



Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life. ~ Rachel Carson



Queen Ann's Lace, also known as wild carrot, grows along Township roadways

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 April, May, and June of 2019.

April 1, 2019. Residents' comments included an announcement by Palmira Miller, who works for the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC), that Keep America Beautiful has sent Newport Township nine receptacles where residents can dispose of cigarette butts. She will be placing them at convenient locations in the Township.

Commissioner John Zyla said that if you see illegal activity in the Township, the best way of notifying the police is by calling 911 and saying that your call is not an emergency. In this way you can be certain that your report will get to a police officer.

Commissioner John Vishnefski announced that the Township Recreation Board has developed a plan for updating the Wanamie Recreation Park. It includes the following improvement projects, which are listed along with their estimated cost:

Restoring the basketball court: \$45,500

Building a general use pavilion on the site of the tennis courts: \$46,800

Installing bleachers at the baseball field: \$18,000

Making electricity available in the park: \$10,000

The Board is planning to apply for two \$130,000 State grants to provide the money to pay for these improvements: 1) a grant from the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for which the Board would have to put up 50% of the money, and 2) a grant from the State Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) under its Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program for which the Board would have to put up 15% of the money. Judy Pazgan, Chairperson of the Recreation Board, added that the Board is planning to use in kind donations as its share of the grant money. For example, she said, we expect that a person will donate the bleachers for the baseball field.

Jennifer Polito, Township Financial Oversight Analyst, reported that for the first three months of 2019 the Township's income and expenses were respectively \$326,488 and \$276,745.

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

1) Brian Green, of the Pennsylvania Auditor General's Office, concluded an audit of the Township's Liquid Fuels account and found that all is in order. (Liquid Fuels money (Continued on next page)

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is money that the State gives to the Township for road maintenance.)

2) The demolition by the Township of the house at 144-146 West Main Street in Glen Lyon is now complete.

3) Don Bower Inc., a construction company from Berwick, submitted a low bid of \$247,293 and was awarded a contract to do work on the Railroad Street Storm Drain Renovation Project. In 2018, the Township received a \$150,000 State gaming grant for work on the project. In March of 2019 the Commissioners authorized Peter Wanchisen to apply for a grant of \$100,000 from the State Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), under its Flood Mitigation Program, in order to provide additional funds to complete the work. In light of the low bid of \$247,000, I (Mr. Wanchisen) am asking the Commissioners to modify their authorization, changing the amount of the grant to \$160,000. The Commissioners so voted, now giving Mr. Wanchisen the authority to apply for a grant of \$160,000.

4) The Township's grant applications for the following projects were turned down by the State, with the explanation that funding is limited and projects creating larger numbers of jobs had a higher priority:

Purchasing a new backhoe

Expanding the Municipal Building

Remodeling the Fire Station

Upgrading the Greater Nanticoke Area football field

5) The Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA) established a savings account for the Township under the Storm Water Management Program and placed in the account an initial deposit of \$31,339. The money in the account, collected in storm water reduction fees by the WVSA from area property owners, can be used for any storm water related expenses incurred by the Township. Commissioner Zyla said that the Township itself pays about \$4,000 per year in storm water reduction fees.

May 6, 2019. Residents' comments included Heidi Jarecki saying that she had placed in front of her house a library box containing books that anyone can take without charge, and that Township residents have used the box frequently. She said she is planning to put additional library boxes at different locations in the community, such as the Alden Playground.

Commissioner Mike Roke announced that, because of staffing problems, the Fire Department had hired three new workers and were now training them.

Commissioner John Vishnefski announced that the Recreation Board submitted its planned grant application to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for improvement money for the Wanamie Recreation Park. He added that the Recreation Board is planning to sell refreshments at the field house in the Wanamie Park in order to raise money for that recreation area. He also said that the Board held its spring cleanup of the Wanamie Park on April 27 and its Spring Fling fund raiser in the Wanamie Park on May 4. He thanked everyone who helped organize the event, including the Fire Department which lent its electrical generator. Judy Pazgan, Chairperson of the Recreation Board added that the Spring Fling was a success. About 250-300 children and the same number of adults attended.

Township Manager Peter Wanchisen included the following in his report:

1) On April 16 The Township submitted a grant application for \$160,000 to the State Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) under the DCED's Flood Mitigation Program. This is a matching grant for which the Township, if it was awarded, would have to put up 15 per cent of the amount of the award. The money would be used to supplement the \$150,000 State gaming grant already obtained for work on the Railroad Street Storm Sewer Renovation Project.

2) The Township has ordered a new Case backhoe from Medico Industries to replace the unusable backhoe the Township now has. The cost of the backhoe is \$89,058.58. It was decided that the best way to finance the equipment is by a 5-year zero-balance tax-exempt lease purchase agreement with M&T Bank at an interest rate of 4.25%. Earth Conservancy (EC) will help with the purchase by donating \$1500 per month for a year, making a total donation of \$18,000. The Newport Sewer Authority is considering a similar contribution because Sewer

Authority employees also use the backhoe. The Commissioners voted to authorize Peter Wanchisen to submit an application for the lease agreement and to execute all documents associated with the lease.

3) The Township received a Recycling Program Performance Grant of \$958 from the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). These grants are awarded to a community based on tons of material it recycles and its recycling rate.

4) The revised schedule for the Glen Lyon Curbing and Sidewalk Project has surveying work beginning in May of 2019 and actual construction taking place from July 2020 to June 2021.

June 3, 2019. Residents' comments included a discussion of the situation in late May when Kirmar Parkway was closed due to a power line being down, preventing vehicles from entering Glen Lyon from the direction of Wanamie. A resident said that, while the road was closed, an ambulance from the Nanticoke area was sent to Glen Lyon for a medical emergency. This is the standard procedure for an emergency in Glen Lyon. But because of the closed road, the ambulance was re-routed through Mocanaqua, the trip taking a lengthy 38 minutes. This, he said, should not have happened. Instead, he continued, an alternate procedure should have been used, such as sending the Shickshinny or the Pond Hill ambulance.

The Commissioners voted to appoint three residents to the Township's Board of Appeals for administering the International Property Maintenance Code: Joseph Goodas, Ronald Jones, and David Saraka. They also voted to appoint David Vnuk to a vacant position on the Newport Township Authority Board.

Township Manager Peter Wanchisen included the following in his report:

1) On June 6 Peter Wanchisen will be attending the Luzerne County Hazard Mitigation Planning Program offered by the Luzerne County Planning and Zoning Department.

2) The Township received notice that Newport Township's share of fines imposed by the Pennsylvania State Police totaled \$1,322.85 and that the money will be sent by mid-June.

Bad Story with a Happy Ending

On May 20, 2019 three individuals from Plymouth, Larksville, and Wilkes Barre thought it was perfectly fine to drive to the Ridgeview section of Newport Township for the sole purpose of dumping an old couch on the side of Vista Drive. They would have been successful in their disgusting mission had it not been for the watchful eye of a Ridgeview resident. After seeing the illegal dumping take place, the resident followed the car and informed the occupants that they should immediately remove the couch from the roadway. Ignoring his demand, the dumpers attempted to flee. The resident called 911 to report the incident and have a police officer dispatched. Minutes later Police Chief Jeremy Blank appeared on the scene and issued a \$500 citation to each of the three dumpers. The actions taken by the Ridgeview resident exposed him to a certain amount of danger. Confronting illegal dumpers could escalate into an altercation with uncertain outcomes, but the true grit and courage this individual demonstrated was inspirational. Obviously he respects his community and will not tolerate the activities of ignorant dumpers. To be clear, this is not an endorsement of the extent to which the resident participated. He went above and beyond to protect his community. Getting the license number of any vehicle observed dumping trash, or littering in general, and then reporting that to a 911 operator will have a similar positive result in getting the message out: "Newport Township will not tolerate the actions of anyone who would use our community as a dump."

Hats off to the resident for his courage, character, and commitment to Newport Township.

Peter F. Wanchisen
Township Manager



Why Cigarette Butt Litter Matters

By Palmira Miller ~ Cigarette butts remain the most littered item in the United States and across the globe. Dropping cigarette butts and cigar tips to the ground, putting them in planters, and disposing of them in waterways is littering.

Newport Township and the Newport Township Community Organization in partnership with Keep Northeastern PA Beautiful are excited about creating a cleaner, greener, more beautiful community by implementing the Keep America Beautiful Cigarette Litter Prevention and Recycling Program.

To make it easier for smokers to properly dispose of their cigarette butts, Newport Township Public Works employees have placed the in-kind donated cigarette receptacle containers in high traffic areas throughout the community. Volunteers will be recruited to empty receptacles.

Cigar tips and cigarette butts will be collected, packed and shipped to TerraCycle who will donate \$1 to Keep America Beautiful for every pound of cigarette waste. TerraCycle, the world's largest, free, easy to use recycling program has partnered with Keep America Beautiful to not only eliminate cigarette litter but raise the awareness of the idea that it is possible to recycle what was generally considered a non-recyclable. Cellulose acetate found in cigarette filters is a type of plastic that can be recycled and reused in new plastic products. It is turned into pellets then used to make a variety of new products such as ashtrays, park benches, and planters. Also any remaining tobacco and paper can be composted.

Remember to use the cigarette receptacles to help keep our community clean, green, and beautiful. Behavior change starts at home. Join us to keep Newport Township Beautiful!

If you would like more information, volunteer or have receptacles in new locations, contact Palmira at pmiller@pecpa.org.



A Clean Up of the playgrounds and the Wanamie Recreation Park took place on a cold morning on April 27. It was sponsored by the Newport Township Recreation Board. Over 25 volunteers raked leaves and picked up litter. They were later treated to a pizza party. Jack Vishnefski is Recreation Commissioner.

NTCO PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Stephen E. Phillips ~ The Newport Township Community Organization (NTCO) continued its philanthropic role by making a significant contribution to the Newport Township Recreation Board to assist in that entity's effort to obtain the requisite funding to initiate a project entailing substantial improvements to the Township's Recreation Park in Wanamie. This facility is a major Community asset, and is currently underdeveloped and underutilized. The Recreation Board's plans for a major upgrade and renovation to the site, if successful, will have a major positive effect on the entire Township and Area. The NTCO encourages all residents of the Township, users of the facility, and all readers of this publication to lend their assistance, both from a volunteer and financial standpoint, to this important endeavor.

Since the inception of Newport United, a cooperative effort among the various nonprofit groups within the Area, the NTCO has played an integral role in this Organization's efforts by contributing both funding to assist in purchasing the Community billboard, and having its President and First Vice President attend the Group's monthly meetings. Current plans call for a flea market to be held on September 14th in which all volunteer groups and individuals who wish to participate, will be invited to take part. Newport United will sell table space, and sellers of the various flea market items can retain the proceeds from their sales for their respective groups or themselves as individuals. It is anticipated that a number of food vendors will also participate in this venture. The Board of Newport Township Commissioners has lent its support to this effort, and Township Commissioner John Zyla serves as Newport United's President, while Commissioner Debbie Forgach Zaleski is the Group's Secretary.

