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## ***Newport Township Community Organization's Summer Fun Program Closes With a Carnival Type Program and Record Attendance - 2008 Best Year Ever For 3 Year Old Program***



Pictured above with Tux, the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins Mascot, are 52 children along with Summer Fun Officials and parents who were present for the final 2008 Summer Fun session. The young lady pictured on the left with her back to the camera is videographer Shannon Roche from WNEP TV shooting a video segment of the group saying "Good Morning Pennsylvania" which was subsequently used the following week to introduce several segments of local morning news on WNEP TV.

## **Township Commissioners Working on Community Improvement Project**

**By John Jarecki** The Township Commissioners are working on an extensive project to improve access to the Community and to solve a number of our serious problems, such as low water pressure, abandoned buildings, an old municipal building, and deteriorating recreation areas.

The project that they consider most important is promoting the construction of the South Valley Parkway, a new highway that will extend from the South Cross Valley Expressway to Kirmar Parkway, providing ready access to the Township and encouraging business use of community land. In doing this, they have arranged a series of meetings with local officials such as Representative John Yudichak, Senator Raphael Musto, Michael Lombardo, who is in charge of the Governor's North Eastern Pennsylvania office, Nanticoke officials, and representatives from PennDOT.

In working on their other goals, the Commissioners have gotten a good deal of help from Mr. Lombardo. He has suggested ways of getting support and government grants that we can apply for. For example, his suggestion that the Commissioners talk to the state Department of Community and Economic Development led to another suggestion, by the Department's representatives, that we make a comprehensive development plan and cooperate with another local government, say Conyngham Township, as preparation for applying for Community improvement grants. The Commissioners are now

*By Bill Hourigan* Excitement began to rise at the Wanamie Recreation Park when the sound of a blaring horn and the wailing of a siren reached the ears of the 52 children attending the final session of the 2008 Summer Fun Program. All eyes turned to the park entrance as the Newport Township Rescue 1 Fire Truck proceeded towards the children with Tux riding high atop the massive vehicle waving to all.

From that time on there was nothing but fun for those in attendance. The games were fun for the kids and adults alike. No children were without some type of activity in which they could participate. All children present received a gift or prize by the end of the day.

Tux proved to be a big hit with both kids and adults during the entire event with his ongoing antics.

The Summer Fun Program began 3 years ago when attendance ranged from 9 to 20 children per session. Attendance has steadily risen over the 3 years of the program with this year's attendance ranging from a low of 20 to a high of 52.

In 2007 the program was improved when bus service was arranged to transport children from Glen Lyon to and from the Wanamie Recreation Park.

Plans are already underway for next year's program. If feasible another bus pick up may be arranged for children residing in the Alden section of the Township.

*(See Summer Fun on page 4 for additional comments from the program's director "Murph" Fletcher.)*

## ***Community Organization Presents Commissioners with Annual Five Point Plan Suggesting Areas On Which Officials Should Concentrate their Energy***

1. Actively pursue grants to improve the overall quality of life within the Township and retain the services of a grant writer to assist in this endeavor.
2. Develop a ten (10) year plan for paving of Township Roads, and a five (5) year capital improvement plan for purchase of equipment.
3. Strictly and equitably enforce all existing Township ordinances, and upon request make copies available to the residents at no cost.
4. Develop an informational packet highlighting all salient attributes of the Township and make it available to prospective developers of land or buildings within the Township.
5. Institute a program oriented toward refurbishment of all Township owned or administered recreational properties.

As an advisory body, The Community Organization recognizes that these recommendations can be accepted or rejected at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners. However, we do request that as elected officials you incorporate these suggestions when charting the Township's future.

arranging discussions with Conyngham representatives and intend to apply for a municipal planning grant.

The Commissioners have done a great deal of work on this project. We thank them for their effort and wish them the best of luck.

## Editorial

As press time approached many rumors regarding a possible relocation of the Twp. Fire Department to the former Delbalslo Ford Building in Nanticoke are in the air. The rumors indicate that Twp. Commissioners and Nanticoke City Officials are thinking of sharing the building to house the fire trucks and equipment of both municipalities.

