



The energy of the earth flows through the veins of springtime. ~ Terri Guillemets



Trout Run (sometimes called Reservoir Creek) near Wanamie in early Spring

Newport Township Public Business

By John Jarecki ~ The following items of public business were discussed or acted upon at the Township Commissioners' meetings in January, February, and March of 2017:

January 3, 2017: Paul Czapracki, President of the Board of Commissioners, announced that the Police Department is making a special effort to enforce the drug laws, resulting in a sharp increase in the number of drug arrests. He also said that the number of incidents of nuisance shooting in the Ridgeview area have decreased to almost zero. The owners of the land have posted no trespassing signs, allowing the Police, who now have an ATV useful for off-road law enforcement, to warn nuisance shooters to stay away from the area.

Paul Czapracki presented a certificate of appreciation to Rich Shiptoski, who resigned as of January 1, 2017 as Newport Township Solicitor after serving in that position for 32 years.

Township Manager Peter Wanchisen said that he did research on finding a new Solicitor and found that the law firms and municipalities in the area recommended Attorney Christopher Slusser, of the Slusser Law Firm, as a person well qualified and able in handling legal matters involving municipalities. The Commissioners then voted to appoint Attorney Slusser as Township Solicitor at a rate of \$135 per hour.

Manager Peter Wanchisen said he intends to keep his promise to make it highly unlikely that a financial situation, like what occurred during the previous Manager's tenure, will ever happen again. In order to do this, he said, the Commissioners hired as a consultant Jennifer Polito, Finance Director of Nanticoke, who has 22 years experience in accounting, 18 of those with governments and non-profit organizations, to oversee financial operations for the Township. Her job will be to come into the Township office once a week to help with handling financial matters (Continued on next page)

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according to correct procedures, with proper authorization, with timely reporting, with good record keeping, and with internal controls to prevent illegal loss of funds.

Peter Wanchisen mentioned the following in his Township Manager's report:

- 1) John Elmy and Joe Hillan completed the update of the mailing list for recycling and refuse bills by comparing this list with lists of residents kept by Berkheimer's tax service and the Newport Sewer Authority, and by comparison with building permit records.
- 2) The Township began, as of January 1, its new policy of accepting payments only in the form of checks, money orders, and credit or debit cards. There is a small charge for payment with credit cards.
- 3) Karen Hazelton completed her 2015 audit of Township finances, finding no irregularities other than those discovered and reported before her audit, those associated with the theft of Township funds under the previous Township Manager.
- 4) The Township added the Street Department workers to the non-uniformed employees' pension plan after they had been inappropriately rejected from the plan for several years under the previous Manager. The following are items of New Business:
 - 1) The Commissioners approved these salary and organizational changes in the Street Department: a 3% increase in salary for Jordan Sager and Richard Guziak, and an increase in the duties and responsibilities of Joe Hillan, who is now Administrative and Operation Director, his salary being set at \$38,600 per year.
 - 2) The Commissioners appointed Joseph Alicene as auditor for the year 2016 at an annual salary of \$3500 per year, John Floryshak as Newport Township Fire Chief and John Elmy as Deputy Fire Chief (both for 2-year terms), Jeremy Blank as Police Chief for 2017, Jeff Pisanchyn as Township Building Code Enforcement Officer, and Penn Eastern Engineering as Township Engineer for 2017.
 - 3) The Commissioners voted to give a Recognition Award of \$500 to John Elmy for volunteer services performed for the Township from April to December, after the sudden resignation of the former Township Manager.

February 6, 2017: Police Chief Jeremy Blank announced that most of the Newport and Nanticoke Police officers attended a training session at the Municipal Building in the use of a breathalyzer, which is used to test motorists for alcohol use. Newport now has a breathalyzer, which will go into use soon.

Attorney John Solt, of the Slusser Law Firm, who came to the meeting as a substitute for Solicitor Christopher Slusser, presented a proposed ordinance, drafted at the request of Manager Peter Wanchisen, that would update the version of the International Property Maintenance Code used by the Township from the 2009 version to the 2015 version. The new code has stronger nuisance violation provisions and higher penalties for non-compliance.

Peter Wanchisen mentioned the following in his Township Manager's report:

- 1) The Township has transferred almost all of its insurance coverage to the GKG Insurance Company, which saves \$44,000 per year in insurance payments. The only insurance not transferred is heart and lung employee insurance coverage which will not come up for renewal until August 2017.
- 2) The Township had a meeting with the contractors who will be constructing its new pole building, which is to be used to house Township Street Department equipment. Construction will begin, weather permitting, in March.

March 6, 2017: The Commissioners voted to approve Ordinance #1 of 2017, which updates the International Property Maintenance Code used by the Township from its 2009 version to its 2015 version. As mentioned above, the new version has stronger nuisance violation provisions and higher penalties for non-compliance.

The Commissioners voted to appoint Township Manager Peter Wanchisen as Chief Administrative Officer for the Police, Firemen, and non-uniformed employees pension plans. Peter Wanchisen mentioned the following in his Township Manager's report:

- 1) On March 6, the State delivered to the Township Liquid Fuels

funds amounting to \$146,511.37. This money comes from the State motor vehicle fuel tax and is distributed to municipalities to be used for road-related expenses.

- 2) The Township received bids for the Taurus Police Cruiser and the 2003 Suzuki that the Township put up for sale on the internet. For the Taurus, the successful bid was \$3,500. For the Suzuki, which was damaged beyond repair, the successful bid was \$500.
- 3) The police are making a special effort to locate abandoned vehicles without inspection stickers and issue citations to owners. If these vehicles are removed, more parking spaces will be available.
- 4) The Township is studying the cost and benefits of converting the street light system from conventional to LED technology. Rough estimates indicate that a 65% reduction in electricity use is possible. The office of State Representative Gerald Mullery is looking for grant money that will pay the cost of conversion to the new lighting.
- 5) One of the problems with the State Correctional Institution (SCI) Retreat is that it has only one access road. In an attempt to eliminate this shortcoming, State Senator John Yudichak will personally assess the feasibility of reopening an abandoned secondary access road to the prison.
- 6) A ground breaking ceremony for construction of the new pole building to house Township Street Department equipment is tentatively scheduled for March 23, 2017.

SCI Retreat as a Financial Asset to Newport Township

By John Jarecki ~ In January, State officials announced that they would close two state prisons, the State Correctional Institution (SCI) at Retreat, located within the northern boundary of Newport Township, being one of those under consideration. Later in the month, they decided to close one prison in the Pittsburgh area, leaving Retreat open.

This incident brought to the attention of many people in Newport Township and Luzerne County the financial importance of the SCI Retreat to the local area. The prison, with 1100 inmates, has about 400 employees, many of whom live in Newport.

Employees who are residents of Newport pay a ½ % Earned Income Tax to the Township. In addition, all employees, regardless of where they live, pay a Local Services Tax of \$52 to the Township. And according to Township Commissioner Paul Czapracki, who is an employee of the prison, many of the employees patronize businesses in Newport Township.

The site of SCI Retreat was originally the location of an Almshouse (Poorhouse) established by the Central Poor District of Luzerne County in 1878. A mental hospital was added in 1900, and from then until 1930 the institution was known as Retreat Hospital for the Insane and Almshouse. Gradually the Almshouse was phased out and then closed in 1930, at which time the institution was renamed the Retreat Mental Hospital. Luzerne County operated the Hospital until 1943, when the State took control. The State closed the Hospital in 1981 and transferred the institution to the Bureau of Corrections. In 1988, the State reopened it as SCI Retreat.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Earth Day Tree Planting Event in the Pinchot State Forest April 21st & April 22nd from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

By Palmira Gregory Miller ~ Join the Pennsylvania Environmental Council for our upcoming tree planting event at the intersection of Avondale Hill Road and Strip Mine Road in Plymouth Township, PA.

Celebrate Earth Day weekend by helping the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) and The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) create 10 acres of new forest in Luzerne County! We have more than 7,000 seedlings ready to be transplanted to their new home in the Pinchot State Forest — we just need a few friends to help out with the work. The event will be held rain or shine. Be sure to wear boots or sturdy shoes. We'll take care of the rest, including food and supplies. Questions? Contact Palmira Miller (pmiller@pecpa.org) at 570-592-7876.

NTCO PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Stephen E. Phillips

Spring 2017

Newport Township recently avoided a major economic setback when the Commonwealth opted to keep the State Correctional Institution at Retreat open. Given the dearth of employers within the Municipality, the projected loss of jobs and revenue which would have resulted had this facility been closed, would have had a devastating effect on the Community's and entire area's economic base.

Congratulations and appreciation should be given to all elected officials, employees and others who, in a short period of time, developed a concerted, coordinated strategy that resulted in a positive outcome. This near potential economic catastrophe should serve as an impetus to all concerned officials and citizens to jointly work to address some of the reasons which were presented as the rationale behind the recommendation to close the Prison.

A major issue to be addressed involves providing an alternate ingress and egress to the site. Currently, State Senator John Yudichak and the Board of Commissioners are in the process of implementing a proposal to reopen the old access road which served the former Retreat State Hospital. Your Community Organization has volunteered its assistance in aiding in this effort to insure the Prison's continued operation in any way the elected officials choose.

It is important to reiterate that although many citizens in the Township recognize that a substantial number of issues remain to be addressed throughout the Municipality, fiscal constraints preclude the immediate resolution of all of these problems. Therefore, now perhaps more than at any other time, residents are called upon to volunteer their time and service to assist all those groups and officials within the Community who are striving to resolve the challenges confronting all of us as quickly as possible.

The Community Organization shall continue to do its utmost to assist in this endeavor. However, a decreasing number of volunteers, and advancing age and physical ailments of some of the Group's stalwarts are having a negative effect. Assistance is being sought from all those who wish to aid us in insuring that Newport remains worthy of being classified as a First Class Township.

Charter member and dedicated volunteer, Palmira Miller and her dedicated core of assistants have continued their efforts to provide sustenance to the economically disadvantaged and elderly via the monthly food distribution held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the American Legion Home in Glen Lyon. Close to 90 families participated in the most recent event.