The monthly Food Bank sponsored by the NTCO continues its successful operation on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the American Legion Post 539 in Glen Lyon. Approximately 100 families are served via this community service. As has been noted previously, this major activity to benefit the economically disadvantaged would not be possible without the continued cooperation of the officers and members of American Legion Post 539, and the volunteers led by NTCO's dedicated member, Palmira Miller. We all hope that this cooperative and very successful effort will continue well into the future.

The NTCO would be remiss if it did not note that family responsibilities have precluded this Group's long time Recreation Committee Chairman, Merlyn "Murph" Fletcher from continuing in this role. For the past several years he was instrumental in establishing a broad-based program of recreational activities for Area youth throughout the year. His commitment and enthusiasm will be difficult to replace. The Organization feels fortunate that his daughter, Erin, has agreed to assume this important role, and has developed an ambitious program for the coming year. Please join me in wishing her well as she takes on this responsibility.

Since its formation in 2004, the NTCO has contributed thousands of dollars to various other entities and activities throughout the entire Greater Nanticoke Area. During the past several years our expenditures have stretched our income. This trend must be reversed if our Group is going to be able to continue with many of our current services such as the free quarterly newsletter, sponsorship of the Food Bank, providing activities for area youth, and continuing to contribute to the myriad of requests we receive on a monthly basis. In order to continue with our charitable donations, we respectfully solicit any financial donations you can make to assist in continuing these efforts. Please make your tax-deductible contributions to the Newport Township Community Organization, 113 Railroad Street, Wanamie – Nanticoke, PA 18634.

In conclusion, we ask that you all consider doing all you can to support your community, and those who strive daily to make it better.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday July 15 to Friday, July 19 at St. Adalbert's Church Hall. Registration is free for all children in the Township ages 4 to 12. Please call the Parish Office at 570-736-6372 to register and for more information. This year's theme is "The Mane Event."



The Spring Bingo was sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group at St. Adalbert's Church Hall on April 7.



The annual Ben Frace Lobster Dinner was held at St. Andrew's Church in Alden on April 13. Pictured is the kitchen crew.



Above: The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group at the Wanamie Recreation Park on April 13.
Below: (Left) Palm Sunday Program at St. Adalbert's Church, Holy Spirit Parish. (Right) Easter Flower Sale held by Newport United April 13.



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 are published in abbreviated form due to limited space; thusly, a more complete obituary can be found on our web site, www.newporttownship.com. There is also a link leading to the original newspaper obituary or that of the funeral home. Your comments are always welcome; and, if someone is missed, please notify this writer at tomkashatus@gmail.com or call (570) 736-6981.

SUGALSKI, Raymond, 81, of Saylorsburg, and born and raised in Glen Lyon, passed away February 21, 2019. Raymond was born on December 11, 1937. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '55.

STASKIEL, Joseph J., 80, of West Scranton, and formerly of Glen Lyon, died March 3, 2019. Joseph was born on December 11, 1938. He graduated from Newport Township High School Class of '57 and was a veteran of the US Army serving in Iceland.

BOGDON, Leon R. Sr. "Bugsy," 81, longtime resident of Railroad Street, Glen Lyon, passed away March 5, 2019.

WASHINGTON, Theresa G. (nee Mieczkowski), 81, of Mocanaqua, and formerly of Newport Center, passed away March 5, 2019. Theresa was raised in Newport Center where she was born on September 1, 1941. Theresa was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '59.

BURD, Richard D. Jr., 69, of Nescopeck Township, and formerly of Slocum Township, passed away September 29, 2018. Richard was born in Nanticoke on March 6, 1949, and was raised in Pond Hill. He graduated from Newport Township High School.

WOJCIECHOWICZ, Joseph N. "Wojo," 76, of Shickshinny Lake, and formerly of Conyngham Township, died March 7, 2018. Joseph was born in Nanticoke on November 10, 1942. "Wojo" attended Newport Township High School with the Class of '60. Joe was a veteran of the US Army for six years and the Army Reserves for twenty-five years.

WOMELSDORF, Thomas C., 95, of Sheatown, passed away March 11, 2019. Tom was born in Nanticoke on December 30, 1923. He graduated from Newport Township High School Class of '43. He was a US Army Air Corps veteran serving with the 980th MP Company during the air offensive in Europe and Rhineland.

MIHNESKI, Frank J. Jr., 88, of Glen Lyon, passed away March 12, 2019. He was born in Glen Lyon on May 7, 1930.

KOSIN, Norbert H., 96, born and raised in Glen Lyon, passed away March 17, 2019. Norbert was born on November 26, 1922. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '41. He was a US Army Air Corps veteran serving in World War II with the 8th Air Force, 466 Bomb Group as a SSG Technical Crew Chief.

LAWRENCE, Sheldon W. "Shelly", 75, of Glastonbury, CT, and formerly of Sheatown, died on Monday, February 18, 2019. Sheldon was born in Nanticoke on November 15, 1943, the son of the late Sheldon and Margaret Lawrence, and raised in Sheatown. He was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Wilkes College and was a veteran of the US Army during the Vietnam War.

ROSMUS, Bernadine M., 78, of Nanticoke, born and raised in Mocanaqua, died March 22, 2019. Bernadine was born on May 31, 1940. She graduated from Newport Township High School Class of '58.

ZAPOTOCKI, Thomas H., 64, of Spring Street, Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2019.

MLECZNYSKI, Joseph H., 76, of Glen Lyon, passed away March 25, 2019. Joseph was born on November 12, 1942.

ROKOSZ, Annabel, 76, of Wanamie passed away March 28, 2019. Annabel was born on October 15, 1942 in the Bronx, NYC.

JACOBS, Andrew J., Sr., 82, of Berwick, and formerly of Mocanaqua, passed away March 11, 2019. Andrew was born

July 12, 1936. He attended Newport Township High School and was a US Marine Corps veteran.

LASTOWSKI, Lillian K. (nee Maday), 96, born and raised in Alden, passed away April 9, 2019. Lillian was born on June 8, 1922. She attended Newport Township schools.

BROWN, Doris L. (nee Honabach), 90, of Slocum Township, passed away April 9, 2019. Doris was born in Newport Township on March 19, 1929. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School.

BOYEK, Joan Agnes, 89, of Silver Springs, MD, formerly of Glen Lyon and Berwick, passed away April 3, 2019. Joan was born in Glen Lyon on July 18, 1929. She attended Newport Township schools.

CIONZYNSKI, Margaret (nee Wyda), 96, of Nanticoke, passed away on April 12, 2019. Margaret was born in Glen Lyon in 1925. She had been employed as a riveter during World War II.

WITT, Geraldine "Geri" T. (nee Maday), 89, passed away April 12, 2019. Geraldine was born in Alden on September 17, 1929. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '47.

KUTZ, Pauline T. (nee Pelczar), 86, of Dallas, born and raised in Wanamie, passed away April 19, 2019. She was valedictorian of her Newport Township High School Class. She also graduated with a nursing degree from Temple University.

ECKROTE, Dean A., 56, of Reyburn, Union Township, and formerly of Alden, died April 19, 2019. Dean was born in Nanticoke on February 15, 1953 and raised in Alden. He attended K. M. Smith School and GNA. He served with the National Guard 109th Field Artillery.

MYERS, Joan, (nee Arnold), 85, of Dorrance Township, passed away November 1, 2018. Joan was born in Nanticoke. She was educated in Slocum Township and Newport Township schools. She also was a graduate of the Valley Crest LPN Nursing Program.

JENKINS, Jennie (nee Peters), 90, of Wapwallopen, passed away January 25, 2019. Jennie was born in Slocum Township and was educated in Slocum Township and Newport Township schools.

STEC, Sophie, 90, of Dorrance Township, passed away on January 8, 2019. Sophie was born in Dorrance on May 14, 1928. She was educated in Dorrance Township and Newport Township schools.

HOCH, Niles P., 75, of Bloomsburg, passed away October 16, 2018. Niles was born in Slocum Township on February 8, 1943. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '60.

LUTSEY, Robert Charles, 76, of Swoyersville, passed away January 1, 2019. Charles was born in Woodlynne, NJ on September 25, 1942. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '60.

TARNOWSKI, Albina S. (nee Makarczyk) of Wilkes Barre, formerly of Nanticoke, passed away, May 10, 2019. Albina was born in Nanticoke on March 31, 1930. She was married to Leo Tarnowski.

RINEHIMER, Jane P. (nee Peters), 75, of Dorrance, passed away February 1, 2019. Jane was born in Mountain Top. Jane is survived by her husband, Ronald Rinehimer, a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '58.

BALKUNAS, Barbara (nee Tommor), 70, of South Abington Township, passed away May 11, 2019. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '65.

STEFANCIN, Nellie (nee Stec), 93, of Dorrance Township, passed away February 14, 2019. She was educated in Dorrance and Newport Township schools.

STOLA, Alfred J. Sr., 91, of Salem Township, passed away January 9, 2019. Alfred was born in Glen Lyon on April 1, 1927, and was the son of the late John and Marianne (Janiszewski) Stola.

CHESNEY, Albert P. "Azzie", 70, of Glen Lyon, passed away May 22, 2019. Albert was born on September 13, 1948 and raised in Glen Lyon. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of '68. Albert was a US Navy Vietnam veteran and served aboard the USS Guadalupe. He was a member of Chester Strzalka VFW Post 8353, Glen Lyon American Legion Post 539, and AMVETS Post 59.

The Flora and Fauna of Newport Township

Ruffed Grouse

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ One summer afternoon while walking in the woods above Wanamie, we were surprised by a thunderous sound. We ducked and then looked around only to see a bird about 20 feet to our right take flight. We both realized it was our first sighting of the Pennsylvania State Bird: the ruffed grouse.



