



Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons. ~ Jim Bishop



View from the Penobscot Trail in Wanamic

Newport Township Public Business

By John Jarecki ~ Newport Township public business is arranged in two parts. The first is a discussion of continuing projects and the second a discussion of items commented or acted on by the Township Commissioners at their monthly meetings in July, August, and September of 2021.

Glen Lyon Curb and Sidewalk Improvement Project: Funded by a \$1.4 million Luzerne County Infrastructure Improvement Grant that the Township received in 2018, this project will repair sidewalks and curbs along Main Street in Glen Lyon. The Township has satisfied all PennDOT requirements, including that it secure a \$300,000 bond that insures the project is done to specifications, that it enact a parking ordinance that restricts parking on Main Street near intersections, and that it remove signs that restrict the vision of motorists. In August the Commissioners announced that PennDOT had issued a highway occupancy permit for the project. The Township will now ask for bids with the expectation that construction will begin in the spring of 2022.

Dollar Store Construction Project: Since the fall of 2020, GBT Realty Corporation, a national company headquartered near Nashville, Tennessee, has been doing preliminary work leading to the construction of a 10,000 square foot Dollar General Store at 357

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West Kirmar Avenue next to the Municipal Building . In May the Luzerne County Planning Commission gave conditional approval to the construction, and this summer the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued a NPDES permit (regulating disposal of sewage and storm water) for the project. In September Township Manager Joe Hillan announced that the construction project building permit would be issued within a week and that construction should begin shortly.

NorthPoint Development Warehouse Construction Project: NorthPoint Development, a national construction company based in Kansas City, Missouri that has already constructed a number of warehouses along the South Valley Parkway, has been planning to construct two warehouses just off Middle Road on reclaimed strip mine land. One of these warehouses will be entirely within Newport Township. Closing for NorthPoint's purchase of Earth Conservancy (EC) land for the project took place in July, and the Luzerne County Planning Commission gave conditional final approval to the project in August.

Blighted Property Remediation Project: In June 2021, State Senator John Yudichak and State (Continued on next page)

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Representative Gerald Mullery announced that the State's Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) had awarded Newport Township a Blight Remediation grant of \$289,970. In July Representative Mullery announced that the Commonwealth Financing Authority had awarded a LSA (gaming) grant of \$250,000 to Newport Township for acquisition and demolition of blighted properties. The Township will begin acquiring properties for demolition, and plans to demolish five properties at a time. In September Township Manager Joe Hillan announced that the Lower South Valley Council of Governments (LSVCOG), of which Newport is a member, is creating a Land Bank Steering Committee. A land bank is a blight remediation tool that converts vacant, abandoned, tax-delinquent, and foreclosed properties into productive use. The Commissioners voted to appoint Joe Hillan to the LSVCOG Steering Committee. Cost of participation is \$3000. Participation does not obligate Newport to become a member of the Land Bank.

Pandemic Relief Grant: In June Newport Township received the first of two installments (each amounting to \$279,623.80) of pandemic relief funds authorized by the Federal Government's American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The next installment will come in June of 2022. These funds can be used for a variety of projects as specified by the United States Treasury, and must be used by July of 2024.

Earth Conservancy's Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Area Project: The Earth Conservancy (EC) has, for the last several months, been conducting a feasibility study about creating an OHV recreation area that could possibly extend over large parts of Newport and Conyngham Townships. The EC held an online public meeting about the feasibility study in February 2021 and an in-person public meeting in August. An accompanying article on page 10 gives details of the project.

The following are other items discussed or acted on at Township Commissioners' meetings in July, August, and September 2021.

July 7, 2021: A resident complained that her neighbors were using illegal fireworks over the Fourth of July holiday and were endangering her house. The Commissioners said that the Township did not have resources to enforce fireworks regulations. They said they needed more State funding or a change in the State law.

Financial Oversight Consultant Jennifer Polito reported that for the first six months of 2021 Township revenue was \$1,259,109 and expenditures were \$682,189. The Township is doing well financially.

The Commissioners voted to approve a \$.50 per hour increase in wages for full time Department of Public Works employees effective July 1, 2021 and to hire Matthew Stashak as a part time summer employee at \$10 per hour to work at the Recreation Park in Wanamie and with the Department of Public Works.

Township Manager Joe Hillan included the following in his report:

- 1) As of July 1, the Township sold 1,684 refuse stickers. The cases of thirteen property owners cited for failing to pay the refuse fee will have hearings with the magistrate on July 13.
- 2) Construction of apartments in the former K.M. Smith elementary school is continuing and is expected to be completed by early fall.

August 2, 2021: Stephen Phillips, President of the Newport Township Community Organization (NTCO) presented a check from the NTCO to the Township to be used for the purchase of recreation equipment. The donation was made possible through the generosity of Reilly Finishing Technologies of Nanticoke, which holds an annual Christmas tree lighting project to raise money for the local area.

Mr. Phillips also thanked Township employees for their cooperation in making the Hometown Heroes Banner project sponsored by Newport United an overwhelming success. Commissioner John Zyla thanked Mr. Phillips, Commissioners John Vishnefski and Debbie Zaleski, Township employees, Newport Fire Police, and Vishnefski Electrical for their cooperation with the Banner project.

Heidi Jarecki mentioned that in the year 2023, according to her information, Newport Township would be celebrating the 250th anniversary of its founding and said that we should make plans for celebrating the event.

The Commissioners approved a collective bargaining agreement between Newport Township and the Newport Township Police Department Fraternal Order of Police, Wyoming Valley Lodge #36.

Township Manager Joe Hillan included the following in his report:

- 1) On July 13, the Magistrate held hearings for 14 residents cited for failure to pay the 2021 refuse and recycling fee. All were found guilty and ordered to pay the fee.
- 2) Construction of apartments in the former K.M. Smith Elementary School is continuing and are expected to be completed by early fall.
- 3) On July 20 State Representative Gerald Mullery notified the Township that the Commonwealth Financing Authority awarded three grants to the Township through the State's Local Share Account (LSA), or gaming, grant program: A \$250,000 grant for acquisition and demolition of blighted properties, a \$72,830 grant to purchase a dump truck with snow plow attachments, and a \$80,000 grant to purchase a new police cruiser.
- 4) The project of paving Main Street in Wanamie and Northern Avenue in Sheatown, using funds received from the State as compensation for the closing of the State Correctional Institution at Retreat (SCI Retreat) will be put out to bid in August, with bids to be opened at the September 7 Commissioners' meeting.
- 5) The Township has completed installing the concrete pad for the bus shelter at the corner of Depot and West Main Streets in Glen Lyon. The Luzerne County Transportation System (LCTA) will be installing the shelter in the near future.

September 7, 2021: NTCO President Stephen Phillips commented on the Earth Conservancy's feasibility study of placing an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation area in Newport and Conyngham Townships, suggesting that the Commissioners hold a public meeting on the project.

The Commissioners voted to accept the low bid of \$328,276.50 from Pennsy Supply Inc. of Harrisburg for repaving Main Street in Wanamie and Northern Avenue in Sheatown pending the approval of the Township's engineer and solicitor.

The Commissioners voted to approve Resolution #5 of 2021, which authorizes the Township to apply for a Local Share Account (LSA) or gaming, grant from the State Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the amount of \$617,589 for the purchase of a new Pierce Fire engine and related equipment.

The Commissioners voted to send letters of support to the Hanover Township Board of Commissioners which is acting as lead applicant for LSA grants for a new trommel screener for Earth Conservancy's compost facility and for a shared municipal fueling station for the Lower South Valley Council of Governments.

The Commissioners voted to adopt a policy of not accepting or investigating anonymous nuisance/quality of life complaints and to maintain the confidentiality/privacy of persons making such non-anonymous complaints.

Township Manager Joe Hillan included the following in his report:

- 1) As required by law, the Township has determined the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for its police pension plan (\$39,065.51), non-uniformed employees pension plan (\$16,526.43), and firemen's pension plan (\$0.00).
- 2) The Township has ordered a 2022 F-550 Dump Truck and a 2022 Explorer police cruiser. The Township recently received state gaming grants for both vehicles.
- 3) The Township has begun work on the 2022 Township budget.

Grants to Local Fire Companies

On June 30, 2021, State Rep. Gerald Mullery announced a total of \$324,891 in grants have been awarded to local volunteer fire and emergency medical services companies. "Many of these companies are facing financial hardships because COVID-19 prevented critical annual fundraising from taking place. These funds will go a long way to ensure these volunteer fire and EMS companies are able to continue to serve our communities and keep us safe." The grants are overseen by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner. Newport Township's share is \$11,520.

Daylight Savings Time or Not?

By Eric Van Dyke ~ Maybe it never really happened. At least not how I'm remembering it today. But I recall specific details, people, days. A fever dream from my 1950's childhood? I'm talking here about a week, two at the most, during a steamy summer when businesses and the folks living west of Glen Lyon's Breaker No. 6 decided to switch back from Daylight Savings to Eastern Standard time. Don't ask me how or why or who reached such a decision. Something to do with the miners' work schedules perhaps, or more likely St. Adalbert's upcoming church picnic hours. Fellow street urchins of my youth can't recall any such event. "But hey," they say, "It's Glen Lyon. Maybe." I asked Gene Macur, a constant childhood buddy, now living down in Perkasio: Zip. Maybe I should call Thomas Izbicki? Surely he'd remember. Tom Kashatus said he "vaguely" recalled something like this. I think he's being kind. It was Kashatus's piece in the NTCO's Spring 2021 Newsletter--"What's New in Newport, Or Old" -- that took me back to those days. He mentioned Namovich's (Lenny the Barber) Shop among the several businesses once housed in the large building on the southwest corner of Chestnut and West Main Streets. Lenny's, along with all the other shops, burned down on a winter's midnight. One heck of a blaze. Lenny relocated farther up Main Street, near Apple. And it's there that my memory from this time becomes specific, certain, clear — enough to bet money on.

