fire to slow the fire down, while Walter gingerly picked a wet piece of cigar leaf from his mouth and threw it into the potbelly fire box. All of the men were wearing heavy woolen shirts with open fronts, their orange hats pushed back, all four men riveted on Walter's every word, for it was no small matter that a fellow deer hunter was lost in the Mehoopany mountains on a cold wintery evening. Walter's stained teeth and his sloppy, wet cigar end were of no consequence because the fire was hot, the beer was cold, the story was captivating and Walter spoke with authority:

We were hunting in the Mehoopany mountain area, Walter explained, and five of us were posted a few hundred yards apart while three hunters drove toward the posted hunters, hoping to push a big buck towards the posted members. The weather was against us in

that it was cold, cloudy and rather raw, plus there was no snow cover to track deer. We were losing light as we got closer to sunset, no shots were fired, so no deer were in the area. All members of the group returned to the cars except one, and it became apparent one may be lost. After shouting the hunter's name and shooting gun shots in the air, the men decided to send two of the hunting party with flashlights to find the lost hunter.

As it became darker and colder, the lost hunter became panicky and shouted out in a loud voice, "Man lost, man lost!" There was a slight echo of "Man lost" in the valley, then the sound suddenly was heard: "Whoooo, whoooo," apparently barked out by a nearby owl. The lost hunter immediately shouted out his name and that he was from Glen Lyon. There was no reply, so the hunter repeated his name and mentioned that he was from Glen Lyon. The silence was deafening, filling the lost hunter with fear and despair. But wait, there were two bouncing lights moving towards his position and he knew it was two hunters from his party holding flashlights.

Walter's colleagues in the speakeasy burst into laughter, full knowing the demeanor and mannerisms of the lost hunter. They also knew that the integrity of Walter's story may be somewhat tarnished or embellished by the social lubrication of the beer. While the men were laughing, Walter took his cigar out of his mouth and with a serious look at his colleagues, said "What, this is a true story!"

The four men exploded into laughter again, tears running down their cheeks, giving a new meaning to that euphemism "crying in your beer," for these were tears from laughter, not despair. Walter bought another round of beer for the men with the feeling that his eloquent portrayal of the "Man Lost" story would never be forgotten for generations to come.

If you go to Glen Lyon during the late Fall and listen to the old timers tell about their hunting experiences in the local barrooms, listen carefully. You will hear, "Man lost, man lost.....whoooo, whoooo? _____ from Glen Lyon!"



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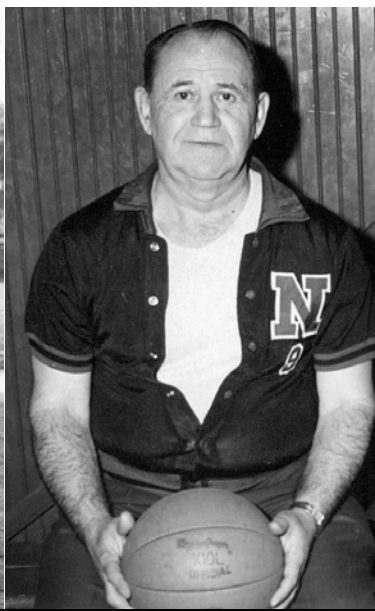
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From left to right, Edward Yarasheski as a graduate of Bloomsburg Normal School in 1927; as he served in World War II; as assistant basketball coach at Newport High School; and in his later years.

Newport Township Teachers: Edward Yarasheski

By Heidi Jarecki with a lot of help from Edward Yarasheski Jr. ~ Edward (Zidy) Yarasheski Sr. (sometimes spelled Yarasheski or Yarackeski) was born on July 7, 1907. His parents were Alexander and Helen (Oshinski) Yarasheski. Alexander came to this country from Poland and worked in the mines. Edward was one of nine children: Chester, Leonard, Stanley, John, Lily, Florence, Emily, and Alma. The family resided on Orchard Street.