Another of the Organization's charter and key members, Tom Kashatus, continues his diligent recycling efforts on a yearlong basis. Monies generated from the recycling program provide a substantial portion of the funds which this Organization donates to other entities throughout the Area.

If enough volunteers can be recruited, an effort will be made to reinstate the big junk drop off which has been very successful in the past.

It is anticipated that the Community Organization will again commence its litter collection along the Township's major thoroughfare. A disheartening note to this activity is the fact that, literally within minutes after some sections of the roadway are cleaned, some thoughtless individuals are already disposing of additional litter. An even sadder fact is that probably the majority of those persons are Township residents.

In closing, another request is being made for all readers to consider volunteering or contributing in any other way to assist the Organization in its efforts to improve our Community.

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I never knew...did you? Her Name is Rose

Submitted by Murph Fletcher ~ The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being. She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?" I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze.

"Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked. She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids..." "No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age. "I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me. After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me. Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up. At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor.

Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know." As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up.

If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets." She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose."

She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago. One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

When you finish reading this, please send this peaceful word of advice to your friends and family. They'll really enjoy it! These words have been passed along in loving memory of Rose.

Remember: growing older is mandatory. Growing up is optional.

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American Robin

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ We know for sure that Spring is here by sightings of the American Robin. This one was seen on First Street in Glen Lyon.

Robin Facts

1. The American robin (*Turdus migratorius*) is a migratory songbird of the thrush family. It is named after the European robin because of its reddish-orange breast, though the two species are not closely related, with the European robin belonging to the Old World flycatcher family.
2. The American robin is widely distributed throughout North America, wintering from southern Canada to central Mexico and along the Pacific Coast. Robins are one of the most widespread songbirds in the Western Hemisphere.
3. The American Robin is about 10 inches long (25 cm), and has a brick-red breast, with gray wings, head and back. The short beak is yellow. It has a white throat with black stripes. The lower belly is primarily white. It has a long gray/black tail. There is a broken white eye-ring that surrounds their dark eyes.
4. Although robins are considered harbingers of spring, many American Robins spend the whole winter in their breeding range. But because they spend more time roosting in trees and less time in your yard, you're much less likely to see them.

5. Robins eat different types of food depending on the time of day: more earthworms in the morning and more fruit later in the day. Robins eat a lot of fruit in fall and winter. When they eat honey-suckle berries exclusively, they sometimes become intoxicated.
6. Robins have an average life span of 1 year and 2 months, but many live about five or six years. The oldest recorded American Robin was 13 years and 11 months old. Baby robins are helpless at birth but reach the size of their parents after just two weeks.
7. Robin eggs are blue in color which comes from pigments in the mother robin's blood. Hemoglobin from ruptured blood cells is transformed into "bile pigments," which are carried by the robin's blood to where the eggshell forms. So she doesn't need anything special in her diet to have properly colored eggs.
8. Robins fly at 17 to 32 mph.
9. Only the male robin sings the "true" robin song, and he sings it to declare his personal nesting territory. It sounds like he's singing: "cheer-up, cheerily, cheer-up, cheer-up, cheerily."
10. The robin is the state bird of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Connecticut.
11. In the past, robins were killed for their meat, believe it or not. However, they are now protected in the United States, thanks to the Migratory Bird Act.
12. The American Robin is a known carrier for the West Nile virus. The Robin is able to hold the virus longer than other species, hence spreading it to more mosquitoes!

Little League Holds Sign-ups



Shown are, first row, left to right: Mykel Williams, Aubreeann Mensch, Kim Rowles, and Cheryl Goss. Back row, left to right: Michael Williams, Megan Kanyuck, Eric Shemanski, Wade Rowles, Ken Smith, and Rachel Goss.

By Tom Kashatus ~ Nanticoke Area Little League held sign-ups for eligible boys and girls at the Wanamie Municipal Building on February 25, mainly for the benefit of Newport Township residents. President Wade Rowles stated that numbers were lagging thus far, and it is hoped future sign-ups would bring more favorable results. It appears as if there may be lack of interest in the Junior and Senior Divisions and graduates are encouraged to take their talents to the next level by joining American Legion baseball. Celebration of "Opening Day" will begin in Nanticoke and end at the Hillan Fields in Wanamie on April 30th. Besides President Wade Rowles, other officers are: Vice President George Graboske; Secretary Kim Rowles; Treasurer Rich Brogan; Boy's Commissioner, Eric Spencer; Girl's Commissioner, Ken Smith; Safety Officer, Karen (Nichols) Cullen; Player Agent, Cheryl Goss; Umpire-in-Chief, Dave Buchinski; Stand Coordinator, Erika Jacobs; and directors, Tracy Eugenski, Bob Harter, Colleen Baird, and Chris Slusser. More information may be found at <http://www.eteamz.com/nanticokearealittleleague/>

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Class of '67

The Class of '67 will hold their 50th reunion on Saturday, September 9 at Holy Transfiguration Hall in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke. Help is asked to locate the following classmates: Susan Shemonis, Linda Karroll, Jackie Andreas, Glen Myers, Alfred Turley, Nancy George, Jim Fenstermacher, Bob Ziemba, Susan Wasenda, Debbie Rushin, Christine Sokolnicki, Denise Murphy, Marion Kolakowski, Donna Chernowsky, and Kathy Blihar. Please call Heidi and Paul Jarecki at 570-733-2540 or email hselecky@pa.metrocast.net. Bonnie Cooney Lazar is handling reservations. We hope to see all of our classmates!



Class of '61

The 55th Reunion of the Class of '61 was held at the R Bar and Grill in Alden on September 24, 2016. The evening started out with a cocktail hour followed by a buffet dinner. We all had an enjoyable evening reconnecting with old friends and their guests. A total of 25 classmates attended, the furthest coming from Dallas, TX.

1st row left to right: Joe Sosnokus, Gerald Zionkowski, David Kocher, Bill Taney, Edward Sopko, Al Yarasavage.

2nd row: Joanna Capece Kollar, Theresa Novelli, Linda Fratarolli Wasta, Marian Hahn Munson, Alberta Wacławski Yarasavage, Virginia Wozinski Pickel, Marie Sezniak Guyer.

3rd row: Ernie Pierontoni, Thomas Federici, Frances Meshinski Evans, Raymond Augustine, Joyce Ann Cavallini Yohey, Ronald Evans, Jerry Cybulski, Richard Burman, Carol Anskis Kubasik, Miriam Fink Romblad, Alex Preslopski, Ronald Fiorani.



Winter Storm Stella

Stella came roaring through the Township on March 14 leaving two feet of snow behind. Additional accumulation occurred in the following days, with snow showers and drifting snow. Only snowmobiles, ATVs, snowplows and backhoes were able to cut paths through much of the day, and in the afternoon, folks began digging out with snow blowers and shovels. All activities came to a screeching halt. There were no reports of power outages. O Spring, where art thou?



American Legion Post 971 Receives Commendation



By Tom Kashatus ~ Commander Paul Kearney of Jeffries-Slapikas American Legion Post 971 of Wanamie received a letter of commendation from the National American Legion Commander Dale Barnett for the post and his leadership in attaining 100% membership for 2016. This is the third consecutive year that the post and Kearney have received this honor. Post 971 is always seeking new members and interested veterans may determine their eligibility by contacting Adjutant Edward Kalinowski at (570) 735-8561. This year's Memorial Day festivities will take place as follows: Saint Vladimir's Cemetery at Polander Hill, Alden, 9:00 a.m.; East Kirmar Avenue Cemetery behind Alden Hose House, 9:15 a.m.; Sheatown Honor Roll Monument, Robert Street & John Street 9:45 a.m.; Holy Trinity Cemetery, Sheatown 10:00 a.m.; Saint Nicholas Cemetery, Sheatown (adjacent to Holy Trinity Cemetery) 10:15 a.m.; Newport Center Cemetery 11:00 a.m.; New Saint Mary's Cemetery, College Hill, Wanamie, 11:15 a.m.; Old Saint Mary's Cemetery, Brown Row, Wanamie, 11:30 a.m.; and Post 971 Monument at the Wanamie Hose House 11:45 a.m.

Newport Township Crime Watch Sponsors Speaker



At the March 8th meeting of the Newport Township Crime Watch, a presentation about opioid addiction was given by Rachael Wyda, RN, Pa Department of Health. Pictured above are: Mary Margaret Kashatus, Vice-President; Heidi Jarecki, Treasurer; Speaker Rachael Wyda; Vern Treat, President; and Amy Saraka, Secretary.

American Legion Auxiliary Post 239 Glen Lyon



Future Auxiliary/Legion/SAL Events

By Lorrie Materiewicz ~ Mark your calendars, because the spring and summer will be full of events for the Newport Township American Legion Home Association, Auxiliary & SAL Post & Unit 539! It all starts on Saturday, April 8th with the Spring yard/bake sale in the post hall from 8 am to 3 pm with the traditional eat-in/take-out all day hot lunch. The Auxiliary is still looking for more vendors, but there will be bargains and goodies galore with lots of good home cooking, so call Lorrie for a vendor spot at \$10.00 or for more information at 570-736-7177.

Following that will be the Home Association chicken barbeque on Sunday, May 21st. Details need to be finalized, so continue to check the newspapers, Facebook, and local business establishments for further information.

Memorial Day will be here before you know it, and that means flag replacement on the cemeteries the Thursday before at 6 pm. This is a nice opportunity to volunteer. Memorial Day ceremonies will begin at the west side of Glen Lyon at 9:30 am as usual. Let's hope the civilian turnout is improved this year! Poppies will be available prior to the onset of the ceremony and also prior to Masses the weekend before Memorial Day. Poppies can always be obtained by calling Lorrie at 570-736-7177.

June brings us Flag Day when the Legion & Auxiliary respectfully dispose of worn & tattered flags. Anyone may bring theirs to the American Legion or to Judy at the Glen Lyon Post Office. Judy will collect them and get them to the proper person for disposal. The flag-burning ceremony time will be published in the newspaper and on Facebook and is followed by free refreshments and socializing. Free flag codes will be available upon request.