One Thursday night during the Standard Time week(s), my Mom gave me haircut money and clear marching orders: Get a haircut before supper the next day -- or else. ("Else" meant something for most kids back then.) Mom, I guess, wanted me clean cut for confession on Saturday. Those days she'd awake at 4 am, Glen Lyon Standard Time, to catch the 6 am bus to Wilkes Barre, which operated on a Daylight Savings schedule. So tomorrow's directives were usually laid out the night before. I and my buddies misspent the next day, a sweltering Friday to my memory, until about 3:30 pm (Eastern Standard) when I dragged myself up to Lenny's and peered through the plate glass, only to see several miners in line and no chance for a haircut before my supper deadline. A Lenny haircut could take 45 minutes, often longer, back then, depending upon the intensity of gossip on a given day. What to do? Then an idea struck. I could still get that haircut before supper if I ran to the east side of town where the "Minute Man" (don't recall his name) would still be cutting hair until his 5 pm (Daylight Savings) closing time. I reached the Minute Man's shop just a few doors down from Spring Street with 15 minutes to spare and two East Siders in line before closing time. Slim chance they'd let me ahead of them. But...three haircuts in 15 minutes? No sweat for the Minute Man. GI buzz cuts were the de rigueur that summer. After my turn, I rubbed what stubble remained of my hair as I sauntered out of the Minute Man's, with still plenty of time left to scope out things, avoid the lines between sidewalks, and meander back home into Standard Time. I can't recall how or when west siders switched back for that extra hour of daylight. The experiment seemed to end just as mysteriously as it began. So did all this really happen? Perhaps British Prime Minister Boris Johnson knows something when he says: "A point of life is not to squabble over facts, but to give people a story that they can believe in, that can give them hope." Somewhere in those words may lie my answer.

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NTCO President's Report

By Stephen E. Phillips ~ The Newport Township Community Organization extends its deep appreciation to Reilly Finishing Technologies for its \$1,000 contribution to assist this entity in promoting recreational activities throughout the Municipality. However, because of the Pandemic during the past two years, NTCO's Summer Fun and other recreational pursuits were severely curtailed. In order to conform with the donor's request that its donation be utilized for recreational pursuits within the Township, the NTCO donated the funds to the Board of Township Commissioners to be utilized for the purchase of additional equipment at the Municipality's Recreation Park. These funds will not be utilized for administrative purposes, but will be directed toward brick and mortar projects. This year marks the eighth consecutive year that Reilly Finishing Technologies has contributed to several different organizations with the Greater Nanticoke Area. The funds are generated from contributions made by local businesses who sponsor Christmas trees on the firm's property during the holiday season. The NTCO has been fortunate to have been the recipient of other donations from the Company during prior years and has utilized the monies for other recreational activities and assisting in support of its monthly food distribution. Reilly Finishing Technologies is a major employer in our area and continues to seek to expand its workforce. The Firm offers a wide range of benefits, and individuals seeking a career opportunity are encouraged to apply for a position with the Company.

The NTCO is grateful for the opportunity to have been a participant with Newport United in the Hometown Heroes Banner Project. Several NTCO members have purchased banners for family members and have participated in the banner installation. During the project's initial two phases, approximately 120 banners have been purchased. About 80 have been installed with the remaining 40 to be installed in advance of Veteran's Day. An additional opportunity for banner purchase will take place during the first quarter of 2022. Accolades for this successful endeavor should be directed to Newport United chaired by Township Commissioner John Zyla and capably assisted by Commissioner Debbie Forgach Zaleski, with additional aid from Commissioner John Vishnefski and his son Daniel's electrical contracting firm. The project could not have been completed without the assistance of the Township's very competent Public Works Department. The entire Board of Township Commissioners should be complimented for making the Township employees available to assist with this project's implementation. Special recognition should also be given to the Township's Fire Police who managed traffic control which provided important safety protection to the Township employees and others involved in installing the banners.

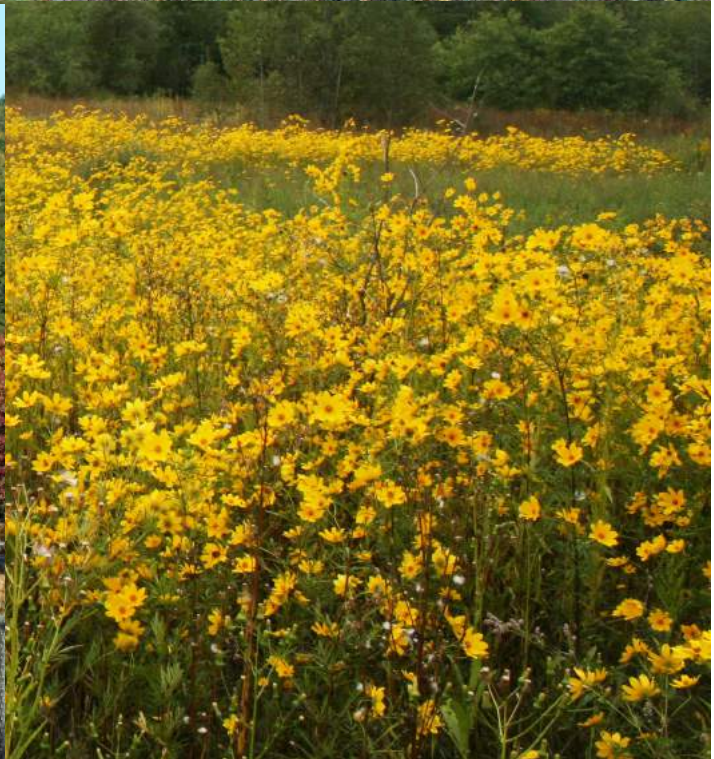
The Food Distribution Program sponsored by the NTCO continues to be held on the second Saturday of every month at 11:00 am in the Township's Recreation Park. During the past several months, there has been a slight decline in the number of those seeking the food donations. This may be attributable to the number of other food distributions throughout the area, or the inability of some eligible recipients to get to the distribution site. However, there are still approximately 100 to 125 families who are taking advantage of the program.

A project which would have substantial impact on Newport Township is the development of an OHV Park within the municipality. Predicated upon the presentation held at Luzerne County Community College on August 4, this writer believes that a substantial number of questions remain to be addressed before the proposed project can be totally embraced. Both positive and negative points of view were expressed at this session. The Township's governing body may wish to hold a public meeting to assess the opinions of Township residents prior to lending their support or opposition to the potential activity.

In response to prior requests, the NTCO has received donations from several donors, including Stanley and Charlotte Domzalski, Richard Barski, Joan Ellen and Dennis Sweeney, Eugene Macur, Dee Sugalski, Mary Ann Reale, Carol Matkiewicz, Jim and Jean Schinski, Tom and Pat Tarnowski, Joann Furek, Irene Stralka, Paul and Andrea Selecky, Charlotte Santry, Harry and Janice Howell, Tom and Frances Faull, Patricia Tredway, Ed Haines, and Florence Cwiklik. These contributions are gratefully accepted and are deeply appreciated at this time.

We again request that all our readers do anything to support this Organization and our sister bodies throughout the Township. It is difficult to maintain a strong community without the cooperation and effort of a combined group of volunteers.

Fall in Newport Township



The Township has been receiving numerous complaints about illegal burning. Residents are reminded that any burning within 40 feet of an adjacent dwelling is prohibited. Please reference the Ordinance below.

ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP REGULATING THE CARRYING OUT OF BURNING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Newport Township is desirous of preserving the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Newport Township citizens have submitted a number of complaints regarding burning without outdoor burning within the Township and whereby the Township believes it is in the best interest of its citizenry to regulate this activity;

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township of Newport, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania as follows:

The transportation of trash, refuse, and materials of any type onto residential, business, or commercial property in the Township of Newport for the purpose of burning is prohibited. The burning of materials within the Township of Newport is limited to burning on the property only by the resident or owner of the property who shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, and who shall be present to oversee or supervise the burning at all times. Burning of any material which emits excessive smoke or particles and/or detectable malodors being omitted from the property where the burning is taking place is prohibited. Burning of any kind that result in the emission of noxious fumes or burning embers is prohibited. Burning of any kind during non-daylight hours is prohibited. Any Burning within forty (40') feet of an adjacent dwelling is prohibited.

Any fire set by, or pursuant to, the direction and/or supervision of a public officer; fires that are part of training for firefighting; when approved by the Township Commissioners shall not be subject to this regulation.

Fires for the sole purpose of cooking food on charcoal grills, gas grills, or cooking devises designed to enclose the fire source are exempt from this regulation.

Patio and backyard fire pits fired by natural or bottled gas are exempt from this regulation.

Additionally, nothing stated herein shall prevent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Luzerne County or Newport Township, or any designated public agency to bar burning of any kind during emergency, drought emergencies, drought conditions, or other similar conditions.

Penalties. Any person in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense and upon conviction shall pay a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and/or undergo confinement in Luzerne County Correctional Facility for a period of no longer than ninety (90) days.

Repealer. All Ordinances or pans of ordinances in conflict in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Severability. If any portion of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any other portion thereof, or the application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 2nd day of MARCH, 2020, in public session duly assembled.

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP

Jorge Hillen
Secretary

[Signature]
President of Commissioners



Left: Construction on the bus shelter on West Main Street in Glen Lyon in front of the Pollock Apartments.

Right: Presentation by Dave Finogle to Police Chief Jeremy Blank of a handmade Thin Blue Line and Thin Red Line wooden flag in recognition of law enforcement officers and fire-fighters. The Flag is displayed in the Community Room of the Township Municipal Building.



Township Events and Happenings



Above: Pennsylvania American Water crews and subcontractors laid new pipes along West Kirmar Avenue in Alden this summer. **Right:** New Legion Post 539 Auxiliary Officers are pictured following installation: Heidi Jarecki, Historian; Tiffany Graham, Treasurer; Stephanie Stogosci, Chaplain; Marcia Finn, District President; Barbara Meyers, President; Andrea Rambus, Sergeant-at-Arms; Faith Kropienicki, Secretary; Stephanie O’Gorman, Vice-President.



Reilly’s/NTCO Donates for Playground Equipment

Reilly’s Finishing Technologies located in Sheatown recently made a donation of \$1000.00 to the NTCO in support its recreational program for children. However due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the NTCO was forced to cancel its Summer Fun Program again this year. Reilly’s agreed to allow the NTCO to donate the money to the Township for the purchase of new playground equipment. Pictured above are: standing, Jim Reilly and Amy Morgans of Reilly Finishing Technologies; Tom Kashatus, NTCO Vice-President; Steve Phillips, NTCO President; Joe Hillan, Township Manager; Linda Conner, NTCO Secretary. Sitting: Township Commissioners John Zyla, Paul Chapracki, Jack Vishnefski, and Debbie Zaleski. Commissioner Mike Roke was absent.



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Taste of the Township Apples



By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ The apple is an edible fruit produced by a deciduous tree (*Malus domestica*) which stands 6 to 15 feet tall in cultivation and up to 30 feet in the wild. Deciduous means it sheds its leaves annually. The leaves

are alternately arranged, dark green-colored simple ovals with serrated edges. Blossoms are produced in spring simultaneously with the budding of the leaves and are produced on spurs and some long shoots. The flowers are white with a pink tinge, five petaled, with a cluster of 4–6 flowers. The central flower of the cluster is called the "king bloom"; it opens first and can develop a larger fruit. The fruit matures in late summer or autumn. Commercial ripe apples are red, yellow, green, pink, or russet (rough and brown).