While the Township certainly needs an adequate facility for the Fire Department the idea of locating it out of the Township at the farthest point from some of its coverage areas seems unwise to us.

Such a move needs to be fully justified by an extensive feasibility study and needs to be approved by the votes of our citizens after a full disclosure of the study is published.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FALLOF 2008

During the past quarter, the Newport Township Community Organization has continued its efforts to assist in improving the overall quality of life within the Municipality.

For the fifth consecutive year since its formation, the Community Organization submitted a Five Point Plan to the Township's Board of Commissioners outlining those areas upon which the volunteer group suggests the elected officials should concentrate for the next year.

A list of these recommendations is addressed in a more detailed article elsewhere in this publication.

Co Chairpersons of the Community Organization's Recreation Committee Merlyn "Murph" Fletcher and Mary Margaret Kashatus made the past summer the most successful of the Group's Annual Summer Fun Program

Plans are already underway to insure that next year's program will surpass the prior years' events.

Township residents are strongly encouraged to have their children participate in these enjoyable and educational activities.

October 11<sup>th</sup> marks the date of the Organization's fifth annual Fall Festival. As usual, it will be held at the Holy Child Grove in Sheatown.

This fun filled event continues to grow each year, and will have more activities than in past years that will appeal to family members of all ages.

The hours are from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the home cooking, and everything else planned to insure a good time for all those who attend.

During the Summer, Organization members again joined together to pick up litter along the Kirmar Parkway.

The task will be performed again during the Fall season.

Volunteers are encouraged to assist Community Organization members in this worthwhile endeavor.

Township residents are again encouraged to attend the monthly meetings of the Municipality's governing body, and assist the Organization and the elected officials in insuring that Newport remains a First Class Township in all respects.

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## RECYCLING IN NEWPORT TOWNSHIP

By Tom Kashatus & Paul Jarecki Since the beginning of every spring as one passes the "three legged" area on the outskirts of Glen Lyon you can always see residents and non-residents taking advantage of the compost pile dumped daily by employees of the Earth Conservancy Compost Center who run the operation there. The compost is the result of a biodegradable process or decomposition of yard waste – grass cuttings, leaves, weeds, branches, Christmas trees, etc., that are brought into the facility and ground into mulch. The final product in this process is used for planting, mulching gardens, flower beds, etc. The Earth Conservancy also mixes the compost with top soil to use with their mine reclamation projects.

The compost center got its start August 23, 1995 when PA DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) granted approval and granted funds from the Northeast Tier of the Ben Franklin Technology Center to Earth Conservancy to construct a yard waste composting facility within Newport Township. Pennsylvania DEP also granted funds for equipment at the initial start-up. John Renfer, Executive Administrator of Earth Conservancy, stated that today it costs about \$200,000.00 per year to operate the Center and those costs are taken from the Conservancy's general fund. Is it a profitable operation? No, not even close. Mr. Renfer also noted that, by State law, some communities of a certain population are required to provide a recycling program for yard waste and Earth Conservancy became the liaison in Luzerne County for that purpose. These municipalities, through the grant process, have also helped to furnish equipment for the compost center. Some of those communities that recycle material at the facility include Ashley, Edwardsville, Forty Fort, Larksville, Plymouth, Pringle, Shickshinny, Sugar Notch, Swoyersville, Nanticoke, Wilkes Barre, Conyngham Township, Hanover Township, and Plains Township. Newport Township's population numbers do not meet that standard required for mandatory pick-up of yard waste. The Center processes about 26,000 cubic yards (or 8,000 tons) of material yearly. The composting facility has received three Waste Watcher Awards issued by PA DEP, the Public Recycling Officials of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association.

Many Newport Township residents and "out of towners," landscape/lawn contractors, and those municipalities throughout Luzerne County deliver their yard waste to the Compost Center contributing to its effort of making compost all year round. The best part of dealing with the Compost Center is that, at this time, the compost is free and there is no charge for dumping the yard waste. Mr. Renfer stated that there is a sign posted that donations are accepted for their service, but generally this request is ignored. A problematic issue which he emphasized is when people ignore the sign that stipulates "the hours of operation" – 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. during weekdays and (after May 31<sup>st</sup>) 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays – and dump their waste in front of the gate when it is closed.

