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Newport Township Authority



Pictured from the left are members of the Newport Township Authority: Stephen Phillips, President John Wilkes Jr., Secretary Diane Hillan, Vice President Joseph Deluca and Treasurer Peter Wanchisen. Absent when photo was taken were Solicitor Attorney Jonathan A. Spohrer and Engineer Michael J. Pasonick.

Written by Tom Kashatus The Newport Township Authority was established and its members appointed by the Newport Township Board of Commissioners over six years ago with the purpose of solving issues involving the Ridgeview Section of Newport Township and the Newport/Nanticoke Dan Flood Industrial Park. The Authority members fill positions that are non-salaried nor do they receive any compensation.

After bringing the issues of Ridgeview to a satisfactory conclusion the Authority was able to accumulate funds and became involved as the "key players" in a successful demolition program throughout Newport Township over the past four years at a time when Township finances became strained and limited. Success has been noted with grant funding from Luzerne County Community Development which is funneled to the Newport Township Board of Commissioners; however, the Authority has been committed to paying the "soft costs" involved in the demolition process. "Soft costs" include those involving attorneys' fees, asbestos and other inspection fees, engineering fees, advertisement, tax & lien fees, etc. Many hours of "legwork" by Authority members Wilkes, Wanchisen, and Deluca have been spent acquiring sign-off signatures and contacting individuals responsible for ownership of targeted properties and others involved in the flow of funds. If circumstances have required, the Authority has even dipped into their own general fund to offset the cost of some demolition projects. The most recent project undertaken by the **Newport Township Au-**



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(continued from col 1) has been in Glen Lyon with the demolition of 64 E. Main Street (across from the Keblish Café) and 2-4-6 Third Street (across from St. Denis Church) by Brennan Contracting of Carbondale. Purchase of the Third Street property from Luzerne County Tax Claim repository status was necessary to facilitate the demolition process.

As funding and budgets become even tighter, the Authority has plans and is still committed to moving forward with further demolition of dilapidated structures. With much more work to be done in a challenging financial atmosphere, a positive attitude and approach exists among members of the Newport Township Authority. Credit for the demolition of the eighteen plus properties demolished since inception of the Authority's program must also be given to the Newport Township Board of Commissioners, the Luzerne County Community Development Office, and former 119th Legislative District Representative John Yudichak (D).

Editorial



42-44 Newport Street

In conjunction with the lead story on page 1, NTCO wishes to express appreciation and thanks to the Newport Township Authority & Board of Commissioners for the demolition work which was recently completed.

Pictured above is yet another property which needs attention as soon as possible. Sometime in late fall or early winter the rear portion of this property collapsed. The collapsed section appears in the picture on the left. This section is in particular need of at least a cleanup. Not only is it subject to additional structural failure it also is subject to weather conditions, especially high winds, which often occur in thunder storms. In addition, the retaining wall which runs alongside of the property on Chestnut Street is old and cracked and may collapse at any time onto the adjacent sidewalk and Chestnut Street which border the property.

Unfortunately, the owner of the property is deceased. We urge the Newport Township Authority and the Board of Commissioners to act quickly to bring resolution to this situation.

More good news appears on page 14 of this edition regarding a very dangerous property located at 44 Coal Street



Russell Sager, DEP Specialist, Community Activist, Sportsman Passes Away

Russell J. Sager, of Arch Street in Glen Lyon, died Friday, April 22, 2011 at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, Philadelphia, following a lengthy illness.

Russ, as he was known to most friends, was born in Nanticoke in 1945.

Russ was a 1963 graduate of Newport Township High School, where he was an outstanding sportsman lettering in football, basketball and baseball. He also served as president of his senior class.

Following high school Russ enrolled at Kings College. That was during the Viet Nam era. Unfortunately his education was interrupted by Uncle Sam as he was drafted into the US Army which put a hold on his higher education. After completing his service, Russ returned to Kings College and completed his degree. He was employed as a compliance specialist for the Department of Environmental Protection until his retirement in 2005.

Russ volunteered his time with the Newport Township Little League serving as an assistant coach, manager, treasurer and

president. He was instrumental in implementing the tee-ball program.

Russ was a semi-professional baseball player, playing locally with the Sheatown Ramblers and DaDa's Glen Lyon Condors.

Russ belonged to many local organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree member of Bishop Hafey Assembly 325, president of the St. John the Baptist Cemetery Associates, and served as First Vice President of Newport Township Community Organization and as a member of the Board of Directors.

Russ is survived by his wife Sophia "Sia" Sweeney Sager, daughter, Rene Sager; and son, Darren "Bruce" Sager; sister, Elaine Evans and her husband, Ronald; niece and godchild, Lori Evans; brother Thomas Figmik, and his wife Joyce; niece Linda Davidson; and nephew, Thomas Figmik.

The Directors, Officers and Members wish to extend their sympathy to the Sager Family.

Russ was a good friend to all and a great asset not only to The Newport Township Community Organization but also to his Lord and fellow men through his service to his Church, his country, and the many organizations to which he belonged

May God Be With You, Good Friend

Crackdown on Speeding on Main Street in Glen Lyon promised by Police Commissioner

By Bill Hourigan Commissioner John Zyla indicated that the Newport Township Police Department has been and will continue to exert extra time on controlling and ticketing speeding vehicles traveling on the entire length of Main Street in Glen Lyon.

It is apparent to most observers that vehicles entering Glen Lyon from both the East and West sides of town make little or no effort to slow down and obey the posted speed limits within town.

Due to the many streets and alleys that cross or exit onto Main Street this situation presents a very serious threat to the safety of both motorists and pedestrians. It particularly presents danger to the many children of Glen Lyon who must often cross these streets for school buses and to travel to the homes of friends and relatives living nearby.

In addition to motor cars and trucks, ATVs, and motorcycles will be included in the crackdown.

ATVs are not permitted on the streets unless licensed. Police will stop and issue warnings and tickets to operators of such equipment. All such vehicles should be properly equipped with mufflers and lights and driven on streets only in emergencies.

Note: Police will also be ticketing & abandoned vehicles which may then be towed at the owner's expense!

Newport Township High School Alumnus Seeks Reunion

The Newport Township Community Organization has received a query from a former resident who now resides in New York State regarding a tentative reunion for the class of 1962 one of the last classes to graduate from the Newport Township High School as it was destroyed by fire in December of 1963. The year 2012 marks the 50th year since graduation and only one reunion has been held in the past 40 years.

If there is some way that this newsletter can be used as a catalyst to promote a reunion for the graduating class of 1962, please contact **Tom Kashatus at (570) 736-6981 or email tom-kash@verizon.net.**

West Main Street building struck by vandalism

by Bill Hourigan Some-time during the night of April 3rd the property at 68 West Main Street in Glen Lyon was vandalized by an unknown person or group of persons.



68 West Main Street

The building, which has unoccupied stores located at street level had 4 plate glass windows smashed out. The windows were apparently smashed out from the inside as much of the glass was spread out on the property surrounding the building and onto West Main Street as well. Anyone having additional information on the incident should call the Newport Township Police.

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP CLASS OF 1961 TO HOLD REUNION



Pictured above are members of the reunion committee clockwise from the left: Jean (Sudol) Primatic, Virginia (Wozinski) Pickle, Alberta (Waclawski) Yarasavage, Tom Federici, Theresa Novelli, Richard Burman, Al Yarasavage, and Joyce (Cavallini) Yohay.