The original wild ancestor of *Malus domestica* was *Malus sieversii*. It was found growing wild in the mountains of Central Asia in southern Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and northwestern China. They are still found there today. *Malus sieversii* is recognized as a major ancestor species to the cultivated apple and Central Asia is considered the center of origin for apples. The apple is thought to have been domesticated 4000–10,000 years ago in the Tian Shan Mountains, and then to have travelled along the Silk Road to Europe. Apples have been grown for thousands of years in Asia and Europe and were brought to North America by European colonists. Today apple trees are cultivated worldwide and are the most widely grown species in the genus *Malus*.

Wild apple tree populations were isolated after the end of the last Ice Age, until humans started moving the fruits across Eurasia, in particular along the Silk Road. Once humans brought these tree lineages back into contact with each other again, bees and other pollinators did the rest of the work. The resulting hybrid offspring had larger fruits, a common result of hybridization. Humans noticed the larger fruiting trees and fixed this trait in place through grafting and by planting cuttings of the most favored trees. Thus, the apples we know today were primarily developed through hybridization and grafting.

Cultivation of the species has progressed over a long period of time and introduction of genes from other species has occurred. Plant varieties are referred to as cultivars. When cultivated, the size, shape, and branch density of the trees are determined. Apple trees are large if grown from seed. Cultivation controls the size of the resulting tree. Also different cultivars are bred for various tastes, use, size, fruit acidity, color, firmness, and soluble sugar. There are now more than 7,500 known apple cultivars.

The word apple, formerly spelled "æppel" in Old English, is derived from the Proto-Germanic root *ap(a)laz, which also means fruit in general. As late as the 17th century, the word functioned as a generic term for all fruit other than berries but including nuts.

Apple Facts

1. At the Sammardenchia-Cueis site near Udine in northeastern Italy, seeds from some form of apples were found and carbon-dated from around 4000 BC.
2. In Norse mythology, the goddess Iðunn is portrayed in the *Prose Edda* (written in the 13th century) as providing apples to the gods to give them eternal youth.
3. Though the forbidden fruit of Eden in the Book of Genesis is not identified, popular Christian tradition has held that it was an apple that Eve coaxed Adam to share with her. The tree of the forbidden fruit is called "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." The larynx in the human throat has been called the "Adam's apple" because of a notion that it was caused by the forbidden fruit remaining in Adam's throat.

4. The proverb, "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," addressing the supposed health benefits of the fruit, has been traced to 19th-century Wales, where the original phrase was "Eat an apple on going to bed, and you'll keep the doctor from earning his bread." In the 19th century and early 20th, the phrase evolved to "an apple a day, no doctor to pay" and "an apple a day sends the doctor away." The phrasing now commonly used was first recorded in 1922.
5. Many apples grow readily from seeds. However, more than with most perennial fruits, apples must be propagated asexually to obtain sweetness and other desirable characteristics. Grafting is usually used. Trees may live for over a century.
6. Apples must cross-pollinate to develop fruit. During the flowering each season, apple growers often utilize pollinators to carry pollen. Honey bees are most commonly used.
7. World production of apples in 2018 was 86 million tons, with China producing 39.2 %, and the United States 4.7%. The top states for apple production are: Washington, New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, California, Virginia, North Carolina, and Oregon.
8. A raw apple is 86% water and 14% carbohydrates, with negligible content of fat and protein. There is a low content of micronutrients, with the daily values of all falling below 10%.
9. Apple seeds contain small amounts of amygdalin, a sugar and cyanide compound known as cyanogenic glycoside. Ingesting small amounts of apple seeds causes no ill effects, but consumption of extremely large doses can cause adverse reactions.
10. Today, nearly 8,000 varieties of apples have been identified around the world. About 100 varieties are grown in commercial quantity . New varieties are still being discovered and cultivated, with the best eventually becoming household words like McIntosh, Delicious, Empire, Rome, Spartan, Cortland and Northern Spy. Recent arrivals include Fuji, Honeycrisp, Gala and Liberty.
11. John Chapman (September 26, 1774 – March 18, 1845), better known as Johnny Appleseed, was an American pioneer nurseryman who introduced apple trees to large parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Ontario, as well as the northern counties of West Virginia.

Sources: Wikipedia, www.frontiersin.org, Vermontapples.org

Apple Cobbler

5 c. sliced peeled apples 3/4 c sugar
4 tbs. flour 1 tsp. cinnamon

Mix together and let stand.

2 c. flour 2/3 tsp. salt
4 tbs. sugar 2/3 c. shortening
3 tsp. baking powder 6 tbs. milk
2 eggs

Mix ingredients well. Press half of the dough in a (greased?) 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan. Add fruit mixture. Spoon remaining dough mixture over fruit. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 25 minutes

Recipe by the late Eleanor Bonkiewicz as it appeared in the *Glen Lyon V.F.W Auxiliary Cookbook*

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The Flora and Fauna of Newport Township

Cicadas

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Early this summer, residents of Newport Township became familiar with the humming sound and the abundance of big flying insects. This was the summer the cicadas emerged. By mid-July, they were suddenly gone!

The cicadas are a superfamily, the Cicadoidea, of insects with more than 3,000 species. There are generally two types of cicadas: annual cicadas which emerge every year, and periodical cicadas which emerge in cycles of 13 or 17 years, depending on the species. When periodical cicadas emerge, all the adults in a given location emerge at the same time. Cicada nymphs emerge after a 17-year childhood underground. Over the course of just a few weeks, they molt, mate, and die. Their babies will hatch in trees and find their way back to the dirt to continue the strange cycle.

Cicadas have prominent eyes set wide apart, short antennae, and membranous front wings. They have an exceptionally loud song, produced in most species by the rapid buckling and unbuckling of drumlike tymbals (membranes in the abdomen).

Cicadas are herbivores. This means they eat vegetation. Young cicadas eat liquid from plant roots, while molting cicadas eat twigs. Adult cicadas do not feed. They typically live in trees, feeding on watery sap from xylem (wood) tissue, and laying their eggs in a slit in the bark. The vast majority of species are active during the day as adults, with some calling at dawn or dusk. Only a rare few species are known to be nocturnal. Periodical cicadas are native to the eastern United States. They're only found here and not found anywhere else in the world. They tend to stay in wooded areas. These mass emergences are one of the great natural wonders of the world.


Cicada Facts

1. The earliest known fossil Cicadomorpha appeared in the Triassic period Mya (59-56 million years ago).
2. The "singing" of male cicadas is produced principally using a special structure called a tymbal, a pair of which lies below each side of the anterior abdominal region. The rapid action of tymbal muscles produces their characteristic sounds.
3. The best known North American genus Magicicada is a periodic carcadia. They emerge in predictable intervals of 13 or 17 years, depending on the species and the location.
4. Most cicadas are diurnal (active in daytime) in their calling and depend on external heat to warm them up.
5. Although only males produce the cicadas' distinctive sounds, both sexes have membranous structures called tympana by which they detect sounds, the equivalent of having ears.
6. To the human ear the sound is continuous.
7. In addition to the mating song, many species have a distinct distress call, usually a broken and erratic sound emitted by the insect when seized or panicked. Some species also have courtship songs, generally quieter, and produced after a female has been drawn to the calling song.
8. The song of cicadas is considered by entomologists to be unique to a given species.
9. Most cicadas go through a life cycle that lasts 2-5 years.
10. Cicada nymphs drink sap from various species of trees, including oak, cypress, willow, ash, and maple. They also feed on juices sucked from tree roots.
11. Cicadas are commonly eaten by birds and sometimes by squirrels, as well as bats, wasps, mantises, spiders, and robber flies. In times of mass emergence of cicadas, various amphibians, fish, reptiles, mammals, and birds change their foraging habits so as to benefit from the glut. Newly hatched nymphs may be eaten by ants, and nymphs living underground are preyed on by burrowing mammals such as moles.
12. Cicadas use a variety of strategies to evade predators. Large cicadas can fly rapidly to escape if disturbed. Many are


extremely well camouflaged to evade predators such as birds that hunt by sight. Being colored like tree bark and disruptively patterned to break up their outlines, they are difficult to discern. Their partly transparent wings are held over the body and pressed close to the substrate (the underlying layer). Some cicada species play dead when threatened.

13. Cicadas have been featured in literature since the time of Homer's Iliad, and as motifs in decorative art from the Chinese Shang Dynasty (1766-1122 BCE). They are described by Aristotle in his History of Animals and by Pliny the Elder in his Natural History.
14. In 14th century China, decorations in the shape of cicadas adorned the hats of high-level officials.
15. In the Homeric Hymn to Aphrodite, the goddess Aphrodite retells the legend of how Eos, the goddess of the dawn, requested Zeus to let her lover Tithonus live forever as an immortal. Zeus granted her request, but because Eos forgot to ask him to also make Tithonus ageless, Tithonus never died, but he did grow old. Eventually, he became so tiny and shriveled that he turned into the first cicada.
16. Cicadas were eaten in Ancient Greece, and are consumed today in China. Cicadas are also eaten in Malaysia, Burma, North America, and central Africa, as well as in Pakistan.

Source: Wikipedia, *The Citizen's Voice* and www.livescience.com



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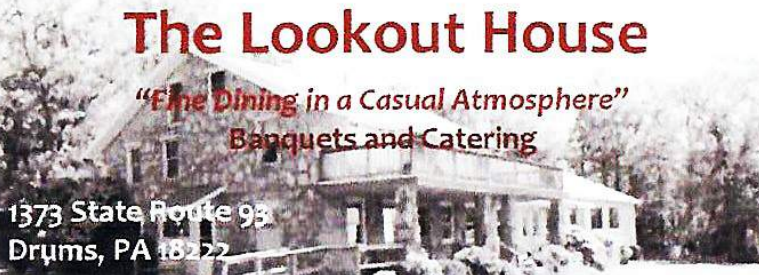
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Obituaries

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.

SOSNOWSKI, Alexander J., 56, of Orchard Street, Glen Lyon, passed away June 13, 2021.

STAVETSKI, David J. II, 33, of Sheatown, passed away June 10, 2021. He was the son of David J. Stavetski I and Frances Lilienthal Stavetski.