We in Newport are very fortunate because the compost center is in our back yard and there is easy access to it. With constant emphasis on recycling today it's sad to say that, even with the easy access to the Center; however, we can still see residents dumping yard waste "over the bank" or putting it out with the

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## ***(A Stroll Back In Time) Community Organization Members Lend A Hand AT Newport Cemetery***



By Paul Jarecki Newport Cemetery, the oldest cemetery in the Township is located in Newport Center about 1/2 mile off Old Newport Road. The oldest marker to be found in the Cemetery is that of George France, 1781-1815. The epitaph reads "departed from the sting of a bee". Accord-

NTCO volunteers shown righting the last one of 3 vandalized headstones at Newport Cemetery

ing to Jimmy Griffith, the Cemetery Caretaker, there are older graves in the cemetery which had markers long since deteriorated beyond recognition, and they were removed by previous caretakers.

Markers for some original families of the Township (Belles, Croops, Deets, Fairchild, Gruver, Lutsey, Vandermark and Womelsdorf) can still be seen .

On July 19, 2008, Steve Phillips, Tom Kashatus, John Jarecki, Paul Jarecki, Murph Fletcher, Heidi Selecky and Palmira Miller of the Newport Township Community Organization met with Jimmy Griffith, to assist him in the task of resetting three headstones, located in the center of the cemetery. which had been toppled by vandals.

After surveying the damage, the group of volunteers came up with a plan and set about the daunting task of up righting, resetting and re-sealing the headstones. It was not an easy task. One of the headstones weighed in excess of 900 lbs.

Three hours later,, after much creative maneuvering, lifting and straining, the headstones were reset and resealed. A grievous wrong had been righted.

Make a point to visit Newport Cemetery in the near future.

***Walking through the Newport Cemetery is like A Stroll Back In Time!***

## **A Perfect Example of Community Cooperation & Improvement**



By Tom Kashatus Anthony and Debra Ginocchietti, 588 Old Newport Street, Wanamie purchased a derelict property next door to their home in August 2006 for \$23,000.00. Mr. Ginocchietti stated that their specific intent was to buy the property, demolish it, and show an improvement to the general area.

There was an opportunity to purchase the property at a Luzerne County Sheriff's Sale, but their bid was not accepted. Determined not to let the property fall into irresponsible hands, the property was eventually purchased from the bank through Antonik Real Estate.

Fortunately for the Ginocchietti's at about the same time, Newport Township received a \$125,000.00 grant from Luzerne County Community Development for demolition and other financial and legal assistance was offered by the Newport Authority. The Ginocchietti's submitted an application for assistance which was processed through the Board of Commissioners and the Ginocchietti property qualified for help to be demolished under a program offered by the municipality.

After the demolition and backfilling the Ginocchietti's purchased some top soil and with hard work, the seeding of grass, planting of flowers, along with some minor landscaping, they turned and eyesore into something that brightened up their community. Truly a project of which they could be proud .



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Also for sale are wooden miniature plaques of **Newport Township High School**. They were designed by the Cat's Meow, a company well-known for collectables of this type. They measure 4x6 and sell for \$15.00 (\$18.50 with shipping)

Thanks to the generosity of the late John Forgach and many other contributors, a DVD is being developed with over 700 pictures depicting the history of Newport Township. The DVD **Newport Township: Our Roots** will be sold for \$15.00 (\$18.00 with shipping) as soon as it is completed.

All three items can be purchased by contacting Heidi Selecky at 736-6782 or Paul Jarecki at 736-6620. The calendar is available at the Variety Stop on East Main Street, Glen Lyon.

The 2009 edition of the **Newport Township Calendar** with historical pictures is now available. Included are pictures of the Newport High School Basketball team of 1936, the only

## "Murph" Fletcher Comments on Summer Fun

Well year 3 of **Summer Fun** has come and gone. We are delighted to report that because we actively pursued generating a budget, we were able to provide a variety of interesting and fun programs along with a field trip.

We wish you could have heard the laughter and joy that the children expressed at some of the performances.

They also learned that everything does not go right the first time you try to build a Tee Pee. The odors on a farm were a new experience for them also. Learning about preparation before a performance is important along with creating and performing the dances they choreographed.

