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Newport Township Public Business

By John Jarecki ~ The following are items of Township business discussed or acted on by the Newport Township Commissioners at their meetings in January, February, and March of 2021.

Highlights: January 4: Resignations of Police Officers Thomas Mercadante and Blake Brown, GBT Realty Corporation's submission to the County of a land use plan for its proposed Dollar General store. February 1: Township's new TextMyGov communication link. March 1: Hiring of new full time Police Officer Joseph San Marco, NorthPoint Development's plans to construct a warehouse in Newport Township.

January 4, 2021: This meeting and the February Commissioners' meeting were held online because of a recent increase in Covid-19 cases. There were no residents' comments.

The Commissioners voted to appoint Mark Boncal as Newport Township Fire Chief and Jeremy Blank as Police Chief.

The Commissioners approved Resolution #1 of 2021, which updates the policy of the Township Police Department with regard to the use of force. Specifically, it forbids the use of choke holds on a person unless

the person presents a threat to life. The Federal Government made this a requirement for local police departments in order for them to receive federal aid.

The Commissioners voted to accept the resignations of Township Police Officers Thomas Mercadante as of December 4, 2020 and Blake Brown as of December 31, 2020.

Township Manager Joe Hillan included the following items in his report:

- 1) Due to the increase in Covid-19 cases, the Newport Township Municipal Office will remain closed to the public until further notice. Residents can get building and occupancy permit inspection forms online at Newporttownship.org. Completed forms can be mailed to the Township office or dropped into a box outside the Municipal Building near the front door. For further assistance, call 570-735-4735 or send an email to Joe.Hillan@NewportTownship.org.
2) PennEastern Engineers has submitted to PennDot, for its approval, plans for the Main Street sidewalk replacement/improvement project in Glen Lyon.
3) GBT Realty Corporation, which is (Continued on next page)

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considering building a Dollar General Store on West Kirmar Avenue, has submitted for approval a land development plan to the Luzerne County Planning Commission.

4) The Township has mailed to residents refuse and recycling bills for 2021. Residents can either mail in payments or drop them into a box outside the Municipal Building near the front door.

February 1, 2021: There were no residents' comments.

Attorney Vito Deluca, representing the Newport Township Sewer Authority, requested that the Commissioners, who are now considering extending the existence of the Sewer Authority, make the extension for the maximum of 50 years as permitted by law. He said that this would reduce the cost and effort of extending the Authority for shorter lengths of time. He also said that this would not have any disadvantages for the Commissioners in that they could terminate the Authority at any time. Township Solicitor Christopher Slusser said that, in his experience, he disagreed with Attorney Deluca, saying that although there were no legal reasons preventing the Commissioners from terminating the Authority at any time, there were practical difficulties in terminating it without the permission of Authority itself. The Commissioners said that they would have to discuss the matter before making a decision.

Commissioner John Zyla reported that three people applied for the two Police Officer positions that opened at the end of last year because of the resignations of Officers Thomas Mercadante and Blake Brown.

Commissioner John Vishnefski reported that the Recreation Board would meet in February and discuss the proposed Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation area in Newport Township that is the subject of a feasibility study by the Earth Conservancy (EC).

Township Financial Oversight Consultant Jennifer Polito reported that the Township has completed the necessary paperwork to receive State Liquid Fuels tax funds on March 1.

Township Manager Joe Hillan included the following items in his report:

1) As of January 31, the Township had sold 1120 refuse stickers, compared to 701 at this time last year.

2) Demolition Update for the building at 116-118 West Main Street in Glen Lyon: The Newport Township Authority is now in the process of purchasing 116 West Main from the Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau Repository. The Township is trying to contact the owner of 118 West Main to ask him to sign a release form that would allow the Township to demolish the property.

3) Newport Township will soon be introducing a new program called TextMyGov which has been developed to open lines of communication between residents and local government agencies. The system works 24 hours a day and connects with the Township web site. It allows the Township and residents to communicate through text messaging. For example, the Township could use it to inform residents of street sweeping. It should be up and running within two months.

4) Still continuing is the public comment period that is part of the Earth Conservancy's (EC) study of the feasibility of placing an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation area in Newport Township. The public survey comment form can be found on the EC web site or on the Newport Township web site. At this time, public comments have been about 95% in favor of the recreation area and 5% either against it or undecided. (EC held a public online meeting about this on February 11. Residents can read about it in another article on page 6 of this Newsletter.)

March 1, 2021: This meeting was conducted as an in-person meeting at the Township Municipal Building. There were no residents' comments.

The Commissioners voted to hire, on recommendation of the Township Civil Service Commission, Joseph San Marco as a full time Newport Township Police Officer.

The Commissioners voted to approve Resolution # 2 of 2021, which approves the 2021 Luzerne County Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Commissioners voted to approve hourly wage rate increases for Department of Public Works employees Jordan Sager (\$1.50/hour increase), Richard Guziak (\$1.25/hour increase), and Michael Pauska (\$1.00/hour increase). These are retroactive to February 6, 2021.

Township Manager Joe Hillan included the following in his report:

1) Newport Township has sold 1,400 refuse stickers, compared to 1,399 at this time last year.

2) The program TextMyGov (described above in the February 1 meeting) is up and running. The Township is in the process of informing residents of this new program. Details are available on the Township website at Newporttownship.org.

3) Glen Lyon Sidewalk Repair Project Update: The Township is in discussions with PennDot about some of its requirements for the project. Specifically, the Township believes that PennDot's requirement of permits for all of the side streets in the project area is too costly, and the requirement of an 8-inch curb is unrealistic.

4) The Luzerne County Transportation Authority (LCTA) will be installing a bus shelter at the corner of Depot and Main Streets in Glen Lyon, that is, in front of the Ken Pollock Apartments. The installation is expected to be completed by September.

5) Newport Township has been awarded an Act 101 Section 902 Municipal Recycling Grant in the amount of \$2,430. This will offset the price of the recycling containers that the Township purchased in 2019 for \$2,925.

6) NorthPoint Bliss 1, LLC is going to develop an approximately 83 acre site in the Alden Section of the Township. The company has agreed to set up an escrow account for the permit fees. It will also enter into a community agreement with the Township.

NorthPoint Development is a national construction company, based in Kansas City, Missouri, that has built a number of warehouses in this area, including the two off Kosciuszko Street in Nanticoke and the Chewy, Adidas, and Patagonia warehouses in the Hanover Industrial Park. It now plans to build two warehouses just off Middle Road in the reclaimed strip mine area beyond the R Bar. One of them, now planned to be a 1.3 million square foot structure on the 83 acre site mentioned above, will be entirely in Newport Township on land to be purchased from Earth Conservancy (EC).

The Commissioners voted to approve Ordinance #1 of 2021, which establishes a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) Program within the Township. It would be located on the approximately 83 acres of land to be purchased by NorthPoint, on the site of the Bliss 1, Bliss 2, and Bliss 3 reclamation sites in Newport Township, Hanover Township, and Nanticoke City.

The Commissioners also voted to approve a Community Benefit Agreement and an Escrow Agreement between Newport Township and NorthPoint Bliss 1, LLC.

Closing for NorthPoint's purchase of the EC land on which the warehouses will stand will take place in the summer. Newport Township will grant NorthPoint, through the LERTA program, an exemption from property taxes on the warehouse building itself, for a period of seven years and will pay taxes at lesser percentages during the following three years. Property taxes on the land are not exempt. NorthPoint, however, through its Community Benefit Agreement with the Township, will, in lieu of taxes, make a payment to the Township of \$200,000 if the company goes through with its plans to build a 1.3 million square foot building, or a lesser amount if it constructs a smaller building.

In addition, NorthPoint will pay fees for construction permits, real estate transfer taxes, and its employees will pay an Emergency Services Tax and an Earned Income Tax, all of which will be income for Newport Township.



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NTCO President's Report

By Stephen E. Phillips ~ The Associated Press has previously noted that more than one third of the United States' nonprofits are in jeopardy of closing within two years because of the financial difficulties engendered by the recent pandemic. Studies indicate that the financial needs of nonprofits and charities have escalated well above donations they have received during the past year. It has been stated that the most dire scenarios could be avoided if donations were to increase substantially from various sources including private contributors. Ultimately, the future of the Newport Township Community Organization will depend upon its ability to generate sufficient funding to maintain its philanthropic role in the area, as well as to provide other services such as publication of this Newsletter. Each quarterly edition costs this Organization substantially more than is generated in advertising revenue. Prior editions of the publication have sought donations of money and time from interested readers and residents to aid in insuring that the NTCO remains a viable entity. We look forward to your support.

Special appreciation is directed to the entire law enforcement community, fire police and all others who assisted in helping to diffuse a recent life threatening situation in the Township's Wanamie section. Thankfully the episode was resolved without any loss of life.

Also accolades should be directed to the Township's Fire Department as well as those of surrounding communities who all valiantly strove to save the life of a young girl in Glen Lyon. Unfortunately the combined efforts proved to be unsuccessful. However, the dedication and commitment of all those involved should not be overlooked or forgotten.

Despite having to battle Mother Nature on some of winter's coldest days, the Community Organization did not miss any of its scheduled food distributions during the winter months. This effort continues to be greatly supported by the Newport Township Board of Commissioners, Township Manager Joe Hillan, and the Public Works Department. The Program Administrator Palmira Miller has been ordering enough food through the auspices of the Commission on Economic Opportunity and the Weinberg Food Bank to feed 150 families.

With the end of the winter season and the melting snow, an inordinate amount of litter scattered on the Community's major thoroughfares and other streets has again reappeared. This is a scathing indictment of the Township's residents and others who travel on local roadways. As one who has participated in various clean up activities since this Organization's inception in 2004, this writer would encourage state legislators to substantially increase the fine for littering and mandate that all those found guilty of this offense be sentenced to 50 hours of community service which shall be limited to litter collection. Special acknowledgement is directed toward Irene Bezdziecki who has for several years made a concerted effort to pick up litter throughout the Township.