MACK, Barbara J. (nee Dillon), 86, of West Nanticoke, passed away June 9, 2021, Barbara was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Gerald Mack, who was born and raised in Glen Lyon and a graduate of Newport Township High School. Mr. Mack was a principal in the Greater Nanticoke Area School District.

BROWN, Earle F., 83, of Slocum Township, passed away May 10, 2021. Earl was born at home in Hollenback Township on May 22, 1938. In his youth he attended Newport Township schools.

BEEUNAS, Joan M., 79, of Wanamie, passed away June 22, 2021. Joan was born on December 17, 1941 and raised in Wanamie. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School with the Class of 1959.

KOBAL, Arline (nee Rogowicz), 91, of Levittown, formerly of Newport Township, passed away June 17, 2021. Arline was born in Glen Lyon on September 26, 1929. She was raised in Glen Lyon and graduated from Newport Township High School with the Class of 1948.

WOLFE, Elda Jane (nee Reider), 85, of Shickshinny, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away June 27, 2021. She was born on January 16, 1936 in Glen Lyon where she was raised. Elda was a graduate of Newport Township High School with the Class of 1953.

YANCHIK, Amelia "Millie," (nee Beeunas), 91, of Chase, formerly of Newport Township, passed away July 3, 2021. Millie was born in Wanamie on August 27, 1929. She was raised in Wanamie and was a graduate of Newport Township High School with the Class of 1947.

MARSHALL, Michael J., 34, of Mountain Top, passed away April 26, 2021 at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. He was the son of former Newport Township police officer Mike Marshall who was born and raised in Alden and Dawn Marshall.

MICELI, Vera R., (nee Lupini), 91, a longtime resident of Washington, D.C., formerly of Newport Township, entered into eternal rest on April 14, 2021. She was born in Glen Lyon on July 5, 1929 where she was raised. Vera was a graduate of Newport Township High School with the Class of 1947.

DYMOND, Thomas, 81, of Glen Lyon, passed away July 7, 2021. He was preceded in death by his wife Alice P. (Hillman) Dymond, who was born and raised in Wanamie and was a graduate of Newport Township High School with the Class of 1960.

YANINAS, Walter J., 68, of Glen Lyon, passed away July 7, 2021. Walter was a veteran of the US Navy. He attended Newport Township schools and was a graduate of John S. Fine High School of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District.

HAMRICK, Dennis "Den-Den", 87, of Glen Lyon, passed away June 26, 2021. Dennis was a veteran of the US Navy. He is survived by his wife, the former Eleanor Ricci.

STELTZ, Stella (nee Zurek), 57, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away July 10, 2021. Stella was born in Wilkes-Barre on February 24, 1964. She was a graduate of John S. Fine High School of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District with the Class of 1982.

ARNEIL, Michael A., 31, of Glen Lyon, passed away July 8, 2021.

BEZDECKI, Marie, 90, of Drexel Hill/Brookhaven, passed away February 28, 2021. Marie was born in Wanamie on August 5, 1930 where she was raised. Marie graduated from Newport Township High School with the Class of 1947.

GREGORY, Daisy (nee Turner), 74, of Naugatuck, CN, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away July 12, 2021. Daisy was born August 12, 1946, was raised in Glen Lyon, and graduated from Newport Township High School with the Class of 1964.

MAGER, Frank (nee Maguda), 91, of Kingston, died July 31, 2021. Frank was born in Newport Township and served his country proudly in the US Army and the US Marine Corps.

VITALE, Bernard Sr. "Pop," 74, of Glen Lyon, passed away August 3, 2021. "Pop" was born September 15, 1946, in Hanover Township. He was educated in Hanover Township schools and was a graduate of Hanover Memorial High School. He was a US Navy veteran during the Vietnam War serving aboard the U.S.S. Fulton.

KOWALCHIN, George, 67, of Plymouth, formerly of Newport Center and Sheatown, passed away July 27, 2021. George was born in Nanticoke on March 30, 1954 and raised in Newport Township. George attended Newport Township schools.

WARCHAL, Eugene P., 86, of Freehold, NJ, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away on August 10, 2021. Gene was born and raised in Glen Lyon. He graduated from Newport High School with the Class of 1952. He was a veteran of the US Navy during the Korean War serving from 1952 to 1955.

MRUS, John M., 86, a life resident of Alden, passed away August 12, 2021. John was born in Nanticoke on October 29, 1934 and raised in Alden. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School with the Class of 1952. John served in the US Navy during the Korean War aboard the USS Tripoli Cue 64. He was recipient of the Carnegie Hero Bronze Medal for saving lives in a boating accident.

WOMELSDORF, Ronald Sr., 78, of Wanamie, passed away August 19, 2021. Ronald was born on November 1, 1942 in Wanamie where he was raised. He attended Newport Township schools. He was a US Army veteran serving during the Vietnam War.

THERTON, Emma Kathryn "Kathleen" (nee Garvey), 87, of Alden and Glen Lyon, passed away August 19, 2021. Emma was born on August 14, 1934 in Wanamie where she was raised. She graduated from Newport Township High School with the Class of 1953.

RASAVAGE, Edward J. "Riz," of Newfoundland, formerly of Wanamie, died March 13, 2020. Edward was born in Wanamie where he was raised and attended Newport Township schools. He was a stalwart baseball player playing semipro ball and also with the Glen Lyon Condors. He was a US Navy veteran. Riz was predeceased by his wife, Bernadine Madurski Rasavage, who was raised in Alden and a Newport graduate.

STRZELECKI, Elizabeth A. "Betty" (nee Schmid), 82, of Wapwallopen passed away August 20, 2021. Betty was born on April 1, 1939, and was a graduate of Newport Township High School with the Class of 1956.

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Public Meeting on Proposed Off Highway Vehicle Recreation Area in Newport Township

By John Jarecki - Big change, such as we have not seen in our lifetime, may be coming to Newport Township if Earth Conservancy (EC) follows through with its plans to create an off highway vehicle (OHV) recreation area in Newport and Conyngham Townships. A similarly sized area near Shamokin attracts nearly 20,000 visitors a year. Visitors in such numbers have the potential to change the nature of our community from a quiet residential area to a bustling tourist and commercial area, with more money for public improvements but more commercial development, traffic, noise, and other inconveniences.

The EC held a public meeting on August 4, 2021 at the Luzerne County Community College concerning the ongoing feasibility study it is conducting of its proposed OHV recreation area. Terry Ostrowski, President and CEO of the EC, introduced the meeting saying that the EC's purpose in holding this meeting was to inform local residents of the EC's plans and to get an idea of how the residents felt about the proposed recreation area.

Mr. Ostrowski said that EC now has about 2500 acres of land in Newport Township. This land is more suited for recreation than commercial or residential development. It is adjacent to about 4500 acres of land managed by the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The DCNR land may be available for inclusion in the proposed recreation area. In addition, nearby private land, such as that owned by Pollock Enterprises, may also become available for inclusion in the recreation area. These additions would form a recreation area of about 10,000 acres. The size of the area together with its natural beauty and diversity of landscapes would form a recreation facility that would attract outdoor enthusiasts from both this area and those living at a distance, say from southeastern and also from western Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the feasibility study includes the following: 1) to find out the wants and needs of OHV users and other outdoor enthusiasts who may want to visit the recreation area, 2) to develop specific plans for what features, such as welcome centers and parking lots, should be included and where they should be placed, and 3) to investigate what kind of entity would manage the recreation area, for example a private company or local government. In other words, the feasibility study would create a business plan for a potential park developer.

Jim Laird, CEO of Laird Landscape Architecture and Land Planning, the firm conducting the feasibility study, presented the results of the study, which included the following: 1) there are a great many outdoor

enthusiasts, OHV users, hikers, boaters, and others, both from Luzerne County and also from southeastern and western Pennsylvania who are interested in using this new recreation area, 2) these enthusiasts spend a good deal of money on recreation, and 3) they would like the recreation area to include facilities such as restrooms, camp grounds, and businesses that supply recreation services and supplies.

The feasibility study also identified sites in Newport and Conyngham Townships that would serve the needs of this recreation area: places for rock climbing, camping grounds, trails, scenic areas and others. For example, the study suggests putting one access point to the recreation area off Kirmar Parkway between Alden and Wanamie, and another access point off Kirmar Parkway near the EC's compost facility between Wanamie and Glen Lyon. These access points could contain a welcome center and parking lot and trail head.

The meeting ended with a period of questions from the audience. Residents of Newport Township mentioned concerns that OHV's would bring noise to residential areas. They were also concerned that a large number of visitors using Township roads and possibly bringing in new businesses would create traffic problems.

Mr. Ostrowski and Mr. Laird both seemed enthusiastic about the idea of making this new recreation area a reality. They seemed to believe that it would serve the needs of outdoor enthusiasts and possibly bring economic development to the local area. They only expressed concerns and doubt about the project when talking about whether there was support in the community for this recreation area and whether some public or private entity could be found to manage it.

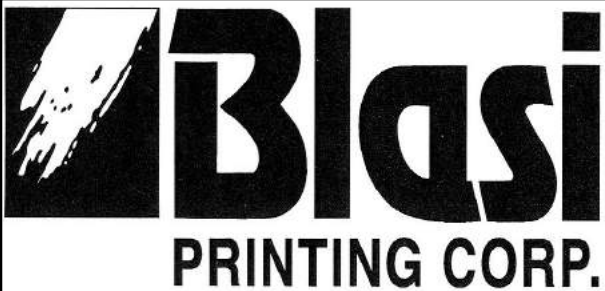


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**REILLY FINISHING TECHNOLOGIES
MAKES DONATION TO NTCO**

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ On Friday July 9, Reilly Finishing Technologies located in Sheatown made several donations, the money originating from its annual Christmas Tree project. The beneficiaries this year were the Nanticoke Food Pantry, the Nanticoke Career Fire Department, West Side Playground, and the Newport Township Community Organization. Pictured at left are: Jim Reilly; Tom Kashatus, NTCO Vice President; Joe Reilly, Owner; Steve Phillips, NTCO President; Joe Reilly Jr.; James Reilly; and Amy Morgans. The \$1,000.00 donation to NTCO is earmarked for recreational purposes. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Summer Fun Program had to be cancelled this year. The donation was then turned over to the Township for the purchase of playground equipment.

The NTCO is most appreciative of Reilly's support through the years.



GATHERING OF 1961 NEWPORT GRADUATING CLASS

By Al Yarasavage ~ A group of 1961 Newport Township High School class members gathers monthly at local restaurants for dinner. Usually 10 to 20 members attend. In August, the group met at the Lookout House in Drums owned by Mike Floryshak, a 1967 graduate of Newport Township. Everyone raved about the food, service, and ambiance. Mike was a very gracious host. The group will definitely return to the Lookout soon. Mike regaled us with stories of one of his famous guests, Jack Palance of *City Slickers* fame. Any member of the Class of 1961 is welcome to join the group along with your spouses. Call Al Yarasavage at 570-678-3037 or e-mail him at ayarasavage@epix.net.

