

I am grateful for the silence of winter mornings, for the beauty and wonder of the glint of sunlight in frost melting to dew, for the early-riser's peaceful solitude that sets a mood of thankfulness, hope, and calm for the dawning day. ~ Terri Guillemets



A Winter's Day on West Main Street, Glen Lyon

Newport Township Public Business

By John Jarecki ~ The following are items of Township business discussed or acted upon at meetings of the Township Commissioners in October, November, and December of 2018.

October 1, 2018. The meeting opened with residents' comments about the disputed ownership of a deteriorating home on Main Street in Glen Lyon and an announcement about a presentation on preparing for emergencies to be given on Saturday October 6 by Township Emergency Management Coordinator Jason Kowalski.

Township Commissioner Debbie Zaleski announced that the Township had issued 29 tickets for violations of the Township's new Quality of Life Ordinance in September. Township Manager Peter Wanchisen added that the Township had already received \$1250 in fines under this ordinance and that the large fines imposed would send a clear message to residents that Township officials will not tolerate certain kinds of nuisance behavior.

The Commissioners approved an employment agreement for 2019 for Township Manager Peter Wanchisen that provides for no increase in salary over that of the 2018 agreement.

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

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1) The Newport Township Civil Service Commission is now fully reorganized and functional. Its officers are Ronald Womelsdorf, Alan Yendrziwski, and Michael Kmietowicz.

2) The Township placed newspaper ads announcing that Newport Township was looking for full time police officers, but no one responded to the ads. Two part time Newport Police Officers, however, submitted applications for the positions.

3) Part time officer Chad Callahan submitted a letter of resignation saying that he had better opportunities elsewhere.

4) The Police Department is back to having the normal number of two police cruisers. One of the cruisers now has a state of the art camera system. The Township sent a thank you letter to the Nanticoke Mayor and City Council for the loan of a cruiser while one of ours was out of service.

5) The Township now owns the property at 144-146 West Main Street in Glen Lyon and will be beginning the long process of getting the deteriorating building on the site demolished.

6) The Township received \$25,945.15 from the State's General Municipal Pension System Aid. The money will be added to the Police and the Non-Uniformed Pension Funds, both of which need the funds to ensure that retirees receive their pensions.

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7) Report on Grant Applications:

- a) Railroad Street Storm Sewer Repair Project: PennEastern Engineering is now writing specifications for the project. Survey work is also underway.
- b) Luzerne County Infrastructure Improvement Grant: Luzerne County awarded Newport Township \$1,397,850 for repair of sidewalks and curbs on Main Street in Glen Lyon. The County turned down the Township's request for money to repair Arch, Depot, Maple, and Newport Streets, and Stralka Lane in Glen Lyon.
- c) State Multimodal Transportation Grant Application: A committee is now reviewing our application. A decision is expected in November.
- d) Luzerne County Office of Community Development (OCD) grant for drainage and paving work in Glen Lyon: PennEastern Engineering is working with contractor Don E. Bower Inc. to determine a start date for the project.

November 5, 2018: Township residents, in their comments, thanked the Glen Lyon American Legion and resident volunteers for helping with the monthly food distribution at the Legion Hall, and also thanked Township Administrative Assistant Joe Hillan for needed road repairs in Wanamie. (The food distribution is jointly sponsored by the Newport Township Community Organization and the Glen Lyon American Legion.)

Township Manager Peter Wanchisen gave the first reading of the 2019 Township budget, and the Commissioners voted to accept the reading.

Attorney Joseph R. Baranko, substituting for Township Solicitor Christopher Slusser, announced that an agreement had been reached with resident Albert Vandermark providing for a settlement payment of \$15,000 to the Township in a dispute over health insurance payments. The Township Commissioners voted to approve the settlement.

Financial Oversight consultant Jennifer Polito announced that, for the first 10 months of 2018, the Township's revenue was \$989,613 and expenses were \$910,758. She added that the Township's finances were performing as expected or slightly better because of efforts to reduce expenses.

The Commissioners voted to approve an \$85/hour fee for additional help that might be needed for snow plowing in emergency situations during the winter of 2018-2019.

The Commissioners voted to reappoint Sean Farrell to a 5-year term on the Board of the Newport Township Sewer Authority starting on January 1, 2019.

The Commissioners voted to approve the Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau as Township Tax collector for 2019 at the same fee schedule as for 2018.

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

- 1) The Township will put an announcement in the Citizens' Voice newspaper saying that the Township budget for 2019 is now available for public viewing. Residents can find copies on the Township website and at the municipal building.
- 2) The Township negotiated and finalized a 4-year collective bargaining agreement with the Newport Township Fire Department that will go into effect on January 1, 2019.
- 3) The Township will administer Civil Service Tests for the two open full time Police Officer positions and conduct other necessary evaluations for filling these positions by the middle of November. The target date for choosing successful candidates is December 1, 2018.
- 4) A dedication ceremony was held on October 25 for the addition to the Pinchot State Forest of a 1,132 acre tract of land near Wanamie. A major feature of the land is a bike and hiking trail that connects to the Penobscot Trail in Mountain Top.
- 5) Report on Grant Applications:

- a) Railroad Street Storm Sewer Repair Project: Survey work is finished. PennEastern Engineering is still writing project specifications for soliciting bids.
- b) Luzerne County \$1.4 Million Infrastructure Improvement Project: Mark Hurst, Municipal Projects Manager for the Luzerne County Office of Community Development (OCD), has sent processing forms for the project. As required by the grant, the Township will publish a request for an engineering proposal for the project that will be used to evaluate responding engineering firms. This is the first step in a long process that will include writing project specifications and publishing an

announcement for bids. The Township expects to start actual sidewalk and curb repairs in mid 2019 and conclude in the fall of 2019.

- c) State Multimodal Transportation Grant Application: A committee is now reviewing the application. A decision is expected in November 2018.
- d) Luzerne County OCD grant for drainage and paving work in Glen Lyon: Don E. Bower Inc. started work on the project on October 23, 2108 and work is now nearing completion.
- e) Flood Mitigation Program Grant Application: A grant has been identified that may help complete work that may remain on the Railroad Street Storm Sewer Project after the \$150,000 of State gaming money is used.

December 3, 2018: There were no residents' comments at this meeting.

The Township Commissioners reported that, under the new Quality of Life Ordinance, the Township had issued 13 tickets in November 2018 for violations involving pets, motor vehicles, and trash. They also reported that the Township has issued 117 tickets to date this year for violations involving high grass and weeds, trash, motor vehicles, animal waste, and swimming pools.

The Township Commissioners approved a motion to hire part-time Newport Township Police Officers, Blake Brown and William Kishbaugh, both of whom had successfully completed Civil Service testing, as full time Police Officers starting January 1, 2019.

The Commissioners approved salary increases of 3% for full time Street Department employees and salary increases of 2% for part time Street Department employees and the school crossing guards.

The Commissioners approved Township Ordinance #5-2018 that set budget and tax rates for 2019 and Township Ordinance #7-2018 that forbids parking of non-motorized vehicles such as recreation vehicles (RV's) on Township streets.

The Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing Township Manager Peter Wanchisen to act as lead applicant in applying for a State gaming grant of \$870,000 for the Greater Nanticoke Area School District for the purpose of installing artificial turf and a running track.

The Commissioners approved a series of resolutions authorizing Peter Wanchisen to apply for the following State gaming grants: 1) \$123,688 to purchase a new backhoe, 2) \$544,650 to put an addition on the municipal building to accommodate a regional police processing center, 3) \$125,000 to purchase the property at 125-133 East Main Street in Glen Lyon and to demolish the building on the site, and 4) \$431,300 to upgrade and remodel the Fire Station at 1002 Center Street in Wanamie.

The regional police processing center would provide facilities to do DUI testing, carry out video arraignments, and temporarily house prisoners. It would serve the police departments of Newport Township and a number of nearby communities and the State Police unit at Berwick.

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

- 1) The Township placed an ad in the Citizens' Voice requesting proposals from companies or individuals to provide standby snow plowing services for emergency situations during the winter of 2018-2019. There were no replies.
- 2) The Township placed an ad in the Citizens' Voice announcing the 2019 meeting schedule for Township Commissioners' meetings and work sessions.
- 3) Daryl Pawlusch of PennEastern Engineering reported that the specifications have been written for the Railroad Street Storm Sewer Project and for the demolition of the building at 144-146 West Main Street in Glen Lyon. Ads requesting bids for the two projects will be placed in the newspapers, and it is expected that bids will be ready for approval at the January 7, 2019 Commissioners' meeting.

At right is new part time police officer Autumn Atkinson, sworn in on November 5. She lives in Dorrance Township, and is a graduate of Crestwood High School and the Police Academy. She is a coach in the Crestwood School District and is a member of the Ashley Borough police force.



NTCO PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Stephen E. Phillips ~ On behalf of the Newport Township Community Organization, I wish to extend to all readers of the Newsletter this entity's wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

During the past quarter of the year, the NTCO continued its efforts to improve the quality of life throughout the area. Numerous donations were made to various non-profit groups providing services to residents of not only Newport Township, but the entire Greater Nanticoke Area as well. These philanthropic efforts have been the hallmark of the Community Organization since its founding in 2004. The NTCO committed \$2,000 to the effort of Newport United, a combined group of the numerous Newport Township volunteer bodies, to construct an electronic billboard adjacent to Holy Trinity Cemetery in Sheatown to advertise the various activities taking place within the Community.

We are again encouraging all of the Municipality's volunteer organizations to send two representatives to the meetings of Newport United which take place the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Community Room of the Newport Township Municipal Building. The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 5, 2019. To assist in insuring the continued viability of Newport United, it is imperative that all local volunteer groups participate in this worthwhile community endeavor.

The Community Organization would like to take this opportunity to extend its sincere appreciation to Reilly Finishing Technologies for the Firm's contribution which will assist the NTCO in its local administration of the monthly Food Bank. Generally 100 families participate as beneficiaries of this important program. Special acknowledgment should also be given to the officers and members of the Glen Lyon American Legion Post who graciously provide the facilities in which this activity takes place. Without their cooperation, it would be difficult to continue to provide this service to Township residents.

It should also be noted that this is not the first time that Reilly Finishing Technologies has contributed monies, generated from its annual Christmas Trees project, to the NTCO to aid it in underwriting the cost of its various and numerous projects.

As a non-profit entity, the NTCO is dependent on receipt of funding from numerous sources in order to continue its service to local residents, including publication of this Newsletter. Without the continued cooperation of donors, advertisers, and especially the dedicated efforts of First Vice President Tom Kashatus via his recycling program, the NTCO's community service activities would be severely curtailed.

Gratitude and appreciation are also directed to all other Township volunteers and organizations which contribute to maintaining and improving our locale's quality of life.

It should never be forgotten that we all have a civic debt to pay, and a way to satisfy this obligation is via community service. A suggested resolution for 2019 would be that all readers commit to making a vow to volunteer a service which would make their respective community a better place to live, work, and play.

I never knew, did you?

The Catcher

Submitted by Murph Fletcher ~ When baseball greats Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig went on tour in baseball-crazy Japan in 1934, some fans wondered why a third-string catcher named Moe Berg was included. Although he played with five major-league teams, from 1923 to 1939, he was a very mediocre ball player. But Moe was regarded as the brainiest ball player of all time. In fact, Casey Stengel once said: "That is the strangest man ever to play baseball."

When baseball stars went to Japan, Moe Berg went with them and many people wondered why. The answer was simple: Moe Berg was a United States spy, working undercover with the Office of Strategic Services (the predecessor of today's CIA). Moe spoke 15 languages - including Japanese. And he had two loves: baseball and spying. In Tokyo, garbed in a kimono, Berg took flowers to the daughter of an American diplomat being treated in St. Luke's Hospital - the tallest building in the Japanese capital. He never delivered the flowers. The ball player ascended to the hospital roof and filmed key features: the harbor, military installations, railway yards, etc.