We continue to encourage others to volunteer their services to the various volunteer groups within the community and insure that Newport continues to be viewed as a First Class Township, both legally and in appearance and action.

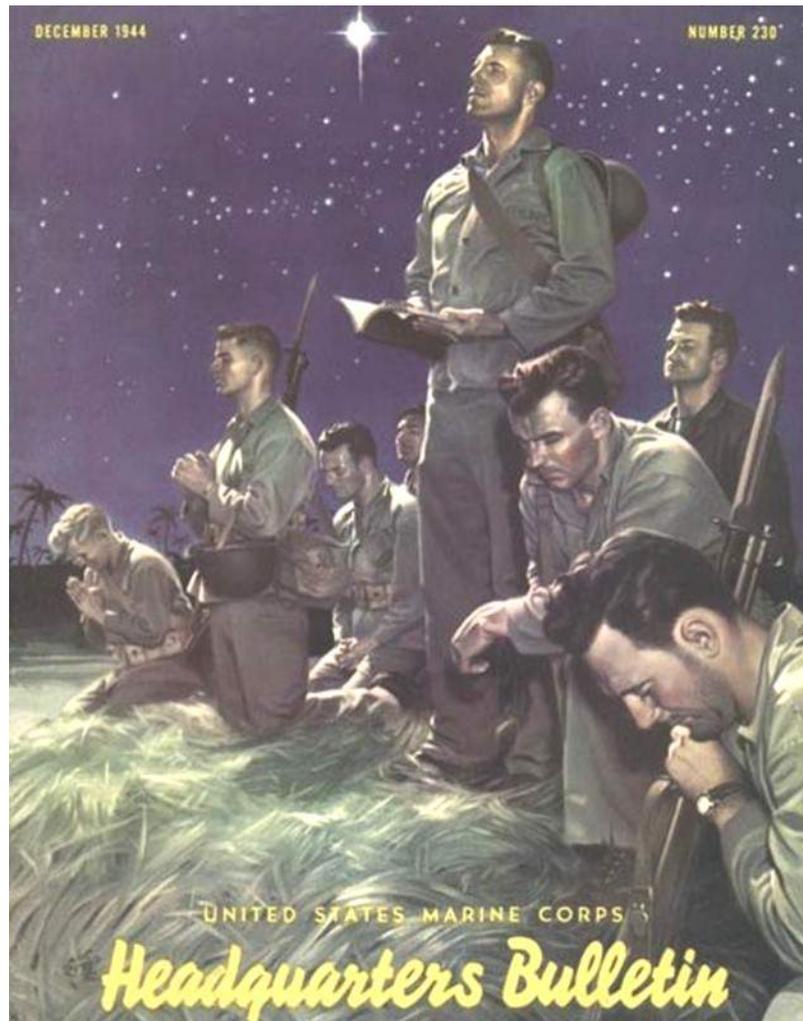
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Marines at Prayer



Submitted by Tom Kashatus ~ During World War II, Captain Alex Raymond made posters and patriotic images from a government office in Philadelphia. One of these works "Marines at Prayer," pictured above, was destined to become a well-known and well-circulated image of Marines on a battlefield pausing for worship.

The poster appeared on the December 1944 cover of the Marine Corp's Headquarters Bulletin. On the inside cover is written: "A painting by Capt. A.G. Raymond, USMCR, depicts in its impressive sincerity the worship and reverence that our fighting men carry to the very battle lines... The strength of manly character typified by the American Marine is vividly portrayed in this factual interpretation of men at prayer." This poster was so moving and well executed it was difficult to believe that Raymond was a cartoonist only a year before.

There is a local connection to this famous poster. The Marine kneeling with his arm on his knee immediately to the right of the chaplain standing with the prayer book is the late Edward Mierzwa of Glen Lyon. Ed enlisted in the Marine Corps in December, 1942 and served in the Southwest Pacific. Ed was chosen to pose for the poster, and by 1945 was stationed in Quantico, VA. Ed married Theodosia Strzalka of Glen Lyon. They were the parents of three children, Michael, Chester, and Theresa. Ed passed away in 1992.

Alex Raymond was sent to the Marine Corps Air Station in Santa Barbara. There he created more images before going out on the USS Gilbert Islands.

For more information go to: <http://www.adamsplanes.com/alex%20raymond.htm>

SPRING IN NEWPORT TOWNSHIP



Wanamie



Dorothy Tilletski of Wanamie celebrated her 104th birthday in March with delicious cupcakes. Lookin' good! Congratulations from the NTCO!



Also in March, "Grammie" Wilkes of Sheatown celebrated 105 years with a parade and 105 long-stemmed red roses. This milestone birthday was featured on local television and in the newspapers. Congratulations from the NTCO!

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Newport Township Residents are encouraged to sign up with the Text My Gov System. It will enable residents to receive important notifications from the Township and it also enables residents to report various issues to the Township.

Spring Cleanup Urged

Spring time has arrived in Newport Township and residents are urged to take pride in their community. In the past residents could be seen outside cleaning their front porches, raking and cleaning their yards, sweeping the sidewalks in front of their homes and even helping elderly people in their neighborhood with maintaining their properties. This is a great time of year to start bringing this type of community pride back to our Township. It is just the simple things like keeping your property and front porches clean of debris, garbage and cans, cleaning up after your dogs in your own yard or when you are taking them for a walk, and picking up litter that will make our community a more vibrant place to live and visit.

Joe Hillan, Township Manager

Generous Donation for Equipment Purchases

The Newport Township Lions Club, on behalf of all the organizations that belong to Newport United, has given a generous financial donation to Newport Township for the purchase of equipment. The following recipients are grateful for the donation: Newport Township Police Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Recreation Department. Donations have also been made to the Newport Township Consolidated Fire Company, the Glen Lyon-Alden Hose Company, and the Newport Township Fire Police. The Lions Club was one of a few Clubs in the Township that was able to hold a fund raising event during the current COVID-19 pandemic. More details of this showing of community support will appear in the next edition of The Newport Township Community News.

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JOE HILLAN
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Meeting on Proposed Off Highway Vehicle Recreation Area in Newport Township

By John Jarecki ~ On February 11, 2021, Earth Conservancy (EC) held an online public meeting as part of a feasibility study that it is conducting in order to determine whether or not it is possible and desirable to create a recreation area in Newport and Conyngham Townships for off highway vehicles (OHV) such as dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles (ATV's). This proposed recreation area has the potential to greatly affect the lives of those who are Township residents. For example, it could bring thousands of recreation enthusiasts per year into the community, increasing business activity but also increasing traffic congestion and noise.

EC President and CEO Terry Ostrowski began the meeting with an overview of the history of the project and the goals of the feasibility study. EC came into existence in 1996 with the purchase of about 16,000 acres of land formerly belonging to the then bankrupt Blue Coal Company. EC then, as one of its first activities, developed a master plan designating parts of this land that could be turned into commercial, residential, and recreational or open space areas. The EC Board at that time decided to keep in reserve about 10,000 acres of the land for recreational use.

In 2005 EC conducted an ATV Recreation Area Feasibility Study. It concluded that one of the most appropriate areas in the lower Wyoming Valley for an ATV recreation area was in Newport Township where EC owned about 2500 acres of land. In 2019 EC prepared a Newport Township Master Plan for its land in Newport Township. One of its findings was that, because of such obstacles as limited access to utilities and the need for improved access to Interstate 81, most of the EC land in the Township was less suitable for residential or commercial use than for recreation or conservation use.

Over the last decade or so, the popularity of OHV recreation has been increasing. And recently Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) revised its policy on OHV's to permit their use on DCNR land. EC therefore concluded that it was now worthwhile to look into putting an OHV recreation area on its Newport Township land. Because DCNR owns 4400 acres of land in Conyngham Township adjacent to EC land, a partnership between the two entities would make an even larger recreation area possible. EC has also had discussions with private land owners such as the Pollock Group, which operates Newport Aggregate. These owners have also agreed to participate in the feasibility study, thereby potentially increasing the recreation area to about 10,000 acres.

The study area is shown in the accompanying map at right. It extends from Nanticoke in the east to Mocanaqua in the west, a distance of 7 or 8 miles, and from the Susquehanna River in the north to Penobscot Mountain (Alden Mountain) in the south.

In 2020 EC was awarded a grant by DCNR to conduct a feasibility study of putting an OHV recreation area on this land. The intention of the study is to extend the 2005 feasibility study to include investigating the interest of outdoors enthusiasts in this recreation facility, investigating the problems and benefits of the facility, especially economic benefits, developing a design for the facility, and investigating the possibilities for public or private ownership.

Mr. Olszewski then introduced Jim Laird of Laird Landscape Architecture, the firm that is contracted to perform the study. Mr. Laird introduced his staff and gave an overview of the landscape under study, saying that as mined land undergoing healing, it had great potential for recreation. Megan Stachoviac, a member of Mr. Laird's staff, then presented preliminary results of a survey of public opinion about the proposed recreation area that the firm has been conducting on behalf of EC.

Most of those responding to the survey were OHV users. It was therefore not surprising that a majority of responses were in favor of the facility. Of those responding to the survey, 75% were from Pennsylvania, 38% from Luzerne County, and 25% were from out of state. A good number were from southeast Pennsylvania.