Newport Township Class of 1961 is planning its 50th reunion to be held at Genetti's in Hazleton. The committee is asking for help in locating the following class members: Bernadine (Baran) Resperski, Jerome Cybulski, Judy (Davis) Fine, Mary (Hanlon) Rhode, Delores (Hoch) Burdette, Marie (Jarowewicz) Piestrak, Andrea (Markiewicz) MacConnel, Leonarda (Maslowski) Skinner, Anne Sanders, Loretta (Smereski) Marinacio, Patricia (Smereski) Rhinehamer, Paulette (Staskiel) Rinaldi, Cary Stewart, Deanne (Stortz) Neikum, Sandra Wasielewski, Eileen (Wertz) Mensh. Please contact Al Yarasavage at (570) 678-3037 or email at avarasage@epix.net.



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NEWPORT TOWNSHIP LITTLE LEAGUE OPENS APRIL 30th



Pictured above with Newport Township Community Organization 1st Vice President Palmira Gregory Miller are Little League officers Dave Buchinski, Mike Yalch, Van Tocket, Phoebe Hillan and Richelle Myers receiving a donation from the Community Organization.

Written by Dave Buchinski Newport Township Little League conducted opening day ceremonies and celebrate its 60th anniversary on April 30th which began with a parade throughout the Township. Participants organized at the cemeteries west of Glen Lyon and the parade commenced at 10 a.m. and followed West and East Main Streets in Glen Lyon, Vandermark Road in Wanamie to Center Street. Old Newport Street to Newport Center in Sheatown, Robert Street to East and West Kirmar Avenue in Alden, and West Main Avenue in Wanamie. At 11:30 a.m. dignitaries were presented to the public and a plaque was presented to the Tad Tarnowski family in his honor for the volunteerism he contributed to the Newport Township Little League over the years. The Aquafina pitch, hit and run (See Baseball at top of Column 2)

(Baseball) competition took place after introduction of players and coaches and exhibition contests from T-ball through major league began at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments were available throughout the day.

This year there are two major league boys' teams and one girls' team, one minor league boys' team and one girls' team, three coach-pitch coed teams and one coed T-ball team. The major league boys will play an interleague schedule with Nanticoke and Northwest. The major league girls will play an interleague schedule with Nanticoke, Northwest, Plains, Jenkins Township, Pittston Township, and Avoca.

Plans being finalized for the Memorial Day Weekend bazaar which is sponsored by Newport Township Little League in partnership with the Newport Township Fire Department to be held on May 27th, 28th, and 29th between the hours of 5 and 11:00 p.m. Newport Township Fire Department will conduct a parade on Saturday, May 25th. Entertainment highlights will be the Bad Hair Day Band on Friday night, 40 # Head on Saturday night, and Iron Cowboy on Sunday night. A fireworks display will be presented on Sunday night, May 29th as the grand finale. A cash raffle will be available throughout the month of May and tickets will be available from members of Little League and the Fire Department – drawing to be held (see Baseball at top of Col.2) (Baseball) Sunday night. Mrs. Phoebe Hillan is chairperson of the Sign Committee and arrangements may be made with her for payment of existing signs and those wishing to purchase a new 4 X 8 advertisement or memorial sign.

Did You Know

Cat Nights begin August 17th

The term "Cat Nights" goes back to the days when people believed in witches. Legend says that a witch could turn into a cat and regain herself eight times, but on the ninth time---(August 17th),---she couldn't change back, hence the saying: "A cat has nine lives." Because August is a "yowly" time for cats, this may have initially prompted the speculation about witches on the prowl.

Harvest Home September

In Europe and Brittan, the conclusion of the harvest each autumn was once marked by festivals of fun, feasting, and thanksgiving known as "Harvest Home." It was also a time to hold elections, pay workers, and collect rents. These festivals usually took place around the autumnal equinox. Certain groups in this country, particularly the Pennsylvania Dutch, have kept this tradition alive.

St. Luke's Little Summer October

This is a spell of warm weather that occurs on or near St. Luke's feast day (October 18) and is sometimes called Indian summer.

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Great American Cleanup 2011



Pictured above preparing for NTCO's 2011 Great American Cleanup left to right: Faye Maloney-Steve Phillips-Carolyn Phillips-Jim Caley-Francis Zaleski-Lucy Wazowicz-Joe Maloney-Heidi Jarecki-Paul Jarecki-MaryJo Evans-Palmira Gregory Miller-Bill Hourigan and Steve Masakowski

by Palmira Gregory Miller Monday, April 18th began the first phase of Newport Township's 2011 Great American Cleanup Campaign called "The Big Junk Drop Off" with the arrival of a 40 yard dumpster from Waste Management followed by a 30 yard dumpster from J.P. Mascaro and a third 40 yard dumpster from Waste Reduction. They were placed opposite Earth Conservancy's Compost Center off Kirmar Avenue.

It was a short time until the first of many residents arrived by car or by truck to drop off "Big Junk". Many of the items dropped off included old riding toys, bicycles, trampolines, swimming pools, outdoor furniture and other items that cluttered the outdoors. Residents took advantage of this program to rid their back yard and neighborhood of unsightly debris. Nick from Earth Conservancy was on hand with the pay loader to help fill and pack the dumpsters throughout the week. The first dumpster was quickly removed by early Wednesday, the other two, by Friday. In partnership with Earth Conservancy a fourth dumpster filled with illegal dumpsite debris was removed.

Volunteers cleared fifteen derelict properties and illegal dumpsites throughout the township. The largest site was eradicated by the Spooky Off Road Club. Another site was cleared by eleven (11) children and three (3) adults in the area known as 3 Legged Glen Lyon, where the trucks park. The children removed a large number of bags, 5 pallets, 2 tires, and a swimming pool.

As this story is being written the second phase, Illegal Dumpsite Cleanups, has taken place in partnership with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and PennDOT. Inmates from the Luzerne County Work Release Program have eradicated sites in Wanamie, Alden, Sheatown and Glen Lyon.

The third phase is the Community Pride Event on April 30th, which began at 8am. This year the Community Organization expanded into Nanticoke in partnership with the South Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The officers and directors of the Newport Township Community Organization wish to thank the many residents, partners, and sponsors who participated in this effort. All Township residents are urged to monitor these areas that have been cleared and to report any signs of new dumping to Newport Township and NTCO Authorities in order to help prevent additional dumping within the Township.

Several parents brought their children after school to clean an illegal dumpsite at 3 Legged. As you can see in the pictures below, within minutes, a truckload of garbage was removed.



Children Beginning To Unload Trash



Pictured above: Bill Hourigan-Frank Mayeski-Tom Kashatus-Eddie Olexy-Dakota Olexy-James Simon Jr.- K.Dennis Tekarla Orzoco-Marco Orozco-Marinda Olexy-Taylor Goss-Zachary Simon-Teresa Olexy- Cindy & Harold Goss. Missing from photos are Darlene Olexy and Buddy Goss Jr., who also took part in the cleanup.

**THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO
JUSTIFICATION FOR RANDOM DUMPING**

IF YOU SEE TRASH BEING DUMPED PLEASE NOTE & REPORT LICENSE # TO POLICE

Great American Cleanup 2011



The Spooky Off Road Club eradicated several illegal dumpsites that marred the land between Old Newport Cemetery Road to Stearns Road. Member **Ron Papciak of MP Excavating** delivered 2 1/2 truck loads of debris, volunteers removed the metal for recycling,



John Jarecki, Kenny Hunter, Tom Kashatus, Delbert Evans, Ron Papciak, Frank Mayewski, Ed Skladziek



Kassandra and Lyle Evans clear the old pavilion area behind St Michaels Church, Spring St., Glen Lyon



Earth Conservancy's pay loader filled the dumpsters which were donated by **Waste Management, JP Mascaro, and Waste Reduction.**

Thanks to all individuals & groups who participated in NTCO'S 2011 Cleanup!

Special thanks to Palmira Miller for organizing and supervising the effort!



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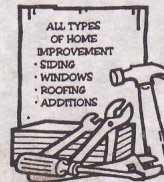
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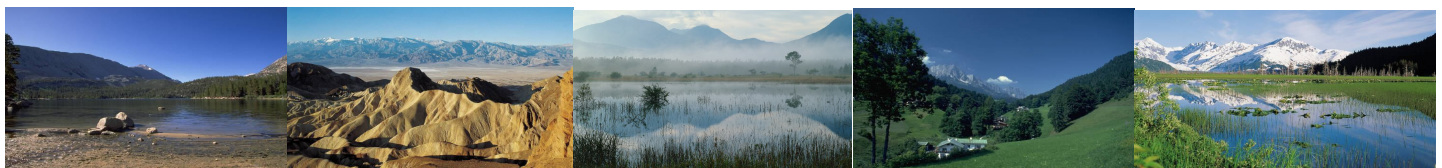
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Municipal Radiological Emergency Response Training Seminar Held in Berwick



Shown in the photograph above are some of the participants at a Municipal Radiological Emergency Response Training Seminar at the Berwick High School. From the left are G. Nevin Dressler, Pennsylvania Power and Light Nuclear Emergency Preparedness representative giving instruction; Lee Kowalski of Newport Township Fire and Ambulance; Dave Marcinkowski, Nanticoke; Laurin Flemming, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA); Henry Tamanini, (PEMA); Paul Mierzwa, Newport Township Fire Department; and Coordinator Norman Bodek.

by Tom Kashatus What is Emergency Preparedness??? In the event of a natural or man-made disaster, Newport Township has the responsibility of providing a system of preparation and execution of personnel and material to ensure the safety and evacuation of its citizens. That is why Norman Bodek of Sheatown has been appointed Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) for Newport Township by the Board of Commissioners. Norman also has a team of emergency personnel – police, fire, ambulance, public information, radio operators, technological advisors, etc., who work with him during drills and actual emergencies. Construction and implementation of the nuclear power plant at Berwick has led to the implementation of emergency preparedness, not only for radiological emergencies, but preparedness for a wide range of emergencies that had not existed before in many of our communities.

What would be classified as an emergency that would affect Newport Township or a section of our community whereby our Emergency Management Agency (EMA) would be activated? The first that would come to mind is an emergency at the Berwick Nuclear Power Plant. There also could be the possibility of a tornado or a forest fire burning out of control. An airplane crash would not be out of the question. Remember back when residents *(Continued in column 2 top of page)*

(Continued from column 1) from Sheatown and Alden were evacuated due a critical fire that took place at Spencer Metals just off Alden Road between Sheatown and Nanticoke? The fact is that Newport Township is prepared for emergencies and our Coordinator Bodek and members of his team devote many hours of their time to drills and discussion on a regular basis.

The seminar was also addressed by Joe Scopelliti of PPL Susquehanna who commented on the recent tribulations of the Japanese nuclear situation. Ron Remsky, PPL NEP discussed factors involving radiation dosage and its effects. Using updated equipment he also discussed, decontamination procedures. Stan Davis, Manager, Nuclear Emergency Planning, talked about Quality Assurance (QA) Audit results. Results of grading on past drills were discussed as well as a new schedule for monitoring emergency drills. Mr. Dressler addressed a question regarding the construction and implementation of the proposed Bell Bend reactor. He stated that the application has been moving forward at a very slow pace. However, the Japanese situation at Fukushima will certainly have an effect on the cost of new reactors which in turn will make it more difficult to obtain the funding for construction.

Bodek stated that there is room for more involvement of Newport Township citizens in the emergency preparedness initiative and he welcomes those who may be interested. The best way to start is to observe an emergency drill when it is activated. Scouts and other youth groups may give an opportunity to those who like to learn the different facets involved in the wide scope of the emergency management process.

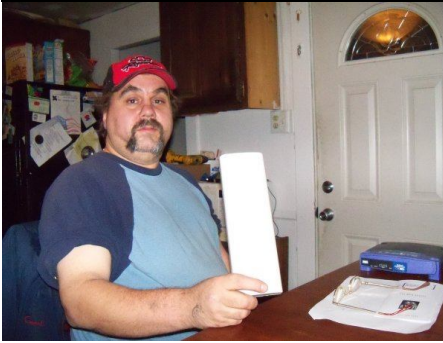
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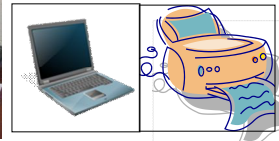
Newport Township Officially Enters Computer Age

At Home and in Government



Harald DeStefano holding one of the transmitter-receivers in his Wi-Fi system.

Photo by Carol Marcincavage



DeStefano Plays Big Part in Bringing Wireless Internet to the West Side of Glen Lyon and to Newport Township Government

By John Jarecki Glen Lyon resident Harald DeStefano has set up a wireless internet access point, or Wi-Fi hotspot, that is available to most residents of the west side of Glen Lyon.

If you have a computer with wireless capability that you plan to use in west Glen Lyon, you can go to the web address www.destefanocomputer.net of Harald's electrical services company DeStefano Computer Installation and Electrical (DCIE). There you can subscribe to the wireless service. Subscription plans vary in time duration and cost from a 30 minute connection for \$1.50 to a month long connection for \$32.50. If you have any questions or if you would like 5 minutes of free connection time, you can e-mail him at support@destefanocomputer.net.

Harald has been working on this system for about two years, and it has been up and running for about six months. He has a number of subscribers in west Glen Lyon, and is planning to extend service in the near future to the rest of the town. His long range plans are to extend it to other sections of the Township, and eventually to the Nanticoke line.

How does this system work? The process of setting it up involves a great deal of work in acquiring and bringing together various pieces of wireless transmission and computer equipment and different types of software from a number of sources, and then using the software to run each piece of equipment and link them all together.

We might understand this system in a simple way by saying that Harald has gotten access to a very fast connection to the internet in Nanticoke. He links this connection to his Wi-Fi system in Glen Lyon by wireless communication between transmitter-receivers (which you can think of as computer controlled smart antennas) in the two towns.

His system in Glen Lyon consists of computer equipment and software dedicated to getting his customers connected, by way of his antennas, to his computers, and then through his computers and Glen Lyon-Nanticoke antenna link, to the fast internet connection in Nanticoke. *(continued at top of column 2)*

It is impressive how complex the system, its equipment, and software are, and how much effort and technical knowledge and ability is needed to build it.

Harald was originally a Connecticut resident, where instead of going to a usual high school, he attended the highly respected Henry Abbott Vocational Technical School in Danbury, where he received electrical training. Afterwards he served in the Air Force. He is now a licensed and insured electrician with more than 20 years experience.

