

**It is the life of the crystal, the architect of the flake, the fire of the frost, the soul of the sunbeam.
This crisp winter air is full of it. ~ John Burroughs, "Winter Sunshine"**



West Main Street, Glen Lyon

Newport Township Public Business

By John Jarecki ~ The following are items of Township business discussed or acted upon at meetings of the Newport Township Commissioners in October, November, and December of 2017.

October 2, 2017: The Commissioners voted to approve the purchase and lease from Gibbons Ford of Dickson City of a new 2017 Ford 550 dump truck, with snow plow and salt spreader, to be used for road maintenance in the Township. The cost of the truck is \$69,274.28. It will be paid for through a tax-exempt municipal lease obtained through M&T Bank. At the conclusion of the lease, the Township will own the truck after a payment of \$1.00.

The Commissioners discussed applying for State gaming grant money to purchase a pickup truck and a back hoe, and to carry out the project of correcting the storm water drainage system problem on Railroad Street in Glen Lyon. Township Manager Peter Wanschisen said that, according to State Senator John Yudichak, the state has only a very limited amount of gaming money to distribute and that we should write separate applications for each of the three items on our list and to prioritize the items on the list. The Commissioners agreed that the most pressing need is to correct the problem of the Railroad Street storm

water system. The problem is that the system has a large tunnel under the sidewalk that puts the sidewalk in danger of collapse. It is therefore a danger to Township residents.

Mr. Wanchisen announced that the construction of the new walking trail in the Wanamie Recreation Park is now complete. The cost was \$18,776. The Township has received reimbursement of 85% of the cost from a State grant. This amount comes to \$15,900.

The Commissioners voted to approve roadwork at the corner of Overlook and Vista Drive in Ridgeview to repair pavement subsidence at a cost of up to \$750.

November 6, 2017: Township Financial Consultant Jennifer Polito presented the results of an audit of Township finances for 2016 conducted by Certified Public Accountant Joseph Aliciene.

According to the audit report, the Township had revenue of approximately \$1.67 million and expenses of approximately \$1.60 million dollars, resulting in a gain for the year of \$75,566. For the period from January 1, 2016 to approximately April 30, 2016, the report stated that there were several unauthorized payments made to Township employees. (This time span was approximately the period of 2016 during which Richard Zika was still Township Manager.) But for the period from (Continued on next page)

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May 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, there were no unauthorized payments.

The Commissioners approved the transfer of \$4,000 from the Theft Restitution Fund to the Refuse Fund to offset the increase in refuse collection costs for 2018. This will keep the 2018 refuse fee for residents at \$200 per household (\$195 per household with discount).

The Commissioners voted to reappoint Peter Wanchisen to the Newport Sewer Authority.

They also voted to approve the hiring of Joshua Bukofski as a part-time fireman at the hourly rate of \$13.84 per hour, and to hire Brian Stashak as a part-time Street Department employee at the hourly rate of \$11.00 per hour.

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

1) Township Engineers estimated that the cost of repaving Raymond and John Streets in Sheatown would be about \$70,000. But instead of hiring a contractor to do the work at this cost, the Township decided to do the work using the paving equipment and employees of the Lower South Valley Council of Governments (LSVCOG). Newport Township is a member of this organization. Doing the work this way reduced the cost of the project to \$11,700, which is a savings of about 85% of the original estimate.

2) In the Summer and Fall 2017 Newsletters, it was reported that the Township administration made a list of 25 streets that needed repaving and was considering borrowing up to \$1 million in order to do this work. The administration now recognizes that they can do at least part of this work at lower cost using LSVCOG equipment but will also be looking at the possibilities of borrowing money to do other parts of the work at low interest rates.

3) The Township will be accepting sealed bids until December 21 for the purchase of the property at 68 West Main Street in Glen Lyon, a property on which the Township recently demolished a deteriorating building. The Newport Township Authority will open the bids at their meeting on December 21, 2017 at 7 pm.

4) The Township has entered into a tentative agreement with the owner of 144-146 West Main Street in Glen Lyon to take ownership of two parcels of land for one dollar. The Township will then demolish the abandoned and deteriorating building on the site and offer the land for sale.

5) The Township sold its 2005 Ford F350 dump truck in an online auction for \$7,102.

December 4, 2017: The Commissioners approved an application for a state gaming grant requesting \$1,728,000 for a storm drain repair project that would span all of Railroad Street in Glen Lyon. An alternative would be to do the work in stages, the first stage spanning one-third of the Street would cost about \$646,000. The project is necessary because the present situation is a danger to Township residents. (The project is explained above in more detail.)

The Commissioners voted to appoint Ashley Borough as the lead applicant in submitting an application for a local share State grant on behalf of the Lower South Valley Council of Governments (LSVCOG) for purchase of paving equipment (a milling machine, a truck to carry milling material, and a trailer to haul the milling machine) at a cost of approximately \$712,000.

The Commissioners voted to approve employee recognition awards of \$250 each to Police Chief Jeremy Blank and Township Administrative and Operations Director Joseph Hillan for their work beyond their job descriptions that resulted in significant cost reductions and revenue enhancements for the Township.

The Commissioners voted to approve a volunteer appreciation payment of \$500 to John Elmy in recognition of the countless hours he has spent in assisting in the day-to-day operations of Township government. He has a great deal of knowledge of Township business and has been generous in the time he has donated.

The Commissioners voted to approve pay increases of 3% in the salary of the Township Administrative and Operations Director, and in the hourly wages of two full time employees of the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the school crossing guard.

The Commissioners announced that they had received a letter of resignation from Emergency Management Coordinator Norman Bodek, who held the position for 31 years. They voted to approve the appointment of Mr. Bodek's present assistant, Jason Kowalski as new Emergency Management Coordinator.

The Commissioners voted to reauthorize Luzerne County to act as Newport Township Tax Collector for a twelve month period beginning on January 1, 2018.

The Commissioners voted to approve the Township budget for 2018 and to set tax rates for 2018. This measure will increase the property tax rate from the present 2.20 mills to 3.09 mills, an increase made necessary by increased Township expenses for 2018. (See page 7 for details on the 2018 Township budget.)

The Commissioners voted to approve a one year employment contract between Newport Township and Peter F. Wanchisen, Township Manager at a salary of \$43,000.

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

1) The Township has completed construction of a new salt shed for storing salt for winter road maintenance. The Commissioners held costs down by buying construction materials themselves and then getting a contractor to do the work. Total cost was about \$12,000, about half of the original estimate.

2) The Township submitted a request for additional state grant money to cover additional costs associated with the new walking trail that was constructed in the Wanamie Recreation Park. The State grant reimburses the Township for 85% of construction costs, resulting in an additional payment to the Township of \$4,033.

GLEN LYON HOME

by

Charlotte Sopka

Left Glen Lyon when I was eighteen. Couldn't get away fast enough.

Came home several times and left several times.

But no matter where I lived there was always something missing.

So, several years ago decided to move back to Glen Lyon, again.

Perhaps for the last time.

I am not sorry. This surely has been one of my better decisions.

There are times that are more difficult than others; however, the overall conclusion is positive.

In the surrounding hills the decaying whispers of a once thriving coal town are still here.

Our little town, sad as it is, is still familiar, full of promise and little pockets of joy.

My hope is to one day see the beginnings of a renewed Glen Lyon.

No longer the forgotten, disheveled orphan, but a place where neighbors are friends and a community with a regained sense of pride and hopefulness.

You know this place, it is called home.

100 Years Ago in Newport Township

Published January 1, 1918 in the Wilkes-Barre Record: At a meeting of the Newport Township physicians Saturday evening at Glen Lyon it was unanimously decided to raise the fees, beginning January 1, 1918. The new rates are as follows: Office calls, \$1; outside calls, \$1.50 up to 9 o'clock; after 9 o'clock, \$2 and up; night office calls, \$1.50; confinement cases, \$15; instrumental work, \$20 and up.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the People's Street Railway Co. of Nanticoke and Newport will be held at the office of the company in the power house at Wanamie, Pa., January 10, 1918 at 7:30 pm to elect a president and board of directors for the ensuing year and transact whatever business may come before the meeting.

NTCO PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Stephen E. Phillips

The Newport Township Community Organization offers its congratulations to its First Vice President and long-term committed volunteer, Tom Kashatus, for his receipt of the Pennsylvania Environmental Partners' Environmental Partnership Award. His well deserved recognition was based upon his partnership efforts with individuals, businesses, volunteer organizations, and public service entities. Tom initiated an environmental recycling program that not only keeps valuable metals from being discarded in local landfills, but turns these metals into funds which helps to sustain this Organization financially in order that it can continue to aid in providing numerous programs and activities for Area residents. Tom has been a key driver in the many successes the NTCO has achieved since its inception in 2004. We hope that his example of committed volunteerism serves as an impetus for the next generation to follow in his footsteps.

Your Community Organization, in concert with representatives from the Township's Board of Commissioners, Administrative Staff, and State Senator John Yudichak's Office joined in the ribbon cutting ceremony on November 18th to welcome C&C Pizza as a new member of Glen Lyon's business community. Also in attendance was Ken Marquis, a prominent Northeastern Pennsylvania businessman who had previously purchased the building where the new operation is located. The hope is that this new enterprise will assist in generating additional economic development activity in the once thriving Village of Glen Lyon.

We are guided in this instance by an old Chinese proverb which states that "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

The recent repaving of the Kirmar Parkway and the paving of Main Street in Glen Lyon provides a welcome and appreciated facelift to the Municipality's major thoroughfare.

As we are again on the eve of a New Year, we continue to encourage more citizens of the Township to become involved in the numerous volunteer activities in which their participation will be gratefully welcomed. Please remember, volunteerism is the foundation upon which our great country was built.

The committed volunteers engaged in the monthly food distribution at the Glen Lyon American Legion continue to provide food and other items free of charge to approximately 90 families from Newport Township on the fourth Wednesday of every month. This event's organizers have a dedicated group of volunteers who offer their services to insure that this very worthwhile endeavor continues to be a success.

As we are in the holiday season, it is the Community Organization's fervent wish that all the readers of this publication enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Let us all strive to continue to make Newport Township the best Community that we can.

An Early Christmas Gift



During the first week of December, the traffic pattern on Main Street in Glen Lyon was disrupted as PennDot decided to take advantage of the relatively warm weather to repave the road. Crews worked late into the night under bright spotlights and on Saturday to complete the project. Workers wore headlamps reminiscent of miners' caps. The paving was done by Intercounty Paving of New Jersey. As there is only one way in and out of town, folks took detours in the alleys to avoid traffic tie-ups. Main Street now has an even surface devoid of holes that would test any car's shock absorbers! Good job!