A majority of responding sports enthusiasts reported using their OHV's 5 to 10 times a year, riding in groups of 5 or more, and being willing to travel more than 50 miles to a recreation area. They spend on average \$82 per outing on fuel and \$145 on other expenses,

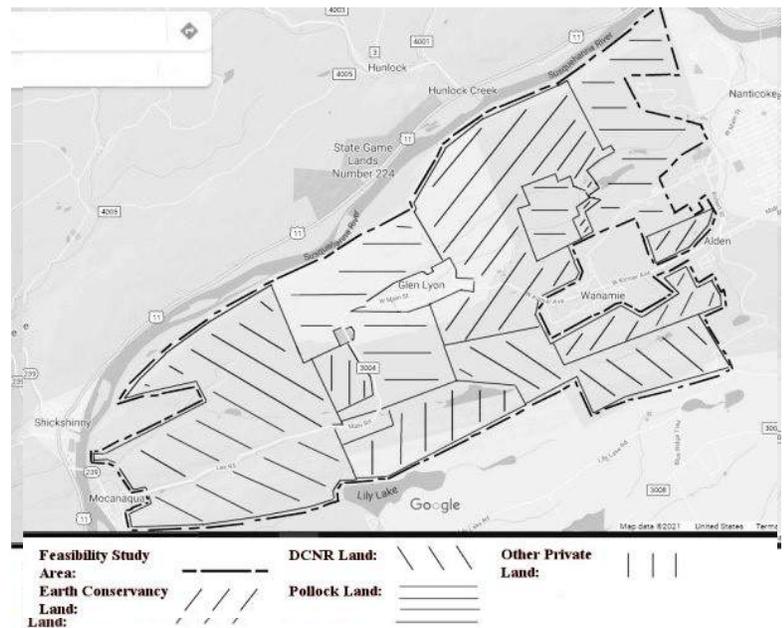
and about 1 in 5 stay for outings of more than one day. These results suggest that such a facility would be a significant benefit to the local economy.

Those who were not in favor of it, or those having reservations, had a variety of concerns: environmental damage, noise, problems of trespassing, influx of people from outside the area, together with the possible disruption that this may cause, and perception that it might interfere with use of Township land by residents.

The last hour of the meeting consisted of comments from the 65 or more persons attending. Sports enthusiasts asked if the facility would be available to rock climbers (answer: yes) and hunters (most areas of this kind allow some hunting), and if there would be access passes for local residents (probably). Dave Porzi, director of operations of the Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area (AOAA), a similar recreation facility near Shamokin, Pannsylvania, offered to help in setting up this recreation area.

A resident of Glen Lyon expressed concern about noise that can be heard at large distances, disruption caused by riding or carting OHV's along roadways, and possible fencing and other impediments that would restrict residents access to wooded areas. Members of the study group were optimistic about handling disruptive noise with natural sound barriers and reduced noise areas. They said that this recreation area can only work with the support of the community.

If you wish to express your opinion about this facility, you can do so either online or by downloading a pdf questionnaire, both available at the Earth Conservancy web site www.earthconservancy.org.



Above: The area of the feasibility study, outlined by the dot-dash line, extends from Nanticoke through Newport Township and much of Conyngham Township to Mocanaqua. As indicated on the map, it consists of land owned by Earth Conservancy, DCNR, the Pollock Group, and other private owners.

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TOWNSHIP EVENTS IN COVID-19 TIMES



On Ash Wednesday, February 17, the Newport Township Fire Department joined forces with St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke to host a drive-through fish dinner on the grounds of St. Mary's Church on Hanover Street in Nanticoke. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, no sit-down dinners were served. Pictured are Ed Bezdziecki and Jason Poremba.



St. Nicholas Church in Glen Lyon held a hoagie and bake sale on March 18. Pictured left: Debbie Fudjak, Ann Louise Cragle and a customer.



The Newport Township Fire Department and St. Faustina Parish held a Good Friday Food Sale on April 2 in St. Faustina Grove in Sheatown. Potato pancakes, clam chowder, halushki, and pierogi were offered for sale. It was a cold, blustery day.

Taste of the Township



Onions

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Onions are a very versatile vegetable that often forms the basis for thousands of dishes. Can't imagine eating pierogi without first sautéing a few onion slices in butter or margarine. They are a cook's staple and a well stocked kitchen always has a ready supply of onions.

The onion is the most widely cultivated species of the genus *Allium*. Its close relatives include the garlic, scallion, shallot, leek, chives, and Chinese onion. This genus also contains several other species variously referred to as onions and cultivated for food, such as the Japanese bunching onion.

Onions have been a part of the human diet for more than 7,000 years. Archeologists have discovered traces of onions dating back to 5000 B.C., found alongside stones from figs and dates in settlements from the Bronze Age. It is a biennial plant, but is usually grown as an annual. Modern varieties typically grow to a height of 6 to 18 inches. The leaves are yellowish- to bluish green and grow alternately in a flattened, fan-shaped swathe. They are fleshy, hollow, and cylindrical. The base of each leaf is a flattened, usually white sheath that grows out of the basal plate of a bulb. As the onion matures, food reserves begin to accumulate in the leaf bases and the bulb of the onion swells.

Onion Facts

1. Ancient Egyptians worshipped onions, believing their spherical shape and concentric circles within symbolized eternity. In fact, onions were often placed in the burial tombs of pharaohs, as they were believed to bring about prosperity in the afterlife.
2. In the Middle Ages, onions were an acceptable form of currency, and were used to pay for rent, goods and services and even as gifts!
3. Onions contain dietary fiber, vitamin C, vitamin B6 and folic acid. One cup of onions provides 11 percent of the daily value of dietary fiber, 20 percent vitamin C, 10 percent vitamin B6 and 8 percent folate.
4. Whether you like your onions cooked or raw, onions retain the same nutritive value.
5. Slicing onions makes most of us cry, but why? The reason is that cutting into it releases sulfuric acid, which reacts with the moisture in our eyes to create a tearful reaction. Several ways to avoid this unfortunate byproduct of slicing onions is to cut them under running water, or while submerged in a basin of water, wearing glasses to protect the eyes, and cooling the onion for 30 minutes to an hour. Cut the top portion of the onion first. Don't cut the root end because it contains most of the tear-producing compounds.
6. Onions contain quercetin, a phytochemical with antioxidant properties, that is also found in tea and apples. Onions have been proven to be beneficial in various diseases, including heart disease, certain cancers, stomach ulcers and even osteoporosis. Onions can also be beneficial in the treatment of cataracts and even cardiovascular disease.
7. Onion breath can be freshened by chewing on parsley, mint leaf or a few coffee grains.

8. According to The Guinness Book of World Records, the biggest onion ever was grown by British farmer Peter Glazebrook, who harvested a monster-sized onion in 2011 that weighed just under 18 pounds.

9. Does eating onions make you stronger? Probably not, but the ancients Greeks thought it could. In fact, onions were eaten by athletes as a strength-booster in the very first Olympic games during the first century A.D.

10. Sliced onion can sooth insect bites and burns on the skin. In addition, when combined with crushed aspirin and a little water, slices of onion are also used as a folk treatment to cure warts.

11. Yellow onions are a good all-around onion, great for cooking and flavoring dishes. By far, they're the most popular onion sold in America and versatile enough for just about anything. Yellow onions are a smart choice for caramelizing, which draws out their natural sweetness.

12. Red onions have a deep purple skin and reddish flesh. They are quite like yellow onions in flavor when cooked, and slightly milder when served raw. Because of their bright color and crispy texture, they're great for salads, salsas, and other fresh recipes. They're also excellent sliced for sandwiches. With cooking, the color fades, but they're still delicious.

13. White onions are slightly sweeter, a bit milder in taste than yellow onions. They're a good choice for dicing and serving raw on sandwiches and salads or in fresh salsas.

French Onion Soup

Loved by most everyone, this soup has a rich broth with caramelized onions and when paired with the goodness of cheese on top, is hard to resist.

Melt 3 tablespoons of unsalted butter in a heavy bottomed pot on medium heat.

Slice 3-4 onions (preferably sweet onions or red onions) very thin.

Saute the onions in the butter with 1/2 tsp salt for about 5 minutes with the lid on until the onions are softened.

Take the lid off and let the onions caramelize until golden brown.

Put one bay leaf and a small bunch of fresh parsley in.

Add 8 cups of beef or chicken broth, 1/2 cup of red wine, and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil and then turn the heat down to a simmer. Simmer 20-30 minutes. Remove the bay leaf and wilted parsley.

Add a couple tablespoons of balsamic vinegar.

Turn on broiler. Toast slices of French bread in the toaster until lightly brown. Shred parmesan or gruyere cheese. Ladle the soup into oven proof bowls. Float a piece of toasted bread on top of soup and sprinkle with the shredded cheese. Put the bowls on a cookie sheet and put under broiler until the cheese melts. Serve.

Ooh-la-la!

Recipe courtesy of Juliana Selecky Semple and Mary Selecky.

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The Flora and Fauna of Newport Township Forsythia

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Forsythia are deciduous shrubs typically growing to a height of 3–9 ft. with rough grey-brown bark. The bright yellow flowers are produced in early spring before the leaves. Forsythia is a genus of flowering plants that are mostly native to East Asia and belong to the olive family, or the family Oleaceae. The genus contains about eleven species. The number of species varies due to the numerous hybrids. A forsythia shrub in bloom often looks like a yellow flame. Forsythia suspensa was originally introduced to Europe in 1833, under the name Syringa suspensa. Syringa is a genus in the Oleaceae family known as lilacs, but it was soon recognized that this was a new plant that did not fit with the lilacs. Its genus name was changed to Forsythia in honor of William Forsyth (1737–1804), a Scottish botanist who was the royal head gardener and a founding member of the Royal Horticultural Society.

Forsythia Facts

1. In the spring the flowers will appear before the leaves.
2. The flowers are edible and can be used to make tea or syrups.
3. Forsythia suspensa is a common herb used in traditional Chinese medicine to relieve colds, allergies, and bronchitis.
4. In the Victorian language of flowers, the forsythia symbolizes anticipation.
5. Native to China, the pretty yellow flowering bush was discovered by Robert Fortune, a great 18th century plant hunter. Fortune was sent to China by the Horticultural Society to find blue-flowered peonies and tea plants and to investigate the peaches growing in the emperor's private garden. In addition to forsythia, Fortune found and later introduced many exotic and beautiful plants to Europe.

