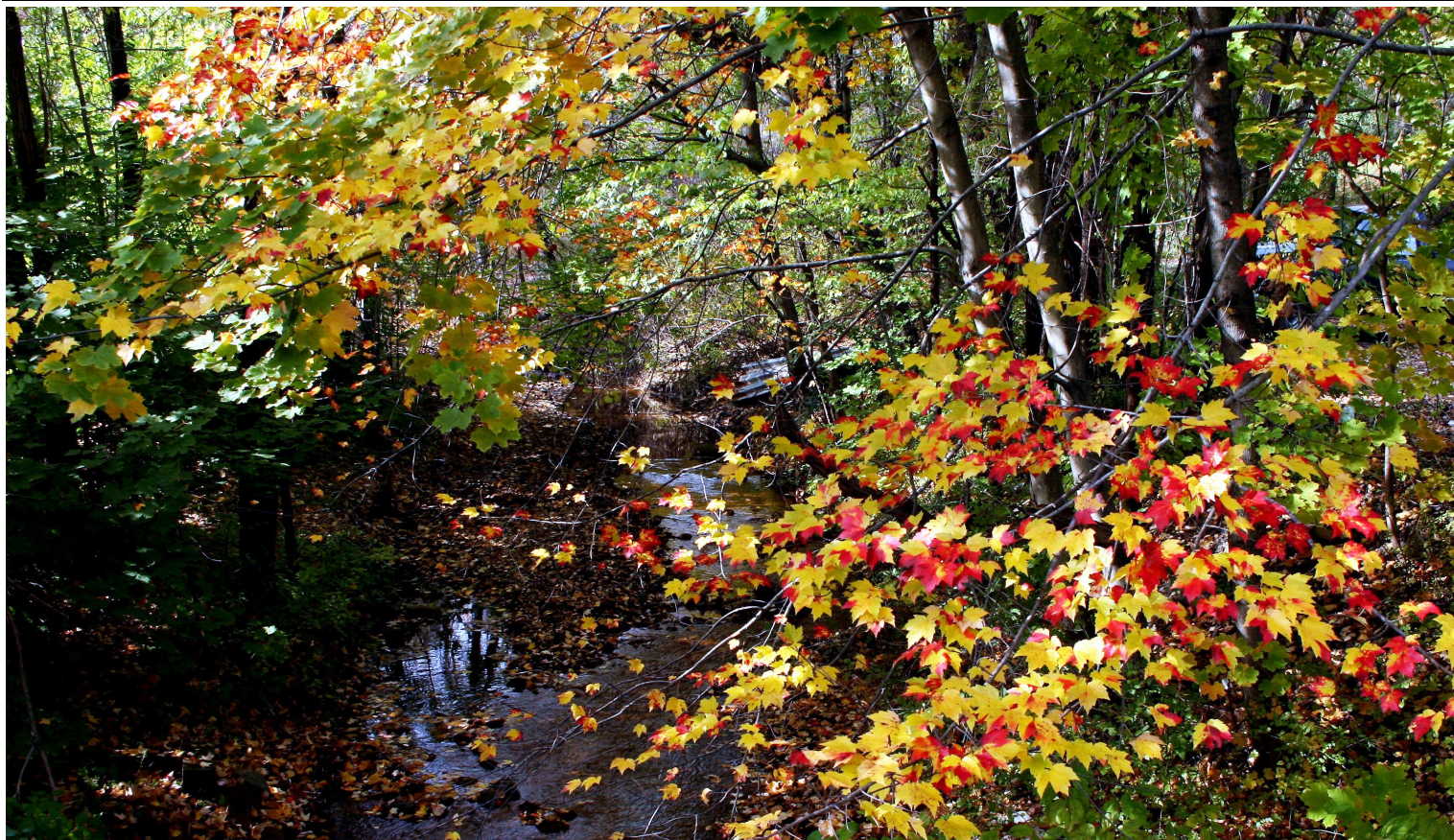




Winter is dead; spring is crazy; summer is cheerful and autumn is wise! ~ Mehmet Murat ildan



Early Fall on Newport Creek in Sheatown

Newport Township Public Business

By John Jarecki ~ The following are items of Township business discussed or acted on at meetings of the Township Commissioners in July, August, and September of 2018.

July 2, 2018: Financial Oversight Consultant Jennifer Polito reported that, in the first six months of 2018, the Township's income was \$672,000 and its expenses were \$480,000, resulting in a surplus of \$191,000.

The Township recently received a Luzerne County Office of Community Development (OCD) grant for \$150,000 to complete a list of projects including demolition work, street repaving, and street drainage repair. The successful low bidder on these projects, Don E. Bower Inc. of Berwick, bid \$169,933.40, which is \$19,933 more than the money available. The Township then modified the specifications for the work so that its cost matched the money available. It intends to spend \$20,000 for demolition, leaving \$130,000 for the other projects. The Commissioners approved a modified project contract that uses available funds. Township Manager Peter Wanchisen included the following in his monthly report:

- 1) Extensive engineering work is continuing on the Glen Lyon Railroad Street storm sewer repair project. This work will lead to the writing of bid specifications.
- 2) The new Municipal Building emergency generator has been installed and is now fully functional. The generator supplies all electrical needs of the building. Commissioner John Vishnefski was thanked for his efforts in getting this generator for the Township.
- 3) The Township's Verizon Wireless phone communications system, which had numerous phone connection problems, was replaced with a phone system from Atlantic Broadband, a system that works very well.

July 19, 2018: At a Special Meeting, the Commissioners voted to approve a resolution authorizing Township Manager Peter Wanchisen to prepare and submit an application for grant money in the amount of \$253,325 for street repair and paving projects under the State's Multimodal Transportation Fund Program, and to submit a request for a waiver of the requirement that the Township provide matching funds.

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VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Zyla who oversees the Township Police Department reported that, when the Township recently spent \$1200 on advertisements asking for applicants for the position of part-time police officer, it did not get a single applicant. Township Manager Peter Wanchisen said that part of the problem is that the Township pays its officers less than nearby municipalities. Police Chief Jeremy Blank added that these neighboring communities are now also having trouble finding part-time officers. Applicants are now looking for full time, rather than part time, officer positions. Mr. Zyla said he will discuss with Mr. Wanchisen and former Township Manager John Elmy whether it is financially feasible to hire a third full time officer.

Financial Oversight Consultant Jennifer Polito reported that an audit of the Township's finances for 2017 has been completed. There is a copy of the Audit Report on the Township's website. For 2017, according to the audit, Township income was \$1,854,290 and expenses were \$1,727,149, leaving the Township with a surplus of \$127,141.

The Commissioners voted to approve Resolution #2018-7, which approves the transfer of liquor license #186 from Wilkes-Barre Beverage, LLC to Vandruhi, LLC, located at 110 Robert Street (PennMart Convenience Store) in Sheatown.

The Commissioners approved Resolution #2018-5, which adopts the Radiological Emergency Response Plan for the Newport Township Emergency Management Agency. This plan concerns emergencies associated with the Nuclear Power Plant in Salem Township.

The Commissioners voted to approve Township Ordinance #2018-3, a Quality of Life Ordinance. As explained by Township Solicitor Christopher Slusser, this ordinance specifies as violations various actions that degrade the physical appearance of the community, decrease property values, and impair the quality of life in the community. These actions include 1) lack of maintenance of properties, 2) littering, 3) failure to dispose animal waste, 4) improper storage of trash, 5) storage of inoperable or unregistered vehicles, 6) operating a business or vending without a permit, and 7) accumulation of snow and ice on sidewalks. Failure to comply with the Ordinance can result in large fines. You can read a more complete description of the Ordinance in the accompanying article on page 7 of this Newsletter.

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

1) The Township has recently completed paving work on the following streets: Hemlock Street, Fine Street, Church Street, Alden Avenue, and 500 feet of Railroad Street. Township employees, with the cooperation of Plymouth Township workers and using paving equipment belonging to the Lower South Valley Council of Governments (LSVCOG), did the work instead of a private contractor. The cost of the work was \$33,396, much less than the \$127,222 it would have cost if done by a private contractor.

2) We have 21 property owners who did not pay their refuse and recycling fee and whose cases have been sent to the Magistrate. There is a delinquency rate of 1.1%.

3) We have received the quarterly franchise fee of \$11,430 from our cable provider Atlantic Broadband.

4) The present status of the grant applications and projects funded by grant money are as follows:

a) Railroad Street (Glen Lyon) Storm Sewer Project: PennEastern Engineering reported that the project is still in its design stage and that it will be several more months before the Township can solicit contractors' bids for the work.

b) Luzerne County Infrastructure Improvement Application: Federal grant money totaling \$15 million has been made available through the County for projects in low income areas. The County has received 91 applications for a share of the \$15 million. We submitted our grant application but have not heard when the County will announce awarding of the grants.

c) State Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application: The Township submitted a grant application to the State's Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) on July 26. We requested \$253,325 for repairing Railroad Street, Prince Street, Burnett Street, Franklin Street, and Northern Avenue. We asked Mark Grochowski from State Senator Yudichak's office and Cody Forgach

from State Representative Mullery's office for advice on which streets would most likely to receive funding. They recommended requesting funding for through streets and streets that lead to tracts of land that are available for residential or commercial development. With the understanding that land along Old Newport Street is available for commercial or residential development, and that Prince Street provides access to Reilly Finishing Technologies' plant, we followed Mr. Grochowski's and Mr. Forgach's advice and selected the streets listed above.

d) Luzerne County Office of Community Development (OCD) grant: This grant will fund demolition, drainage, and paving work to be done in Glen Lyon. Paperwork from OCD has been signed, and contractor Don E. Bower Inc. will write a schedule for the project.

September 4, 2018: Commissioner John Zyla announced that the Township will be hiring 1 or 2 full-time police officers, because the Commissioners have not been able to find people willing to take part-time officer positions.

Township Manager Peter Wanchisen announced that the Township has begun enforcing the Quality of Life Ordinance, writing tickets that impose fines for Building Code violations such as high grass and weeds and for animal waste that has not been properly disposed of.

Financial Oversight Consultant Jennifer Polito reported that for the first 8 months of 2018, the Township had an income of \$828,720 and expenses of \$648,728. She said that the Township expects to have a preliminary 2019 budget ready for the Commissioners' October meeting.

The Commissioners voted to appoint Michael Kmietowicz to the Newport Township Civil Service Commission.

The Commissioners voted to approve Ordinance #2018-4, which adds Robert Street, between Prince Street and Old Newport Road, to the list of streets on which no parking is allowed on either side of the street. The reason for the Ordinance is that in this area, street parking narrows the usable roadway to the point where traffic moving in one direction has to stop to allow traffic moving in the opposite direction to pass.

The Commissioners approved Resolution 7-2018 authorizing Township Manager Peter Wanchisen to find the best available financing method to pay for a new police cruiser and to execute all documents to finalize the transaction.

The Commissioners approved Resolution 8-2018 approving the transfer of Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) license number R13104 from a Kingston business to KVal Food and Tobacco LLC at 15 East Main Street in Glen Lyon.

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

1) The Township received \$5,885 from Newport Aggregate for the purchase of a state-of-the-art camera system for the new police cruiser. The camera will provide a video record of the conduct of Police Officers on duty.