Eight years later, General Jimmy Doolittle studied Berg's films in planning his spectacular raid on Tokyo.

Moe's father disapproved of baseball and never once watched his son play. In Barringer High School, Moe learned Latin, Greek and French. He read at least 10 newspapers every day. He graduated magna cum laude from Princeton, having added Spanish, Italian, German and Sanskrit to his linguistic quiver. During further studies at the Sorbonne in Paris and Columbia Law School, he picked up Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian, Arabic, Portuguese and Hungarian - 15 languages in all, plus some regional dialects. While playing baseball for Princeton University, Moe would describe plays in Latin or Sanskrit.

During World War II, Moe parachuted into Yugoslavia to assess the value to the war effort of two groups of partisans there. He reported back that Marshall Tito's forces were widely supported by the people and Winston Churchill ordered all-out support for the Yugoslav underground fighter, rather than Mihajlovic's Serbians.

The parachute jump at age 41 undoubtedly was a challenge. But there was more to come that same year. Berg penetrated German-held Norway, met with members of the underground, and located a secret heavy-water plant, part of the Nazis' effort to build an atomic bomb. His information guided the Royal Air Force in a bombing raid to destroy that plant. There still remained the question of how far had the Nazis progressed in the race to build the first atomic bomb. If the Nazis were successful, they would win the war. Berg (under the code name "Remus") was sent to Switzerland to hear leading German physicist Werner Heisenberg, a Nobel Laureate, lecture and determine if the Nazis were close to building an A-bomb. Moe managed to slip past the SS guards at the auditorium, posing as a Swiss graduate student. The spy carried in his pocket a pistol and a cyanide pill. If the German physicist indicated the Nazis were close to building a weapon, Berg was to shoot him - and then swallow the cyanide pill. Moe, sitting in the front row, determined that the Germans were nowhere near their goal, so he complimented Heisenberg on his speech and walked him back to his hotel. Werner Heisenberg blocked the Nazis from acquiring an atomic bomb. Moe's report was distributed to Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and key figures in the team developing the Atomic Bomb. Roosevelt responded: "Give my regards to the catcher."

After the war, Moe Berg was awarded the Medal of Freedom, America's highest honor for a civilian in wartime. But Berg refused to accept it because he couldn't tell people about his exploits. After his death, his sister accepted the Medal. It now hangs in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Moe Berg's baseball card is the only card on display at CIA headquarters.



Newport United Newport United's first project was recently completed with the installation and dedication of a new Community Bulletin Board in Sheatown. Pictured are members of Newport United who participated in the dedication. 1st row l to r: John Zyla, President Newport United; VJ George, Knights of Columbus Council 1067; Anthony Ginocchietti, Glen Lyon Italian American Sporting Club; John Vishnefski, Newport Board Of Commissioners; Deb Zaleski, Newport Township Women's Activity Group; Jen Morgis, St Adalbert's Altar and Rosary Society. 2nd row: Kyle Pegarella, SAL Post 539, Joe Figlerski, SAL Post 539; Steve Phillips, NTCO; Ryan Ginocchietti, Italian Club; Judy Pazgan, Newport Township Recreation Board; Kim Rowles, Nanticoke Area Little League; Peter Wanchisen, Newport Township Sewer Authority; Faith Kropiewnicki, Newport Township Women's Activity Group; Ron Womelsdorf, Newport Township Fire Department. 3rd row: Heidi Jarecki, Newport Township Crime Watch; Jeremy Blank, Newport Township Lions Club.

TRUNK OR TREAT



Sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group, Trunk or Treat was held in the Municipal Garage because of inclement weather. Not to be deterred, the children turned out in large numbers. The Police Department raffled off a bicycle won by a lucky little boy, shown above.

Newport Township Budget for 2019
by John Jarecki

At their monthly meeting on December 3, the Township Commissioners approved a budget for 2019. The budget is divided into four major parts, of which revenue and expenses are listed in the following table.

	Revenue	Expenses
General Budget	\$ 1,083,034	\$ 1,083,034
Refuse Budget	306,867	306,867
Recycling Budget	58,730	58,730
Liquid Fuels Budget	153,102	153,102
Total	\$1,601,733	\$1,601,733

For the 2019 budget as a whole, the five largest sources of revenue are listed in the following table along with the corresponding amounts from the 2018 budget.

	2018	2019
Real Estate Tax	\$388,066	\$449,631
Earned Income Tax	359,431	375,000
Refuse and Recycling Fees	368,597	365,597
Liquid Fuels Payment from State	150,998	153,102
State Shared Revenue	24,225	45,450
Total Revenue	\$1,463,902	\$1,601,733

These amount to about 88% of total income. The following is a list of Township taxes and their rates for 2019, with corresponding amounts from 2018.

	2018	2019
Real Estate Tax		
(for General Government)	2.97 mills	3.25 mills
(for Fire Protection)	.12 mills	.15 mills
Emergency and Municipal Tax	\$52	\$52
Earned Income Tax	.50 %	.50 %
Real Estate Transfer Tax	.50 %	.50 %
Per Capita Tax	\$5	\$5

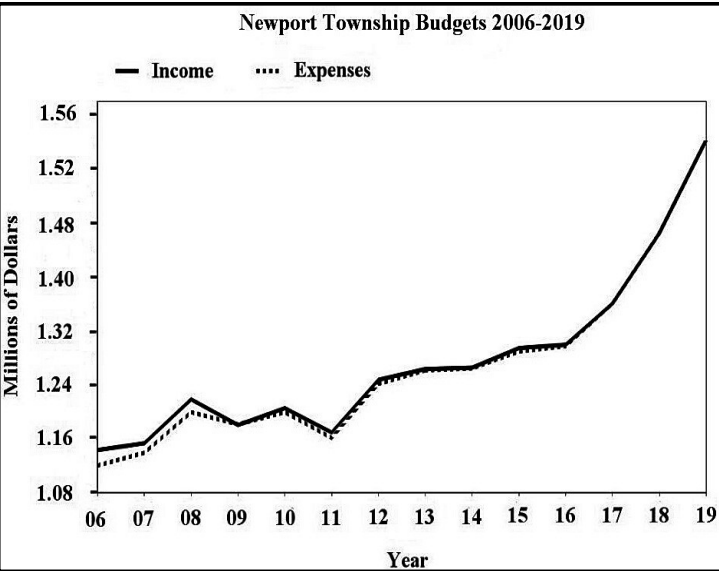
The largest source of 2019 revenue, the real estate tax, is 0.28 mills higher than last year. It will bring in about \$60,000 more than last year. The earned income tax for 2019 is also expected to bring in more, by about \$16000, than in 2018. Township officials believe that more income is needed to pay higher expenses in 2019, as we will see below. The trash and recycling fee is \$195, the same as last year.

The six largest expenditures from the 2019 budget are listed in the following categories along with the corresponding amounts from the 2018 budget.

	2018	2019
Street Department	\$279,105	\$305,298
Refuse Collection	268,592	272,592
General Government	222,540	245,058
Police department	203,275	219,035
Employee Fringe Benefits	162,574	209,122
Fire Department	187,600	191,922
Total Expenditures	\$1,463,902	\$1,601,733

These categories amount to about 90% of total expenses. Increased spending in these categories, at least in part, is due to the increases in the following expenditures. Street Department: increased employee wages and salaries and more money spent for road salt. Police Department: increased spending for two additional full time officers. Employee Fringe Benefits: large increases in the cost of health insurance. Other reasons for increased spending include updating the Township computer system, increased debt service for a new police cruiser, and increased payments to the Police and non-uniformed pension funds, both of which are in need of additional funds.

The following chart shows the changes in total income and expenditures in the Township budget from 2006 to 2019. For the period 2006 to 2016, the income and expenses increased at a rate of about 1.5%, slightly less than the inflation rate of 2% for the period. Since 2016, however, Township officials, now more active in managing finances, have increased revenue and expenditures by an average of about 7.5% a year.



Above: Newport United's first project was recently completed with the installation and dedication of a new Community Bulletin Board in Sheatown. adjacent to Holy Trinity Cemetery. The construction was done by W. Peters Enterprises of Alden, and the electrical work by Peter Felici of Glen Lyon. The Community Bulletin Board will advertise the various activities of all volunteer groups taking place within the Township. Newport United is chaired by John Zyla. Vice-Chair is Paul Kearney, Secretary, Debbie Zaleski, and Treasurer, Jennifer Morgis. All volunteer groups in the Township are invited to send two representatives to meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. There will be no meeting in January. To place events on the Bulletin Board, forms must be filled out and mailed to Heidi Jarecki, 28 West Main Street, Glen Lyon, PA 18617. Forms can be obtained from Heidi (phone number 570-733-2540). A two week notice is requested.



All Newport Reunion

The annual All Newport Reunion was held on Sunday, October 7 at Holy Transfiguration Hall in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke. This reunion is open to anyone who attended Newport schools at any time. 85 people attended, and a good time was had by all. Phoebe Thomas Hillan heads the Committee. The Committee hopes for better attendance from the classes of the 1960's in 2019. Contact Heidi and Paul Jarecki at hselecky@pa.metrocast.net or 570-733-2540 if you wish to be added to the mailing list.

Newport Township High School Class of '58 Holds 60th Reunion

By Tom Kashatus ~ On September 15, 2018, Newport Township High School (NTHS) Class of 1958 celebrated their 60th class reunion. Festivities took place on a Saturday afternoon at the Glen Lyon Italian American Sporting Club on the corner of Orchard and Apple Streets. Frank Paluck of NTHS Class of '56 along with his wife Judy, Class of '58, catered the affair and was kept busy doing a great job with an excellent menu. Farthest distance traveled were Andrea Novak Selecky and her husband Paul, NTHS Class of '56 from Huntington Beach, CA. Second farthest was Mary Ellen Bostley Hawkinson from Santa Claus, IN. "Closest to the Club" were Andrea Zglinick Rambus and Tom Kashatus, who have lived within a two block area of the Italian Club and the Glen Lyon American Legion Post 539 their entire lives. Memories were familiar to all as the classmates were from a generation whose parents were associated with anthracite mining and the garment industry and many who served in World War II as veterans of our "Greatest Generation." The Italian Club, a popular gathering spot for miners and families, and the American Legion, where high school proms and weddings once flourished, were known to everyone who attended the reunion. In the end, a good time with a ton of conversation, was enjoyed by all 24 class members and 13 guests.



Seated left to right: Andrea (Novak) Selecky; Rita (Pishnick) Miklaszewicz; RoseAnn (Krupinski) Briggs; Julianna (Sopko) Zarzycki; Marie (Augustine) Cardone; Barbara (Barski) Yacuboski; Andrea (Zglinicki) Rambus; Patricia (Rembecki) Dule; Mary Ellen (Bostley) Hawkinson; Sandra (Galli) Gronka; Lois (Cooper) Huntzinger; and Carolyn Skladzien.
Standing left to right: Tom Kashatus; Francis Zaleski; Roman Repotski; John Sokoloski; Judy (Weyhenmeyer) Paluck; Warren Peters; Irene (Byorick) Kinahan; Elizabeth (Littleford) Matzoni; Paul Schraeder; David Deluca; Benjamin Dekutoski; and Raymond Domzalski.



Newport Class of '66 Celebrates 70th Birthday

In October, 2018, the Newport Class of '66 gathered at the Parkway Inn in Alden to celebrate turning 70 years young. At least one classmate made the trip from Florida and a great time was had by all. Pictured at left are: Joyce Huk Chwalek, Carol Sokolnicki Wilkes, Jane Lapinski Shoemaker, Maureen Vollinger Jaslar, Judy Sedorchuk Rinker, Shirley Wojcik Zubritski, Donald Lapinski, Bethany Venit, John Onderko, Bob Deluca, Elaine Tarnowski Deluca, Adrian Merolli, Leonard Krasucki, and Ed Roke.