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Planting the Seeds of Mindfulness for our Children

By Brianne Dougherty ~ In my experience of educating children over the past 10 years, things have changed immensely with dramatic developments in technology and social media. What once seemed to be a huge benefit of staying in touch with friends and accessing channels to find people who have similar interests has now become the new culture and routine for kids.

Children are able to access information and each other on the drop of a dime, anything they want to know is only a few clicks or swipes away. All these advancements have pulled our children into an almost mindless habit of repeatedly checking their Instagram accounts and viewing TikTok videos. Instead of calling each other on the phone or meeting each other at the mall, they stay in touch through their electronic devices.

Even for us as adults, we get enticed with push notifications, constant reminders to pick up and look at our phone, in turn leading us into scrolling through apps until minutes later we realize we haven't even been paying attention to what is going on around us. Many adults are beginning to notice this lack of presence of being in the moment and are adopting mindfulness practices into their everyday lives. As we work on these techniques ourselves, it is imperative that we keep children in the loop with these teachings and practices. Instilling this mindset at an early age will ensure success for our children down the road as they get older.

Mindfulness can help children to reduce stress and anxiety, two common feelings that are becoming even more prevalent in the busy lifestyles that our children frequently lead. For all kids there is a constant battle in balancing school, sports, after school activities, homework, household expectations and their social lives. Too often in today's society, we're seeing children feeling overwhelmed, depressed and unable to effectively manage their emotions. Without the ability to regulate themselves and truly understand what they are feeling and why, all other learning can become a challenge.

Mindfulness teaches children these skills. In addition to being present in what is happening right now, it guides them in finding ways to bring their frame back in focus when they are feeling lost with what to do. By educating children on mindful practices, they will be guided through conflict resolution and the understanding of feelings and emotions, skills which are vital in school classrooms and everyday life.

In addition, by simply practicing kindness and showing gratitude for everything we have, it will instill the groundwork for a positive outlook on life now and in the future.

It is because of the mindfulness movement and from seeing firsthand the challenges that children face in the classroom that I decided to develop a program that begins to plant the seeds inside children's minds for alternative and more in-depth ways of thinking. Together with my sister, we have created a classroom community to do just that!

Mindful Roots is a program designed for children between grades K-5. Sessions focus on learning the basic concepts of mindfulness. With a combination of practices ranging from breathing techniques and yoga to songs and games, Mindful Roots makes instilling the concept of mindfulness fun and interesting to children.

Each individual "journey" that we create consists of 10 classes that are designed to focus on different skills related to mindfulness. As children graduate through one program, the next program picks up where the previous left off, building upon previous knowledge. Enrolling your child in Mindful Roots is the first step to helping them understand themselves and to develop a broadened scope of what life sends their way.

To sign up or to get more information about our program, you can email us at mindfulrootseducation@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

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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 website, 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.

BAVITZ, Pearl (nee Sudick), 92, of Old Newport Street, Sheatown, passed away December 7, 2020. Pearl was born in Alden on October 1, 1928. She attended Newport Township schools.

PAUL, Raymond John, 91, of Hanover Section of Nanticoke, Rhone, passed away December 7, 2020, Raymond was born in Alden on August 30, 1929 and raised in Alden. Ray was a US Air Force veteran serving in the Korean War. He was a member of the VFW and the Jeffries Slapikas American Legion Post 971 of Wana-mie.

ARMSTRONG, Leona J. (nee Raineri), 86, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Newport Township, passed away December 14, 2020. Leona was born in Glen Lyon on May 28, 1934 and raised in Glen Lyon. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of 1951.

McKENZIE, Diane E., 77, of Newport Center, passed away on December 18, 2020. Her husband John survives.

SKLANEY, Lawrence J. "Larry," 79, of White Haven, formerly of Alden, passed away December 23, 2020. Larry was born in Newport Township and raised in Alden. He graduated from Newport Township High School with the Class of 1959.

MUROSKI, Judge Chester B., 81, Former Luzerne County Judge and District Attorney, of Bear Creek Village, passed away December 23, 2020. Judge Muroski was predeceased by his first wife, Loretta (Shutta) Muroski, who was raised in Glen Lyon and was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of 1958.

McHUGH, Celia Ann (nee Janora), of Rochester, NY, formerly of Alden, passed away December 4, 2020. Celia was born in Alden on November 18, 1930.

BOLINSKI, David F., 62, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Glen Lyon and Ridgeview, passed away December 26, 2020. David was born in Florida on May 17, 1958. He was raised in Glen Lyon, attend-ed Newport Township schools, and graduated from John S. Fine High School with the Class of 1976.

SCHRAEDER, John W. III, 64, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away December 11, 2020. John was born on March 15, 1956 and raised in Glen Lyon.

LEIBY, Robert R., 83, of Sheatown, passed away January 5, 2021. Robert was born April 17, 1937. He was a self-employed contractor.

ELCZYNA, Frances Mary (nee Olshefski), 89, of Nanticoke, formerly of Glen Lyon and Hunlock Creek, passed away January 2, 2021. Frances was born May 12, 1931 in Glen Lyon. She was raised in Glen Lyon and attended Newport Township High School.

KRASULSKI, The Rev. Andrew, 91, of Cape Coral, FL, formerly of Alden, passed away January 15, 2021. Rev. Krasulski was born on October 23, 1929. He was raised on the Polander Hill section of Alden, and graduated from Newport Township High School Class of 1948. He was a US Army veteran with service in Seoul, Korea during the Korean War.

KUTZ, Theresa, 93, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away January 24, 2021. Theresa was born in Glen Lyon on August 4, 1928. She was raised in Glen Lyon and was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of 1946 and Wilkes Barre General Hospital School of Nursing.

ANDREK, Anna Mae (nee Ruduski), 84, formerly of Alden, passed away on November 25, 2020. Anna Mae was born on September 25, 1936. She was raised in Alden and graduated from Newport Township High School with the Class of 1956.

ANDREK, George, 87, formerly of Glen Lyon and East Meadow, Long Island, NY, passed away January 4, 2021. George was born in Glen Lyon on March 4, 1933. He was raised in Glen Lyon and graduated from Newport Township High School with the Class of 1951. After high school he completed a tour of duty as a Merchant Marine. George graduated from Duke University and worked for Dupont.

EDWARDS, Vera Jean (nee O'Hern), 90, formerly of Sheatown, passed away April 21, 2020. Vera was born in Newport Township on December 21, 1929. She was raised in Sheatown and graduated from Newport Township High School with the Class of 1947.

LOCKE, Marie Theresa (nee Stankevicz), 91, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away on November 15, 2020. Marie was born in Glen and graduated from Newport Township High School with the Class of 1947.

SMITH, Lois M. (nee Kresge), 66, of Pond Hill, passed away on December 4, 2020, at Berwick Hospital Center. Lois was born in Berwick on March 22, 1954. She attended Newport Township schools and graduated from John S. Fine High School with the Class of 1972.

HARTER, David James, 92, of Lime Ridge, Columbia County and formerly of Newport Township, passed away December 9, 2020. He was born October 1, 1928 in Newport Township. David was a US Navy veteran.

HELLER, Dorothy E., (nee Huttenstine), 93, of Dorrance Township, passed away January 22, 2021. Dorothy was born in Dorrance Township on January 22, 1928. She attended Dorrance and Newport Township schools.

RANIERI, Robert, 64, of Wanamie, passed away Sunday, January 31, 2021, at home. Bob was born June 24, 1956, in Nanticoke. He was a 1974 graduate of John S. Fine High School and LCCC earning a degree in Architectural Drafting. He was the owner and operator of Bob's Auto Center. He was a School Director for the Greater Nanticoke Area School District.

ROSZKOWSKI, Marilyn Jane (nee Rushin), 80, of Lake Silkworth, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away at home on January 31, 2021. Marilyn was born in Wilkes Barre on December 25, 1940 and she was the daughter of the late William E. and Genevieve (Terkoski) Rushin. She was raised in Glen Lyon, was a graduate of Newport Township High School with the Class of 1958 and received a BS degree from Villanova University School of Nursing.

SEWARD, Harriet M. (nee Rinehamer), 84, of Hobbie, formerly of Slocum Township, passed away February 3, 2021 at home. Harriet was born in Hobbie on May 12, 1936. She was raised in Slocum Township and graduated from Newport Township High School with the Class of 1954.

RADFORD, Joseph F. (nee Raduta), 86, of Gilbertville, formerly of Wanamie, passed away January 3, 2021. Joseph was born in Wanamie on April 21, 1934. He was raised in Wanamie and graduated from Newport Township High School with the Class of 1951. He was a US Army veteran stationed at Fort Knox, KY. He had been employed by DANA Corporation for 37 years and also was owner and operator of Joe Radford Photography in Pottstown.

SOROCHINSKI, Joseph M., 92, formerly of Newport Township and Bear Creek Township, passed away February 1, 2021. Joseph was a graduate of Newport Township High School with the Class of 1947.

CAPECE, Patrick, of Nanticoke, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away February 1, 2021. He was married to the former Bernadine Majcher.

BROMACK, Tiffany, 33, of Swoyersville, passed away on February 5, 2021. Tiffany was an employee of The R Bar & Grill in Alden.

ECKROTE, Michael John Sr., 39, of Alden, passed away February 7, 2021. He was raised in Alden and was a graduate of Greater Nanticoke Area High School with the Class of 2000.

OREKINTO, Katherine (nee Lushefski), 94, of Newport Township, passed away February 8, 2021. She was born on September 5, 1926.

TERKOWSKI, Irene Ann (nee Kozar), 74, formerly of Newport Township, passed away February 9, 2021. Irene was born on May 1, 1946 and raised in Glen Lyon. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School with the Class of 1964.

