

A beauty lights the fading year... ~ Phebe A. Holder, "A Song of October"



Why not take a stroll on the new walking trail in the Wanamie Recreation Park?

Newport Township Public Business

By John Jarecki ~ The following are items of Township business discussed or acted upon at meetings of the Township Commissioners in July, August, and September.

July 3, 2017: Commissioner John Vishnefski announced that the Township received bids to build a new walking trail at the Wanamie Recreation Park. The low bidder was Winfield Peters Excavating and Landscaping Company at 30 East Kirmar Avenue in Alden. Officials at the Newport Aggregate quarry in the Lee section of the Township said that the quarry would contribute the materials needed for the trail's construction. The Township received a grant from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to construct the trail. The grant will reimburse the Township for 85% of the cost of the project. Work will begin this summer.

The Commissioners approved Township Ordinance #6 of 2017, which consolidates approximately 30 present parking ordinances,

provides that motor vehicles parked in no-parking sections of Vista Drive in Ridgeview will be subject to immediate towing, and declares Frederick Street in Sheatown and Coal Street in Glen Lyon to be one-way streets.

The Commissioners imposed the immediate towing penalty on vehicles parked on Vista Drive because many of the people parking there are visitors who live a good distance from the Township. They come here for a single day to drive their ATV's on Earth Conservancy land. The Commissioners therefore felt that an immediate penalty was needed to discourage this illegal parking.

The Commissioners made Coal Street a one-way street to prevent fast moving vehicles traveling on Main Street from turning onto Coal, where they would immediately pass the Coal Street Playground. This was a safety measure for children using the park.

Township Financial Consultant Jennifer Polito reported that she estimated projected income and expenses for the last 6 months of 2017 and said she expects no (Continued on next page)

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financial problems for the rest of the year.

Police Chief Jeremy Blank reported that the Police Department now has an antidote for drug overdoses. It is called Narcan, and is sprayed into the nose. It works by taking away a drug-induced high and allowing the victim to breathe.

The Commissioners voted to give Township Manager Peter Wanchisen authorization to execute the lease documents for the new Ford 550 Dump Truck that the Township is leasing from Gibbons Ford in Dickson City for 6 years at a cost of \$12,888 per year.

The Commissioners approved hiring 2 temporary part time employees at an hourly rate of \$10 per hour.

Township Manager Peter Wanchisen included the following items in his report:

- 1) Popple Construction Company completed the demolition of the fire damaged house at 1 Depot Street.
- 2) All parties have given approval to allow PennDot to perform repair work on a bridge on Kirmar Parkway in Wanamie during the summer of 2018. The project will close the Parkway at that point for approximately 6 weeks.
- 3) The Township has \$18,000 more cash on hand now than it had at this time last year.

**August 7, 2017:** Newport Township Crime Watch Treasurer Heidi Jarecki announced that the National Night Out, organized by Crime Watch and the Township Police Department, raised \$1200.00 for the Police Department. Commissioner John Zyla thanked Crime Watch and the Police Department for organizing this successful event.

Police Chief Jeremy Blank announced that the Police had installed a surveillance camera on the I. P. Road, a dirt road where illegal dumping has been occurring. He said information about the installation of the camera seems to have gotten around by word of mouth because the camera has recorded no new illegal dumping. He said that the Police will move the camera to a new location and continue to use it.

Commissioner John Vishnefski reported that work is in progress on the new walking trail at the Wanamie Recreation Park. He said rules for the walking trail, such as rules for walking pets, have yet to be written. (Work on the trail was completed in August.)

The Commissioners approved an Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance. This ordinance prohibits the abandonment of vehicles on or adjacent to public roadways, and it establishes penalties (a \$50 fine plus prosecution costs or, in default of payment, up to 30 days imprisonment) for violations.

The Commissioners also approved a cooperation agreement between Newport Township and Luzerne County related to a Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) block grant of \$150,000 given to the Township for street improvement.

Financial Consultant Jennifer Polito reported that Township officials will prepare a preliminary 2018 Township Budget for the Commissioners October meeting and a final version for the November meeting.

The Commissioners approved the quarterly transfer of funds from the Township Refuse and Recycling Fund to the General Fund to reimburse the General Fund for refuse and recycling expenses such as salaries, engineering services, and utilities.

The Commissioners voted to approve authorizing Luzerne County to pay A. R. Popple Construction Company for 1) demolition of the fire damaged house at 1 Depot Street and the partially collapsed building at 68 West Main Street, both in Glen Lyon (payment \$22,000) and for 2) construction of a 40-foot chain link fence, needed to prevent falls from the now elevated sidewalk, at the 68 West Main Street property (payment \$7,000). Because the buildings were a safety hazard, Luzerne County provided a grant for the demolition and related work. Work on the project is still ongoing and payment will be made on its completion.

The Commissioners approved authorizing the Luzerne County Treasurer's Office to act as Newport township Tax Collector for 2018 at the same payment rates as for 2017.

Township Manager Peter Wanchisen included the following items in his report:

- (1) American Asphalt Company has completed the repaving and correcting of rain drainage problems on Chestnut Street in

Glen Lyon.

- 2) Illegal parking along Vista Drive in Ridgeview has been greatly reduced by posting no parking signs notifying motorists that cars in violation will be immediately towed.

**September 5, 2017:** The Commissioners approved a motion to sell the Township's 1996 recycling truck and the 2005 Ford F-350 pickup truck.

The Commissioners approved a motion to begin the application process for a \$1,000,000 low interest loan from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank for the purpose of resurfacing 25 roads/streets in the Township. The loan would have a 10-year term and interest rate of 2.125%. This is only the beginning of a long process. Township officials still have to work out many details of the project, such as determining the exact cost of the work and deciding how they will make repayments.

The Commissioners approved Ordinance #8 of 2017 which improves and strengthens pet control requirements in Newport Township.

The Commissioners approved a motion to pay Police Chief Jeremy Blank and full-time officer Thomas Nalbene for one week of vacation time that they have accumulated. This is needed because of a new collective bargaining agreement (not yet approved by all parties) that changes the rules for accumulated vacation time. This motion will go into effect only after final approval of the agreement.

Township Manager Peter Wanchisen included the following items in his report:

- 1) The demolition of the house at 1 Depot Street and the building at 68 West Main Street, both in Glen Lyon, are now complete. He thanked former Commissioner John Wilkes who did a great deal of work to have these buildings demolished. They were safety hazards.
- 2) Mr. Wanchisen will attend a cyber security seminar conducted by F.B.I. Agents on September 28.
- 3) The Newport Township Authority is working with the owners of the property at 116 and 118 West Main Street in Glen Lyon to transfer the property to the Township for demolition. The current owners have agreed to pay all taxes before the transfer.
- 4) A student charitable organization at Penn State University has requested permission to solicit funds at several locations in the Township and by going door to door. The organization is Live for Every Victory (LEV), a branch of the Penn State Hillel Organization, which was recognized by the University as the Student Organization of the Year for 2016-2017. LEV raises money for the Four Diamonds Fund, a charity devoted to defeating pediatric cancer through research and caring for patients at the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

## ANIMAL OWNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

When your family welcomes a new dog or cat into your residence, there are some very serious responsibilities that you inherit. Along with the care and wellbeing of the animal, you must also ensure that its activities outside of your home are monitored and controlled. No one wants to clean up after your animal; no one wants to repair damage caused by your pet; and no one will permit damage or physical injury if the animal is roaming freely. Owners will be held responsible, and the consequences could be sizeable and serious. Newport Township ordinances clearly define what you need to do as a pet owner. Familiarizing yourself with the law will enlighten you relative to what you need to do as a pet owner. It is strongly recommended that you familiarize yourself accordingly.

Peter F. Wanchisen  
Township Manager

Note : The above ordinances (Dog Ordinance 4 of 1975 and Control of Cats 4 of 1976) which cover dogs and cats can be found on the Township website: <http://www.newporttownship.org/ordinances.htm> and the NTCO web site: [https://newporttownship.com/newport\\_township\\_ordinances.htm](https://newporttownship.com/newport_township_ordinances.htm)

# NTCO PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Stephen E. Phillips

Since its inception in 2004, the Community Organization has been a strong advocate for the Board of Township Commissioners to develop a strategy to assist in guiding the Municipality's future.

The current Board and its appointed officials have begun to implement this proposal. Lower interest funds are being sought, and are viewed as a vehicle to aid in improving a number of streets within the Township. The final list of those chosen will be predicated upon cost, availability of funding, and input from the Township's engineering consultant. Also, grant monies may be obtained to rehabilitate sidewalks within selected sections within the Municipality. These are positive steps, and may be perceived as the initial efforts to ultimately lead to an overall revitalization within the Township.

As has been previously noted, the deficiencies which are proposed to be corrected did not occur over a short period of time, but rather are the product of decades of inaction or neglect.

The Community Organization's continued efforts to work in concert with the Commission on Economic Opportunity's Weinberg Food Bank to aid the financially distressed within the Township continue to be successful. Since the program was initiated over one year ago, the average number of families assisted at the monthly food distributions has increased to approximately 100. The Glen Lyon American Legion Post has been an outstanding partner with the Community Organization in helping to make this charitable effort a success. In addition, acknowledgements should be given to all the faithful volunteers who continue to offer their assistance on a monthly basis.

During its existence, the Community Organization has continued to extol and encourage volunteerism on the part of the local citizenry.

This writer, and the entire membership of this Entity, are very pleased that the work and untiring efforts of one of its Founding Fathers has not gone unnoticed. Current First Vice President and former President of this Organization, Thomas Kashatus has been recognized by the Northeast Pennsylvania Environmental Partners as one of the recipients of its 27th annual environmental partnership awards. As noted in its release, the Northeast Pennsylvania Environmental Partners have recognized him for his initiation of an environmental recycling program that not only keeps valuable metals from being discarded in local landfills, but turns these metals into funds which substantially assist in sustaining the Community Organization in order that it can continue to offer numerous programs and activities for Area residents.