American Legion Auxiliary Post 539 Glen Lyon

by Lorrie Materewicz

Yard/Bake Sale

Saturday, November 3rd was a cool, very rainy day, but that didn't stop the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539's loyal supporters and bargain seekers from venturing out to the autumn/winter yard/bake sale at the Post home on Newport Street. It featured multiple vendors, an extensive array of home-baked goodies, and an all-day (8 am-3 pm) hot lunch available for dine-in or take-out. It was another successful fundraiser for the Auxiliary, with the proceeds benefitting the Veterans' Activity Fund. Unit 539 would like to extend its thanks to all vendors, volunteers, bakers, and cooks, and especially our loyal patrons. The next yard/bake will be held in the spring, so watch for the flyers and newspaper announcements. For further information, call Lorrie at (570)-736-7177.

World War II Letters

Do you recall the World War II letters program of Auxiliary Unit 539? A collection of correspondence from township veterans to the Service Club of St. Adalbert's Church written during the war is being repatriated to surviving family members. Although 316 pieces have been forwarded to 123 family members from across the nation, a number of letters, postcards, and Victory mail has yet to be repatriated. Monitor the local newspapers for information on the names of veterans whose letters have yet to be claimed. Perhaps you have a brother, father, grandfather, or uncle whose name is on the list. As always, thank you for your support and God Bless.



Pictured above is Auxiliary Unit 539's President Barb Meyers presenting Allie Graham with her Americanism patch.

First Patch

As you are probably already aware, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 sponsors a variety of programs that benefit all veterans and the community. However, are you aware of our programs directed towards children under the age of 18? One such program for our junior members (birth-18 years of age) is called the Junior Patch Program and is similar to the well-known Girls Scouts' patch program. It educates our junior members in civics, Americanism, and community service. The girls perform certain tasks to qualify for a plethora of different awarded patches. Though our program is in its infancy, one member has already been awarded her first patch. At the regular monthly meeting in October, President Barb Meyers awarded Allie Graham, age 15 of Glen Lyon, her Americanism patch. Allie's goal was to develop and execute a fundraiser to support the Auxiliary's National President's Scholarship awarded to local youth. Her project was selling her own homemade lollipops at an American Legion fundraiser with the profits being sent to state headquarters to fund the local academic scholarship fund. Congratulations, Allie, and great job!

Auxiliary Christmas Party

Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539 held its annual Christmas party on December 6th at the Legion Post home. The evening consisted of a potluck dinner, Christmas carols, gift exchange, raffles, and Christmas-themed games and prizes. At the end of the evening each member received a poinsettia and gift bag of holiday items. Regular monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm, and new members are always welcome. For information on joining the largest women's patriotic organization in the world, contact Lorrie Materewicz at 570-736-7177.



Pictured are: left to right, seated: Chaplain Karen Samuels, member Kathy Sobocinski, Vice President Janet Wenner, and Sergeant at-Arms Leanne Wenner holding youngest member Emilia Parsons. Standing: Event Coordinator Lorrie Materewicz, members Donna Kamionka, Charlotte Santry, Eileen McMullen, Kim Trindle, Secretary/Treasurer Sally Billings, VIP guest & District President Shirley Bower, Junior Activities Chairman Allie Graham, President Barb Meyers, member Mary Martin and Historian Tiffany Graham.

Attention, Booklovers!

Glen Lyon residents have been gifted with an exciting new library! Well, sort of...the pink box (see page 21) is located at 28 West Main Street, and is free to the public- no library card or ID required. It is posted as "Heidi & Paul's Little Free Library," and was recently erected on the home site of Heidi and Paul Jarecki. As the signage indicates, citizens may visit and peruse and choose from the free offerings within, or perhaps leave a book to add to the collection. These libraries are common sights in larger, urban communities, but this is the first of its kind in our community. This writer can personally attest to the wonderful selections contained within this charming structure, and we offer our gratitude to Heidi and Paul for their idea, talents, and generosity. So visit soon (and often) to satisfy your appetite for a good read!

Little League Registrations

By Kim Rowles ~ Nanticoke Area Little League will be holding registrations for all boys and girls ages 4 to 16 for T-Ball through Senior League Programs. All Greater Nanticoke Area School District students are eligible.

All signups will be conducted at the Newport Township Municipal Building at 351 West Kirmar Avenue, Wanamie:

January 26 and 27	10 am to 2 pm
February 9 and 10	10 am to 2 pm
February 23 and 24	10 am to 2 pm
March 7	6 pm to 8 pm

All players must provide three forms for proof of residency. Those forms should be dated between February 1, 2018 and February 1, 2019 only. All new players must provide a copy of their birth certificate at the time of signups. For more information go to www.nanticokearealittleleague.com.

Nanticoke Area Little League will be doing a Sanitary Pizza Fundraiser. Cost is \$10.00 per box. Orders are due by February 1, delivery date is February 8. For more information or to place your order, contact Joe Jacobs at 570-262-1106.

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 website: 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.

GARRISON, Jane L. (nee Hartzel), 71, of Berwick, formerly of Wapwallopen, passed away July 26, 2018. Jane was born December 26, 1946. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '64.

BONCZEWSKI, Pearl A., 92, of Plymouth, passed away August 24, 2018. She was the sister of Leonard Bonczewski of Wanamie.

NOGIC, Gertrude T. (nee Klutz), 95, of Kingston, and formerly of Wanamie, passed away August 24, 2018. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '38.

SLINGERLAND, Lorraine Marie (nee Cobosco), 84, of Bronxville, NY, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away September 9, 2018. Lorraine was born on November 9, 1933. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '51 and Penn State University Class of '55.

BLYDENBURGH, Cecilia T. (nee Gonsecki), 102, of Shickshinny, died September 9, 2018. Cecilia was born on December 24, 1915, in Glen Lyon where she was raised.

TOMCZAK, Sylvia M. (nee Furmanski), 88, of Nanticoke, passed away on September 10, 2018. Sylvia was born on March 27, 2018, in Glen Lyon where she was raised.

THOMAS, John Jay, "Cheesy," of San Diego, CA, formerly of Wanamie, passed away November 14, 2017. John was a member of Newport Township High School Class of '66.

HUGHES, William J., 85, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Newport Township, passed away September 11, 2018. William was born August 3, 1933, in Newport Township. He attended Newport Township schools and was a US Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

KLINESMITH, Elouise J. (nee Mowery), 75, of Summerhill, passed away August 16, 2018. Elouise was born in Wanamie.

STEPHANICK, John, 60, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away. John was born in Nanticoke, raised in Glen Lyon, and attended Newport Township schools.

WINTERS, Gertrude B. (nee Burns), of Laurel, MD, formerly of Arch Street, Glen Lyon, passed away September 17, 2018. Gertrude was the daughter of the late James P. and Josephine (Gajewski) Burns. She attended Newport Township schools.

DULE, Daniel A., 78, of Glen Lyon, passed away September 25, 2018. Daniel was born in Wilkes Barre on February 23, 1940. Dan graduated from Saint Leo's High School and attended King's College and Philadelphia School of Pharmacy. He was a veteran of the US Army, and a former Newport Township Commissioner.

GREGORY, James M. Sr., 60, of Glen Lyon, passed away on September 26, 2018. James "Jimbo" was born in Wilkes Barre on December 31, 1957. He attended John S. Fine High School.

CZAPLA, Mary (nee Lukaszewski), 92, of Alden Station, passed away September 25, 2018. Mary was born in Mocanaqua on August 14, 1926.

JENKINS, John Carl, 77, of Dallas, formerly of Lily Lake and Glen Lyon, passed away September 24, 2018. John Carl was born July 31, 1941. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '59 and received his bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg University.

ANSKIS, Jolynn, 41, of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, September 30, 2018. Jolynn was born in Wilkes Barre on March 2, 1977 and attended K. M. Smith School and John S. Fine High School.

FEDORCHAK, Anna (nee Bilak), 99, of Smithtown, NY, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away September 28. Anna was born in Glen Lyon on February 11, 1919 and attended Newport Township schools.

JONES, Irene R. (nee Roman), 95, a lifetime resident of Glen Lyon, passed away October 4, 2018. Irene was born in Wilkes Barre and graduated from Newport Township High School. She retired as a registered nurse at the Wilkes Barre General Hospital.

TUSHINSKI, Ronald, 82, formerly of Glen Lyon, a resident of Hutchinson Island South, FL, passed away October 4, 2018. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School and a US military veteran.

STEWART, John W., 96, of E. Kirmar Avenue, Alden, passed away October 16, 2018. John was born in Nanticoke and attended Newport Township schools. John was a 24 year veteran of the US Army serving his country in WW II and the Korean War.

RESAVY, Stephen E., 71, a lifetime resident of Wanamie, passed away October 17, 2018. Stephen was born in Nanticoke on December 8, 1946. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '64 and King's College.

POWELL, Gary A., 53, of West Enterprise Street, Glen Lyon, passed away on October 18, 2018. Gary was born in Wilkes Barre on January 5, 1965.

GROCHOWSKI, Eleanor C. (Norch), (nee Luckiewicz), 94, formerly of Nanticoke and Newport Township, passed away on October 19, 2018. Eleanor was born in Sheatown on April 6, 1924.

VOYTKOWSKI, Elaine M., 71, of Pond Hill, Conyngham Township, died October 19, 2018. Elaine was born in Berwick on October 18, 1947. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '65.

CZAJKOWSKI, William J., 83, of Glen Lyon passed away Monday, October 22, 2018. Bill graduated from Newport Township High School.

THOMA, Anna Mae (nee Jones), 67, of Dorrance Township, and formerly of Alden, passed away October 28, 2018. Anna Mae was born in Nanticoke, on December 13, 1950. She graduated from Newport Township High School Class of '68.

KLISH, Helen S. (nee Krukowski), of Glen Lyon, passed away October 27, 2018. Helen was born in Nanticoke. She attended Nanticoke High School and Wilkes Barre Business School.

SIMCHICK, Geraldine Ann, 83, formerly of Nanticoke and Wanamie, passed away October 13, 2018. Geraldine was born in Wanamie. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '52.

SMITH, Thomas E. formerly of Dorrance Township and Florida, died October 26, 2018. Thomas was born on July 6, 1934. He attended Newport Township schools. He was a US Air Force veteran and a jet mechanic during the Korean War.

SOKOLNICKI, Gertrude A., 94, of Glen Lyon, passed away October 31, 2018. Gertrude was born in Glen Lyon on August 20, 1924. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '42, Temple University School of Nursing, and College Misericordia with a B.S. in Nursing Education. She was a Major in the US Air Force serving at Lackland AFB, TX and Clark AFB, Philippines.

ALBEROLA, David Anthony, 30, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away at his home on November 3, 2018. David was born in Kingston. He was a graduate of Greater Nanticoke Area High School Class of '06.

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BAVITZ, Henry A., 82, of Sheatown, and formerly of Nanticoke, passed away November 12, 2018. Henry was born on January 22, 1936. He was a graduate of Nanticoke High School Class of '54 and was a veteran of the US Air Force.

MORRISON, Cynthia E. (nee Skamarakas), 52, of Pittston, passed away November 17, 2018. "Cindy" was born in Nanticoke. She was raised in Wanamie and graduated from John S. Fine High School, Class of '84.

SKAMARAKAS, James J., 76, of Register, Huntington Township, and formerly of Wanamie, passed away October 22, 2016. James was raised in Wanamie and attended Newport Township schools. He was a US Army veteran.

ZGLENICKI, Charles, 89, of Surprise, AZ, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away February 24, 2018. Charles was born in Glen Lyon on April 6, 1928. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '46. He graduated from Penn State with a degree in Industrial Engineering. Charles was a veteran of the US Army serving in Occupied Japan following World War II.

KOLLY, Theresa, (nee Kowaleski), 78, of Slocum Township, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of '58.

KRAY, John, 94, passed away December 10, 2017, in Largo, FL. John was born in Glen Lyon in 1923. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School. He was a US Navy veteran of World War II serving as a radio operator.