2) Our application for a State Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant is now being reviewed by the State. We expect a decision on the awarding of this grant by November 14, 2018.

3) Concerning the project funded by our Luzerne County Office of Community Development (OCD) grant, we are waiting for the contractor Don E. Bower Inc. to send a schedule for drainage and paving work to be done in Glen Lyon.

4) The Newport Township Street Department has been extremely busy doing pot hole repair and paving during August. I would like to express my appreciation for their good work.

5) The Township will be working on the alleyway next to the Glen Lyon Post Office starting September 4 in order to solve a long standing drainage problem on that road.

6) The Township is finally able to take ownership of the property at 144-146 West Main Street in Glen Lyon. The current owner has now paid all past due County taxes due on the property and Attorney Jonathan Spohrer has prepared and submitted a transfer document. The Newport Township Authority will demolish the dilapidated building on the site.

NTCO PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Stephen E. Phillips

During the past quarter, the Newport Township Community Organization has remained involved in activities oriented toward maintaining and improving the overall quality of life within the Municipality.

Your Community Organization has assumed an integral role in assisting in the formation of **Newport United**. This is a combined effort of the various volunteer groups within the Township to identify various projects which can best be implemented by utilizing the resources and expertise of all participants. Initial meetings of this new entity determined that the purchase of an electronic sign which could promote the numerous activities taking place throughout the Community would be a positive first step in this process. Proponents of the Newport United concept strongly support the idea of maximizing the assets of all potential participating parties to assist the Municipality in reaching its full potential as a First Class Township. Newport United encourages those organizations which have not yet joined in this effort to participate. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Township's Municipal Building located on Kirmar Parkway.

The Community Organization in concert with the Weinberg Food Bank, the Commission on Economic Opportunity, and officers and members of the Glen Lyon American Legion and its auxiliary continue to provide free food distributions to qualified Newport Township residents on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the American Legion Post located on Newport Street in Glen Lyon. Approximately 100 families take advantage of this program every month.

Representatives of the Community Organization remain committed to assisting the Township's Board of Commissioners, when requested, in a combined effort to aid in improving the Municipality's image and its overall economic base.

In the final analysis, no one group can address all of the challenges faced by local government and its citizens in today's environment. It requires a committed, coordinated effort on the part of various organizations and residents. Please consider joining the NTCO as a committed volunteer and/or another Township organization and lend your support to assist in moving your Community forward. Ultimately there will be regression, and not progression, if local residents fail to act in a positive manner.

I never knew, did you?

Mary Edwards Walker

Submitted by Murph Fletcher ~ Mary Edwards Walker (November 26, 1832 – February 21, 1919), commonly known as Dr. Mary Walker, was an American abolitionist, prohibitionist, prisoner of war and Civil War surgeon. She is the first and only woman to ever receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In 1855, Mary earned her medical degree at Syracuse Medical College in New York, married and started a medical practice. She volunteered with the Union Army at the outbreak of the American Civil War and served as a surgeon at a temporary hospital in Washington, D.C., even though at the time women and sectarian physicians were considered unfit by the Union Army Examining Board. She was captured by Confederate forces after crossing enemy lines to treat wounded civilians and arrested as a spy. She was sent as a prisoner of war to Richmond, Virginia until she was released in a prisoner exchange.

After the war, Mary was approved for the highest United States Armed Forces decoration for bravery, the Medal of Honor, for her efforts during the Civil War. She is the only woman and one of only eight civilians to receive it. Her name was deleted from the Army Medal of Honor Roll in 1917 (along with over 900 others); however, it was restored in 1977. After the War ended, she was a writer and lecturer supporting women's suffrage.



The Bells are Back!

Pictured left is the new Verdin Carillon System which was recently installed in St. Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon. Thanks to the generosity of so many, both residents and non-residents who have fond memories of growing up in the Township, the bells are ringing again! We thank you all!



A New Home in Newport Township

By Tom Kashatus ~ Pictured above is one of the most recent homes under construction in Newport Township. We invite our readers to contemplate where it is being built. There have been a number of beautiful new homes built in Newport Township over the past 30 to 40 years, but this one is special. The only clue to be given at this time is that the new owners are currently Wanamie residents. Our next issue of the NTCO Newsletter will reveal an update of the project, its historical location, and the names of the owners. We would like to thank our readers for their continued interest in Newport Township, its residents, history and development, and for their support of the Newport Township Community Organization.

Make Each Day Worthwhile

A day is Eternity's seed, and we are its Gardeners.

~ Erika Harris

Crazy about your Job?

The secret to happiness in your work is to find a job in which your neurosis is constructive. ~ Jeanne LaMont, MD

NTCO SUMMER FUN



Summer Recreation Program

By Murph Fletcher & Erin Fletcher ~ This year's Program turned out to be a huge success as the attendance from previous years doubled. The Day Camp trips had to be canceled due to a lack of early sign-ups. Once the summer programs started, there was an interest in the day camps, but all of the camps already had their schedules filled. We will try to get a day camp component into next year's program. From the first scheduled event to the last, the attendance at each numbered 90 to 100+ children. The program was planned by Erin Fletcher and Cathy Domashinski, who were assisted by Megan Kanyuck. They used Facebook to develop an NTCO Recreation Page to keep everyone informed with the latest on each event. It appears that more adults attended the events to observe and assist the children if needed. Thanks for the help. Most of the programs had a hands-on component for the children to touch, see, and feel things they normally don't get to experience. They learned about flying animals, the birds of prey that hunt and capture their food, and the life stages of butterflies. They also learned about designing and making their own tie-dyed shirts. The police and firemen explained their responsibilities to the community and how the children can assist, and allowed them access to the police and fire equipment. Touching the reptiles was an experience that may have relieved some fears of certain animals. And the final day was a pizza party and games. Thanks to all who attended and helped. We would like to thank Newport Decal, Larissa Goldstein, Folk's Butterfly Farm, and the Carbon County Environmental Center for helping to make our Summer Fun Program a success. We are looking forward to next year!





Marguerite Cherrie Izbicki Turns 95

By Tom Izbicki ~ Marguerite Cherrie was born in Glen Lyon on July 14, 1923. Her father, John Cherrie, an employee of the Susquehanna colliery, and mother, born Ida Bellando, already had two children, John and Marietta. Joseph was born later.

Marguerite was raised on Enterprise Street and attended the schools of Newport Township. She remembers her father, a rare Republican in town, having a sign for Alf Landon in their window in the 1936 presi-

dential election. While attending the local schools, Marguerite went to the movies and attended dances. She graduated from Newport High School in 1941 and was on the honor roll. Marguerite also worked part-time at Gross's store on West Main Street. At one square dance, she met Anthony Izbicki, a Marine from Nanticoke on leave. They married on Christmas Day 1941 in anticipation of his deployment by the Marine Corps.

After marriage, the couple resided in North Carolina near Camp Lejeune. When Anthony was deployed overseas, Marguerite returned to Glen Lyon. Her first child, Anthony John was born at the Nanticoke Hospital on October 22, 1942. "Tony Junior" was raised by his mother and maternal grandparents while his father was overseas. When Anthony returned to the U. S., he had state-side assignments until he left the Marines. Their second son, Thomas, named for an uncle killed in the Battle of the Bulge, was born in Nanticoke on November 24, 1945.

Anthony became an electrician, working in the Wyoming Valley and occasionally in New York. In his later career, he often was the electrical foreman on construction projects. Marguerite was a homemaker, but she also gardened. Most of the time the family lived at 128 West Main Street, with her parents next door. When Susan was born on September 1, 1956, Tony and Tom moved next door to permit her to have her own room.

Anthony was active in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Marguerite was a regular member of the committee for the reunions of the Class of 1941. She also oversaw the children's homework. The family attended St. Denis Church. The Izbicki's were fixtures in Glen Lyon until 1990, when Anthony and Marguerite moved to Reading, PA, to be near Tony and his family.

Anthony died in 2001 at the Reading Hospital. Marguerite continued keeping house for herself until recent years. Because of age, she moved to a senior facility near Kutztown. Tony lives outside Oley, PA with his wife Dianne. His son Kevin lives nearby. Thomas and his wife Margaret Schaus live in Swarthmore, PA; his stepchildren are abroad. Susan and her husband, Kevin McCormick, live outside Omaha. They have three children and a growing number of grandchildren. Marguerite now lives in an assisted living facility at Henry Center 175A, 1 South Home Avenue, Tipton, PA 19562.

All Newport Reunion

The All Newport Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 7 at Holy Transfiguration Hall in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke, sometimes called Rhone, from 1 pm to 5 pm. The price is \$30.00 per person. This reunion is open to anyone who attended Newport schools at any time. Please contact Phoebe Hillan at 570-736-6798 for information. Be aware that construction on Middle Road between Alden and Askam will cause re-routing.



ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Club of New Jersey

By Tom Tarnowski ~ Born in Glen Lyon and transplanted to New Jersey, five retirees share old times, current events, and a lunch meal several times a year. Three members of the ROMEO Club grew up on one side of the breaker in Glen Lyon and one grew up on the other side. They met at the Newport All-Class Reunion in 2000 and agreed to meet for lunch after the New Year. Their first lunch was in January 2001 at Amy's Diner in Long Branch, NJ, and since then, have had lunch six times a year for 18 years. John Kutz joined the ROMEO Club several years ago, but was not available when this picture was taken in July of this year. Pictured: Gene (Windy) Warchal, Freehold; Tom Tarnowski, Raritan; Pete Forgach, Eatontown; and Joe Bendock, Oceanport. John Kutz lives in Monroe Township.



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VETERANS NEWS

By Tim Derr ~ From the Commanders of American Legion Post 539, American Legion Post 971 (Wanamie) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8353: Regular monthly meetings for Post 971 and VFW Post 8353 are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 1900 hours in the American Legion Post 539 Social Hall on Newport Street in Glen Lyon.

American Legion Post 539 holds its regular meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 1900 hours in the Post Home Meeting Room. Members are encouraged to participate.

Contact information:

VFW: Joe Molski at 570-735-3534

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

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

We are actively seeking new members. Please consider being a part of the honorable traditions.

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

October 20

November 17

December 15

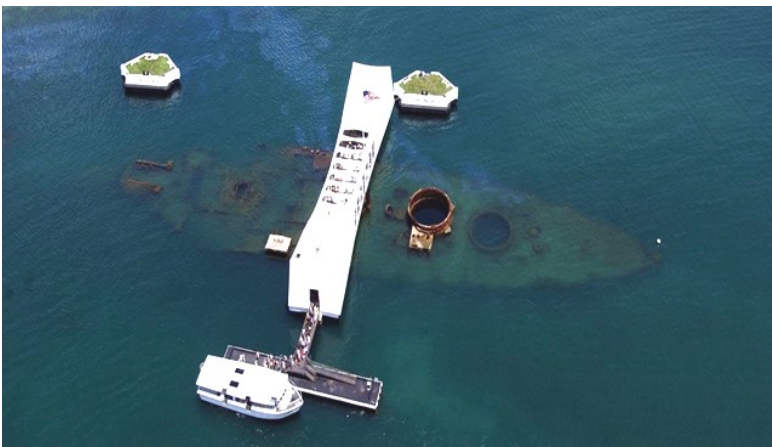
Recent Activities:

Our veteran's organizations, auxiliaries, and Sons of the American Legion recently participated in the Final Honor Guard for Seaman First Class Edward Slapikas (Killed In Action during the attack on Pearl Harbor). The summer edition of the NTCO Newsletter admirably documented the solemn occasion. Wanamie American Legion Post 971 led the local effort.