Pictured left are members and spouses starting at 12 o'clock: Mike Truchon, Ernie Pierontoni, Sandy Federici, Tom Federici, Marian Hahn Munson, Earl Munson, Richard Burman, Joann Burman, Al Yarasavage, Alberta Waclawski Yarasavage, Joyce Cavallini Yohey, Standing at left is owner Mike Floryshak.



Pictured above are members of Newport United, a consortium of volunteer groups in the Township. Standing: Heidi Jarecki, Crime Watch, Altar and Rosary Society; Jack Vishnefski, Township Commissioner; Steve Phillips, NTCO; Debbie Zaleski, Women's Activity Group, Township Commissioner. Seated: John Zyla, Lion's Club, Township Commissioner; Joe Hillan, Holy Name, Township Manager; Paul Kearney, Jeffries/Slapikas American Legion Post. Newport United has accomplished such projects as the Veterans Banner Project (see page 12) and the Township electronic bulletin board.



Reverend James Nash, Pastor of St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke, announced his retirement this summer. His parishioners and friends from Newport Township wish him well.

Hometown Heroes Banner Project Sponsored by Newport United

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ During the month of July, 74 photo banners honoring Township natives and residents who have served in the military were placed on electric power poles throughout the Township: East Main Street Glen Lyon (pictured below), West Main Street Glen Lyon, Main Street Wanamie (pictured left), Center Street Wanamie, East Kirmar Avenue Alden, Robert Street Sheatown, the Municipal Building, and Old Newport Street Sheatown. Thanks to Debbie Zaleski, Joe Hillan, Steve Phillips, Jack Vishnefski, Daniel Vishnefski, John Zyla, Township DPW employees, Vishnefski Electrical employees, and the Newport Township Fire Police.

Alden: Stanley Klugar, Army, WW2; Francis Cooney, Army, WW2; Keith Jeffries, Navy, WW2; Edward Morrissey, Army; Steve Masakowski, Army, Vietnam; Sean Downs, Army, Desert Storm; Stephen Huk, Navy, WW2; Ronald Huk, Navy, Korea; Jeffrey Huk, Navy, Iran Hostage Crisis; Evan Maddy, Air Force, WW2.

Glen Lyon: Stanley Pohlidal, Army, WW2; Edmund Smocarski, Army, WW2; Elwood Rinehimer, Air Force, WW2; Edward Kmietowicz, Coast Guard, WW2; Joseph Hillan, Marines, Korea; Henry Floryshak, Army, WW2; Stasia Kanjorski, Coast Guard, WW2; Stanley Pohlidal, Army, Vietnam; Edward Sotack, Navy, Vietnam; Tad Tarnowski, Army, WW2; Anthony Kanjorski, Army, WW2; Paul Stebbins, Navy, Vietnam; Jim Rinehimer, Army, WW2; Ted Sokoloski, Army, WW2; Albert Forgach, Army, Vietnam; John Stapert, Navy, Korea; Marion Olenginski, Army, WW2; Joseph Vishnefski, Army, WW2; Eugene Mason, Army, WW2; Robert Smith, Army, Vietnam; Sylvester Materewicz, Army, WW2; Walter Materewicz, Marines, Vietnam; Lorrie Materewicz, Army, Vietnam; John Kazmierski, Army, 1962-67; William Hourigan, Navy, Vietnam; Joseph Bonkiewicz, Navy, WW2; Richard Kowalski, Army, WW2; John Zaleski, Navy, WW2; Francis Zaleski, Navy, 1958-1961; William Belles, Air Force, Korea; Bernard Mihneski, Marines, Vietnam; Robert Sobotka, Army, 1960-63; Peter Namowicz, Navy, Persian Gulf; Peter Sopka, Army, WW2; Leonard Paczkowski, Marines, WW2; Tarnowski Brothers, Army, Air Force, Marines, WW2, Korea, Peacetime; Clem Guzofsky, Army, WW2; Stanley Guzofsky, Navy, WW1; Bernard Witkowski, Army, Vietnam; Ronald Jones, Navy, Vietnam; Carl Smatko, Air Force, Vietnam; Brian Patton, Navy, Iraq; Margaret Floryshak, Navy, Korea; Members of American Legion Posts 539 and 971; Members of VFW Post 8353; Armed Service Members of Holy Spirit Parish.

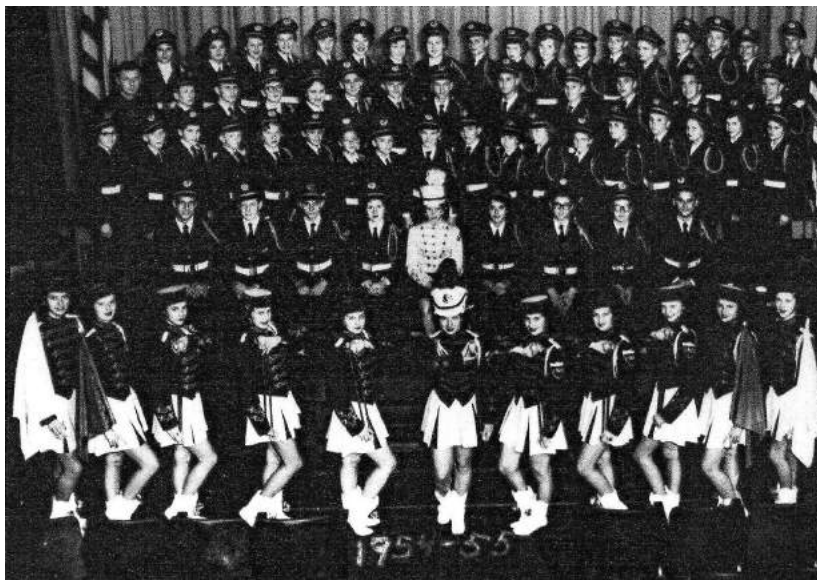
Sheatown: Russell Yurchak, Navy, WW2; Eugene Repotski, Air Force, WW2; Joseph Stashik, Army, Korea; Leonard Mierzwa, Army, Korea; John Zyla, Army, Korea; Joseph Yokavonis, Navy, Cuban Missile Crisis; Michael Chepolis, Army, WW2.

Wanamie: John Phillips, Army, WW2; Edward Slapikas, Navy, WW2; Stephen Phillips, Marines, Vietnam Era; Robert Pierson, Army, Vietnam; Zigmund Zubritski, Marines, WW2; Stanley Betkowski, Air Force; Frank Huk, Army, WW2; Albert Zaborney Jr., Navy, Gulf War; Michael Klopotski, Navy, Cold War; Eli Morgis, Army, 1955-61; Norman Morgis, Army, WW2; All Residents who served in the Armed Forces.



Pictured above are banners being hung in Wanamie by municipal DPW employees and Vishnefski Electrical Inc. employees using a boom truck owned by Daniel Vishnefski of Sheatown. Assistance was also provided by Debbie Zaleski, Steve Phillips, Joe Hillan, and John Zyla of Newport United and the Newport Township Fire Police.





Marching in the Band

A Poem By Juliana Selecky Semple
Newport High School Class of 1955

Junior High was a great time
Baton lessons were a favorite of mine
The majorettes would twirl and try to teach
Becoming a majorette was for us to reach

The Band concert was at the end of the school year
Would have us girls almost in tears
What two would be selected to accompany the band?
My name was called and I could hardly stand!

Twirl two batons you ask me to do?
March and smile and stay in step too!
Our young director was called "Penner"
We all knew he was a winner
For football games unusual formations he designed
After practicing a maze for hours we didn't always feel kind.

As we competed with other bands
We felt we were the best in the land
Our band was small but worked hard and tried
To make all notice we were from Newport High!

We marched in sun and rain and wind and so
At halftime in Berwick we marched in the snow.
That game was always around Thanksgiving
And the weather was seldom very forgiving.

We participated in parades up in Wilkes-Barre
After many miles we were all very weary
We loved "Penner" and would follow him anywhere
He took us to march at the Bloomsburg Fair.

"On a hilltop far above us" our little band did thrive
With majorettes and cheerleaders we kept school spirit alive.
It was great fun and friends were made
I keep in touch with a few till this very day.
Go Nutcrackers – Go Newport, fond memories I say
This old gal remembers like it was yesterday!

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Shown cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening of NEPA'rogies are: Sean Farrell; State Rep. 119th District Gerald Mullery; State Senator John Yudichak's Chief of Staff, Mark Grochocki; State Rep. 121 District Eddie Day Pashinski; Co-Owners of NEPA'rogies Frank Marcinkowski and Lauren Gorney; Owners of Tarnowski's Kielbasa John and Stacie Vishnefski; Nanticoke Mayor Kevin Coughlin; Joseph Nalepa; and Mike Marcella.

NEPA'rogies holds Grand Opening

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Complete with an accordion player, dignitaries, and free samples, NEPA'rogies held its grand opening on Saturday, September 4. Located inside Tarnowski's Kielbasa at 579 East Main Street, Nanticoke, the business offers traditional hand-pinched Polish pierogi. Potato/cheese pierogi sell for \$9.00 a dozen, and specialty pierogi sell for \$10.00 a dozen. Beginning soon, flavors such as prune and chicken wings pierogis will be offered as a "flavor of the month."

NEPA'rogies (pronounced nee-pa-rogies) started at Christmas of 2020 and by Easter of this year was selling from a food truck in front of the Nanticoke Fitness Center. It is owned by Lauren Gorney and Frank Marcinkowski. Lauren is a resident of Wanamie, and the daughter of Mark Gorney and Janella Albertson. Frank is a guitarist who has performed at the Parkway Inn in Alden.

NEPA'rogies is open Thursdays and Fridays from 10-6 and Saturdays, 9-2. Phone number is 570-733-3191.

Tarnowski's Kielbasa Wins People's Choice Awards

At this year's Plymouth Alive Kielbasa Festival held in August, attendees voted Tarnowski's Kielbasa as the best of nine vendors in both categories, fresh and smoked. The Festival was cancelled last year due to COVID-19. Previously winners were selected by a panel of judges.

Tarnowski's Kielbasa is located at 579 East Main Street in Nanticoke. John and Stacie Vishnefski are the proprietors. The original recipe was developed by John's grandfather Tad Tarnowski along with his brothers Chester, Leo, and John who had grocery stores in Glen Lyon. John is the son of Jack and Diane Vishnefski of Wanamie.