CZECK, Dolores Marie, R.N., 91, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Wanamie, passed away on April 10, 2018. Dolores was born in Wanamie on February 6, 1927. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School and Wilkes Barre General Hospital School of Nursing.

JAMES, Paul G. Sr., 87, of Mossville, Fairmount Township, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away April 12, 2018 at home. Paul was born in Glen Lyon on May 11, 1930. He graduated from Huntington Mills High School.

COOPER, Walter J., 88, of Sheatown, passed away April 14, 2018 at home. Walter was born on June 17, 1928, in Larksville. He graduated from Larksville High School and was a veteran of the US Army serving in Germany as an intercept operator following World War II.

KOTCH, William T., 85, of Alden, passed away April 7, 2018. He was born in Nanticoke on November 4, 1932 and raised in the Honey Pot Section. He graduated from Saint Joseph High School and LaSalle University with a B. S. in Business Administration. William was a veteran of the US Army serving during the Korean War.

CZECK, Joseph J., 93, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Tuesday, April 17, 2018 in Sheatown. Joseph was born in Wanamie. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School and was a veteran of the US Navy having served at Normandy during the D-Day invasion in World War II.

NOLFI, Jule "Jay" (nee Sedor), 95, of Wasila, Alaska, formerly of Alden, passed away March 27, 2018. Jay was born on May 19, 1922 and raised in Alden.

VETERANS NEWS

By Tim Derr in association with 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. 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 Moleski 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 tradition.

Commander Shawn Swicklik (Legion Post 539) would like to extend an invitation to veterans and friends to attend our Veteran's Night, which is held on 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 pm. A list of dates follows: January 19, February 16, March 23.

Recent Activities

On September 21, 2018, VFW Post 8353 and American Legion Post 539 conducted a POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the American Legion Post Home. The Watchfire Ceremony is a solemn event to remember those American service members who have never been accounted for. Our effort could not have been accomplished without the support of the Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. Additionally, the State Correctional Institute in Dallas provided an Honor Guard to perform the flag ceremony. Miss Hannah Fox sang the National Anthem at the beginning of the ceremony. Finally, VFW and American Legion Posts from the district sent representatives for the solemn occasion. Our sincerest gratitude goes to everyone who participated.

The Watchfire Ceremony is held as a remembrance of those who have never been returned to us. As long as one of us remains to remember, they are not forgotten. The Unaccounted: WWII 78,000; Korean War 8,100; Vietnam War 1,800; Cold War 126; and 1991 Gulf War 3.

There are heroes in the thousands who have been held as prisoners of war or whose fate has never been resolved. Many have been lost in the chaos of battle, the grief of their loss made more acute for their families and their fellow Americans because of the inability to determine whether these heroes perished or survived. Captured Americans cruelly stripped of their freedom, treated with contempt and

brutality, or used as pawns by their captors in a larger political struggle, have fought long, lonely battles against despair, physical and psychological torture, and the ultimate fear of being forgotten.



Watchfire M.C., John Widdes flanked by Commander Joe Moleski, Acting Chaplain, VFW Post 8353



Sons of the American Legion Rifle Team at the Watchfire. L to r: Kyle Pegarella, James Derr, Ryan Ptashinski, and Sgt-at-Arms Joe Figlerski. Tom Kashatus looks on.



Honor Guard during the SCI, Dallas POW/MIA Watchfire Ceremony. Members: Shawn Swicklik, Kevin Amos, Matt Potsko, Mark Bullock, Brian Beers, and Scott Owen.



Hannah Fox sang the National Anthem at the POW/MIA Ceremony.



Taps

We mourn the passing of a Comrade in Arms. Army veteran Linn Belles, pictured right, reported for his final muster on December 11, 2018. Linn was a Viet Nam veteran. He will be missed.

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At right is the Disaster Preparedness Program with Jason Kowalski, co-sponsored by the Newport Township Emergency Management Agency, and the Newport Township Crime Watch.



On Halloween Night, the Newport Township Crime Watch manned tables in Sheatown and Glen Lyon. Safety information and candy bags were handed out to the children. The Newport Township Police Department also gave out treats and patrolled often, insuring a safe Halloween for all.

Newport Township Crime Watch

By Sue Heinz ~ It has been a busy three months for Crime Watch. We started out in October with a Disaster Preparedness Program in partnership with Jason Kowalski, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township. Jason presented a very informative powerpoint and everyone in attendance walked away knowing more than they had when they arrived. Jason discussed such potential events as an accident at the nuclear power plant in Salem Township, a prolonged blackout, and fire emergencies. We hope to host another program in the Spring. You won't be disappointed if you attend a future event. A fire extinguisher, a carbon monoxide detector, and two sets of flashlights were given out as door prizes.

On Halloween, Crime Watch gave out glow sticks and candy bags to youngsters at Friendly Food Mart in Sheatown and on the corner of Market Street and Railroad Street in Glen Lyon. Thanks to all the volunteers who took part in this very enjoyable event. Special thanks to Chief Jeremy Blank and Officer Tom Nalbhone for their assistance.

At November's meeting, Tammy from the Domestic Violence Service Center spoke on the different types of domestic abuse and the ways abusers control their victims. She talked about how hard it is for a victim to leave an abusive relationship and how the Victim's Resource Center can provide help. The Center provides a 24-hour hotline, safety planning, options counseling and support groups. The hotline number is 1-800-424-5600. Their services are free and confidential. It was an extremely informative presentation.

For our December meeting, Janine Keretes from Liberty Mutual Insurance spoke on Identity Theft and On-line Safety. According to the Federal Trade Commission, the number 1 fraud complaint is identity theft. Janine gave us tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and what to do if it happens to you. Among the tips she discussed are: never give out personal or financial information on the internet or email; use anti-virus software and keep it updated; always lock your home and car; do not carry your social security card; be careful at ATMs and survey the area before

inputting your PIN. If you are a victim, contact the appropriate parties immediately: your credit card company or financial institution, the police, the Federal Trade Commission or credit reporting companies. You can educate yourself on the FTC website: consumer.gov/idtheft. One of the best ways to be proactive is to choose passwords that are difficult to guess, protect them, and change them often.

Crime Watch has been an active participant in the newly formed Newport United group. At least two Crime Watch representatives attend monthly meetings. Crime Watch made a significant financial contribution to Newport United for the construction of the community electronic bulletin board located in Sheatown.

Crime Watch will be holding meetings on January 10, February 14, and March 14, weather permitting. We meet at 7 pm in the Municipal Building in Wanamie. In addition to the monthly crime report presented by Chief Blank, we will be having election of officers, discussing the updating of our by-laws and the 501c3 application, and starting to plan for National Night Out in August. We also plan to invite speakers to future meetings. All residents are invited to attend. We'll reserve a seat for you.

Hoagie Sale and Fish Dinner

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Adalbert's Church, Holy Spirit Parish in Glen Lyon will hold an Italian hoagie sale on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, 2019. Order sheets are placed on the tables at the back of the Church. Orders can also be placed with Carol by calling 570-736-7149. Hoagies are \$6.00 each.

The Altar and Rosary Society is also planning a Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, March 22. Tickets will be mailed to parishioners and will also be available by calling the Parish Office at 570-736-6372 in late January. Thank you in advance for your support.

Taste of the Township

Salad Dressing



By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Using oil and vinegar to dress greens and vegetables dates to Babylonian times, some 2,000 years ago. The word salad can be traced to the ancient Romans who sprinkled salt on grasses and herbs, calling it "herba salata."

Salad dressings were made from scratch in home kitchens until the turn of the twentieth century when restaurant owners began packaging and selling their own dressings. One of the first was Joe Marzetti, proprietor of a Columbus, Ohio, restaurant. In 1919, Marzetti began to bottle a variety of dressings from old country recipes. The Kraft Cheese

Company entered the salad dressing industry in 1925; its first flavor was French, an oil and vinegar-based dressing flavored with tomato and paprika. By the end of the twentieth century, over 60 million gallons of salad dressings were sold in the United States. The most popular flavor by far is ranch dressing. The original brand, Hidden Valley Ranch, was created by Steve Henson who devised the recipe as a dry mix to be blended with mayonnaise and buttermilk.

The primary ingredient in salad dressing is oil. In the United States, soybean oil is the most common type used in the production of salad dressings. Olive, peanut, and sunflower oils may also be used. Stabilizers and thickeners, such as modified food starch, are mixed with the oil. The thickeners develop viscosity and protective colloid characteristics that help prevent the breakdown of the blend during the various processing steps. Other food ingredients are added depending on the type of dressing, including any or all of the following: eggs, vinegar, salt, honey, sugar, spices and herbs, tomato, vegetable bits, sherry, and lemon or lime juice. Monosodium glutamate (MSG) is a food additive developed in the early 1900s from seaweed. Today in the United States, MSG is extracted from the gluten of cereals. It is used in variety of foods, including salad dressings, to enhance flavor.

For those who enjoy homemade salad dressings, here are three recipes to try: Regina Smocharski's French Dressing, Andrea's Blue Cheese Dressing, and Helen's Zuvka (Wilted Lettuce). You'll be glad you did!

Regina Smocharski's French Dressing as Prepared in Home Ec

Courtesy of Marcy Benick Raiewski

1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp paprika
1/2 tsp pepper
1/3 to 1/2 cup sugar
1 peeled clove of garlic minced
2 tsp minced onion
1 can tomato soup
3/4 cup vinegar
1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. prepared mustard
1 1/2 cups Mazola oil or olive oil
Combine all ingredients in a 2 quart jar. Cover jar and shake. Keep refrigerated. Shake well before using.

Andrea's Blue Cheese Dressing

Courtesy of Andrea Novak Selecky

6-8 oz. grated blue cheese
2 cups mayonnaise
1 cup large curd cottage cheese
1/2 cup white wine vinegar
1 tbs. coarse ground pepper

1 tbs. sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. Accent
2 garlic cloves, grated
Dash of tabasco sauce
Dash of Worcestershire sauce
3/4 cup buttermilk

Mix ingredients and store in refrigerator.

Helen's Zuvka

*Courtesy of the late Helen Jurchak Selecky
(Editor's note: this recipe requires a bit of practice!)*

Use young leaf lettuce. Rinse and drain.

Slice or cut with scissors about 4 slices of bacon into small pieces on medium heat in a large pan. Fry until crisp. Do not drain. Into the bacon and grease, add about 2 tbs. of flour. Stir constantly until the mixture is a nice brownish color. If it looks like wallpaper paste, you put in too much flour or you didn't have enough bacon. You may have to start over again. So after you get to the brownish stage, add about a cup of water and keep stirring until you have the right consistency. If you have added too much water, you're out of business again, so make potato soup out of what you have and start over again. Remove from heat and add about 2 cups of buttermilk or sour cream. (Mom used buttermilk.) Do not boil it or you'll have to start all over again. Stir constantly. (It will be the consistency of gravy.) Pour over the lettuce and serve while warm.

Bacon lovers might like Christobel Shedd Selecky's version of Zuvka:
For 6-8 servings:

1/2 pound of bacon cut up into pieces
2 Tbs. flour
1/2 cup water
1/2 to 3/4 qt. of buttermilk

Fry bacon until crisp on medium heat. Do not drain. Sprinkle flour in pan. Whisk and cook until a little brown. Pour in water and whisk, cook until brown. Then add buttermilk and whisk until smooth. Pour over lettuce and serve.

Note: Zuvka requires green leaf lettuce. Do not substitute with iceberg lettuce. Leaf lettuce has less water content and will hold up better with the warm dressing.




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The Flora and Fauna of Newport Township

Fisher



By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Recently there have been sightings of this elusive and formerly rarely seen animal in the Township.