Wanamie Post 971 is chartered as the Jeffries/Slapikas Post 971 in honor of two local men who died at Pearl Harbor in the Japanese sneak attack on the morning of December 7, 1941. While Edward Slapikas's remains have been returned to us and finally placed to rest, Petty Officer Third Class Keith Jeffries' remains are forever entombed in the Battleship U.S.S. Arizona (BB-39). Keith was a native of Alden. He was born on March 29, 1918 and attended Newport Township schools, graduating with the Class of 1936. He was a varsity basketball player on the State Championship Team of that year. Keith enlisted in the Navy on December 12,

1939. He died as a gunner on the forward deck of the U.S.S. Arizona. Above left: Petty Officer Third Class Keith Jeffries.



U.S.S. Arizona War Memorial, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The sunken hull of the battleship can be seen beneath the memorial.



Peter W. Namowicz

By Barbara Namowicz Paganucci ~ Chief Peter Namowicz served his country honorably and faithfully for 30 years. He was born August 18, 1956 in Nanticoke and was the son of Irene Kowalski Namowicz and the late Charles Namowicz of Glen Lyon. Chief Namowicz was a graduate of John S. Fine High School Class of 1983, and a graduate of Luzerne County Community College with an Associate's Degree in Business Administration, Class of 1991. Chief Namowicz also attended various "A Schools" as an operations specialist in Navy training and held "Current Top Secret Clearance." Chief Namowicz participated in active duty from 1977 to 1981 aboard the USS Adams. He then transferred to the Naval Reserve Avoca Unit

and later to the Naval Reserves Comusfor Azores 104 in Willow Grove, 1981 to 2010. He served and participated at N.A.S., Willow Grove, the Azores Islands, Africa, Italy, Germany and Portugal. His Naval achievements include: Sailor of the First Quarter in 1991, Fourth Quarter 1997, Sailor of the Year in 1997; two Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy achievement medals, Armed Forces achievement medals, seven Good Conduct Medals, Navy Expedition Medal and Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist. His devotion and loyalty to his country were well recognized by his shipmates. He was married to Denise Simone Namowicz and they have two daughters. Peter passed away on April 7, 2010.




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American Legion Auxiliary Post 539 Glen Lyon

By Lorrie Materewicz

2018 Convention Awards

Central Section:

1. Community Service Award (Certificate and \$15)
2. Public Relations Award (\$15)
3. Legislative Award (\$15)

State Level:

1. Department Citation for Unit Activities (Certificate)
2. Membership Award (Certificate & pins for the President and the Chair Sally Billings) 117.7%
3. Certificate of Appreciation for Volunteerism and Outstanding Service to God and Country (Certificate). This is a new award designed specifically for our unit. We accumulated 2,358 volunteer hours. We were the first and only unit in the state to receive it!

Auxiliary Installation of Officers

July 19th was a pleasant, sunny summer day, and Barb Meyer's backyard was decked out in red, white, and blue décor. The occasion was the Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539's regular monthly meeting along with installation of officers for the 2018-2019 membership year. Installing officer was District President Beverly Kemmerer and VIP guest was Kathy Konnick, Bi-county Council treasurer. The new officers are: President - Barb Meyers, Vice President - Janet Wenner, Secretary/Treasurer - Sally Billings, Chaplain - Karen Samuels, Historian - Tiffany Graham, and Sergeant -At-Arms - Leanne Wenner. Special Chairpersons are: Sally Billings - Membership, Lorrie Materewicz - Public Relations, Social Coordinator, and Volunteer Hours Recorder, and Allie Graham - Junior Activities. Monthly meetings continue to be held the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. New members are always welcome, and further information can be obtained by calling Public Relations Chair Lorrie at (570)-736-7177.



Pictured above are: President Barb Meyers, Vice President Janet Wenner, Secretary/ Treasurer Sally Billings, Historian Tiffany Graham, Chaplain Karen Samuels, Sergeant at Arms Leanna Wenner holding Erristis Parsons Wenner.

Upcoming Events

October 5 & 6: Fall Festival at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Alden. Chinese Auction, Fall and Christmas items for sale, and plenty of good food.

October 14: Spaghetti Dinner at St. Adalbert's Church Hall, sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society. Take-outs available from 12-1. Sit-down dinners serving from 12:30 to 3. \$9.00 per person. Delivery available. Tickets available from the Parish Office.

October 21: Spaghetti Dinner at the R Bar in Alden, sponsored by Glen Lyon-Alden Hose Co. and Newport Township Consolidated Fire Co. Serving from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. \$9.00 per person. Tickets available from the Firefighters. Take-outs and delivery available.

Newport Police Chief Jeremy Blank Honored by Times Leader

By John Jarecki ~ The Times Leader honored Newport Township Police Chief Jeremy Blank in the August 10 Badge of Honor Section of the newspaper. This section features articles about police officers and fire fighters and other emergency workers who are nominated by their peers for the quality of their work.

Chief Blank started his career as an emergency worker. He later graduated from the Lackawanna College Police Academy, and has been a police officer since 2009. He was appointed to his present position by the Township Commissioners in January 2013.

Newport Township Police Chief Jeremy Blank

He is originally from Danbury, Connecticut, and has lived in this area since 2001. His wife Krystalyn grew up in the area and graduated from Nanticoke Area High School. The couple has two children, a boy and a girl.

Chief Blank is also a volunteer with community organizations and youth sports. He serves as Secretary of the Newport Township Lions Club.

We congratulate him on receiving this honor and wish him and his family all the best.

New Quality of Life Ordinance Adopted

By John Jarecki ~ At their August meeting, the Township Commissioners approved Township Ordinance #2018-3, a Quality of Life Ordinance. This ordinance specifies as violations various actions that degrade the physical appearance of the community, decrease property values, and impair the quality of life in the community.

These actions include 1) lack of maintenance of properties, 2) littering, 3) failure to dispose animal waste, 4) improper storage of trash, 5) storage of inoperable or unregistered vehicles, 6) operating a business or vending without a permit, and 7) accumulation of snow and ice on sidewalks.

It allows police officers or other Township officials to react immediately to these situations by issuing to the person in violation of the ordinance a ticket that imposes a fine of up to \$100. Each day a violation of the ordinance may be considered a separate offense. If the person does not pay the fine within 5 days or does not comply with the ordinance, the Township will send his case to the Magistrate, who may impose a larger fine or even a jail sentence.

What is new here is that those receiving tickets for violation of the ordinance are required to pay a fine immediately while, under the old system, violators would have weeks or months to comply or be fined. Another important difference is that the Township is now able to write tickets for violations by tenants as well as property owners. Township officials expect that this ordinance will be effective over a period of time in improving the appearance and quality of life in the community.

As of mid-September, the Township has already written more than two dozens tickets. You can view the Quality of Life Ordinance online at the Newport Township website (www.newporttownship.org) or get a copy at the Municipal Building at 351 West Kirmar Avenue.

Trunk or Treat

The Newport Township Women's Activity Group will sponsor a Trunk or Treat Event at the Wanamic Recreation Park on Saturday, October 27 from 1:00 pm to 4:00. Township organizations are welcome to participate. Please contact Debbie Zaleski at 570-706-0722.



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. The obituaries in this newsletter are published in abbreviated form due to limited space; however, a more complete obituary can be found on our web site, www.newporttownship.com. The website also has a link leading to the original newspaper obituary or that of the funeral home. As usual, your comments are always welcome. If someone is missed, please notify this writer at tomkashatus@gmail.com or call (570) 736-6981.

STABULIS, Donald, 76, formerly of Wanamie, passed away January 9, 2018. Donald graduated from Newport Township High School, Class of '59 and was a veteran of the US Marine Corps.

ZOEPKE, William J., 86, of Wilkes Barre passed away May 29, 2018. William was born on July 12, 1931. Bill was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '49. He was a US Navy veteran serving aboard the USS Charles P. Cecil during the Korean War.

FORGACH, Matthew S., 86, passed away May 27, 2018. He was born in Glen Lyon and was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '49. He was a US Army veteran serving during the Korean War.

ECKROTE, John H. "Toe," 72, of Alden, passed away June 1, 2018. John was born on July 5, 1945, and attended Newport High School.

GLUSHEFSKI, Stephen Joseph, 58, of Glen Lyon, passed away June 7, 2018. He worked at Morreale Mid City Auto Body and Bear Ford.

SLAPIKAS, Edward F., a former resident of Wanamie, was 26 years old when he lost his life on the USS Oklahoma as a result of the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese on December 7, 1941. Edward was born on August 9, 1915. He attended Newport Township schools. His remains were brought home for burial on June 9, 2018.

BUSH, Muriel, 89, passed away June 9, 2018. Muriel was born on July 20, 1928 and was a graduate of Newport High School Class of '40. She was life-time resident of Glen Lyon.

DEETS, Edward P., 89, died June 7, 2018. Edward was born on December 13, 1928, and attended Newport High School where he was a member of the varsity baseball team. Edward was a decorated US Army veteran serving in the Korean War for the 2nd Army, 50th Anti-Aircraft Artillery, as a motor-pool transportation sergeant. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal with three Battle-Bronze Service Stars.

RUNDLE, Robert L., 82, passed away June 3, 2018. He was manager of the Glen Lyon/Hanover Bank during the late '60's and early 70's.

HOLMINSKI, Kiwa (nee Hauta), 84, was born in Hokkaido, Japan on September 18, 1933. She was the wife of William Holminski and they lived in Glen Lyon.

BUJNO, Lydia "Nana" (nee Eckrote), 82, of Alden, passed away on June 20, 2018. Lydia was born on December 24, 1935.

KIELAR, Richard Thomas, 74, passed away December 20, 2014. Richard was born on July 7, 1940. He was a graduate of Newport High School Class of '58.

STANELL, Romaine (nee Parks), 90, passed away Sunday, June 17, 2018. Romaine was born in Glen Lyon and was a graduate of Newport High School, Class of '46. Her parents were Bill and Mary Parks.

RICKO, Elizabeth M. (nee Onafrey), 96, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday June 24, 2018. She was born March 27, 1922.

DEKUTOSKI, Thomas E., 77, passed away March 31, 2018. Tom was born in December, 1940 and was a graduate of Newport High School, Class of '58. He was a school principal in Vermont.

SWITHERS, Harry Semmer, 90, passed away on June 22, 2018. Harry was a graduate of Newport High School, Class of '46. He was a veteran of the US Air Force stationed in the Philippines during the Korean War. He became a Mechanical Engineer and retired from Hughes Aircraft after working on space program projects such as the F-14 and the Stealth Bomber.

BUDURKA, Eugene J., 80, of Nanticoke, died July 1, 2018. Eugene was born April 21, 1938 in Sheatown. He was a graduate of Nanticoke High School. He served with the Army Reserves.