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Newport Township Teachers: Ruth Keen



By Heidi Jarecki ~
Kindergarten teacher
Ruth Keen was born on January 15, 1903 in Glen Lyon. Her parents were Lawrence Keen who was born in Wapwallopen in 1875 and grew up in Glen Lyon, and Margaret Evans Keen who was born in Nantyglo, Wales in 1879. Margaret's family immigrated to this country and lived for a time in West Nanticoke before settling in Glen Lyon. Lawrence and Margaret were married on December 29, 1900. Lawrence was employed by the Susquehanna Colliery, and eventually

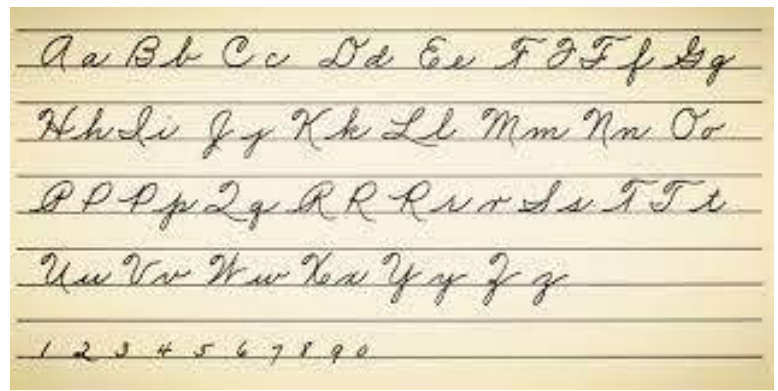
became assistant foreman, after having passed examinations. The family belonged to the Glen Lyon Methodist Episcopal Church and was active in its societies. They lived at 93 East Main Street. Lawrence passed away on January 27, 1929 at age 54. Margaret passed away on December 15, 1970 at age 91. They are interred in Nanticoke Cemetery.

Ruth was the oldest of five children, followed by Jessie, James, Winifred, and Willard. All of them became teachers. Jessie earned her teaching certificate at Bloomsburg Normal School and taught for several years in the Newport School District and Nescopeck schools. She married Wilbur Deeter in 1936 and lived in Nanticoke. Brother James graduated from Penn State University, along with another longtime Newport teacher, Peter Howanitz in 1930. He later earned his master's degree from Penn State. He taught in the Tenafly, New Jersey School District. Winifred earned a degree in special education from Bloomsburg State Normal School and taught in the Huntington Mills and Shickshinny schools. She married Thomas Howell, and lived for a time in Alden, where she served as organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Willard, the youngest, attended Mansfield State College, and earned his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania. He was professor of music at Cheyney State College in Delaware County, and played violin with several symphony orchestras.

The Keen Family and others had to deal with a disastrous fire that swept through their block, destroying eight homes and damaging several others on August 17, 1910. The fire originated at the corner of Spring and East Main, and quickly spread to nearby buildings. According to newspaper accounts, the Glen Lyon Fire Department responded quickly, but due to poor water pressure their hoses could not reach the second stories of the homes and businesses. The homes on the opposite side of the street caught fire several times and had it not been for the untiring efforts of the firemen and townspeople, the fire would have spread to that side and a general conflagration would have resulted. There were no fatalities or even injuries, although the occupants of one building were rescued with the aid of ladders. At that time it was declared the worst fire in the history of the township. The loss would only be half covered by insurance. Following the fire, Lawrence and Margaret rebuilt their home at 93 East Main and it remained the family homestead for at least the next 74 years.

Ruth Keen was educated in Newport Schools and excelled academically. Musically gifted, she took piano lessons from Miss Mary Morgan and was featured in several recitals in St. George's Episcopal Church in Nanticoke, one in February, 1912, and another on July 9, 1914 in which she played "Bells at Evening." She studied organ as well.

In June, 1916 Ruth received a "Final Certificate" awarded by the Palmer Method for Proficiency in Penmanship. The Palmer method was a widely used method for teaching cursive



handwriting using rhythmic motions and the muscles in the hand repetitively. Pictured above is the Palmer style of letters and numbers which will likely be familiar to many of our readers.

Ruth graduated from Newport High School with the Class of 1921. At Class Night Exercises on June 14, she performed with a girls' sextet and a piano duet with Anna Olshefski. Graduation was held on June 16, 1921. Ruth gave the salutatory address. The Class had 13 members, including Catherine Selecky, Elizabeth Raven, Margaret Howell, Lydia Zimolzak, Jean Young, Martin Gronka, Stephen Lerda, Peter Ryngawa, Charles Keene, Anna Olshefski, Edward Honadaga, and Freda Phillips.

Ruth had aspirations to become a teacher, and attended Bloomsburg State Normal School where she earned her teaching certificate. In the 1923 yearbook, she is described thus: "Ruth makes friends wherever she goes. If she is with a single friend or a throng of them, she is always the same. Her sparkling eyes and happy smile betray her sense of humor which makes her a good sport at games or parties, hikes or teas. We all recall her contribution to the Philo Drama, 'The Silver Lining' last year. With her gentle and even disposition, we feel she is bound to succeed in whatever she attempts."

Following graduation in 1923, Ruth was hired by the Newport School Board on July 19. Among her fellow new teachers were Walter Krulikowski, Stephen Lerda, John Barran, Martha Howard and Perry Morgan. She was assigned to the Coal Street School where she taught kindergarten. She remained at the Coal Street School until its closing in 1936. Following recommendations of the School Board's architect, the Coal Street School was vacated due to "openings caused by mine settlements becoming more prominent and the brick and wall at the south end of the building were in bad condition. Recently, after school was dismissed, one of the keystones weighing at least two hundred pounds dropped to the sidewalk. The Coal Street classes will be held at the Roosevelt school where half sessions will be held." Following the closing of the Coal Street School, kindergarten was held in the Pulaski School which had opened its doors in 1925. Eventually, Ruth taught half day kindergarten classes in the Roosevelt and Kosciuszko schools.

Ruth's activities were many. In 1927 she was a member of the Epworth League. For 50 years she served as organist at the Glen Lyon Methodist Church, participating in all the musical presentations, such as candlelight Lenten services, and of course, weddings. In June, 1934, she was organist for the wedding of Ruth Sutter and Alfred Franklin; in August, 1957, she was organist for the wedding of Lorna Fischer and Kenneth Manahan and every wedding before, after, and in between. She provided musical accompaniment at many school plays and productions, many of them held in the Roosevelt School auditorium. In 1934, she took part in a show sponsored by the Glen Lyon American Legion called "The World's All Right."

In 1936 Ruth attended classes sponsored by the Nanticoke-Newport Branch of the American Red Cross on home hygiene and care of the sick. The classes were conducted at the Pulaski School and upon completion of the course, a graduation party was held. Teachers of Newport Township held occasional dinner dances and card parties, and Ruth served on various committees.

In October, 1940, the Women's Society of Christian Service of Glen Lyon Methodist Church held its charter meeting at the church. Reverend Douglas Fletcher presided. Ruth and her mother Margaret were among thirty two people who joined the organization. They remained active until the group disbanded.

Ruth was often called upon to participate along with most teachers in
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the district in the annual field and track day held usually in May at the High School in Wanamie. In 1941, she was a judge in the sixty yard dashes. These field and track days were very popular and had hundreds of participants.

In 1947, Regina Smocharski, home economics teacher at the high school, was charged with organizing a Junior Red Cross program throughout the township. Four additional teachers accepted positions as teacher-sponsors: Helen Krolikowski, Clara Belefski, Ruth Keen and Mary Kutz. Among the projects the Junior Red Cross undertook was making holiday favors for patients in Nanticoke State Hospital.

By 1957, the Newport and Conyngham school districts formed a jointure to be known as the Newport-Conyngham Joint School System, headed by Superintendent William Rushin. A total of 66 teachers were employed, among them was Ruth Keen, kindergarten teacher. Following the closing of the Roosevelt and Kosciuszko schools in 1960, kindergarten classes returned to the Pulaski School. In 1963, she was teaching half day Kindergarten in K.M. Smith and half day in Pulaski. Ruth retired from teaching in 1968, following the formation of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District. She saw many changes in her 45 year career.

Following her retirement, Ruth served as trustee of the Glen Lyon Methodist Church and was active with the Nanticoke Area Senior Citizens. She provided musical entertainment as a member of the choral group for the residents at the former St. Stanislaus Medical Care and Rehabilitation Center, now the Guardian in Sheatown.

Ruth Keen passed away on January 14, 1984, one day shy of her 81st birthday. She never married. She is interred in Nanticoke Cemetery.

Letter to the Editors

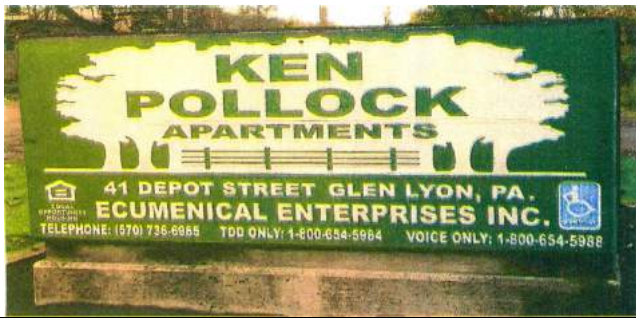
The Glen Lyon Go-Getters – a misty memory re-sparked and magically newly inspirational. What an achievement by eleven young men who loved football so much they became an awesome powerhouse, followed and admired by a multitude of loyal fans. Then mysteriously forgotten, absorbed into the unique fabric of their town to continue to serve, quiet, unassuming,

We Glen Lyoners interacted with them unknowingly, because they became shop keepers, teachers, coaches, miners, mechanics, never bragging about what they once were.

I was 7 when I wandered into the fields near the East End of Glen Lyon where I grew up. The fields were my playground. The sidelines of the football games at Fanucci's Field was a place to play tag and chase each other. The players grew up and we followed behind them, and they faded away.

Never knew that Bruma, the candy, ice cream, punch-board, comic books guy had this stellar past, along with the rest of those Glory Boys. Why were they forgotten? One of life's imponderables, I suppose. Is it too late to pay homage? Could there be a sign – "Welcome to Glen Lyon, Home of the 1930 Go-Getters?"

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- Hustle is doing more for a customer than the other person is doing.
- Hustle is believing in yourself and the business you're in.
- Hustle is providing top quality service.
- Hustle is the sheer joy of winning.
- Hustle is being the hardest loser in town.
- Hustle is hating to take a vacation because you might miss a piece of the action.
- Hustle is hopping out of bed late at night to write down a great idea.
- Hustle is heaven if you're a hustler.
- Hustle is hell if you're not.