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I never knew...did you?

Submitted by Murph Fletcher

How much do you know about Pennsylvania?

1. What is another name for the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania? **Great Pennsylvania Northern**
2. What Pennsylvania city was named as the capital of the US for one day? **Lancaster**
3. Where was the United State's first major nuclear power plant accident? **Three Mile Island**
4. What PA town was the first ever to be illuminated by electricity in 1881? **Philipsburg**
5. What writing instrument was invented in Philadelphia? **Pencil with Attached Eraser**
6. What Pennsylvania city was home to famous movie actor Jimmy Stewart? **Indiana**
7. The first white settlers in Pennsylvania were of what nationality? **Swedish & Dutch**
8. What two rivers join to form the Ohio River? **Allegheny & Monongahela in Pittsburgh**
9. What river in Pennsylvania flows North? **Monongahela**
10. The first and only surrender by George Washington occurred at where in 1758? **Fort Necessity in Fayette County**
11. Who was Pennsylvania's only woman governor? **Hanna Penn**
12. What did Pennsylvanian Christopher L. Sholes invent? **Typewriter**
13. What Pennsylvanian established the first fire company in the United States? **Benjamin Franklin**
14. The "Big Mac" hit of McDonald's Hamburgers originated in what Pennsylvania city? **Uniontown**
15. What sporting event was played in Pittsburgh in 1903 for the very first time? **World Series**
16. Can you name the famous golfer from Latrobe, PA? **Arnold Palmer**
17. What waterfalls is called "The Niagara of Pennsylvania"? **Bushkill Falls**
18. What two Pennsylvania counties have more deer than people? **Cameron & Potter**
19. What form of public transportation first began in Philadelphia in 1884? **Taxi**
20. What musical instrument did Anthony Faas patent in 1854 in Pennsylvania? **Accordian**

Christmas Wreaths Honor Fallen Newport Township Police Officers

Christmas wreaths with large blue bows were placed on the graves of Newport Township police officers John Shepela and Peter Petyanko who were killed in the line of duty. Cadets from the Lackawanna College Police Academy gave the wreaths to deserving departments from nine different counties throughout the area. Petyanko was shot and killed responding to a disturbance in Alden. He died in 1924. His grave is in St. Vladimir's Cemetery in Alden. Shepela died as a result of an accidental self inflicted gun shot wound while on duty in 1928. His grave is in Holy Trinity Cemetery, Sheatown. Police Chief Jeremy Blank and other officers participated in a ceremonial presentation. The wreaths were attached to the Newport Township Police Car and transported from the Police Department to the cemeteries.





Trunk or Treat

The Newport Township Women's Activity Group sponsored a Halloween Trunk or Treat at the Recreation Park in Wanamie on Saturday, October 28. It was a sunny, mild day, and the children paraded through the line wearing all sorts of creative costumes. The Newport Township Recreation Board and the Lions Club were two of the other organizations that participated. The children were also out in force on Halloween Night.

The Flora and Fauna of Newport Township



Pine Trees

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~
Pine trees are found throughout the Township. If you are ob-

servant, you may find an Eastern White pine, pictured left, which is an American classic. It is the only native Pennsylvania pine tree with five needles per group.

Pine Tree Facts

1. A pine is a coniferous tree in the genus *Pinus*, in the family Pinaceae. There are about 115 species of pines worldwide. Pines are native to most of the Northern Hemisphere. There are actually 36 major species of native pines in North America. They can survive in different habitats in the temperate and sub-tropical climates. Pines can be found on altitudes of up to 13,000 feet. The size of the pine depends on the species. They can reach from 10 to 245 feet in height. Most pines grow to a height of up to 147 feet. Pines have leaves shaped like needles that remain on the trees throughout the year.
2. Pines are among the most plentiful and commercially important of tree species, valued for their timber and wood pulp throughout the world. Their wood is used in the manufacture of furniture, roofs, floors, railroad ties and parts of ships.
3. Pine resin (sap) has been used by various Native American tribes to waterproof baskets, pails, and boats. The Chippewa also used pine resin to successfully treat infections and even gangrenous wounds. This is because pine resin has a number of quite efficient antimicrobials. Generally a wet pulp from the inner bark, or pine tar mixed with beeswax or butter was applied to wounds and used as a salve to prevent infection.
4. In temperate and semi-tropical regions, pines are fast-growing softwoods that will grow in relatively dense stands, their acidic decaying needles inhibiting the sprouting of competing hardwoods. They are often grown in plantation-managed forests for both lumber and paper.
5. Their lifespan depends on the species. They can survive from a couple of hundred to a couple of thousand years. The oldest known specimen lived to the age of 4,800 years.
6. Pine trees prefer much sun but require little water during their full grown stages.
7. Pine cones are produced for the propagation of the species. Pine seeds from the cones provide food for such wildlife creatures as birds and squirrels which then spread seed leftovers throughout the forest. This is one way a new pine tree appears.
8. Pines are monoecious plants, which means that one plant produces individual male and female cones. Pollen from the male cones will be transported to the female cones with the help of the wind. Female cones are green and sticky before fertilization. They change color to brown and harden a few years after fertilization, when they become ready to release seeds.
9. Seeds have wings that facilitate dispersal by wind.
10. Despite the fact that seeds have low weight, they will be dispersed only 90 feet away from the mother plant.
11. 20 different types of pines produce nuts that are used in human diets. They are often baked in the oven or fried in a pan before consumption.
12. The nut of the Chinese white pine is mildly toxic. It produces a metallic taste in the mouth. This unpleasant sensation vanishes after a couple of days. A medical condition associated with consumption of the Chinese white pine is known as Pine Mouth Syndrome.
13. Pines are best known and cultivated as Christmas trees, and cones are often used for decorative purposes during the holiday season. Also, pines are cultivated in gardens and parks because of their ornamental appeal.

14. Pines produce resin that flows from injured bark. Unfortunately, resin is highly flammable and facilitates the spreading of a forest fire.
15. The Eastern White Pine has the distinction of being the tallest tree in eastern North America. In natural pre-colonial times, it is reported to have grown as tall as 230 feet. The tree trunk can be up to 4 feet across and may have long pine cones of 8 inches in length. Mature trees are often 200–250 years old, and some live to over 400 years. A tree growing near Syracuse, New York was dated to 458 years old in the late 1980s and trees in Michigan and Wisconsin were dated to approximately 500 years old.
16. Eastern White Pine forests originally covered much of north-central and northeastern North America. Only one percent of the old-growth forests remains after the extensive logging operations of the 18th to early 20th century.
17. The southern Appalachian Mountains have the most locations and the tallest trees in the present range of *Pinus strobus*. One survivor is a specimen known as the "Boogerman Pine" in the Cataloochee Valley of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. At 57.55 m (188 feet, 10 inches) tall, it is the tallest accurately measured tree in North America east of the Rocky Mountains. Before Hurricane Opal broke its top in October 1995, Boogerman Pine was 63 m (207 feet) tall.
18. Due to their long and straight trunks, White Pines were used by the British Navy as ship-masts. The limbs do not normally grow from the tree bottom, so the pine wood is extremely knot-free. During the age of square riggers, tall white pines with high quality wood in the Thirteen Colonies were known as "mast pines." If they were marked by agents of the Crown with a broad arrow, these mast pines were reserved for the British Royal Navy.
19. White Pine Tree needles exist in bundles of 5 and can grow up to 5 inches long.
20. Eastern white pine needles contain five times the amount of Vitamin C (by weight) of lemons and make an excellent herbal tea.



The NTCO Newsletter Goes International!

The print edition of *The Newport Township Community News* travels all over the United States, and now has the distinction of being international! Christobel and John Selecky of California are shown reading the Fall 2017 issue in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. John is a native of Glen Lyon and graduated from Newport High School with the Class of 1959. A French edition is not being planned at this time. Ooo la la!

For the New Year

Kindness is the greatest wisdom. ~ Author Unknown

NEWPORT CLASS NEWS — REUNION TIME!

"For the glory of Newport High!"



The 32nd **All-Newport Reunion** was held Sunday October 8, 2017 at Holy Transfiguration Hall in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke. Pictured left are some of the 130 people who attended. Pictured right are M.C. Joe Molski and Phoebe Thomas Hillan, Chairperson. The reunion is held each year on Columbus Day weekend. Please contact Heidi and Paul Jarecki at 570-733-2540 if you wish to be added to the mailing list.



GNA Class of 1975 held a 60th Birthday Party in September. Pictured above are the Newport Kids who attended. Seated, left to right: Cynthia Sopka, Cindy Pientka Dorris, Jane Straub, Mary Rinehamer McGinnis. Standing: Peter Selecky, David Brunozi, Christine Roke Evans, John Ulichney, Lisa Gorgas Schwartz, Albert Mitchell, Damien Butz, Leonard Mierzwa, Susan Izbicki McCormack, John Stapert, and Marianne Sergott Clancy.



Class of 1958 Plans Reunion

By Tom Kashatus and Julianna Sopko Zarzycki ~ Members of Newport Township High School Class of '58 recently met at the Main Street Restaurant in Mocanaqua to discuss plans for their 60th reunion in 2018. Those who attended the luncheon are shown above sitting left to right: Bernadine (Swicklik) Betkoski; Julianna (Sopko) Zarzycki; Marie (Augustine) Cardone, Carolyn Skladzien. Standing middle: Barbara (Barski) Yacuboski. Standing left to right (rear): Maggie Sokoloski; Patricia (Rembecki) Dule; Judy (Weyhenmeyer) Paluck; Ray Domzalski; John Sokoloski; Tom Kashatus, Ben Dekutoski, and Roman Repotski. Discussion centered on where, when, and caterer, and the date for the next meeting. There was a consensus to have the reunion scheduled during the same week as the "All-Class Reunion" in October. In the near future, notices will be sent out to class members for further input and intent to attend. For those who have further questions, please call or email Tom at (570) 736-6981, tomkash@verizon.net or Julianna Sopko Zarzycki at (570) 735-3659, julmarie58@yahoo.com. The next meeting will be held in March.