NAJAKA, Bruno Benjamin, 88, passed away on July 3, 2018. Bruno was born on March 3, 1930, and was a graduate of Newport High School, Class of '47. He taught Industrial Arts.

ZERILLO, Vito, 76, passed away on December 2, 2017. Vito was a graduate of Newport High School, Class of '59.

NIEMIEC, Bernadine (nee Kowalski) passed away July 9, 2018. Her husband Stanley was born and raised in Glen Lyon.

WASHINSKI, Joseph, 77, died July 10, 2018. Joseph was a graduate of Newport High School, Class of '59.

THOMAS, Irene B. (nee Margalski), 74, of Wanamie, passed away July 10, 2018. Irene was born on March 21, 1944, and was a graduate of Nanticoke High School.

RAVIN, Joan B. (nee Cooper), 86, passed away July 9, 2018. Joan was the wife of Dr. John L. Ravin, D.D.S. who was born and raised in Glen Lyon and graduated from Newport Township High School.

WENGRYN, John M., 79, of Alden, passed away July 20, 2018. John was born in June, 1939, and was a member of Newport Township graduating Class of '57.

COULTER, Daniel J., 80, passed away July 22, 2018. Daniel was born on August 5, 1937 and was a graduate of Newport High School, Class of '56. He served with the US Army from June 1956 to June 1959.

REMEIKA, Gerard, passed away July 2, 2017. He was the brother of Joseph Remeika of Wanamie.

KOTSULL, Robert J., 71, passed away July 19, 2018. Robert graduated from Newport High School, Class of '64. He earned degrees from Penn State University, University of Scranton, Wilkes, and Marywood. He was a psychology professor.

KANYUCK, Rosemary, 67, of Glen Lyon, passed away August 17, 2018. Rosemary was born on August 15, 1951, and she was a graduate of Newport High School, Class of '69.

MAYO, Sharon, 42, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away August 21, 2018. Sharon was born April 10, 1976. She graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area High School Class of '94.

GALICKI, Ralph T., 94, passed away August 19, 2018. Ralph was born on February 27, 1924, raised in Glen Lyon, and was a member of Newport High School Class of '41. Ralph was a US Marine veteran of WW II, participating in the landing at Okinawa and was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

GRONKOWSKI, Mark M., 54, of Glen Lyon, passed away August 25, 2018. Mark was born on January 12, 1964. He graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area High. He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Fowler.

BUSH, Frances, (nee Paganucci), 80, passed away August 26, 2018. Frances was a graduate of Newport High School Class of '56. She retired as a nurse's aide.

NOLFI, Jule "Jay" (nee Sedor), 95, of Wasila Alaska, formerly of Alden, passed away March 27, 2018. Jay was born on May 19, 1922. She and her late husband, Adrian Nolfi of Sheatown, moved to Alaska in 1947.

TANEY, Eugene E., 85, of Dorrance Township, passed away March 16, 2018. Gene was born on July 17, 1932. He graduated from Newport High School, Class of '51. Gene was a US Army veteran of the Korean War.

THOMAS, Ella R., (nee Pleiscott), 91, of Slocum, passed away March 17, 2018. Ella attended Newport High School.

BELLES, Elizabeth J. (nee Wallace), 81, of Glen Lyon, passed away April 18, 2018. She was born on March 27, 1937. She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, William Belles.

The Knights of Columbus Help Others

By Tom Kashatus ~ The Knights of Columbus is a world-wide charitable organization doing several good deeds for the Catholic Church, community, and other areas of service and volunteer work. Many people associate the Knights of Columbus as those "people with the funny feather hats" and those who host fine roast beef dinners and fish fry fundraisers. The local Council of Glen Lyon/Mocanaqua, however, do those fundraisers to aid other community organizations like the food pantries of Shickshinny and Nanticoke, clothing drives for the homeless, Seminarian studies, the ARC (Advocacy for People with Disabilities), and more. Sacred Heart Council #10676 of Glen Lyon, meets at Saint Adalbert's Church Hall on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome and anyone interested in joining to help with their worthy projects can reach out to any member or call Grand Knight VJ George at 570-735-3411.



Shown above are members of the local Glen Lyon chapter presenting a check to Seminarian Shawn Simchock of Hazleton to assist him with his studies at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Boston, MA. Left to right are: Jason Kowalski; Mike Frantz; Peter Zaleski; Robert Shemanski; Edward Yacuboski; Rev. Louis Kaminiski, Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish; Seminarian Shawn Simchock; Grand Knight VJ George; Stanley Helstowski; Frank Butz, Henry Turchanik; and Bill Davis.



Above: Presentation of a \$2,100.00 contribution for Hurricane Harvey Relief in Texas. This fund drive was spearheaded by the Glen Lyon Council and supported by the Knights of Columbus Bishop Hafey Assembly and other councils from Nanticoke, Wilkes Barre, and Plymouth. Accepting the check are Grand Knight Ron Taylor, left, and Matthew George, right, of Bishop Morkovsky Council #10390 in Houston, Texas.

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Use Your Imagination!

By Tom Kashatus ~ Take a few old tires, a few dabs of patriotic paint (red, white, and blue), some inexpensive accessories, and plant some flowers and what a difference! That's what tenants Laura Weidow and Ashton Brozusky did to spruce up the front of their home, the historic "Skating Rink" building on East Main Street in Glen Lyon. The Skating Rink is next door to another historic building, Number One Hose House of Glen Lyon where emergency ambulance services first originated in Newport Township.



The Skating Rink, a building that normally hasn't been noticed over the years going back to when it was a garment factory, now catches the attention of passers-by who say to themselves, "What the heck, not bad!"

Veranne's 90th Birthday Party

By Tom Kashatus ~ Veranne (Anne) Rinehamer (nee Lombardelli), "Nana" to her family, of Brown Row, Wanamie celebrated her 90th birthday with almost 120 family members at the Fairview Township Fire Hall Grove. A visit from her close friend, Rep. Gerald Mullery, was a highlight of the celebration as he



"Nana" with Rep. Gerald Mullery

presented to her special citations from the PA House of Representatives and the PA Senate from Senator John Yudichak for her wonderful achievements throughout life. Veranne was married to Harry Rinehamer who passed away in 1998, and they were the parents of 13 children: Robert, Elizabeth, Richard, Susan, Linda, Thomas, Mary, Anne, Kathy, Mark, Pamela, Paul, and Laurie. Anne and Harry's family has grown to 23 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and close friends. Due to failing eyesight, today Nana spends much of her time at home where she has lived for 70 years and now crochets as her favorite hobby. In yesteryear, she was enthusiastically involved in the Church, Senior Citizens, and the Red Hat Society, to name a few. The furthest traveled to celebrate with Nana were Grandson Sean Mahoney of Dallas, Texas, and daughters Elizabeth (with husband, David) Peterfreund and Linda (with husband, Terry) Mahoney from Polk City, Florida.

Pictured below are Rinehamer family members who helped celebrate.



Taste of the Township

Potato

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki
~ The Inca Indians in Peru were the first to cultivate potatoes around 8,000 BC to 5,000 B.C. In 1536, Spanish Conquistadors conquered Peru, discovered the flavors of the potato, and took them to Europe. The staple was



subsequently conveyed by European mariners to territories and ports throughout the world. Sir Walter Raleigh introduced potatoes to Ireland in 1589 on 40,000 acres of land near Cork. It took nearly four decades for the potato to spread to the rest of Europe. Eventually, agriculturalists in Europe found potatoes easier to grow and cultivate than other staple crops, such as wheat and oats. Most importantly, it became known that potatoes contained most of the vitamins needed for sustenance. According to conservative estimates, the introduction of the potato was responsible for a quarter of the growth in Old World population and urbanization between 1700 and 1900.

Along with the potato came another important Peruvian import: guano. The Chincha Islands are a clutch of three dry, granitic islands 13 miles off the southern coast of Peru. Almost nothing grows on them. Their sole distinction is a population of seabirds attracted by the vast schools of fish which congregate along the coast. The birds have nested on the Chincha Islands for millennia. It was said that the Chinchas gave off a stench so intense they were difficult to approach because of the guano. Guano makes excellent fertilizer because it is a source of nitrogen, which plants need to make chlorophyll, the green molecule that absorbs the sun's energy for photosynthesis. In 1840, the organic chemist Justus von Liebig published a pioneering treatise that explained how plants depend on nitrogen. He extolled guano as an excellent source of it. Sophisticated farmers, many of them big landowners, raced to buy the stuff. Their yields doubled, even tripled. In just a few years, agriculture in Europe and the United States became dependent on guano for increased yields.

The lack of genetic diversity, due to the very limited number of varieties of potato initially introduced, left the crop vulnerable to disease. In 1845, a plant disease known as late blight spread rapidly throughout Europe, wiping out the potato crop in many countries. Scientists believe that it originated in Peru. Large-scale traffic between Peru and northern Europe had begun with the guano rush. The Irish working class lived largely on potatoes and when the blight reached Ireland, their main staple food disappeared. This famine left many poverty-stricken families with no choice but to struggle to survive or emigrate out of Ireland. Over the course of the famine, almost one million people died from starvation or disease. Another one million people left Ireland, mostly for Canada and the United States. Within a decade, two million more had fled Ireland, almost three-quarters of them to the United States. As late as the 1960s, Ireland's population was half what it had been in 1840. Today the nation has the distinction of being the only country in Europe to have fewer people within the same boundaries than it did 170 years ago.

Despite its ghastly outcome, late blight (*P. infestans*) may be less important in the long run than another imported species: the Colorado potato beetle. Desperate farmers tried everything they could to rid themselves of the invaders. Eventually one man apparently threw some leftover green paint on his infested plants. It worked. The emerald pigment in the paint was Paris green, made largely from arsenic and copper. Farmers diluted it with flour and dusted it on their potatoes or mixed it with water and sprayed. In the mid-1880s, a French researcher discovered that spraying a solution of copper sulfate and lime would kill *P. infestans*. The modern pesticide industry had begun. The pesticide industry kept coming up with new arsenic compounds that kept killing potato beetles. After World War II an entirely new type of pesticide came into wide use: DDT. Farmers bought DDT and exulted as insects vanished from their

fields. The celebration lasted about seven years. The beetle adapted. Potato growers demanded new chemicals. The industry provided diel-drin. It lasted about three years. By the mid-1980s, a new pesticide in the eastern United States was good for about a single planting. In what critics call the "toxic treadmill," potato farmers now treat their crops a dozen or more times a season with an ever-changing cavalcade of substances. Nonetheless, the pests keep coming back. Researchers were dismayed in the 1980s to discover that new types of *P. infestans* had found their way to Europe and America. They were more virulent—and more resistant to metalaxyl, the chief current anti-blight treatment. No good substitute has yet appeared.