Another fun event for June will be the annual SAL Night at the Races on Saturday, June 17th. Once again, details are being finalized for this event, but it was a huge success last year and everyone had a blast! Good food, good fun, and good company! So come join us again this year.

The final offering for the month of June will be the Auxiliary's annual blood drive. So many lives can be saved by just one donation, so won't you please mark your calendar as soon as we get a definite date? As soon as we know, we'll let you know. It's one of the MOST important donations you can make this year.

And of course don't forget that the NTCO & the Auxiliary co-host a food bank on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the hall of the Post home from 6 to 7 pm. This is for Newport Township residents only and pre-registration is required by calling Lorrie @ 570-736-7177. ID for every household member is needed only for the first visit to the distribution as well as proof of residency. This is another great opportunity to volunteer. Anyone wishing to do so just needs to show up at 4:30 pm and sign in. Volunteers are needed to unload the truck, set up, distribute food, and clean up. All ages are encouraged to help, and those receiving food are allowed to volunteer as well.



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Newport Township Obituaries

By Tom Kashatus - The following is the NTCO quarterly obituary page for the 2017 Spring issue of the Newsletter. 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; thus, it has been decided to run a more complete obituary on our web site 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 obituary. As usual, your comments are always welcome. If someone is missed, please notify this writer at tomkash@verizon.net or call (570) 736-6981.

WYSOCKI, Olivia "Wee Wee" (nee Eckrote), 71, of Wanamie, passed away on December 8, 2016. Olivia was born December 19, 1944. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

EBERT, Yolanda (nee Zielinski), 65, of Dorrance Township, passed away Sunday evening, December 11, 2016. Yolanda was born in Glen Lyon on August 30, 1951. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '69.

ROKE, Barbara (nee Wall), 74, of Alden, passed away Friday, December 16, 2016. Barbara was born in Nanticoke and raised in Alden. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '60.

McDermott, Dennis, 63, of Ashville, NC, former resident of Wanamie, passed away December 9, 2016.

TARNOWSKI, Kazimer E., 93, a resident of Ridgefield, CT for the past nine years, formerly of Linden, NJ, and Newport Township, passed away Thursday, December 15, 2016. "Kaz" was born November 1, 1923, in Sheatown. He was raised in Sheatown and Glen Lyon and graduated from Newport Township High School Class of '42. "Kaz" was a veteran of World War II, having served with the US Marine Corps. He was buried at Saint Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia, NJ with military honors.

DAUBER, Larry G., 78, of Exeter, formerly of Dorrance Township and with ties to Newport Township, passed away on Friday, December 23, 2016. He was a graduate of Berwick High School and a US Army veteran.

WERTS, Brayden Tyler-David, baby boy, passed away Wednesday, December 21, 2016.

KMIETOWICZ, Rose (nee Zlonkewicz), 87, a life resident of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, December 25, 2016. Rose was born February 27, 1929. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '46. She was a long-standing member of Saint Nicholas Catholic Church of Glen Lyon.

KRUPINSKI, Julianna Mary (nee Valenti-Gavrich), 74, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Christmas Eve, December 24, 2016. Julianna was born June 17, 1942. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '60.

WINSKI, Louise Ann (nee Novak), 85, formerly of Glen Lyon and Millville, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2016. Louise was born September 27, 1931. She was raised in Glen Lyon and graduated from Newport Township High School.

LYNCH, Lawrence C. Jr., "Larry," 56, of Robert Street, Sheatown, passed away Friday, December 30, 2016. He graduated from Nanticoke Area High School Class of '78.

FEDAK, Pamela Mary (nee Maddy), 56, of Alden passed away on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Pamela was born in Nanticoke on May 24, 1960. She was a graduate of Greater Nanticoke Area High School and the Luzerne County Community College School of Nursing.

JAKUBOSKI, John Howard, 50, of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2017. John was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY.

ARISTIDE, Souveraine, 55, of Newport Street, Glen Lyon, passed away January 20, 2017.

MATUSEK, Elizabeth L. "Betty" (nee Billy), 83, a lifelong resident of Mocanaqua, passed away on January 17, 2017. She was a 1951 graduate of Shickshinny High School.

GARDJULIS, Dianna L. (nee Sedorchuk), 67, of Larksville, and a former resident of Wanamie, passed away Friday, January 27, 2017. Dianna was born September 7, 1949, in Nanticoke. She graduated from Newport Township High School Class of '67.

ZIDEK, John Sr., 66, of Shickshinny, passed away Thursday, January 17, 2017. John was born December 18, 1950. He graduated from Newport Township High School Class of '68 and served in the US Marine Corps in Viet Nam, receiving the Medal of Heroism as well as a number of other citations.

ALBERTI, Anna (nee Eisenbach), 73, of Mountain Top, passed away Friday, January 20, 2017. Anna was born in Brooklyn, NY, on September 26, 1943. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '61.

CHESNEY, Margaret S. (nee Harcharik), 95, of Emmanuel Nursing Center, Danville, and formerly of Berwick and Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday January 29, 2017. Margaret was born in Glen Lyon. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '39.

CHESKO, Martha (nee Benis), 91, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Newport Township, passed away January 30, 2017. Martha was born in Newport Township on December 2, 1925.

NOVAK, Robert G. Jr., 54, of Sheatown, passed away Sunday, February 5, 2017. Robert was born August 6, 1962. He graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area High School.

KOZAK, Frank III, 52, of Nanticoke, passed away Saturday, February 4, 2017. Frank was born in Newport Township on July 1, 1964. He was a graduate of Greater Nanticoke Area High School and had been employed by Certainteed Corporation.

HARENZA, Bernadine "Bernie" (nee Janusz), 88, formerly of Alden, passed away Sunday, February 12, 2017. Bernadine was born in Nanticoke on March 14, 1928.

BUTZ, Rita Mary (nee Galicki), of Larksville and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2017. Rita was born and raised in Glen Lyon. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

DEETS, Anna (nee Fine), 90, of Wapwallopen, passed away Sunday morning, December 4, 2016. Anna was born in Slocum Township. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

KOVALICH, Joseph "JJ," 94, of Georgetown, KY, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Friday, February 5, 2017. Joseph was born in Glen Lyon on August 24, 1921. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School. Joseph was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving during World War II.

LITTLEFORD, Lee Charles Sr., 89, of Sheatown, passed away on Monday, February 20, 2017. Lee was born and raised in Sheatown. He was a proud veteran of the US Navy, serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Lakey.

ZABOROSKI, Barbara Ann, 63, of Newfoundland, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017

CZAPRACKI, Stasia M. (nee Olshefski), 97, passed away Thursday, February 23, 2017. Stasia was born September 25, 1919 in Glen Lyon.

CLELAND, James D. Jr., 69, of Newport Township, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017, at Guardian Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Sheatown.

STASKIEL, Joan Theresa, 82, of Nanticoke, passed away Feb. 12, 2017, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Mass of Christian Burial was held in Holy Spirit Parish/St. Adalbert's Church, Glen Lyon.

Attorney Christopher Slusser Appointed Township Solicitor



By John and Carol Jarecki ~ At their December meeting, the Township Commissioners voted to appoint Attorney Christopher Slusser, the founder of the Slusser Law Firm in Hazelton, as the new Township Solicitor effective January 1, 2017. He replaces Attorney Richard Shiptoski, who resigned as Solicitor also on January 1, 2017 after serving in that position for 32 years.

Attorney Slusser grew up in the Hazelton area, graduating from West Hazelton High School. He received a B.S. Degree in Management from Penn State University in 1993 and a Juris Doctorate Degree from Widener University in 1996.

While still in school, he worked as an intern with the Public Protection Division of the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General. Upon graduation, the internship became a paid position, with his immediate supervisor being the Director of the Division. In this role, Attorney Slusser dealt with consumer complaints of all kinds.

After a period in which he practiced law with firms in the Hazelton area, he founded his own law firm. He has experience in a wide range of legal areas. Two of his areas of specialization are municipal law and personal injury law.

Attorney Slusser has 20 years experience in municipal law. Newport Township Manager Peter Wanchisen said that, in his search for a new solicitor, he learned that Attorney Slusser was highly recommended by law firms, municipalities, and attorneys for municipalities in our area. He was Solicitor for the City of Hazelton from 2006 to 2015 and Solicitor for the Hazelton Area School District from 2002 to the present. In addition, he has served as solicitor for a large number of municipalities and other local government bodies in our area.

Attorney Slusser says that because of his firm's reputation in municipal law, many municipalities contact him when a solicitor position opens. And when a municipality announces that it is looking for a solicitor, his firm makes inquiries about the position.

We asked him how he would describe the position of solicitor. He said that local government statutes define the role of solicitor as chief legal officer, general adviser to governmental bodies, such as our Board of Commissioners, and legal representative of governmental bodies. This role involves dealing with such matters as labor contracts, sales and purchases, and giving administrative advice. The work changes from day to day, depending on the issues that arise at the particular time.

He said that different attorneys have different approaches to the role of solicitor. Some take an active role at local government meetings. He prefers to respond to the needs of the local government officers. He does his best to provide sound legal advice and advance the interests of the community he is serving.

Attorney Slusser says that, while the financial compensation for municipal law is not as great as in some other legal areas, he enjoys this kind of work because it puts him in contact with people in communities in our area; it allows him to give back to local communities and to contribute to the welfare of the municipalities that he serves.

Mr. Slusser says that his family has deep roots in Northeastern Pennsylvania. His father owned a waste handling and landfill business, eventually selling it to Waste Management, Inc. His brother owned a similar business, and likewise sold it to Waste Management. His uncles were owners of the Slusser Brothers Construction Company, which owned the Dorrance Quarry. In short, he has many family ties to our area.

Attorney Slusser has three children, two boys 18 and 12, and one girl 16. His oldest son will be entering Penn State University in the fall. He says that he looks forward to serving the community of Newport Township. We wish him success and all the best in his new position.