With respect to the environment, the Community Organization will be shortly seeking volunteers to assist in picking up litter from local roadways. This Author would especially encourage those Township residents who casually dispose of a myriad of types of litter from their vehicles to volunteer. Subsequent to spending several hours picking up various items discarded by careless citizens, individuals who are guilty of this offense may develop a different perspective and refrain from continuing this habit.

In conclusion, the Community Organization encourages the readers of this publication to consider volunteering with one of the several other entities who continue to strive to make sure that Newport is truly considered a First Class Township.

## I never knew...did you?

### Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Part II

Submitted by Murph Fletcher

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the Tomb of the Unknowns and why? 21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.
2. How long does he hesitate after his about-face to begin his return walk and why? 21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1.
3. Why are his gloves wet? His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.
4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and, if not, why not? He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about-face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.
5. How often are the guards changed? Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to? For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30 inches.

In addition, the guards must commit two years of life to guard the tomb. They live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin. Their shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. For the first six months of duty, a guard cannot talk to anyone or watch TV. All off-duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe Lewis (the boxer), and Medal of Honor recipient Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier of WWII of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniform ready for guard duty.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate and House took two days off in anticipation of the storm. On the ABC Evening News, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer by saying, 'No way, Sir!' Soaked to the skin and marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

God Bless and Keep Them.

## Letter to the Editors: Sharing Organization Dates

Newport Township is blessed with multiple wonderful charitable organizations doing beneficial work for the community, each supporting their own worthy cause—children, church support, veterans, crime and fire prevention, and so on. The township is also fortunate to have numerous volunteers, some of which (God bless them!) have the stamina and take (or make!) the time to belong to more than one of these super groups. But the dilemma lies in the fact that we all play to the same audience, so to speak, and that audience has only a finite number of dollars available. The reason I bring this up is that I noticed there was a conflict of dates recently where two fundraisers were held on the same date (causing volunteers and participants to make a choice). It reminded me of last autumn when no less than five spaghetti dinners were held within a span of six weeks! Since we all rely heavily on our fundraisers, I thought of a solution that may assist in ameliorating the problem. Every January, the American Legion Auxiliary meets and attempts to construct a tentative calendar of events for the year, which is then taken to Secretary Diane Hillan of Holy Spirit Parish because she is kind enough to assist with our publicity. This effort alone aides our group in spotting potential conflicts in event dates.

If the leaders, commanders, etc. of each organization would do the same (a tentative calendar) and we would share our calendars with each other, perhaps in January or February, how immediately effective would that be? I would volunteer to be point-of-contact and collect calendars. Or perhaps leaders of groups could meet and hammer out any conflicts. Any input concerning this idea is welcome and appreciated. My thought was that there has got to be a better way. Just sayin'.

Lorrie Materewicz  
570-736-7177

## Response

Lorrie,

As a member and officer of several township organizations, I agree that better coordination of fundraisers and events is both needed and possible. A while back, the NTCO discussed whether purchasing an electronic bulletin board to publicize all township events (a community calendar of sorts) would be helpful. Anyone interested?

Heidi Jarecki

# NEWPORT CLASS NEWS — REUNION TIME!

"For the glory of Newport High!"



The Newport Township High School Class of 1962 celebrated their 55th class reunion on September 2, 2017 at Konefal's Grove, Shavertown. Classmates traveled from as far as Arizona and Minnesota. All in attendance had a great time and are looking forward to the next reunion.

Pictured left are: Front row: Charlene Woehrl Bolinski, Carol Sokolowski Sobotka, Bonnie Powis Cvejkus, Nancy Siepietowski Toole, James Capece, Jo Ann Shutta Kowalski, Mary Labeda Lesnicki.

Middle row: John Stapinski, Richard Smetana, Bernard Mihneski, Ray Kizelowicz.

Back row: Carl Polnaszek, Robert Sincavage, Tom Harman, Ralph Faull, Tom Dreyfus, and Stanley Czapracki.



The Newport Township High School Class of 1967 held their 50th class reunion on September 9, 2017 at Holy Transfiguration Hall in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke. An icebreaker was held the night before at the home of Heidi and Paul Jarecki.

*Front row:* Cheryl Pelava, Carol Roke Klinetob, Bonnie Cooney Lazar, Heidi Selecky Jarecki, Charlotte Sopka Santry, Rose Ann Dante Vandermark, Ed Vandermark. *Middle row:* Barbara Namowicz Paganucci, Diane Hontz McMurtrie, Barbara

Golanoski Makowski, Jane Kruczek Strzelecki, Angie Andrezze Kozakiewicz, Harriet Felici Ketcham, Kathy Blihar Huk, Joyce Gregory Smetana, Sandy Haines Dzury, Debbie Rushin Olivieri, Cathy Sciamanna Zerfoss, Linda Bonkiewicz Hourigan, Trudy Matkiewicz Knorr, Ronnie Jones, Janice Sivilich Moran. *Back row:* Mike Floryshak, Marty Morgis, Paul Jarecki, Mark Lampman, Mike Mihneski, Carl Swithers, Tim Derr, Kenny Patrician, Larry Recek, Mary Sowa, Judy Wilski Blumenthal, Joe Pawlush, and John Celli.

The next gathering will be in two years for a 70th birthday party.

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### A Celebration of Weirdness

Everyone needs at least one weird friend. ~ E. Jarvis Thribb

### We all need help!

Remember, we all stumble, every one of us. That's why it's a comfort to go hand in hand. ~ Emily Kimbrough

# The Flora and Fauna of Newport Township

## Turkey Vultures



*By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~*

A common sight in the Township is a soaring turkey vulture. Pictured left is one spotted over the Recreation Park in Wanamie.

### Turkey Vulture Facts

1. The turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura*), is a vulture that is the most widespread of the New World vultures. One of three species in the genus *Cathartes* of the family *Cathartidae*, like all New World vultures, it is not closely related to the Old World vultures of Europe, Africa, and Asia. The two groups strongly resemble each other because of convergent evolution; natural selection often leads to similar body plans in animals. A large bird, it has a wingspan of 63 to 72 inches, a length of 24 to 32 inches, and weight of 1.8 to 5.1 pounds. Body feathers are mostly brownish-black, but the flight feathers on the wings appear to be silvery-gray beneath, contrasting with the darker wing linings. The adult's head is small in proportion to its body and is red in color with few to no feathers. It also has a relatively short, hooked, ivory-colored beak.
2. In flight, they look very dark, and their wings are two-toned, with a pale gray trailing edge. To distinguish turkey vultures from other soaring birds such as eagles or hawks, look for their relatively tiny heads, and note that they hold their wings above their bodies in a shallow "V". They also have a distinctive wobbly soaring style. The infrequency of flapping their wings is easy to identify from a distance.
3. The turkey vulture ranges from southern Canada to the southernmost tip of South America. It has a large range, with an estimated global occurrence of 11,000,000 square miles. It is the most abundant vulture in the Americas. Its global population is estimated to be 4,500,000 individuals. It is found in open and semi-open areas throughout the Americas from southern Canada to Cape Horn. It is a permanent resident in the southern United States, though northern birds may migrate as far south as South America.
4. Lacking a syrinx—the vocal organ of birds—its only vocalizations are grunts or low hisses. It nests in caves, hollow trees, or thickets. In flight, it uses thermals to move through the air, flapping its wings infrequently.
5. It has very few natural predators. In the United States, the vulture receives legal protection under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918.
6. Unlike many raptors, vultures are relatively social and often feed, fly or roost in large flocks. A group of vultures is called a committee, venue or volt. In flight, a flock of vultures is a kettle, and when the birds are feeding together at a carcass, the group is called a wake.
7. The turkey vulture is carnivorous, a scavenger that eats carrion (the flesh of dead animals) almost exclusively. Vultures are of great value as scavengers, especially in hot regions. Vulture stomach acid is exceptionally corrosive, allowing them to



safely digest putrid carcasses infected with botulinum toxin, hog cholera bacteria, and anthrax bacteria that would be lethal to other scavengers. It is very tolerant of certain synthetic poisons that have been used to kill coyotes and ground squirrels. They prefer fresh meat but are able to consume carcasses that may have rotted so much as to be toxic to other animals. This gives vultures a unique and important ecological role because they help prevent the spread of diseases from old, rotting corpses.

8. It finds its food using its keen eyes and sense of smell, flying low enough to detect the gases produced by the beginnings of the process of decay in dead animals.
9. Vultures urinate on their legs and feet to cool off on hot days, a process called urohydrolysis. Their urine also helps kill any bacteria or parasites they've picked up from walking through carcasses or perching on dead animals.
10. The turkey vulture is damaging to aircraft. NASA is currently taking action to prevent vultures and other birds from striking the shuttle during liftoff because of the damage it causes.



### Solar Eclipse

On August 21, the nation was captivated by a total eclipse of the sun across continental United States. While Pennsylvania was not in the direct path, Newport Township was treated to a partial event. This photo was taken by Paul Jarecki as the moon moved in front of the sun over Glen Lyon.



The Newport Township Crime Watch made a donation of \$50 to the Newport Township Consolidated and the Glen Lyon-Alden Fire Departments. Shown above are Heidi Jarecki, Treasurer of Crime Watch, and John Elmy, President of Newport Township Consolidated. Support of our Fire Departments is greatly appreciated.

## American Legion Auxiliary Post 539 Glen Lyon

By Lorrie Materewicz

### The Wall That Heals

A rare and special around-the-clock experience was presented to citizens of all local communities from June 8 to 11, that of “The Wall That Heals.” Swoyersville American Legion Riders Post 644 tirelessly raised thousands of dollars to bring the traveling exhibit of the Vietnam Memorial to the Little League field behind the Swoyersville American Legion. This exhibit is a metal duplicate of the granite one located in Washington DC, though half-sized, and includes the 58,000 names of casualties of the Vietnam War. It includes an educational exhibit, film, mementos and pictures from the Wall in DC. It was lighted at night and open and guarded 24/7. This writer visited both memorials, and was honored to locate names of soldiers from Luzerne County who paid the ultimate price during that war—there were 74 from Luzerne County! Reading the letters, viewing the mementos, and walking the Wall were chilling, tearful, and inspiring. Seeing names en masse like that, the “what if, if only” questions, one cannot help but be changed and haunted somehow. If you were unable to get there, you missed something truly awesome. I am deeply, truly grateful to all the Swoyersville personnel involved for the opportunity to experience “The Wall That Heals.”