1958

1st ROW, L. to R.: Warren Peters, Lawrence Kerutis, Sylvester Madurski, Willard George, Tom Klukososki, Ronald Rinehimer, Robert Ferlick. 2nd ROW: Coach Zigmund Najaka, Ronald Hoch, Barry Frank, Paul Shemanski, Raymond Krauser, David Gliddon, Robert Sudol. 3rd ROW: Dennis Kubasko, George Hmelak, Patrick Rutkowski, James Schinski, Alex Kostek, John Kashatus.

Newport's Last Championship Some Dreams Come True

By John Kashatus ~ Dick Clark's American Bandstand made its debut on television in August and the summer of 1957 was coming to an end. As school started in September, the Newport-Conyngham Jointure provided a major change in Newport's social structure, which was uplifted by the inclusion of students from Mocanaqua, Pond Hill and Wapwallopen. This presented an opportunity to make new friends and share lifetime memories. On the national level during the previous year, the Polio Vaccine Program was a prime concern in the fall and throughout the school year. But, in October¹ during my junior year, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first artificial satellite. This created the "Space Race" and placed greater emphasis on science in our schools. One of my top priorities was to select the academic courses that would give me the best chance to gain acceptance to the college of my choice. My sixteenth birthday was a few months away, which meant that a driver's license would be coming my way. It certainly was an era of great expectations with many new life experiences at my proverbial doorstep. While anticipating all these special moments in life, my DREAM was to play on the best high school baseball team in Wyoming Valley.

After gaining experience on the Newport High School Baseball Team in '57 when the Nutcrackers were challenging for the Southern Division Title (came in second to Northwest), I was excited about our chances in 1958. Our team had to replace some outstanding graduates which included Elwood (Butch) Rinehimer, the "Ace" of the pitching staff for two seasons. The loss of three year shortstop Tom (Buzzy) Powis and two year starting first baseman Dave Stout left major holes to fill. Two key contributors who would be missed were Ed (Sonny) Rinehimer, the catcher, and Tom Faull,² the left fielder.

We had eleven returnees which included seven seniors: Sylvester Madurski, Tom Klukososki, Willard George, Bobby Ferlick, Larry Kerutis, Ron Rinehimer and Warren Peters. The four returning underclassmen were Jim Schinski, Paul Shemanski, Pat Rutkowski and myself. The aforementioned jointure came at the right time; two experienced players from Northwest, Denny Kubasko and Ray Krauser, the Rangers' starting first baseman and shortstop, came onboard. New

players who sought action were: Alex Kostek, Dave Gliddon, Bob Sudol, Barry Frank, Ron Hoch and George Hmelak. Every player was vital to the "chemistry" and success of the team. Now it was time for Coach Zig Najaka's to "wave his magic wand" and guide his squad to the 6th Southern Division Championship of the 1950's. The die was cast!

The '58 baseball season of the Wyoming Valley Conference began with the usual cold and rainy weather. Pre-season practice began in the middle of March; there was a larger contingent of players trying out for the team. Coach Najaka trimmed the roster after a few workouts and we began full-scaled practices at Weineck Park in Glen Lyon. Thankfully, the weather improved, practices were fun and the team concept was in the building process. In April, the #1 record on the Billboard's Top Ten was "Tequila" by the Champs, a name that we would like to affix to our Newport Ball Club. In fact, our student body was entertained to that hit song during an assembly (Chapel) by two schoolmates,³ drawing huge applause. Although the song had a one-word lyric, the music had a great beat and was exhilarating.

Newport started the season on a high note with an exhibition game at Kingston, which was an interesting opponent considering the Wyoming Valley League officials had chosen Kingston's field to hold the post-season tournament.⁴ The Nutcrackers defeated the Huskies 10-1 behind Larry Kerutis' 3-hitter and Jim Schinski's hitting. Two days later, on April 17, the squad began its quest for the Southern Division Title.

Traveling to Northwest, the '57 Wyoming Valley Champions⁵, the 1958 edition of the "Red & Black" served notice that this team was a serious contender. The Township "nine" claimed a 3-0 shutout victory behind the pitching of Tom Klukososki. Ray Krauser and Larry Kerutis led the offense, each hitting a double. At Larksville, the diamond men scored seven runs in the 2nd inning, which included a home run by Denny Kubasko. Willard George silenced the Green Wave batters, notching 12 strikeouts in the 9-3 win. Finally playing at home and hosting unbeaten Plymouth, the home team scored three runs in the 2nd inning, highlighted by a two run single by Paul Shemanski. Tom Klukososki outperformed John Polanchak in an old-fashioned pitchers' duel throwing a complete game 3-1 victory. Nanticoke was the next opponent at home. Newport earned a 6-2 decision aided by Tom K's 9 strikeouts and the hitting of the other "K" boys: Kashatus and Kerutis, each with two hits and a double by Kubasko.

As the school calendar became filled with activities⁶ in May, the baseball team remained focused on competing with each and every opponent. Willard George was cruising along with a one-hitter against Larksville, our third consecutive home game, when the Green Wave bats came to life in the top of the seventh inning, tying the score 1-1. Newport eked out a win in the 8th inning scoring the winning run on a hit-by-pitch, a stolen base, an error and a bunt. Tom K gained his fourth win in a relief role. The next challenge was Plymouth; the Indians were in a second place tie with Nanticoke. This game was set to be played at the newly dedicated field, Community Park. The Newport boys helped to dedicate the field with some "fireworks" of their own: 10 runs, 9 hits, 3 home runs (Madurski, Schinski & Kubasko) and 10 strikeouts by Tom Klukososki who gave up one run racking up his fifth win.

The Nutcrackers clinched the Southern Division Pennant one week later with a 7-1 win at Nanticoke. The offense was sparked by Jim Schinski (4-4), Syl Madurski (3-4) and a home run by Denny Kubasko. Tom K garnered his 6th win, surrendering 2 hits and striking out 12

3. Leo Gavel and Leon Sidas.

4. Artillery Park was being dismantled and no longer available.

5. Eddie Gayeski, a Newport Grad who played on the 1936 Baseball Championship team was the coach of Northwest in 1957.

6. High School dances, Band Concert, Military Ball, Senior Class Play, Class Trips, Junior/Senior Prom, Class and Student Council elections, Class Day, etc..

1. Another significant event: my favorite team, the Milwaukee Braves, won the World Series.
2. Coach Najaka said that Tom hit the longest home run in Newport history. During a league game at the Ash Diamond in Plymouth, Tom hit a ball into a coal car of a moving train headed to a far-off destination.

Rams. The final home game against Northwest was played the following day. Willard George struck out 10 Rangers, while giving up 3 hits. Willard had three hits, which included a three run homer. Ron Rinehimer and Syl Madurski contributed to the offense, each getting two hits in the 7-4 victory. Having an undefeated record and the Southern Division "Flag," Newport was now preparing to meet other division winners in the regional tourney.

The Playoffs

The first round of the playoffs pitted Newport against Marymount, the Catholic League Division Champs. Another rematch for the coaches,⁷ Zig Najaka and Chet Wasilewski, who managed against each other in 1953 and 1954. Marymount's lefty Joe Gocek had a 8-1 record and was matched up against Tom Klukososki who posted a 6-0 record. The Nutcrackers took the lead with a run in the 1st inning on a triple by Madurski, who scored on a squeeze by Kashatus. Jim Schinski led off the 4th inning with a single, Willard George was hit by a pitch, and both advanced after a strike out. On a bungled suicide squeeze, Jim scored after colliding with the catcher at home plate, dislodging the ball. Willard scored as the catcher was retrieving the baseball. Tom K gave up two hits (both in the 6th inning) and struck out 8 batters in the 3-0 shutout, as he out-dued Gocek, who struck out 12.

In the semi-finals, the Hanover Hawkeyes, Central Division Champs locked horns with Coach Najaka's squad. It was reported that a dozen Major League scouts were in attendance to see the two unbeaten pitchers, Ed Kaminski (Hanover) and Tom Klukososki (Newport). The game was played in front of a large, intense crowd and it certainly was a nail biter. Newport scored two runs in the 1st inning on a triple by Madurski, a walk, a single by Kubasko and a ground out by Krauser. Hanover tied the score in the 4th inning when Jack Tinner singled, John Horoshko was hit by a pitch and Bob Coach hit a double near the left center field fence. Denny Kubasko's steal attempt to third base in the 5th inning resulted in an errant throw allowing the eventual winning run to score. Syl Madurski made the defensive play of the tourney on a smash by Markowich in the top of the 7th inning which quelled a potential Hawkeye rally. Klukososki gave up 4 hits and struck out 10 in the 3-2 win, which placed the Nutcrackers in the finals.

Pittston, the East Division Champs, nipped Jenkins Township East Anthracite Champs 3-2 and upset the highly favored Plains Red Raiders (7-3), North Division Champs, to gain the other berth in the finals. Eight days after winning the semi's, the Nutcrackers were set for the championship clash with the Panthers. Newport scored one run in the 1st inning and added five more in the 2nd to break open the game. Jim Schinski and Willard George singled, followed by Larry Kerutis' sacrifice bunt. Bob Ferlick and Tom Klukososki each singled in a run. Madurski hit into a fielder's choice and Kashatus walked to load the bases. Denny Kubasko singled to score two runs and the third run scored resulted from an error. The "Red & Black" scored one run in each of the 4th and 5th innings for an 8-0 win. Kubasko, Kerutis and Klukososki each had two hits to lead the offense. Tom Klukososki was dominant on the mound, allowing three runners on base, a hit, an error and his only walk of the tournament. The Nutcrackers won their second Wyoming Valley Regional Championship in the decade.⁸

Post-Season Tributes

The presentation of the Wilkes Barre Business College Trophy, a trip to New York to see a Major League game and Championship Jackets for each team member were rewards for a great season. Being on the undefeated team and sharing those moments and memories with teammates is priceless. When Principal Frank Shepela gave special recognition to all the players

7. The 2021 Spring Issue of the NTCO Newsletter.

8. The 1954 Newport Team was the previous winner, article published in NTCO Newsletter, Spring 2021 issue.

of Newport's Baseball Championship Team at the 1958 Commencement in June, it was one of my biggest thrills. In June, coincidentally, the #1 song at the top of the charts was "All I Have to Do is Dream", by the Everly Brothers. The once famous newscaster Paul Harvey would have said, "Now you know the rest of the story."