Reilly Finishing Donates to Mill Library



Front row l to r: Hannah Fink; Vicki Frace, Barbara Lach, and David Reems, of the Mill Library. Back row l to r: Robert Fink of Reilly Finishing; Susan Maza receiving check from Kathy Kobylarz, Reilly Finishing H. R. Manager; Tony Baranowski and Thaddeus Wadas of the Mill Library. Absent were Carol Sukawoski and Kim Morgan.

By Tom Kashatus ~ Reilly Finishing Technologies of Alden recently made a donation of \$3,250 to the Mill Library, Nanticoke. The funds resulted from their Christmas Tree Lane fundraiser over the holiday season. Community participants in the Christmas Tree Lane project were: Air Excellence; Bob's Auto Service; Broadway Garage; Ceppa's Notary; Corbett Insurance; Dorrance Auto Center; Emjaze Signs; Lecia's Styling Studio; Lee's Oil Company; Luksh Electric; Newport Township Community Organization; One Stop Auto; Parkway Inn, Petroski Plumbing; R Bar; Reilly Finishing Technologies; Rep. Gerald Mullery; Sanitary Bakery; Suburban Oil; TNT Subs; and W. Peters Enterprises.

The Mill Library has been an important asset to many people and organizations over the years and provides services not only to Greater Nanticoke Area School District's municipalities but also to the surrounding communities of Northwest Area and Hanover Township. It provides an outlet for both young and old with their volunteer reading programs for children, for books and other reading material for people of all ages, and access to computers for those in need of the internet. A Board of Directors led by President Sue Maza, Secretary Vicki Frace, Treasurer Barbara Lach, Tad Wadas, David Reams, Tony Baranowski, Kim Morgan, and Carol Sukawoski provide the leadership and guidance for fundraisers and organizational direction of the library.

On April 29th, the Library will hold a fundraiser "The Love for Literacy" which will offer food and refreshments. Tickets will be available to the community for \$25.00 prior to the event day and \$30.00 if purchased at the door. Some of the services offered by the library are adult crafts, a crocheting club, a chess club, the long-time children's reading program, etc. Two major maintenance/restoration projects that the library is looking forward to are updating lighting needs and restoration of masonry work at the front entrance.



Spring Bingo

The Newport Township Women's Activity Group will sponsor a Spring Bingo on Sunday, March 26 at St. Adalbert's Church Hall.

Easter Bunny

The Women's Activity Group will hold their annual Visit with the Easter Bunny for Township children on Saturday, April 8 at 1:00 pm at the Wanamie Recreation Park.

TASTE OF THE TOWNSHIP



CLAM CHOWDER

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Clam chowder is any of several chowder soups containing clams and broth. In addition to clams, common ingredients include diced potatoes, onions, and celery. It is believed that clams were used in chowder because of the relative ease of harvesting them.

The word “chowder” is usually recognized to have come from the French *chaudière*, which translated literally means “pot.” It refers to a specific cooking pot in French cuisine. Chaudière in turn comes from *chaud*, which is French for “hot” and is derived from the Latin calderia, the word from which the English language gets our word “cauldron.” Who made the first clam chowder? Impossible to pin on one person, but chowder, any of a variety of soups featuring salted pork fat and thickened with a flour, heavy roux, crumbled ship biscuits or saltine crackers and milk, first materialized with Breton fisherman who migrated south to New England from Newfoundland. They would take much of the offal of their daily catches and combine them with readily available ingredients in large soup pots to feed themselves, their families and each other.

By 1836, clam chowder was already well-known in Boston and served at Ye Olde Union Oyster House, the nation’s oldest continuously operating restaurant. The building that houses the Union Oyster House is about 250 years old. Daniel Webster, the noted lawyer and orator who served as a Congressman and as Secretary of State, was a regular at the bar, where he was known for downing a tumbler of brandy and water with each half-dozen oysters – and he’d rarely eat less than six plates of the tasty bivalves! Herman Melville, the American novelist, devoted a whole chapter to chowder in his famous 1851 book *Moby Dick*. He writes of the Try Pots, a chowder house in Nantucket, Mass., which served only cod or clam chowder.

The first recipe for another variety, Manhattan clam chowder, known for using tomatoes and its consequently distinctly red color, was published in 1934. In 1939, the state of Maine debated legislation that would outlaw the use of tomatoes in chowder, thereby essentially prohibiting the “Manhattan” form. Since the popularity of New England clam chowder spread throughout the United States in the 19th and 20th centuries, many other regions have introduced their own local twists on the traditional recipe.

Clam chowder is popular in the Township during the meatless days of Lent. Many churches and community organizations make and sell it as fund raisers. Here is a recipe our readers can try at home, taken from *The Complete America’s Test Kitchen TV Show Cookbook*, published in 2016.

New England Clam Chowder

Ingredients:

- 7 pounds medium-size hard-shell clams such as cherrystones, washed and scrubbed clean
- 5 ounces (about 3 slices) thick-cut bacon, cut into 1/4-inch pieces
- 1 large onion, chopped medium
- 2 tablespoons unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 pounds red potatoes (about 4 medium) cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme or 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley leaves
- Table salt and ground black pepper

Directions:

1. Bring 3 cups water to a boil in a large Dutch oven. Add the clams and cover with tight-fitting lid. Cook for 5 minutes, uncover and stir with a wooden spoon. Quickly cover the pot and steam until the clams just open, 2 to 4 minutes. Transfer the clams to a large bowl and cool slightly; reserve the broth. Open the clams with a pairing knife, holding the clams over

2. Fry the bacon in the pot over medium-low heat until the fat renders and the bacon crisps, 5 to 7 minutes. Add the flour and stir until lightly colored, about 1 minute. Gradually whisk in the reserved clam broth. Add the potatoes, bay leaf, and thyme and simmer until the potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes. Add the clams, cream, parsley, and salt and pepper to taste; bring to a simmer. Remove from the heat, discard the bay leaf, and serve.

Michael McCartney Honored



By Tom Kashatus ~ Michael McCartney grew up in the Harvey’s Lake area. He is the son of Dennis and Susan Rinehamer McCartney. As a child, Michael spent a lot of time visiting his grandfather Harry Rinehamer and grandmother Veranne of Brown Row in Wanamie where his Mom grew up. He especially enjoyed walking through the woods with his Grandfather looking for mushrooms, picking blueberries, and visiting the beautiful Wanamie Reservoir. Mr. Rinehamer passed away and Michael went on to become an English teacher at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

He was recently honored as Aroostook County’s “Teacher of the Year” for 2016. He also qualified for the state of Maine’s “Teacher of the Year” but someone else received the honor. During his youth, Michael attended Wyoming Seminary in Forty Fort and Moravian College in Bethlehem where he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He achieved a double major in English and history. He also studied at Oxford University in the United Kingdom and graduated with a Master’s Degree in English Literature. Michael lives in Limestone, Maine, with his wife, Dr. Betsy McCartney, and their son, Patrick Dennis McCartney. Grandmother Veranne, mother of eight girls and four boys, has twenty-two grandchildren and is “proud of each and every one of them.” Veranne continues to live her “golden years” helping others as much as possible and enjoying the successes of her children and grandchildren.

Newport Township Crime Watch Events

By Sue Heinz ~ **March 29:** The Self Defense Survival Awareness Class conducted by Kevin Barrett, Certified Police Defensive Tactics and U.S. Army Hand to Hand Combat Instructor will be held at the Nanticoke Fitness Center.

April 29: Crime Watch in conjunction with the Nanticoke Conservation Club and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council will be holding a cleanup of an illegal dumpsite on the IP road in the Ridgeview section of Newport Township. Clean-up will start at 8 am. This event is registered with the Great American Cleanup of PA. Crime Watch is the recipient of a \$500.00 grant from ARIPPA (Anthracite Region Independent Power Producers Association) to rent a dumpster. Volunteers are needed. Anyone with a pickup truck can help transport trash. For more information, contact our Facebook page or email: newportcrimewatch17@gmail.com.

August 1: National Night Out: Plans for the 2017 Newport Township Police Department/Crime Watch National Night Out are beginning to take shape. Actually, planning for this event began at approximately 11 pm on Aug 2, 2016. Several of our participants from last year have agreed to return. They include the NTCO’s Chili Cook-Off (polish up those secret recipes), Self Defense Program and Dr. Andrew Makos, Chiropractor. Our popular Chinese Auction (baskets needed) will be held, along with the Bake Sale, Children’s Free Games, Dunk Tank and Food Stand. Volunteers are needed for all of these stands. Any individuals, organizations, churches, or businesses who would like to be part of our 2nd Annual National Night Out can contact us at our email address.

Future meetings will be held on April 13, May 11, June 8, and July 13 at 7 pm in the Municipal Building in Wanamie. Township residents are welcome to attend.



Above left: Tony Rymar. Middle picture: Chris Langman, UGI; Tony Rymar; Frank Angrun, Enviro-Air Technologies; Jeremy Richter, Stantec; Shaun O'Donnell, Enviro-Air Technologies; Pat Morrison, Stantec; Gerry Olenick (Retired), PA DEP; John Volansky, Enviro-Air Technologies; and Mike Brenner, PA DEP.

Tony Rymar Returns Home

By Tom Kashatus ~ Tony Rymar spent his childhood days growing up in Alden. He is now an environmental engineer working for UGI Utilities, Inc., a provider of electricity and natural gas for many of our area residents and businesses. After graduating from Wilkes University he eventually followed in his father's footsteps and began a career with UGI and has been employed there for the past nine years. While his father Joe, now retired, worked in the Wilkes-Barre - Luzerne County area, Tony's career has taken him to live in Sinking Springs, PA with his wife, Kristi, and 12 year old son, Jack. His work takes him throughout Pennsylvania and, at times, into the Northeast region of the United States.