Potato Facts

1. The potato is the world's fourth largest food crop, following rice, wheat, and maize.
2. The potato contains most of the vitamins needed for sustenance, and they could be provided to nearly 10 people for each acre of land cultivated. (Check out the book "The Martian" by Andy Weir and subsequent film starring Matt Damon.)
3. The potato Andeans roasted before contact with Europeans was not the modern spud; they cultivated different varieties at different altitudes. Most people in a village planted a few basic types, but most everyone also planted others to have a variety of tastes. The International Potato Center in Peru has preserved almost 5,000 varieties.
4. The raw potato is 79% water, 17% carbohydrates (88% of which is starch), 2% protein, contains negligible fat, and is a rich source of vitamin B6 and vitamin C.
5. Potatoes are used to brew alcoholic beverages such as vodka, poitin (a traditional Irish brew), or akvavit (made in Scandinavia).
6. There are thousands of recipes using potatoes as a primary ingredient and thousands more using them as a secondary ingredient. The primary recipes include variations of: mashed potatoes, French fries, baked, twice-baked, scalloped, roasted, Hasselback, potato salad, potato soup, potato chips, hash browns, home fries, pierogis, potatoes au-gratin, and of course, a local favorite, potato pancakes.
7. The sweet potato is a plant that belongs to the bindweed or morning glory family. The sweet potato is only distantly related to the potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) and does not belong to the nightshade family, but both families belong to the same taxonomic order, the Solanales. The sweet potato is botanically very distinct from a genuine yam (*Dioscorea*), which is native to Africa and Asia.



Newsletter Found in Italy!

Pictured are John And Chris Selecky of Laguna Beach, CA reading the Summer Newsletter as they are serenaded by a gondolier in Venice, Italy. John grew up in Glen Lyon and is a Newport graduate, Class of '59. We invite everyone to send us proof that the Newsletter has gone International!

The Flora and Fauna of Newport Township



Bald Eagle

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Occasionally you can see a bald eagle soaring over Retreat Mountain in Glen Lyon. These are individuals exploring their territory while nesting near Lily Lake or the Susquehanna River. This young bald eagle was seen at Lily Lake. If you spot a large bird soaring high in the sky in northeastern Pennsylvania it could be either a bald eagle or a turkey vulture. The vulture in flight flaps

very little, rocks side to side with wings held upward in a shallow V and is rather long tailed. The adult bald eagle is easy to identify with its white head and tail but juvenile bald eagles are mostly dark. They have wedge shaped tails and soar with flat wings.

Bald Eagle Facts

1. The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, from Greek ἄλς, *hals* "sea", αἰετός *aietos* "eagle", λευκός, *leukos* "white", κεφαλή, *kephalē* "head") is a bird of prey found in North America. Its range includes most of Canada and Alaska, all of contiguous United States, and northern Mexico.
2. Of paramount importance for this species is an abundance of old-growth and mature stands of coniferous or hardwood trees for perching, roosting, and nesting and a surrounding body of water with an abundant food supply. The bald eagle is an opportunistic feeder which subsists mainly on fish.
3. It builds the largest nest of any North American bird and the largest tree nests ever recorded for any animal species, up to 13 feet deep, 8 feet wide, and 1.1 short tons in weight.
4. In the late 20th century it was on the brink of extinction in the contiguous United States. Populations have since recovered and the species was removed from the U.S. government's list of endangered species on July 12, 1995 and transferred to the list of threatened species. It was removed from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife in the lower 48 states on June 28, 2007.
5. Bald eagle soaring can reach great heights. Using thermal convection currents, they can climb to up to 10,000 feet in the air. They can soar for hours using these currents. When cruising, they can fly about 40 mph. In addition, if their water source freezes, bald eagles may use thermal convection currents to migrate in the winter.
6. On average, male bald eagles weigh 25 percent less than females.
7. The name comes from an old English word, "balde," meaning white.
8. Since ancient times, the eagle has been considered a sign of strength; Roman legions used the animal as their standard, or symbol. The founders of the United States were fond of comparing their new republic with the Roman Republic.
9. The bald eagle is a sacred bird in some North American cultures, and its feathers, like those of the golden eagle, are central to many religious and spiritual customs among Native Americans. Eagles are considered spiritual messengers between gods and humans by some cultures.
10. The bald eagle was chosen June 20, 1782 as the emblem of the United States of America, because of its long life, great strength and majestic looks, and also because it was then believed to exist only on this continent. The bald eagle's role as a national symbol is linked to its 1782 landing on the Great Seal of the United States. Shortly after the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776, the

Continental Congress gave Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams the job of designing an official seal for the new nation. However, the three Founding Fathers failed to come up with a design that won Congress' approval, as did two later committees that were given the task. In mid-June 1782, the work of all three committees was handed over to Charles Thomson, the secretary of Congress. Thomson chose what he thought were the best elements of the various designs and made the eagle—which had been introduced by artistically inclined Pennsylvania lawyer William Barton in a design submitted by the third committee—more prominent. . On June 20, 1782, the Continental Congress adopted the design for the Great Seal of the United States depicting a bald eagle grasping 13 arrows and an olive branch with its talons.

11. The bald eagle is both the national bird and national animal of the United States of America.

12. There is no truth to the oft-quoted statement that Benjamin Franklin lobbied Congress to get the turkey approved as our national emblem.



Beware of the Bear!

This black bear visited John and Carol Jarecki's bird feeder in their back yard on East Main Street, Glen Lyon, in July. "Barney" was in no hurry, and ate all the bird seed before ambling away towards the woods. He was oblivious to his captive audience.

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No More School



By Tom Kashatus ~ Growing up in Glen Lyon and Newport Township during the 1940's and '50's, our parents most often tried to focus on education as we moved through our kindergarten, elementary, and secondary education levels. Please keep in mind that most of our parents came from backgrounds of hard living, hard work, and deep religious feelings.

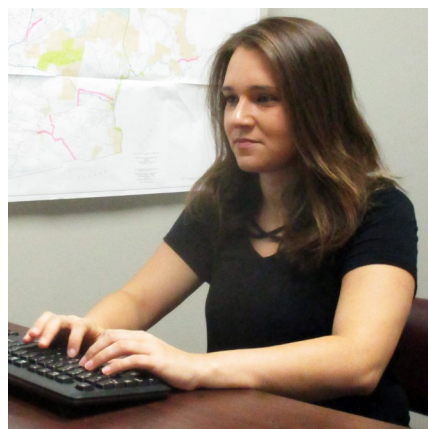
Fathers worked in the mines or breakers, mothers spent full days as homemakers, and Church on Sunday was a must. Even though many fathers only completed a sixth-grade education (quitting school to go to work to help family finances), many casual conversations centered on where they went to school and how tough the principal was. I know of five schools in Glen Lyon: West Enterprise Street School, Kosciuszko School, Pulaski School, Coal Street School, Roosevelt School, and a one room school house where the American Legion now stands. In Wanamie, there were Columbus School, Newport Township High School with Annex, and the Main Street School. In Alden, K. M. Smith School, Pershing School, and Kirmar Avenue School, and Sheatown's Robert Street School. Stearns had Lincoln School. Not only did Newport Township take care of its own, but also the young adults who lived in Slocum and Dorrance Townships and Nuangola Borough after they finished their elementary and middle school grades in the one-room schoolhouses of those municipalities. These outlying districts later became part of the Crestwood Area School District. In 1957, Conyngham Township left Northwest Area School District and joined with Newport Township School District in grades from K to 12. In 1966, Greater Nanticoke School District was formed taking in Newport Township, Nanticoke City, Conyngham Township, and Plymouth Township. The importance of K. M. Smith School in Alden blossomed with the eventual increased enrollment.

Times change over the years; and we are now going into an era when Newport Township will have "no more schools." The point of this article is not to get into the political aspect of how and why there are "no more schools" in Newport Township, but to bring to the forefront the date June 8, 2018, a sad day when the Greater Nanticoke Area School District closed Newport Township's last school, K. M. Smith Elementary School in Alden. When we think of education and the greatness of the many men and women who passed through the Newport Township school system over the years, and even the past century, "no more schools" in Newport Township is very difficult to fathom. We have lost more than schools. We have lost a culture. We have lost memories. We have lost part of our heritage. Some say that we will get over it; but that will not be until this generation and subsequent generations that passed through Newport Township schools will be lost in time.

At 9:00 a.m., June 8, 2018, one lonely patrolman stood at the beginning of fifteen buses lined up in front of K. M. Smith School in Alden. A school bell rang and the first and second grade children began to stream out from the school building under the supervision of the principal. Everything progressed in an orderly manner. There was no noise. Within a half hour K. M. Smith was empty except for a few staff to tie up some loose ends. Finally the last bus departed K. M. It is now the end of an era. "No More Schools" in Newport Township - a sad day for all, present and future.

Rep. Gerald Mullery Summer Intern Jaime Yarosh

By Tom Kashatus ~ Thus far, the journey of Jaime Yarosh has taken her from Luzerne as a child, to Florida as a teenager, and now as a young woman to Glen Lyon as a college junior doing a summer internship with Rep Gerald Mullery (D) of the 119th Pennsylvania Legislative District. Jaime is the daughter of Robert and Karen Yarosh, and for the



past seven years they have lived on Newport Street in the Hollywood Section of Glen Lyon. She graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area High School in June of 2015. She has completed her junior year of college at Bloomsburg University and it appears as if political science has taken the lead in a career choice.

When Jaime entered Bloomsburg, her interests directed her to enroll in pre-med. Beginning in her second year of college, Jamie became interested in Environmental Science. She began taking political science courses in her junior year. She will pursue a minor in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) as she journeys through her senior year and she hopes to find employment that will lead to a career combating domestic terrorism.

During her internship with Rep. Mullery's office, she has spent a great deal of time assisting the Representative with his newly established "Youth Advisory Council." (Check out the website: <http://www.pahouse.com/Mullery/InTheNews/NewsRelease/?id=96992>.) Council members will have a chance to: (1) meet with peers from the legislative district to discuss important issues, (2) help discover solutions, and (3) consider ways to involve their classmates locally. The council will work directly with Mullery and his staff to collaborate on key issues for young people in the region.

Yarosh stated, "I am very excited to work with Rep. Mullery and his staff over the summer. I look forward to working with the talented young minds on the Youth Advisory Council."

Mullery Chief of Staff, Cody Forgach, responded, "Jaime doesn't hold back with suggestions; she's quick to find an idea or thought to help people with everyday situations."



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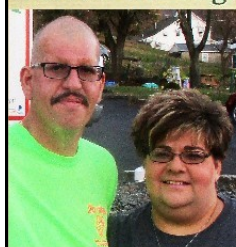
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The Altar and Rosary and the Holy Name Societies of St. Adalbert's Church, Glen Lyon sponsored a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 9. Pictured above are: Stephie Stogoski, Carol Sobotka, Heidi Jarecki, and JoAnne Thomas.



Valley With A Heart Benefits held its annual picnic on Sunday September 2 at St. Faustina's Grove in Sheatown. Funds raised help families who have children with serious illnesses.