Harald has lived in the area for about 11 years, his work having brought him here. He first lived in Ashley and then Forty Fort. He has been living in Glen Lyon for about 4 years. He is a volunteer with the Newport Township Fire Department, and also with the Newport Ambulance, where he is Treasurer. He is, at the time of this writing in mid December, installing a camera surveillance system, newly acquired by the Fire Department, in the Municipal Building.

Harald lives here with his wife Caroline and two young daughters. He also has two older daughters. He has a great deal of energy and ability and has accomplished quite a feat in setting up this Wi-Fi system in our community.

Newport Township Municipal Web Site

by John Jarecki Newport Township now has a municipal web site with a web address at www.newporttownship.org

The site has a great deal of information about the Township. For example, it has the 2011 budget, the names of Township officials (the Commissioners, Recreation Board members, Sewer Authority members, members of the Newport Township Authority), monthly Township reports (for the Police and Fire and Department, the Department of Public Works, Building Code Enforcement and Township finances), the text of useful ordinances, information on refuse and recycling collections, the dates and times of the Commissioners' meetings, and the Township newsletter.

The site has a great deal of useful information for Township residents. Harald DeStefano created the site. He is deserving of congratulations for doing a nice job. Be sure to thank him when you see him around the Township.

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A Look Back in Time Tess Gardella



MISS TESS GARDELLA 1931

by Heidi Jarecki Tess Gardella was born on December 19, 1894. Her full name was Theresian Franchesca Phelimina Gardella, but she became known as "Aunt Jemima" after originating the role of "Queenie" in the 1927 Broadway production of "Showboat." According to most sources, Tess was born in Wilkes-Barre. However, there is a reference in the archives of the Sunday Independent that states she was born in Glen Lyon and was a neighbor of Andrew Sordoni who later became a state senator and who also founded the Sordoni Construction Company.

Tess's father was a coal miner and after his death Tess and presumably her mother and siblings moved to the Mulberry Street section of Manhattan. She had four sisters, Elizabeth and Mildred Gardella, Mrs. Rose Migne and Mrs. C.J. Vanella and a brother Harry. Her singing career began in 1918 when she performed in a night club. She did well enough that the proprietor hired her and she went on to vaudeville, night club, radio, and Broadway fame.

In the role of "Queenie," Tess was the only member of the original cast to appear in blackface. The show had an African-American chorus and Jules Bledsoe who sang "Ol Man River" in the role of Queenie's husband Joe, was also African-American. Between 1932 and 1934, she appeared in a series of movie shorts called "Rambling 'Round Radio Row" and was billed as "Aunt Jemima."

Her voice is described as big and among her appearances are at the 81st Street Theater in 1930 and a benefit to aid the Citizenship League at the Ziegfeld Theatre in 1931. In 1932, she reprised her role as Queenie in the revival of "Showboat." She performed all over the United States, Canada, and England in night club tours and vaudeville.

In 1936, Tess filed a lawsuit against the National Broadcasting Company, General Foods, Inc., and Log Cabin Products Company. She alleged that in 1935, Log Cabin Products offered her a contract to broadcast under the name of "Aunt Jemima," but the two parties couldn't agree on a salary. Tess asserted that the defendants hired an imposter who was imitating her. She asked for \$200,000 in damages. The jury returned a verdict for \$115,000 to the plaintiff.

In 1938, Tess starred in "A Swing Opera," a musical short produced by the Vitaphone Studio. It was based on the operetta "The Bohemian Girl" with lyrics by Sammy Cahn and Saul Chaplin. She also appeared in "Scandals" by George White. In her Aunt Jemima persona, she is featured in 1927's

(continued in column 2)

(Continued from column 1) "Aunt Jemima : the Original Fun Flour Maker," 1934's "Stand Up and Cheer," and 1947's "Big Time Revue" among others.

Tess Gardella died on January 3, 1950 from complications caused by diabetes.

She is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Queens. Her performances can be viewed on YouTube and in such television documentaries as "Broadway: the American Musical (2004)" "Biography (1996)" and "The Show Boat Story (1989)". Sources: The Sunday Independent, The New York Times, Internet websites. Special thanks to Martha Parise.

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John Repotski Phone 324-R
St. Michael's Take Holy Name Flag
For the second consecutive year St. Michael's Church Holy Name basketball team captured the Luzerne County Holy Name Basketball League pennant yesterday afternoon when it defeated the strong St. Nicholas team led by Rev. Bohdan J. Olesh, sports moderator, by a score of 61 to 45 at the Pulaski school gymnasium, Glen Lyon. Starring for the Mickies was Joseph Ziomek, Wanamie ace with 18 points and Zig Kishel with 11. For the losers former high school star, Pete Zionkiewicz, tallied 18 points. 3/29/49

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Newport Township Business

by John Jarecki At their meeting on February 7, the Township Commissioners awarded a contract to T. Brennan Heavy Equipment Company of Carbondale for the demolition of the houses at 64 East Main Street and 2-4-6 Third Street, both in Glen Lyon. Brennan, low bidder on the project, charged \$17,700 for the work and completed the project in early April.

The Commissioners also approved a one-year contract hiring Rich Zika as Township Manager for the period from February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012 at a salary of \$37,800.

A public meeting was held on February 16, on the question of whether to approve the transfer of a restaurant liquor license, from The Knotty Pine Restaurant to MJ Food Mart & Beer Deli at 22 West Main Street in Glen Lyon. The license permits the sale of beer only. One of the Deli owners, Ken Patel, said that for two years he has operated a business in Larksville that is half market and half beer deli, without any problems. He intends to sell beer for take out only. The Commissioners approved the transfer at their March meeting, allowing the proposed transfer to go to the state for its approval.

Also at their meeting of March 7, the Commissioners approved a contract with Harrisburg-based Pennsy Supply, the low bidder on the Federally funded project of repaving Charles and Williams Streets in Sheatown. Pennsy, which will receive \$163,925.76 for the work, is a leading supplier of paving materials and provider of paving services in southeastern Pennsylvania.

The Commissioners hired Richard Guzik of Glen Lyon as a part-time worker in the Township Department of Public Works. He will earn \$9.00 an hour.

At their meeting held on April 4, the Commissioners approved an ordinance required by Luzerne County that regulates the management of storm water. The Pennsylvania Storm water Management Act, Act 167, mandates that each county in the state adopt a storm water management plan and require the county's municipalities to adopt local ordinances that put them in compliance with the county plan.

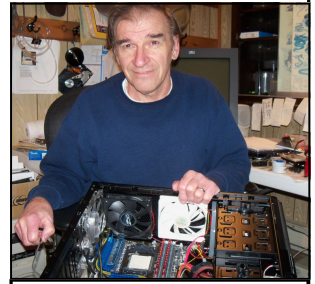
According to Township Solicitor Rich Shiptoski, the new ordinance will require that if a resident puts a new roof on his house, he cannot discharge the storm water that collects in the gutters into the sewage system. This may create problems for some Township residents, but it will reduce the demands placed on the sewage system.