Ruffed Grouse Facts

1. Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) are one of 10 species of grouse native to North America. Ruffed Grouse are the most widely distributed resident game bird in North America, living now in 38 of the 49 states on the continent.
2. Ruffed Grouse are more abundant in woodlots scattered through populated areas than in remote wilderness forests. They thrive best where forests are kept young and vigorous by occasional clear-cut logging, or fire, and gradually diminish in numbers as forests mature and their critical food and cover resources deteriorate in the shade of a climax forest.
3. Nests are hollowed-out depressions in the leaf litter, usually at the base of a tree, stump or in a clump of brush. Sometimes hens will nest under logs or in brush piles, but this is less common, and a dangerous location.
4. The male grouse proclaims his property rights by engaging in a "drumming" display. This sound is made by beating his wings against the air to create a vacuum, as lightning does when it makes thunder. The drummer usually stands on a log, stone or mound of dirt when drumming, and this object is called a "drumming log." He does not strike the log to make the noise; he only uses the "drumming log" as a stage for his display.
5. The ruffed grouse differs from other grouse species in its courtship display. Unlike other grouse species, the ruffed grouse relies entirely on a non-vocal acoustic display, known as drumming. The drumming itself is a rapid, wing-beating display that creates a low frequency sound, starting slow and speeding up (thump ... thump ... thump..thump-thump-thump-thump). Even in thick woods this can be heard for a quarter mile or more.
6. The ruffed grouse spends most of its time quietly on the ground, and when surprised, may explode into flight, beating their wings very loudly.
7. Ruffed Grouse can digest bitter, often toxic plants that many birds can't handle. Levels of defensive plant compounds in buds of quaking aspen, a major winter-time food source for Ruffed Grouse, reflect the cyclic rise and fall of grouse populations: they're lowest when grouse densities are increasing, and highest when grouse densities decline.
8. Ruffed Grouse can consume and digest large volumes of fibrous vegetation thanks to extra-long, paired pouches at the junction of the small and large intestines. In the northern part of their range, Ruffed Grouse depend on snow as a wintertime roost, burying themselves at night in soft drifts that provide insulating cover. Birds in the south seek out dense stands of conifers that offer protection from chilling winds.
9. Ruffed Grouse's popularity as a game bird led to some of North America's earliest game management efforts: New York had a closed season on Ruffed Grouse starting in 1708.
10. The toes of Ruffed Grouse grow projections off their sides in winter, making them look like combs. The projections are believed to act as snowshoes to help the grouse walk across snow.

11. In much of their range, Ruffed Grouse populations go through 8-to-11-year cycles of increasing and decreasing numbers. Their cycles can be attributed to the snowshoe hare cycle. When hare populations are high, predator populations increase too. When the hare numbers go down, the predators must find alternate prey and turn to grouse, decreasing their numbers.
12. Ruffed Grouse nests are occasionally parasitized by Ring-necked Pheasants or Wild Turkeys that lay eggs in the nests.
13. The ruffed grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) is a medium-sized grouse occurring in forests from the Appalachian Mountains across Canada to Alaska. It is non-migratory. It is the only species in the genus *Bonasa*.
14. The ruffed grouse is sometimes incorrectly referred to as a "partridge", and occasionally confused with the grey partridge, a bird of open areas rather than woodlands.
15. The ruffed grouse was designated the official state bird of Pennsylvania in 1931.
16. Across the major portion of the Ruffed Grouse range, the winged predators or raptors are most efficient at taking these birds. Although the goshawk is certainly the most efficient of all grouse predators, they are relatively uncommon and the horned owl probably kills more grouse across their range annually than any other.



On April 6th, a cold Spring day, a hike to Trout Run, a natural trout stream that fed the former Wanamie Reservoir, was led by Steve Phillips, NTCO President.

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Taste of the Township



The Peach

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Fuzzy peaches are synonymous with summertime. Prunus persica grows up to 23 feet tall. The leaves are lanceolate. The flowers are produced in early spring before the leaves; they are solitary or paired,

pink, with five petals. The fruit has yellow or whitish flesh and a skin that is either velvety (peaches) or smooth (nectarines). The flesh is very delicate and easily bruised. It has a single, large red-brown seed, oval shaped, and is surrounded by a wood-like husk. Peaches, along with cherries, plums and apricots, are stone fruits (drupes). The fruit can be found everywhere from roadside stands and grocery store produce sections to desserts and salads at five-star restaurants. It is a tree native to the region of Northwest China where it was first domesticated and cultivated. The specific name persica refers to its widespread cultivation in Persia (modern-day Iran), from where it was transplanted to Europe.

Peach Facts

1. Cultivated peaches are divided into clingstones and freestones, depending on whether the flesh sticks to the stone or not; both can have either white or yellow flesh.
2. The Ancient Romans referred to the peach as malum persicum "Persian apple", later becoming French pêche, and then the English peach. The scientific name, *Prunus persica*, literally means "Persian plum", as it is closely related to the plum.
3. Domestication occurred as early as 6000 BC in the Zhejiang Province of China. The oldest archaeological peach stones are from the Kuahuqiao site.
4. The peach was brought to the Americas by Spanish explorers in the 16th century, and eventually made its way to England and France in the 17th century.
5. Thomas Jefferson had peach trees at Monticello.
6. August is National Peach Month.
7. "You're a real peach" originated from the tradition of giving a peach to a friend you liked.
8. There are over 700 varieties of peaches.
9. In China the peach is a symbol of longevity and good luck.
10. Peaches are the third most popular fruit grown in the United States
11. "The Peach State" is Georgia's nickname.
12. Peaches and nectarines are the same species, even though they are regarded commercially as different fruits.
13. Peaches are a rich provider of vitamin A, beta-carotene, and vitamin C. They are also a good source of vitamin E, vitamin K, vitamin B1, vitamin B2, vitamin B3, vitamin B-6, folate, and pantothenic acid. Peaches also offer a rich treasure of minerals such as calcium, potassium, magnesium, iron, manganese, phosphorous, zinc, and copper. Peaches are low in calories, contain no saturated fat or cholesterol, and are a good source of dietary fiber.
14. The heaviest peach weighed 1 pound, 12 ounces, harvested by Robert Hogue at Roseridge Orchards in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada.
15. Many famous artists have painted still life with peach fruits placed in prominence. Caravaggio, Vincenzo Campi, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Claude Monet, Édouard Manet, Henri Fantin-Latour, Severin Roesen, Peter Paul Rubens, and Vincent Van Gogh are among the many influential artists who painted peaches and peach trees in various settings.

16. China alone produced 58% of the world's total of peaches and nectarines in 2016. The United States provides 25% of the world's total supply of fresh peaches. Georgia is the Peach State, but California produces about 50 percent of USA peaches.
17. The expression "peachy keen" first originated in 1948. It is synonymous with "awesome" "fabulous" and "cool."

Peach Crunch

(Courtesy of the late Helen Selecky)

Butter a square 8" baking pan or a round 9" pie plate. Peel and slice enough peaches to cover the bottom, 8 to 14 peaches depending on the size. The slices should overlap each other.

Sift together 1 cup flour, 3/4 cup sugar, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp baking powder. Add 1 beaten egg to the flour mixture and mix with a wooden spoon. Add 1/2 cup of melted butter and mix. This will be sticky and thick.

Put over peaches. The dough does not spread easily, so drop spoonfuls onto the peaches and spread with a spoon. Try not to pull the peaches over the dough. Sprinkle with a mixture of cinnamon and sugar.

Bake at 350 for 40 minutes. Let cool.

Serve with Cool Whip or vanilla ice cream.

(Note: Canned peaches can be used as long as they are drained of the syrup. This recipe also works well with apples. Use a combination of Macintosh and Gala apples.)

Then there are hundreds of recipes for peach pie, peach cobbler, peach upside down cake, peach cookies, peach salad, peach crème brûlée, and well, there are just so many ways to enjoy peaches. The best way is to just rinse one off and bite into it! Let the juice run down your arm!

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Former Newport Residents Gather in Florida

A group of former Newport residents who now live in Florida gathered in Sarasota. They all had a wonderful time reminiscing old times at the Columbia Restaurant at St Armand's Circle on March 27, 2019. Several of them even wore red and black!

1st Row: Lois (Polniaszek) Kizelowicz, Jerry Cooper, Lorraine (Granitzki) Pace, Charlotte (Morgis) Allgeier

2nd Row: Ray Kizelowicz, Allen Peterfreund, Illaria (Skordy) Steele, Cathy (Gregory) Goliash, Donald Blackburn

3rd Row: Gregory Gregory, Peter Gregory, Daria (Gregory) Skoczylas.



John (Class of '59) and Chris Selecky of Laguna Beach, CA made an anniversary trip to Maui in May. While there they introduced the Newport Township Community News to their friend Marty Dread, a musician. Aloha!

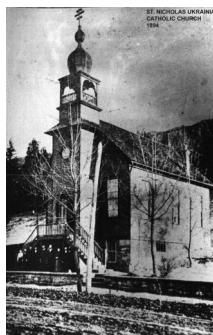
Upcoming Reunions

CLASS OF '59 The Newport Township Class of 1959 is holding their 60th Reunion Sunday, September 1, at the Appletree Terrace in Newberry Estates, Dallas from 1-5, with a cocktail hour from 1-2:00 pm. This may be the last reunion of this sort, so they are welcoming the Classes of 1957 to 1961, who were part of their school life. Sylvia Vassia is the contact for the Reunion. Please call Sylvia at 570-735-3793 with any questions.

CLASS OF '64 The Class of '64 will hold its 55th reunion on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 5 pm to 10 pm at the R Bar and Grill, 119 East Kirmar Avenue in Alden. A cocktail hour with open bar will be from 5 pm to 6 pm. A buffet dinner starts at 6 pm. The cost is \$55.00 per person. An icebreaker will be held on Friday October 4 at the R Bar and Grill. Pizza, wings, and cash bar is available from 6 pm to 9 pm. The phone number for the R Bar is 570-258-0505. For information about the reunion or the icebreaker, call Karen Justus at 570-675-5828.

CLASS OF '67 The Class of '67 will hold a 70th Birthday Celebration on Saturday September 14 at Mike Floryshak's Lookout House, 1373 State Route 93 in Drums from 1 to 5 pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person and a cash bar will be available. An icebreaker will be held at Heidi and Paul Jarecki's, 28 West Main Street, Glen Lyon on Friday, September 13 from 6 to 9. Call Heidi and Paul at 570-733-2540 for more information.

ALL CLASS REUNION will be held on Sunday, October 13 at Holy Transfiguration Hall in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke from 1 to 5 pm. This reunion is open to anyone who attended Newport Township schools. Please contact Phoebe Thomas Hillan at 570-736-6798 for more information. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Invitations will be mailed in early July. If you wish to be added to the mailing list, please contact Heidi and Paul Jarecki, 28 West Main Street, Glen Lyon, PA 18617, 570-733-2540, email: hselecky@pa.metrocast.net.



St. Nicholas Church Will Celebrate 125 Years

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Glen Lyon will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary of the formation of the parish. Divine Liturgy followed by a dinner is being planned for Sunday, October 6. Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the Anniversary Committee or the Pastor, Rev. Roman Petryshak at 570-752-3172. Please see accompanying article on page 17.