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Flag Day



By Lorrie Materewicz ~ Pennsylvania is the only state that officially recognizes Flag Day as a holiday, and Newport Township American Legion Post 539 in Glen Lyon hosts an annual ceremony to which the public is invited. Joined by members of Jeffries-Slapikas Legion Post 971, VFW Post 8353, Auxiliary Unit 539, & SAL (Sons of the American Legion) Squadron 539, the annual ceremony usually consists of the inspection and disposal by burning of worn and tattered flags turned in by the

public over the previous year. This year's ceremony, however, was different. The Post's official American flag flies atop a flagpole located in the memorial garden on the left side of the Post home on Newport Street. This year's attendees gathered around the garden, "Taps" was played on the bugle, and the new flag was unfurled and held aloft by Legion Commander Shawn Swicklik and Home Association President Joe Figlerski. SAL Commander Kyle Pegarella lowered the old flag, detached it, and presented it to the Legion Commander. Kyle was given the new flag and he respectfully raised it while all saluted or held hands over hearts. The old one was ceremoniously inspected, folded, then carried to the newly-constructed stone firepit and burned. Following the ceremony, a picnic-style social was held for all participants and the public. Just a reminder: worn, tattered flags may continue to be turned in to Judy at the Glen Lyon Post Office or to the Glen Lyon American Legion. God Bless.



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Rising Star

By Lorrie Materewicz ~ Newport Township is home to some wonderfully creative and talented people whose names are easily recognizable beyond our geographic boundaries. Take, for example, the band "40 Lb. Head." For readers who know who the band members are, I don't even have to mention their names. Well, another name to be on the lookout for is Gabriel Josefowicz of Glen Lyon. Dave and Gina (Paganucci) Josefowicz were married in 1999, and their son (who prefers to be called Gabe) was born May 31, 2004. Gabe's paternal grandparents were the late Virginia and Barry Josefowicz of Nanticoke. His maternal grandparents are Barb and Liborio Paganucci of Glen Lyon. As it turns out, Gabe is an extremely talented and dedicated musician whose instrument of choice is the electric guitar.

This interest began at the tender age of 4 when he and his dad Dave began playing the video game "Guitar Hero," with Gabe enjoying playing the part of "Slash" from the band Guns and Roses. This led to his taking guitar lessons starting at age 8 from instructor Greg Bealla at Hilltop Music in Nanticoke. Gabe continues taking lessons from Greg at Rockology Music Academy in Wilkes-Barre.

As a student at Greater Nanticoke High School, Gabe is a member since 2017 of two high school bands: the "Rockology All Stars" and "Explosive Cyclogenesis," also known as "ECG." (Another student and member of ECG is Jonathon Lantz, grandson of Ann Marie Gorgas, former township resident and teacher of CCD classes at Holy Spirit Parish.) ECG has impressively played such venues as the Irem



Gabe performing at National Night Out in Sheatown on August 7.

Temple Country Club in Dallas, Mohegan Sun Arena (at a Penguins' hockey game), the Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, the Valley With A Heart Festival in Exeter, and Riverfest in Wilkes-Barre. Both bands have played the Cherry Blossom Festival in West Pittston as well as twice at "Records Store Day" at the Gallery of Sound in Wilkes-Barre.

Gabe's solo accomplishments began much earlier as a member of Nanticoke Area Little League that plays on the Joseph Hillan Little League Field in Wanamie.

Gabe, in his Firefighters uniform, played the National Anthem on opening day. In August 2017, he also played the National Anthem at a Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Railriders' baseball game. The organization was so impressed by his performance, they invited him back for another! ECG also received much exposure when they were part of the summer's "Big Bang Fest" event held at Greater Nanticoke Area High School. Gabe currently envisions a future in the music industry, perhaps in sound mixing or lighting design. Whatever the field, this 14-year-old rising star, now on the horizon, will most assuredly eventually reach the stratosphere. Godspeed, Gabe!



During the month of July, traffic along Kirmar Parkway between Wanamie and Alden took detours through Newport Center while work was done on the bridge over Newport Creek.

OFF ROAD VEHICLE TRAFFIC

We have finally reached our Tipping Point

A Tipping Point is loosely defined as when a situation reaches level where something happens. Such is the case with off-road vehicle operation. Newport Township's residents have many ways of having fun and enjoying Township amenities. One example is the use of off-road vehicles. Our wooded areas and unpaved trails provide hours of recreational opportunity to many who enjoy getting off the beaten path. Unfortunately, as with any program or activity, there are those who take liberties above and beyond what is acceptable. Obviously, common sense should include respect for others within the community. With that as a backdrop, Newport residents are being put on notice that unsafe and illegal operation of off-road vehicles (quads & side by sides) will NOT BE TOLERATED. All Commissioners have heard numerous complaints from residents about inconsiderate and dangerous use of off-road vehicles; therefore, they have tasked our police officers with enhanced monitoring and enforcement of relevant law. Particular emphasis will be given to driving on Township roadways. Violators will be apprehended and ticketed under the newly announced crack down. All operators of off-road vehicles are advised to take this notice seriously... We have reached the tipping Point.

Peter Wanchisen, Township Manager



Manhole covers along Main Street in Glen Lyon were replaced during July and August.



Work has begun to address a long-standing drainage problem in the alley by the Glen Lyon Post Office. Some trees bordering the alley were removed and the ruts in the road surface will be filled in and eventually paved.



The Recreation Park in Wanamie was very active this summer. Pictured above is the Greater Nanticoke Area Youth Soccer Organization.



St Faustina's Parish in Nanticoke held its annual picnic at the Grove in Sheatown in June. At right are some lively polka dancers who made the earth shake!

Newport Township Crime Watch

By Sue Heinz ~ Tuesday, August 7, 2018 was a day that made a lot of us proud to call Newport Township home. Our community turned out in huge numbers to support Crime Watch and the Police Department at our 3rd Annual National Night Out Community Picnic held at St. Faustina's Grove in Sheatown.. The weather forecast called for rain, but as if it knew it wasn't welcome, the rain stayed away and we had a beautiful day in so many ways.

There are many people who need to be thanked for the success of our Picnic that I can't even begin to list them by name. I know if I try, I'll forget someone or misspell their name. Special thanks to the First Responders of Newport Township and surrounding communities who turned out in full force. Thanks to the members of the Military who attended. Thanks to the Government Agencies, Elected Officials, Civic Organizations, Veterans Groups, Township Groups, Scout Troops, GNA Honor Society and Student Council, Businesses, and Individuals who sat at a table and provided information or conducted an activity.. Thank you to the fantastic staff from St. Faustina who handled the kitchen and the vendors who provided a variety of food and drinks. Thanks to those who donated the door prize and ran the table to collect the entries. The door prize was won by Cindi Roback. Thanks to everyone involved with the Chili Cook-off; the participants, the samplers and voters, and the folks in charge. Thanks to everyone who baked for the Bake Sale, to everyone who purchased the delicious baked goods and to the ladies who were in charge. Thanks to the very talented young people who entertained us with their music or dancing and to our DJ. To our costumed friends, thank you. We thank the businesses, individuals and groups that donated a gift certificate or a basket to our Silent Auctions, to the folks who manned the table and sold the tickets and to each and every one of you who bought those tickets. Thanks to the businesses that brought their heavy equipment so that youngsters and adults alike could touch and explore. Thanks to all of you who were willing to get wet in the Dunk Tank and to those who ran it. Thank you to each member of the Crime Watch and the Police Department who contributed their time and energy to plan and carry out our Picnic and to the volunteers from the Township and Nanticoke who stepped in and helped out wherever they were needed. The biggest thank you goes out to our community for coming to our Picnic and enjoying what we had to offer.. Our community stretched from the Township to Nanticoke, Wapwallopen, Hanover Township, West Wyoming, Wilkes-Barre, Pringle, Weatherly, and all points in between. You all had such nice things to say about us wearing our Crime Watch shirts.during the picnic and afterwards on Facebook. Without your support and attendance, there would be no reason to plan for the 4th Annual National Night Out Community Picnic. You all gave us that reason so don't make any other plans for Tuesday, August 6, 2019. We hope to see you then with an even better event.

Crime Watch meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Township Municipal Building on Kirmar Avenue at 7 pm. At our meeting on October 11, we will finalize plans for Halloween. We will also meet on November 8 and have our holiday gathering on December 13.. All township residents are welcome to attend.

Crime Watch and Newport Township Emergency Management are planning an Emergency Preparedness Program at the Wanamie Recreation Park in October. This will be open to the public. As this article is being written, final details have not been completed. Stay tuned to the Newport Township Crime Watch Facebook page for more information.

Italian Hoagie Sale

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon will be selling Italian Hoagies on Election Day, November 6. Please place your order with Carol Sobotka at 570-736-7149 or by using the signup sheets in the back of the Church. Hoagies are \$6.00 each. Pick up between 11 am and 1 pm. Thanks!



NTCO Partners with IASC & GNA Wrestling



By Tom Kashatus ~ Pictured left is NTCO Recycling Chairperson, Tom Kashatus, presenting a check for \$328.00 to Lea Hoffman, Glen Lyon Italian American Sporting Club Steward, for their stored aluminum cans derived from its daily business trade. When it became difficult to secure transportation of the cans to the recycling center,

the Newport Township Community Organization volunteered to partner with the IASC and help them in their time of need. Lea stated that the funds will be used to support the club's programs for children throughout the year. She also noted that the revived "Bingo Night" on the second Saturday of the month has been gaining steady popularity with the members and guests.

Pictured below is Treasurer Bob Wentz (left) and President Delia Bracero (right) of the Greater Nanticoke Area Wrestling Booster Club receiving a check for \$961.00 from Recycling Chairman Tom



Kashatus of the NTCO for scrap metals that were received from members and friends of the GNA wrestling program and recycled as a fundraiser to benefit athletes on the

elementary, junior high and varsity wrestling teams. Recycling of old unwanted metal items and appliances is an excellent way to provide financial support for youth programs of local volunteer organizations. All it takes is a little effort and work.

The GNA Wrestling Booster Club will be sponsoring a special Wrestling Tournament at the Greater Nanticoke Area High School on October 24th and 25th. October 24th will feature an individual open tournament for wrestlers 6th through 12th grade entitled "Escape in the Jungle." A team tournament for wrestlers K thru 8th grade will take place on October 25th, entitled "Battle in the Jungle." Chairperson Tom Gernhart of Glen Lyon stated the following teams are presently committed: "Kracken" from Kenneth Square, PA; "Excalibur" out of Wyoming Seminary; "Junior Terps" from Maryland; "SEPA" of Norristown, PA; and "Super Kids" of Wyoming Valley.

Fall Bingo

The Newport Township Women's Activity Group will hold their Fall Bingo at St. Adalbert's Church Hall, Market Street, Glen Lyon on Sunday, November 11. Doors will open at 12 noon and play begins at 1:00 pm. Proceeds benefit events for children in the Township.



Papal Advice

See everything; overlook a great deal; correct a little.

~ Pope John XXIII

Michael Dill: His Memory Lives On



MICHAEL DILL
GLEN LYON, PA

Mike joined the Marine Corps in 1948. Mike survived the Inchon (Korea) Invasion, however, while advancing on Seoul, Korea, he was shot by a sniper and was killed on Sept. 24, 1950. A graduate of Newport H.S. 1948. Mike was the first in his class of 166 to die!

At right is Michael in a fatigue uniform prior to his deployment to Korea.



1970, his remains were transferred to Saint Mary's Cemetery in Hanover Township to be interred alongside those of his mother and father who had since been buried there after moving to New York.