### Flag Day



Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Patrick McMullen presents flags for inspection to 1st and 2nd Acting Vice-Commanders Mickey Hitzner and Janet Wenner as Chaplain Barb Meyers looks on.

Wednesday, June 14th was Flag Day, and members of American Legion Post 971, VFW Post 8353 & American Legion Post 539, Auxiliary Unit 539, and SAL Squadron 539 assembled in the parking lot of the Legion on Newport Street in Glen Lyon at 6 pm for the traditional Flag Day ceremony. A respectful, briefer rite consists of the Chaplain’s prayer

followed by the presentation of the worn, tattered flags by Sergeant-at-Arms to the First and Second Vice Commanders for inspection before being presented to the Legion Commander for final inspection. They are then escorted by the assembled members en masse to the red, white, and blue burn barrel and guarded while they are consumed by the flames. The ashes are later respectfully buried. On this particular Flag Day as has become the custom, the Newport Township Fire Department was present (we thank them), patriotic tunes emanated from the antique, decorated vehicle of Ed Bienkowski (we thank him) and a social followed, catered by the SAL (and we thank them) and the Samuels family (thanks, Karen, Jenna & Lily). Finally we thank all area residents who flew flags on this day. We hope more of you will be there next year to witness the ceremony. It’s a very teachable moment, especially for children. God Bless America.

### Yard/Bake Sale

The Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 held its end-of-summer yard/bake sale on Saturday, August 5 from 8 am to 3 pm in the Legion hall. It was a beautiful, cool, sunny day. The hall was filled to capacity with new vendors and crafters; the kitchen was loaded with a delicious menu of luncheon delights; and the bake sale bar was absolutely teeming with tempting homemade goodies. For those of you who are wondering, the 50/50 turned out to be \$43.00 and was won by Charlotte Santry. The autumn spice candle was won by Lorrie Materewicz. Though the foot traffic was a little lighter than usual for this particular event (perhaps the beautiful weather that followed a rainy week lured people to pursuits in the great outdoors), the yard/bake sale was still a huge success for the Auxiliary. Therefore, Unit 539 would like to thank its loyal



supporters-donors, cooks, bakers, those who regularly come to our events, vendors, and those businesses who allow us to post our flyers. All of you contribute to our successes and our bottom line, and

that makes it possible for us to continue our mission of “service, not self” to the community and, of course, to our veterans. God bless you and God bless America.

### Jeans & Hoodies & Veterans

Valor Clinic is a veterans’ transitional housing facility located in Monroe County. What a place! What a mission! Wholly dependent on donations, it provides housing, health, mental, recreational, and job-search services for honorably-discharged veterans and their families. This beautiful campus located in the Pocono Mountains, is an historically-restored hotel heated by a wood-fired furnace. It stands beside an old grist mill creek stocked with trout (catch and release), all surrounded by fruit trees and vegetable gardens worked by the veterans. And that’s where American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539’s President Lorrie Materewicz, Secretary Sally Billings and Chaplain Barb Meyers headed on a sunny, cool September 1st with all the jeans, hoodies and sundry other pieces of clothing YOU donated since the appeal appeared in the last newsletter. The 30 fifty-gallon bags of clothing we delivered barely fit into our vehicles! (Thank you!) The 3 therapy dogs, resident managers, and veterans who were tending the gardens when we arrived were so welcoming and excited to see us! We toured the grounds and building, signed the guest book and took a few photos before we unloaded our cargo. Then we were fortunate enough to be able to spend a few precious moments around a roaring campfire (a blessing on this cool, breezy day!) near the fishing creek listening to the veterans’ stories of their time in combat, how they became homeless following discharge and finally how they found their way to Valor Clinic. One of these vets was a female, 110 pounds soaking wet, in her 30’s, an Army combat medic for 13 years, had served 3 tours of duty in war-torn Iraq—decorated, honorably discharged, then homeless. This writer bonded with that veteran—we were both females, in the Army for 13 years, and in the medical profession, but she had seen trauma and horrors, and felt pain beyond my imagination! She petted “Liberty” the therapy dog, spoke of learning to fly-fish in the creek, making jelly with me soon in the clinic kitchen, and feeling safer now than she has in a long, long time. She’s healing now --gradually and with the help of Valor Clinic; her attitude is optimistic and hopeful!

Because Unit 539 has “adopted” Valor Clinic as one of our missions, our trio left the campus with the promise that we would soon return. And who wouldn’t want to return to such a beautiful place with such beautiful people?

For more information on Valor Clinic or how to support it, contact Lorrie at 570-736-7177, and thank you once more for your generous support! God Bless.



From left to right:  
Chaplain Barb Meyers,  
President Lorrie Materewicz and Secretary Sally Billings

### Piggies Return!

Wow, November must be just around the corner because the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary in Glen Lyon are preparing for their most important fundraiser of the year—their piggie/haluski with homemade noodles sale. This year it happens on Sunday, November 5th from noon to 4 pm at the Post home on Newport Street in Glen Lyon. Event is advanced ticket purchase, take-out is available only with delivery. Deadline for ticket purchase is October 22 with tickets available from any Auxiliary member or by calling Lorrie at 570-736-7177. Piggies are \$3.00 each; haluski is \$6.00/quart. Proceeds support the Veterans' Benefit Fund. We thank you in advance for your support.

### Installation of Officers

At the monthly meeting of the Auxiliary on the 6th of July, installation of officers for the 2018 membership year was held. Installing officer was Luzerne/Wyoming Counties District President Beverly Kemmerer of Shickshinny. Unit 539 officers installed were: President Lorrie Materewicz, Vice President Janet Wenner, Secretary/Treasurer Sally Billings, Chaplain Barb Meyers, Sergeant-at-Arms Karen Samuels, Historian Tiffany Graham and Junior Activities Chairperson Allie Graham.

### It's "Soxtober!"

Did you read the article on the previous page about Valor Clinic? If you did, thank you! Before Sally, Barb, and Lorrie left the campus, they obtained a list of the pressing needs of the Veterans, and at the top of that list was...socks! Socks...can you imagine? Anyway, Unit 539 has declared the month of October as "Soxtober" and, with the gracious consent of Father Kaminski, placed small boxes at the back of each of the churches at Holy Spirit Parish to collect pairs of socks for adults and children, male or female, during the month of October for the Veterans and families at Valor Clinic. If you don't visit the parish, please call Lorrie at 570-736-7177 and she'll happily pick up your donation. As always, the Veterans and Auxiliary deeply appreciate your concern, generosity, and support. Happy Soxtober and God bless.

### Unit 539 Awarded

The Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 is proud to announce that it was the recipient of three awards presented at the annual state convention held in July in Harrisburg. The first was for achievement of 100% membership renewal. The second and third were in competition with the other 159 units in the Central Section of the state. They were the Chaplain's Award (our Chaplain is Barb Meyers of Glen Lyon), and the Community Action/Public Relations Award. Each of these awards comes with a citation and small monetary gift. Once again, we thank our faithful patrons for your support. Your generosity in our endeavors that leads to our success has contributed to these awards. God bless!

## VETERANS' NEWS

*By the Commanders of American Legion Post 539 (Glen Lyon), American Legion Post 971 (Wanamie) and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8353 (Glen Lyon) and Tim Derr*

It should be noted that two posts share the American Legion Post 539 Home, located at 62 Newport Street in Glen Lyon. Regular monthly meetings for Post 971 and VFW Post 8353 are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 1900 hours in the American Legion Post 539 Social Hall. American Legion Post 539 holds its regular meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 1900 hours in the Post Home Meeting Room. Members are encouraged to participate.

Contact information:

VFW Post 8353: Joe Molski at 570-735-3534

American Legion Post 539: Shawn Swicklik at 570-736-6167

American Legion Post 971: Ed Kalinowski at 570-592-2762

As always, the posts are seeking new members. We look forward to having you in our ranks.

### Named Posts

The VFW Post 8353 was named in honor of Lt. Chester F. Strzalka of Glen Lyon who made the supreme sacrifice for his

Nation. Lt. Strzalka was killed in action during World War II as a member of the United States Army Air Force while on a combat mission over Germany.

American Legion Post 971 was named in honor of Keith Jefferies of Alden and Edward Slapikas of Wanamie who were killed in action on December 7, 1941 during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Sadly, Keith's remains are forever entombed in the battleship USS Arizona, while Ed's remains were recovered from the USS Oklahoma and are interred in a military cemetery overlooking Pearl Harbor.

### Wall of Honor



A Wall of Honor in the American Legion Post 539 Social Hall pictured above proudly displays photographs and brief personal information of the fallen heroes from Newport Township from the many wars in which Americans have been involved. Members and guests are encouraged to view the Wall whenever the Home is open for functions.

### Upcoming Events:

Commander Shawn Swicklik (Legion Post 539) would like to extend invitations to veterans and friends to attend our Veteran's Night, which is held one Saturday each month in the Post Home canteen. Free food is available buffet style. A military themed movie is presented. Come and enjoy the camaraderie that begins at 7:00 p.m. A list of dates and movies follows:

September 23	Saving Private Ryan
October 21	Lone Survivor
November 11 (Veteran's Day)	Movie TBD
December 16	Movie TBD

American Legion Post 539 will hold its second cookout of the year on October 1, 2017, from noon to 4 p.m. Menu will include a grilled chicken leg quarter, baked potato, corn, roll and butter and a dessert. This is take-out only. Additionally, grilled smoked pork chops are available for purchase (\$3.00 each) at the door. Ticket donations are \$9.00 and can be obtained from regular members, the Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and from the Post Canteen.

### Taps

It is with deep regret that we list the names of our recently deceased veteran brothers. Following their years of service, these men returned to civilian life and enjoyed relative peace and tranquility to the end. These Veterans all passed peacefully to their final reward: Mario Roke, World War II Army Veteran on April 7, 2017; Joe Rambus, Korean War Veteran on May 2, 2017; Clemence Scott, World War II Army Air Forces Veteran on July 14, 2017.