Obituaries (Continued)

DUPRAS, James "Jim-e," 44, of Glen Lyon, passed away January 30, 2021. He was an employee of the Newport Township Public Works Department.

DAVIS, Judith Ann, 75, of Sheatown, passed away September 17, 2020. Judy was born on September 1, 1945.

HIGGINS, Carolyn J. (nee Boltz), 84, of Alden passed away on February 16, 2021. She was born on December 15, 1936. She was a graduate of Nanticoke High School, but lived most of her life in Alden.

BACKLEY, James M., 67, of Nanticoke, formerly of Wanamie, died Thursday, February 18, 2021. He was the son of the late Geraldine Smith and James Backley Sr.

KIVLER, Sharon A. (nee Mikolay), 73, of Sheatown, passed away February 14, 2021. She was born and raised in Plymouth.

STICHAK, Jack "Stich," 69, formerly of Alden, passed away February 20, 2021 in Wilkes Barre General Hospital due to complications from COVID-19. Jack was born in Nanticoke on September 8, 1951, was raised in Alden, attended Newport Township schools and graduated from John S. Fine High School with the Class of 1970.

KUTZ, John E., 85, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away February 21, 2021. John was born in Glen Lyon on November 1, 1935 and raised in Glen Lyon. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School with the Class of 1953.

MECK, Gladys Olwen (nee Griffiths), 93, of Alden, passed away February 15, 2021. She was born in Alden on September 10, 1927. She was raised in Newport Township and educated in the Township school system.

SPURGA, Elizabeth Kirschner, (nee Swanberry), 70, of Glen Lyon, passed away February 24, 2021. Elizabeth was born on January 25, 1951.

SAMONEK, Daniel J. "Sam," 73, of Mocanaqua, died February 26, 2021. Daniel was born on April 27, 1947 in Nanticoke and raised in Sheatown. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School with the Class of 1966. He was a US Marine Corps veteran.

PAINTER, Thomas Worthy, 26, of Glen Lyon, passed away February 18, 2021, Thomas was born on February 20, 1994. He attended Greater Nanticoke Area schools.

CURWOOD, Darlene (nee Prince), 76, passed away January 6, 2021. Darlene was born November 20, 1944, raised in Mocanaqua. She was a graduate of Newport High School, Class of 1962. As a young adult she worked in the Luzerne County Treasurer's Office and had the privilege of meeting a young Senator Joe Biden.

BARTKOWIAK, Robert A., 80, formerly of Wanamie, passed away February 15, 2021. He was born on June 13, 1940 and raised in Wanamie. He attended Columbus Elementary School and graduated from Berwick High School; Penn State with a BS degree in (EE); MS degree in engineering from Drexel; and had Doctoral work at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He taught engineering at Penn State for over 40 years and retired as Professor Emeritus in 2008.



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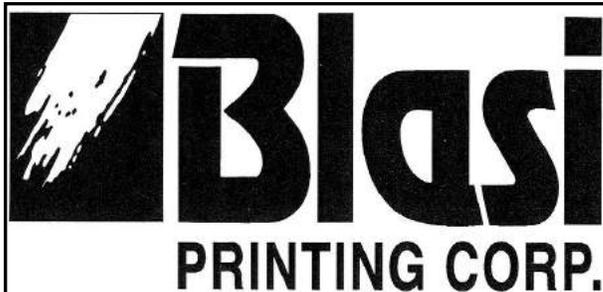
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The Floryshak Family Glen Lyon Community Education Grant

A grant has been established to honor the Floryshak Family of Glen Lyon, Pennsylvania. The grant will be awarded to a deserving senior student from Nanticoke Area High School who resides in Glen Lyon. The award will provide financial assistance in the form of a \$2,000 grant for help with the recipient's educational expenses to an accredited institution. The institution can be a 4 year, 2 year, or vocational program. The recipient will be selected based on positive community involvement as well as school and extracurricular activities.

The donors of the award are Vincent Floryshak and Diane Grudkowski Floryshak, 1971 graduates of Nanticoke Area High School.

Recipient selection will be based on the following criteria:

1. Current residency of three years or more in Glen Lyon.
2. Documented participation in community service to either the high school or local area, e.g.- food banks, service organizations, religious group involvement, first responder assistance, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, student council, etc. There are many other examples.
3. Sports involvement with the high school. Two years varsity activity with any sport, band participation, or cheerleading/pep squad membership. Medical waivers are possible.
4. A one page essay on how you would further help the Glen Lyon community "if you became mayor."
5. Letters of recommendation from one teacher and from one community leader.
6. Copy of high school transcript. This grant is heavily based on community involvement, not on GPA.

A formal application will be available in the high school guidance office for all interested applicants. The grant recipient will be announced at the school awards day program. The grant money will be sent to the recipient's school financial office.

Glen Lyon Tragedy to Heroism



By Tom Kashatus ~ On Sunday, March 21, Grace "Gracie" Miller, 13, of North Market Street, Glen Lyon, passed away at the Lehigh Valley Hospital Burn Unit from injuries sustained in a fire at her home on the previous Thursday morning. Upon arriving at the scene, firefighters rescued the unconscious teenager from a second story bedroom. She was rushed by ambulance to Wilkes Barre General Hospital and later transferred to Lehigh Valley Hospital in Cedar Crest. Subsequently, when it was determined that recovery was not possible, Grace's family opted to donate her organs to the "Gift of Life" organ donation program. Those organs included Grace's heart, kidneys, liver, and pancreas. Grace's legacy

will be looked upon as an extraordinary act of heroism by those whose lives she touched and those of her peers for a long time to come. Grace was very popular in her school and community. As an eighth-grader at Greater Nanticoke Area, she was a member of the school chorus and a trumpet player in the GNA marching band. She cherished the friendships she made.

Grace's loss as a student and her friendships in the local community has touched an enormous number of children, parents, friends, and organizations. They have responded with an outpouring of love and support to assist Grace's family get through these tough times. The Confirmation Class of Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke is taking donations on behalf of her family who lost everything in the fire. The Greater Nanticoke Area School District has started the Grace Miller Scholarship Fund. Donations to help the family may also be made to Valley With a Heart Benefits, 7 Alden Road, Nanticoke.

Grace's mother, Christina Miller, and brother, Joseph "Squishy" Miller, 10, escaped from the fire as did three other individuals from the other side of the two family home.



Pictured left to right are Mechanic Walt Hablyuk, Ken Swiderski (Speedy), and Christopher Kashatus with a load of scrap metal prior to departure from Nanticoke to the recycling depot in Scranton.

Best Wishes to Speedy

By Tom Kashatus ~ The Newport Township Community Organization (NTCO) wishes to acknowledge the retirement of Ken Swiderski, owner of Speedy's Auto Body Repair Service of Nanticoke. Many, many years ago Ken had taken over the business from his father, the original "Speedy," who was well known throughout the community. He was well loved by his friends, family, and associates. The younger Speedy (Kenneth) proved to be just as successful as he continued his father's legacy.

The NTCO is thankful to Ken for the donation of metal recyclables from his business for its fundraising initiative over the past 15 years. Whenever a load needed to be topped off, there was always a bountiful supply of recyclable metals to be picked up and taken to the scrap yard. There is no doubt that Speedy's scrap metal was highly important to the success of the NTCO and its fundraising program which supports this newsletter which we read quarterly.

Ken, along with his faithful employees Walt and Dave, will be missed.

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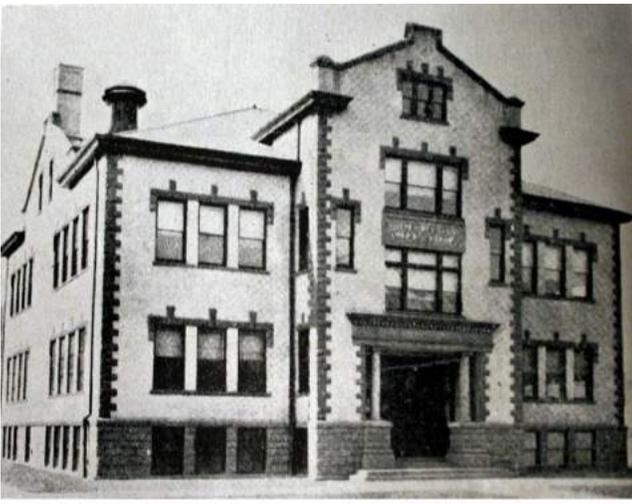


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Playground Games We Used to Play

By Heidi Jarecki ~ When spring comes upon us, this writer thinks back to her childhood days at Kosciuszko School on Newport Street in Glen Lyon and the games we played in the schoolyard during recess. Those were the days when kids were arguably a bit more physical in their schoolyard activities. Usually boys played marbles, buckety buck, and swapped baseball cards, and the girls would jump rope and play hopscotch. Everyone played most of the other games together.

Jump rope comes immediately to mind. Spring was the time for our moms to replace the clothesline rope purchased at Cobosco's or Biggie's, and they would bequeath to us the old rope. The rules for jump rope were simple. Two girls took one end of the rope and twirled it for the participants. Everyone took turns twirling and jumping, and usually recited a jumping rope rhyme. One of them was called Blondie and Dagwood:

"Blondie and Dagwood went to town

Blondie bought an evening gown

Cookie bought a pair of shoes

and Dagwood bought the ten-cent news and this is what it said:

Close your eyes and count to ten
if you miss, start again.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10"

Another one was:

"Last night and the night before,

A lemon and a pickle came knocking at my door.

I went downstairs to let them in

And they hit me on the head with a rolling pin.

Lady Lady turn around, round, round,

Lady Lady touch the ground, ground, ground,

Lady Lady tie your shoe, shoe, shoe,

Lady Lady skidoo, skidoo, skidoo. "

The better jumpers played **Double Dutch**, where two jump ropes were twirled opposite each other, and it took a certain amount of skill and timing to jump both ropes.