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Newport Township Crime Watch Sets National Night Out Community Picnic on August 6

By Sue Heinz ~ Newport Township Crime Watch along with the Newport Township Police Department will host the 4th Annual National Night Out Community Picnic at St. Faustina Grove in Sheatown on Tuesday August 6 from 4 pm to 9 pm. It will run the gamut from A to Z:

August 6, Tuesday
Big Trike and Drunk Goggles
Chance to win a door prize
Dunk Tank with Police Officers, Teachers, Township Officials
Emergency Personnel: Police, Fire, Medical
Fireworks at Dusk
Grateful Roast Coffee
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and French Fries
Instant Bingo
Jumping in the Bounce House
Kerry Irish Dancers, ECG, and DJ Jim
Lollipop Tree and Duck Pond
Magic World Child Care Center
No Charge Face Painting by Karen Metta
Organizations—Non-Profit, Civic, Veterans, Church
Photos from Selfie Station/DJ Donnie Evans
Questions Asked, Questions Answered
Root Beer Floats and Soft Ice Cream
Scout Troops, School Groups, Sports Teams
Touch a Truck
Unique Baskets and Gift Cards for Auction
Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers
Working Together
Exciting New Activities
Youngsters Winning Prizes and Having Fun
Zucchini Bread and Other Homemade Goodies at the Bake Sale

If you've been to our picnic in the past, you know how much fun it is. Please be sure to come back this year. If you haven't been before, give us a try. There's a lot of fun and interesting things to do for the whole family. There is no charge for any of the kids' activities or games. You can meet our First Responders on a personal level. New this year is the fireworks display at dusk.

Since we have a lot of former residents returning for the picnic, it's a good opportunity to get reacquainted with people you haven't seen in a while. It's a good time to just relax, enjoy some good food, and spend a Tuesday night out in the fresh air. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your neighbors, bring your co-workers. St. Faustina Grove in Sheatown is the only place to be on August 6. Look for the folks in the lime green Crime Watch shirts. Stop, say hi, and let us know if you are having a good time. We value your opinion.

We also value your help. If you have some free time and would like to help out, we can always use extra volunteers for any amount of time. Whether a participant, guest, or volunteer, we hope to see you at St. Faustina Grove in Sheatown on Tuesday August 6.

We'll be expecting you!

Doreen C. Guszak
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June 25	Alden	Let's Garden
July 2	Wanamie	July 4 th Picnic (live Eagles) 
July 9	Wanamie	Rock Painting
July 23	Coal Street • Glen Lyon	Sand Art 
July 30	Wanamie	Iron Oxide Tie Dye 
Aug 6	Wanamie	Pizza Party (featuring D.J. Donnie Douglas & a "Selfie Booth")

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Hustle is the sheer joy of winning.

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Hustle is hating to take a vacation because you might miss a piece of the action.

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Hustle is heaven if you're a hustler.

Hustle is hell if you're not.

Flea Market



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FLEA MARKET SEPTEMBER 14

Newport United is sponsoring a flea market at the Wanamie Recreation Park on Saturday September 14. Vendors wishing to participate are asked to call Sue Heinz at 570-570-606-5881 or Heidi Jarecki at 570-733-2540 to register. See details on page 13. Come one, come all!

Police Week The 31st Candlelight Vigil held on the National Mall



By Jeremy Blank ~ In May Police Chief Jeremy Blank and his family traveled to Washington D.C. for Police Week to attend the 31st Candlelight Vigil held on the National Mall. The U.S. Attorney General commenced the reading of fallen officers and the service concluded with the lighting of the candles. In attendance were 30,000 survivors, family members, friends, and law enforcement officers.

In addition to the 158 officers who died in 2018, the names of 213 officers who died in prior years were added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial. The monument now contains the names of 21,910 fallen law enforcement officers, including three from Newport Township.

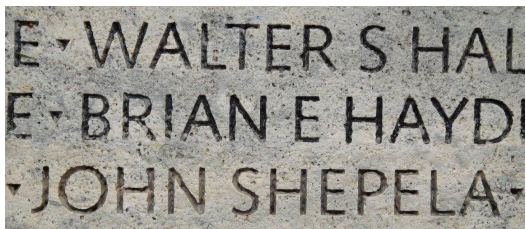
MATTHEW STEVE FORGACH



Patrolman Matthew Forgach suffered a fatal heart attack on January 23, 1960 while responding to an automobile crash at Kirmar Parkway and Center Street, Wanamie. He was responding from his home in Glen Lyon when he was stricken. He was able to pull his car over at the intersection of East Main Street and Third Street in Glen Lyon. Local residents discovered Patrolman Forgach and took him to a local doctor who pronounced him dead. Patrolman Forgach served with Newport Township Police Department for 35 years and planned to retire on his 62nd birthday on February 24, 1960. He was survived by his wife, two sons, and daughter. One of his sons was a State Trooper serving out of Norristown barracks.

Rank: Patrolman
End of Watch: January 23rd, 1960 at the age of 61.
Years of service: 35 years

JOHN SHEPELA



Patrolman John Shepela was born in 1894. He succumbed in 1927 to an accidental gun shot wound sustained three weeks earlier as he tried

to shoot a dog that was attacking him in Glen Lyon. He was attempting to remove his revolver from his holster when it discharged. He was taken to Nanticoke State Hospital where he remained until succumbing to complications from the original wound. Patrolman Shepela was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War I and had served the Newport Township Police Department for 11 1/2 years. He had also served as Commander of the Newport Township American Legion Post 539. He was survived by his parents and siblings.

Age: 34

Service: 11 years, 7 months.

Reflections written on his memorial: On today, the 90th anniversary of your death I would like to say thank you for your service and sacrifice-not just for your community but for our country as well as when you served with the army. R.I.P. USBP

Rest In Peace brother. Thank you for your service

Officer Mike Robinson (ret)

Upland police dept.

November 25, 2017

PETER PETYNKO

Age: 24 years old

End of watch: January 14, 1924

Tour: 1 week


Patrolman Peter Petynko was shot and killed in Alden while attempting to arrest a man who had just shot another man. The subject and his friends had become engaged in an argument while drinking moonshine and breaking windows of houses in the area. The man remonstrated against what they were doing and was attacked by the friends. The man then went home to 136 Gruver Street, obtained his revolver, and returned to the scene where he fired at one of his friends. The man he fired at ran from the scene and told Patrolman Petynko. When Patrolman Petynko located the subject and tried to arrest him, he was shot once in the chest. The subject fled the area and returned home, where he was arrested a short time later. He pled guilty and was sentenced to 10-20 years in prison. Patrolman Petynko had only served with the Newport Township Police Department for one week. He was survived by his mother and two sisters.

Reflections: Patrolman Petynko, on today the 91st anniversary of your death I would just like to say thank you for your service and sacrifice for the citizens of Newport Township.


Anonymous United States Border Patrol

January 14, 2016

Patrolman Petynko, your potential was never truly realized after a cowardly rat murdered you. That thing created a hole in your family that could never be filled. I have no doubt they passed on the love and respect you earned to all who came after you. God bless and Rest In Peace brother. Harvard University Police Department
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Fire Police Promote Ron Womelsdorf

By Tom Kashatus ~ Fire Police Captain Len Paczkowski recently announced that Officer Ron Womelsdorf has been promoted to Sergeant. In his new role, Ron will be responsible for inventory and assignment of apparel, gear and equipment to all members of the Fire Police. He will also maintain and assure readiness status of all gear and equipment.

Over the last few years, the Fire Police, an all-volunteer unit, has become a prominent fixture providing traffic control, crowd control and scene preservation at emergencies as well as safety and security at various activities in the Township and surrounding areas. They also assist the Public Works Department and the Sewer Authority as needed.

Pictured above are Hanover Township Fire Police Captain Ed Bliss, Newport Township Captain Len Paczkowski, Sergeant Ron Womelsdorf, Lieutenant Ron Jones and Officer David Namowicz.

Besides a unit of volunteer Fire Police, Newport Township is also supported by two fire companies (1) Consolidated Fire Company (previously Wanamie No. 2 and Sheatown No. 5) and (2) Glen Lyon/Alden Fire Company (previously Alden No. 3, Glen Lyon No. 1 and Glen Lyon No. 4). The fire companies of the Newport Township Fire Department are now owners of the former Newport Township Municipal Building/Hose House located on Center Street in Wanamie and are responsible for its maintenance. There is a unit of paid fire truck drivers that works shifts 24/7 from the fire house on Center Street to insure the best possible coverage for fire protection throughout the township. These drivers and a fire rescue respond to emergency ambulance calls whenever possible. Currently members of the department sponsor three fund-raising projects: (1) a breakfast with the cooperation of the R-Bar in Alden, (2) a Good Friday food sale in partnership with Saint Faustina Parish of Nanticoke, and (3) a fish dinner in partnership with Saint Faustina Parish. Two other food projects are under consideration for the future. All donations are welcome.

Leadership in the fire department begins with the Township Fire Department Commissioner, Michael Roke, who is appointed by Board President, Commissioner Paul Czapracki. Newport Township Fire Chief John Floryshak and Assistant Fire Chief Jim Hoffman are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The presidents of the fire companies are Ronald Womelsdorf for Consolidated, and John Elmy for Glen Lyon/Alden. They are elected by their respective memberships. Captain Len Paczkowski has been commander of the Fire Police since its inception.

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Little League 2019

By Tom Kashatus ~ The Newport Township Community Organization sponsors two team in the Nanticoke Area Little League – Red Devils, Major League, and Red Devils, Minor League. Extra recognition must be given to Mitchell Trucking of Hunlock Creek for their sponsorship of five teams in the League – T-Ball, Coach-Pitch, Boys-Minors, Girls-Minors, and Boys-Majors. Little League has been proceeding on schedule while dodging many rain days throughout the season. Playoffs are on the horizon and will be in full gear by the 4th of July. Officials of the League are seeking help to refurbish the Hillan sign at the entrance to the field in Wanamie as weather has taken its toll over the years.

NTCO Red Devils Majors



Pictured are front row l to r: Abby Williams, Peyton Graboske, Lauren Shatley, and Trinity Graboske. Rear l to r: Coach George Graboske, Ashley Perez, Tatianna Morales, Coach Paul Seery, Caitlyn Sekelsky, Coach Rick Sekelsky, Liv Seery, and Kaelia Sekelsky. Manager George Graboske 570-239-4804

NTCO Red Devils Minors



Pictured sitting l to r: Abbey Miller, Olivia Ventura, Sophia Pazgan, Emily Kivler, and Alyvia Schneider. Kneeling l to r: Amelia Schneider, Willow Raggi, Saphire Maldonado, and Courtney Grabinski. Standing rear l to r: Coach Rachel Roccograndi, Rilee Ruminski, Sierra Ripka, Natalyn Emel, and Coach Judy Pazgan. Absent were Adelyn Hull and Madison Falkowski. Manager Judy Pazgan 570-881-0529.

I never knew, did you?