It was our distinct honor to have known these men and to have participated in their final journey as military honor guards. The Newport Township Veterans organizations will provide a military funeral for any service member who is affiliated with one of the organizations at the time of their passing.



Trunk or Treat, sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group will be held on Saturday, October 28 at 1 pm in the Wanamie Recreation Park. The Group invites members of other Township organizations to join them. Please call Brenda Grabowski at 570-736-7038 to register.

## Newport Township Obituaries

*By Tom Kashatus* ~ The Newport Township Community Organization (NTCO) has added an obituary page to its quarterly newsletter since the 2014 winter issue. These obituaries are in reference to individuals who have ties to Newport Township and/or Newport Township High School. This page has been receiving favorable news reviews from our readers and we hope that it continues into the future. The obituaries in this 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, [www.newporttownship.com](http://www.newporttownship.com) to include employment, survivors, family, church membership, funeral director, place of interment, etc., as space available is not a relative issue. The website also has a link leading to the original newspaper obit or that of the funeral home. As usual, your comments are always welcome. If someone is missed, please notify this writer at [tomkash@verizon.net](mailto:tomkash@verizon.net) or call (570) 736-6981.

**VILLELLA**, Lois A. (nee Turley), 83, of Jermyrn, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away May 22, 2017.

**SENNENFELDER**, Kaylan Marie, 24, of Gouldsboro, passed away Friday, May 19, 2017. She was the daughter of Shannon Sennenfelder, formerly of Sheatown.

**GELSLEICHTER**, Ronald T., 32, lifetime resident of Glen Lyon, passed away on May 27, 2017.

**FRALEY**, Audrey A. (nee Engler), 85, of Wapwallopen, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, June 1, 2017. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

**WILCOX**, Charles F. Jr. "Ducker," 56, of Wilkes Barre, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away after battling cancer.

**BOBOWICZ**, Edward A., 72, of East Kirmar Avenue, Alden, passed away June 9, 2017. He was a veteran of the Viet Nam War.

**LINN**, Laura A. (nee Gommer), 84, of Slocum Township, passed away on Sunday, October 30, 2016. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

**AMBROSE**, Betty Ann (nee Bruza), 86, a resident of Yucca Valley, CA, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away on Saturday, December 26, 2015. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

**WILLIAMS**, Patricia A. (nee Bush), 79, of Wilkes Barre, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Saturday, June 10, 2017, Patricia was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

**WYDOTIS**, Maryann P. (nee Scortichini), 79, of Brookville, FL, and formerly of Wanamie, died November 24, 2016. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '55.

**WYDOTIS**, Leonard E., 79, of Brookville, FL, and formerly of Wanamie, passed away December 19, 2016. Leonard was born in Wanamie, December 18, 1937. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '55 and Penn State University with a BS in Chemistry.

**BALLA**, Dr. R. Jeffrey, 59, of Yorktown, VA, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away. Dr. Balla was a graduate of Nanticoke High School, Muhlenburg College, and earned a PhD in Physical Chemistry from Penn State University.

**MENDELSSOHN**, Dr. Saul, 82, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away July 5, 2017. Dr. Mendelsohn was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '53 and received his MD from Jefferson Medical College in 1961. His father Myer operated a haberdashery business in Glen Lyon. Dr. Mendelsohn had been on the staff of University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia Medical College, and Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He was the first nephrologist in the area and worked tirelessly to set up the first dialysis unit at the General Hospital. Dr. Mendelsohn was a US Army veteran attaining the rank of Major and served at William Beaumont Army Hospital in Texas and Valley Forge Hospital in Pennsylvania.

**MAKOWSKI**, Yvonne (Elizabeth, nee Thompson), 66, of Wanamie passed away July 8, 2017. Elizabeth was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

**SCARANTINO**, Tina (nee Kozik), 89, of Glen Lyon, and former longtime resident of Alden, passed away July 6, 2017. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

**SCHRAEDER**, Mary (nee Yuhus), 88, of Alden Station, passed away July 8, 2017. Mary was a graduate of Newport Township High School and the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Nursing.

**MAKARA**, Eugene P., 81, of Brick, NJ, and formerly of Wanamie, passed away May 4, 2017. He graduated from Newport Township High School Class of '53 and received a Bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg University in 1961 after serving in the US Air Force in Fairbanks, Alaska.

**SCOTT**, Clemence A., 95, of Sheatown, passed away July 15, 2017. Clem was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '40. He was a US Army Air Force Veteran and served as a tailgunner on the "Flying Fortress." He graduated from Wilkes College in 1949 with a BS Degree in Commerce and Finance and was employed by the IRS for over 36 years.

**SHEKLETSKI**, Edward S., 76, of Cream Ridge, NJ, and raised in Wanamie, passed away July 12, 2017. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '59.

**SKLANEY**, John P. Jr., CW4 (Retired), 70, of Lawton, OK, and formerly of Alden, passed away July 16, 2017. John was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '66. He was a US Army veteran serving in the Viet Nam War with the 1st Cavalry Division and the Persian Gulf War with the 299th Engineer Battalion. He retired from the military as a CW4 specializing in nuclear power.

**KOVALICH**, Cecelia "Celia" E. (nee Charnetski), 91, of Sinking Springs, and formerly a longtime resident of Glen Lyon, passed away July 22, 2017. She was born in Teasdale, Newport Township. Celia was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '44.

**GARDENBROCK**, Bernadine "Bernie" Barbara (nee Byczkowski), 85, of Harrison, Tennessee and born and raised in Glen Lyon, passed away on Monday, January 16, 2017. Bernie was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '51.

**MARSHALL**, Nicholas, 86, of Nanticoke, born and raised in Alden, passed away Friday morning, July 28, 2017. He was a US Army veteran.

**KUSH**, Dr. Michael, 75, of Glen Lyon, recently passed away. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '60. He taught for a time in Newport High School and had a dental practice in Nanticoke.

**NESPOLI**, Ann Marie (nee Margalis), 79, of Arizona, and formerly of Newport Township, passed away July 30, 2017. Ann Marie was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '56 and Kings County Hospital, New York with a degree in nursing.

**O'KANE**, Victoria, 64, of Newport Township, passed away August 6, 2017 at her home.

**FORMULAK**, Joseph P., 56, a life resident of Glen Lyon, passed away Monday, August 14, 2017. Joseph graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area High School Class of '78.

**KOVALICH**, Clement D., 86, of Vestal, New York, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away on August 19, 2017. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '48. Clem was a four-year US Army veteran and graduated from Bucknell with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

**CINGILLI**, Linda K. (nee Kozik), 72, of Knoxville, TN, and raised in Glen Lyon, passed away on August 20, 2017. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '62 and the Nesbitt Nursing Program.

**ROMINSKI**, Judith A. (nee Kerschner), 71, of Glen Lyon died August 22, 2017. Judith was a graduate of Larksville High School Class of '64. She retired as a registered nurse from Wilkes Barre General Hospital.

**WITOSLAWSKI**, Gloria (nee Rentko), 89, of Lansdale, and formerly of Glen Lyon and Sheatown, passed away on July 31, 2017. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '45.

**MIKOLAJVZYK**, Loretta (nee Levandowski), 89, of Blue Ridge Trail, Wapwallopen, and formerly of Newport Township, passed away August 27, 2017. Loretta was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

## TASTE OF THE TOWNSHIP CHEESE

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ There are few people who have never tasted cheese in one form or another. It is a staple in most cuisines, although it is rarely found in East Asian cuisines. What would the Eastern Europeans do without cheese pierogis, or the Italians without cheese on pasta and pizza? Have you ever tried sprinkling some parmesan cheese on sausage and peppers? Or adding a spoonful of cottage cheese to a bowl of steaming hot vegetable soup? Mmm, mmm good!

No one really knows who made the first cheese. Its production predates recorded history but according to an ancient legend, it was made accidentally by an Arabian merchant who put his supply of milk into a pouch made from a sheep's stomach, as he set out on a day's journey across the desert. The rennet (a complex of enzymes produced in the stomachs of mammals able to digest plants) in the lining of the pouch, combined with the heat of the sun, caused the milk to separate into curd and whey. That night he found that the whey (the liquid remaining after milk has been curdled and strained) satisfied his thirst, and the curd (coagulated milk) had a delightful flavor which satisfied his hunger.

The earliest evidence of cheese-making dates back to 5500 BC in Kujawy, Poland. Preserved cheese was found in the Taklamakan Desert in Xinjiang, China dated 1615 BC. Evidence of Egyptian cheese-making was found in Egyptian tomb murals dated approximately 2000 BC. During the Ancient Rome era, valued foreign cheeses were transported to Rome to satisfy the tastes of the social elite. Most cheeses were initially recorded in the late Middle Ages. Cheeses diversified in Europe with locales developing their own traditions and products. Cheese-making in manor and monastery intensified local characteristics imparted by local bacterial flora while the identification of monks with cheese is sustained through modern marketing labels. This also led to a diversity of cheese types.

Mass-produced rennet began in the 1860s. By the turn of the century, scientists were producing pure microbial cultures. Previously, bacteria in cheese was derived from the environment or from recycling an earlier batch's whey. Pure cultures meant a standardized cheese could be produced. The wholesale cheese industry was thus born and showed phenomenal growth during the latter half of the 1800s. By 1880 there were 3,923 dairy factories nationwide which were reported to have made 216 million pounds of cheese that year valued at \$17 million. This represented almost 90 percent of total cheese production that year. By the turn of the century, farm production of cheese had become insignificant. The 1904 census reported only factory output, which totaled over 317 million pounds. As cheese demand continued to grow and spread rapidly, manufactured and processed cheese production increased dramatically. Total natural cheese production grew from 418 million pounds in 1920 to 2.2 billion pounds by 1970. Rising demand for cheese throughout the 1970s and 1980s brought total natural cheese production to more than 6 billion pounds by the beginning of the 1990s. Processed cheese (a type of cheese made with emulsifiers) also experienced a surge in consumer demand with annual production exceeding 2 billion pounds a year by the beginning of the 1990s.