Note: Due to negotiations by President Donald Trump, the remains of soldiers who were held by the North Koreans are finally being released and transported home for identification and proper interment, a sorrowful void that has remained with families for over 60 years. Today, the Korean War is not the "Forgotten War."

I would like to thank Gene Skordinski, cousin of Corporal Dill and who was 9 years old at the time of Michael's deployment to Korea, and John Greytok, also a cousin of Corporal Dill, for their input and impetus to write this story about the legacy of a true local hero. There are memorials of over fifty servicemen from Newport Township, who served in all branches of the military included in John Forgach's

Veterans Memorial displayed in the Glen Lyon American Legion. Please refer to the NTCO website, www.newporttownship.com. Their memories also deserve the attention given to Corporal Michael Dill Jr. of the United States Marine Corps.

Newport Twp. Lions Club Golf Tournament

By Tom Kashatus ~ On August 17th at Rolling Pines Golf Course, Berwick, the Newport Township Lions Club sponsored their 40th

annual golf tournament. Chairperson for the event was long-time Lion member, John Zyla, who has chaired the tournament for 40 years.



Pictured above with a 2018 Ford Focus which would be donated by DelBalso Ford of Kingston to the first golfer who scored a "hole in one" throughout the event are: seated, Dan DelBalso Sr.; standing left to right, Dan and Pat DelBalso; and Lion Club members, Charlie Molecavage, John Zyla, PA Senator John Yudichak, and Newport Township Police Chief Jeremy Blank.

Tournament Results

Lions' members who worked tournament are seated left to right:



Ronald Womelsdorf, Edward Zaborney, and Mike Kaminski. Standing are: Jeremy Blank, Krissy Blank, Chairman John Zyla, John Kurowski, and President Dr. Donald Reese. After a challenging rainy day at the golf course, the following champions were

crowned: Championship Flight - Ted Katra and Jake Biehl; A Flight - Gary Williams and Tom Kiewlak; B Flight - Jim Tarnowski and Don Whittaker; C Flight - Mel Dudeck and Bob Donahue; D Flight - Joe Deluca and Dawson Jenkins. After the tournament, the participants returned to Glen Lyon for refreshments at the Italian American Sporting Club. The committee wants to thank all sponsors and golfers for their support of a successful tournament.

By Tom Kashatus ~ As a Mom and/or Dad, try to imagine receiving a letter from a commanding officer which starts as follows: "The untimely death of your son or daughter is a source of great sorrow to me and his/her many friends in this company. Please accept my deepest sympathy in your bereavement." Heartbreaking, unbearable, painful. What could be worse?

With Veterans Day approaching on November 11, we are preparing to celebrate the fourth patriotic holiday this year, the other three being Memorial Day, Flag Day, and the Fourth of July, which pays homage to our patriotic duty. Veterans Day memorializes those who have served to protect this nation; to fight for those values that we cherish; and to deter enemies of civilization who try to deprive weaker societies of their rights to be free and independent.

I will go back in time to September 24, 1950, when troops of the 2nd Platoon, "H" Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, of the 1st Marine Division, were deployed atop Hill 296 overlooking the entire western part of Seoul, capital of South Korea, a commanding position of the battle which was taking place. (For years thereafter, the Korean War was called the "Forgotten War." It was a war not won by either side as it ended without a treaty being signed by North and South Korea and the allies of both sides.)

Marine Corporal Michael Dill, a young man from Glen Lyon and a 1948 graduate of Newport Township High School, was a member of that 2nd platoon which had just made the Inchon Landing under the leadership of General Douglas MacArthur. Michael was a typical boy while growing up in Glen Lyon, enjoying hunting and fishing locally. He became a member of the Boy Scouts like so many other youngsters. Michael came from a large family, and was related to many families with familiar Newport Township names during that time - Howanitz, Skordinsky, Mayewski, Sergott, Adamovich, Greytok, Kutz, Keblish, and Gorney.

At 3:30 p.m., a downhill attack at the southeast slope of Hill 296 was led by the 2nd platoon with the objective of seizing ground vital to the successful movement of the remainder of the battalion. Michael Dill was mortally wounded during intense firefights with the enemy. Michael was buried in Korea at the time; his remains were returned home in April 1951 to be buried in Saint Michael's Cemetery, Glen Lyon.

Full military honors were accorded to our local hero, the son of the late Michael and Mary (Howanitz) Dill Sr. Military rites and honor guard, such as pallbearers, firing squad, bugler, flagbearers, and chaplain, at the gravesite were carried out by members of Glen Lyon American Legion Post 539, Chester Strzalka VFW Post 8353, and Jeffries/Slapikas American Legion Post 971. Familiar names participating at the time include: Father Podkul, Father Lafaj, Murphy, Bodek, Schinski, Beeunas, Shiner, Dmyterko, Tiliński, Zablocki, Koscbowski, Kanyuck, Struminski, Domzalski, Zaleski, Russin, Paczkowski, Lesnicki, Zolnerowicz, Dolinski, Bush, Kaminski, Shultz, Maddey, Klutz, Bernarski, Rospierski, Coban, Bisczak, Maxey, Kazukaitis, Chimelewski, Kovalich, and Olinginski. In



Left to right: Elizabeth Lerda as a Newport Township High School teacher in 1943; at her retirement in 1968; a gym class in the 1940's.

Newport Township Teachers: Elizabeth Lerda

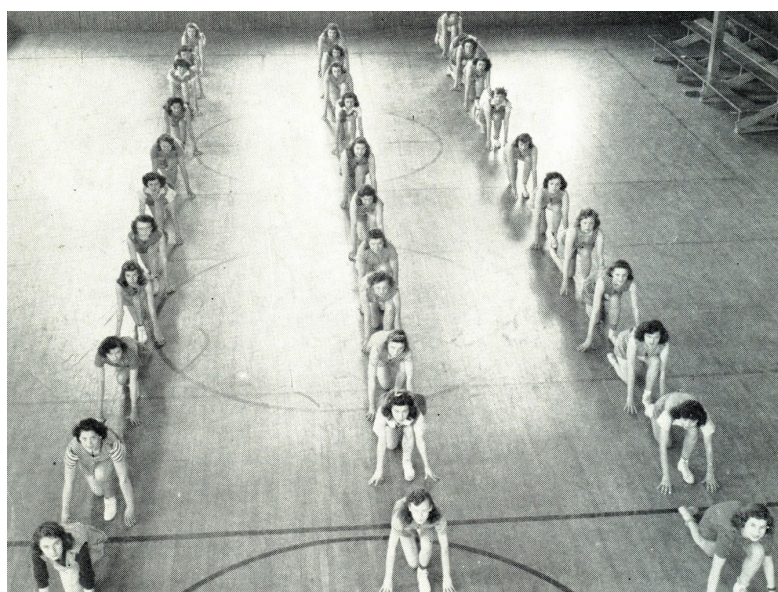
By Heidi Jarecki ~ Elizabeth E. Ravin Lerda, known as "Beth" or "Betty," was born on December 30, 1902. Her parents were John Ravin and Mary Ann Kazmierski Ravin, both of whom immigrated to this country from Poland. John was born in 1862 and Mary in 1864. The original spelling of the family name was "Rewinis." The name was changed to "Ravin" (sometimes spelled "Raven") probably at the port of entry into the United States. It is possible the family has Lithuanian roots, but Poland is listed as their country of origin.

Mary had been previously married to Frank Stadt, of Nanticoke. They had three children. Frank was killed tragically in a train accident in June, 1888. He was 28 years old. The three children from Mary's first marriage were Joseph Stadt, John Stadt and Victoria Stadt. Mary married John Ravin in Luzerne County on July 11, 1889. They settled in Glen Lyon and together had seven children, Beth being the youngest. Beth's siblings were: Martha Krause, Ann Leitzel, Peter Ravin, Louis Ravin, Mary Gardner, and Agnes Gavey. Joseph, John and Victoria lived with their new family until adulthood.

When Beth was just four years old, her mother Mary passed away on January 12, 1906. She was just 43. Her father John died at age 55 on April 26, 1918. Beth and her brother Louis then lived with her married sister and her husband, Martha and Roman Krause. Beth attended Newport Township Schools and graduated from Central (Newport) High School on June 16, 1921 with a class of 13.

Beth then attended East Stroudsburg State Normal School where she was a member of the first graduating class in physical education and obtained her two-year teaching certificate. She participated in tennis and track. She later earned her Bachelor's degree at Springfield College in Massachusetts.

With the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, women finally had the right to vote. In the years following, attitudes about physical education for girls and women underwent a radical change. Riding the tide was the Newport Township School District, which hired Beth Ravin as the first physical education teacher for girls in September, 1924. Popular sports at that time were swimming, tennis, and basketball. However, most high school competition was intermural. In the 1950's, girls' sports teams began to be organized, but they were not officially recognized by their respective school districts (See Winter, 2013 Newsletter #32, p. 21). It wasn't until the 1960's when girls' sports teams were supported, and for the most part, basketball was the only sport available. Title 9 of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 is a federal law that states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Title 9 requires that women and men be provided equitable opportunities to participate in sports. Title IX does not require institutions to offer identical sports but an equal



opportunity to play. Girls' and women's sports have come a long way.

The Newport Township School District was progressive and probably some local eyebrows were raised when Beth Ravin was hired in 1924. When she was still in high school, the beautiful indoor pool was inaugurated. She was the first to give swimming instruction to high school girls at Newport. She also taught health classes, and was a certified Red Cross first-aid instructor. During World War II, Beth taught sophomore girl students courses in first aid.

In June, 1928, the Hotel Sterling in Wilkes Barre hosted the first meeting of the newly organized Pi Beta Gamma Sorority, a subsidiary of the Polish Women's Mutual Aid Society. This sorority was formed for social and educational purposes and consisted of professional and business women. Beth Ravin, along with her sister Agnes, was a charter and lifelong member. She would be proud that Township residents Susan Najaka and Jane Straub are active in the Sorority today.

Among Beth's varied interests were playing bridge and singing. She belonged to the Bridge Club and the Nanticoke Operatic Society where she performed solos and duets. She served as Chaplain of the Glen Lyon Legion Auxiliary and was active through the '70s. She also was a member of St. Mary's Lithuanian Women's Social Club in Wanamie.

On July 11, 1944, Beth became the bride of Joseph Lerda. Joe will be remembered as an active firefighter, ambulance driver, bus driver, and all around nice guy. They settled in Alden. They were members of St. Denis Church, Glen Lyon. Together they were active in the Order of Alhambra in Wilkes-Barre. The International Order of Alhambra is a fraternal organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to assisting persons who are intellectually disabled.

In the early 50's, Beth and Zigmund Najaka were recruited to teach driving theory to students in the High School. Joseph Kutz served as driving instructor. She also served as Class Advisor and as a judge in the Annual Field Day. She held dance instruction for boys and refereed girls' basketball games.

Beth Lerda retired from teaching in 1968, after a 44-year career. In many ways, she was a pioneer, advocating for equal physical educational opportunities for high school girls.

Marching was a major part of her instruction. Perhaps it instilled discipline and teamwork. This writer remembers the marching more than anything else. Girls would line up in not-very-fashionable gym outfits and sneakers, count off by fours, and proceed across the floor in formation. She taught us half-court basketball and baseball outside in the spring. Yes, it was baseball, and not softball, on macadam no less. On occasion, she would set up targets and teach fundamentals of archery. It wouldn't get much attention today, but back in the 30's and 40's, this was almost revolutionary.