For the first time a day at the Alden Playground was added to the schedule to check for a possible interest in the program. Much to our surprise 18 children showed up and enjoyed the games we provided. It now gives us a challenge on how we may get them involved in next year's program.

The last day ended as the group became TV stars on the WNEP TV Good Morning Pennsylvania segment. **The segment ended on a humorous note as one child walks out of the picture, and another child says "What are we supposed to do with that kid"?** That phrase will give us the incentive to design next year's program to answer that question and attempt to see that the children have a happy and unforgettable **Summer Fun** experience. To all those that assisted with the program with your time, efforts and donations---

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**Sincerely, "Murph" Fletcher**

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## People - Informative Stories About Newport Township's Present & Past Residents



**Father Joe Kutch**

By Heidi Selecky Assigned a little over a year ago, Father Joseph Kutch is pastor of Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Parish in Glen Lyon and Wanamie. He has traveled a winding road to get here.

The son of Martha and the late John Kutch, Father Joe grew up in Simpson along with three siblings, John, Mary and Anne. His father was Head of Maintenance at Gentex, a military contractor in Simpson. Anne became Sister Anne of the Order of Saint Francis. He attended Carbondale Jr./Sr. High School and graduated in 1980. During his junior year, Father Joe participated in a retreat at St. Pius X Seminary in Dalton. He realized his vocation with the help of his parish priest and role model, Father Cyril Rable. The following year, he attended another retreat and his fate and faith were sealed.

He then earned his Bachelor's degree in Communications at the University of Scranton in 1984. He almost had enough credits for a double major in philosophy. While attending classes, he lived at the seminary in Dalton. Each year, two seminarians would be chosen to study in Rome. Candidates were interviewed and required to write an essay. Out of nine, Father Joe was selected as one of the two. Between 1984 and 1988, Father Joe pursued studies at two colleges, the Pontifical Gregorian University, a Jesuit school, and Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican school. He graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Sacred Theology and a Masters degree in Spirituality. He took a crash course in Italian and can still get by. Father Joe took advantage of his good fortune: he shook the hand of Pope John Paul II on nine separate occasions and spoke to the Holy Father twice. He still expresses amazement at the late Pontiff's ability to interact with every person he came into contact with.

Upon completion of his studies, Father was ordained in 1988. His first assignment was assistant to Mgr. (later Bishop) Dougherty at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Scranton. Over the course of nine years, Father Joe's next assignments took him to West Hazleton, Williamsport, Peckville, Wilkes-Barre, and Nanticoke. In 1997, he was sent as Pastor to Elkland near Mansfield for four years and then to White Mills for six years. He was assigned to Corpus Christi in 2007.

In high school, Father Joe had two friends, one who wanted to be a carpenter, the other wanted to be an electrician. The joke among them became that the carpenter would BUILD the house, the electrician would WIRE the house, and Father Joe would BLESS the house!

Father Joe enjoys fishing for perch and bluegill as a hobby. He used to bowl until a knee injury sidelined him. He is happy to be here in Newport Township and is very aware of the challenges ahead. Father Joe celebrates his 20<sup>th</sup> year in the priesthood this year. We wish him many more years in the Lord's Service.

### ***Newport and Nanticoke Ambulance Groups Discussing Regionalization Plan***

By Tom Kashatus Newport Township Board of Commissioners have been informed that the Newport Township Fireman's Ambulance Association is moving forward in negotiations with Nanticoke Ambulance whereby both organizations will dissolve and form a new organization tentatively called the South Valley Regional Ambulance.

The regionalization effort and team is headed by Bernard Norieka, President of Nanticoke Ambulance. Newport Township is represented by John and Janine Floryshak and Dan and Jason Kowalski, officers of the Newport Township association. Other members representing Nanticoke are business persons, Kirk Janowitz of Connecticut Hypodermic and Karen Hazleton, CPA.

Currently the team is putting together a set of by-laws, applying for charitable 501(c)3 status, and developing a structural organization. The final Board of Directors will consist of nine members and the new company will be designated a "non profit" private entity. Memberships, as have been solicited in Newport Township, will continue to be a main source of revenue. The new company will have a salaried coordinator for the Advance Life Support (ALS) unit. The Floryshaks stated that they strongly feel that volunteerism continue to be an integral part of the ambulance service; however, they noted that details involving the payment of workman's compensation insurance for a volunteer are a crucial matter.