Epilogue

Tom Klukososki signed a professional contract with the Phillies. Tom was the seventh signee⁹ of the last ten years, succeeding Stan Pawloski, Emil Augustine, Bob Duliba, Ken Welgoss, Clem Kovalich and Gene Domzalski.¹⁰ Newport's 1959 baseball team copped the 7th Southern Division Title in the decade, but lost to Plains in the regional semi-finals 1-0. Newport's basketball and baseball teams of the 1960's were very competitive, winning or tying their respective divisions, without claiming another Wyoming Valley Championship, hence the title of the article – Newport's Last Championship.

May 29, 1958 (First Round)

| Marymount | ab r h | Newport | ab r h |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Konieski lf | 3 0 0 | Madurski 2b | 3 1 1 |
| Baran cf | 3 0 0 | Kashatus 3b | 2 0 0 |
| Smith 1b | 3 0 0 | Kubasko 1b | 2 0 0 |
| Wasilewski ss | 3 0 0 | Krauser ss | 3 0 0 |
| Radvilla 3b | 3 0 0 | Schinski cf | 3 1 1 |
| Burowski rf | 2 0 0 | George rf | 2 1 0 |
| Chabala rf | 0 0 0 | Shemanski lf | 3 0 0 |
| Witczak c | 2 0 1 | Ferlick c | 3 0 1 |
| Yurish 2b | 2 0 0 | Klukososki p | 2 0 1 |
| Gocek p | 2 0 1 | | |
| Totals | 23 0 2 | Totals | 22 3 4 |
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| Newport | 100 020 X-3. | | |
| 3B—Madurski SO—Gocek 12, Klukososki 8 | | | |
| BB—Gocek 2 Umpires— Andrews and Jerrytone | | | |

June 3, 1958 (Semi-Final)

| Hanover | ab r h | Newport | ab r h |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------|
| Piestrak ss | 3 0 0 | Madurski 2b | 3 1 1 |
| Tinner 2b. | 3 1 1 | Kashatus 3b | 1 1 0 |
| Horoshko 3b | 2 1 1 | Kubasko 1b | 2 1 2 |
| Sadowski c | 3 0 0 | Krauser ss | 2 0 0 |
| Coach lf | 3 0 2 | Schinski cf | 2 0 1 |
| Markowich cf | 3 0 0 | George rf | 3 0 0 |
| Kempinski 1b | 3 0 0 | Shemanski lf | 2 0 2 |
| Collins rf | 2 0 0 | Ferlick c | 3 0 0 |
| Kaminski p | 2 0 0 | Klukososki p | 3 0 1 |
| Totals | 24 2 4 | Totals | 21 3 7 |
| Hanover | 000 200 0-2 | | |
| Newport | 200 010 X-3 | | |
| 2B—Klukososki, Coach 3B—Madurski | | | |
| SO—Klukososki 10, Kaminski 5, BB—Kaminski 5 | | | |
| Umpires—Agurkis and Shevock | | | |

Pittston

| | Ab r h |
|-------------|--------|
| DiBuono 2b | 3 0 0 |
| Richards rf | 3 0 0 |
| Tribbett ss | 3 0 1 |
| Knowles cf | 3 0 0 |
| Argo 1b | 3 0 0 |
| Tinyulas c | 3 0 0 |
| Anzalone lf | 3 0 0 |
| Brown 3b | 1 0 0 |
| Mugford p | 2 0 0 |
| Totals | 24 0 1 |

Newport

| | Ab r h |
|--------------|---------|
| Madurski 2b | 3 1 0 |
| Kashatus 3b | 3 1 1 |
| Kubasko 1b | 3 1 2 |
| Krauser ss | 4 0 0 |
| Schinski cf | 4 1 1 |
| George lf | 4 2 1 |
| Kerutis rf | 2 0 2 |
| Ferlick c | 3 0 1 |
| Klukososki p | 3 2 2 |
| Totals | 29 8 10 |

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| Pittston | 000 000 0 | 0 |

E- Madurski, Tribbett. 2B- Kerutis. SO— Klukososki 9, Mugford 4. BB-Klukososki 1, Mugford 2. Umpires- Hawkins and Sinco.

Sources: Times Leader, Wilkes Barre Morning Record, "Patton's Patter", Tom, Syl, Jim, Denny, Willard

9. In 1958, Tom pitched for Newport High School and Johnson City, Tennessee of the Appalachian League (both champions) before his 18th birthday.

10. Referenced in the Summer Issue 2012 of NTCO Newsletter

Veterans Day 2021 Not to be Forgotten

Vermiculture

By Krysten Michaels
with commentary by Tom
Kashatus ~

Vermiculture/
vermicomposting are
two words that may go
together and may be
considered a form of
recycling. Vermiculture
is the culture of earth-
worms. The goal is to
continually increase the
number of worms in
order to obtain a sustain-
able harvest for a
specific purpose. Vermicomposting is the
process by which worms
are used to convert
organic materials
(usually wastes) into a
humus-like material
known as



vermicompost which may be used as soil or organic compost.

Raising red wiggler worms is a specialty of Joe Michaels (pictured above). A resident of Alden, Michaels bought one thousand red wiggler worms to use as fishing bait. Upon starting his vermicomposting initiative with the red wigglers, he noticed that after 90 days his worm supply doubled. Also he noticed that red wigglers are soil making machines that live off of things like fruit rinds, vegetable peels, coffee grounds, etc. He also discovered that table scraps from animals and citrus fruits do not make suitable organic materials for the red wiggler worms to break down. Michaels decided to revisit this old hobby from the 70's that would additionally prove beneficial to his gardening. He wanted to develop his own organic soil and, as a retiree, have another sustaining hobby that he enjoys. Michaels says, "My flowers have never been so vibrant. My plants are thriving; and I have all the fishing bait that I need."

Earthworms are known as a "farmer's best friend" for many reasons. Earthworms provide soil and plant health as they nurture the soil. Michaels is in his third year as a vermiculture enthusiast. "There are no chemicals in the soil and it's better than any store bought fertilizer, by far," Michaels says.

After interviewing Michaels, Tom Kashatus stated, "At age 78, Joe's enthusiasm and intensity for his composting hobby is a tribute to him as many hours are put forth for the right reasons. It just gives someone a great feeling to see the personal satisfaction written all over Mr. Michael's face as he shows his methods of operation and the results of his efforts."

If someone is interested in how to start their own vermicomposting, please contact Joe Michaels via email at: Joemichaels570@yahoo.com.

By Tom Kashatus ~ The following story is one of many experienced by our local honorable warriors over the years who served our country proudly in foreign lands for the freedom and respect of all mankind. Others have honorably served within the boundaries of America and contributed unselfishly to the support of those who served overseas and the many who did not return. This story may be construed as (1) a history lesson and (2) an honorarium to the many men and women who were from Newport Township and served in the Armed Forces during a time of world conflict.

Tarawa – Seventy-seven years ago, US Marines waded into "the toughest battle in Marine Corps history." Tarawa was a coral atoll within a number of atolls in the Gilbert Island complex in the Pacific Ocean located just north of the equator and east of Japan. During World War II, Japan seized the Gilberts from British ownership as the islands were of huge strategic significance to the protection of the Japanese Empire from surging Allied Forces destined to bring the war to an end. The attack on Tarawa was focused on the main island, Betio, in the atoll which was also heavily defended by elite Japanese troops and supporting forces. US Marines stormed ashore Betio on November 20, 1943; and after three days of intense fighting and heavy casualties, Betio was wrested from the tenacious Japanese defenders.



No one knew of Tarawa better than Corporal Ed Mierzwa, a volunteer Marine from Glen Lyon and others who were there. Cpl. Mierzwa was born in Teasdale, formerly a patchtown located between Lee and Glen Lyon, in 1915. He was one of six children – Edward, Walter, Verna, Helen, Lillian, and Jenny. Soon thereafter the family moved to Glen Lyon as Teasdale was destined to be demolished in order to mine the coal underneath its surface. When he came of age, Ed began his career in the mines. Upon the commencement of World War II and after two attempts to volunteer for duty, he was finally accepted into the Marines on his third attempt in December 1942.

Ed was there, he saw the worst of the worst, he was part of it, and he returned home to talk about it – but he never did, as so many other veterans who returned. They were satisfied to leave the war behind them.

Cpl. Mierzwa was 28 years old at the time of the Tarawa invasion; he was the "Old Man" of his unit. Ed's job was to operate a flame thrower and he was assisted by two other Marines. During the battle he suffered an injury from a bomb that exploded near him. Cpl. Mierzwa paid the price of conflict when he was sent to Hawaii for treatment of injuries incurred during the battle. Later, he returned home, married, worked hard, raised his family, and lived a good life. He earned the respect of his community as did so many others who returned to their roots.

Newport Township now pays homage to all those veterans with its current "Hometown Heroes" initiative that identifies those many deserving men and women. The organizations and citizens who are responsible for this very worthwhile program are to be commended.

Note: See NTCO Spring Newsletter 2021, page 3, "Marines at Prayer."

Above photo taken from www.wikipedia "The Battle of Tarawa."

For more information on the Battle go to: www.businessinsider.com/battle-of-tarawa-in-wwii-the-toughest-battle-in-marine-corps-history-2017-11.

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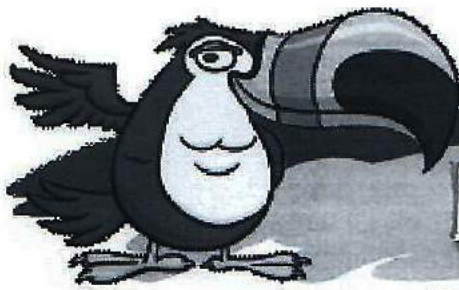
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| Turkey | \$4.49 \$6.99 |
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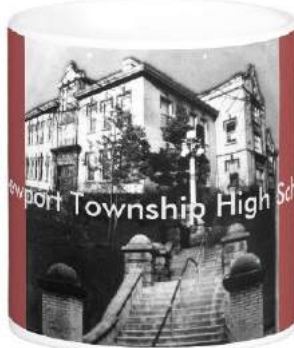
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The Newport Township Community Organization and the Weinberg Regional Food Bank are working together to host a Food Distribution for those in need.

With the cooperation of the Township Board of Commissioners and Township Manager Joe Hillan, outdoor distributions take place in a drive-through format at the Wanamie Recreation Park on the second Saturday of the month between 11 am and 12 noon. Seasonal fruits and vegetables, along with milk, canned goods, rice and pasta are among the foods available. The distributions will continue throughout the fall and winter, weather permitting.

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