Another game played with rope was **High Waters**: two people would hold a rope at gradually challenging heights and the players would attempt to jump over. Some of the boys took running shots and if their feet didn't make it over, there were scraped knees, brush burns on elbows, and a lot of groaning.

Hopscotch was popular, and there were two versions. Blocks were drawn on the sidewalk with blackboard chalk, one on top of each other, numbered, and a rock was thrown on each succeeding block. The player hopped and jumped on the block and picked up his rock, and hopped "home." Another version involved bouncing a rubber or golf ball on squares with categories, such as state capitals, movie stars, flowers, etc., and moving from square to square while continuously bouncing the ball and naming names in each category.

Red Rover was another favorite: kids would form two teams, holding hands and facing each other. The lines were about 10-20 feet apart. The team chosen to go first calls for a runner from the other line, saying, "Red Rover, Red Rover, let Tommy come over!" Tommy then takes off running and tries to break through the other line.

The boys would bring their best cat's eye **marbles** in leather pouches to school and challenge each other to a game. A circle was drawn in a dirt patch close to the front door and the boys would concentrate ever so hard on knocking each other's marbles out of the circle. There were rules to be followed and the boys would get their thumbs and forefingers clicking. Time went by quickly and when the bell rang, the boys always needed just one more minute to finish their game.

Another game the boys played was **buckety buck**. Two teams of at least 5 members each were chosen: Team A and Team B. A coin was flipped to see which one will be the jumpers and which gets to be jumped on. Let's say Team A are the jumpers and B to be jumped on. Team B's poleman stands with his back to a wall and leans on it. The first member of his team bends down and puts his head through the poleman's legs and wraps his arms around the legs of poleman forming a link. The next member puts his head through the legs of the first member and does the same thing. This continued until all members have formed a "chain link line." Their objective was to hold up the other team's members and not fall from the weight. Team A now jumps on "line" of Team B as each member of A runs individually toward the line and vaults himself off the back of the last person in the line and tries to jump all the way to the poleman, where he lands on the back of a member of Team B and holds on. This continues until all members of Team A has jumped. If any member of Team A touches the ground by falling off or sliding off because he can't hold on, Team A loses and the round has ended with the teams now changing roles. But, if no one touches the ground, the leader of Team A says, "Buckety Buck, how many fingers are up?" He then flashes how many fingers from one hand he wants to flash. The leader of Team B while facing down guesses the number of fingers. If his guess is correct, the turn ends, Team B wins and the roles are reversed. This continued until they were tired of playing.

Release was a "prisoner" game. Two teams were chosen with boys and girls on each team. A circle is drawn on the ground or cement and designated the "jail." Team A and Team B flip a coin to see who are the defenders of the jail and who are the free people. The defenders break their team into two groups: defenders of the jail and the chasers to capture members of the free team who are running free. When a free person is captured, he/she are placed in the jail. All those captured are put in the jail. When all are captured the game ends. However if there are people in the jail, a free member of their team can run into the jail area and shout "Release" to free all those in jail, who become free again. The team of defenders are charged with protecting the jail by

preventing free people from entering it by capturing them and adding them to the jail.

Most of the games we played didn't require much equipment or none at all. **Jacks** (pictured left) was a game of skill, where the players would attempt to bounce a ball and grab as many jacks with one swoop

before the ball bounced a second time.

To play **Three Flies**, all one needed was a rubber ball. One kid would throw a rubber ball against a high wall, usually the school building, and the persons behind the thrower would attempt to catch it. If you caught 3 fly balls you moved to the front.

Blind man's bluff required only a blindfold. One player would be selected as the "blind man" and stand in the center of the area of play. The blind man put the blind fold on and was spun around a few times to become disoriented. While the blind man counted to 100, the other players moved away and hid. At the end of the counting, the players stopped where they were. They stayed in that spot until the end of the game. The blind man would yell out "Blind man's...." and the other players would yell "Bluff!" The blind man would attempt to find the other players by following their voices. As they were tagged, they would be eliminated from the game.

There were several games where the players joined hands and formed circles: **The Farmer in the Dell**, where the children picked farmers' wives, children, dogs, cats, and cheese; **Ring around the Rosie**, pocket full of posies, ashes, ashes, we all fall down. (Continued on next page)



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London Bridge was played to the tune of the old nursery rhyme. Two players joined hands high to form an arch (the bridge). The other players marched under the bridge, each holding onto the waist of the player in front. At the end of the song, the "bridge" fell down and captured the player.

Clapping games were played with intricate hand movements between two players to a rhyme or song: "**Pat-a-cake**, pat-a-cake, baker's man. Bake me a cake as fast as you can; Roll it, Pat it and mark it with a B, Put it in the oven for baby and me!" Another one was: "**I am a pretty little Dutch girl**, as pretty as I can be, and all the boys around my way, go crazy, crazy, crazy all over me."

A game called "**How many steps before the queen/king**" was played when there was a bit more time. Someone became the queen. Each player would line up a certain distance away and ask, "How many steps before the queen?" The queen would respond by saying different steps, for example, one tiny step forward or three giant steps backward. If the player moved without asking "Mother, may I?" they would have to return to the beginning. The first one reaching the queen won and became the queen.

A similar game was one in which the players must follow the leader's instructions only if prefaced by the words: **Simon Says**. There are now electronic versions of this game.

A counting game involved four or five kids gathered in a tight circle who would hold their fists out. The leader would count all fists beginning with his chin: **One potato, two potato**, three potato, four, five potato, six potato, seven potato, more. That fist would drop out. Eventually all the fists would drop out except one and he would be "it."

Hide and Go Seek, also known as "Hide and Seek" required a bunch of hiding places, and the schoolyard was fairly open. There were a few places to hide, like the insets by the doors, and the front steps. We loved playing this game and used our imaginations to find hiding places. The person who was "it" closed his eyes, counted to 100 and proclaimed, "Ready or not, here I come!" This writer's Mom was a Den Mother, and would have the Cub Scouts overnight for a sleep-over. She would turn all the lights out in the living and dining rooms. The person who was "it" would stay in the kitchen while counting to 100. Try finding your subjects in the dark!

Tic Tac Toe is not usually thought of as a playground game, but we would get sticks and draw the lines in the dirt. When the game was over, we would brush the dirt and start over.

In the winter months, the schoolyard would freeze over and conditions were as slippery as a skating rink. The boys would create **slides** across the ice and challenge each other to see how far they could slide. This writer has a vivid memory of her brother Tommy taking a running shot. He slipped, fell forward, and busted his bottom lip open. The cut required several stitches in Doc Stapinski's office. He didn't seem to mind much because he got to eat a lot of ice cream!

Of course we can't forget chase games like **Tag** ("You're it!") and **Mothers Hanging out the Clothes**.

Ahhh, those were the days!

Thanks to Mary, Juliana, Linda, Mary Jo, Kathy, Peter, and John. Our readers are invited to share their memories of playground games from the good old days!



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Above, Family picture taken December 1943. Front row left to right. Joan Stackhouse, Dorothy Kanyuck Stackhouse, Bessie (Julian) Kanyuck, Ronald Kanyuck, Maria Louisa (Sutter) Kanyuck, Arline Kanyuck Lerda, John Lerda, Louis Lerda, Standing l to r., Joan Kanyuck, Natalie Kanyuck, Lester Stackhouse, Raymond Kanyuck, John Kanyuck, Calvin Kanyuck, Louise Kanyuck, Stephen Lerda, Althea Kanyuck



Above left: John Kanyuck and his daughter Arline, 1918. Above right, Principal of Newport High School, 1945.

Newport Township Teachers: John Kanyuck

By John Lerda, Grandson ~ John Kanyuck was born in March of 1887 to John and Mary Agustin Kanyuck. They were immigrants from Slovakia, then a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. His father came to the United States in 1875 and found work in the coal mines around Wilkes-Barre. The family moved to Glen Lyon in 1893.

Young John attended school in Glen Lyon through the fifth grade, when his father thought it was time for him to go to work. He worked as a breaker boy, picking slate at 5 cents an hour, or 50 cents for a long 10 hour day. He later operated jigs in the breaker, was a coal inspector, did odd jobs around the mines, and also worked in the mines one summer. All this kept him out of school for years, until an accident changed his father's mind, and he was allowed to return to school. Although he had not attended school for three years, the principal remembered him as a good student and gave him a chance to enter the ninth grade. He had continued to read and study on his own, attended night classes, and attended school during the constant mine strikes that lasted from a few weeks to a couple of months. He was successful and graduated from Newport High School with the Class of 1904. He then went to East Stroudsburg State Normal School and earned his teaching certificate in 1905.

He got a job teaching in elementary school in 1905 in an adjoining township and in 1906 was hired to teach 4th grade in Newport Township. The next year he was hired as a teacher at Newport Township High School, and he taught there for the next 15 years. He taught the following courses in High School: English 1,2,3,4; Science; Latin 1,2,3,4; Bookkeeping; English History; Ancient History; Commercial History; German 1 and 2; and Plane and Solid Geometry. He also briefly served as interim principal in 1918 when the principal joined the armed forces during World War I. In 1924 he was appointed principal of Newport Township High School and served in that capacity until his illness and death in 1949. He continued his formal education during summers and completed his AB Degree from Susquehanna College in 1929 and his Master's Degree in 1936 from New York University. During his tenure as Principal the enrollment at the High School grew from 75 students to over 685 at his retirement.