Class of 1968 Plans 50th Reunion

Newport Township Class of '68 has been meeting to prepare for their 50th year class reunion. Help is needed with contact information for the following class members: John Repotski, Elaine Bielawa, Carol Burns, Patsy Faux, Cathy Graves, Anna Mae Jones, Marie Kowalski, Grace Kreitzer, Sarah Shank, and Mary Ann Smocharski. Please call Ed Kalinowski at 570-735-8561 or email mared21@pa.metrocast.net. Thanks!

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Newport Township Budget for 2018

by John Jarecki

At their monthly meeting on December 4, the Township Commissioners approved a budget for 2018. The budget is divided into four major parts, of which revenue and expenses are listed in the following table.

	Revenue	Expenses
General Budget	\$ 951,307	\$ 951,307
Refuse Budget	302,857	302,857
Recycling Budget	58,730	58,730
Liquid Fuels Budget	150,998	150,998
Total	\$1,463,902	\$1,463,902

For the 2018 budget as a whole, the five largest sources of revenue are listed in the following table along with the corresponding amounts from the 2017 budget.

	2017	2018
Real Estate Tax	\$308,414	\$388,066
Refuse and Recycling Fees	378,133	368,597
Earned Income Tax	331,053	359,431
Liquid Fuels Payment from State	143,431	150,998
Building Code Enforcement	30,000	34,000
Total Revenue	\$1,360,592	\$1,463,902

These amount to about 88% of total income. The largest source of 2018 revenue, the real estate tax, will bring in approximately \$80,000 more than last year. For 2018, the real estate tax rate will increase from 2.20 mills (a mill is \$1 in taxes per \$1000 of property value) in 2017 to 3.09 mills. The Township believes that the increase is needed because of increased expenses in 2018. For example, the Township has just negotiated a new contract with the Police calling for salary increases, and in the near future it will begin contract negotiations with the Fireman. Employee health insurance costs are increasing, and both the Street and Police Department need new equipment. The expected earned income tax receipts are about \$28,000 more than last year's expected amount. While the earned income tax rate has stayed the same, the Township has corrected its revenue expectations in the light of actual earned income tax receipts from 2017.

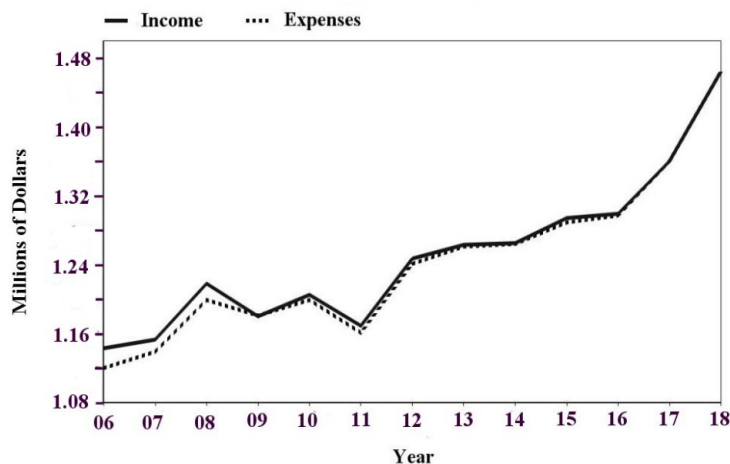
The six largest expenditures from the 2017 budget are listed in the following categories along with the corresponding amounts from the 2016 budget.

	2017	2018
Street Department	\$260,233	\$279,105
Refuse Collection	272,592	268,592
General Government	184,868	222,540
Police department	186,068	203,275
Fire Department	174,404	187,600
Employee Fringe Benefits	149,841	162,574
Total Expenditures	\$1,360,592	\$1,463,902

These categories amount to about 90% of total expenses. The main reasons for the increase in funding for the Police, Fire, and Street Departments are listed above. The main reason for the increase in employee fringe benefits is an increase in health insurance costs. There is no major reason for the increase in general government funding but rather an increased spending on a variety of items, such as payroll processing, auditing, bank charges, and electricity.

The following chart shows the changes in total income and expenditures in the Township budget from 2006 to 2018. For the period 2006 to 2016, the income and expenses increased at a rate of about 1.5%, slightly less than the inflation rate for the period of about 2%. In the 2017 budget, however, both income and expenses increased by about 4.5% and, in the 2018 budget, by about 7.5%. A major reason for the increase in 2017 budget revenue expectations was the correction in estimated earned income tax revenue. Two major reasons for the increase in 2018 budget revenue expectations are the increase in the property tax rate and a another correction in estimated earned income tax revenue.

Newport Township Budgets 2006-2018



Above is a graph of the Township income and expenses according to year.

Attention!

The Newport Township Street Department is in dire need of tools to help maintain equipment. To donate tools, new or used, contact Police Chief Jeremy Blank at the Municipal Building in Wanamie or phone 570-735-4735.

Most needed are:

Any and all socket sets (1/4, 3/8, 1/2)

Screw drivers

Nut drivers

Impact air tools and sockets

Air compressor

Wrenches

Hammers

Cordless drill or drill kit

Drill bit kits

Any and all types of pliers

Hammers

Any other types of tools not mentioned above

Thank you for your help!



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"Snow was falling,
so much like stars
filling the dark trees
that one could easily imagine
its reason for being was nothing more
than prettiness."

~ Mary Oliver

Soxtober

American Legion Auxiliary 539 has completed its "Soxtober" socks drive for the Veterans of Valor Clinic in Monroe County. The Unit apologizes for the delay in box placement in the vestibules of Holy Spirit Parish churches due to unforeseen circumstances. As a result, the drive was extended to November 19th. Once again, the parishioners and readers of this newsletter responded with much kindness and support, and Unit 539 and the Veterans of Valor Clinic extend much gratitude for your generosity, socks and monetary donations which were used to purchase even more socks. Thanks are also extended to Father Louis Kaminski for his permission to place the boxes. You are all awesome! God Bless.



Above: Lorrie Materewicz



Above Barb Meyers. Below: l to r Janet Wenner and Tiffany Graham



Piggie/Haluski/Bake Sale

Sunday, November 5th was a brisk quiet day outside, but inside the American Legion it was quite warm and very busy because it was the day of the Auxiliary's annual piggie/haluski/bake sale. After MANY hours of prepping and cooking (homemade noodles, after all!) and so much locally sourced cabbage (100's of piggies), the day of filling orders had arrived. With a full buffet of generously donated baked seasonal delights, customers lingered long after their orders had been filled. It was a hugely successful event thanks to our volunteers, donors, bakers, drivers, and of course, our loyal customers. Thank you and God Bless from the Veterans you help and Unit 539.

Conflict Solution

On October 11th, a community "meeting of the minds" of sorts was held at 7 pm at the Glen Lyon American Legion. Present were leaders of township volunteer organizations and the purpose of the meeting was to discuss problems/difficulties affecting all. A major common dilemma discussed was event scheduling conflicts among organizations, particularly those sharing the same volunteers. It was agreed that the attempted solution would be for all organizations willing to participate, at their earliest 2018 meeting, to develop a tentative 6 to 12 month calendar of events planned for 2018. They would then e-mail, hand deliver, or snail mail it to Lorrie Materewicz who has agreed to take point on this project. All calendars will then be cross-checked for conflicts which would be resolved in a timely fashion. The goal is better time, volunteer, and profit management not only for the organizations involved, but also for township residents' time and financial resource planning purposes. In other words, everyone benefits. For those who could not attend the meeting, Lorrie's contact information is as follows: 161 Newport Street, Glen Lyon 18617; phone number 570-736-7177; e-mail Cptmax161@gmail.com. Much thanks to all involved for your cooperation!

Unit 539 Awards

Auxiliary Unit 539 has been recognized by the American Legion Auxiliary on the state level yet again. At this year's annual conference in July, the Unit received three awards: the first was for attaining 100% membership renewal, the second was for outstanding community service, and the third was for best Unit chaplain. Unit 539's chaplain is Barb Meyers from Glen Lyon. The first award is recognized by a pin, the second and third come with citations and monetary awards. Our proud Unit thanks its members and supporters without whom these awards would not have been possible. God Bless.

Legion College

Every year on the last Saturday in October, the American Legion and Auxiliary host a day-long seminar called "Legion College." This 7 hour day is comprised of a variety of classes which a member may choose to attend that cover relevant organizational topics, such as Chaplain, Home Association, General, SAL, Auxiliary, etc. It is held near Mechanicsburg. Unit 539 is proud to announce that this year we had four candidates attend: Junior Activities Chairperson Allie Graham, Vice President Janet Wenner, Chaplain Barb Meyers, and Historian Tiffany Graham. All returned enthusiastic about the day and the classes, and are looking forward to returning next year. Graduation pins were presented to each.

Food Bank Is Out There

It should be no secret by now that the NTCO and Legion Auxiliary host a food distribution in partnership with the Weinberg Regional Food Bank. It is held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the American Legion, 62 Newport Street in Glen Lyon between 6 and 7 pm. We've been doing this for about 20 months now, ever since the March, 2016 newspaper article listing Glen Lyon as the most impoverished zip code in the state of Pennsylvania. We serve an average of approximately 100 families per month, with about 130 being registered. The program is for Newport Township residents only. However, with the township having approximately 4300 residents, it seems to this writer that we should be serving more. We advertise the program on Facebook, by flyer, in the newspapers, and by word of mouth (which, by the way, seems to be the way most applicants find out about the program). If you cannot physically attend, you can appoint a proxy to pick up your food for you (perhaps a friend or family member, since the program cannot deliver because of liability issues). Registration is simple: call Lorrie @ 570-736-7177 at least 5 days prior to the fourth Wednesday to ensure enough food is ordered. Proof of township residence for first timers is required in the way of a household bill less than 2 months old, and identification for every household member is asked in the form of driver's license, birth certificate, social security or Access card, insurance card, etc. This is only needed on the first visit. Volunteers are present to help you choose your items and load your vehicle. The Legion is handicapped accessible. Though income guidelines are listed on the application, no income documents are requested. The process is what is called "self-declaration." Applicants may volunteer, but you need not be an applicant to help. Simply call Palmira Miller at 570-592-7876 or show up between 4:30 and 6:30 pm and sign in. We'll be happy to have you! Please remember....if you have need, we have some help!