In Honor of Murph Fletcher

Submitted by Heidi Jarecki ~ In 1831 Robert E. Lee married Mary Custis, thus becoming heir to the beautiful Custis Mansion, built by George Washington's adopted son. The estate was originally part of the estate of George Washington. In 1861 Lee left this Arlington mansion to take command of the Virginia troops, never to return. Federal troops took possession, building a fort, establishing a hospital on the grounds, and paving the way for the famous Arlington National Cemetery now filling the plantation grounds. There had initially been no plans for a cemetery, but when the first patient, a Confederate soldier, died, officials decided to bury him on the grounds. Thus began the cemetery. Twelve years after the war ended, the United States government satisfied legal claims with George Washington Custis Lee, legal heir, with payment of \$150,000.

Source: 500 Little Known Facts in U.S. History

And More.....

The first U.S. flag planted on the moon was blown away during the space craft's departure.

The state of Florida passed a law that requires toddlers in state-run schools to listen to classical music every day.

In Salt Lake City, Utah, it is illegal to carry an unwrapped ukulele in public.

The state of Pennsylvania contains the longest stone arch bridge in the world. The Rockville Bridge is located north of Harrisburg and crosses the Susquehanna River. It is 3,820 feet in length.

Source: The Big Book of American Facts

Newport Township Lions Club to Hold Golf Tournament

By Tom Kashatus ~ Newport Township Lions Club will be holding its 41st Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, August 16th at Rolling Pines Golf Course just below Berwick. The cost per team of Captain and Mate will be \$130.00. Team sign-in is at 7:00 a.m. and shotgun start is at 8:00 a.m. Hole sponsorships, which will be prominently displayed, are as follows: Gold - \$100.00; Silver - \$50.00; Bronze - \$25.00. For further information please call Chairman John Zyla at 570-735-1714. Other committee members are Charles Molecavage, Jeremy Blank, John Kurowski, and Edward Zaborney.

Newport United to Hold Flea Market Fundraiser

By Tom Kashatus ~ President John Zyla has announced that Newport United will be holding a fall flea market as a fundraiser for the newly founded organization.



Designated co-chairpersons for the event are pictured. Sitting at left is Sue Heinz, 570-606-5881, and right, Heidi Jarecki, 570-733-2540. Also pictured are committee members and Newport United officers. Standing left to right are: Janine Whittaker,

Joseph Hillan, Secretary Debbie Forgach Zaleski, Vice President Paul Kearney, President John Zyla, Treasurer Jennifer Morgis, Sally Gorgas, and Stephen Phillips.

Details established for the event are as follows:

- (1) Date – Saturday, September 14;
- (2) Rain date – Sunday, September 15;
- (3) Set-up begins – 6:30 a.m.;
- (4) Market opens 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.;
- (5) Spots are 10' x 10' and may be limited – register early;
- (6) Parking available at direction of staff;
- (7) Registration due by September 1st;
- (8) Non-refundable fees, \$20 for members of Newport United, \$25.00 for non members, \$50.00 for food vendors;
- (9) Make checks payable to Newport United.

FYI: (1) shelters and benches are available; (2) restrooms are available; (3) there is no electricity; and (4) vendors are to bring their own tables.

Each member organization is asked to attend meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building on West Kirmar Avenue, Wanamie.

United States Census of 2020

By John Jarecki ~ At the Township Commissioner's meeting of June 3, Katie Derhammer and Francisco Torres Arando, both of whom represent the 2020 Census in this area, gave a presentation asking the residents of the Township to form a Complete Count Committee to encourage people to participate in the 2020 Census. Participation will benefit the entire community.

Ms Derhammer said that the federal government distributes about \$675 billion each year based on population totals as registered by the Census. That is a sum of approximately \$2000 for each person in the country and for each person in Newport Township. Since Newport has a population of about 5000, that means that for us a considerable amount of money depends on the results of the Census.

Also the number of members of the House of Representatives that Pennsylvania sends to Washington for the next decade will depend on those population totals.

It is therefore important and in our interest that every resident be counted. Ms Derhammer said that we can encourage people to

participate through our families and our church and community organizations. We have a good number of these local organizations, for example Crime Watch, the Women's Activity Group, the Lions Club, and the Newport Township Community Organization. It is strongly suggested that all groups participate in this effort.

Newport Township Lions Club Holds Bingo for Seniors

By Tom Kashatus ~ On Friday, May 10th, the Newport Township Lions Club sponsored a Bingo Social for the residents of Ken Pollock Apartments in Glen Lyon. Besides five games of straight bingo worth \$10.00 each, the attendees were treated to pizza from Tarnowski Brothers in Nanticoke, and a wide array of baked cookies and cakes. Games were called by Lions members John Zyla and Jeremy Blank. Assisting in serving the players were Lion members, Dr. Donald Reese, Ed Zaborney, and Ken Pollock resident Joann Czapracki. Besides bingo game winners Donna Levandowski (2), Cassie Slack,



Catherine Orekinto, and "Cookie" Novak, everyone was a winner enjoying the games, food, conversation, and friendships.

Pictured above are: Newport Township Lions members and bingo participants. Cassie Slack, Romaine Borofski, Frances Evans, Steffie Stogoski, Connie Lutz, Dorothy Tarnowski, Stanalee Lutz, Donna Levandowski, Catherine Orekinto, "Cookie" Novak, Joann Czapracki.



At left are Newport Township Lions members. Sitting is John Zyla preparing to shuffle bingo cards. Standing left to right: Jeremy Blank, Ed Zaborney and Donald Reese.

Wanamie Lokie to be Restored and Returned to Northeastern Pennsylvania

By John Jarecki ~ In late March State Senator John Yudichak announced that the Huber Breaker Preservation Society received a State gaming grant of \$21,000 from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the purpose of restoring the Wanamie 9 Lokie and bringing it back to Pennsylvania to be displayed at the site of the former Huber breaker. The Society received an additional \$5,000 for the project from Ashley residents who own the Lark Mountain Consignment Shop in Wilkes-Barre Township.

At the time, the lokie was owned by the Vierson Boiler Works in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Matt Stegura of Clarks Summit, a freshman history major at King's College and a member of the Society, said that it will be hauled to Youngstown Steel Company in Ohio for boiler restoration. It will then come to the Huber breaker site for final restoration work.

The lokie was built in 1915 by the Vulcan Iron Works in Wilkes-Barre. It was rebuilt in 1948 by Vulcan at its facility in West Pittston, and ran at Wanamie from 1948 to 1969.

It ran on narrow gauge tracks, three feet in width compared to standard railroad tracks, four feet eight and a half inches in width. When its water tank is full, it weighs 27 tons. There is no tender carrying coal for steam production. Instead it ran using large chunks of anthracite left in piles along the tracks.

"Lokie" is a colloquial term for "small locomotive."

Flag Day



By Tom Kashatus ~ Glen Lyon American Legion Post 539 celebrated Flag Day on June 14, 2019 at the Post home by installing a new flag and burning old flags in accordance with standard flag procedures. Commander Joseph Molski of the Chester Strzalka VFW addressed those in attendance and read a ceremonial prayer. Sons of the American Legion Post 539 provided refreshments afterwards. Shown is Quartermaster John Wildes turning over the old flag, folded in accordance with flag etiquette, to Post Adjutant Joseph Figlerski for proper disposal while Commander Shawn Swicklik observes.

Here today.....



Gone tomorrow.....



This well-worn house located on East Main Street, Glen Lyon next to St. Nicholas Church was demolished in April by order of the owners. The house had been vacant for many years. The demolition was done by Smart Restoration Services, Inc.



Newport Lions Club Refurbish Coal Mine Car

By Tom Kashatus ~ Pictured left is the restoration of the Newport Township Lions coal mine car on the island at the entrance to Newport Township near Holy Trinity Cemetery in Sheatown. Restoration was accomplished

in one day as Lions team members sanded, primed, and painted the mine car and put a fresh touch to the entire landscape. Approximately 40 years ago the island was under the jurisdiction of the former Sheatown Social Club before it was leased to the Lions Club by then Holy Trinity Church, now Saint Faustina Parish, of Nanticoke. The Lions Club has maintained the island since. Recently an electronic community bulletin board was purchased by the newly founded Newport United organization and erected nearby.

Participants in the restoration project include: Donald Reese, Edward Zaborney, Amy Saraka, John Kurowski, Ronald Womelsdorf, John Zyla, Mike Kaminski, Charles Molecavage, and Jeremy Blank. Krissy Blank takes care of the flowers.

Canaries in the Mines



By Heidi Jarecki ~ One of the most hazardous occupations in the world was coal mining, especially in the 19th and 20th centuries. Among the risks were cave-ins and underground explosions. The explosions were caused by the release of gases when the coal was removed from the veins. These gases, carbon monoxide and methane, are colorless, odorless, and tasteless, and there was no way of knowing whether these gases were present.

The use of canaries to detect the presence of carbon monoxide and methane gas goes back to the early 1900's. The idea is credited to John Scott Haldane, who is known as the "father of oxygen therapy." His research on carbon monoxide led him to recommend using canaries, one of several sentinel species. The birds are more sensitive to the colorless, odorless, poisonous gases than humans. If the canaries became ill or died, the miners would be warned to evacuate.

Why canaries? They are vulnerable to airborne poisons. They need immense quantities of oxygen to enable them to fly and fly to heights that would make people altitude sick. Their anatomy allows them to get a dose of oxygen when they inhale and another when they exhale, by holding air in extra sacs. They get a double dose of air and any poisons the air might contain, the miners would get an early warning.

The idea was adopted in Great Britain, the United States, and Canada. The canaries became ingrained in the culture, and were treated like pets. The miners would whistle to them while they worked. The canaries were removed from the mines at the end of the workday, but there were often two or even three shifts. These days there are digital gas detectors, and the canary went out of service in the 1980's.

Sources: www.Smithsonian.com; Esther Inglis-Arkell writing for Gizmodo; and www.PA.pundits.com.

Spotlight: Newport Township Lions Club

Want to volunteer? The strength of each community is measured in part by the contributions of its volunteer groups. Each Newport Township organization performs specific activities. This is the first in a series which will describe them and help residents decide where they might best put their talents to use. All groups welcome new members. Get involved and help put Newport Township on the map!



By Heidi Jarecki ~ The Newport Township Lions Club has been in existence since 1950. It went on hiatus in 1969 and renewed its charter in 1976. It is affiliated with Lions Club International and is a men's civic organization dedicated to helping those in need. The Lions are the largest service organization in the world.