Fisher Facts

1. The fisher (*Pekania pennanti*) is a small, carnivorous mammal native to North America. It is a member of the mustelid family, commonly referred to as the weasel family. It is a forest-dwelling creature whose range covers much of the boreal forest in Canada to the northern United States. The sexes have similar physical features, with the male being much larger than the female. Males are 35 to 47 inches in length and weigh 8 to 13 pounds. Females measure 30 to 37 inches and weigh 4 to 6 pounds. The largest male fisher ever recorded weighed 20 pounds.
2. Although their primary prey is snowshoe hares and porcupines, they are also known to supplement their diet with insects, nuts, berries, and mushrooms. Fishers have been known to kill larger animals, such as wild turkey, bobcat, and lynx.
3. Fishers are one of the few predators that seek out and kill porcupines. Stories in popular literature indicate that fishers can flip a porcupine onto its back and "scoop out its belly like a ripe melon". Observational studies show that fishers make repeated biting attacks on the face of a porcupine and kill it after about 25–30 minutes.
4. They have been trapped since the 18th century for their fur. Their pelts were in such demand that they were extirpated from several parts of the United States in the early part of the 20th century. Also loss of forest habitat contributed to the decline. Prices for pelts have varied considerably over the past 100 years. They were highest in the 1920s and 1930s, when average prices were about \$100.00. In 1936, pelts were being offered for sale in New York City for \$450–750 per pelt. Prices declined through the 1960s, but picked up again in the late 1970's. In 1979, the Hudson Bay Company paid \$410 for one female pelt. In 1999, 16,638 pelts were sold in Canada.
5. In the 1920s, when pelt prices were high, some fur farmers attempted to raise fishers. However, their unusual delayed reproduction made breeding difficult.
6. Despite the name "fisher", the animal is not known to eat fish. The name is instead related to the word "fitch", meaning a European polecat (*Mustela putorius*) or pelt thereof, due to the resemblance to that animal. The name comes from the colonial Dutch equivalent, "fisse" or "visse." In the French language, the pelt of a polecat is called "fiche" or "fichet."
7. Some evidence shows that ancestors of the fisher migrated to North America during the Pleistocene era between 2.5 and 5.0 million years ago. No major differences are seen between the Pleistocene fisher and the modern fisher.
8. A fisher's hunting range varies from 3 square miles in the summer to 5 square miles in the winter. Ranges up to 8 square miles in the winter are possible depending on the quality of the habitat.
9. Although fishers are competent tree climbers, they spend most of their time on the forest floor and prefer continuous forest to other habitats. They have been found in extensive conifer forests typical of the boreal forest, but are also common in mixed-hardwood and conifer forests. Fishers prefer areas with continuous overhead cover with greater than 80% coverage and avoid areas with less than 50% coverage. Fishers are more likely to be found in old-growth forests.
10. Most states had placed restrictions on fisher trapping by the 1930s, coincidental with the end of the logging boom. A combination of forest regrowth in abandoned farmlands and

improved forest management practices increased available habitat and allowed remnant populations to recover. Populations have since recovered sufficiently that the species is no longer endangered.

11. Pennsylvania's present day fisher population is the direct result of natural expansion from adjacent states and from reintroduction programs here. Current populations in northeastern Pennsylvania may have been colonized or enhanced by natural dispersal from New York. Most recently and significantly, during 1994-1998, through a joint project between the Game Commission, the Pennsylvania State University and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 190 fishers (87 males, 97 females, 6 of unknown sex) were reintroduced in six sites in northern Pennsylvania. Historic data suggest that fishers were distributed throughout most of Pennsylvania prior to intensive deforestation during the nineteenth century, but actual distribution and relative abundance back then is largely unknown.
12. Today, fisher populations are well established and increasing throughout the southwestern, central and northern regions of the state, and fishers have become established even in some rural and suburban habitats once thought unsuitable for this adaptive forest carnivore. As populations have increased, the Game Commission has adopted a scientifically based and highly conservative management plan to ensure that the fisher will remain an important carnivore in Pennsylvania forests.

Record Size Bear Harvested by Wanamie Hunter

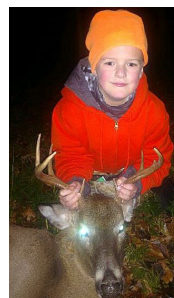
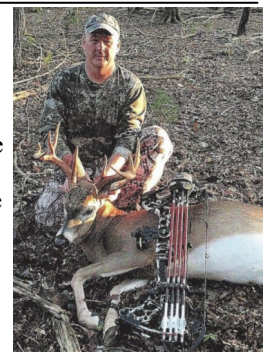


By Tom Kashatus ~ Eighteen year old Corrina Kishbaugh of Brown Row, Wanamie, is shown with her father, Kyle Kishbaugh, and her first ever black bear which she harvested on opening day of bear season this past November. As Corrina began her day's journey with her father behind

their home, they spotted "bear tracks as big as dinner plates." Corrina followed the tracks while her Dad went in a slightly different direction. Soon and unexpectedly, Corrina found herself facing a 623 pound black bear at 15 yards away. With a burst of adrenalin pumping and anxiety setting in, Corrina cautiously took aim with her single shot 7 mm 08 H&R rifle, fired, and put the bear down. Being in the area and hearing the activity taking place, Jeremy Yokavonis and Mark Rinehimer responded to assist the Kishbaughs with transporting the bear to the Game Commission for documentation and reporting purposes. Corrina has been hunting with her father since she was seven years old and she gives him all the credit for her love of hunting and hunting experiences which he taught her. There is now a seven year old brother, Kyle Jr., who will have the benefit of learning the rules and responsibilities of hunting from his father and sister.

Buck Harvests

Kevin Swicklik of Mountain Top, formerly of Glen Lyon, pictured right, harvested this beautiful 165 pound, 10 point buck, in Black Creek Township, during archery season in October. He used a Matthews Triax Bow to achieve his successful trip to the southern border of Luzerne County.



Nikolas Ryan Makowski, of Wanamie, at left, harvested this seven point buck during the second week of buck season at the Game Lands near Shickshinny in Salem Township. He was hunting with his father, Kevin, and used a 308 Winchester. Nikolas also harvested a doe earlier in October as a junior license holder during a three day "Special Firearms Season." Nikolas is 10 years old.

Cael Sanderson Visits Wyoming Valley

By Tom Kashatus ~ Highly acclaimed Penn State wrestling coach Cael Sanderson visited Wyoming Valley at the historic former Kingston High School on October 27th through the efforts of Rock Solid Wrestling and the Wyoming Valley West wrestling program. Also featured were Bloomsburg University's former wrestling All-Americans Ricky and Rocky Bonomo who previously gained recognition from wrestling at Lake Lehman. The purpose of the visit was to spend time with young members of the local wrestling community, inspire them to achieve the best goals in life, and teach them how a sport such as wrestling can inspire and aid in that process. Discussion led to action as the featured guests put on a clinic that motivated all participants toward excellence.

Coach Sanderson, no doubt, has the qualifications to promote wrestling and the journey to greatness. After graduating from Wasatch High in Utah in 1997 and wrestling at Iowa State University (ISU) from 1997 to 2002 (red-shirting as a freshman), he earned four NCAA championships during his college career going undefeated (159 - 0). Besides his four NCAA titles, his other college achievements/honors were three Dan Hodge trophies for Outstanding College Wrestler of the Year, four-time NCAA Outstanding Wrestler, and four-time Big 12 Conference Champion. Internationally, Sanderson won a gold medal at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

As the Penn State wrestling coach since 2010, his teams have won seven NCAA Division I team titles. His wrestlers have won twenty individual NCAA national titles. Fifty-one of his wrestlers have achieved All-American status. During the years of 2016, 2017, and 2018, the Penn State wrestling team has been undefeated in dual meets with a record of 44 wins and 0 losses. As a member of the Big Ten conference, this includes competing with all teams within the Big Ten year in and year out.

It was an honor for Wyoming Valley West to host Cael Sanderson of Penn State. His visit will not be forgotten by the many youngsters whose lives were touched by his humility and the expertise that they gained from this event.



Shown with Penn State Wrestling Coach Cael Sanderson (center) is high school junior Collin Kudrako-Kashatus (right) of the Greater Nanticoke Area Wrestling Program and his dad Jonathan Kashatus (left), both of Glen Lyon.

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The Glory of Sports

I always turn to the sports section first. The sports page records people's accomplishments; the front page has nothing but man's failures. ~ Earl Warren

Huber Breaker Society Raising Money to Restore Wanamie 9 Lokie

By John Jarecki ~ The Wanamie 9 Lokie, which ran along narrow-gauge tracks at the Wanamie Colliery from 1948 to 1969, still exists and is now at the Veirson Boiler Works in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A committee of the Huber Breaker Preservation Society is trying to raise money to purchase it, return it to Northeastern Pennsylvania, and restore it. Matt Stegura, member of the Preservation Society, has a GoFundMe page to raise money for the project. If you would like to make a contribution, go to www.gofundme.com and search for Wanamie 9.

Amazing, but True!

In 1887, the Bellas Brass Band of Alden was a popular band, playing at dances, "hops," and community events in the Township and elsewhere. The band was called the Bellas Band on account of there being eight brothers playing in the band. Also, six other members of the band were near relatives of the Bellas family, leaving only five out of the nineteen members of the band who were not related. The members wore uniforms, perhaps similar to the military-styled uniforms of that time period. The last mention of the Bellas Brass Band was in 1937. They enjoyed a long run!

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A spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Adalbert's Church, Holy Spirit Parish was held on October 14. Pictured are Lorrie Materewicz and Albert Chesney practicing the fine art of spaghetti twirling. A good time was had by all.



Pictured above are Marcy Raiewski, Peter Selecky and Father Louis Kaminski picking up their hoagies on Election Day, November 6 at St. Adalbert's Church Hall. The cooks are: Carol Wilkes, Steffie Stogoski, JoAnne Thomas, Heidi Jarecki, Ann Marie Gorgas, and Carol Sobotka. Not pictured are Jennifer Morgis and Debbie Prokop.

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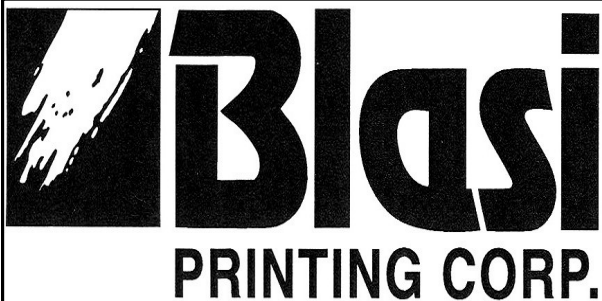
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General Election 2018



This photo shows poll workers and voters of Newport Township's 2nd Ward at the Municipal Building on West Kirmar Avenue. From left to right are: Kevin Makowski, voter; Unidentified Voter; Kathleen Peters, Judge of Elections; Brittany Czyzycki, worker; Wendy Peters, Majority Inspector; and Teena Wrubel, Minority Inspector.

By Tom Kashatus ~ Contests for the 2018 "Midterm" General Election were held throughout Pennsylvania for Federal and State offices on November 6. Locally, there were no contests for school director, county, municipal, or party officials. There were no questions on the ballot requiring yes or no answers. However, on the

federal level, the stakes were high in a contest for United States Senator - a six year term - and a United States Congressman - a two year term. Why were the stakes riding high in these contests? They would determine control of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. Until January, the Republican Party controls both legislative bodies along with the presidency. Polls prior to the November election predicted a "flip" in the House of Representatives which would negate one party control of two branches of the federal government, making the passage of legislation more difficult unless the possibility of compromise exists. On the state level, stakes were high with the 2020 census looming on the horizon and the possibility of the realigning of legislative districts throughout Pennsylvania. A three-way control of the governorship, state senate, and state house would give an edge to that party when division of political districts takes place due to population changes over the preceding ten year period.

So, what has happened? On the federal level, Republicans continue to control the presidency and maintain a slim margin in the US Senate. The Democrats did flip the House of Representatives and the promise of new leadership will insure a more combative effort to pass legislation throughout the next two years - unless old political wounds heal and compromise is possible.

On the state level, the governorship remains in Democrat hands, while the Senate and House will continue with their Republican majority. The passing of legislation will take compromise or many difficulties and/or nothing will prevail. The changing of political districts after the 2020 census will become an election issue in that year for those contesting for state House and Senate seats.