Eight steps have made up the cheese-making process for every cheese since they were first made:

Step 1—Setting: Bacteria and enzymes derived from the stomach linings of milk-producing mammals called rennet are added to the milk. The rennet shaves off the surface layer of the casein (proteins found in milk), causing the micelles (surface molecules) to coagulate into what is called the curd.

Step 2—Cutting: The curd is “cut” into smaller particles—the smaller the particle, the less whey it holds, thus more whey is expelled from the curd.

Step 3—Cooking: The curd is heated and stirred, which expels more whey.

Step 4—Draining: Draining separates more whey from the curd.

Step 5—Knitting: As the whey drains away, the curd particles come into contact with each other and stick into a bigger mass.

Step 6—Pressing: Weight is applied to the cheese to give it its final shape and to squeeze out more whey.

Step 7—Salting: Salt can be added by sprinkling or rubbing it on the cheese or by submerging the cheese in a salt brine; it continues to draw out whey.

Step 8—Special applications: These can include applying specific environmental conditions such as humidity and temperature or physical manipulations like turning the cheese while it ages.

### Cheese Facts

1. The most popular cheese recipe in the United States is macaroni and cheese.
2. Cheese takes up about 1/10 the volume of the milk it was made from
3. There are around 2,000 varieties of cheeses.
4. Cheddar was recorded around 1500, Parmesan in 1597, Gouda in 1697, and Camembert in 1791.
5. Today, Britain has 15 protected cheeses from approximately 40 types listed by the British Cheese Board. France has 50 protected cheeses, Italy 46, and Spain 26.
6. Currently, more than one-third of all milk produced each year in the U.S. is used to manufacture cheese.
7. The United States is the top producer of cheese in the world, with Wisconsin and California the leading states in production. Although the U.S. produces the most cheese, Greece and France lead the pack in cheese consumption per capita, averaging 52.25 and 52.9 pounds per person in 2003 respectively. In the same year, the average US consumption was around 31 pounds per person. In 2015, that number increased to over 34 pounds of cheese per person.



### Macaroni and Cheese

- 8 ounces (1 cup) elbow macaroni
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 1/4 cups (9 ounces) shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided
- 4 tablespoons Italian flavored breadcrumbs

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Coat an 8-inch square baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Cook the macaroni in salted boiling water until firm. Drain and set aside.
2. In a large heavy saucepan, melt the butter over low heat. Stir in the flour and cook for 1 to 2 minutes.
3. Add the milk, salt, and pepper, and cook over medium heat, until the mixture starts to bubble, stirring occasionally.
4. Remove the mixture from the heat and add 2 cups of cheese, stirring until cheese is melted. Add the macaroni. Mix well, then pour into the baking dish.
5. Top with the remaining 1/4 cup cheese and sprinkle the bread crumbs over the cheese.
6. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes until the mixture is bubbly and the top is golden. Serves 3 to 4.
7. Suggestion: serve with heated stewed tomatoes.

## Primary Election 2017

By Tom Kashatus ~ For the Primary Election held last May 16, according to the unofficial "Street List" record, there are approximately 2,721 registered voters in Newport Township - 1,872 Democrats, 578 Republicans, and 271 "Others." Regarding the "Others," these voters may have registered for alternate parties other than the major Democrat and Republican parties, i.e., Green Party, Independent Party, Libertarian Party, Constitutional Party, Socialist Party, No Affiliation, etc. It is beneficial to know that in a primary election if there is no one running for office with these optional affiliations, a voter is basically closed out from voting for any candidates at all as the affiliation will not appear on the ballot. This voting procedure changes in the fall General Election, which is an open election and voters can cross party lines and vote for whomever they choose within the limits set forth.

By Ward:	First - Glen Lyon & Lee	Second - Wanamie & Alden	Third - Sheatown & Ridgeview
Democrat	750 <b>230</b>	645 <b>203</b>	477 <b>167</b>
Republican	218 <b>42</b>	197 <b>41</b>	163 <b>29</b>
Other	123	89	59
Tot. Reg'd	1,091	931	699
Tot, Voted	<b>272</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>196</b>

The figures in red (second, fourth, and bottom lines) indicate the actual vote totals (712) in comparison to the potential vote totals (2,450) discounting "Others" (271) who did not have the opportunity to vote. Please note that absentee ballots which can have a definite effect on any election are not figured in with the preceding data.

Boards of Elections were put in place for future elections for the next four years as follows: First Ward - Judge of Election, Joseph Hillan; Majority Inspector, Felecia Domulewicz; Minority Inspector, Krissy Blank; Second Ward - Judge of Election, Kathleen Peters; Majority Inspector, Sandy Michaels; Minority Inspector, Teena Wrubel; Third Ward - Judge of Election, Megan Tennesen; Majority Inspector, Rick Tennesen; Minority Inspector, Joseph Urban.

School director candidates were chosen by each party to run in the fall General Election. The following five candidates who were allowed to and ran on the Democrat and Republican tickets were nominated by both parties and will be assured victory in the fall, barring any unusual circumstances: Megan Tennesen, Frank Shepanski, Matthew Landmesser, Wendy Kotsko Wiaterowski, and Erika McQuown Jacobs.

Incumbent Magistrate Donald Whittaker also won nomination on the Democrat and Republican tickets and will be looking forward to serving another six year term in District 11-3-02.

Luzerne County Council will be electing five members to fulfill four year terms in the General Election. Gregory S. Wolovich Jr. of Glen Lyon picked up a nomination on the Republican ticket.

There was a spirited race for two commissioner positions in Newport Township. On the Democrat ticket John Zyla claimed high vote getter with 428 votes. He was followed by John Vishnefski with 348 votes and Kelli Valaitis with 244 votes. As no Republican candidates sought a ballot position for commissioner, the same three Democrat candidates ran a write-in campaign for the Republican nomination. John Zyla was high with 48 votes. John Vishnefski followed with 36 votes and Kelli Valaitis trailed with 23 votes.

Party candidates were running for openings on the three Pennsylvania state courts: Supreme Court (1), Superior Court (4), and Commonwealth Court (2). Endorsed party candidates will be facing each other in the General Election.

Upon reviewing the Newport Township voting totals, I cannot go on without making the following comment. An active voting percentage which revolves around 20 - 25% is just disappointing and deplorable. It's not that our people are "deplorable," but attitudes are "deplorable." "Who cares anymore?" There are a few, and they work hard at what they do - to improve and move Newport

Township forward. After the recent publicity of Glen Lyon being the "most distressed town in Pennsylvania" and the unfortunate publicity surrounding our former business manager, one would think that the public would overwhelmingly unite to express their views and put on a show of force at the polls and at meetings of our cherished volunteer and community organizations to bring Glen Lyon back to a community that stands tall. Too many times it's like pulling teeth to fill the vacancies of the offices that occur over a normal year.



Pictured left are members of the Second Ward Board of Elections, seated l to r: Machine Operator, Mary Jo Resavy; Majority Inspector, Sandy Michaels, and Minority Inspector, Teena Wrubel. Standing l to r: Judge of Election, Dawson Jenkins; Machine Operator, Anthony Ginochetti; Constable Ron Ebert; and Elector Donald Morgis.

### Republican Write-in Votes

	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	
John Zyla	19	17	12	48
John Vishnefski	16	12	08	36
Kelli Valaitis	09	12	02	23
Czapracki	02			
Shiptoski	01			
Kowalski	01			
Kashatus	01			
Etc.	07			
<b>Total write-in votes</b>		<b>119</b>		



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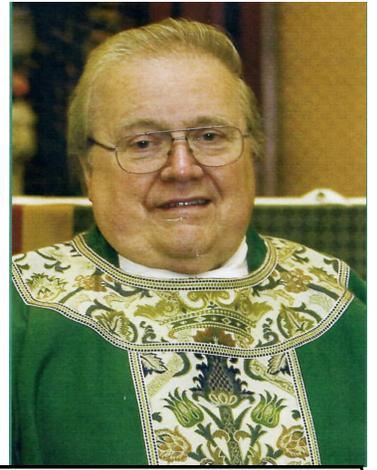
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At left is Father McGahagan's 1960 Newport Twp. High School yearbook picture. Center: Father McGahagan's First Mass with his parents James and Helen and his grandmother Mrs. Louise Pleasure. Right: Father McGahagan at his retirement.

### Rev. James McGahagan Retires

By Heidi Jarecki ~ Rev. James E. McGahagan, Glen Lyon native, has retired from the priesthood after serving the Church for 49 years. He was born at the Nanticoke State Hospital on Thursday, June 11, 1942. His parents were James and Helen Pleasure McGahagan. The family lived for a time on East Main Street, then moved to West Enterprise Street. Both parents were active members of St. Denis Church and its various societies. James Sr. served as trustee for Local 1167 United Mine Workers of America.

Father McGahagan attended Kosciuszko Elementary School, Pulaski Junior High School, and Newport Township High School. As a youth, he suffered from allergies and asthma, preventing his participation in sports, but he loved to sing, so he joined the high school chorus. His singing abilities served him well when he decided to join the priesthood. Following graduation from high school in 1960, he entered the former St. Pius X Seminary in Dalton. He was ordained at Saint Peter's Cathedral in Scranton on May 25, 1968 by Bishop J. Carroll McCormick. He served his first Mass at Saint Michael's Church, Glen Lyon on May 26, 1968.

Father's first assignment was Assistant Pastor of St. David's Church in West Scranton for the summer of 1968. Then in the fall, he was sent to St. Mary's in Plymouth. Among his longer assignments are: 10 years at Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre; 9 years in Blossburg and Ralston; 19 years at Exaltation of the Holy Cross in Buttonwood, and his last assignment was the parish of St. Andrew's, Wilkes-Barre where he has served since 2008. In

addition he taught at Kingston Central Catholic High School (Bishop O'Reilly) and Bishop Hoban High School (Holy Redeemer). He served on the Diocesan Commission on Ecumenism and Human Affairs, and the Nanticoke Deanery of the Diocese. He was appointed Catholic chaplain at Mansfield University and Wilkes University.