Mr. Norieka stated that twenty four hour ALS service, in addition to either a second ALS or BLS unit will remain a critical necessity for both communities. This is very important and beneficial to Newport Township, especially, since service on the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift is only available on a volunteer basis. He also stated that January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 is the target date for the new set up to commence.

**Discussion at the September Newport Township ambulance meeting indicated that changes at the Geisinger South (Mercy Hospital) have become very**

**critical regarding transportation of patients involving strokes and cardiac arrests. Mrs. Floryshak stated that if a patient and/or family insists and requests to be transported to Geisinger South, the ambulance personnel will have to abide by that request. But, most likely, the patient will only be stabilized there and moved to Geisinger North East (Geisinger Wyoming Valley).**

**Trauma cases will be serviced at Community Medical Center (CMC) in Scranton and soon at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley. Pediatric emergencies will be received at the Geisinger in Danville. Burn trauma most likely will be life flighted to Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown. The Geisinger South (Mercy Hospital) will continue to provide Emergency Room services.**

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*Continued from page 2* regular garbage pickup even though there is constant emphasis to recycle all recyclable materials. Then there are some residents in the Township who strongly believe in recycling and have established their own compost piles which they use for their home gardens.

Prior to four years ago Newport Township picked up yard waste but this was discontinued due to monetary constraints. Hopefully some day we can see this benefit return to our residents. Interestingly, Newport Township this year entered into a new three year contract with Mascaro Industries in the amount of almost \$1,000,000. The Township still picks up plastic bottles, aluminum and tin cans, etc. and delivers these items to their recycling center in Hanover Township. We are also contracted with Mascaro Industries to pick up one big item of junk during first garbage pick up of the month.

Usually during the month of April the Newport Township Community Organization with the cooperation of the Township Commissioners holds a "big junk drop off" at the Municipal Shed for the period of one week. This is conducted as part of the nationwide annual Great American Cleanup. This past year, with this effort, approximately 7.14 tons of municipal waste was taken to the Keystone Landfill by Mascaro Industries and Waste Reduction of Hanover Township and disposed free of charge.

This year as a fund raising project, the Newport Township Community Organization, will pick up and recycle metals (motor blocks, brake drums, wheel rims, lawnmowers, pipe, grills, appliances, bed frames and springs, swimming pools, bicycles, exercise equipment, furnaces, etc.), car batteries, and aluminum products to raise funds for our community projects. Tom Kashatus is chairman for this ongoing service and he may be contacted at 736-6981.

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# New Rescue Pumper



*By Dan Kowalski & Bill Hourigan* A new Rescue Pumper has been added to the equipment roster of the Newport Township Fire Department

The new truck, designated 163-R1, is a 2008 Smeal with a Spartan Diamond cab. It was designed from the ground up with the sole purpose of serving the residents of Newport Township. Every aspect of the truck was carefully considered based on the fire company needs.

The truck is equipped with an 8 passenger cab with heat and air conditioning and seats with air packs integrated into them. The seating area will provide a rehab center for firefighters to use in all climates.

Additional equipment carried on the truck includes a hydraulic generator and a variety of lights to light up any scene at night or in bad weather. Four of the lights are removable light towers which can be operated remotely.

The truck is equipped with a 1000 gal. water tank and a 40 gallon pre piped foam system. This is a large amount of water and foam and should be enough to extinguish most fires without additional water. Outside pumping capacity is rated at 1500 GPM. In addition the truck carries 850 feet of 5 in. supply hose, a 12,000 lb. winch with 100 ft. of cable and a 10 ft. inflatable Zodiac boat.

Other equipment carried on the truck which is dictated by the PA Dept. of Health includes Hurst tools (jaws of life) spreader, cutter, combi tool, as well as an assortment of rams, jacks, air bags, ropes and saws. Also carried are medical supplies, oxygen and radiological meters.