President Awarded

By Sally Billings ~ American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 President Lorrie Materewicz was shocked and pleasantly surprised when she received a phone call in October from NTCO member Murph Fletcher informing her that she had been chosen to receive the "Salute to Service Award" offered by Mohegan Sun Arena and the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins. This award is given to veterans who, post-discharge, continue to serve their communities in some capacity, and is based on a synopsis of their service submitted with the application. Murph Fletcher nominated Lorrie. The award recipient receives a "Salute to Service" luxury box at a Penguins game of their choice, 12 game tickets, 3 VIP parking passes, and a snack package. When initially told about this, Lorrie's plans were to invite the Veterans of Valor Clinic to share in the game with her, but transportation, timing, and diet restrictions proved problematic, so other folks will be attending a future game. Nice job, Murph! Congratulations, Lorrie!

Newport Township Obituaries

By Tom Kashatus ~ These obituaries are in reference to individuals who have ties to Newport Township and/or Newport Township High School. This page has been receiving favorable reviews from our readers and we hope that it continues into the future. The obituaries in this newsletter are published in abbreviated form due to limited space; thus, a more complete obituary can be found on our web site, www.newporttownship.com, as space available is not an 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 or call (570) 736-6981.

MILLER, Joseph R. "Coach," 70, a lifetime resident of Glen Lyon, passed away September 1, 2017. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '65 and a charter member of the NTCO. Joe coached boys basketball at Hanover Area, girls basketball at Greater Nanticoke Area, and Newport Township youth basketball and football. He received the Outstanding Citizenship Award in Newport Township in 1978.

STRAUB, Leonard C. 83, of Glen Lyon, passed away September 4, 2017. Leonard was born October 15, 1933. He was a US Army veteran and a founding member of Newport Township Firemen's Community Ambulance.

YEAGER, Dennis E. "Virg" 77, of Mountaintop, died September 5, 2017. He was born on June 17, 1940. He attended Newport Township schools until he enlisted in the US Army in 1957.

DOBROWOLSKI, Matilda B., 88, a lifetime resident of Glen Lyon, passed away September 5, 2017. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School and Bellevue School of Nursing, New York City. She retired as a registered nurse from Retreat State Hospital.

WASENDA, Peter Jr., 88, formerly of Alden, passed away September 1, 2017. Peter was born in Newport Township on October 8, 1928. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School. He retired as an equipment operator and member of Operating Engineers Local 542.

MUNTZ, John J., 53, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Newport Township, passed away September 8, 2017. John was born September 1, 1964. He attended Newport Township schools and John S. Fine High School. John was a US Navy veteran and was employed by Caremark Corp.

KLUGER, Margaret "Dolly," (nee Madajewski) 88, of Alden, passed away September 11, 2017. Margaret was born on July 10, 1929. She attended Newport Township schools and was a member of Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Church of Alden.

SHIPP, Thomas, 65, of Ridgeview, Newport Township passed away September 12, 2017. Tom was born on October 28, 1951. He graduated from Nanticoke High School in 1969 and earned a bachelor's degree from King's College.

BREWER, Louise Marie, (nee Becker) 74, of West Railroad Street, Alden, died September 13, 2017. Louise was born on October 11, 1942.

YURCHAK, Daniel, 75, a former resident of Alden, passed away September 6, 2017. Daniel was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '60.

ZOMCHICK, Christine (nee Stashak), 81, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away. Christine was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

GARBETT, Ronald, 68, of Alden Mountain Road, Newport Township, died September 24, 2017.

HICKS, Marilyn Pearl, (nee Adams) 77, of Wanamie, passed away September 27, 2017. She attended Newport schools and was employed by Alta, Penn Footwear, and RCA.

DAVIS, Alex Jr., 84, of Alden passed away Sunday, October 1, 2017, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Joan Berjewski Davis.

DOMBROSKI, Irene J., (nee Kellar), 83, formerly of Mountain Top and Alden, passed away October 5, 2017. Irene was born in Alden on July 5, 1934. She graduated from Newport Township High School and the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing as a RN.

PEHALA, Anna A. (nee Wallace), 89, of Warrior Run passed away on October 8, 2017. She was the mother of Paul Pehala of Wanamie and the sister of Joseph Wallace of Alden.

HOWELL, Elizabeth A. (nee Barron), 101, of Sheatown, passed away on October 6, 2017. Elizabeth was born in Glen Lyon on May 24, 1916. She was the daughter of the late Andrew and Elizabeth (Butchko) Barron.

SCHONFELD, Morton "Moe." 91 passed away October 10, 2017. He was the father of James Schonfeld of Sheatown.

NAJAKA, Bruno Bruce III, 63, of Nanticoke, formerly of Newport Township passed away Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

FAULL, Carol Ann, 79, of Hood River, OR, formerly of Nuangola and raised in Wanamie, passed away August 30, 2017. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '55 and King's County Hospital School of Nursing in Brooklyn.

SEIWELL, Kristie Jo (nee Bates), 44, of Sheatown, and formerly of Slocum Township, passed away October 19, 2017. Kristie was born January 11, 1973.

TURNER, Frank W. "Kabitzer," 72, of Orchard Street, Glen Lyon, passed away October 20, 2017. Frank was born in Nanticoke on July 5, 1945. He attended Newport Township schools and served his country as a US Marine from 1963 to 1967.

YARMILKOWSKI, Josephine R. (nee Olszewski), 95, formerly of Mocanaqua, died October 30, 2017. She was the mother of Paula Kutz, a Newport High School graduate.

LANNING, Tyler William, 34, of Harveys Lake, passed away October 29, 2017. He was the grandson of Carl and Marilyn Rushin Roszkowski, formerly of Glen Lyon.

BOLDUC, Christine, 46, of Orchard Street, Glen Lyon, died in a two vehicle crash on Route 93 on October 24, 2017.

ADAMS, Kevin T., 48, of Shavertown, passed away September 2, 2017. He was the grandson of the late Daniel and Eunice Adams, formerly of Wanamie.

BOBACK, Kenneth G., 78, of Ashley, and formerly of Alden, passed away November 5, 2017. He was a veteran of the US Air Force and a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '56. He attended Villanova University and Penn State University, received a master's degree in mathematics, and retired as a mathematics professor at Penn State University, Lehman Campus.

ZMIJEWSKI, Narcey Sr., 86, of Nanticoke, born and raised in Glen Lyon, passed away November 10, 2017. Narcey was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '50. He was a US Air Force veteran serving with the 512th Bombardment Squadron during the Korean War.

SZMIDT, Constance "Connie" B. (nee Tirpak), 85, of Blackwood, NJ, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away on November 10, 2017. Connie was born on October 10, 1932. She graduated from Newport Township High School Class of '50 and the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in nursing.

OSTROWSKI, Donna, 64, of Mountain Top, and formerly of Wanamie, died November 13, 2017. She attended Newport Township schools. Donna was a member of the NTCO.

MIKOLINIS, Jane M. (nee Sweeney), 84, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away November 17, 2017. Jane was born in Newport Township on August 25, 1933.

NOVAK, Loretta A. (nee Michalek), 89, a resident of Birchwood Nursing Home, Nanticoke, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away November 16, 2017. Loretta was born in Glen Lyon on June 5, 1928.

ZIMOLZAK, Czeslawa "Chesha" (nee Kania), of Lebanon, PA, passed away November 24, 2017. "Chesha" was born in Pietrzykowice, Poland.. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Chester Zimolzak, formerly of Glen Lyon.

TASTE OF THE TOWNSHIP



HORSERADISH

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~
Horseradish is not a radish at all. It is a root vegetable native to southeastern Europe and western Asia. It is a perennial plant of the Brassicaceae family which includes mustard, wasabi, broccoli, cabbage, kale,

cauliflower and Brussel sprouts. Horseradish is probably indigenous to temperate Eastern Europe, where its Slavic name "chren" seems more primitive than any Western name. The word horseradish is found in English from the 1590s. It combines the word horse (formerly used in a figurative sense to mean strong or coarse) and the word radish.

Horseradish has been cultivated since antiquity. According to Greek mythology, the Delphic Oracle told Apollo that horseradish was worth its weight in gold. Cato discusses the plant in his treatises on agriculture, and it appears in a mural in Pompeii. Horseradish is probably the plant mentioned by Pliny the Elder in his Natural History under the name of "Amoracia," and recommended by him for its medicinal qualities. It is possibly the wild radish, or raphanos agrios, of the Greeks. The early Renaissance herbalists Pietro Andrea Mattioli and John Gerard described it. Linnaeus, a Swedish naturalist in the 1700's, called it "Coclearia armoracia."

Horseradish is now popular around the world. It is most widely used as a condiment, both by itself and as an ingredient in sauces and dressings. It is also used as a spice. It grows up to 1.5 meters (4.9 feet) tall, and is cultivated primarily for its large, white, tapered root. Isothiocyanate is the compound that, when exposed by eating or crushing horseradish gives off heat. Vinegar neutralizes this reaction and stabilizes the flavor and should be added immediately for a milder taste. Like mustard, the heat and fumes begin to deteriorate rapidly once the horseradish is cut or grated and exposed to air. Also, heating it eliminates both aroma and zing which is why true horseradish aficionados prefer horseradish raw and freshly grated. Locally, prepared horseradish is typically sold as white or red. Red horseradish is tempered with beet juice, giving it a milder taste. A heaping teaspoonful on a slice of kielbasa should not be consumed by the faint of heart! Horseradish sauce, made with sour cream and mustard, is popular with prime rib, steak, and pork roast.

Horseradish Facts

1. Cooks use the term "horseradish" or "prepared horseradish" to refer to the grated root of the horseradish plant mixed with vinegar.
2. Prepared horseradish is white to creamy-beige in color. It will keep for months refrigerated but eventually will darken, indicating it is losing flavor and should be replaced.
3. The leaves of the plant, while edible, are not commonly eaten, and are referred to as "horseradish greens", which have a flavor similar to that of the roots.
4. Both root and leaves were used as a medicine during the Middle Ages and the root was used as a condiment on meats in Germany, Scandinavia, and Britain. It was introduced to North America during European colonialization; both George Washington and Thomas Jefferson mention horseradish in garden accounts.
5. The enzyme horseradish peroxidase (HRP) found in the plant is used extensively in molecular biology and biochemistry primarily for its ability to amplify a weak signal and increase detectability of a target molecule.
6. Horseradish is still planted and harvested mostly by hand.
7. Sales of bottled horseradish began in 1860, making it one of the first convenience foods.
8. In the American South, horseradish was rubbed on the forehead to relieve headaches.
9. Horseradish is added to some pickles to add firmness and "nip."