A retirement celebration for Father McGahagan was held on May 21, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church, which is now the Parish of St. Andrew in Wilkes-Barre. The banquet was held at Touch of Class on George Avenue. "Father Jim" officially retired on July 6, 2017. He currently resides in Wilkes-Barre, where he hopes to devote some time to gardening and saying Mass at local churches when he is needed.

At his retirement celebration, Father thanked everyone who participated: "Thank you and God Bless you for sharing this Mass of Thanksgiving with me. I am grateful for the support you have given me during these past forty-nine years with your prayers and your kindness. Please continue to remember me in your prayers that I may continue to carry out priestly ministry in this new chapter of my life. I retire from parish administration but pray to be faithful to the priesthood of Jesus Christ in the celebration of the Eucharist and the other sacraments. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make today's celebration possible."

Father's friends in Newport Township wish him many more happy, healthy, and peaceful years.



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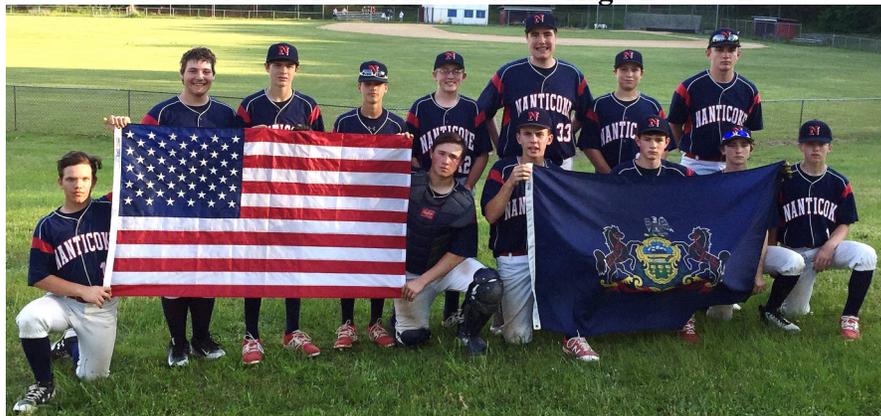
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## Greater Nanticoke Area Junior High Baseball



Pictured left is the Greater Nanticoke Area Junior High Baseball Team at the Ted Hiller Field in Honeyport. Prior to a brief flag-raising ceremony, the players displayed new United States and Pennsylvania State flags that were donated by Representative Gerald Mullery. After playing teams from Holy Redeemer, Berwick Area, Hanover Area, Wilkes Barre GAR, Wilkes-Barre Meyers, Northwest Area, and Lake Lehman Area, the squad ended their season with an 11 and 3 record.

Kneeling: Collin Kashatus, Jeremy Grodzicki, Jake Krupinski, Joe Fox, Devin Sura, and Derek Cease.  
 Standing: Steven Sokoal, J. J. Bielecki, Luke Myers, Colin Piestrak, Elijah Collison, Colin Mackiewicz, and Andrew Stratton.



## GNA Junior High Softball Team 2017

The Greater Nanticoke Area Junior Softball Team completed another successful season by winning their conference championship in the Wyoming Valley.

Pictured left, Front row, Jasmine Emel, Allison Shaffer, Tatiana McCoy, Jessica Skladzien, Abecka Jones, Riley Baird, Tiffany Brogan, Rebecca Ottsman, Rachel Goss, Allison Lyons, Allie Graham, Alexis Atkins, Brooklyn Biehl, Gianna Donahue.

Back row, Head Coach Jake Biehl, Kayla Pegarella, Madison Stashak, Zoe Coble, Krystin Montgomery, Allison Keener, Emily Cullen, Jenna Barron, Stephanie Layland, Olivia Nice, Jennifer Kurkoski, Amanda Cheslaw, Mandy Biehl, Assistant Coach Brian Stashak, and Assistant Coach Paul Cullen.

Absent from photo: Lindsey Stavetski, Allison Guydosh, Kayla Subarton, and Emily Brown.

## Wanamie Athletic Club wins the 1946 Valley League Championship



### 1946 VALLEY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AT "DEAD DOG" DIAMOND, WANAMIE

TOP ROW: ED SHARPE, JACOB "DUKE" BARADGIE SR., ?, "LEFTY" SAGER, ED BRUTSKI, ED RISH, JOHN BISCZAT, PET BARTUSKI

MIDDLE ROW: BERNARD "RIZ" RASAVAGE, JACK SEMMERS, JOHN BARTUSKI, "RED" MAZUR, ANDY KOSTEK, ?, STANLEY MAZUR

BOTTOM ROW: GENE MAKARA, GERRY SHARPE, TAL PHILLIPS, JACOB KUBUSH BARADGIE JR.

## Walking Trail Completed



Photo left: The walking trail under construction. Photo right: At completion. Photo below: Aerial mapping.



By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ A long-awaited walking and running trail has been constructed in the Wanamie Recreation Park. It follows the outside boundaries of the baseball fields and soccer field and begins (or ends) at the parking lot near the tennis court. Part of the trail is incorporated into the parking lot, so users should be aware of traffic. Partially funded by a \$40,000.00 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, it was constructed by W. Peters Enterprises and completed in August. Materials were donated by Newport Aggregate. It measures approximately 2/3 mile long and is a gentle surface of crushed stone and sand. Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jack Vishnefski, State Representative Gerald Mullery, and Township Manager Peter Wanchisen were instrumental in the funding and design phases, along with PennEastern Engineers. All township residents are invited to take a stroll on the new trail. Further enhancements are planned. Sorry, no bicycles, scooters, skateboards or motor vehicles of any type are allowed.

## Water Fountain Installed at the Wanamie Park

By Murph Fletcher ~ The Greater Nanticoke Area Family Center supplied a water cooler fountain for use at the Wanamie Park. It replaces a fountain that was damaged a few years ago. The new fountain was purchased with funds from a PA Community Innovation Zone (CIZ) grant awarded to the GNA School District's Family Center. The purpose of the grant was to build community collaboration (with groups such as the NTCO) and the school district P-3 (prenatal through third grade) child development and family engagement. The state's Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), which oversees the CIZ grant, recognizes the importance of supporting early learning and child development in the community as well as in the classroom, and approved the purchase as part of the Family Center's CIZ grant project, "My School, My Community." With many youth organizations using the park, as well as folks using the new walking trail, the fountain is a welcome addition to the park's assets.



Left to right: Jack Vishnefski, Township Parks and Recreation Commissioner; Peter Felici, Electrical Installation; Murph Fletcher, NTCO Recreation Coordinator; Christine Ferrato GNA Family Center Pre-K Counts Director; Joe Hillan, Township Administrative Operations Director; and Mel Dudeck Jr., Plumbing Installation.

### A Brief History Lesson

When Newport Township was first formed in 1772, the area within its boundary measured approximately 103 square miles. Gradually, as the population grew and towns sprang up, the Township shrank. Nescopeck Township was the first separation in 1792, followed by Hollenback in 1815. Then, in 1840, the lines for Dorrance Township were drawn. In 1854, Slocum Township to our south came into existence. With the great influx of immigrants in the latter half of the 19th century, the village of Nanticoke experienced rapid growth. In 1874, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania granted 1/3 additional land from Newport Township and 2/3 additional land from Hanover Township to Nanticoke. The area west of Hanover Street and most of Honey Pot was originally in Newport Township. Lastly, in 1875, land was taken from Hollenback to form Conyngham Township. Today, Newport Township encompasses 16.8 square miles.

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By Debbie Fudjak ~ On Friday, July 28, 2017, the parishioners of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Glen Lyon held a farewell dinner at the Alden Room for their pastor of the past 13 years, Rev. John Seniw. Father John has been transferred to St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1343 Newport Avenue, Northampton, Pa. The Rev. Roman Petryshak has been assigned to St. Nicholas Church as pastor. Pictured is Father John, seated center, surrounded by his parishioners and friends who wished him well.



On Sunday, September 17, the Altar and Rosary and Holy Name Societies, St. Adalbert's Church, Holy Spirit Parish held a pancake and sausage breakfast in the church hall. Pictured is pancake chef Steve Masakowski.

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# NTCO Summer Fun Review

*By Murph Fletcher*

July 6th started with our first Day Camp visit. The attendance participation disappointed me. People had signed up to go and did not show, others thought the bus would pick them up at home, or that the bus left at 10 am. We ended up with 12 attending. The day's events included art, tennis, archery, ga-ga, and basketball. It ended up being a good day because those who attended really enjoyed themselves.

July 18th was an Art Presentation conducted by the ART Niche studio. The younger children made paper wind socks, and the older children drew a picture looking through an underwater porthole showing different animals. Attendance was 40 children.

July 20th Day Camp small attendance due to Bible School. Those who did attend enjoyed nature (Looking for Snakes with Success), dance (a video does exist), lacrosse, soccer, and Newcomb on a hot humid day with a lot of water breaks. Attendance was 7 children.

July 25th at Coal Street was coloring Sun Catchers. The enthusiasm and abilities of the children to be creative and work alone with their color selections amazed me. There are some potential artists in the group. A good day for all ages. Attendance was 42 children.

July 27th Magic World to Day Camp. They were introduced to world cultures. It was explained how other nations start their days and how similar they are to ours. The pledge of allegiance, singing of the National Anthem, and where and how their hand is placed. They made necklaces and scenes with stickers, then participated in games, Karate, basketball, hockey, playground, and soccer. Attendance 25 children.

August 1st at Wanamie Grandparents Day. The day was enjoyed by all, while participating in games and having watermelon, pizza, and cupcakes. A couple traveled from Lancaster to be with their grandchild for this event. Attendance was 39 children and 15 adults.