Newport Township election results: (1) For US Senate: Senator Robert Casey (D) - 735, Congressman Lou Barletta (R) - 713. With huge majorities in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Senator Casey was the eventual winner. (2) For US Congress of the PA 9th Congressional District: Mr. Denny Wolff (D) - 767, Mr. Dan Meuser (R) - 644 and the eventual winner. Of the 22 municipalities in Luzerne county, Newport Township was the only community to favor Mr. Wolff. Mr. Meuser ran a strong campaign throughout the rural areas of the 9th district which now runs through the counties of Luzerne, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Carbon, Schuylkill, Berks, Dauphin, Lebanon, and Lancaster. (3) For PA Governor and Lt. Governor: Tom Wolf & John Fetterman - 837 and eventual winners, Scott Wagner & Jeff Bartos - 580. (4) For PA Senator of the 14th Senatorial district: Senator John Yudichak (D) ran unopposed - 1,134. He pulled 39,608 votes in Luzerne County and 11,527 votes in Carbon County. (5) For PA Representative of the 119th Legislative District: Rep. Gerald Mullery (D) - 961 and eventual winner; Justin Behrens - 485. Mullery ran a strong campaign in the urban and suburban communities, while Behrens' strength was in the

rural areas. (6 and noteworthy) For PA Representative of the 121st Legislative District: Rep. "Eddie Day" Pashinski, former Newport Township resident and GNA teacher - 9,676 and eventual winner; Sue Henry - 7,210. Rep. Pashinski showed strength in Wilkes Barre City and Fairview Township; while Ms Henry, well known WILK radio host whose views were opposite to those of Rep. Pashinski's, ran a strong campaign in Hanover Township.

It may not have been a record vote in numbers at the Township's three wards: however, activity was brisk and spirited and over 50% of registered voters participated, compared to less than 20% in the primary election. An I-Pad has now been instituted for voters to sign in and it seems to be more favorable for use than the old paper sign-in sheets. In general nationally, it appears that the controversial comments of President Donald Trump throughout his tenure have invigorated public sentiment whether positively or negatively, and voters let their voices be heard in higher numbers than usual for a midterm election this past fall.

Newport Township Crime Watch Dedicates Books

By Tom Kashatus ~ The interment in Newport Township of Pearl Harbor hero and Wanamie native, Seaman Edward Slapikas, in June of 2018 inspired members of the Newport Township Crime Watch to honor him and express appreciation for his sacrifice. Seaman Slapikas lost his life on the Battleship Oklahoma during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, which resulted in the United States' entrance into World War II. The decision to donate a book to the local library in Seaman Slapikas' name was unanimous among Crime Watch members. Research determined that "Pearl Harbor 75 Years Later" by The Editors of Life to be appropriate with its stories and many photographs of the attack by the Japanese on the US Territory of Hawaii. Crime Watch then purchased the book. At a subsequent meeting, member Charlotte Santry stated that she had a book about this event titled, "All the Galant Men" by Donald Stratton and that she would like to donate it also. On behalf of the Newport Township Crime Watch and in memory of Edward Slapikas, Vice President Mary Kashatus presented "Pearl Harbor 75 Years Later" to the library of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District; and "All the Galant Men" to the Nanticoke Mill Library. The account of the journey of Seaman Slapikas' return home and his interment in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Wanamie, written by Tim Derr and appearing in NTCO 2018 Summer Newsletter, pp 12 & 13, was pasted on the inside cover of each book.



Left: GNA students, Braden Zarembo and Tiara Thomas, receiving "Pearl Harbor 75 Years Later" from Crime Watch Vice President Mary Kashatus.



Above: Mill Library Board Member Vicki Frace, receiving "All the Galant Men" from Crime Watch Vice President Mary Kashatus.

Knowledge is Power!

"The richest person in the world — in fact all the riches in the world — couldn't provide you with anything like the endless, incredible loot available at your local library." ~ Malcolm Forbes



Walk of Warriors

By Lorrie Materewicz ~ Friday, September 21st was National POW/MIA Recognition Day. In honor of these heroes, the Newport Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539, in conjunction with the Post, sponsored their second annual one mile "Walk of Warriors" in Glen Lyon on Saturday, September 22nd with step-off at 9 am. The route began on the east side in the parking lot of St. Nicholas Church, and the flag-waving group, led by a POW/MIA banner, processed west along Main Street escorted by the Newport Township police cruiser driven once again this year by Officer Blake Brown. Traffic control was expertly and safely provided by the Township Fire Police, guarding the group both front and rear. It was fun to note that this year, along with a stroller and two rollators, the group was joined by two well-behaved and sociable canines. Stops were made briefly at the hilltop parking lot across from K-Val's Market, then at the Main/Market Streets stop sign, then it was full speed ahead to Apple Street, up the hill, left onto Newport, and on to the Legion Post home. After arriving at the anticipated destination amid cheers, sirens, photos, and honking horns, the crowd gathered for a welcoming address and the Pledge of Allegiance by Auxiliary President Barb Meyers. It was followed with the POW/MIA ceremony (Missing Man Table) performed by Auxiliary members and veterans Lorrie Materewicz and Leanne Wenner. The service culminated in prayers, a social, and luncheon expertly prepared by Kyle Pegarella and Sally Billings. All funds raised (surpassing last year's

Kneeling: Lorrie Materewicz, Emilia Parsons, Leanne Wenner, Canine Holly.

Standing, 1st row – Braden Meyers, Allie Graham, Sue Heinz, Al Chesney, Janet Wenner, Faith and Bob Kropiewnicki, Emma Andrews, Ron Jones (Fire Police), Eleanor Hamrick, Sally Gorgas
Standing, back row: Palmira Miller, Tiffany Graham, Barb Meyers, Amy Saraka, Karen Samuels, Canine Rex, Joe Goodas, Sally Billings, Linda Hourigan, Joe Molski, Deb Zaleski, Crystal Bogdan, Eileen and Patrick McMullen, Gary Andrews, Wyatt Andrews, Carey Clark, Police Officer Blake Brown, Fire Police Captain Len Paczkowski, Fire Police Dave Namowicz, Fire Police Bob Shemanski

total) were donated once again to the National League of POW/MIA Families headquartered in Falls Church, Virginia. Their sole mission is the full accounting, location, and repatriation of the POW's/MIA's of the Vietnam War. Pennsylvania still has 90 names on that list. Unit and Post 539 would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to all our generous donors of funds and foodstuffs, to Russ Brassington and Newport Decal for their patience and expertise, St. Nicholas Church parishioners for their kindness and generosity, Channel 16 for their time and coverage, George Kubasik for his gift of videography, Kyle Pegarella and Sally Billings for their time and talents in the kitchen, the Newport Township Police and Fire Police Departments for their care and valuable assistance yet again, and the public for their respect during our procession. NEVER FORGET! God Bless.



November 11, Armistice Day was recognized with the ringing of the bells on the front steps of St Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon. Pictured are, left to right, First row: Auxiliary member Allie Graham, attendee Braden Meyers, and Sons of American Legion member Vincent Mitchell. Second Row: Auxiliary member Heidi Jarecki and Unit 539 President Barb Meyers. Back Row: Unit 539 Secretary/Treasurer Sally Billings and Americanism Chairman Lorrie Materewicz.

Take a Walk!

If you are seeking creative ideas, go out walking. Angels whisper to a man when he goes for a walk. ~ Raymond Inmon

Bells of Peace

By Lorrie Materewicz ~ Sunday, 11 November 2018 was Veterans' Day, and this year it marked the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended the hostilities of World War I. The National Commemorative Committee of World War I developed a nationwide initiative (supported and promoted by the American Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL) called "Bells of Peace." On Veterans' Day, members and public attendees gathered at 11 am (the time the Armistice between the Allies and Germany was signed - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month) for a short ceremony marking the occasion. A contingent from Glen Lyon's American Legion Auxiliary Unit 539, along with the public, gathered on the steps of St. Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon to perform the ceremony. It consisted of the distribution of poppies, "God Bless America" played on the church's chimes, a short prayer, poem, and commentary presented by Auxiliary Americanism Chairman Lorrie Materewicz. "Taps" was played, followed by the tolling of the church bells 21 times in salute, along with the ringing of bells handed out to those in attendance. This memorialized the signing of the Armistice and also honored all World War I veterans. Tears were shed by many during the solemn tolling, recalling that 100 years ago, at that moment, a tremendously historical event took place. In memory of our fighting forces who bravely stood on foreign soil in defense of our nation, bells rang simultaneously all across the nation. Throughout the ceremony, a World War I uniform worn by a local veteran, Peter Forgach, was on display. Unit 539 wishes to thank Holy Spirit Pastor Rev. Louis Kaminski for permission to use the site, Joe Hillan for his expertise in handling the chimes and bells, and all who participated. God Bless.

War No More

I dream of giving birth to a child who will ask, "Mother, what was war?" ~ Eve Merriam

Newport Township Teachers:

Regina Smocharski

By Heidi Jarecki ~ Regina Louise Smocharski (Smocarski) was born on November 28, 1912 in Glen Lyon. Her parents were Stephen and Anna Bernardin Smocharski. Stephen was born in about 1882 in Poland and immigrated to the United States in 1902 at age 19. He found his way to Glen Lyon where he met Anna, who was born in Glen Lyon. He worked in the mines for a time, and then in about 1921 established a grocery business at 56 Newport Street, Glen Lyon where the family lived. Stephen and Anna had four children: Regina, Edmund, Gertrude Murphy, and Chester. The family were members of St. Adalbert's Church.



class into several groups and managed each group according to their projects.

The kitchen was located on the left side of the classroom. Regina taught how to make meatloaf, baked fish, baked potatoes, jello with carrots, and French salad dressing (see recipe on page 11). One of the tips offered by a former student is to always be at eye-level when opening the oven door, so as not to get a full blast of hot air. The class that followed ate what the previous class

Regina was educated in Newport Township schools and graduated from High School in 1930. While in high school, she was a contributor to the Times Leader Scholastic Page, and won proficiency awards in bookkeeping. In the Senior Class Day program on June 6, 1930, Regina participated in a play, "Why Mothers Get Gray," no doubt to the amusement of all Moms in the audience.

Following high school, Regina enrolled at College Misericordia in Dallas. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in chemistry and education in 1935. While at Misericordia, she was active in the Athletic Association, the chorus, and served on various committees. In 1941 the Newport Township School Board elected Regina to teach institutional training with the national defense courses at the High School. Two years later, Regina was appointed to teach home economics to fill in for Ann Morgis who was on sabbatical leave. The following year, Ann went into military service and Regina was appointed her substitute. Ann did not return to her teaching position and Regina was hired permanently.

Home Economics, or Domestic Science as it is sometimes called, had its beginnings in the 1860's. Catharine Stowe, a half-sister to Harriet Beecher Stowe was at the forefront of the movement to formalize the teaching of childrearing, cooking, sewing, and house-keeping. Other forerunners of home economics were the cooking schools, such as the Boston Cooking School which had on its faculty Maria Parloa and Fannie Farmer. In 1899, Ellen Richards along with other educators organized the Lake Placid Conferences which later led to the formation of the American Home Economics Association. Members successfully lobbied to offer home economics in the schools. Home economists pursued careers in business, including the food industry, textiles and clothing, hotel and restaurant management, and interior design. They found jobs in public-sector and non-profit organizations in such fields as public health, institutional management, social work, housing, and, of course, education. At Newport, the course was initially taught in the high school, and was later transferred to the Pulaski Junior High School.

In 1938, Regina joined the Reymont Club, an organization of Polish professional men and women which was formed in Wilkes-Barre. Its purpose was to aid educational, civic, and social projects. Scholarships were established at Wilkes, King's, and Misericordia. The name Reymont honors the Polish winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1924. Regina was an active member for many years. The Club disbanded in 1972.