The new truck goes hand in hand with the Department's second rescue unit, 163-R2 commonly referred to as "The Off Road Rescue Unit". This unit is a trailer and pick-up truck combination which carries equipment which is more portable as well as forest fire fighting equipment.. The core of this unit consists of 2 differently configured 6

wheel ATV machines and an off road trailer. The units enable fire and rescue personnel to reach the remote areas where normal vehicles can not go to rescue injured persons and transport them to the nearest highway or road that can be accessed by on road vehicles. Unit 163-R2 is the only such unit in Luzerne County.

Both 163-R1 & R2 have been paid for entirely by grants and the Newport Township Fireman's Relief Association. None of the money came from the Newport Township Board of Commissioners.

**ALWAYS CALL 911 FOR ALL POLICE, FIRE & MEDICAL EMERGENCIES!**

**This will ensure your call has been received and logged.**

## Township Police Acquire New Cruiser



*By Bill Hourigan* Newport Township Police recently received a new cruiser which will replace an older high mileage model to be taken out of service. The cruiser is a 2008 Dodge Charger. Dodge Chargers have recently become the choice of many police departments due to a

slightly lower cost and a more powerful engine than the once favored Ford provides. The cruiser is well equipped and includes a low profile roof mounted light bar.

Funding for the vehicle was provided by a combination of a State Grant of \$20,000.00 and approximately \$7,500.00 Township Funds,



## Bartusek Completes Memory Walk

*By Bill Hourigan* Jared Bartusek of Glen Lyon, recently completed building a Memory Walk at the Wanamie Recreation Park.

The Memory Walk is part of Jared's Eagle Scout project. Many of the bricks in the walk are etched with the names of deceased relatives and friends of New-

port Township residents. The walk is a very attractive addition to the Park. Jared reports there is still room for additional Memorial Bricks in the Walk. Interested residents may contact Jared at (570) 736-6879.

As part of his project Jared also applied a finish coat of paint to the playground equipment in the area and the Pavilion Buildings which had been previously prepared for painting by volunteers from the Township Recreation Board.



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## NTCO & EPCAMR Join in Clean Up Project at Ice Caves



Pictured above are Heidi Selecky of the Newport Township Community Organization and Carley Truman, an Office of Surface Mining VISTA volunteer under the domestic AMERICOR program working for EPCAMR.

By Tom Kashatus  
Bob Hughes, Plymouth Township, of the Eastern PA Coalition for Abandon Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR) wears many suits of different colors. But what he does best is that he coordinates events. This past July 14<sup>th</sup> Mr. Hughes coordinated a clean up

of the area around the “ice caves” which is located just south of Old Parrish Cemetery outside of Glen Lyon on the road to Lee. Major participants in the clean up were Pen DOT, Wilkes University students, the Newport Township Community Organization, and Silver Brook Mining/Casey Kassa – owner of the property. As members of the freshman class at Wilkes who volunteer to do community service as a part of their orientation to a college career, the forty students filled a school bus driven by Mr. Hughes and arrived on the scene at 10:00 a.m. to begin the clean-up.

Years ago the “ice caves” was a favorite hangout for young beer drinkers and party goers who liked to “rough it” in the woods. Many, many years ago it was an entrance into underground mining operations in that area. What is unique about the caves is that you could see ice hanging from the walls, even during the hottest days of the year. Lately, its uniqueness was expanded as it became a haven for a protected species of bat – the Indiana brown bat. For this reason the area was cordoned off by the Department of the Interior with a 12 foot high fence. However, an accumulation of tires, wood, cinder blocks, and trash from environmental abusers and family cemetery caretakers remained.

After two hours of tiring work, 50 tires, 1,100 pounds of recyclable metal, and 10 cubic yards of landfill trash was pulled from the nearby wooded area of the caves and placed along the highway. The Community Organization transported two truck loads of metal to Allan’s Scrap yard in Wilkes-Barre Township and within the week Pen DOT removed the remainder of tires and trash.

Mr. Hughes coordinated a similar operation during the summer of 2007 around the Old Newport Cemetery just north of Newport Center. He also toured the Glen Lyon area with Bill Hourigan and Tom Kashatus of the Community Organization and documented other dump sites of trash and tires.