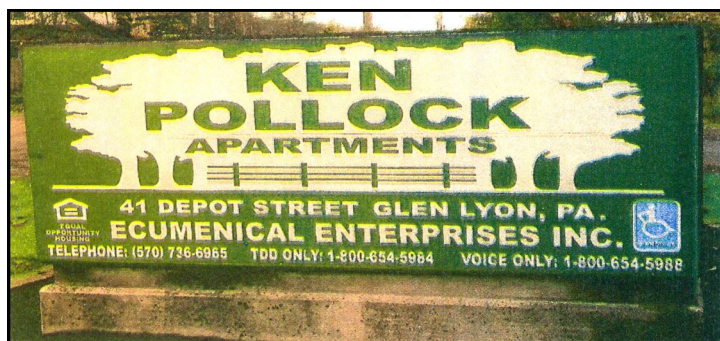
Activities by the Newport Township Lions include: providing home hospital equipment, such as wheelchairs, beds,

and walkers to area residents; programs for the blind; holiday fruit baskets for home-bound folks in the Township; parties for residents at the Guardian Nursing Home in Sheatown; bingo for Ken Pollack Apartment residents; sponsorship of a Little League baseball team; purchase of equipment for community parks; donations to the Newport Township Fire, Police, and Recreation Departments, as well as other Township organizations; and sponsorship of an essay contest for sixth graders. The Lions also sponsor three merit awards for graduating seniors at GNA High School.

Did you know? At the entrance of each town in the Township is a welcome sign, for example: "Welcome to Wanamie." Those signs were funded by the Lions Club. All street signs in the Township? Funded by the Lions Club. The coal car at the Township boundary in Sheatown? Funded and maintained by the Lions Club. The electric bill for the electronic community bulletin board in Sheatown? Paid monthly by the Lions Club.

The main fundraiser is an annual golf tournament held in the summer. This year the tournament will be held on Friday August 16 at the Rolling Pines Golf Course on Route 11 in Berwick. The Lions are looking for sponsorships of each hole. Please contact John Zyla at 570-735-1714 for more information. The Lions also sell brooms throughout the year.

Current officers are: President, Donald Reese; Vice-President, Ed Zaborney; Secretary, Jeremy Blank; Treasurer, John Kurowski; Financial Secretary, John Zyla, and Tail Twister, Ron Womelsdorf. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 in the Newport Township Municipal Building Community Room.



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The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Adalbert's Church, Holy Spirit Parish presented its \$500.00 Growing in Faith Scholarship to Kristopher Russin (center) on Sunday June 9, 2019. Kristopher will continue his studies in Audio Visual Communications at Luzerne County Community College.



The Newport Township Fire Departments held a breakfast fundraiser at the R Bar in Alden on Sunday, June 2. Community support is welcome. Proceeds help pay for equipment maintenance and training.

One Hundred Years Ago in Newport Township

From the Archives of the Wilkes-Barre Record and the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, 1919:

July 2: Ruthofus Amusement Carnival will play one week at New Row, Wanamie for the benefit of St. Michael's Church of Glen Lyon June 30th to July 5th. Carousal [sic], Giant Ferris Wheel, Tango Swings, etc.

July 23: Mr. and Mrs. David Williams and family, of Roebling, N.J., is spending several weeks here as the guests of friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were former residents of Wanamie, and have resided in Roebling for the past three years. Prior to making that place their home, Mr. Williams was employed as a conductor on the Glen Lyon line of the People's Street Railway, and also conducted a confectionary store at Wanamie.

August 28: Old time rivalry has been manifested in the coming big game of the season when Glen Lyon and the Nanticoke Moose meet next week for the semi professional [baseball] championship of the lower end of the County and a purse of one thousand dollars. Lefty Kriefski of Glen Lyon, who played in the York State league, will be on the mound for the Newport Township boys while either Pat or Joe Finn will hurl for the Nanticoke team.

September 4: At a house party of the members of the Knut Club, held at their home, the "Burr Cottage" at Lake Nuangola on Labor Day, George Semmers of Alden, and a member of the club, announced his engagement to Miss Harriet Kingsbury of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Semmers, who returned from France with Battery C, 109th Field Artillery, is very prominent with the young people of this town.



On Election Day, May 21, the Altar and Rosary Society held a hoagie sale in St. Adalbert's Church Hall. Pictured is the assembly line. The next hoagie sale will be Election Day, November 5.



The Good Friday food sale sponsored by the Newport Township Fire Department and St. Faustina Parish was held on April 19 on Church Street in Nanticoke. Pictured are the potato pancake fryers.

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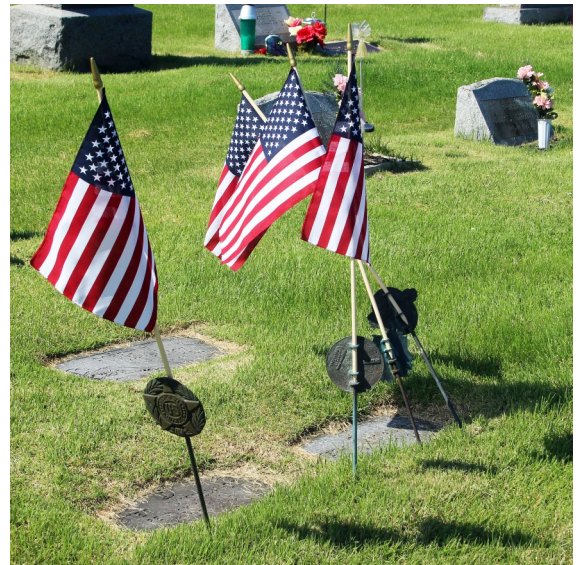
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Memorial Day in Newport Township



Memorial Day

On May 27, the VFW and American Legion Posts, along with the Auxiliary, of Newport Township paid tribute to deceased veterans who served their country in the Armed Forces. The ceremonies are impressive, complete with the playing of taps and a twenty-one gun salute. Memorial Day Mass was celebrated by Holy Spirit Parish pastor, Father Louis Kaminski, himself a veteran of the Iraq conflict, in the cemetery Chapel. New flags were placed at each veteran's grave.



American Legion Post 539 Memorial Day

By Tom Kashatus ~ On Memorial Day, May 27, 2019 Glen Lyon Post 539 paid special honor to those members of the American Legion who have belonged to and served the organization for 50 continuous years. After paying homage to those servicemen resting in peace in the cemeteries on the outskirts of Glen Lyon, the Honor Guard regrouped at the Post Headquarters on Newport Street for refreshments furnished by the American Legion Post 539 Auxiliary. At that time ceremonial recognition was conducted by Quartermaster John Wildes who presented plaques to five members who served their country over 50 years ago in the United States Army – John Meshinski, Bernard Mihneski, Kenneth Angradi, Stanley Czapracki, and Richard Smetana. Also recognized for their extraordinary service over the years to Post 539 were Mike Figmic, John Meshinski, and Tim Derr.



Pictured left to right are: Mike Figmic, John Meshinski, Bernard Mihneski, Kenneth Angradi, Stanley Czapracki, Richard Smetana, Commander Shawn Swicklik, John Wildes, and Tim Derr.

The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude. ~ Jeff Miller



St. Nicholas Church Celebrates 125 Years

Parish History

By the Parishioners ~ In the year 1894, immigrants from Carpathian Rus and Lemkivschyna (Western Ukraine) organized a parish and built a wooden church on East Nanticoke Street, later renamed East Main Street, Glen Lyon. In 1898 one acre of land northeast of Main Street was procured from the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company for use as the parish cemetery.

The parish picnic grounds became a reality after a lease agreement with the Glen Alden Coal Company in 1916. Located behind Engel Street, the parish then erected a pavilion on that site.

On January 24, 1936, the church was completely destroyed by fire. The breaking of ground for the new church took place June 1, 1936, and the blessing of the cornerstone was on May 16, 1937. The Most Reverend Constantine Bohachevsky S.T.D., Apostolic Exarch for the Ukrainian Catholics in the USA, officiated at the Solemn Blessing and dedication of the new church on October 3, 1937.

For 54 years, the parish maintained the status of a mission station receiving spiritual ministrations of Ukrainian priests from St. Vladimir Church in Alden, St. Nicholas Church in Nanticoke, and Holy Transfiguration in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke. On January 1, 1948, Rev. Bohdan Olesh was assigned as the first resident pastor. On August 4, 1951, the rectory was purchased.

In 1954, the 60th anniversary of the parish, the church interior was completely renovated according to traditions of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. The Iconostasis (a wall of icons in front of the Altar) was installed, and the church hall was painted. The Most Rev. Constantine Bohachevsky rededicated the renovated church and Iconostasis on December 19, 1954. At that time, there were 276 parishioners in the parish.

The following organizations were active in the parish: Sacred Heart Society, Holy Name, Parish Choir, B.V.M. Sodality, Altar Boys Society, Providence Association, and the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League.

During the 1950's and 1960's, the parish and its organizations were very active with events such as card parties and Christmas parties for the children of the parish. The children were taught Ukrainian folk dance. Father Olesh taught the children religious education from second grade through high school.

In 1962, the bell system was upgraded. The bells would now ring electrically, instead of manually.

The church choir visited parishioners' homes on Christmas Day and during the Christmas season to sing traditional Ukrainian Christmas carols. This continued until the late 1990's.

In 1973, Father Olesh's 25th year as our pastor was commemorated with a banquet held at the American Legion in Glen Lyon. In October 1985, the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio in the United States notified Metropolitan Stephen Sulyk that Father Olesh had been granted a Papal honor with the title of Monsignor by His Holiness Pope John Paul the Second. This title was conferred on him in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Philadelphia on December 17, 1985. A Banquet was held at the Centre Inn in January 1986 to celebrate this honor.

Monsignor Olesh continued to serve the parish until his death in 1998 at the age of 80. Since Monsignor Olesh's passing, there has not been a resident pastor, however the parish continued to be served by several priests. Father Paul Guthrie became pastor after Monsignor Olesh's death and served until October 2000. Father Michael Mokris succeeded him until August 2003. During that time, the church interior was painted, and new carpeting installed. The parking lot adjacent to the church was also purchased. Father Volodymyr Klanichka served the parish from September 2003 until August 2004.

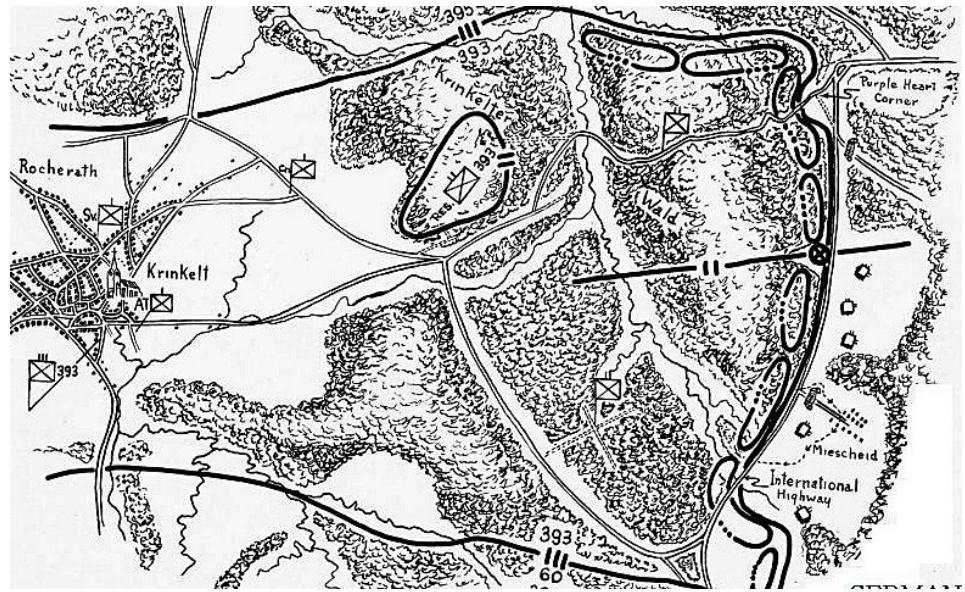
The Very Reverend John Seniow became pastor in August 2004 and served the parish until August 2017. In May 2007, Father John celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his ordination. A Moleben to the Mother of God, a service of supplication for the living, was held at SS, Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church in Berwick PA, Father's main parish. A banquet followed at Maria Assunta Hall in Berwick. Father Seniow was Protopresbyter (Dean) of the North Anthracite Deanery during his 13 years of serving our parish.