What brought Tony back to the Nanticoke-Newport area? In the late 1800s and into the mid 1900s, Pennsylvania Gas and Water (PG&W) owned and operated manufactured gas plants (MGP's) that used coal, coke and oil as the raw materials for gas production. Their now vacant site in Nanticoke, eventually purchased by UGI as part of its acquisition of PG Energy, lay in the Lower Broadway area just north of the Weis Market complex. The gas, commonly referred to as "coal gas," was used as a fuel for residential cooking, heating, lighting, and also in industrial processes. There were several by-products produced as part of the manufactured gas process. One byproduct is known as 'coal tar' which is a thick, black, oily substance that looks and smells like the sealant commonly used to seal asphalt driveways.

Being an environmentally responsible company, UGI Utilities is committed to addressing the environmental impacts these MGP sites might pose, and bringing them up to 21st century environmental standards. The investigation and testing of the Nanticoke site began in 2006; and in 2015 PA DEP (Pennsylvania Environmental Protection) approved a work plan to clean up the area and improve the site conditions whereby the property will be restored for beneficial use.

Approximately 6,000 tons of soil were removed from the area impacted by the MGP. Approximately 6,000 cubic yards of impacted sediments in the backwaters of the Susquehanna River were stabilized. Restoration of the site included a gravel parking lot on land affected by the MGP that once was also part of the Nanticoke Soccer Field. Restoration of the former Nanticoke MGP also includes a parking lot, tree plantings, and establishment of a greenway area.

The project was completed during the fall of 2016. During the project, real time air monitoring was conducted during the remediation to control off-site exposure. Mr. Rymar, as project supervisor, insured that all aspects of the project were done in a professional manner and met DEP standards.

The coordination and cooperation of a number of entities was necessary to successfully complete this project: UGI, Nanticoke City, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Stantec, Enviro-Air Technologies, and the offices of Senator John Yudichak and Representative Gerald Mullery. Even though Mr. Rymar's career has taken him away from Newport Township and his childhood friendships, he stated that "It is always great to come back home and visit with family and old friends."

Tony is the son of Joe and Patty Sweeney Rymar, both graduates of Newport High School.



Above is Jadyn Zdanavage, No. 107, doing her favorite thing: running a cross country event.

California All-American Has Ties to Newport

By Tom Kashatus ~ Jadyn Zdanavage recently earned All-American honors at the USA Track and Field (USATF) Junior Olympic Cross Country National Championships in Hoover, Alabama. She was 10th out of 389 runners in the 11-12 year-old girls division. Her southern California based team, Equalizers, was national runner-up for 2014, 2015, and 2016. This honor is Jadyn's third consecutive All-American award. The top 25 individuals in each age division at the National Championship race earn All-American awards.

Dating back to the mid-1960's, the USATF Junior Olympic program is the most visible youth athlete developmental program in the world. Nearly 70,000 youth athletes compete each year in the Junior Olympic Track & Field and Cross Country programs. Many of America's Olympians began as youth athletes, including stars such as Maurice Greene, Allyson Felix, Bryan Clay, John Godina, Deena Kastor, and Allen Johnson.

It is important to note that where Jadyn attends school in Irvine, CA, there are elementary school running programs to encourage physical fitness. Irvine School District is a large district which has 22 elementary schools with over 800 students each. Each spring the district holds an Olympic style competition for the students to represent their school in athletic events, known as the "Irvine Junior Games." Jadyn finished 1st in the 400M race in the 4th grade girls' event and first in the 800M race in the 5th grade girls' event. Jadyn also set a 5th grade girls record in the basketball shooting competition. Currently a sixth grade student, she began running at age 9, and she especially loves to run cross country. Her athleticism has also expanded to basketball and lacrosse.

Jadyn is the great-granddaughter of the late Arline Rinehimer of Alden and granddaughter of Leonard and Mildred Zdanavage, currently of Nanticoke, but who lived in Alden for more than 50 years. Leonard and Mildred both graduated from Newport Township High School.

Jadyn's parents are Corey and Stephanie Zdanavage. Corey spent his youth in Alden and graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area High School in 1987. This writer has known Jadyn's father as a star athlete in his own right, excelling on the football field, basketball court, and baseball diamond as well as in academics during his elementary, junior high, and senior high school days.

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Daughter Marya (Siergiej) Baratta

Right: Back to Front:
Grandmother Shirley Siergiej
Chesterine Grycewicz
Jean (Beggs) Sawczuk
William Baratta
Mike Sawczuk

Bus Stop Cafe

By Tom Kashatus ~ The Bus Stop Café is a “mom and pop” luncheonette located on the Square in Nanticoke on the corner of East Broad and South Market Streets. The Café has been a long-time advertiser in the Newport Township Community Organization newsletter. Diamond’s Candy and a tailor shop were once located on the property. Today the business is owned by Eli Panagakos. He and full time waitress, Shannon Wisneski, who has been on the job for the past three years, arrive early to start the day. When needed, they are joined by part-timers Ariella Trough and daughter Gia Panagakos. The menu is relatively simple and the food is great. Eli caters to his customers daily (closed on Sunday) for “breakfast all day” and lunch and closes at 3:00 p.m. It is not unusual to see a full counter and tables at 6:00 a.m. It is worth the trip to the Bus Stop Café just to see the many historical photographs of Nanticoke and Newport displayed on the walls, along with some of Eli’s favorite entertainment personalities.

When a customer takes a stool and sits at the counter, it is not unusual to see a familiar face whether it be from Nanticoke or Newport. Some customers/friends have been coming for over twenty years - and some even come for two meals every day. When time permits (rarely) Eli will engage in conversation and reveal his true compassion and personality. He stated that “Nanticoke and Newport have been good to me and I am obligated to treat my customers the best I can.” Long-time customer, Ann Guzinski, stated that “The food is good and fresh off the grill.”

There are times when Eli will cater small parties or get-togethers with advance knowledge, i.e., birthdays, business, friends, etc. There is a small side room with tables and benches to accommodate a small overflow of business. For example, the above photo depicts a small birthday party for Marya (Siergiej) Barrata given by her mother Cindy (Beggs) Siergiej and other family members.



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Picture at Mayflower, Wilkes Barre, Coal Street, 1966, l to r: Jake Handzelek, Don Komoroski, John Piscorik, Carl Orbon, and John Kashatus Jr.

The End of an Era

It was 1966! It was Baseball! It was Glen Lyon!

By Tom Kashatus ~ Reference is made to an article written by John Kashatus, Jr. in the Public Square, Section C, of the *Citizen's Voice* on October 16, 2016, titled: “Glory Days.” When the Glen Lyon semi-pro franchise reentered the Wyoming League in 1963 as the Glen Lyon AC, the team was “middle of the pack” at best. Then, after three years of being characterized as average, the local team saw a silver lining when the Mocanaqua and West Side (Nanticoke) teams disbanded after the 1965 season. Mocanaqua had been a perennial playoff team in the Wyoming League; and West Side claimed the Championship in the Central League.

The first decision for the Glen Lyon club was to secure Don Komoroski of West Side as manager. Along with him came three West Side players: Steve Piestrak (Hanover Township), Al Cihocki, Jr. (Nanticoke), and John Piscorik (Hanover Township) who was also available on a part-time status. In addition, Jake Handzelek (Mocanaqua) and Irv Post (Shickshinny), two key players from the now defunct Mocanaqua club joined the team. Completing the roster were several local home grown guys, namely: Joe Ciampi, Rich Vosheski, Bobby Sobotka, John Kashatus, Ray & Joe Niemiec, Paul Noss, Mike Koff, and Russ Sager.

After an explosive start (6-0) in the Central League, the now re-named Glen Lyon Condors lost a few games and then the pennant race was in full gear. Glen Lyon ended the regular season in a tie for 2nd place, and a berth in the league playoffs. The Condors defeated Mountain Top in a best of three series, and followed that by besting Ashley (2 out of 3) for the Central League Championship.

In 1967 the Condors returned as an average, but competitive team. They missed the playoffs, thus ending the glory of semi-pro baseball in Glen Lyon. The days of championships and the thousands of fans that would turn out at Weinick Park on a Sunday to a “standing room only” afternoon of baseball were gone. For those fans who came to see their local heroes take the field to put on a show for their families, friends, and baseball curious, the Condors would now be only a legacy and memory.



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The Fruits of Buck Season

By Tom Kashatus ~ After learning of the many successes of the Newport Township hunters during 2015, I guess that it's no surprise that deer season in 2016 followed suit. The following report contains photos of hunters with Newport Township ties and their trophies, that led to another successful deer season this past year.

1. Using a VowTec compound cross bow, Katie Kowalski harvested this eight point 180 pound buck from 10 yards away in Newport Township during bow season. Katie has been hunting with her father since her childhood days when she followed behind in his footsteps. She always looks forward to the challenge of shooting a tom turkey during turkey season with her compound cross bow.
2. Jacob Piestrak, 13, of Alden harvested this eight-pointer on the first day of crossbow season in October on the family farm at Town Hill near Huntington Mills.
3. Shawn Swicklik of Glen Lyon harvested this nine point 185 pound buck in Conyngham Township using his 308 Remington rifle.
4. Pictured is Brian Pauska of Newport Center with the twelve point buck that he shot in Newport Township on the first day of buck season. Brian used a 7 MM magnum.
5. Thinking that he was done for the day and returning home, John Evans of Wanamie used his 30.06 Remington rifle to harvest this 7 point 145 pound buck just off the power line between Glen Lyon and Wanamie.
6. Pictured is John Brassington with the seven point buck that he harvested in Newport Township on the last Friday of buck season using his 300 Winchester magnum. John and his brother Russ are owners of Newport Decal in Newport Center.
7. Jeremy Wildoner of Railroad Street, Glen Lyon shot this eight point 170 pound buck in Newport Township.
8. Shown with his father Tom, Leon Bonczewski of Glen Lyon felled this eight point 175 pound buck in Newport Township using his Barnett cross bow.
9. Jason Bush, of Glen Lyon, shot this 10 pointer in Glen Lyon during the first week of buck season using a 300 Winchester Magnum.



10. Former Glen Lyon resident, Bob Fowler, who loves to hunt his home area, harvested this 10 point 150 pound buck in Newport township using a 280 caliber Remington. The deer scored 161 3/8 inches in accordance with Boone & Crocket stat sheet.