## Secret for Staying Young

Life is more fun if you play games. ~ Roald Dahl

## Adolescence can be perplexing!

In the time it takes you to understand a 14-year-old, he turns 15.  
~ Robert Brault



## National Night Out

By Sue Heinz ~ On Tuesday August 1, Saint Faustina Grove in Sheatown was the site of the 2nd Annual Community Picnic sponsored by the Newport Township Crime Watch and Newport Township Police Department. Once again a good time was had by all. Participating this year were Newport Township Fire Department, Fire Police, Medic 25, Nanticoke Smokehouse, Touch A Truck from Newport Aggregate and MP Excavating, Binks Towing, a Bounce House run by the GNA Honor Society, kids games conducted by the GNA Student Council, Yogi's Potato Pancakes. and the very popular Dunk Tank. In the pavilions we had the Chinese Auction, Bake Sale, Large Item Auction, Instant Bingo, Tom Kashatus and his Chili Cook-off, Girl Scout Troop 32114 , Lollipop Tree, Duck Pond, Scooter Raffle, Karen Metta Face Painting, American Legion Auxiliary, Young People in Recovery, PA Department of Health with Rachael Wydra RN, Dr. Andrew and Sarah Makos Chiropractic, 911, Kevin Barrett Self Defense, Newport Township Women's Activity Group , R Bar's Wings, Food Stand run by Mike Yalch and the St. Faustina Staff, and informational booklets from the offices of Senator John Yudichak and Representative Gerry Mullery.

The star of this year's event was the Newport Township Police Department and the Drunk Goggles. Obtained through a grant by Chief Jeremy Blank, wearing the goggles made you feel as though you were under the influence of alcohol or various drugs. It was fun watching as the wearers tried to navigate the obstacle course but everyone there saw how little control the participants had as they pedaled the big tricycle around. Hopefully some realized just how dangerous it is to drive under the influence.

Music for the event was provided by DJ Jim. The GNA Trojan made an guest appearance. Another new feature of this year's event was the door prize. Every family attending was encouraged to fill out a ticket to win two folding chairs. You didn't need to be present to win.. All in all, our second NNO was a success. There was good food, good music, lots of free activities for the youngsters, important information for the older crowd, the opportunity to meet the First Responders of Newport Township and Nanticoke, and the chance for families, friends and neighbors to enjoy a beautiful summer's night. Thanks to everyone who participated in any way. So many fine people gave of their time and energy to make this event a success. Without all of you there would be no picnic. Special thanks to everyone from not only Newport Township but also the surrounding communities who came to support us and enjoy what we had to offer. We hope to see all of you on August 7, 2018 same time, same place for the 3rd Annual Community Picnic. We're already making plans!!!



On September 16, the Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 sponsored a Walk of Warriors event in Glen Lyon. It benefits the National League of POW/MIA Families.

## Walk of Warriors

*Concluding Remarks by Lorrie Materewicz President of Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 ~ A POW/MIA Empty Chair is placed at all official meetings of the American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIA's still unaccounted for from all the wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This serves as a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of our liberty, and a full accounting of those still missing. Let us rededicate ourselves to this vital endeavor!*

Those who have served and those currently serving in the uniformed services of the United States, are ever mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice. We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy daily pleasures, there are others who have endured and may still be enduring the agonies of pain, separation, deprivation and imprisonment. Before we continue the rest of what may be a normal day for us, let us pause to recognize these valiant warriors, our

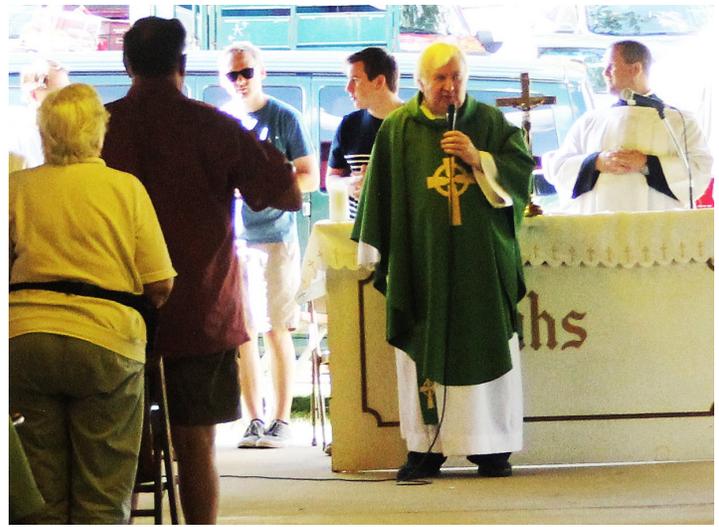
POW's and MIA's.

I call your attention to this **small table** which usually occupies a place of dignity and honor within the confines of our Post. It is **set for one** symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. They are referred to as POW's and MIA's. **We call them comrades.** They are unable to be with their loved ones and families, so we join together to pay humble tribute to them and to bear witness to their continued absence. The **table** is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors. The **table** is round, symbolizing our unceasing dedication to our efforts in bringing every one of our comrades home. **The tablecloth is white**, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. The **single rose** in the vase symbolizes the blood that may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our, and their, beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the families and friends of our missing comrades who keep faith, while awaiting their safe return. The **red ribbon** on the vase represents the red ribbons worn on the lapels of thousands who demand, with unyielding determination, a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us. A **slice of lemon** on the plate symbolizes their bitter fate. The **salt** sprinkled on the plate symbolizes the countless fallen tears of families as they wait...and wait. The **glass** is inverted; they cannot toast with us at this time. The **chair** is empty. They are NOT here. The **candle** is reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to open arms of a grateful nation. The **American flag** reminds us that many of them will never return and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom. Let God watch over them and their families.



A turkey and Italian hoagie and bake sale was held at St Nicholas Church in Glen Lyon on September 13. Pictured left is: Debbie Fudjak, Mary Jo Evans and Louise Cragle.

From June 22 to the 24th, Saint Faustina Parish held its annual picnic at their Grove in Sheatown. Pictured right is Father James Nash presiding at the Saturday polka Mass.



**St Adalbert's Keepsake Ornament**

Pictured left is a keepsake ornament of St. Adalbert's Church, Holy Spirit Parish in Glen Lyon. It is offered for sale by the Altar and Rosary Society for \$10.00 each. The ornament is made of lacquered brass and stands 3 inches tall. It features a likeness of the Church with the words Holy Spirit Parish, St. Adalbert's Church, Glen Lyon Pennsylvania on the bottom edge. Please contact Heidi Jarecki at phone number 570-733-2540 or email [hselecky@pa.metrocast.net](mailto:hselecky@pa.metrocast.net) They can be mailed if you live outside the area.

**Upcoming Events in the Township**

- October 6-7:** Fall Festival, St. Andrew's Church, Alden.
- October 8:** All-Newport Reunion, Holy Transfiguration Hall, Hanover Section of Nanticoke, 1 pm.
- October 15:** Spaghetti Dinner at R Bar, Alden. Benefits the Newport Township Consolidated and the Glen Lyon-Alden Fire Departments.
- October 28:** Trunk or Treat, Wanamie Recreation Park, 1:00 pm, sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group.
- November 5:** Spaghetti Dinner, Altar and Rosary Society, St. Adalbert's Church, Holy Spirit Parish.
- November 19:** Fall Bingo, sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group, at St. Adalbert's Church Hall, Noon.
- December Date to be Announced:** Santa's Annual Visit, sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group.



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Pictured left: Chester as a player on the first Newport High School football team in 1922. Middle: as a graduate of Bloomsburg State Normal School in 1925. Right: as principal of the Pulaski Junior High School in 1950.

## Newport Townships Teachers: Chester Zimolzak

By Heidi Jarecki ~ Chester Edward Zimolzak was born in Glen Lyon on March 23, 1905. His parents were Frank and Antoinette (Anna) Zakrzewski Zimolzak who were born in Demsk, Russian Poland. Russian Poland or the Kingdom of Poland was also known as “Congress Poland” because it was created by the Congress of Vienna in 1815. There are conflicting dates as to when Frank was born: September 13, 1875 or January 22, 1876 or 1877. Anna was born in about 1875. Frank and Anna immigrated to the United States in 1897, bringing with them their infant son William. They found their way to Glen Lyon where Frank found employment in the mines. Soon, their family grew with the births of Bruno, Stella, Lydia (Lottie), Chester, and Stasia. They lived at 176 East Main Street. Of the six children, Lydia, Chester, and Stasia continued their educations past high school and were graduates of Bloomsburg State Normal School. Both Lydia and Stasia taught for a time in Pulaski School until Lydia married Joseph Chest and Stasia married Stephen Stashak. (It was expected that women teachers resign their positions when they married. This was the practice until about the late ‘forties.) Stella married Michael Kaspezyk in 1921. William and Bruno both worked in the mines. William was killed instantly in 1937 by a fall of rocks while working in Number 6 shaft, Susquehanna Collieries in Glen Lyon, leaving behind his wife, the former Mary Textoris. Bruno married Veronica Strzalka in 1923.

Chester was educated in Newport Township schools. He excelled in both academics and athletics. He played on the very first Newport Township “Central” High School football team coached by a very young Dale Richards in 1922. He graduated in 1923. He then entered Bloomsburg State Normal School. While there, he played football and basketball. In 1924, he had the lead in a comic opera, “Princess Bonnie.” In the 1925 Bloomsburg yearbook, he is described thus: “‘Zim’ took part in football and basketball. He was a substitute in both sports the first year, but the second year he was one of the stars on the football squad. He also made the varsity in basketball in his second year and helped win many a game. ‘Zim’ was noted for his oratorical power. His ability was shown best in history and geography class, for he gave both Profs. Brill and Albert many a good argument. He has made a success of his two years at Normal, and we are sure his success will continue with him throughout his life’s work.” He obtained his two-year teaching certificate, and then returned to obtain his bachelor’s degree. During his second tenure at Bloomsburg, he was a student coach in basketball, football, baseball, tennis, track, and cross country. He earned his bachelor’s degree in 1931. He then attended summer classes at Penn State University and earned his master’s degree in education on August 9, 1934.

As a teacher, he was first appointed to the Pulaski School in Glen Lyon for the 1925-26 academic year. In 1928, he was among seventeen teachers who lost their jobs because of differences between the majority and minority factions of the School Board. He was reinstated for the 1929-30 school term. In 1931, he was

appointed supervising principal of the Pulaski School, a position he held for 38 years.