Father Roman Petryshak was named his successor in August 2017 and continues to serve the parish today. Fr. Roman celebrated his 17th year in the priesthood in May 2019.

The Rectory was sold in 2005. Presently, the parish census is 63 parishioners and 46 households. Even though the parish has become smaller over the years, we thank God for our parish, for all the priests that have served the parish, and all the parishioners.

Vocations from the parish were: Rev. Michael Kapec, Rev. Emil Moskwa, Msgr. John Koval, and Rev. Michael Skordinsky.

May God grant St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church many more happy years! Mnohaya Lita!



Hometown Hero: Michael Cwiklik

By Heidi Jarecki ~ Corporal Michael Albert “Ducky” Cwiklik (Swicklik) was born August 24, 1915 in Glen Lyon. His parents were Stanley and Anna Sitarczyk Cwiklik, both of whom were born in Poland. Stanley and Anna immigrated to the United States in 1908 and found their way to Glen Lyon, where Stanley found employment in the Susquehanna Collieries. He was a member of United Mine Workers of America, Local 167. The family lived at 74 Ridge Street, Glen Lyon. Stanley and Anna had five sons, all of whom served in the United States Armed Forces: Michael, Frank, John (also known as Marty), Walter, and Stephen. Frank enlisted on December 8, 1941, the day after Pearl Harbor and was wounded on Leyte Island in the Philippines. The family belonged to St. Adalbert’s Church.

Michael attended Newport Township schools. He was athletic and played center field and right field for the Glen Lyon Condors, a semi-professional baseball team. He may also have pitched and played shortstop for the Glen Lyon Kanadians of the Mid-Valley League for a short time.

Michael was inducted into the Army on November 16, 1942. He was assigned to the 99th Infantry Division, 393rd Infantry Regiment and received basic training in Mississippi. Infantry is a military specialization that engages in military combat on foot, distinguished from cavalry, artillery, and tank forces. Also known as foot soldiers, infantry traditionally relies on moving by foot between combats as well, but may also use mounts, military vehicles, or other transport.

In November, 1944, the 393rd Regiment was sent to Belgium with the ultimate goal of forcing the Germans into retreat. (Please see map and accompanying article on this page.) While on patrol in Krinkelt, Belgium, Michael was struck in the right chest and upper arm, and died in action on November 25, 1944. He was 29 years old.

Michael posthumously earned the designation “combat infantryman” which has three criteria: (1) Be an infantryman satisfactorily performing infantry duties. (2) Be assigned to an infantry unit during such time as the unit is engaged in active ground combat. (3) Actively participate in such ground combat. Campaign or battle credit alone is not sufficient for this award.

Michael’s remains are interred in the Henri Chapelle American Cemetery in Hombourg, Belgium. He was awarded the Purple Heart. His personal effects were returned to his father.

Michael’s family was presented with a Gold Star citation by the Newport Township American Legion on Sunday, April 8, 1945. The Glen Lyon Condors paid tribute to Michael prior to a game at Weinick Park on Sunday, July 1, 1945.

Michael’s mother, Anna, passed away on July 4, 1943. His father Stanley passed away in 1962.

The following excerpt is taken from “99th Infantry Division—(393IR)—(History) - 1944-1945” by Doc Snafu. It can be found in its entirety on the website: <https://www.eucmh.be/2015/10/16/393rd-infantry-regiment-99th-infantry-division-battle-babies-1944-1945/>

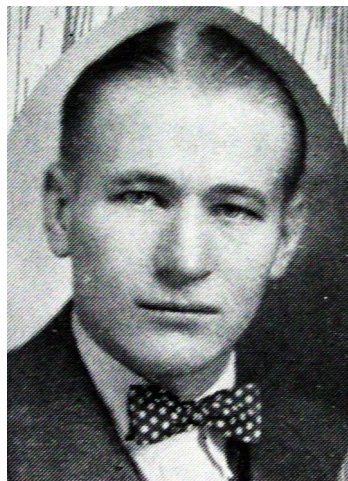
On the fateful day of December 7, 1941, the 99th Infantry Division was a reserve unit, a paper division. It had never been called into active service, but with lightning speed plans were made for activation. A camp in Mississippi was planned and designated as its post. Maj. Gen. Thompson Lawrence was assigned as Commanding General. The vast machinery was begun to form a fighting team of 15,000 men. The 393rd Infantry Regiment was activated as part of the 99th Infantry Division on November 15, 1942 at Camp Van Dorn, near Centerville, Mississippi, under the command of Col. William B. Yancey. Arriving in late November and December 1942, most recruits came through reception centers in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Fort Meade, Maryland; and Camp Perry, Ohio.

Thirteen weeks of basic training began in January, 1943. On September 10 1944, the 393rd Infantry Regiment began movement from Camp Maxey, Texas to a staging area at Camp Miles Standish, Massachusetts. Eight trains going over three main routes carried troops and equipment, the last train leaving on September 11.

Many men made their last long distance call home. Then things were going pretty fast for the regiment. Loading at Boston, finally they were boarding trains in England. On October 10 and 11, they arrived in camps that had not been occupied since D Day, June 6, 1944. On November 2, the Regiment began movement by truck and railroad to southern English ports, boarded LST’s on November 3 and landed at Le Havre, France one day later. Motor movement was begun immediately across France with elements of the Regiment bivouacking on the night of November 4-5 in the vicinity of Rouvay, France. On November 5, the Regiment continued the move by truck convoy to an assembly area in Saint-Jean-Sart, in the vicinity of Aubel, Belgium.

Movement from Aubel was made on November 10. Front line positions about three and one-half miles east of Krinkelt – Rocherath, Belgium covered approximately 8,000 yards along the International Highway between Belgium and Germany. They took the road and passed through various towns enroute to Krinkelt, and finally Rocherath just alongside the International Highway. Service and headquarters companies were in Krinkelt. The Germans on the east side of the International Highway were established in concrete pill-boxes surrounded by dragon’s teeth, tank traps, huge iron road-gates, wire entanglements and anti-personnel mine fields. Despite this elaborate defensive set-up, American patrols went daily into hostile territory.

Several casualties resulted from patrols worming their way through enemy mine fields and some from German artillery. The Regiment’s first offensive began on December 13, 1944 and the Battle of the Bulge began three days later.



Far left Stanley Kolly as a member of the Penn State boxing team. Middle: as a Penn State graduate, 1929. Near left, as a teacher at Newport Township High School, 1960.

Newport Township Teachers:

Stanley Kolly

By Heidi Jarecki ~ Stanley John Kolakowski (Kolakoski, Kulakowski and legally Kolly in 1954) was born in Alden on April 7, 1906. His parents were Zigmund and Viola Kitler Kolakowski, both of whom immigrated from Poland in 1894. The couple settled in Alden and lived at 41 Railroad Street. Zigmund found employment with the Alden Coal Company. They had four children: Jacob, Stanley, Mary Petro, and Joseph. Tragedy struck the family when Zigmund died from a fall of rocks in the mines on May 20, 1913. He was 42 years old. Jacob was just 12 years old, Stanley was 7, Mary, 5 and Joseph hadn't been born yet. Viola passed away in 1955. The family belonged to the former Holy Trinity Church in Nanticoke.

Stanley was educated in township schools, and graduated from Newport Township High School on June 12, 1924 with a class of 31. Among his classmates were: Sophia Zelinski Kozlowski, William Stoker, Edward Sekulski (Kule), and Josephine Gavey Swithers. Stanley was president of the class, and later served on various reunion committees.

Stanley worked in the mines for a year before attending Penn State University. He had some training as a boxer and when he enrolled at Penn State, he was a member of the Freshman Boxing team, and then the Varsity Boxing team. He boxed in the 125-pound class. For three consecutive years, he competed in the Intercollegiate Boxing Championships winning silver medals at the Palestra in Philadelphia. He defeated Williams of Navy in an intercollegiate bout in February 1928. He was also a member of Thau Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Druids, Skull and Bones (two secret societies), and the Penn State Players. In October, 1928, Stanley landed the leading role in the play entitled, "Is Zat So." The comedy was produced by the Penn State Players. The plot involves a prizefighter and his trainer who went to work in a fashionable Fifth Avenue palace. It was a part tailor-made for him! While at Penn State, he was roommates with Russell Pishak of Sheatown and Bob Higgins, an All-American football player who later became head football coach at Penn State. Stanley and Russell were often guests of Coach Higgins at Penn State games. Stanley majored in Education and graduated in 1929.

He was a professional boxer as a young man and helped to train Freddy Haverlak, a famous Alden boxer. He retained an interest in the sport throughout his life and was a state licensed professional boxing judge for over 40 years. In March 1932, Stanley refereed a bout between Adam Gayewski of Glen Lyon and Joe Sweeney of Hanover Township. He attended such famous fights as the Lou Ambers-Henry Armstrong fight in August 1938 at Madison Square Garden; the second Muhammed Ali-Joe Frazier fight in January 1974 at Madison Square Garden; and the Muhammed Ali-Ken Norton fight in September 1976 at Yankee Stadium. In 1977, he visited the Muhammed Ali training camp at Deer Lake to check out

the facility. In 1979, he earned a certificate at a seminar for Pennsylvania boxing officials in Philadelphia.

His first teaching job was in 1929 at Chicora High School in Butler County. He coached athletics and taught math and history. The high school was in Chicora Borough and is now merged with the Karns City Area School District.

By 1931, he was employed as football coach at Newport High School. He recalled serving one day a week at St. Stanislaus Orphanage. In August 1932, he took 50 boys on a hike from Sheatown to Lake Nuangola for swimming lessons and a weiner roast. The hike was repeated the following year.

On December 26, 1935, Stanley married Helen Poharski of Nanticoke. They lived at 7 East Kirmar Avenue in Alden. They had one son, Robert who graduated with the Newport Class of '56. Helen had a beauty shop on Green Street in Nanticoke and later operated a confectionary store in Alden. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Glen Lyon.