11. Jeff Montgomery Sr. of Glen Lyon harvested this 190 pound seven point buck in the Dallas area on the first Friday of rifle season. He used a 30-06 Remington for the kill at 300 yards. Jeff has been hunting 28 years beginning at 12 years of age, and he is also an avid fisherman.



12. Pictured here are Jeff Montgomery Jr. and his father, Jeff Sr. Jeff Jr. took this buck with a Remington bolt action 30-06 as his father pushed the deer into him while doing a drive the last Friday of rifle season. The buck was hunted for 6 years and finally was taken in Newport Township. The antlers had a spread of 19 1/2 inches with 10" brow tines.



13. Noah Sedorchuk, 17, shot this seven point 140 pound buck at Pond Hill with his 30-30 Marlin. Noah is a seasoned hunter and has been hunting since age 12.

14. David Wildoner Sr. of Glen Lyon harvested this eight point 190 pound buck in Glen Lyon during Archery Season using a crossbow.

15. Sabrina Wildoner of Glen Lyon bagged her first buck, an 11 point 200 pounder, on opening day of hunting season in Glen Lyon using a 243 Remington. Her husband, David, helped track the deer after it was shot. She has been hunting three years.



16. Twenty-year-old David Wildoner Jr. shot this 120 pound doe in the Glen Lyon area during doe season with a 45-70 Governor. Dave has been hunting for five years.

17. Robert Morris of Wanamie, shown with his granddaughter Saia Morris, shot this 7 point 135 pound buck on the first day of buck season on the family farm in Conyngham Township. He used a CVA single shot rifle in caliber 7mm-08, self-fueled with 139 grain SST Hornady ammunition. Other members of the hunting party were wife Diane Morris, Steve and Carolyn Phillips, Tony Krupinski Sr., Tony Krupinski Jr., Jake Krupinski, and Joe and Marcus Matz.





Pictured are some members of Greater Nanticoke Area 2016 football program who participated in delivering meals on Thanksgiving Day to 250 area families. Kneeling from left to right are: Austin Cheslaw, Mark Walters, Mike Marcella, Henry Sedorchuk IV, Collin Kudrako-Kashatus, and Austin Blank. Standing left to right are: Matt Wrubel, Eric Jeffries, Kris Seiwel, Matt Piontkowski, and Coach Neal McMahon. Photo and identifications provided by Dean Myers.

Football Players Deliver Thanksgiving Meals

By Tom Kashatus ~ The event is called "Sharing the Tradition" and it is funded by Eric Insurance and proprietor Nancy Yalch of Yalch Insurance, Mountain Top, and a resident of Wanamie. Holy Transfiguration Hall of Rhone (Hanover Section of Nanticoke) provides the kitchen and Rentko Catering does the food preparation. Luzerne

County Community College Culinary School chips in by baking pies for the event. Announcements are made through the *Citizens Voice*.

A common denominator seen at special events such as this is Michael Yalch of Sheatown who takes the responsibility of being the "organizer." It is amazing to see the smiling faces of the many volunteers who fill the trays, carry boxes and bags of food to awaiting vehicles and their drivers, the pot and pan man at the kitchen sink, and everyone else who pitches in.

This special Thanksgiving event has been in effect since 2009 and meals are delivered to Mocanaqua, Shickshinny, Wapwallopen, Newport Township, West Nanticoke, Nanticoke City, Warrior Run, Sugar Notch, Ashley, etc. Nancy Yalch stated, "We try to accommodate those who are unable to experience a traditional meal due to health or family circumstances."



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Above is the Newport Township Women's Activity Group at their "Lunch with Santa" for Township children on December 16 at the Legion. Face painting, balloons, crafts, and caroling were among the activities.

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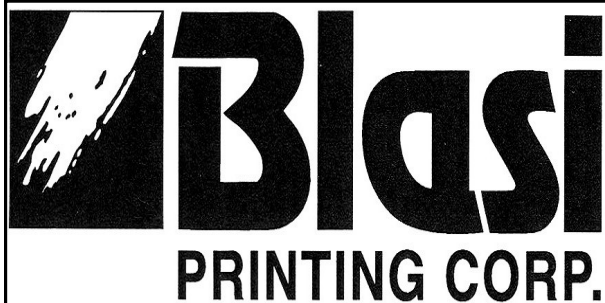
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The annual Ben Frace Lobster Dinner was held at St Andrew's Church, Alden on January 14. Pictured right are Vicky Frace, 3d from right, and her kitchen crew.



John Evans and Chase Cunningham

By Tom Kashatus ~ John Evans of Wanamie is sort of the self-appointed leader of the "45+ Club" where "Old Guys Rule" in Newport Township. Generally, John acts the rough and tough guy role in his own subtle way; but he is really like a kitten with a heart of gold. The Club has been in existence for about four years now and most of the members like to ride their ATVs and spend time in the woods with each other, at the same time trying to clean up the trash left by others who are not-so-caring about the environment. Once a year, John likes to throw a pig roast in the "boonies," as the saying goes, for this homogeneous group of friends. Usually there are 100 people who show up - men, women, and youngsters - some even bring their favorite homemade dishes. As a participant, I can actually say that "The food is soooo gooodd." The main course (roasted pig), catered by Woody Larson, is just excellent and everyone just digs in and takes what they want. Besides having a good time, John has an ulterior motive for having the good time - to raise money for a worthwhile charity. There is a moderate fee which covers the cost of the event; and then the remainder is used for a charitable donation to a worthy cause. The fee also covers the cost of a T-shirt to sport around the neighborhood.

Last fall, the Italian Club in Miners Mills held a benefit for a young boy in Dallas Borough who was born with "HIE." Upon seeing the flyer and researching the facts of HIE, John decided that he and his friends in Newport Township have to help this little guy, Chase Cunningham, and his family somehow. Wheels were then put in motion and a decision was made that this year's pig roast will benefit the Cunningham Family.

As in Chase's case, HIE (Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy) is an



John Evans, Chase Cunningham, Jennifer Cunningham

acronym and medical term for brain damage that may take place at birth when the child suffers from lack of oxygen for generally over ten minutes. This may result from strangulation by the umbilical cord or some other unfortunate circumstance. There is the possibility that the illness may lead to cerebral palsy, etc. According to the website *Hope for HIE*, "When the

brain is deprived of oxygen, brain cells are injured. Some may recover, some may die. The most common causes of oxygen deprivation to the brain are low levels of oxygen in the blood or a reduced flow of oxygen to the brain. This can happen in a variety of ways prior to birth, during the birth process, after birth, and during childhood. Different alternate diagnoses include perinatal

encephalopathy, perinatal asphyxia, neonatal encephalopathy or birth asphyxia." *Hope for HIE* is a worldwide organization of over 5,000 families that is deeply committed to providing comprehensive, personalized support for each family's journey.

Chase is on a feeding tube, he can't talk, can't walk, and it is questionable if he can understand. Only those who are close to him with his care are able to understand minimum communication. He will be three years old in April and a full-time nurse is assigned to his care at his residence as his mother Jennifer and father Christopher have full time jobs.



From left to right are: Mark Boncal, Emily Dougherty, Brian, and Susan Boncal.

In the photo above is last year's recipient of the 45+ Club's benefit, Brian Dougherty, with family at Newport Township's National Night Out in August, 2016. An update on Brian, (Reference 2016 Winter Newsletter, page 13), age 16, is that he is doing well and is being home-schooled in Greater Nanticoke Area by Mrs. J. Hockenberry. He has grown seven inches since his heart transplant, but unfortunately has some short-term memory loss due to previous strokes. A recent heart biopsy has indicated zero possibility for rejection. Brian is now awaiting his service dog, a Rhodesian Ridgeback, from Merlin's Kids in New Jersey, which is still in training status.

Brian's father Mark continues to work as a Newport Township fire truck driver at least eight days per month.

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Newport Township Teachers: Joseph Cherrie

By Thomas Izbicki ~ Joseph Cherrie taught in the schools of Newport Township for many years. He was a contemporary of Frank Shepela.

Joseph was born in Winton, Pennsylvania, near Scranton, on September 8, 1886, the second son of Bernardo Cerri and his wife Marietta Delagogna. After Bernardo's death, Marietta married Louis Lerda. They moved eventually to Glen Lyon, where the Lerdas ran a grocery store by the time of the 1910 census. The Lerdas raised four boys, John and Joseph Cherrie, and Stephen and Louis Lerda. John left school to work in the mines, but Joseph continued and graduated from Newport High School in 1913. While in high school, Joseph played basketball, as his half-brothers did after him. (All three became teachers.) He also took part in the senior class play.

After graduating from Newport, Joseph attended Bloomsburg State Normal School, graduating in June of 1915. At Bloomsburg, he was active on campus. According to the college yearbook, he was described as "dark haired, broad shouldered" with a good disposition. He was cheerful except during exam periods, and he was regarded as not letting studies interfere with campus pleasures. His favorite book was Vergil's *Aeneid*. Joseph was listed as a participant in the 1914 class drama, a member of the committee for the junior reception and chair of the advertising committee of the yearbook. On the more serious side, he taught Latin.

After graduating from Bloomsburg, Joseph began teaching at Newport Township schools in September of 1915, beginning at the Kosciuszko Grammar School in Glen Lyon. In the fall of 1916, Louis Lerda died, leaving a house on Railroad Street to his wife Mary and naming his stepson Joseph executor. Also in the fall of 1916, he was appointed to the faculty of the High School and named substitute principal when Principal George Coxe joined the U. S. Army. Later in the same year, Joseph was named a supervisor of the evening classes taught in Glen Lyon. By 1917 he was secretary of the Red Cross Association. He still was residing on Railroad Street in Glen Lyon.

With the American entry into the First World War, Joseph was among the many local men given physicals toward induction into the armed services. Joseph soon took a leave of absence to serve in the Army. (Agnew Shepela received leave at the same time.) Joseph was inducted in Nanticoke on September 4, 1918 and was to report to Camp Greenleaf in Georgia. He then was assigned to a field artillery battery at Camp Zachary Taylor in Kentucky. He was never sent overseas and was honorably discharged on November 27th of the same year. When the American Legion Post in Glen Lyon was organized, Joseph Cherrie was named temporary president. He and

his brother John both were active in the Legion. Joseph also contributed toward a welcome-home celebration for military veterans.