Mr. Hughes and his department recently assisted Newport Township with recent renovations at the Wanamie Recreation Park by providing the material for refurbishing the park benches and tables through an environmental education grant from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). He stated that when the opportunity arises, he has the paint and iron oxide pigment available to complete the job.

*Editors Note: Recent inspection of the above mentioned area indicates that dumping continues in the area. While the materials dumped appear to be mostly yard waste, some is not. The material is apparently being dumped from St. Adalbert’s Cemetery. Please use our Township Garbage Service & the Earth Conservatory site for your trash & yard waste!*

## Local Scout Groups Have Busy and Fun Summer While Earning Merit Badges

By Tom Kashatus  
On June 17<sup>th</sup> Glen Lyon American Legion Post 539, Boy Scout Troop 430, and Cub Scout Pack 430 celebrated our national Flag Day holiday by performing their annual celebration of flag burning. Proper flag protocol calls for old worn out flags to be destroyed in a ceremony as conducted by these organizations and shown in the above photo. The flags are brought to the Post home by members and other residents and also collected from the cemeteries when veteran’s organizations change the old flags for new flags from the gravesites of deceased service personnel during the Memorial Day Holiday.



Lighting the fire are Jacob Havey, Joshua Brady, Nick Havey, and Junior Vice Commander Gilbert Chesney. To the rear are Dill Ditchey, Brandon Ditchey, Commander Lorrie Materewicz, and Past Commander Bernard “Sonny” Witkowski.

During a busy summer Troop 430 and Pack 430 participated in the Pow Wow held on the August 9<sup>th</sup> weekend at the Wanamie Recreation Park. Cub Scouts Jacob Havey, Brandon Ditchey, and Joshua Brady, spent 3 days at Camp Acahela near Blakeslee in the Poconos. Boy Scouts Corey Hughes, Joey Brady Jr., Bill Yevich, and Connor Bobinoski spent a busy week at Camp Levine in Benton along Fishing Creek. All four earned a total of twenty two merit badges in the categories of leatherworking, archery, wood carving, fishing, swimming, and fly fishing. The scouts would like to inform the public that they are conducting their annual popcorn sale and contact person for this project is Joseph Brady Sr., 736-3035. During the month of November they will begin selling poinsettias for the Christmas season. Cub Scout Pack master George Thomas, 735-2416, is the lead contact person for holiday sales.

Currently registration is underway for Troop 430 and Pack 430. This may be accomplished at the post home at 64 Newport Street, Glen Lyon, 6:00 p.m. on Monday or Tuesday. Interested parties may also contact Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ditchey at 812-2989 for further information on scouting.

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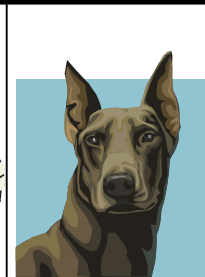
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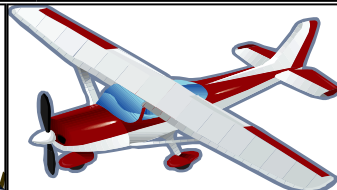
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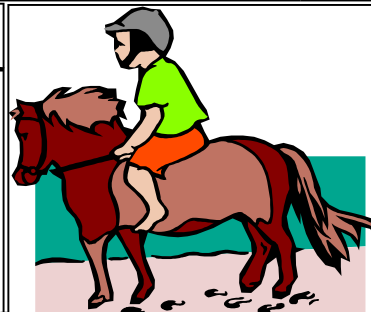
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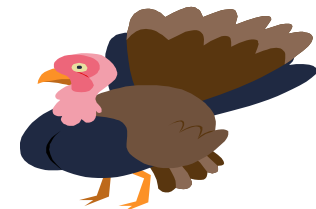


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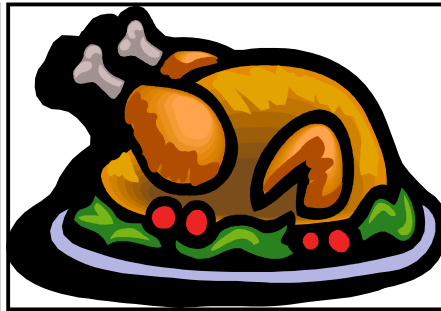
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