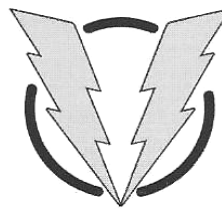
During the World War II years and after, Regina became a teacher-sponsor along with Mrs. Estelle Repotski for the Junior Red Cross, assuming direct responsibility for the program and serving as liaison between the members in the high school and the Junior Red Cross Committee at the Chapter Headquarters in Wilkes-Barre. She was also a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association and the National Education Association.

Regina made a lasting impression on her students. This writer was not surprised when she asked some of them what they remember about "home ec" and got their immediate responses. Her students were seventh, eighth, and ninth graders with varying skills and talents. Back then, girls were expected to take home economics, and the boys were expected to take industrial arts or "shop." Students of either sex were not permitted to switch courses. Regina split the

made, whether it was good or not. They also set the table and were given lessons in table etiquette. Regina taught knitting (mittens and scarves, knit one, purl one) and sewing (pillow cases, petticoats, aprons and pajamas). Sewing machines lined the windows, and they were always in use. Patterns were laid out on material on the big work tables in the center of the room, and the fabric was cut on the "bias" or not. Mastering the hem stitch served everyone who ever had to shorten a skirt or pants. Regina taught child care by recruiting younger sisters of students or her own nieces who came to the school. (Some of them cried!) She also taught her students how to manicure nails. One student recalled her businesslike demeanor in the classroom. She was on the faculty when the transition was made to a new school district, Greater Nanticoke Area. She retired from teaching on January 1, 1978.

Regina enjoyed playing golf, was a member of the Lehman Golf Club and participated in tournaments. She also enjoyed travel, sometimes combining travel with golf. She was a member of the Polish Room Committee at Wilkes, the Northeastern Philharmonic Association and the Northeast Opera Association. In 1982, Regina was accepted for membership in the Pi Beta Gamma Club.

She later moved to Prospect Street in Nanticoke. Regina passed away on April 25, 2000 at the Mercy Health Care Center in Sheatown. She is interred in St. Adalbert's Cemetery. She was 87 years old.



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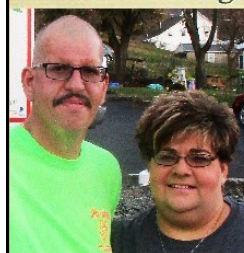
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Nicknames Unique

By John Kashatus ~ While watching the Little League World Series (LLWS) and the Phillies/Toronto series on the weekend of August 24,25,26, I observed the discussion regarding nicknames. The Major Leaguers wore "throwback" uniforms with their unique nicknames on the back. The announcers at the LLWS provided color by mentioning the nicknames of some of the participants. The conversation was directed at nicknames that were not derived from the individual's first or last name, but another identifying characteristic. Since I came from an era and a town (Glen Lyon) of many people who had nicknames, some more unique than others, I have taken a trip down memory lane.

As children, we develop our individuality when we enter elementary school. At first, it seems that when being addressed, a child is called on by his or her formal name. As the years go by, that formality is replaced by a more casual approach. Hence, instead of "William, read the next paragraph" in second grade, it became, "Billy, put problem #2 on the chalkboard" in seventh grade.

Although many of the citizenry have nicknames derived from the family surname, I have been intrigued by those nicknames derived from the behavior or the personality of the individual. I am not attempting to quiz the readers of the NTCO Newsletter, but I am sure that a few "elders" will identify some nicknames and know how the moniker was derived.

As a youngster coming of age, I noticed that no one ever called my father by his given name, John. Everyone called him Dada. I figured that he got that name from my brother Tom's first spoken word. Wrong, but that is a long story. Since my parents operated a tavern/restaurant business, I was in contact with adults on a regular basis. I knew two guys named Doc and neither was a doctor. A guy who patronized our tavern was known as Senator Riley, yet he was a coal miner.

As I reach back into my memory bank, I present a list of Glen Lyon nicknames of an earlier time: Levi, Jocko, Duddy, (hint, Con-dor's). Some were named after animals – Kitty, Rabbits, Chickie, Foxy, Puppy, Weasel. Others were – Hurry-hurry, Pud, Rip, Chip-py, Chevy, Nazzy, Peanuts, Chubby, Blackie (like Boston), Brugi, Mertz, Vuya, Smokey, Gabby, Blue-Lights, McGranny, Squirt, Brexy, Pada, Brooma, Zidey, Bones, Gas, Chummy, Stretch, Bubbles, Frinzo, Bucky, Jada, Buzz, Potatoes, Gus, Skinner, Brandy, Rivers, Mutt, Pickles, Muthie, Buddy, Tiny (he wasn't small), Shorty (he was), Lefty (I never knew anyone called Righty). Another puzzler were brothers-in-law called Pat and Dick, yet their real names were Frank and George. There were also older teenagers, some had names similar to their fathers'. I remember Zek, Scratchie, Yon-Yon, Kemmer, Windy, Shakey, SkyCat, Spadey, Smiley, Bull, Archie, Perch, Peachy, Chuck, Bolts, Rex, and Bugsy. In fact, there were some nicknames shared by more than one person.

As my universe expanded to the East Side of Glen Lyon (going to Roosevelt School), I met many new friends and classmates. Also, Little League and Biddy Basketball provided friendships from all areas of Newport Township. I continued on to Pulaski Junior High, then to Newport Township High School, which included many more students from the towns outside of Glen Lyon. While so many adults had nicknames, so did many kids of our own generation. Some of the kids inherited monikers from their parents. Traveling along Memory Lane, I remember these youngsters with unique nicknames: Motsek, Cisco, Brugi, Sid, Biff, Doc, Jocko, Vuya (last 6 named after their fathers), Murphy (he wasn't Irish), Puff (he was Irish), Mo, Sky, Toodles, Ducky, Honbar, Casper, Ink & Dink (twins), Rollie, Vet, Punjab, Rugged, Durango, Butchie, Curly (he had a crew cut), Sparky, Squire, Moose, Fudgesicle, Chook, Seahunt, Big Foot, Kincaid, Zeke, Nelch, Parody, Cheyenne, Sonny, Navaho, Buzzy, Masher, Ulec, Earp, Shank, Bish, Frenchy, Chunky, Duke, Bubsie, Mambo, Cog, Ceg, Sammy (first name was really John), Storky, Chippy, Chipper, Hambone, Yanek, Brady, Poochie, Slug, Tracer, Wogger, Petershack, and Van.

As you have noticed there has been no mention of female nicknames. My interaction with the opposite sex was limited until junior high and most ladies and young girls were usually addressed by their given names. In regard to the adult population, most of them

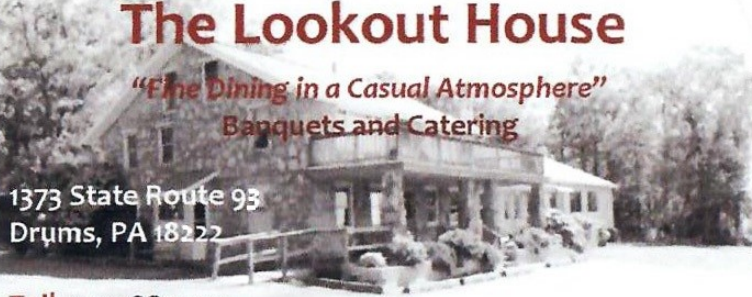
spent the remainder of their lives in the community. But, many acquaintances of the next generation relocated to areas elsewhere, to gain work and raise their families. During that process, the nickname adopted by the local gentry either faded away or was forgotten. Even so, the nicknames of the past usually had a resurgence during gatherings such as Ice Breakers and Class Reunions. While I have listed many nicknames from days of yore, I know that there are many more that I have forgotten. And I will probably spend much of my idle time trying to recall the nicknames of classmates, friends and acquaintances.



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How did you get yours?

Of all eloquence a nickname is the most concise; of all arguments the most unanswerable. ~ William Hazlitt



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SECOND ROW: Mike Koff, Steve Rinehammer, Bob Deluca, Tom Selecky.
THIRD ROW: Assist. Coach, Mr. Yarashefski, Alan Zerfoss, Joe

Miller, Ron Stavetski, Jim Zubritski, Coach, Mr. Domzalski.
FOURTH ROW: Paul Morgis, Dave Peterfreund, Ken Kubasko, Ralph Galicki.

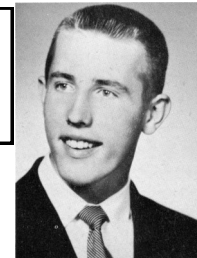
The 1965 Newport Township High School Basketball Season

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ The 1964-65 school year at Newport Township High School was one of profound change. It would be the first year since 1910 that high school did not begin in the building that was built on the hilltop overlooking Wanamie. This was because on Monday Dec 17, 1963 a fire destroyed the historic building. It was in this building on October 10, 1918 that the first emergency hospital in Luzerne County opened to treat the victims of the infamous Spanish Flu pandemic. On its court, the 1936 State Championship basketball team played. It was in this building that many of our parents were educated. The year instead began in the Pulaski Junior High School on Market Street in Glen Lyon where double sessions accommodated both Junior and Senior High School students. For the basketball team the changes were even more challenging. Following the 1964 school year, highly successful basketball coach Jim Davis left Newport to teach and coach at Berwick High School. New coach Gene Domzalski would inherit a team which lost four of its starters. Only center Alan Zerfoss who shared time with departed Jim Murphy returned. Gene graduated from Newport High School in 1956. An outstanding athlete, he was an all-star selection in three sports and was awarded a full NCAA football scholarship to the University of Wyoming. A football knee injury provided Gene the opportunity to play baseball at Wyoming. Shortly thereafter, Gene signed a bonus contract with the New York Yankees in 1958 and began his professional career before returning to the University of Wyoming in 1964 to serve as assistant baseball coach and complete his degree requirements. During his professional baseball tenure, Gene was an all-star selection of the Florida State league in 1963, the Carolina League in 1961 and the New York/Penn League.

Newport won its first 7 exhibition games: Wilkes Barre Township 99-43; Berwick 66-65; Edwardsville 76-56; Danville 63-48; Ashley 85-64; and Lake Lehman 81-73. Then on December 30, they played the Alumni. The Alumni had a very good team consisting mostly of players from the 1964 Newport team that almost won the Wyoming Valley Championship. Newport lost 94-81. The Alumni was led by Dennis Sweeney with 30 points followed by Russ Sager 20, Joe Champi 20 and Tom Sudol with 15. Newport was led by Dave Peterfreund with 20 points, Mike Koff 16, Joe Miller 11 and Alan Zerfoss with 10.

League play started off well for Newport with wins over Meyers and Hanover. Then they met Kingston on Newport's tiny gym at Pulaski before a packed house of enthusiastic fans. Kingston was the pre-season favorite to win the league championship and was led by high scoring 6' 10" Richard Hoch. Both were undefeated in league play. To the surprise of many, Newport won 82-76. Kingston led at the half 44-40 but dropped behind in the third 58-57 and

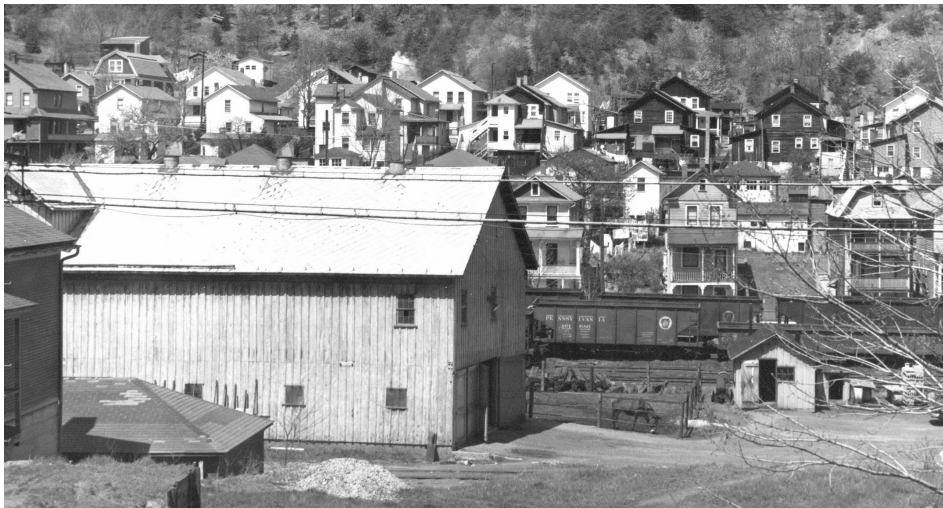
Pictured left is the 1965 Newport Township High School Basketball Team. Pictured right is Gene Domzalski as he appeared in his Newport High School Yearbook in 1956.