10. Before being named "horseradish," the plant was known as "redcole" in England and as "stingnose" in some parts of the U.S.
11. Researchers at M.I.T. claim that the enzyme "horseradish peroxidase" removes a number of pollutants from waste water.
12. The most widely recognized horseradish fan in the world may be Dagwood Bumstead, who consumed it regularly in the popular comic strip, "Blondie," by Dean Young and Stan Drake.
13. Germans still brew horseradish schnapps. Some also add it to their beer.
14. Al Weider earned a place in the Guinness Book of World Records by tossing a horseradish root 80.5 feet.

How to Prepare Horseradish

Horseradish is best and most flavorful freshly grated. There are some bottled varieties, but grating it on your own will be much better for your palate. Horseradish can be grated by hand, but it is easiest done with a food processor.

To prepare the horseradish, first peel the skin off the root. Then cut into cubes and add to the blender. Pulse to your desired consistency. The finer the consistency, the more pungent the horseradish will be. Also, beware of the fumes! They can literally burn your nose and eyes. To avoid that, open a window when you remove the lid and keep the mixture at an arm's length as you turn away. A basic recipe for home-made horseradish dip only requires white vinegar and salt to taste. Add these in while processing. The mixture will keep in an airtight container, preferably glass, for up to 6 weeks in the refrigerator.



Miner at Work

Shown above is the late Stanley Novak of Alden, drilling into a vein of coal at #6 Shaft, Glen Lyon. This photo was taken in the late 1940's. There were generally three divisions of mine workers: miners, laborers, and mechanics. Miners were expected to be certified in the use of equipment and explosives, safety procedures, and general engineering techniques. Note the headlamps.

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November General Election

By Tom Kashatus ~ The November General Election for 2017 was for municipal, school board, county, and Pennsylvania statewide Supreme Court, Superior Court, and Commonwealth Court selections. This year of 2018 will see contests for federal and state offices such as representatives, senators, and other statewide offices, i.e., Governor, Treasurer, Auditor General etc. There is no doubt that all contests and questions are important; however, with nine state court positions being contested and three on board for retention, the importance of the selections in the judicial process cannot be underestimated. Why? It is simply due to the upcoming 2020 US census and the potential fiasco of gerrymandering political subdivisions for the purpose of superimposing political power in the legislatures. After the last census, the gerrymandering process was a hindering issue for a number of subsequent elections.

For the purpose of this article, the only numbers that are really important are that Newport Township has 2,751 registered voters and 654 cast ballots at the polls in November. This means that 23.7% of eligible voters voted - and this does not include eligible voters who are not registered and must sit out the right to vote or "let Joe alone carry that weight upon his shoulders." Some precincts in Luzerne County saw a high turnout of over 45% and others saw a low turnout of 10%. Newport Township sort of avoided embarrassment - but we didn't shine either.

Winners in **Newport Township** were as follows (final winner underlined): **State Supreme Court (1)** - Dwayne Woodruff (D) over Sally Munday (R); **State Superior Court (4)**: Maria McLaughlin (D), Carolyn Nichols (D), Debbie Kunselman (D), and Geoff Maulton (D) over Craig Stedman (R), Emil Giordano (R), Wade Kagarise (R), and Mary Murray (R); **State Commonwealth Court (2)**: Ellen Ceisler (D), Irene Clark (D), over Christine Fizzano (R) and Paul Lalley (R); **Luzerne County Council (5)**: Shelia Saidman (D), Linda McCloskey (D), Wendy Cominski (D), John Gadowski (D), Matthew Vough (D), over Stephen J. Urban (R), Harry Haas (R), Chris Perry (R), Gregory Wolovich (R), Marc Dixon (R); **Magisterial District Judge**: Donald Whittaker (D)(R); **Greater Nanticoke Area School Director (5)**: Megan Tennesen (D)(R), Wendy Wiaterowski (D)(R), Frank Shepanski (D)(R), Erica Jacobs (D)(R), Matthew Landmesser (D)(R); **Newport Township Commissioner (2)**: John Zyla (D)(R) and John Vishnefski (D)(R) over Kellie Valaitis (R) write-in; **Judge of Election**: 1st Ward Joseph Hillan (D), 2nd Ward Kathleen Peters (D), and 3rd Ward Megan Tennesen (D); **Inspector of Elections**: 1st Ward Majority Felicia Domulewicz (D) & Minority Krissy Blank (R), 2nd Ward Majority Sandy Michaels (D) & Minority Teena Wrubel (R), 3rd Ward Majority Rick Tennesen (D) & Minority Joe Urban (R). Note: Each precinct/ward is authorized a Majority and Minority Inspector of Elections.

Newport Township Crime Watch

By Sue Heinz ~ Newport Township Crime Watch meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7 pm in the community room of the Township Municipal Building on West Kirmar Avenue in Wanamie. Election of officers for 2018 will be held on January 11. Our new officers will conduct their first full meeting on February 8. At our March 8 meeting we'll "officially" start making plans for the 3rd annual National Night Out. All township residents are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.

If you are interested in the future of Newport Township, please consider getting involved with Crime Watch or one of the other township groups. There's lots of them that are trying to do good things for our community and they can always use new members. The more people involved in a group the more that group can accomplish. There is strength in numbers.

It's really easy to look around the sections of the Township, see all the bad and think "This isn't right. Things aren't like they used to be. Someone should do something." It's a lot harder to look around and think "This isn't right. Things aren't like they used to be. Maybe there's something I can do to help."

A community can prosper only when enough good people who care are optimistic, take an interest and work together to make things better than they used to be. Negativity and pessimism will get us

nowhere. There are definitely a lot of good people in Newport Township who are already making a difference. Thank you to each and every one of them who are doing their part to make Newport Township a community we can be proud of. Give yourself - you know who you are - a pat on the back. You deserve it! Keep up the good work and try not to get discouraged!



Nanticoke Area Football Spreads Christmas Joy

By Coach Ron Bruza ~ On Thursday December 7th, 2017 the Greater Nanticoke Area Trojan Football Team spread some holiday cheer to the residents at the Guardian Elder Center in Sheatown, Newport Township. Each resident was given the gift of a fleece blanket. The blankets were donated by the GNA 12th Man Football Club. Members of the team are: First Row: Trevor Grohowski, Kyle Bobeck, and Zack Pelton. Second Row: Jack Conover, Mike Marcella, Allan Fowler, Shane Repasky, Santa (Tom Vitale), Austin Cheslaw, Pierson Park, Henry Sedorchuk IV, Devland Heffron, Mike Partington, and Josh O'Borski. Third Row: John Novak, John Guszak, Keanu Ammons, Dawson Hughes, Eric Grodzicki, Austin Blank, Rick Klepadlo, Andrew Gurzynski, Seth Pelton, Ammyn Gregory, Colin Siegel, Coach Neal McMahon, and Coach Ron Bruza. Fourth Row: Eric Jeffries, Matt Wrubel, John Shoemaker, Shaquan Douglas, Chris Shon, Scott Audio, and Zak Wylie.



Saint Andrew's Celebrates "Blue Mass"

By Tom Kashatus ~ Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Alden recently celebrated a "Blue Mass" for Newport Township Emergency Responders with Reverend Charles Warwick at the helm of the celebration. It was very rewarding to hear Father Warwick memorialize veterans, past and present, and first responders of police officers, fire fighters, and emergency medical personnel. He emphasized their importance to the general public and their emotional reward for their public service and volunteerism for a "job well done." Father Warwick is also a veteran and volunteer firefighter in Newport Township. Pictured in front row left to right: Larry Karns, Leonard Paczkowski, Roy Tinney Jr., Austyn Roman, Bob Shemanski; back row left to right: Norman Bodek, Scott Neff, Will Kishbaugh, Ron Womelsdorf, Paul Mierzwa, and Father Charles Warwick.



A breakfast prepared by Mark and Colleen Bencoter and Karen Metta was served for the honored guests and parishioners after the Mass and a check for \$100.00 was contributed to the Newport Township Fire Departments. Pictured left are: Colleen Bencoter and Susan Maza of Saint Andrew's, and firefighters Ron Womelsdorf and Bob Shemanski representing Consolidated Fire Department and Glen Lyon/Alden Fire Department respectively.



St. Andrew's Fall Festival was held on October 6 and 7 in the church hall in Alden. Pictured left to right are Loren Meck, Betty Matzoni and Marilyn Littleford.



The Newport Township Firemen's annual spaghetti dinner was held Sunday, October 15 at the R Bar in Alden. Pictured are Bob Shemanski, Joe Moreck, Ron Papciak, Ken Buchkowski, Brian Buchkowski

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C & C's Pizza: New Business for Glen Lyon



C & C's Pizza has opened on the corner of East Main and Spring Streets in Glen Lyon. The top picture left shows the ribbon cutting ceremony held on November 18, 2017. Participating in the ceremonial grand opening pictured right are l to r: Ken Marquis, owner of the property; Stephen Phillips, President of the Newport Township Community Organization (NTCO); Christopher Micheline, proprietor; and Paul Czapracki of the Newport Township Commissioners. Pictured middle right is Chris at work.



By Tom Kashatus ~ November 18th saw a new business, C & C Pizzeria, open its doors at 61 East Main Street, Glen Lyon, formerly the home of Ziggy's Shoemaker Shop. Approximately twenty five residents representing township organizations were on hand for the event. Pictured above left, l to r: front row, Tom Kashatus, NTCO Vice-President; President Paul Czapracki, Newport Township Board of Commissioners; Mark Grochowski, Chief of Staff to Senator John Yudichak; Ken Marquis, owner of the property; Syeda and Christopher Micheline, proprietors; John Zyla and Debbie Forgach Zaleski, Commissioners; and Joseph Hillan, Township Administrative Operations Director. Back row: Jonathan Kashatus, Jeffries/Slapikas American Legion Post 971 of Wanamie; Heidi Jarecki, John Jarecki, and Carol Jarecki of NTCO; Mrs. Peter Wanchisen; Mr. Peter Wanchisen, Newport Township Manager; and NTCO President Stephen Phillips.



It will be closed on Tuesdays. "We hope to bring convenience, comfort, and delicious true New York Napolitano pizza to all in Glen Lyon. We look forward to seeing you soon," Christopher stated.

The young couple, Christopher and Syeda Micheline, and their four-year-old son, Christopher Jr., came a long way from New York City to find opportunity in a small town based on a recommendation from a friend. Start-up was not an easy task as extensive remodeling was necessary and strict inspection requirements by local, state and federal authorities had to be met. Permit acquisition was costly, as well as materials needed for the operation of the business.