Edward was educated in Newport Township schools and graduated from High School in 1925. He decided to become a teacher and entered Bloomsburg Normal School. While there, he played guard on the football team, guard on the basketball team, and third base on the baseball team. He graduated with his teaching certificate in 1927. His application for a teaching position was placed on file with the Newport Township School Board on August 1, 1927. On August 31, 1928, he was appointed to replace Lucy Voshefski who had resigned. His salary was \$1,100.00.

He taught the elementary grades for most of his teaching career at Stearns, Roosevelt, Kosciuszko and Pulaski Schools. He was a member of the Glen Lyon Nite Hawks, a fast "third class" basketball team in the Keystone League, and the Glen Lyon # 4 Hose Company. He was also a member of the Italian American Sport- ing Club (Glen Lyon) and the Alden Social Club.

Edward married Stasia Zavistoski on November 24, 1932 in St. Adalbert's Church with the Reverend Anthony Lipinski officiating. They were the parents of one son, Edward Yarasheski, Jr. The family lived on Newport Street, Glen Lyon.

Ed loved all sports and was an avid fisherman. On April 27, 1937, an article appeared in the Times Leader which states he caught a "mess" of catfish at Sylvan Lake within an hour. Upon doing a bit of research, it was discovered that the term "mess" refers to "an unmeasurable or undefined amount of a specific food that will generally feed a family of 2, 3, or even a dozen for at least one meal." Ed enjoyed telling many fishing yarns to all of his friends.

During the summer vacation months, he worked in the Glen Lyon coal mines which many teachers did in order to supplement their incomes.

He was teaching fifth grade when he received notice to report for military duty in January, 1944. The following month, the School Board appointed Stasia Kushiba as his substitute. Serving with the U.S. Infantry, he received basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida, and was stationed at Fort George Meade, Maryland during July of 1944. By August, he had arrived in

England. He spent 13 months in the European Theater of Operations (ETO) and the African Theater of Operations (ATO). On October 13, 1944, he received back wounds while serving with the infantry in Luxembourg. He was hospitalized at an Army Base hospital and was awarded the Purple Heart. Following rehabilitation, Ed rejoined his unit. On November 27, 1944, he was wounded a second time, this time on the right side of his face. Then, on the drive into Germany on April 13, 1945, he was wounded a third time in his right arm. For his dedication and "his disregard for self protection to aid others," he was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster and Presidential Citation, and the Good Conduct Medal. By August, 1945, he returned to the United States at Camp Kilmer in New Jersey and eventually to Glen Lyon. He resumed his teaching career on Monday, December 10, 1945.

Ed became active in the American Legion and VFW Posts in Glen Lyon. He served as Commander of the Legion between 1946 and 1948. He was an advocate for disabled veterans and worked tirelessly to secure funding for their care.

In 1948, Edward was appointed assistant football coach under head coach Walter Serowicz. In 1949, an intermural basketball league was set up in the junior high to help develop players for the senior high school teams. He coached seventh, eighth, and ninth grade basketball over the next decade. During the sixties, he served as assistant and head basketball coach for Newport High School. Also in the sixties, he was appointed truant officer for several years. He retired in 1969.

Edward Yarasheski incurred a serious power mower injury to his foot which hospitalized him. He developed medical complications which eventually led to his death on January 12, 1970. His wife Stasia passed away on January 25, 1998.

Edward's son and daughter-in-law, Edward Jr. and Elsie Giuliani Yarasheski, both of the Newport Class of '51, live in North Carolina. Ed Jr., now retired, spent 38 years in the teaching field. Edward Sr. enjoyed spending time with his five grandchildren: Karen, Kevin, David, Jean, and Brian. He would be proud that his youngest grandson Brian, also a Bloomsburg graduate, has spent the past 27 years as a teacher.

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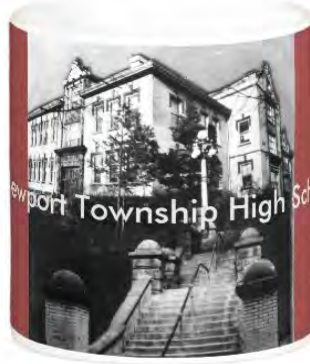
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