Joseph resumed teaching at Newport High School after discharge, continuing until his retirement in 1960. He taught History, Problems of Democracy and German. When German was removed from the curriculum after the American entry into World War II, he switched to teaching Spanish. Joseph also was named business manager of the Newport basketball team, and he was an advisor to the high school's Athletic Association. When a tennis club was established in 1922, Joseph joined together with Dr. Albert M. Thomas.

My mother Margarite had classes with her uncle. She recalls that he gave no breaks to a member of the family, calling on her every day. When the students were not prepared, he would close his book, blush scarlet and glare at them. Every day until he retired, Joseph walked from Sheatown where he had moved to Wanamie and back again.

While teaching, Joseph pursued further education by summer study. He received a B.A. from Penn State in 1928 and an M. Ed. in 1932. Joseph was among those who attended the 20th anniversary of his graduation from Bloomsburg. In 1949, Joseph, Frank Shepela and Chester Zimolzak attended the Secondary Educational Conference in Bloomsburg.

By August of 1924, Joseph was one of the better paid teachers at the High School. Joseph had other activities as a teacher. For example, he was chaperone for an outing of the senior class to Lake Nuangola. Likewise, he gave a talk at a banquet for the school's athletes in 1927. Ten years later he was toastmaster for an outing of the Newport football team, and in the same year he was involved in a fete for the basketball squad. In 1932, he gave a talk at a celebration of George Washington's 200th birthday. On a more contentious issue, Joseph was involved in a March 1934 meeting to discuss the as-yet unsettled issue of teachers' pay. The issue remained difficult for Joseph and two other teachers, Max Adamski and John Selecky, when they opposed the reappointment of Newport School Superintendent H. U. Nyquist. By August of 1935, the pay issue had been resolved.

With another World War in the offing, Joseph joined the Americanism Committee of the Glen Lyon Legion Post in 1938. In 1940, he attended a Private and Businessmen's Military Training Camp. Two years later he attended an eight-week course about aviation. The Legion also presented talks at the High School with John Selecky, Agnew Shepela and Joseph Cherrie serving on the program committee. Not everything he participated in was quite so serious. Joseph was one of the directors of the 1943 senior class play. But in 1944, he was given the task of serving on the State Veterans' Service Committee. After World War II, Joseph was named one of four members of Draft Board 95 in Nanticoke.

In 1946, a controversy between the teachers and the School Board arose over extracurricular activities. Joseph Cherrie and Principal John Kanyuk asked for a meeting to settle it. He also administered civil service tests for potential township police officers in 1947 and 1948. He served as a guidance counsellor at the High School in 1949, giving advice, among other things, on the Navy ROTC program. In the same year, he was commissioned by the school board to purchase University of Iowa aptitude tests for seniors, administering them later in 1949.

In January, 1923, Joseph married Edna Runyan, who had been chosen to teach at the High School during his absence while in the Army. She remained on the faculty until their marriage. They were wed by the pastor of the Methodist Church in Forty Fort. They then went on a tour of places in New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia. By the time of the 1930 census, they lived at 69 Robert Street in Sheatown and had a 4-year-old son, Donald. In the next census, in 1940, they still resided on Robert Street with son Donald (14) and also daughter Alice (9). I visited their home in Sheatown through to the time when the Cherrie's moved out and remember it as comfortable and well-furnished. Both Cherrie's attended the Alden Methodist Church. For several years, Joseph Cherrie was treasurer of the church.

Edna Cherrie died on October 1, 1980. Joseph later married Marion Mulhern, also a former teacher in local schools. They resided in San Diego, California. In 1994, Joseph Cherrie suffered a stroke and died in San Diego on February 28, 1995. He willed his body to science.

Joseph Cherrie



STAN PAWLOSKI

A Journey from Weinick Park to Cleveland

By John Kashatus ~ Stanley Pawloski was born in Wanamie on September 6, 1931, and he arrived in Cleveland, Ohio on September 24, 1955. This odyssey included obstacles, challenges, highlights and lowlights, friendships, and love along the way. Stan was the middle child of Walter and Anne Pawloski. He had two older siblings, Leona and Edward, and two younger sisters, Theresa and Louise. Stan's family was very supportive in his activities. Like many youngsters living in a small town, Stanley was assigned household chores such as cutting grass, taking out the ashes, shoveling snow, and cleaning the chicken coop. There were no organized sports for children during that era, but the kids from Brown Row weren't denied playing team sports - football, basketball, and baseball. "Sta Pav" or "Little Pav," nicknames of Stan, also played tag, kick the can, nip, and other street games.

When Stan was 14, he played semi-pro baseball with the Wanamie Aces, an early indication of his athletic prowess. He would play all three sports at Newport Township High School. Sta Pav played four years of baseball under the tutelage of Zig Najaka. He played four years of basketball, and two years of football under Walt Serowicz. He only played two years of football because his father wouldn't sign the football permission paper because of his concern for possible injury. Subsequently, Stan played the French horn in the Newport Band which allowed him to see the games for two years. His most memorable moment was Newport beating Nanticoke in football at home before a huge crowd in his senior year. His uncle made a bet that Newport would win and Stan would score three touchdowns. Newport won 12-7, but Stan only scored 2 TD's, hence his uncle broke even!

Stan played shortstop for the Nutcrackers, who were a constant contender in baseball for league honors. (Refer to NTCO Newsletter Issue #30 Summer 2012.) After his junior year, Stan played with the Glen Lyon Condors* which included seasoned semi-pro's: Doc Vosheski, A.K. Kramer, Zig Najaka, Adam Warchal, Levi & Jocko Sokoloski. Although he was much younger than his teammates, Stan was accepted and treated "exceptionally" well.

Stan was offered a number of football scholarships but whittled it down to two schools - the University of Georgia and the University of Pittsburgh. In the end, he said it was not a difficult decision. "I was going to get paid to play a sport I loved. I wanted to play every day (154 games in a baseball season vs once a week for 12 weeks in football). I also felt I might have a longer career in baseball due to the physical nature of football." He signed with Cleveland the day after graduation from high school in 1949, and 24 hours later was playing in his first professional game for the Stroudsburg Poconos. As a rookie Stan hit .329 for the Poconos, which has been duly

noted by baseball authorities as one of the best Minor League teams of all time. Stan made friends with many players, however most of them did not progress with the organization more than one or two years after that. He played with Walt Allabaugh (a Wilkes-Barre native), a pitcher on the Stroudsburg team. "Walt took me under his wing." Stan related that the most difficult adjustment that he had to make in pro ball was to leave yesterday's game behind and focus on the next one since they played six nights a week with a designated hitter every Sunday afternoon.

Stan picked up odd jobs and took classes at Temple University during the off season. At that time, there were no special considerations that the Indians expected prior to Spring Training. Cleveland had their major league camp in Tucson, AZ and their minor league camp in Daytona Beach, FL. Over the years, Stan attended both and stated, "It was great to get to the warm weather!"

Stan's progress could be confirmed by advancing to Class C (Pittsfield), Class B (Cedar Rapids), Class A (Reading) in three successive years. Stan had a very good year at Reading in 1952; he was selected to the Eastern League All Star Team. Following that season, Stan received two letters, one from Cleveland telling him to report to Tucson, the other, from Uncle Sam. He enlisted and reported to Fort Lee, VA. He played for the Fort Lee baseball team which had an 80 game schedule. Their roster included three major leaguers: Wes Covington (Phillies), Harry Chiti (Cubs), and Chet Nichols (Braves). There were other high minor leaguers on that team, including Tex Dargievicz from Nanticoke. "I played against Willie Mays in some of those games, and by the way, we won 72 (games)."

Stan moved up to AAA Indianapolis after his military service in 1954. Meanwhile, Cleveland was winning the American League Pennant with a record-setting 111 wins. After an outstanding season in '55, Stan was called up to the "parent" club. Asking him to describe the moment, Stan replied, "Very satisfying. You feel like you really reached the top rung of the ladder. It was quite a journey from my days at Weinick Park when I played for the Glen Lyon Condors!"

In his Major League debut at Detroit, on September 24, 1955, Stan started and played the full nine innings. He noted that he was more nervous when he took pre-game infield practice in Yankee Stadium. Stan played another game for Cleveland in which he hit safely - a two game stint, sometimes referred to as "a cup of coffee." Stan returned to Indianapolis in '56 and played mostly 3rd base, whereas he played 2nd base most often during his pro career. That team was the American Association Champs with a few run-producers, namely: Joe Altobelli, Dave Pope, and Roger Maris. Cleveland changed their AAA franchise to San Diego in '57, so Stan headed to the Pacific Coast League on the West Coast. After a short stint (18 games) he was reassigned to Mobile (AA), where he had a respectable season. In 1958, Stan completed his professional career at Mobile.

After the '58 season he was offered a job as a sales representative for a Philadelphia manufacturer with northeast Pennsylvania as his territory, an added bonus. He planned to stay for three months and ended up staying for 40 years; Stan retired from that same company with the same boss.

After the '55 season, when Stan made his debut, he married Dot (nee Dorothy Kashatus) and they have been together since. I asked him if it was difficult to maintain two households, one at home and one in the baseball world. Dorothy took a sabbatical from her job and joined him during the seasons. He replied, "It wasn't difficult at all. We enjoyed the travel and excitement of playing in so many different cities. We were young and were able to cope with change." We met when we were 15 years old and she continues to be my ROCK."

Stan & Dot Pawloski started their family with twin boys (Jim and Ken) in 1962, followed by Judy (1965) and Amy (1971). Their children have provided them with 12 grandchildren. I asked Stan if he encouraged and supported the kids in their respective activities. His response was "Absolutely! I don't think I missed any of their games. I also coached some of their teams along the way."