He worked tirelessly to improve the academic standing of the school. He oversaw the change in curriculum from a three year to a four year high school. In 1935 Newport Township High School was awarded the prestigious membership in the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It was one of the few schools in the Wyoming Valley so accredited at that time. By 1938, only three schools in the state warranted such a rating. What did this rating mean to students? In a letter to the Editor of the Sunday

Independent, a graduate stated that he was admitted to a selective college that only accepted one in five applicants. He did not have to take entrance exams, SATs, or do personal interviews. He only needed his diploma from Newport Township High School and a letter from the principal, John Kanyuck. The graduate credited his superior education to Joseph Cherrie, Steve Lerda, Alex "Jimmer" Kovaleski (Covalesky), Frank Schraeder, the Shepela Brothers, Peter Howanitz, John Selecky, Edward Sekulski, etc. He also earned advanced placement in English and Mathematics courses.

John Kanyuck was a leader in interscholastic sports. He served in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association when the districts were formed in 1923. He participated quietly and was unstinting in time and effort on behalf of athletics in the public schools of Pennsylvania. He was especially proud of Newport Township High School State Championships in basketball and baseball in 1936.

John was also a man of faith. He served many years as Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent, and church council member and president at St. John's (German) Lutheran Church in Nanticoke. One family legend has it that his fiancé, Louisa Sutter, who was of German descent, told him that they would be married in a church where she understood what the pastor was saying. (Yes, services were held in German till at least 1917.) He later said, "I do not tell my children to go to church, I say 'Come to church.'"

John lived at 6 Rock Street in Glen Lyon from the time of his marriage in 1909 until his death in 1949. During many summers in the 1920's and 30's, he sold plants and shrubs from his home. He was also a part time insurance salesman for New York Life, and was one of their best part time agents, selling more than \$500,000 worth of life insurance.

John was extremely proud of his eight children. He was able to sign and present high school diplomas to each and every one of them. He wrote to his Slovak lodge brothers, "I am not wealthy, but wealth does not consist in the number of things one possesses. Perhaps our jewels are like Cornelia's of Roman days. OUR CHILDREN."

John was proud of his Slovak heritage and devoted time to the National Slovak Society (NSS) from an early age until his death when he was President of the Supreme Court of the NSS. His efforts in education, family, religion and on behalf of his heritage earned him accolades from the Wilkes-Bare Record and the Times Leader editorial staff during his fatal illness and untimely death. One of them noted that he was a "credit to his Slovak race."

John Kanyuck passed away on Wednesday, August 17, 1949. Louisa passed away on November 2, 1971. They are interred in Oaklawn Cemetery in Hanover Township.



1954 - LUZERNE COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Left to Right:
 Row 1—Floyd Rinehimer, Stanley Gayewski, Conrad Kornoski, Stephen Rentko, John Washinski, Peter Keblish, Joseph Betkowski, Eugene Domzalski.
 Row 2—Mr. Najaka, Edmund Gnidzinski, Andrew Rushin, Evan Maddy, William Labeda, Raymond Bendock, Rudy Whytoshek, Robert Pivis, Richard Sokolnicki, Ronald Kuchinski, Karl Najaka.

The '54 Nutcrackers' Revenge

By John Kashatus ~ 1953 vs 1954, what a difference a year makes! Some years we like to remember, some years we would rather forget. After being plagued by the Korean Conflict for slightly over three years with more than 33,000 soldiers killed, including members of the 109th National Guard who died in a train wreck, an Armistice ended military action in July, 1953. Desiring a return to normalcy, Americans turned their focus to fun events like the National Pastime. Major League Baseball created some excitement with a franchise move, the first in 50 years. The Boston Braves relocated to Milwaukee and set a National League attendance record with 1.8 million fans and 2 million in 1954. That excitement transcended to Newport Township, which was a baseball paradise. Stories of the Legendary Condors of the past, the advent of Little League Baseball with a future and an excellent high school program in the present created an ideal atmosphere for any boy who loved the game.

In 1953, the Newport Nutcrackers were clicking on all cylinders, vying for another Southern Division Pennant.¹ While the team was playing during those spring months, a group of "baseball guys", including a Newport High School senior, Tom Tarnowski, was applying to gain a franchise (Glen Lyon A.C.) in the Semi-Pro Central League. Two positives happened: The Newport High School Team continued winning and made it to the Wyoming Valley Championship Final and the Glen Lyon A.C. franchise was accepted in the Central League. The A.C. roster included a nucleus of the high school team, some of which were underclassmen. The Nutcrackers and the Glen Lyon A.C. shared Weineck Park² and some players during May and June. The Newport "Nine" lost a heartbreaker in the finals to Marymount High School (4-3) in the bottom of the 7th. That winning run scored as a result of two highly-disputed umpire calls³ according

to the newspaper report. That Newport team, including the underclassmen ended that '53 season with a sour taste in their mouths. Some of those players continued their development with the A.C. and captured the Central League Championship in the early Fall.

The mood of the country was starting to change. Frank Sinatra (Young at Heart) and Dean Martin (That's Amore) were very popular, but Bill Haley and the Comets (Shake, Rattle and Roll) were introducing a new brand of music, Rock and Roll. In 1954, like the music, the Nutcracker baseball team was upbeat, with the return of four experienced seniors, an influx of young talented sophomores and a blend of enthusiastic, hungry kids trying to crack the line-up. The highly successful Newport High School baseball coach, Zig Najaka, usually penciled in the same line-up every game. The lead-off hitter was Gene Domzalski RF, followed by Joe Betkoski SS, Conrad "Connie" Kornoski C, Floyd Rinehimer CF, Steve "Bay" Rentko LF, Pete Keblish 1B, Ron Kuchinski 3B, Karl Najaka 2B, and Stan "Sek" Gayewski Pitcher. During the regular season, Bill Labeda, a junior southpaw had a few starting assignments. Periodically there were some minor changes which created opportunities for the "benchies" to gain valuable experience.

A good start with a win over Coughlin in an exhibition game (7-6), but a major setback loss to Plymouth (4-3) in the first league game created that "oh oh" moment. A reality check was needed and the team won the next three games. A rematch win over Plymouth was just what the doctor ordered, but a 6-4 loss broke the 3-game winning streak and the Southern Division pennant race was up for grabs. A shutout win over Shickshinny (6-0) helped to restore momentum, but then the team suffered another loss (5-1) to Larksville, which now became a pennant contender. The final division game with Nanticoke was pure pressure and the script played out as was hoped. The Nutcrackers squeezed out a 7-6 victory which created a 3-way tie for the Division Title. After losing twice to Plymouth during the season, Newport (Continued on next page)

1. Refer to NTCO Newsletter Summer 2012 Issue.

2. Top-notch "storied" baseball field on the hill at the west end of Glen Lyon.

3. It was a tie game with 2 out and a runner on 2nd, ground ball to the 1st baseman, who flips the ball to the pitcher, called out - batter/runner bumped into the pitcher, knocking the ball loose, now safe, the pitcher picks up the ball and throws a strike to the catcher as the runner from 2nd attempts to score. The umpire calls the runner out, but the runner runs into the catcher and dislodges the baseball. Game over, season over - memory never forgotten! Scouts from five major league teams attended this game.

rebounded with a 5-3 win in a playoff game, then continued to defeat Larksville (6-3) to garner the Southern Division Title and advance to the Wyoming Valley Baseball Championship Tournament.

The Luzerne County Interscholastic Baseball League scheduled all high school division champions to compete for the title at Artillery Park, home field of the Wilkes Barre Barons (which was now an affiliate of the Chicago White Sox) of the Eastern League. The first round opponent was Pittston High School, who found themselves running into a buzz saw. The Newport boys set some tournament records in that game, 12 runs in one inning and 18 runs in the game for an 18-3 win. In the semifinals, Newport scored a run in the first inning, but Swoyersville scored 5 runs in the second. The Newport squad had a big (8 runs) fourth inning; the big hits were two triples by the pitcher, Bay Rentko. Another sophomore, Rich Sokolnicki, played left field (Bay's usual position) and contributed to the Nutcrackers' 10-8 victory, which set up the rematch with the 1953 final's opponent, Marymount. Please be reminded that it was "a shot in the dark" for the same two teams to meet again in the finals.

The Reenactment was Set

The battlefield was the same, the generals (managers) were the same, the veteran re-enactors and the experienced young players (with 11 games now under their belt) were ready for combat. There was high anxiety in the dugout when Coach Najaka remarked to the players to neaten up their uniforms. "If we don't win, at least we will look good." The pre-game tension was now broken and it showed early, as Newport scored 4 runs in the top of the first inning. The rally included a walk to Betkoski, a single by Rinehimer, a double by Rentko and a two-run single by Keblish who scored when Kuchinski's short fly ball was misplayed. The Red & Black tacked on another run in the second inning, combining singles by Gayewski and Domzalski and a double by Betkoski. Stan Gayewski gave up a run in the second, but worked out of jams in the 4th, 6th, and 7th innings. At the conclusion of this battle, the Nutcrackers claimed a solid 5-1 victory and their first Wyoming Valley Baseball Championship in 18 years.⁴ Newport's last six games were all elimination games, meaning that any loss would have ended the season.

Epilogue

These young men became ball players without the benefits of having played Little League or in an organized Teener's League. A rare exception, Gene Domzalski had played in the Ashley-Newtown Little League. During their early teens, Gene, Ron Kuchinski, Karl Najaka, Rich Sokolnicki, Bob Pivais and some Glen Lyon pals played in pick-up games in the Township. Some of these players gained their experience on the sandlot, or hanging around with a semi-pro team, shagging fly balls and hoping to get a few swings after a practice session. Township school lots and playgrounds were instrumental in developing young ball players. Those "olden day" arenas provided some great games of fast ball, where boys learned to pitch and hit with sponge balls and broomsticks. Three seniors, Bay Rentko, Sek Gayewski and Connie (various spellings of his nickname, Karney, Carnie) Kornoski enrolled at The Citadel after graduation. Many scouts liked the work of that trio and remarked that they could get a start in pro ball if they changed their minds about attending college. Joe Betkoski and Pete Keblish continued their academic and athletic careers at Alliance College and the University of Pennsylvania, respectively. Floyd Rinehimer, a junior on the '54 team, noted in his senior profile in the 1955 yearbook that his ambition was to be a professional ball player. The sophomore starters, Gene Domzalski, Ron Kuchinski and Karl Najaka returned to this "battleground" for an encore two years later. This real-life story emphasizes how the bonding of a high school team and their coach, along with their love for their school, could become a chapter in the legendary history of Newport Township. After reading this article, some people may determine the various factors that guided the 1954 Nutcrackers to their destiny. Senior leadership and the development of the underclassmen were obvious reasons, but this writer feels strongly that the major factor was REVENGE!