In an interview with Christopher, he stated that last year when he was invited to visit Glen Lyon, he received a warm welcome when introduced to the neighborhood. He became interested in local history and made special note of Frank Sinatra's "Miracle of the Bells" and Sinatra's opinion that "Glen Lyon was one of the most charming towns that he ever visited." Christopher is aware that Glen Lyon is still struggling with its fall from the prosperity it witnessed during the rise of "King Coal," but he sees progress and the potential to rise above being a "distressed" area. In his own words, "We want to bring back something that all neighborhoods need, a true neighborhood eatery, a place that will become part of Glen Lyon as well as a convenience to those who live here - including myself, Syeda, and our beautiful four year old son, Christopher Jr."

Open hours for the pizzeria will be from 12 noon until 10:00 p.m. The business phone number is (570) 736-6222 and email is c3pizzeria@gmail.com.

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Square \$2.50	Square \$15.00
Grandma \$2.75	Grandma \$16.00
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Toppings	
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Calzone \$4.50	
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Toppings \$0.75	
Chicken Roll \$4.75	
Pepperoni Pinwheel \$1.75	
Rice Ball \$4.75	
Garlic Knots 3/\$1	
Zeppoles 2/\$1	
Italian Ices \$2	(seasonal)

Appetizers	
Bruschetta	\$5.25
Shrimp Cocktail	\$7.50
Shrimp Fritta	\$7.50
Fried Calamari "Galamad"	\$9.75
Fried Zucchini Sticks	\$5.75
Fried Pickles	\$5.00
Pasta (served w/Bread)	
Shrimp Scampi over Linguini	\$10.00
Baked Ziti	\$9.00
Spaghetti & Meatballs	\$7.50
Chicken Parm	\$8.50
Broccoli Aglio et Olio	\$7.50
w/Side salad	\$2.75
Heros	
Sausage & Peppers	\$8.00
Chicken Parm	\$7.50
Meatball Parm	\$7.50
Americano	
French Fries	\$2.25
w/cheese	\$2.75
Hamburger	\$4.50
Cheeseburger	\$5.00
w/fries	\$1.50
Buffalo Chicken bites w/celery, carrots & sauce	\$7.00
Salads	
Garden	\$5.50
Caesar	\$6.00



Pictured left are Darren "Bruce" Sager and Doreen Guszak. Pictured right behind the new owners are their staff l to r: Michael Malesheski, Katie Wolfe, Stephen Mitchell, Krystal Danielle, John Guszak Jr., Emily Ward, and Esteban Muniz Jr. Absent were: Charles Hedding, Cassie Bryk, Paul Sherlinski, Stephan Farmer, Jillian Smith, Nicole Bryk, Harley Langford, and Bronwyn Perrins.

Slice of Heaven Opens in Mocanaqua

By Tom Kashatus ~ After almost a year of remodeling and installing new equipment, Darren "Bruce" Sager and Doreen Guszak finally opened their new business in the former Ascension Church located on Main Street in Mocanaqua. They are now the proud owners of "Slice of Heaven" in contrast to "The Corner Pocket" pizza shop which they previously operated and was located at the bend in the road where "Lundy's" and the Italian Club once prospered. The new shop wasn't far from their former location; but it was a big move because now they own the business and the property.

Sager, from Glen Lyon, and Guszak, from Nanticoke, have worked together for twelve years. Darren, 44, has been in the pizza business since he was fourteen. Doreen has worked with food preparation for over thirty years. This investment with the help of

Doreen's father, John Guszak, is the chance of a life-time for both. The former church has a history in Mocanaqua, Shickshinny, and the surrounding countryside. The new proprietors look forward to displaying photographs of its past history and welcome anyone who wishes to contribute associating pictures and/or artifacts.

The menu consists of Italian and American favorites - pizza, wings, hoagies, wraps, salads, dinners, etc. At the present time the business day, eat in or take out, starts at 3:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with no days off. There is daily delivery. Doreen and Darren are looking forward to establishing a luncheon menu and there are long range plans to remodel the basement for catering affairs. A number of pews moved from the church to the basement are available for sale to interested parties. Across from the railroad tracks running through Mocanaqua one can't miss the new sign in front of the old church where Slice of Heaven is now located on Main Street.

A Partnership in Volunteerism for Thanksgiving

By Mike Yalch ~ Once again for the Thanksgiving holiday, a partnership was built to insure that a number of families and individuals receive a Thanksgiving meal due to the effort and volunteerism of local individuals and organizations, to include: Erie/Yalch Insurance, Rentko Catering, GNA football players, Holy Transfiguration of the Lord Church Hall, LCCC Food Institute, students, and various individuals. Volunteers who worked the kitchen and put the meals together for delivery are shown in the right photo front, left to right: Joseph Nalepa, Leah Mullery, Miranda Bohn, Abbey Kotch, Lee Kowalski, Nate Penko, and Jim McDermott. To the rear left to right are: Gerald Mullery, Lauren Mullery, Sophie Lukowski, Alley O'Connor, Kate Buchinski, and Dan Kowalski. Over two hundred and fifty meals were delivered to Newport Township, Nanticoke, Plymouth Township, Mountain Top, Hanover Township, and Shickshinny.

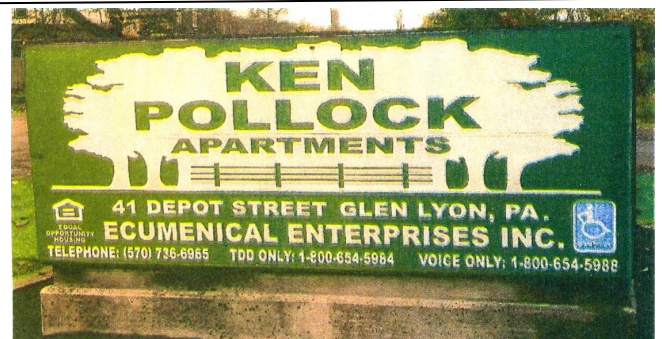
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Pictured left are the organizers of the event, left to right: Chef Gerard Rentko of Rentko Catering; Michael Yalch of Yalch Insurance; and Nancy Yalch, owner of Erie/Yalch Insurance of Mountain Top.

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A spaghetti dinner was held in St. Adalbert's Church Hall on Sunday, November 12 sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society.



A Fall Bingo sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group was held in St Adalbert's Church Hall November 19.

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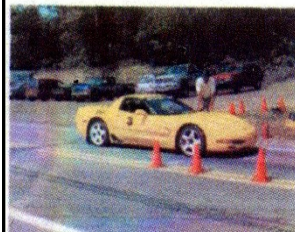
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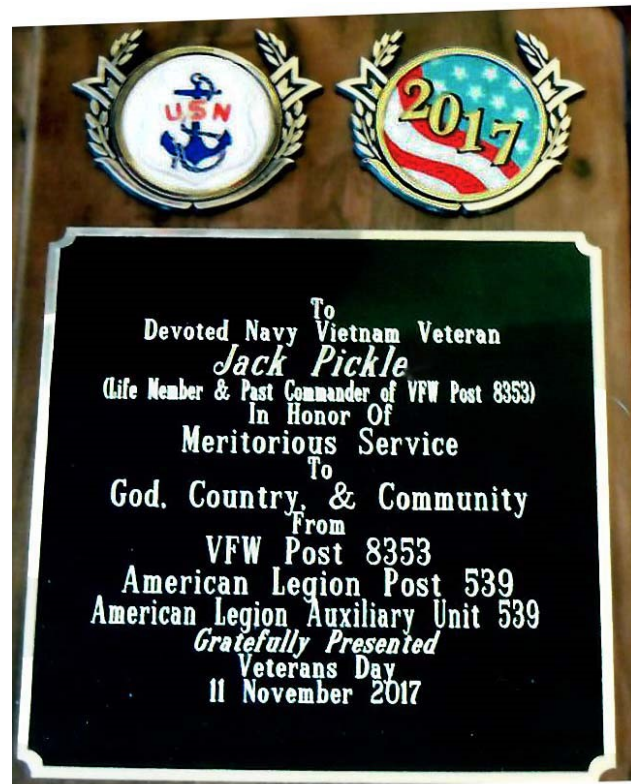
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Above left, VFW Post 8353 Commander Joe Molski is presenting the plaque to former Commander Jack Pickle. Presentation was made on November 11, 2017. The plaque itself is pictured above. Shown immediately left are (l to r): Lorrie Materewicz President of American Legion Auxiliary Post 539, Joe Molski, Commander of VFW Post 8353, Jack Pickle, Joe Figlerski, Post 539 Home Association and Shawn Swicklik, Commander of American Legion Post 539.

Jack Pickle Honored

By Lorrie Materewicz ~ Veterans Day was even more special this year for 74-year-old Navy veteran Jack Pickle of Sheatown. He received a surprise visit from comrades-in-arms VFW Post 8353 Commander Joe Molski, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 President Lorrie Materewicz, American Legion Post 539 Commander Shawn Swicklik, and American Legion Post 539 Home Association President Joe Figlerski. They presented him with a plaque honoring him for his many years of service to the VFW, American Legion, and the community. Also present were American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 Secretary/Treasurer Sally Billings and American Legion Post 539 Home Association Treasurer Tim Derr. The plaque was engraved: To Devoted Navy Veteran Jack Pickle (Life Member and Past Commander of VFW Post 8353) In Honor of Meritorious Service To God, Country and Community From VFW Post 8353, American Legion Post 539, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539. Gratefully Presented-Veterans Day-11 November 2017.

Though Jack has been a Newport Township resident most of his life, he was born in New York and graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1961. Shortly after graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy, serving from 1961 to 1965, including a tour of duty in Vietnam on a river patrol boat. He also served on the Battleship New Jersey. This was followed by duty in the Reserves from 1975 through 1992 with the rank of Gunner's Mate 1st Class at the time of his discharge. His civilian career consisted of 26 years as a mail carrier. Many Newport Township residents may recall his cheerful demeanor, helpful ways, and daily inquiries about health and happenings of family members. Neither rain nor snow as the sayings goes could prevent Jack from making deliveries, and it was a pleasure to see him coming our way. And so it was as well for our

children when Jack retired from the US Postal Service and decided to enjoy serving as a school bus driver, which he did for a number of years, in addition to driving charter buses in and between states, forming multiple friendships along the way.