"We can begin by doing small things at the local level, like planting community gardens or looking out for our neighbors. That is how change takes place in living systems, not from above but from within, from many local actions occurring simultaneously." Grace Lee Boggs

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In Whatever You Do
And May Trouble Be Always
A Stranger To You*

Lenny's PC Service

by John Jarecki and Carol Marcincavage Leonard Sklaney, a resident of Alden, operates a business called Lenny's PC Service that provides a variety of computer services for area residents. He has been in business for about fifteen years, and has a substantial clientele. He can repair your computer, protect it from viruses, teach you how use your computer, and much more.



Leonard Sklaney

Leonard grew up in Alden and graduated from Newport High School in 1959. After serving in the army, because it was difficult to find a good job in this area, he went to New Jersey and worked there for AT&T.

In the late 1960's, he began working at IBM in Cranford, New Jersey. He went through extensive training in computers by the company, going to schools in such places as Endicott, New York and Washington D.C. After about five years working in New Jersey, a position opened in this area, and Lenny requested a transfer here. He repaired computers in, for example, Wilkes-Barre, Bloomsburg and Berwick, for companies such as Weis Markets and Berwick Industries. In the early 1990's, after working twenty-five years with IBM, he accepted the terms offered by IBM and retired.

Leonard then worked for a copier company and later he worked in construction. In the mid 1990's, he started Lenny's PC Services and has been operating the business ever since. He offers a variety of services: computer repair, including equipment repair and getting the computer's software running properly; virus removal and installing anti-virus software; building computers to match individual user's needs; retrieving data, in certain cases, from failed hard drives. He can teach you how to protect your computer from viruses and, in general, teach you individually how to use that complex device of a computer for which many people receive no formal training. He will also answer computer questions over the phone. It is likely that he can perform other services not mentioned here that we did not discuss while talking with him.

If you are in need of help with your computer you can reach Leonard at Lenny's PC Service at 735-0630.

We enjoyed talking with Leonard. He can discuss the complex subject of computers in an understandable way. He likes working with computers, talking about them, and meeting the people that his work puts him in contact with. We wish him all the best in his business and in his personal life.

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Newport Community News will feature an Up-coming Events Column in the next issue.

Please send the editor your group's information no later than June 10, 2011 for inclusion in the Summer edition.

Information should be for July, August & September events.,

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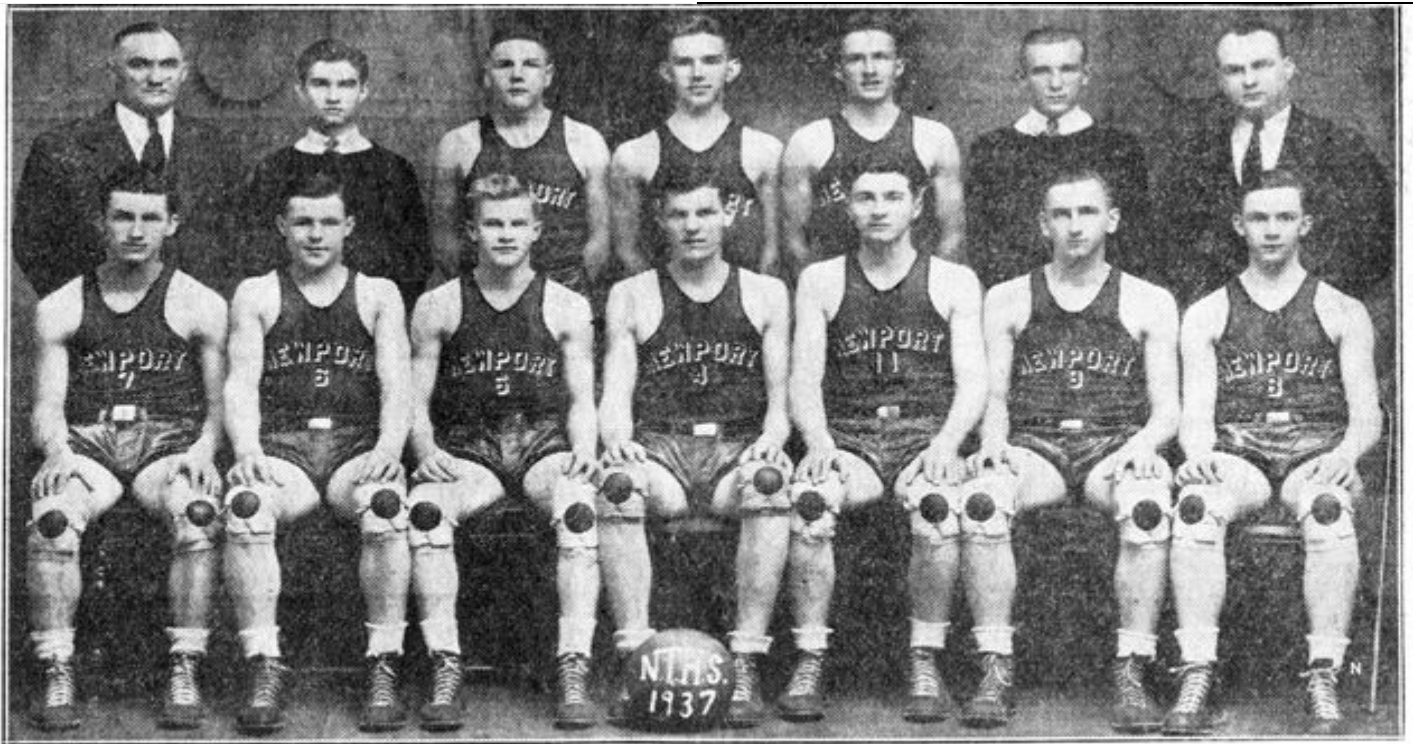
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 Standing, first row, right to left—Coach Chet Rogowicz, Manager John Zapolski, Emory Zaspyrk, Chester Ptashinski, John Riordan, Manager William Tereshinski, Faculty Manager Joseph Kutz.
 *Represents varsity.

The Newport Township High School Basketball Team of 1936/1937

A Team of Great Expectations Almost Makes It 2 In A Row

By Paul Jarecki At the start of the high school basketball season in December of 1936, there were great expectations for the team from Newport Township. In the previous year under Coach Chester Rogowicz, it had concluded an exciting season with a state championship and now hopes were high for a repeat. Three starting players were returning from last year's team: tall Jimmy Murphy, team captain and a skillful defensive center, and high-scoring forwards Mike Zlonkewicz and Edmund "Doc" Vosheski. The season started with Newport sweeping all of their exhibition games and the first eight Wyoming League contests including a 36-26 victory over a strong undefeated Nanticoke team before a capacity crowd at home. On January 20, Newport went on the road to play a non-league game against a very good Hazleton team. Hazleton's only loss was to powerful Bethlehem High School. The Mountaineers were ahead 20 to 6 in the third quarter when Newport exploded for 14 straight points to take a 21-20 lead. Hazleton fought back and tied the score at 25. With 45 seconds left in the game, Doc Vosheski sank one from the side of the floor and Newport survived 27-25.

In early February, Newport played 3 games in 4 days with a banquet in between. They beat GAR and Plains but on Friday February 5, a weary Nutcracker team traveled

to Bethlehem to play Bethlehem High School and lost 35-28. After 29 straight games including the 1936 state championship, Newport was finally defeated. Now they faced Nanticoke on their arch rival's floor. Even in the previous championship season, Newport could not defeat the Nans on their home court and this year an emotional Nanticoke team was eager to avenge their only league loss. It was a big game and a capacity crowd of 1,500 saw the contest, which was a sell-out from the beginning of the week. The excellent shooting of Alby Bozinski 21 points, Alf Turley 11 points, and the fine floor work of the entire team earned the victory for the Nans. Coach Sweitzer's squad got off to a good start and was never behind in a 46-31 victory. Undeterred, Newport won the remaining five league games and their second Wyoming Valley League championship when Nanticoke stumbled against Meyers. Going into the P.I.A.A. playoffs, Newport was a poised and confident defending State Champion.