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The Family, kneeling (L to R): Kevin Beck, Matthew Beck, Jimmy Pawloski, Jessica Beck, Amy Dykie, Kaitlyn Dykie. Middle row: Judy Beck, Dorothy Pawloski, Lauren Pawloski, Emily Pawloski, Jack Pawloski, Angela Pawloski. Back row: Kenny Pawloski, Stan Pawloski, Tom Beck, Danny Beck, Nicole Pawloski, Jamie Pawloski, Ally Beck, Kyle Pawloski, Barb Pawloski, Jimmer Dykie.

[Daughter Amy's commentary: My dad never forced me to play sports. I simply loved to play because he taught us how to play the right way. He told me I had to do something; if it wasn't sports, it had to be another activity. My parents were believers in extra-curricular activities. He drove me home from school after every practice, every day in high school and never missed a game. He would sit in left field during my softball games, both in high school

and college. He was always in the bleachers during my high school basketball games. He came to every single field hockey game even though he didn't know much about that sport. I loved that he was always there. It meant so much to me. And I know my brothers and sister would say the exact same thing!]

Besides the "call up to the Bigs", Stan had some professional baseball highlights: Stan Pawloski Day in August '49 at Stroudsburg when his entire family was able to attend; another, his 1956 team won the Junior World Series, sweeping Rochester (International League Champs) at Victory Field, Indianapolis, his favorite ball park.

As I have received comments from his high school teammates from that era, they echo the sentiment that Sta Pav was the best all-around athlete of his time. That list of players includes: Bobby Antonelli '49 (since deceased), Ralph (Dusty) Martinell '50, Jack Rushin '50, Tom Figmick '51, and Emil Augustine '51 (Emil signed with the Cardinals after his senior season). Stan Makowski '53, as an 8th grade student, saw Stan play basketball at Newport and stated, "He was the best player on the floor." Being the humble guy that he is, Stan never mentioned that he was a basketball All-Star in '49, nor that he was selected as an All-Scholastic in 1948 for football. Along with Newport-Nanticoke players who made it to the Major Leagues, his name was included with eight others during the dedication of Major League Field on the Nanticoke Area High School Campus on May 15, 1988.

I thank Stan and his family for permitting me to publicize their private lives, and a special thanks to him personally, for providing this writer with an Early Wynn Wilson baseball glove back in 1957 when I made the Newport High School baseball team. It was a prized possession during my three years on the varsity.

*Wyoming League Champions 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949

Jake Myers of Alden Honored

By Tom Kashatus ~ It has been two years since Jake Myers left Mansfield University where he completed his undergraduate and graduate studies; however, he is not forgotten. Recently, the University, a member of the CSFL (Collegiate Sprint Football League) named Jake to its "All Era Sprint Football Team," declaring that no one during the past ten years played the linebacker position better than Jake in the CSFL. Jake was a four-time selection to the All-CSFL Team. He was a 1st Team pick in 2013 and earned 2nd Team honors in 2011 and 2012. Myers finished 3rd in the league in tackles as a sopho-

more with 59, as a junior with 68, and as a senior with 61. He holds the school linebacker tackle record for one game (18), a season (68), and his entire career (207). He also holds the record with scoring two defensive touchdowns from his linebacker position. Note the following trailer after the two minute mark: (Jake is No. 54 for the Mansfield Mountaineers.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzAxli6OIQ0> or Light It Up Mansfield - AGAIN! 9.14.13 - YouTube and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6t8wdYAPVvU> or Mansfield University Sprint Football You Tube. He was named Mansfield University Athlete of the Year in 2013.

According to Wikipedia, sprint football, formerly called lightweight football, is a varsity sport played by United States colleges and universities under standard American football rules. The sport is currently governed by the Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL). There are

eight institutions now participating, Mansfield University being the sole public facility. The main difference with sprint football is that players must weigh no more than 172 pounds (78 kg). They must also have a minimum body fat content of 5.0% by weight and a urine specific gravity of 1.020 or less. Players are tested on a regular basis for these requirements.

While an undergraduate at Mansfield, Jake majored in History and Secondary Education. In graduate school he maintained a Dean's List average while majoring in Special Education. Jake has spent the past two years coaching football at nationally-ranked Lackawanna College. He coached outside linebackers and special teams during his first year and this past season he coached the defensive backs as well as special teams.

Jake is the son of Dean and Richelle Myers of Alden and the grandson of Earl and Elois Myers also of Alden. Presently he is a substitute teacher at Greater Nanticoke Area and continues to coach at Lackawanna College.



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Richard Sharpe

President of the Alden Coal Company

By Heidi Jarecki ~ Richard Sharpe was a principal player in the early coal operations at Eckley and the Alden Coal Company. The Alden Coal Company had its beginnings in 1881 when he served as Treasurer. At his death in 1895, he was President. He was one of the original Coal Barons and had great influence in the local coal mining industry. A wealthy man, his estate was valued at \$2,500,000.00. (In today's money, the value would be over \$67,000,000.00.)

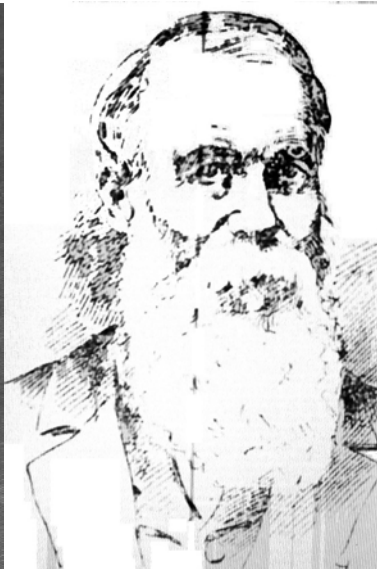
Richard Sharpe was a son of Richard and Mary Sharpe, born in Langham, Rutlandshire, England on April 10, 1813 and lived there until the fall of 1826. He was baptized in the parish Church of St. Peter and Paul in Langham, built in 1235. During his lifetime, he proposed a restoration plan for the Church and contributed a generous amount of money towards it. He remained a faithful and active member of the Episcopal Church throughout his life.

He came to the Wilkes-Barre area when he was 13, along with his father, stepmother, and brother William. In 1838, he moved to Summit Hill, Carbon County where he was employed as a bookkeeper for Davis and Broadhead, local coal operators. Eventually, he was a coal contractor for the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. In 1845, he formed a partnership with Ira Courtright, George Bedford, and John Leisenring in the mining of anthracite coal. A few years later, Francis Weiss joined the company.

In 1847, he married Sally Patterson, daughter of Thomas Patterson of Londonderry Ireland and Mary Denison. His mother-in-law was the daughter of Col. Nathan Denison, who is well-known in the history of Wyoming Valley. Together Richard and Sally had 8 children. At his death, five children survived.

In 1854, the partnership was changed by the withdrawal of Ira Courtright and the addition of Asa Foster. That year, they negotiated a lease with the Tench Coxe estate which held significant land in lower Luzerne County. They began coal operations in the small village of Shingleton which was later renamed Eckley. Richard Sharpe built a Gothic Revival home there, which is now open to the public. He and his family along with several servants lived there until 1874 when the lease expired.

The firm of Sharpe, Leisenring & Co. (later Sharpe, Weiss & Co.) set up headquarters in Philadelphia. In 1865, Sharpe and Weiss purchased 800 acres of coal lands in Newport Township. Application for the incorporation and charter of an intended corporation to be called the Alden Coal Company was made on June 17, 1881 and issued on July 26, 1881. The charter was perpetual with capital stock listed at \$230,000.00.



Before 1881, what is now Alden was farmland. In January 1882, the Wilkes-Barre Telephone newspaper reported "a new mining village in Newport Township, between Wanamie and Hanover, built up by Messrs. Sharp (sic) and Weiss of the Alden Coal Company. There are upwards of twenty good new houses. The place is named in honor of Prince Alden who is said to have been the first white settler there." The same newspaper on June 1, 1882 reported "The Alden Coal Company.... [is] proposing to build forty more [houses]. A shaft is being sunk and a tunnel driven and a large, complete breaker is being constructed by builder A.B. Tyrell of Kingston. Harry Sturdevant and others are driving the tunnel and are in more than a hundred yards. Mr. Marcy is erecting the store and W.H. Tennant of Ashley has charge of the breaker's foundation walls. E.A. Stair of Nanticoke has charge of the stone work for the houses. A store is kept by B. Klinger. W.H. Bray's hotel is well patronized." Kirtland M. Smith was hired as engineer and surveyor. Smith eventually became General Superintendent and later President.

On July 21, 1882, the Daily Union-Leader newspaper reported that "An organization called the Alden Coal Company is sinking a 26 x 12 hole near Wanamie, which is to be shallow, but a first rate colliery of the second or third magnitude, nevertheless." In its first year of operation, there was one fatal accident reported in the annual report of the Luzerne and Carbon Counties Mine Inspector.

By 1886, the population of Alden had grown to about 1,200 people with two schools and a church. The Alden Coal Company employed over 600 men at the height of its operation. Richard Sharpe was prominent in the economic and social development of Alden. He built the "Alden Reading Room", a two story building with a reading room and lodge for general meeting purposes. By 1887, the "Sharpe and Weiss Cornet Band of Alden" had formed and Mr. Sharpe was a generous contributor to it.

Richard Sharpe and his family resided at 23 West River Street in Wilkes-Barre. He maintained a summer home in Glen Summit and the family traveled abroad extensively. He was active in the community, serving on such boards as the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, the Wilkes Barre City Hospital, the Home to the Friendless, the First National Bank of Wilkes Barre, and the Vulcan Iron Works. He was a vestryman at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes Barre and was instrumental in the founding of St. Andrew's Church in Alden. He wielded considerable clout in the local and national coal industries.

At Richard Sharpe's death on April 21, 1895, 110 employees of the Alden Coal Company went to the Sharpe residence and filed through the room to offer their respect. Kirtland Smith served as one of the pall bearers. His funeral was attended by prominent people in the coal industry, government, and community. Richard Sharpe was interred in Hollenback Cemetery on Wednesday, April 24, 1895.



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

Newport Township Community Pride

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