As for veteran service, Jack joined Jeffries-Slapikas American Legion Post 971 (Wanamie) and VFW Post 8353 in 1974, eventually becoming a life member in both posts. He served as Commander of VFW Post 8353 for a number of years before passing the torch to current Commander Joe Molski, but still actively holding other offices. At age 74, Navy veteran Jack Pickle continues to be a pillar of the community in service to us. We thank you, Jack and we salute you!

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Reilly Tree Lighting



By Tom Kashatus ~ On December 6th, the neighborhood of Alden Mountain Road near Reilly Finishing brightened just a little more than usual at sundown. After speaking a few introductory words on behalf of property owner Joseph Reilly of Reilly Finishing Technologies, Larry Marianacci, Vice President of Finance, threw the switch to light up the twenty-one Christmas trees along Christmas Tree Lane. Contrary to previous years, the weather was perfect as a crowd of friends and tree sponsors stood by during the tree lighting. This is the fifth annual Christmas Tree lighting initiated by Reilly Finishing Technologies. A sponsorship fee is charged for each tree and all funds received are donated to the communities of Nanticoke and Newport Township to benefit the public. The designated recipients for 2018 are West Side Park of Nanticoke and the Glen Lyon Coal Street Park in Newport Township. Pictured left to right are Joseph Reilly Jr.; Mandy Cragle; Kathy Kobylarz, Human Resources; Hannah Fink; Larry Marianacci, VP of Finance; Robert Fink; Wyatt Fink; and Joseph Reilly Sr., Owner of Reilly Finishing Technologies.

After the tree lighting ceremony, those in attendance were invited to the R Bar in Alden for refreshments. Tree sponsors are as follows: Air Excellence; Bob's Auto Service; Broadway Garage; Ceppa's Notary; Corbett Insurance; Dorrance Auto; EMJAZE Signs; Lichia's

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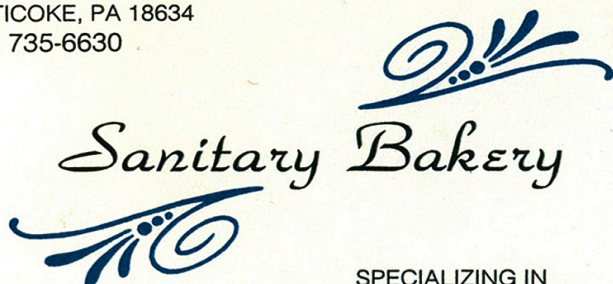
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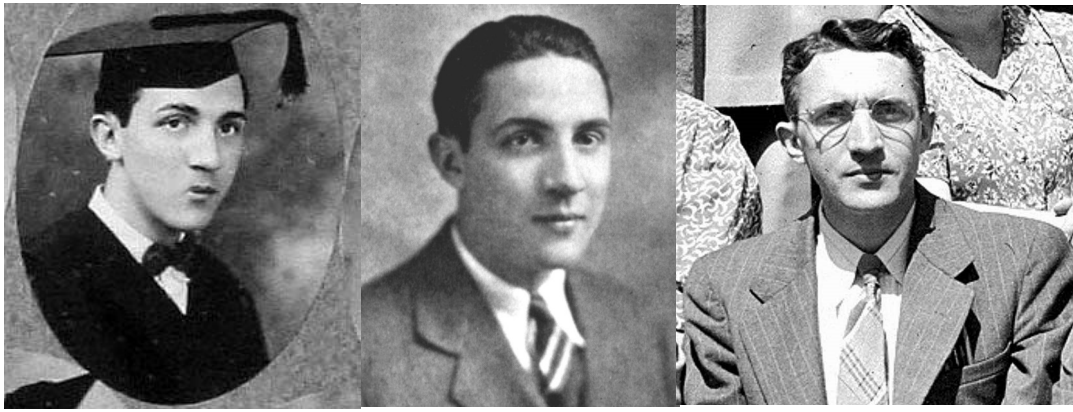
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Pictured left to right: Wilbur's Newport High School graduation picture, Bloomsburg State College graduation picture, and as a teacher at the Columbus School in Wanamie, 1933.

Newport Townships Teachers: Wilbur Fischer

By Heidi Jarecki with help from Lorna Manahan ~ Wilbur Gwynne Fischer was born November 23, 1905 in Glen Lyon, the youngest of five children. His parents were Karl Ludwig Fischer (K.L. Fischer) and Jennie Williams Fischer. Karl was born in a small village outside Vienna, Austria in 1867 and was educated in the schools there. He immigrated to the United States and did further training as a pharmacist at the Nanticoke State Hospital. He served an apprenticeship with Carl Myers of Nanticoke. Karl spoke five languages including Latin and Greek, and was an accomplished violinist and singer. Jennie Williams was born in Nanticoke in about 1873. Her father, Thomas R. Williams, came from South Wales in 1868. He lived for a short time in Scranton and settled in Nanticoke in 1869. Thomas rose from miner to Colliery Superintendent for the Susquehanna Coal Company. He passed away in 1924. Karl and Jennie married in 1894. By 1896, Karl had a well-established drugstore at 32 South Market Street, Glen Lyon. The drugstore was attached to the front of the home. Karl passed away in 1944, and Jennie, in 1955.

Among Wilbur's siblings were: Lillian, who taught in Newport Township Schools until she married Charles K. Moore, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Moore of Alden; Viola, a teacher in Newport schools and later a nurse; T. Edison, who taught music in Newport Township Schools; and Frederick, who was the proprietor of a drug store in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The family was active in the Glen Lyon Methodist Church, and Jennie worked tirelessly to get women the right to vote. All of the children were encouraged to pursue musical endeavors. Sometime in the late 1940's, Viola, affectionately known as "Auntie Vi" (pictured right), maintained a candy store that had been part of the former drug store, and many old-time residents remember stopping in and picking out penny candy on their way home from school.



Wilbur was educated in Newport Township Schools. He excelled in academics and athletics. Being tall and lanky, he played for the high school basketball team. He graduated with the Class of 1926, and attended the University of Michigan for one semester. He transferred to Bloomsburg State Teachers College in 1927. While at Bloomsburg, he played center on the varsity basketball team. He is described thus: "Anyone venturing past North Hall on a warm spring night may hear a melodious refrain of a ukulele. Upon further investigation they will find a tall, slender, dark-haired chap strumming away, while around him are members of the North Hall gang harmonizing. Boy! How he can play a uke. A born musician—he can pick beautiful chords from a piano, and give him a "gazebo" and a pair of drumsticks, and lo! You have an orchestra. "Bud's" forte is basketball; from his "high schooly (sic)" days he has been playing this game. We won't forget that great game he played at center against Stroudsburg." Wilbur served as Humor Editor for the Orbiter Yearbook and was a member of the Men's Conservatory Glee Club, the Omega Chi Fraternity (Vice-President) and the cast of the play, "Applesauce." He earned his teaching certificate in 1929.

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Wilbur began his teaching career in September, 1931 at the Columbus School in Wanamie. In 1934, he taught at the Enterprise Street School, and later was assigned to the Pulaski School where he taught English and Social Studies. He remained at Pulaski until retirement. He served as adviser to the Dramatics Club.

Wilbur married Zelda A. Long of Hunlock's Creek on August 14, 1933 at the Dorranceton Methodist Episcopal parsonage. Rev. James Benninger officiated. Zelda was a registered nurse at the Nanticoke State Hospital when they met. The couple lived for a time at 32 South Market Street, then rented an apartment on Coal Street and eventually moved to 17 ½ West Main Street. In 1955, they moved into the vacant parsonage at 24 South Market Street next to the Methodist Church where they remained until 1979. Remarkably, Zelda celebrated her 107th birthday with family members in Pitman, NJ this past summer. (See page 13 in the Summer 2017 Newsletter.) Wilbur and Zelda had one daughter, Lorna Fischer Manahan, Newport High School Class of 1952.

Wilbur and Zelda were active in the Glen Lyon Methodist Church. Wilbur was a Mason, Nanticoke Lodge 541, and Zelda belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star. Wilbur participated in the Letterman's Club of Newport Township, and the Glen Lyon M.E. Choir. The choir performed some ambitious works, such as the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah* and a cantata, "The King Eternal." Wilbur was often a soloist, but at times was a member of a quartet.

In 1940, Wilbur registered for the draft, but was never called. During the summer months, he served as Instructor at the Kosciuszko School playground, and organized and officiated at softball games. He was a judge at the annual field and track day held at the high school and in 1945, co-directed an operetta "A Rose Dream" at the high school auditorium and performed by students at the Columbus School. One of Wilbur's claims to fame was he and his brother Edison being cast as extras in the 1948 film, *The Miracle of the Bells*. The book and subsequent film are fictitious, based loosely on the life of Glen Lyon native, Olga Trotski. They earned \$20.00 per day!

This writer recalls Mr. Fischer's 9th grade English Class fondly, except when he assigned oral reports, which had to be delivered in front of the class!

Wilbur retired from teaching in 1970. He was awarded an honorary state life membership in the PTA for his contributions as program chairman and vice-president. He and Zelda moved to New Jersey in 1979. Wilbur passed away on January 1, 1982 at age 76 in Westville, NJ.



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THE 1926 BASKETBALL SEASON

NEWPORT WAS GOOD, BUT NANTICOKE WON A STATE TITLE

By Paul Jarecki ~ In 1926, basketball in the Wyoming Valley was dominated by the team from Nanticoke High School. Under Coach Dick Leary, they won the Wyoming Valley Conference League A championship with little opposition. In inter-district play, they easily defeated Luzerne, East Stroudsburg and Morristown. Next was the state tournament at the Penn State University Armory. The other teams invited were Reading, Harrisburg Tech, Westfield, Meyerstown, State College, Uniontown and Erie East. After a 44 – 22 victory over Reading, Nanticoke faced powerful, fast Harrisburg Tech, a 74 – 28 winner over Westfield. Nanticoke's 50 – 39 victory would be their toughest test of the year so far. In the championship game, they easily defeated Erie East 43 -25 to become the Pennsylvania High School State Champions. Nanticoke then entered the national tournament in Chicago, along with 38 other teams from all across the nation and were finally defeated by Fitchburg, Massachusetts 22 – 14 in the quarterfinals. Fitchburg would then go on to win the national championship with a 25 –14 decision over Fargo, N. D.