With Doc Vosheski and Mike Zlonkewicz doing most of the scoring and Jim Murphy's nearly perfect defense, Newport easily defeated Dallas Borough, the Back Mountain titleholders, 55-17; Carbondale, Scranton Division champs, 43-2; and Swoyersville, North League champs, 44-9. In the next game, they faced their first real challenge in District 4 titleholder, Coal Township, at the Sunbury Palestra.

The Coal Township team won the Keystone League championship three times in the last five years and the Purple Demons were no strangers to P.I.A.A. play. In 1934, they went as far as the semi-finals and currently they had a string of twenty-nine consecutive victories under their belt. Newport had a reason to be concerned especially since Doc Vosheski had injured his ankle in the Swoyersville game. Doc, however, was expected to play and a capacity crowd filled the 1800-seat Palestra. The Nutcrackers trailed throughout the first half, unable to penetrate the orthodox defense set up by the Purple Demons.

Newport came to life in the second *half* (*Go to Col 1 page 13*) (*Team from page 12*) led by 6 at the start of the fourth quarter. Coal Township then rallied and went ahead with two minutes to play. Vosheski sank a basket with a minute remaining and tied the contest. In the extra period, Vosheski, Sherrick, and Murphy popped in two-pointers to give Newport a hard fought 37-31 win. Vosheski was the game's high scorer with 17 points.

In a listless game, Newport gained the Eastern Pennsylvania P.I.A.A. finals with a 43-13 triumph over District 12 champions Hallstead High at the Kingston gymnasium. The Nutcrackers would next meet District 3 champions Steelton High School at the Zembo Mosque in Harrisburg and the winner of that contest would meet the winner of the Altoona / South Pittsburgh High game for the state championship. Newport was a slight favorite over Steelton who scored a major surprise by defeating highly-favored Lower Marion 29-12 at the University of Pennsylvania Palestra. There was good news for Newport in that

Doc Vosheski appeared fully recovered from his ankle injury. An overflow crowd of 5,000 jammed into the Zembo Mosque to see Newport race out to an early lead against Steelton and hold on for a 29-21 victory. Zlonkewicz and Vosheski led the way with 12 and 7 points. The final game of the long campaign for the state basketball championship was set.

Newport would meet South Pittsburgh High on the hardwood of Rec Hall in State College. South High had an easier schedule to the playoffs. They won the Pittsburgh City title by beating Allegheny and went on to nose out Sharon 30-28 before trouncing Altoona in the western final. They were a powerful team that won 24 games and their only loss was to Allegheny High in the second of a three-game series for the Pittsburgh City Title.

In the championship game, South High broke fast and kept control most of the time. Whenever Newport threatened with sensational shots by Vosheski, the westerners came back with a spurt. Newport Township High School's hope for a second straight P.I.A.A. championship was dashed by a 38-28 loss. It was a bitter disappointment for Newport. Vosheski was easily the best player on the floor and Zlonkewicz was on the ball all night but the rest of the team struggled. Vosheski scored 17 points and Zlonkewicz, 11. Newport's team of great expectations fell short.

Newport Township remained a hot bed of basketball activity and would field many fine teams but in the remaining 40 years of the existence of Newport Township High School, it returned to the P.I.A.A. playoffs only once. In 1940, they won the Wyoming Valley Conference pennant and advanced two games into the playoffs when they were defeated by a good Luzerne team 40-34 before 1,400 fans in the Kingston High School gym. One of the stars of that team was Mike Zlonkewicz's younger brother Pete.

The 1937 Newport Township Eastern Regional Basketball Championship Team consisted of Chester Rogowicz, coach, Manager William Tereshinski, Faculty Manager Joseph Kutz, Manager John Zaspryk and players: Edmund (Doc) Vosheski, Michael Zlonkewicz, James Murphy, John Harenza, Sylvester Kasnikowski, Frank Ziemba, Emory Kasprzvck, Chester Ptashinski, and John

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To this day, the Cambridge Police Department uses the Smoot marks to indicate the location of accidents on the bridge. In later life Oliver Smoot later became the president of the International Organization for Standardization.

Some Things People Have Actually Said During Job Interviews

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2. "I saw the job posted on Twitter and thought, Why not?"
3. "What is two weeks notice? I've always been fired"
4. "If this doesn't work out, can I call you to go out sometime?"
5. "When you do background checks, do things like public drunkenness come out?"



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Coal Street Property Moves Closer to Demolition



by Tom Kashatus As hard times bear down upon us with increased unemployment and higher taxes prevailing, there is a tendency for more and more properties to fall into delinquent status and become dilapidated with the passage of time. It is not uncommon to read in local newspapers multiple pages of properties on the block for property tax sale and/or sheriff's sale for non-payment of mortgages.

The purpose of this article is to inform our readers that delinquent tax sales can be used as a tool to rid a community of eyesores that continue to plague them for years and years. The Luzerne County delinquent tax program is now privatized and administered by Northeast Revenue Service, LLC under the auspices of the law firm of Caverly, Shea, Phillips, and Rodgers, LLC who act as the agent for the Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau. Attorney John Rodgers, Chief Administrator, stated that municipalities and local organizations should take a closer look at purchasing/acquiring these eyesores from the delinquent tax repository for demolition purposes prior to out of town landlords acquiring them and letting them sit beyond repair.

There are three basic types of delinquent tax sales available to the public. **Upset Sale** This is an annual sale that includes properties that have two or more years of delinquent taxes. Properties exposed at the Upset Sale are offered together with any mortgages, judgments or non-tax liens. Properties offered are sold at a bid equal to or higher than the amount of outstanding taxes, bureau costs and any municipal liens. **Judicial Sale (Free and Clear)** Properties not sold at the Upset Sale become eligible for Judicial Sale.. The Bureau has a current owner title search made. All known holders of mortgages, judgments or liens are notified that, by Order of the Court of Common Pleas, the property will be offered for sale divested of such mortgages, judgments or liens. Certain lien items (e.g. ground rents) survive the judicial sale under the Act. **Repository Sale** Properties not sold at a Judicial Sale are placed in a "Repository" status. This in effect is a bank of unsold properties. The Bureau may negotiate a Private

Sale of any property held in the repository.

The law provides for another type of sale which had not been publicized very much by the previous administrators of the Tax Claim Bureau. **This is a private sale.** A private sale may occur after a property has not been sold at Upset Sale. Potential buyers must submit a bidder's affidavit and bid sheet. All bids must be approved by the taxing districts in which the property is located (County, City, and School District). The Private Sale of a property is subject to all liens and encumbrances at time of sale. All Private Sale properties are sold WITHOUT GUARANTEE OR WARRANTY WHATSOEVER. It is recommended that potential buyers seek the advice of an attorney and research the property **before moving forward in pursuit of purchase.** **All delinquent taxes may be forgiven prior to a private sale upon approval by the taxing authorities.** **Encumbrances and liens may be forgiven and/or negotiated between the affected parties.**

This opportunity of a **private sale** also applies to municipalities as well as interested individuals. The pursuit by municipalities may be necessitated as a more efficient and effective way to demolition and remove a dangerous threat to the neighboring public. I asked Attorney Rodgers why is he so aggressive to move these properties off the roles of delinquency and he stated that this is his job and most likely its longevity will depend on his performance.