Commentary by the Players

Gene Domzalski, who also played professional baseball, mentioned that Bay Rentko took him under his wing, encouraging and inspiring him throughout the season and playoffs. He described Rentko as a "Rock" with genuine toughness, and characterized Sek Gayewski as a multi-talented player and team leader. Gene stated that playing in front of the large crowds was a big thrill, but playing under the lights was challenging. Ron Kuchinski commented that while most high school playing fields were shoddy at best, the infield at Artillery Park was smooth as glass. Ron recalled the mood of the team was one of confidence; they were capable of winning every game. Floyd Rinehimer said it was also a big thrill to play in the tournament, especially playing center field in that beautiful, spacious ball park. Floyd, who lived in Dorrance then, didn't play during his sophomore year because of transportation issues, but cracked the line-up and batted "clean-up." Joe Bet was a clutch hitter and a no-nonsense player who played hard out of sheer respect for the game; he said, "Anything less he would be failing Coach Najaka and the team."

Unique Combinations and Connections

This story has some interesting implications regarding the players and coaches. The coaches, Zig Najaka and Marymount's Chet Wasilewski would eventually meet a third time in the 1958 tournament. While Betkoski, Gayewski and Kornoski were gaining valuable experience playing for Glen Lyon, Rentko was doing the same with the Sheatown Ramblers. Actually, back in 1952, Betkoski and Rentko both had played for the Ramblers. The Newport's battery mates in 1953 were Jerry Gayeski and Kornoski; in 1954 Stan Gayewski and Kornoski were the battery mates and became life-long friends. Marymount's battery mates in both years, Tom and Ed Czerniakowski, were brothers.

NEWPORT (5)				MARYMOUNT (1)			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Domzalski, rf	3	0	1	Jamula 2b	4	0	1
Betkoski, ss	3	1	1	Baran, 3b	4	0	0
Kornoski, c	4	0	0	Pienta, ss	3	0	1
Rinehimer, cf	4	1	1	E.Czerniakowski, c.	2	1	1
Rentko, lf	4	1	2	Pytell, cf	2	0	1
Keblish, 1b	2	1	1	Papko, 1b	3	0	1
Kuchinski, 3b	3	0	0	T.Czerniakowski, lf,p	3	0	0
Najaka, 2b.	3	0	0	Strikonis, rf	3	0	1
Gayewski, p	3	1	2	Toloczko,p,lf	3	0	0
Totals	29	5	8	Totals	27	1	6
Newport	410	000	0-5				
Marymount	010.	000	0-1				

2B -Rentko, Betkoski, 3B - E.Czerniakowski SO - Toloczko 2
T.Czerniakowski 7, Gayewski 6, BB- T.Czerniakowski 1,
Toloczko 1

NEWPORT (10)				SWOYERSVILLE (8)			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Domzalski, rf	3	2	0	Saxon, lf	4	0	0
Betkoski, ss	3	1	0	Fondo, 2b, p	3	1	0
Kornoski, c	3	1	1	A. Sieminski, ss	4	1	2
Rinehimer, cf	3	1	1	Barilla, c	4	1	0
Rentko, p	4	2	2	Gavlick, rf	3	1	2
Keblish, 1b	2	1	0	Pasek, p, 2b	3	2	0
Kuchinski, 3b	3	0	0	Gulla, cf	3	2	1
Sokolnicki, lf	3	2	1	B. Sieminski, 1b	3	1	0
Gayewski, 2b	4	0	1	Porta, 3b.	3	0	0
Totals	28	10	6	Totals	30	8	5
Newport	100	810	0-10				
Swoyersville	050	021	0-8				

Sources & credits: Sunday Independent, Joe Bet, Gene, Ron, Floyd, cousin Mike, Heidi & Xann, the Librarians.

4. Chet Rogowicz's Newport team won the inaugural Wyoming Valley Baseball Championship in 1936.

Hunters of 2020 –21



John Vishnefski harvested this fine nine-pointer during archery season on the edge of Newport Township using his Ravin R10 Crossbow from a coal bank.



Pictured is John Vishnefski on the first day of turkey season with this harvest of a beautiful Tom. John was using his 12 gauge Benelli.



Pictured is Brayden Karpinski with his buddy and mentor, John Vishnefski, during youth turkey season. This was Brayden's first Tom and he was using a 20 gauge shotgun in Newport Township.



Brothers John and Dan Vishnefski are shown with their two Tom turkeys harvested in Mehoopany on the second day of turkey season.



Pictured is Daniel Vishnefski of Sheatown with his harvest of this ten-point buck on the first day of buck season with his Ravin 10 crossbow.



Pictured is Daniel Vishnefski with a 175 pound male bear taken on the first day of bear season in Newport Township. He was using his Browning 300 WSM rifle.



Pictured (Left) are Garrett Makowski and his grandfather, Ed Sotack, formerly of Glen Lyon, who harvested these deer on December 11, 2020, on the family property in Dorrance Township. Both hunters were using a Savage 7mm-08. Grandpa Ed's buck was a large 10 pointer. Garrett, age 10, was mentored by his mother Melanie.

By Tom Kashatus ~ The NTCO Newsletter Staff is appreciative of those hunters and other sports persons who submit their stories for our readers. Please contact Tom Kashatus at 570-736-6981 or email tomkashatus@gmail.com for further information.

What's New In Newport, or Old *by Tom Kashatus*



59 West Main Street, Glen Lyon. Damian Caban, Owner. Revitalization of the former Benick Service Station. At one time this was the location of Myers Department Store; Gross's Market, later Deluca's Market; Namowicz's Barber Shop; and Rasmus' Chicken Market.



15 East Main Street, Glen Lyon. Renovation and enlargement of K-VAL Food and Petroleum Inc. It was previously Beverly Banks' Gas Station and Variety Stop. One time location of Roosevelt Elementary School, which had a fine auditorium.



50-52 West Main Street, Glen Lyon, Don & Carol Whiting's Pet Supplies. The one time Glen Lyon business has returned from Dallas. The building once housed the State Liquor Store, a dentist's office, a five-and-dime, and Susie's Red Caboose Gift Shop.



72 Robert Street, Sheatown. New business office for Vishnefski Electric. Shown left to right, Alan Miller, John Vishnefski, and owner Dan Vishnefski. It was formerly the office of CPA Stanley Stoy.



351 West Kirmar Avenue, Wanamie. The Municipal Building parking lot was repaved this past summer by Township Public Works employees. East and West Kirmar Avenue (the Wanamie Straightaway) was once the passage way for trolley transportation from Nanticoke to Glen Lyon. The highway was built in the 1950's when the trolley was discontinued.



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Winter into Spring in the Township



A Snowman keeps watch on Old Newport Road in Sheatown. Pictured right is an impressive snow fort from which snowball fights were conducted. Courtesy of the Kostro Family



After the last snowfall in early March, the transition from Winter into Spring is a slow but sure process, as evidenced by the declining snow cover in the Wanamie Recreation Park.

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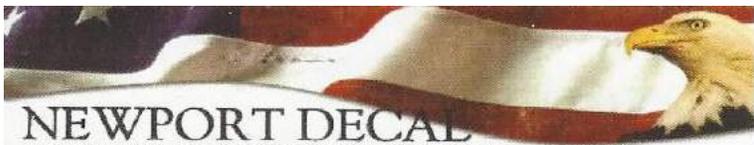
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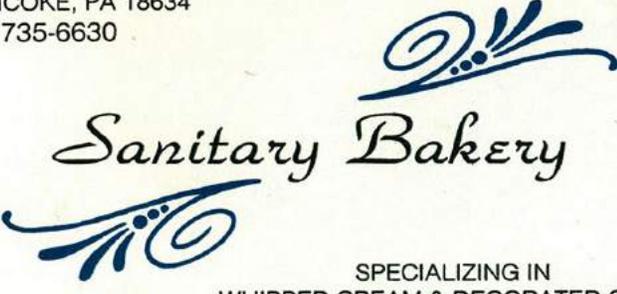




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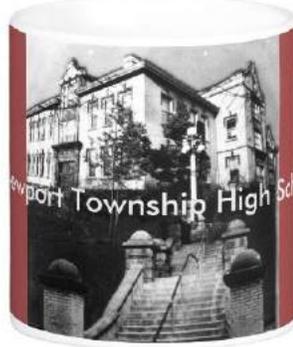
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Monthly Food Distribution Moved to Recreation Park

The Newport Township Community Organization, the Weinberg Regional Food Bank and the Newport Township American Legion have been working together to host a Food Distribution for those in need. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the food distribution at the American Legion is temporarily suspended. When it is safe for large numbers of people to gather in small spaces, the Food Distribution will resume at the American Legion, 62 Newport Street, Glen Lyon.

With the cooperation of the Township Board of Commissioners and Township Manager Joe Hillan, outdoor distributions have taken place at the Wanamie Recreation Park and will continue throughout the spring, weather permitting. Recipients must pre-register. The NTCO apologizes for any inconvenience. Palmira Miller chairs this event for the NTCO. She can be reached at 570-592-7876.



Two Ways to Remember Newport High School

Pictured above left is the miniature of Newport High School designed by the Cat's Meow. Send a donation of \$15.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping and it will be yours!

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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NTCO MEETINGS

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

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