Beth Lerda passed away on January 22, 1990 at the Mercy Health Care Center in Sheatown following a lengthy illness. Joe Lerda passed away on July 6, 1989. They had no children. They are interred in the Independent Italian Cemetery, Glen Lyon.



First row: James Rinehamer, Glenn Gorney, Chester Mierzwa, John Roke, Robert Griego, Martin Morgis, Dale Kovalich, Michael Floryshak, Glen Myers, Robert Caley, Frank Raczowski. Second row: Head Coach Mr. Serowicz, Coach Najaka, Sheldon Federici, John Kubasek, Richard Mazzoni, Thomas Gliddon, Thomas Sedorchuk, Gregory Gregory, Robert Prushinski, Allan Yendrzew-

ski, Joseph Skladzien, Ronald Hagenbaugh, Gilbert Chesney, Coach Kashatus, and Coach Domzalski. Third row: John Zyla, Timothy Burgess, David Namowicz, Joseph Federici, Ken Golanoski, Joseph Antonik, Gerald Ferlick, Michael Pantaloni, Leonard Kaminski, Dennis Makarczyk, Richard Novak, Frank Galicki, Walter Benick, Paul Wasenda, Joseph Mitarnowski, and Gary Bushelli.

Below are accounts of the game as reported in the Wilkes-Barre Record and Times Leader

Nanticoke 14, Newport 13
Tied 7-7 going into the last stanza, the educated toe of Ram scatback Phil Makara proved to be the winning mark.

On the second play of the last quarter, Nanticoke's Bernie Kotulak leaped high and picked off a Nutcracker aerial, and then raced 22 yards for the score. Makara then came in and booted his second successful PAT.

A Glidden to Prushinski aerial from the six gave Newport its second score. Caley then tried the ground route for the PAT but was stopped short on the six-inch mark. This gave the Rams a victory instead of tie.

Ram's first score came when Makara grabbed a swing pass and danced 37 yards to paydirt. The all-around back then booted the ball through the uprights for the seventh point.

An off-tackle slant by Caley gave the Nutcrackers their first six-pointer at the onset of the second half to cap a 51-yard drive. A Glidden to Floryshak aerial knotted the score at that time, seven all.

The 1966 (and Last) Newport/Nanticoke Football Game

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ In 1966, neither Newport nor Nanticoke were having good football seasons. When they met on the gridiron at Lincoln Field in Nanticoke, it was an important game because this was to be the final game between these two bitter rivals. Nanticoke's new head coach Daniel Destasio had to rebuild after losing eighteen varsity members but they were still heavily favored to beat a struggling Newport team lead by Coach Walter Serowicz. The last time Newport defeated Nanticoke was in 1960. The overall win/loss record favored Nanticoke at 30 - 11 and one tie. To the surprise of many, Newport was in contention throughout the game. Both teams played well and with great desire. In the end, Nanticoke won 14-13 as time ran out when Newport was stopped half a foot away from the goal line on a 1 point conversion. It was the conclusion to a long, and ancient rivalry which started in 1924. At the end of the school year in 1967, Newport Township High School and Nanticoke High School would cease to exist. Both districts consolidated to form the Greater Nanticoke Area (GNA) School District.

In Their Own Words

By Tom Gliddon - Hello Heidi, I don't remember much about the last Newport/Nanticoke game. Nanticoke won, we lost. Even though I have not thought of that game in decades, what's funny is that loss still bothers me. That game was the best we had played as a team all season. I wish I would have played better. I believe we would have won if I had played really well. That is the truth, ask Marty or Floosh. We lost all of our games that final season of Newport football; nothing to be proud of, no fond memories of losing. I enjoyed my teammates, our camaraderie. I have great respect for our coaches: Coach Domzalski, Coach Serowicz, and Coach Kashatus. I am still a high school basketball official and baseball and softball umpire. I feel when I go out onto the court or field, I am taking a piece of Newport with me. I will always be a Nutcracker. You can place this in the Newport News Letter if you like. Thank you. TG

By Mike Floryshak ~ This was our best played game that year. No one likes to lose, but in the end we were all happy with our performance. Some things stand out to me. On the final drive I remember flopping on a pass thrown to me by Tom Gliddon to get a needed penalty and first down. On the extra point (there was no 2 point conversion then) Marty Morgis, our center, turned to Tommy and said "There is no one in front of me, sneak it." But that was before you could change the play at the line of scrimmage. You played the play sent in by the coaches. We lost, but we were proud of our performance. I will always remember my teammates. The fun and companionship and the leadership of our coaches. Those were good times.

The scoreboard read: Nanticoke 14, Newport 13. The ball game was decided on two plays. With 2:37 left in the second period, the Nutcrackers allowed scatback Phil Makara to slip into the left flat with no one covering him and the senior speedster took a swing pass from Ken Serfoss before covering the remaining 37 yards to score. Makara added the placement

On the second play of the final stanza, Nanticoke's Bernie Kotulak leaped from his defensive left end post and pulled in a Newport pass before ambling 22 yards for the second Ram score. Again Makara added the PAT, the one that was to mean the game.

51-Yard March

Unable to move effectively in the opening half, Newport opened its guns after taking the second half kick-off by marching 51 yards in 11 plays to score.

A Glidden to Floryshak pass coupled with a lateral to Gorney moved the ball deep into Ram territory and, after Caley burst for the first down on a fourth down-three yards play, moved into the end zone three plays later on an off-tackle slant by Caley. A Glidden to Floryshak aerial knotted the score at that time, 7 all.

In the closing moments, after a 15 yard penalty on pass interference moved the ball to the 17-yard line, it was Glidden to Floryshak to the two via a pass. Penalty set Newport back to the six from where Glidden hit Prushinski on a slant pass for the score with 17 seconds on the clock.

This was the moment of truth and Caley, given the Nutcracker tie hopes, was stopped by Steve Balla and Lastowski six inches short of the goal.

We are inclined that if we watch a football game or baseball game, we have taken part in it. ~ John F. Kennedy, 1961

The essence of sports is that while you're doing it, nothing else matters, but after you stop, there is a place, generally not very important, where you would put it. ~ Roger Bannister



Stearns Tornado, 1931

By Heidi Jarecki ~ While tornadoes are a relative rarity around these parts, the tornado that ripped through Wilkes-Barre Township on June 13 brought to mind the “cyclone” that hit Stearns Station on June 8, 1931. Stearns Station was a patch town of 7 houses located near the Stearns Colliery between Wanamie and Glen Lyon.

According to the Times Leader newspaper account, “Luzerne County was recovering today from one of the worst storms experienced here in a long time. The wind and downpour of rain assumed proportions of a cyclone in some sections and caused considerable damage to private dwellings, garages and other structures, telephone pole and wires, trees, transportation systems and electric wires. At Stearns Station in Newport Township, one of the hardest hit sections, the wind tore the roofs off of five houses in a row and either demolished or picked up and carried away a number of garages in the rear of the buildings.”

Pictured above and right are the aftermath of the storm. The Wilkes-Barre Record also reported on June 8, 1931: “Roaring between the mountains the storm assuming the proportions of a cyclone, struck a row of seven double blocks at Stearns Station, near Glen Lyon, in Newport Township. In almost a twinkling of an eye the roofs were torn completely from five buildings. The two other buildings were virtually undamaged.

“As though unsatisfied, the wind lifted small garages in the rear of the homes several with automobiles in them. Debris was found blocks away. One of the garages was reported found in a field one and one-half miles from its site. Several automobiles were thrown against buildings and cars badly damaged, some it is said, beyond repair. All telephone communications was [sic] cut off.

“The damaged homes were owned by Susquehanna Collieries Co. and were occupied by the families of Stanley Brozkowski, Mrs. A. Zachowski, George McGill, Mrs. M. Zarday, John Zepke, John Denardy, Peter Walkowicz, Alex Ziembieski, John Campbell and Andrew Seletski.

“Furniture on the upper floors of the homes, which were two and one-half story frame structures, was badly damaged by water. Officials of Susquehanna Co. announced repairs would start today.

“Despite the rain, which continued to fall after the wind had wrought its damage, more than 2,000 persons gathered to see the results of the storm. It was necessary to guard them and Newport Police Department stationed six men to keep the people from the broken wires.

“Every window in the Newport Township high school building was blown out. Trees were uprooted and heavy limbs knocked off of others.”

The article then goes on to describe the damage in other parts of the county. A cyclone by definition is a “large scale air mass that rotates around a strong center of low atmospheric pressure. Cyclones are characterized by inward spiraling winds that rotate about a zone of low pressure.” There may be some debate about whether it was technically a tornado that hit Stearns Station, but the pictures speak for themselves.



One Hundred Years Ago in Newport Township

From the Archives of the Wilkes Barre Record, 1918

September 13: Thomas J. Davis, who has been freight agent at Wanamie for the past four years, has been transferred to Lehigh Gap. He is employed by the Central Railroad of New Jersey and since the freight station at Nanticoke has been abolished, O. E. Kistler, who had charge at Nanticoke, was transferred to Wanamie. While at Wanamie, Mr. Davis made a host of friends and all regret to see him leave.

November 5: Lieut. George W. Turner, son of Thomas Turner of Alden, and son-in-law of J.H. Evans of Forty Fort, has been made a captain according to advices received by relatives here. At the time of his joining the army, shortly after war was declared, he was a school teacher at Alden. He is a former employee of the recorder's office at the court house. He went to Madison Barracks Officers' Training school and there received a commission as second lieutenant. He has been promoted twice, first to first lieutenant and now to captain. He has been in France about four months and is commander of the 303rd motor supply train.

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National Night Out



On August 7, National Night Out sponsored by the Newport Township Crime Watch was held at St. Faustina's Grove in Sheatown. Pictured left is Amy Saraca, Chair of the event, second from left, posing with friends. Below left is the band Rock Explosion and right are the Irish Dancers who gave excellent performances to an enthusiastic crowd. Bottom right is Tom Kashatus, Chili Contest Extraordinaire.



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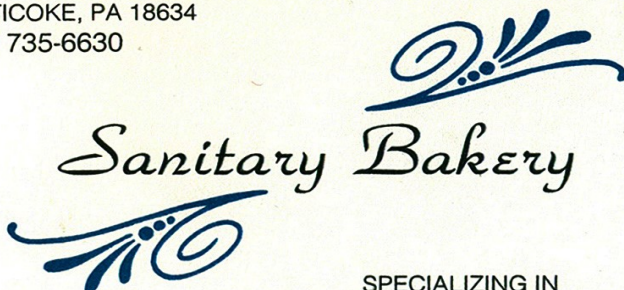
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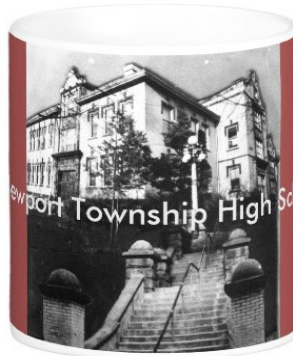
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