Attorney Rodgers stated that the property at 44 Coal Street in Glen Lyon may be coming close to being demolished due to this process of "Private Sale." This property which is deeded to Robin and Viola Kennedy and has been involved in the estate of Lawrence Marra for over two decades is to be sold to a local resident though the private sale process by the end of April. He showed a letter from Attorney Bohdan Zelechiwesky, attorney for the Marra estate, which recommended that the property be sold as soon as possible. When delinquent taxes and tax sales were handled by Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau in the past, the property at 44 Coal Street never got past the Judicial or Free and Clear Sale and was always pulled off the auction block. In the meantime taxes accumulated to well over \$30,000.00 for what can be seen in the photo above. Credit must be given to the new prospective owner for undertaking this challenge and it is hoped that the municipality and community offer whatever means necessary to rid Glen Lyon of its No. 1 eyesore.

Editor's Note: We sincerely hope that the above story comes to fruition. My thanks goes to Mr. Tom Kashatus for his research on this story on one of Glen Lyon's worst eyesores. Over the past year the property, subject to the fury of nature for so long, became extremely dangerous. If you have concerns about properties in your neighborhood, do the following.

As a concerned citizen any one of our Township's residents can and should point out dangerous properties to our Building Code Official Richard Zika and request that immediate action be taken to right a dangerous condition. Then they should follow-up on such a request and find out what is being done to correct the situation.

Do not take no for an answer nor accept an answer indicating nothing can be done. That answer is just not so. Ninety nine percent of the time something can be done. It may require some research, time and money. The result may well save a future tragedy. The Township pays people to do this type of work. **It is time they begin doing it properly with the full backup of the Township Board of Commissioners.**

How Times Change

Centuries ago, Weddings involved a minimum of fuss and expense, and the bride choose a dress that she could wear again (practical). By the 1880s, weddings were becoming more luxurious and etiquette expert Mart Elizabeth Wilson Sherwood criticized showy weddings as well as "absurdly gorgeous " gifts. TODAY, a wedding dress costs \$1.000, on average, and can't be worn again because it is much too fancy; Couples often "register" for thousands of dollars in gifts, which they may later exchange for cash.. Engraved reception invitations are still in style, but in addition to "RSVP" some declare, "No wrapped gifts, please" (code for "just bring money")



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Shown in photo prior to serving the supper meal at St. Adalbert's on Saturday from the left are Jeremy Yokavonis, Palmira Miller, Faye Maloney (hamming it up), Karen Rejician, John Jarecki, and Carol Marcincavage.

Homeless – Down on their luck

by Tom Kashatus The Newport Township Community Organization gave assistance to the recent Vision Program that provides transportation and partners with Catholic Social Services to provide quarters for men who are unable to pay for room and board and, who are generally "down on their luck."

The Vision Program is administered by Vincent Kabacinski with offices on Franklin Street, Wilkes Barre. Major funding is supplied by the United Way, Federal and State Grants, and public donations.

St. Adalbert's Church, of Glen Lyon, part of Holy Spirit Parrish was used for this purpose during the last week of February.

Frank A. Mirabelli (57) was born and raised in Pittston Township. He quit school in his sophomore year to work in a shoe factory. Frank stated that he loved to do auto body work, but spent most of his life as a cook and chef. He worked for the Mayfair Club, Strickland's, Pocono Manor and Nedoff's on and off. As a young man, he never really had a home of his own as he moved from job to job and relationship to relationship. Much of these early twenty-five years of his life when working or not working, was spent in the woods, in cars, "behind the tracks," and vacant bunks whether it was summer or winter. He trained himself as a musician and became versatile as a drummer, guitarist, and singer. He talked about how he also enjoyed doing carpentry and electrical work in new home construction and remodeling. Along the way he became familiar with life's other tribulations – drinking and drugs.

Frank has two sons with whom he never really enjoyed and/or established relationship. He has paid over \$20,000.00 in child support and at one time spent 180 days in jail for failure to meet his commitment.

He has also spent time in "rehab" (Continued at top of next Col.)

(Continued from Col.1) Clearbrook and White Deer Run - and has been a resident of Scranton CMC and Choices in Kingston after "breakdowns."

Frank is now afflicted with spinal stenosis and a liver disease and is in receipt of Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Many years ago he was involved with "Vision" and as of this writing he has been with Vision for five days after leaving a complicated living arrangement with a caregiver. He is very appreciative of the help that he is receiving from the program, but will not be satisfied until he will be able to live in his own apartment. Medication is necessary to control illness related pain and he still remains fearful of addiction. He is concerned about depression and he only hopes that he has the patience to "weather this storm in his life."

Samuel Johnson (35) was told that the grass was greener here than that in the Philadelphia area. He worked in the aerospace industry for SPS Technologies (maker of aerospace parts for NASA, Boeing, etc.) in Montgomery County for five years until he got caught up in a general lay-off in 2009. He was born and raised in West Philadelphia and lived with his childhood sweetheart until he came north to find work. They have a son, seventeen, but never married. Samuel's lay-off came as no surprise as he became addicted to poker in Atlantic City. The stress of winning and losing led to over indulgence in alcohol to overcome the stress and prolonged sleepless escapades. Eventually Samuel got caught up in taking too much time off from work.

Samuel found work off and on through a temp agency called Labor Ready. Catholic Social Services also provided some relief with work. He lived with a cousin in the Wilkes Barre area until too many friends and relatives began arriving on the scene. As living arrangements become more complicated, he found himself moved into the street. About February 1st a friend advised Sam of the Vision Program for which he expresses a profound appreciation. He feels that he has learned some tough lessons from his life's experiences and this boyish looking young man feels that he's ready to move on in a positive direction.

Doug Browne is a Reality TV star. His complexion shows a man who has worked overly hard throughout his life and his 49 years could pass for 59. You may have seen him in action on the *Deadliest Catch* as a commercial fisherman on the Maverick and on Time Bandit off the Alaskan coast. When not fishing Doug also works as a licensed CH47 helicopter pilot for the US Forestry Department while assisting the US Border Patrol, the US Fish & Game Commission, and other law enforcement agencies when called upon. Doug was married for twenty three years prior to his wife's passing and was left to raise five daughters, ages 12, 15, 17, 21, and 23. Doug makes his residence at North Pole, Alaska while the girls reside with his mother-in-law in Tennessee.