Newport Township meanwhile was quietly having a fine season. They finished second to Nanticoke in the Wyoming Valley Conference League A, tied with Wilkes-Barre with a 10 – 4 record. Their only losses were to Nanticoke (2 games), Wilkes-Barre and Kingston. As a result, they were invited to the prestigious Bloomsburg State Normal Tournament along with Berwick, Plymouth, Hanover, Parsons, Pittston, Old Forge, Freeland, Duryea, Taylor, Danville, Edwardsville, Kingston, Luzerne and Forty Fort. The crowds were immense and team play was so fast that the spectators hardly had time to breathe. Even for the Friday morning games when most of the students had classes, the gym was full. All the windows were opened wide and everyone inhaled and exhaled huge volumes of air while they cheered for their teams. The old rafters rang to the tune of voices, young and old. The two favorites to win the tournament were Newport and Duryea, the fastest and most exciting teams there. In the first two rounds, Newport beat Parsons 43 – 22 and Taylor 24 – 20 while Duryea defeated Luzerne 21 – 20 and Kingston 31 – 28. Newport and Duryea met in the semi-finals and played the best game of the tournament. You couldn't hear yourself think during the game because the crowd was going wild. Newport defeated Duryea 19 – 16 in one of the fastest exhibitions of basketball ever held at the tournament. Berwick beat Plymouth, 29 to 21. In the final, Newport easily handled Berwick 27 – 14. Newport gained an early lead over Berwick and never took chances on losing it. Irv Ruckle played the star game for Newport with Augustine giving him a hard chase for the honors.

Head Coach of the 1926 Newport Township High School Basketball team was Chester Rogowicz. Members included: forwards Irv Ruckle, Augustine (captain) and Pete Kerutis; center Alex Shepela; guards Wilbur Fischer, Clem Rogowicz and Joe Chicklinski.

Head Coach of the Nanticoke Basketball Team that year was Dick Leary. Members included: forwards, Price, Donahue, Morgan, Katwanik and Yasty; centers, Domzalski (captain) and Butkiewicz; guards, Beckley, Sherwood, Hill, Gallagher, Lentz, and Estivanieh.



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John Wisinski, Artist

By Heidi Jarecki - John D. Wisinski (also spelled Wiczynski or Wisinsky) was born April 22, 1902 in Glen Lyon. His parents were John and Rosalie Waselewski Wisinski, both of whom immigrated from Poland. He was one of six children, among them Frances Kowaleski, Alice Zawatski, Tillie Kaftanowicz, Louis Wisinski all of Glen Lyon, and Mary Lash of Hazleton. The family lived at 13 East Enterprise Street.

John completed an 8th grade education in Newport Township schools, and at age seventeen, joined the Navy. He was stationed on battleships and destroyers, one of which was the U.S.S. Minnesota anchored in the Port of Philadelphia. After a three-year tour of duty, John joined the Coast Guard in 1924. His first assignment was under Lt. Commander Russell Waesche for "rum runner" duties. After a tour of sea duty, John was assigned to the recruiting station in Cleveland. It was in this capacity that his artistic talent became evident when he created recruiting posters and publicity material. Thus began a long, prolific, and varied career as an artist.

In 1929, John was designated artist in charge. At various stages of his career, John studied at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Science, the Art Students League of New York, California School of Fine Arts, and in Paris and Madrid under Edgar Whitney. In 1936, he was assigned to the Wyoming Valley to make paintings of local scenes of the Flood that year, but on his arrival, the river and streams had abated and he was recalled.

In 1937, John served as chief petty officer in the New York Recruiting Office. Also in 1937, two of his paintings, *USS Potomac in Long Island Sound*, and *USS Potomac Rounding West Point* were presented to President Franklin Roosevelt at the White House. (The *USS Potomac* was the presidential yacht.) These two paintings, as well as two original recruiting posters, *Aids to Navigation* and *Ready Then, Ready Now*, remain in the permanent collection at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, NY. Some of his paintings were also in possession of then Secretary of the Treasury, Ogden Mills.

In 1938, he served as chief printer for the Navy Publicity Bureau in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The following year, he was sent to the Federal Commission of the Golden Gate Exposition in San Francisco and painted murals depicting service on the walls of the Navy Building. The murals included six 12 x 16 and ten 6 x 7 Navy

scenes. He was then assigned to the New York World's Fair to perform similar work. At the end of the New York Exposition, one of his murals was presented to the Home of the Legion of Honor. He was promoted to Lieutenant (junior grade) and became Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Graphic Art Unit, where he directed more than thirty artists and craftsmen to aid in recruiting, training, military morale, port security and war bond promotion during World War II. Perhaps inspired by the death of his nephew Anthony Wisinski, Newport Township High School Class of 1938 over France in January, 1945, John requested combat duty. He was assigned as combat artist in the Pacific, illustrating invasion and island scenes as viewed from aircraft and surface ships. His last assignment was aboard an attack transport.

Following his retirement in 1946 after 27 years of service, John worked as an instructor of occupational therapy at New York Hospital. Later, he lived in the White Plains, NY area. He submitted his work to various art shows. Among them were the Parade of Progress of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Kingston (PA) Armory; the Westchester County (NY) Art Show; the Annual Exhibition of the American Council of Polish Cultural Clubs at Alliance College in Cambridge Springs, PA; the Wurlitzer Gallery in Manhattan; the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.; the Portsmouth, NH Seacoast Exhibit, and the Hudson Valley Art Association in White Plains, NY. He won medals, awards, and prizes throughout his career, too many to enumerate here. In April, 1967, John served as co-chairman of the 39th annual exhibition of the Hudson Valley Art Association. The exhibit featured works of fellow marine artist, Frederick J. Waugh and teacher/artist Frank Vincent DuMond.

In 1966, a unique opportunity came his way. Governors Island, located just off Manhattan in New York Harbor and now a national monument, was transferred from the U.S. Army to the Coast Guard. John was asked to graphically document the transition. Over the next two decades, he painted various scenes of Governors Island, including children playing on a swing set. In 1980, the Coast Guard Art Program was created in Washington DC and John's works are included in the permanent collection.

In January, 1972, the *Suburbanite Economist* (Chicago, Illinois) published an article about the activities of Poles during the American Revolution, notably Casimir Pulaski and Thaddeus Kosciuszko. John C. Kluczynski, the Congressman who represented that district, presented a painting by John Wisinski to commemorate their contributions. The painting hangs in the Representatives' private dining room in the Capitol. It was formally accepted by Carl Albert, Speaker of the House. The painting is a seascape of storm waves beating the rocks along the Maine Coast.

In 1976, John painted a collection of the tall ships which participated in New York Harbor's Operation Sail during the nation's bicentennial. He served as a private art teacher and belonged to several local and national art associations. Several paintings can be seen on page 21.

In 1930, John married Elizabeth Okulski of Philadelphia. They were the parents of one daughter, Dolores. Occasionally, John visited family in Glen Lyon and found relaxation by painting local scenes, including *Susquehanna Breaker #6*. Several of those paintings are in the possession of family members.

John passed away on January 9, 1986 at age 83. At the time of his death, he lived in Putnam, NY. He is interred in Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY.

Sources: "Artist Not Forgotten," by Ed Swift, *Commandant's Bulletin*; *Wilkes Barre Times Leader*; *Wilkes Barre Sunday Independent*; *Suburbanite Economist* (Chicago); The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library (Hyde Park, NY); Governors Island Explorer's Guide (website); *Arizona Republic* (Phoenix); *Poughkeepsie Journal* (Poughkeepsie, NY); various websites.



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Hours:

Monday - Saturday 5:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday 6:00 am - 9:00 pm

**15 E. Main St
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Breakfast Sandwich

2/\$4.00

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

Omlets

3 Eggs Omlet	3.99
Southwest Omlet (Ham, Onion, Bellpeppers)	4.99

Burgers

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

Pizza

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

Specialty

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

Hoagie

2/\$5.49

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

Extra Meat or Egg add 50¢

Add \$1.00 for French Fries with any meal order

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

Chicken Wings

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

Chicken Tender

3 pcs	\$4.99
5 pcs	\$7.99

Chicken Nuggets

5 pcs	\$2.29
10 pcs	\$3.99

Hot Sub

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

Pizza By Slice

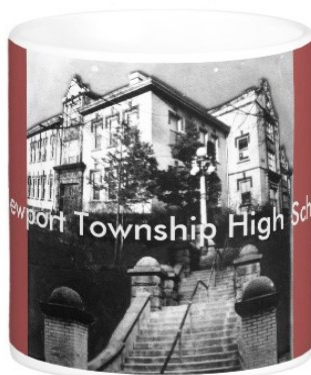
Cheese Slice • 1.39 Pepperoni Slice • 1.59 Chicken Wing Slice • 1.89

Hot Dog	1.49
Chili Dog	1.79
Corn Dog	1.49

Monthly Food Distribution

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

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



Classic Mug with a Classic High School!

For a donation of \$10.00 each, you can enjoy your morning coffee or tea while reflecting on your care-free youth! The mug, pictured left, features a composite black and white photograph of Newport Township High School and its famous steps, with wide red stripes bordering each side. "Newport Township High School" is printed across the center in light gray lettering. If mailed, include postage: \$7.15 for one, and \$9.00 for two. Contact Heidi and Paul Jarecki, 28 West Main Street, Glen Lyon, PA 18617. Phone: 570-733-2540. Email: hselecky@pa.metrocast.net.

Miniatures, historic DVD's, and baseball hats are still available. Check our website for information. All proceeds benefit Newport Township.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

We would be honored and proud to have you as a member of the Newport Township Community Organization. Your membership will show approval of and help support our many projects to benefit your hometown! Membership is \$5.00 per year per person based on the calendar year January through December or a lifetime membership is available for \$50.00. Send application with fee to NTCO, 113 Railroad Ave., Wanamie, Nanticoke, PA 18634.

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NTCO will make available printed copies of its quarterly newsletter to those living outside the area. An annual fee of \$10.00 covers the cost of mailing via the US Postal Service. Send your check payable to "NTCO" to Heidi Jarecki, 28 W. Main St., Glen Lyon, PA 18617; email: hselecky@pa.metrocast.net

If you have internet access, please furnish your email address to Thomas Kashatus at tomkash@verizon.net to be entered into our data base. You will then be notified of new publications on NTCO's website at <http://www.newporttownship.com>. Photographs on internet publications are viewable in color. Hard copies are printed in black and white.

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NTCO's meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Municipal Building in Wanamie at 6:45 p.m. We invite you to attend, share your ideas and help develop new programs to benefit Newport Township. There are many ways to showcase your talents and the community will reap the rewards!

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~ The Late Honorable Paul R. Selecky