In 1937-1938, Stanley taught mining classes along with Harold Parks at the Newport High School. These classes had the purpose of certifying miners in the use of explosives and advanced mining techniques. The courses were given by the Penn State Extension School of Mines.

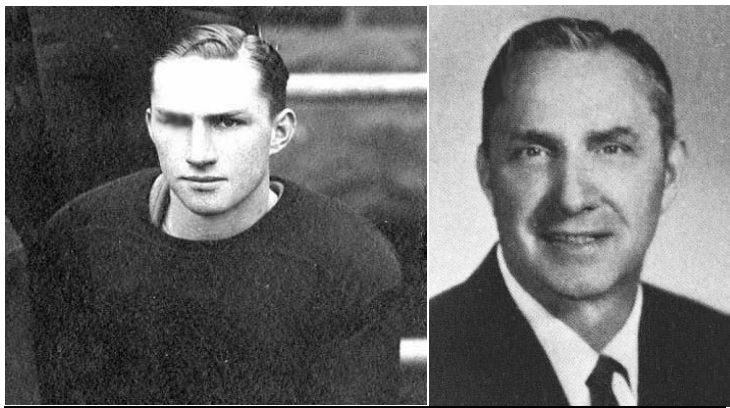
Over the summer months, Stanley attended New York University and earned his Master's Degree in 1937. Through the years, he was awarded grants to attend six National Science Institutes for six weeks at various colleges, such as Bucknell, the University of New Hampshire, and Franklin and Marshall.

He was an eighth grade teacher and principal at the Columbus School in Wanamie in 1938-1939. Stanley first began teaching at the High School in 1943. He taught Modern History. He served as class adviser, directed senior class plays, and supervised the yearbook staffs. He was appointed to the Newport Township Athletic Council in 1950. By 1963, he was teaching science at the Pulaski Junior High School. He retired in 1970 after a 42-year career.

In 1960, he was struck by an automobile while walking on East Kirmar Avenue and was hospitalized for some time. He suffered injuries to his head, neck, and left hip.

After retirement, he ran for School Board of the new Greater Nanticoke Area School District as a Republican in 1971. He lost in a Democratic sweep. In 1975, Stanley served as Registration Chairman for the Newport Township Republican party. He was also active in the Alden Sportsmen's Club.

Stanley Kolly passed away on February 3, 1989. Helen Kolly died on November 8, 1981. They are interred in Holy Trinity Cemetery, Sheatown.



Pictured left, Zig as quarterback for the high school football team, and right, as a teacher at Newport High School in 1965.

Baseball Coach Zigmund Najaka

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki - Zigmund Louis Najaka was born on February 12, 1908 to Ignatz and Sophia Madajewski Najaka. He was one of ten siblings: Stasia Kempinski, Victoria Osmolski, Helene Ciampi, Gertrude Barrow, Bruno, John, Andrew, Benjamin, and Leonard. His parents were both born in Poland and immigrated to the United States. Ignatz was 20 when he settled in Glen Lyon. He was employed at the Susquehanna Collieries and was a member of United Mine Workers of America. The family lived at 50 East Main Street. Ignatz was strongly identified with the founding of St. Michael's Church on West Main Street, Glen Lyon and helped build it. Sophia died in 1908, soon after Zig was born, and Ignatz passed away in 1936.

Zig was educated in Newport Township schools. At Newport Township High School, Zig excelled at athletics. In 1925, as a junior, Zig earned honorable mention to the All-Star football team as a quarterback. As a senior in 1926, he was both quarterback of the football team and captain of the basketball team. The football team won 4 games: Hanover, Plains, Forty Fort and Miners Mills; and lost 4: Nanticoke (who ended the season as league champion), Plymouth, Larksville and West Pittston.

The basketball team had a good year finishing behind league champion Nanticoke and was good enough to be invited to the prestigious Bloomsburg tournament where they finished third behind champion Nanticoke and runner-up Old Forge.

Zig was also a member of the high school track team, competing in the broad jump. In June, 1926, the team took second place in the Bloomsburg Normal School annual interscholastic track meet.

It was baseball where Zig shined. He played left field for the High School baseball team. In June of 1925, the Newport High School Baseball team made it all the way to the finals for the championship of Northeastern Pennsylvania only to lose in 11 innings to Technical High School.

In the summers of 1926-1927, Zig played left and center field for the Glen Lyon Keystones, a semi-professional baseball team in the Wyoming Valley League. They were a strong team, and had some successes against the Glen Lyon Condors. The Keystones were managed by Zig's brother Bruno.

After graduating high school in 1927, Zig entered East Stroudsburg State Teachers College. Coincidentally, in June of 1927, East Stroudsburg Normal School became the State Teachers College at East Stroudsburg, but most people referred to it as East Stroudsburg State Teachers College. Students had the option of earning a four year Bachelor of Science in Education or a 2-year normal certification in elementary education. Zig chose to study for his Bachelor's Degree.

While at East Stroudsburg, Zig earned ten varsity letters. He was the college's starting quarterback for four seasons, played basketball for two seasons, and baseball for four years. He hit over .300 in each of his four seasons at East Stroudsburg. He was captain of the baseball team and co-captain of the football squad. He graduated in 1931 with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. Zig remained active in the Alumni Association throughout his life.

After graduation, he played two years of professional baseball

for Sunbury in the Interstate League. Later, in 1939 he played in 89 games batted .263 with 5 home runs. In 1940 he played in 11 games and batted .268 with 1 home run.

There is little indication that Zig played football after college, but he did become a football official, officiating at high school games throughout the Valley. He served as head linesman.

In 1931, Zig was selected as a teacher in the Newport Township School District. He was an instructor in physical education, health, first aid and swimming. In 1934 he was teaching at the Pulaski School and eventually taught at the high school. He was elected to the Newport Township Athletic Council and remained until its end. He also supervised the high school cheerleaders.

He continued to play baseball and basketball. He played guard for the Glen Lyon Smilers, a basketball team, in 1932. He also tried his hand at bowling and was a member of the Knights of Columbus (Nanticoke) bowlers. There was an open challenge to the bowlers of the Nanticoke teaching staff from the Glen Lyon teachers bowling team to a friendly competition with Zig being the contact person. It is not known who won.

On December 29, 1934, Zig married the former Alberta (Albertina) Dreier of Nanticoke. They lived in Lee. They were members of St. Michael's Church. They had one son, Karl (Chuck) born in 1938 who graduated with the Newport Class of '56. Tragically, Alberta passed away in 1947 when she was just 39 years old. She is interred in St. Michael's Cemetery. In 1950, Zig married Stephanie Pytel of Nanticoke who was employed as bookkeeper at St. Stanislaus Child Care Center in Sheatown.

Throughout the 1930's, the Knights of Columbus sponsored a summer camp in Albert for boys. Zig was put in charge of all athletics. Under his supervision the boys participated in games of softball, volleyball, ring tennis and quoits. He also gave instructions in swimming and life saving.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was inducted on March 16, 1944 and received basic training at Sampson, NY and was transferred to San Diego. He was appointed to the U.S. Naval Corps School teaching staff.

Zig was appointed athletic director for Newport High School and served as baseball coach for 29 years. His baseball teams won fourteen Wyoming Valley League championships and two county championships. 1958 was one memorable year for Newport High School baseball. The team was unbeaten at 8-0, with Tom Klukososki winning five games as starting pitcher and Willard George 3 games. The Nutcrackers went up against Marymount in the 12th annual tournament. Marymount had beaten Newport in 1953, and then the following year, Newport was victorious. Newport edged Marymount (9-1) by the score of 3 to 0, with Tom Klukososki hurling a two-hitter. They next played Hanover, with Newport having a slight advantage. Newport beat Hanover, 3-2 at Kingston Stadium, again behind Tom's pitching. Tom struck out 10. In the first inning, Newport scored two runs with Syl Madurski leading off with a triple and John Kashatus drawing a walk. Dennis Kubasko singled and then Ray Krauser grounded. In the final game against Pittston, the Nutcrackers made a statement with a 8-0 score. The team won the Wilkes-Barre Business College Trophy and a trip to a Yankees Detroit game. His players will forever hold Zig in their memories.

Zig was a football and basketball official for twenty-seven years, refereeing both high school and college games. He was an organizer and chairman of high school play-offs in Luzerne County and a baseball tournament director of the Luzerne and Lackawanna County play-offs in District Two P.I.A.A. He was elected for four terms to represent the Wyoming Valley officials of the Eastern Pennsylvania Board of International Association of Approved Basketball Officials. He stayed active after he retired from teaching in 1968.

He enjoyed playing golf and participated in tournaments.

In 1988 Zig was inducted into the East Stroudsburg University Athletics Hall of Fame and in 1993 he was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame.

Zigmund Najaka, dean of baseball coaches in the Wyoming Valley and mentor extraordinaire, died on February 2, 1992. Stephanie passed away on December 30, 1970. He and Stephanie are interred in St. Michael's Cemetery, Glen Lyon.

(See Newsletter #30, Summer 2012, p. 22-24 for more Newport High School baseball history)



On Saturday, May 4, the Newport Township Recreation Board hosted a Spring Fling at the Wanamie Park. The event featured multiple bounce houses, a car show, face painting, Nerf Wars, a Slime Station, and a live broadcast from WKRZ. All proceeds will go towards upgrades to the park and playgrounds. Members of the Board are: Judy Pazgan, Valerie Bartle, Kristen Kaminski, Scott Spencer and Heidi Jarecki. Recreation Commissioner is Jack Vishnefski. The Board wishes to acknowledge the sponsorship of the NEPA Recreation Center whose efforts helped make the event a success. Over 400 people attended. The Board welcomed a donation of \$2,000.00 from Earth Conservancy following the event. Donations can be made to Newport Township Recreation at the Township Municipal Building.

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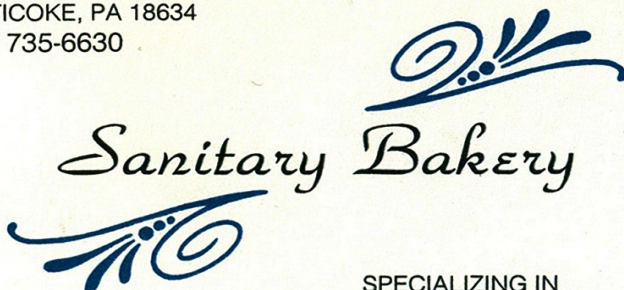
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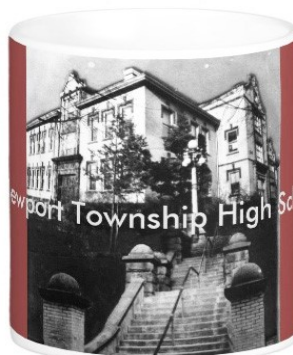
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