The US Fish and Game Commission set the seasons (six weeks to five months) for "crabbing" off the Alaskan Coast and at the time Doug was caught "down on his luck" when he was in transit from Alaska to Tennessee. His earnings, for the most part, were sent to his mother-in-law for the girls and he began the long trip by hitch hiking (he has no driver's license) through Canada to Montreal. An ID type license, however, is needed to

cross the Alaskan/Canadian border. *(Please go to Col. 1 page 18)*
(Continued from page 17) Doug stated that Canadians are “special” in that they will also provide a hiker with food and lodging as necessary. This is not so in the United States. After spending a few nights out in the cold, Doug was given a traffic ticket by the PA State Police while hitchhiking on Interstate 81 at the Nanticoke exit. Then the officer gave him a ride to Vision of Wilkes Barre. He had spent three nights at St. Adalbert’s Church, and to his good fortune, the generosity of a good Samaritan provided him with a ticket to Tennessee to complete his quest to be with his girls. Doug promised that he would later on reimburse the Samaritan for their kindness – this has been done. Doug likes the fishing business and stated that in 1989 each crew member earned \$272,000.00 after a successful season. He also stated there were seasons that failed to produce earnings and he had to pay for his expenses on the boat – lodging, meals, fuel, bait, etc. He lays claim that he is personal friends with Santa Claus who lives across the street from him at 101 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, Alaska 99705. Santa may be called at 1-907-488-2200 Ext. 5 or emailed at santa@santaclaushouse.com.

During the stay at St. Adalbert’s the Supervisors were Bob McLaughlin, Don Tippins, Mark Granick, and Harold Hunt. Lodging and a supper meal are furnished by volunteers and volunteer organizations daily in the church basement. Vicki Frace and Frances Brunozzi supervise the feeding and are available every night for assistance. Organizations which offered assistance were St. Adalbert’s Altar & Rosary Society, the Roke Family of Glen Lyon, Knights of Columbus, Mike Stratanski & volunteers of St. Hedwig’s volunteers of Kingston, Newport Township Community Organization. St. Adalbert’s has been used as a refuge center since 2002 when Father Mike Quinlan. Today Father Anthony Generosa and Father Savari provide that leadership. Showers are taken at the Rescue Mission in Wilkes Barre. Women and those with children may seek refuge at Ruth’s Place, the McCauley House, and the Gabriel House in Wilkes Barre.

One can see from the foregoing that everyone has a story to tell. Many of us create our own problems, but there are many times when someone becomes a victim of circumstance and has none or very little control of outcomes. That’s when the society must enter the picture and offer a “helping hand” to put the less unfortunate back on their feet. In general, most of us want to feel that we have something positive to contribute to society and we hope that opportunity prevails. This program gave that hope. Since the St. Adalbert’s experience Mr. Kabachinsky has made a public statement that the program will be coming to an end after 27 years due to lack of funding from Pennsylvania which has made deep cuts into its share of the funding process.

Judge Candidates Meet and Greet



. Shown above from the left are Lesa Gelb, Mike Blazick, Joe Sklarosky Jr., Richard Hughes, Tony Ross, John Aciukewicz, Fred Pierantoni, Mike Vough, Mark W. Bufalino, Jim McMonagle, Paula Radick, Jennifer Rogers, Vito DeLuca, and Molly Hanlon Mirabito. Absent at the time were James Haggerty and Joseph Saporito Jr.

by Tom Kashatus On April 15th the Newport Township Community Organization in partnership with the South Valley Chamber of Commerce held a “Meet and Greet Breakfast” for the judicial candidates vying for six positions on the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas in this year’s primary election to be held on Tuesday, May 17th. The event was held at the Luzerne County Community College Educational Conference Center in Nanticoke and was attended by fourteen of the sixteen candidates seeking judgeships. Each candidate was given the opportunity to introduce herself or himself and speak briefly.

The candidates then mingled with attendees to meet and greet.

Did You Know

When you purchase a new Washer or Dryer, pass on an extended warranty. Surveys show that the majority of these appliances do not break during the warranty period. When they do break, repairs tend to cost about the same as the warranty.

Handy Information and Tips For Consumers

Paint

Low grade paints do not cover as well as premium paints. Top grade paints are able to cover in one coat, but lower grade paints are likely to need two or more coats.

Eggs

For most food, the expiration date indicates the last day the food should be eaten. Eggs are an exception: Federally graded eggs in their shells are safe for two to three weeks after the expiration date on the carton, as long as they are refrigerated.

New Cars

Don’t negotiate a new car’s price based on the monthly payment. It gives the sales salesman a chance to spoil a good deal with a bad deal on your trade-in or loan. Negotiate each separately, and focus on getting a firm quote based on the car’s price, not monthly payment.

Greater Nanticoke Area PA State Champions, Division AA

by Tom Kashatus The Lady Trojans of Greater Nanticoke Area Softball look forward to the 2011 season after a highly successful championship 2010 when they became Division AA Pennsylvania State Champions for the second time in the first decade of the 21st century.

Pictured below are State champions Jessica McDermott and Katie Brown in the first row; from the left in the second row are Sara Berton, Bronwyn Perrins, Kayla Mae Benjamin, Amanda Cardone, Jenn Harnischfeger, Sam Gow, Hannah Rubasky, Angie Hillan, Gabby Grabowski; from the left in the third row are Diane James (Assistant Coach) (member of 2003 state Championship team); and from the left in the fourth row are Bernie Dalmas (Assistant Coach) (also assistant coach of 2003 State Championship team), Ryan Stetz (Assistant Coach), Brooke Chapin, Ashley Horoschock, Liz Dougherty, Thomasina Watson, Katie Wolfe, Kayley Schinski, Maggie Gola, Kelsey Rynkiewicz, Allie Matulewski, Lindsay Roberts, Kate Kowalski, Leah Lavelle (member of 2003 state Championship team), Leanne Harvey (member of 2003 state Championship team), Dave Warren (Assistant Coach) (also coach of 2003 State Championship team), Gary Williams (Head Coach) (also coach of 2003 State Championship team).



NTCO Presents Check Towards Purchase of Rings For Championship Team

Pictured to the right are officers of the Newport Township Community Organization as they contribute \$200.00 to the Greater Nanticoke Area Girls Softball Booster Club for Championship Rings. Rings were purchased for all players and coaches. From the left are Francis Zaleski, NTCO Treasurer; Lisa Roberts, club treasurer; Tammy Gola, club president; Palmira Gregory Miller, NTCO 1st VP; Linda Conner, NTCO Secretary; and Tom Kashatus, NTCO President.



Way To Go Girls - Do It Again, Be Better than '10



Election Day is Tuesday, May 17th

Vote Don Whittaker for Judge



For the past 17 years Don Whittaker has dutifully served as our Magisterial District Judge. As a lifelong resident of Nanticoke, he graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area in 1977 and continued his education at Luzerne County Community College earning an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. In 1982 he graduated from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy Municipal Training, after which he began a Law Enforcement career with the Newport Township Police. Ten years later in 1992, Whittaker decided he could best serve our community as a District Magisterial Judge. Voters overwhelmingly supported him in his bid for that office.

The residents of the City of Nanticoke, the Borough of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and Newport Township have benefitted from his experience and a style that can only be described as fair. Since being elected to office, Whittaker has presided over more than 47,000 cases and collected more than \$3.6 million in fines, costs and restitution for victims. His knowledge of the day to day working environment of a District Court has become invaluable.

Crime is on the rise in our community, our state and across our county. Since 1993 the case load in Whittaker's Magisterial District Court has doubled. Someone with the experience, the integrity, and the ability to be fair and impartial is needed to efficiently preside over these cases. In addition to the twenty-seven years of experience and knowledge he brings to the table, Don Whittaker is the only candidate in this crucial race that is currently certified by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to serve as Magisterial District Judge.

**BE SURE YOU GET OUT TO VOTE ON
Tuesday, MAY 17**

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