Newport led by five points with three minutes to play. Then the home forces put on a freeze and Kingston had to foul to break it up. Newport hit on foul tries to decide the issue. Carey scored 29 and Hoch 27 for Kingston. All five of Newport's starters tallied in double figures. Miller led with 22 points followed by Peterfreund 18, Morgis 16, Zubritski 13 and Zerfoss 11. Newport then defeated Coughlin, Nanticoke and Plymouth before falling to GAR 84-78 in overtime at the victor's gym. GAR rallied for 25 points in the final quarter to tie the game. Meanwhile, Kingston won all of its remaining games and a playoff between Kingston and Newport was set up at the Kingston Armory to determine the first half championship. Before a banner crowd of 2,972 fans, Newport defeated Kingston for a second time 57-52 in a close exciting game. Kingston led 28-26 in the first quarter as Hoch made seven points. Kingston opened strong in the third quarter and moved out in front 39-30. Then Mike Koff, Jim Zubritski and Joe Miller got the Nutcrackers back in the game with their scoring and it was even going into the final quarter. Kingston held the early lead in the 4th quarter when Dave Peterfreund put in a goal and hit on two charity tosses to make it 51-48. Alan Zerfoss popped in a goal and Peterfreund closed out the scoring with four foul shots. Newport put on a freeze in the final three minutes while holding a four point edge and Kingston had to foul to break up the tactic.

Starting the second half of conference play Newport defeated Meyers and Hanover and then faced Kingston on their home floor. Kingston romped to a 71-57 victory. Hoch who was now leading the conference in scoring was unstoppable with 30 points. Newport was led by Miller with 16 and Zerfoss with 13 and Koff 12. Newport then defeated Coughlin but lost to Nanticoke and Plymouth. In the Plymouth game, David Peterfreund, who was having a terrific season, injured his knee and was out for the season. This would be a terrible blow to Newport. Newport, in spite of this setback, regained their winning ways with a 90-73 win over GAR. The championship would be decided in a game scheduled at the Scranton CYC between the first half champion Newport and the second half champion Kingston. In a thrilling fast-paced game before 2,500 fans, Kingston prevailed 81-62 led by Hoch's 19 points. Newport was paced by Zubritski's 15 points. Miller scored 14 and Zerfoss 11. A confident Kingston team entered the State playoffs with a 20-2 record and their star player Richard Hoch averaging 32 points per game. Kingston's only losses were to Newport. Kingston won its first two games against Scranton and Williamsport but injuries again altered the course of history when Dick Hoch hurt his back in a fall with 12 seconds remaining in the Williamsport game. A visibly injured Hoch played in the State's Eastern semifinal Class A game against Mahanoy Area but Kingston lost 66-53. In spite of his injuries, Hoch still led Kingston in scoring with 21 points.

David Peterfreund, Joe Miller and Richard Hoch were all selected for the 1965 Wyoming Conference All Star team. 1966 was a rebuilding year for basketball at Newport and they would go 3-11 in conference play. Alan Zerfoss, the lone returning starter, was selected All Conference. Gene Domzalski resigned as basketball coach at the end of the year. He continued to coach baseball at Newport, and later on at Nanticoke Area. In a five-year period of coaching, his teams won three sectional titles and one district title before joining the Wilkes University coaching staff in 1969. Taking over the Wilkes baseball program in 1969, Gene molded the squad into a national power during his nine year coaching tenure. Posting a career record of 138 wins, a school record, and just 42 losses, Gene guided the Colonels to Middle Athletic Conference Championships in 1972 and 1977 and three NCAA Division III playoff berths. The 1976 team participated in the Final Four of the Division III College World Series. Over his coaching career, 4 players signed professional contracts and 7 players earned Small College All-American honors. Gene is retired and resides in Mountain Top with his wife Arlene. They have three children, Ed, Jim and Sharon.



Pictured left is the Susquehanna Coal Company's second mule barn in Glen Lyon, c1950.

Mule Barns of Newport Township

By Heidi Jarecki ~ The use of mules in mining operations is well documented. With the rise of the Industrial Revolution, the demand for coal increased dramatically and the mule was a logical choice for transporting the coal from the shafts. Mules were in use from the 18th century in Europe and here locally until the early 1950's when electric motors were used to bring the coal out. A steam locomotive could do the work, except for the noxious gases it produced, making it unsuitable for use in confined spaces.

A mule, according to Michael D. Sprowles writing in the *Mining History Journal* in 2011, "is the offspring of a male donkey and a female horse, possesses the long ears, tufted tail, small feet, and short mane of a donkey, but with a larger and more horse-shaped body. This hybrid is particularly suited for labor, inheriting the donkey's endurance and sureness of foot, while gaining some of the horse's strength and its more cooperative temperament. Mules resist disease well, and are able to do the work of a horse under conditions harsh enough for a donkey. For these reasons, mules were considered exceptionally qualified for work in the deep recesses of mines."

The price of a mule averaged \$200.00 in 1913. In today's money, that same mule would cost \$5,099.78. Mine mules were sometimes kept underground along with a stable boss and drivers who were often young boys from age 7. They were also used for outside haulage as well.

The Susquehanna Colliery in Glen Lyon built a large mule barn that was located on West Main Street across the street from the former St. Michael's Church. A mule yard which was in the vicinity of Depot Street can be seen in an early photograph of the breaker. The barn was about 50 feet in width and 200 feet in length, constructed of wood with a slate roof. It housed fifty mules along with grain, hay and straw. It was destroyed by fire in the early morning of May 31, 1914. According to newspaper accounts, "the flames were detected by the night watchman at 4:30 o'clock, who turned in the alarm at once. Both of the Glen Lyon fire companies responded, and lost no time removing the fifty mules from the burning building. All of the animals as well as the harness were removed, but the building and feed were consumed." In a later article, the *Times Leader* stated, "After they had taken the mules from the premises, however, the rescuers realized the loss of the harness. When the latter was destroyed with it went the prospects of a day's work for the 1,500 men and boys employed and the mules enjoyed a holiday not marked on the company calendar." The destruction of the barn represented a loss of \$17,000.00 (\$429,146.30 in today's money). The loss was partly covered by insurance.

A second mule barn with an adjacent lumber yard was built in 1914 behind the original location, where trees now occupy the area between the first block of West Main Street and Railroad Street. This barn measured 36 feet by 120 feet. It had two floors and could stock 100 mules. It housed mules until about 1950 when the Susquehanna Coal Company converted to electric motors. The barn was purchased by George Perluk in 1965. It was dismantled and hauled to a location in Beach Haven where it was reconstructed.

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Barn bosses for the Susquehanna Collieries were: Conrad Kornowski, Sr., Thomas Pynchon, and Paul Kopko. Conrad worked as a mule boss for more than 23 years when he died in 1926. Thomas, who immigrated from Yorkshire, England at the age of 5 in 1887, passed away at age 80 in 1963. Paul, who lived on Newport Street, began working with the mules in 1922 and remained until the last mule left in 1950. He was also an ambulance driver. Stablemen were: Irving Doak, Sr., Stanley Susz, and Ernest Oshinski.

Wanamie boasted several mule barns on opposite ends of Main Avenue. Number 3 Barn of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company was located at the east end. It was a frame structure and housed fifty

mules and feed. On December 13, 1927, it too was destroyed by fire. According to the *Times Leader*, "The blaze was discovered at 7:20 o'clock by the barn boss, Harry Crouse. He immediately called other employees to arrange for the removal of the mules and to summon the Newport Township fire department. Since the mine was not in operation today, all of the mules were quartered inside. Ordinarily, they would have been out at their posts of duty. Running from stall to stall, Mr. Crouse and his assistants loosened the frightened animals, some of which had to be led forcibly from the building. In a number of cases, they were restrained with difficulty from re-entering the burning structure. The mules were turned loose temporarily in the adjoining yard, but later were removed to the N. 1 and N. 2 barns nearby. When Newport firemen arrived, they found that the pressure was low and the streams would not reach the flames on the second story. The blaze, starting in the hayloft, spread rapidly. When it was seen that there was no other way, the firemen ran the pumper to a nearby creek and pumped water to the scene of the blaze. The flames, however, had gained too great a headway then and firemen were helpless. The building was burned to the ground." The loss was estimated at \$16,000.00 (\$232,127.82 in today's money).

The removal of mules from collieries indicated slowdowns or work stoppages in the mines. On New Year's Eve, 1934, the Glen Alden Coal Company ordered the mules be taken out of the Wanamie colliery. This action was viewed as meaning the operation would be shut down indefinitely. No work meant no pay. A strike was organized in the early months of 1935 and was eventually resolved.

In September, 1943 Number 19 mule barn at the west end of Wanamie, the property of Glen Alden Coal Company, was sold to Vincent Forrish for \$400.00 (\$5,836.74 in today's money). Number 19 was located to the left of the Public Works Garage. The building was one of the first of its kind in the Township and had been remodeled. An unsuccessful bidder was the Kirmar Park Social Club.

The remaining Wanamie barns were dismantled sometime in the 1950's by the Glen Alden Coal Company which had also installed electric motors.

The Alden Coal Company built its mule barn near the shaft on Railroad Street. It was probably destroyed in the same fire that burned the washery to the ground on March 9, 1933. The fire was believed to have started by a spark from a locomotive. The washery and adjoining structures were completely destroyed, with flames shooting 60 feet into the air, according to newspaper accounts. The breaker was spared. The heat was so intense that rails and steel cars buckled up. Several railroad cars were destroyed on the tracks before they could be removed. The loss of the washery alone was estimated at \$50,000.00 (\$972,634.62 in today's money). Following the fire, the mules were kept in the vicinity of Kirmar Terrace, perhaps in a barn on the property of K.M. Smith, who was then President of the Alden Coal Company. Eventually the mules were phased out of service.

Sources: Wilkes Barre Times Leader, various websites.

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Above Left is the Fall Bingo held on November 11 in St Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon. Above right, Santa Claus arrived on the Fire Truck at the Municipal Garage in Wanamie on December 15. Both events were sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group.

Below l., a Winter Fun event was held at St. Andrew's Church sponsored by the Newport Township Community Organization on December 8. The children decorated gingerbread houses and had a visit from Santa Claus. Below r., a record snowstorm hit the Township on November 15.



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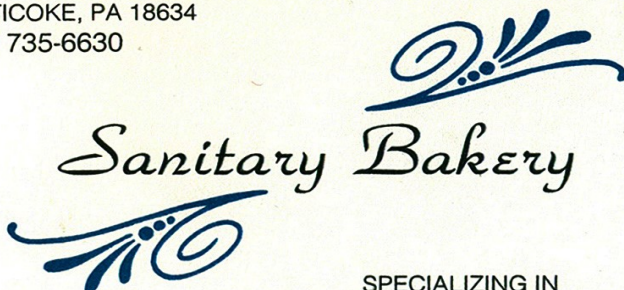
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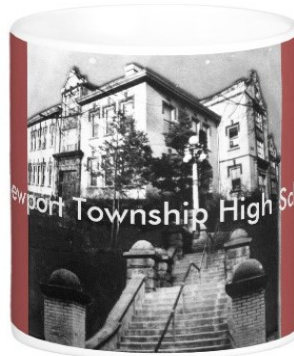
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