In June, 1932, Chester married Stephanie Dombrowski of Nanticoke. The ceremony was held in St. Michael’s Church in Olyphant and performed by the bride’s cousin, Rev. S. J. Dombrowski. Stephanie was a graduate of Bloomsburg State Teacher’s College, and taught at the West Main Street School in Nanticoke for three years. The couple set up housekeeping at 174 East Main Street, Glen Lyon. They had two children, Eleanor, born in 1934 and Chester, born in 1937. They were active in St. Adalbert’s Church and its societies.

During the thirties, Chester was a member of the Newport Township Athletic Association. He often performed in musical revues and plays. In 1932, he sang “Just Leave It To Me” at the Roosevelt School auditorium, and was joined by other local thespians. He served as an official at Field Day activities at the High School and as a judge for the Mummies parades. He registered for the military draft in 1940 and participated in the American Red Cross Emergency War Relief Drive and the War Loan Committee. He volunteered to help register residents for gas rationing during the war. He was not called to active military duty. He later got involved with the Boy Scout training programs. In the late forties, he directed the high school band during performances at Christmas.

Chester continued to serve as principal of the Pulaski Junior High School until 1969. He guided students through a difficult transition after the High School burned down in 1963. From 1963 until the John S. Fine High School in Nanticoke opened in 1970, double sessions were held in the Pulaski Building, with the high school students attending classes in the morning, and the junior high students in the afternoon. When he retired in 1969, he was feted at a banquet sponsored by the PTA. He enjoyed retirement for fifteen years until his death in August, 1984. He was 79 years old. His wife Stephanie died on March 1, 2005 at age 96. At the time of her death, they had six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Chester and Stephanie are interred in Holy Trinity Cemetery, Sheatown.



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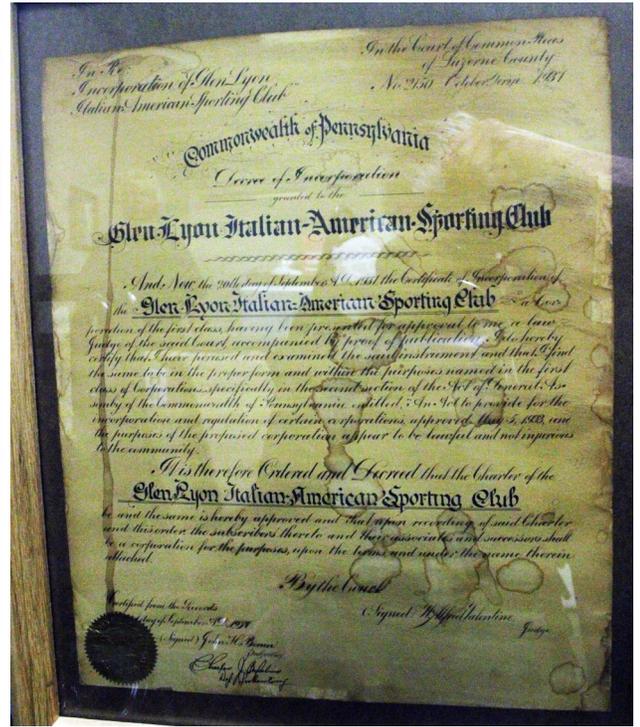
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## The 1964 Newport Township High School Basketball Season Part II

### In Their Own Words

*Editors' Note: As a follow-up to the article about Jim Davis and the 1964 team which appeared in the Summer, 2017 Newsletter, we invited players to submit their recollections of what it was like to play basketball for Coach Davis. Here are a few:*

*By Jim Murphy ~ What does it take to play at Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice. What does it take to play basketball at Newport High School for Coach Jim Davis? Practice, practice,*

*practice. That's what I remember most about basketball and Coach Davis, not individual games and scores.*

It was 1963-64 and little did I think that we would be the last team to play a home game on the hardwoods of Newport High School. Gone would be the trophy case filled with past victories and accomplishments of past teams and coaches including trophies from 1936 State championship. A devastating fire would make all that just a memory for those that preceded us. One thing I could say about Coach Davis was that we didn't go into any games unprepared. We knew what to expect from every opponent. Where they would shoot from and what their tendencies were. Did 6'10" Dick Hock from Kingston bring the ball down after a rebound? What was each opponent's weak spot? Coach Davis had a game plan for each opponent and a plan for each of his players. Our offense always began with any rebound leading to an outlet pass to Joe Campi to lead our fast break. This usually led to a lay-up for someone. Joe Miller would drain a shot from the corner. Jerome Uram would drop in a 10 footer or lay-up. Dennis Sweeney could be counted on for a two hand set shot from behind the arch. As I mentioned earlier, practice each day was what I remember most. Practice always started with 20 or 25 laps around the gym on the upper level track. It was always fun for someone to jump under one of the benches out of sight of Coach in order to skip out a lap unnoticed. That was fun. After our laps we would then go into our lay-up drills. Coach watching closely that lay-ups from the left be made with the left hand or those from the right be made with the right hand. It was also fun to try a dunk when coach wasn't looking. Dunks were a violation in those days, and 3-point scoring did not exist. Joe and Denny would have scored many more points if there was a 3-point line in those days. After lay-up drill all we did was run, run, run up and down the court with Coach Davis shouting out offensive and defensive instructions. Many times he would stop play and physically move you not so gently to where you should have been. A number of times on a Saturday, I could remember Coach Ed Gayeski having his Northwest team on the court for a scrimmage. Northwest under Gayeski was always in the championship hunt. Coach Gayeski was another Newport product. After the fire, our home court advantage was gone. Also gone were uniforms and our Converse sneakers. Coach Davis arranged for practices at Scanlon Field House in Kingston. Practice was turned into an away game. Swoyersville also used the Scanlon Field House and our practices consisted of half court while Swoyersville used the other half. We usually ended practice with a scrimmage that was always very physical. Swoyersville Coach Ciampi and Coach Davis kept a close eye to insure things didn't get too physical.

Some things I remember: (1) the team taking half court and longer shots during shoot around when coach wasn't watching, (2) sneaking into the pool often after practice for a quick dip (3) opening the locker door with a coat hanger (coach never knew), (4) having to carry the basketball all day in school the next day for kicking the ball, (5) wearing weights on your feet all day in class so you could jump higher for rebounds, (6) running laps until the sun went down for a team rule violation: "smoking," (7) always a team effort, win or lose, and (7) best of all, the team bus dropping us off after every away game at M & Bs for two slices of Nardone's pizza and a cherry coke served by Mary and Barney. Coach Davis prepared us

not only for games but also for life. It's sad to think that we were the last team to experience good old Newport High School. When the school burned, we lost more than a building. The community lost an identity. What wasn't lost was the memories of its graduates!



Pictured right:  
Jim Davis.  
Pictured left:  
Dennis Sweeney.



*By Dennis Sweeney ~ The arrival of Coach Jim Davis ushered in a "New Age" of basketball at Newport Twp. High School. His philosophy, superb conditioning and fast-breaking style of offense had an immediate, positive impact on our program. I had the pleasure of playing for Coach Davis for 4 years at Newport and again in my senior year at King's College.*

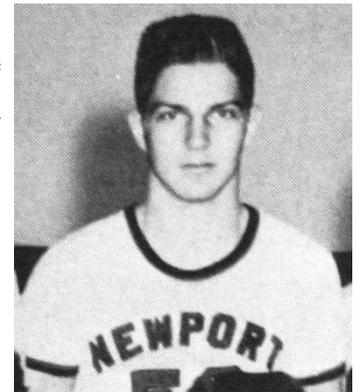
Our 1964 team started with our school burning down, which resulted in the loss of "home court" advantage against a very strong Wyoming Valley Conference. However, my talented and dedicated teammates, tremendous students/friends, and community support made my career a very special experience. It was an incredible feeling to walk onto a basketball court knowing you were in a position to win, no matter who was the competition.

Coach Davis defined the finer points needed to win and implemented them in all of us and his overall program, but his greatest asset was the man he was!

Gifted, intelligent, a motivator and a great human being! He was one of the BEST men I would ever meet in my life! Unfortunately, the time went by in the blink of an eye but THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

Thank you for this opportunity.

*By Jim Zubritski ~ Coach Davis came to Newport when I was in junior high school. He really turned the program around in a hurry. He was a taskmaster, but he got every player to live up to his potential. I can remember running laps in the balcony above the gym. Assistant Coach Kovaleski would keep track of the laps on the scoreboard so we wouldn't cheat. After my junior year, Coach left to go to Berwick. We were all disappointed. Fortunately, the (School) Board hired Gene Domzalski as the new coach. Coach led us to a championship playoff game at the Scranton CYC. We lost the game to Kingston. Those four years of basketball were some of my fondest memories of high school.*



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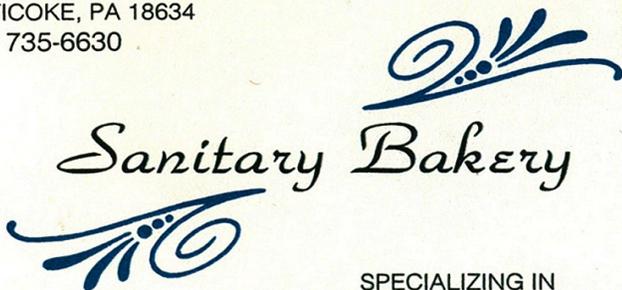
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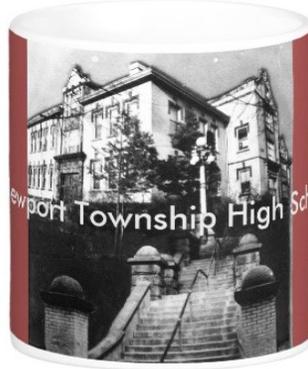
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tween 4:30 and 5:00. Help is needed to unload the truck and carry the food into the building. From 5:00 to 6:00 table set-up takes place. From 6:00 to 7:00 food is distributed and from 7:00 to 7:30 is clean up.



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