



The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day He created Spring. ~ Bern Williams



An early spring morning at the Recreation Park in Wanamie

Newport Township Public Business

By John Jarecki ~ The following are items of Township business that occurred during January, February, and March of this year:

January 6: The Township Commissioners held their biannual organizational meeting followed by their usual monthly meeting. At the organizational meeting, Magistrate Donald Whitaker swore in re-elected Commissioners John Zyla and John Vishnefski and re-elected Township Tax Collector Ken Angradi. The Commissioners then appointed Paul Czapracki to be President of the Board of Commissioners, Rich Zika to be Board Secretary, and Rich Shiptoski to be Township Solicitor. At the regular January meeting, Paul Czapracki swore in seven Township residents as Volunteer Fire Police Officers: Harold DeStefano, Janine Floryshak, Ronald Jones, Caroline Rand, Robert Shemanski, Joseph Wilkes, and Ronald Womelsdorf. An eighth appointee, Janice Sounder, was not present at the meeting. These officers will serve under Fire Police Captain Leonard

Paczkowski. A Volunteer Fire Police Officer (this position was created in Newport Township by Ordinance Number 2 of last year) has the authority to perform various functions in support of fire fighters such as control of traffic during emergencies.

Township Business Manager Rich Zika announced that the Township had ended 2013 with a surplus. The Commissioners approved an agreement with Geotechnical Engineering Services to pay the company up to \$6,170 to drill four exploratory borings at the site of the new municipal building. They approved a collective bargaining agreement with Newport Township Fraternal Order of Police, Wyoming Valley Lodge 36, which sets Police Department wages and is effective as of January 1, 2014. They also approved a 2 1/2% increase in wages for Department of Public Works and Administrative Office employees, excluding the Township Manager. Police and Fire Department wage increases are set by separate collective bargaining agreements.

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TOWNSHIP SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS ON PAGES 3 & 24

February 3: Rich Zika announced that he had had a meeting with PennDot discussing their plans to replace the bridge on Robert Street in Sheatown, the work being scheduled for summer of 2015. The Commissioners approved a contract with Township Manager Rich Zika, for the period February 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015, setting his salary at \$40,321, an increase of 2 ½ %.

March 3: Pennsylvania State Senator John Yudichak presented a citation awarded by the Pennsylvania State Senate to Alden Resident Chad Shettle, who saved the life of his neighbor Ted Bujno. President of the Township Board of Commissioners Paul Czapracki also presented Mr. Shettle with an award of Commendation and Appreciation.

The Commissioners appointed Cindy Foringer of Glen Lyon and Township Commissioner John Vishnefski to the Recreation Board, which now has a full complement of five members. The Recreation Board, created by the Township in 1975, assists the Commissioners in administrating community recreation areas.

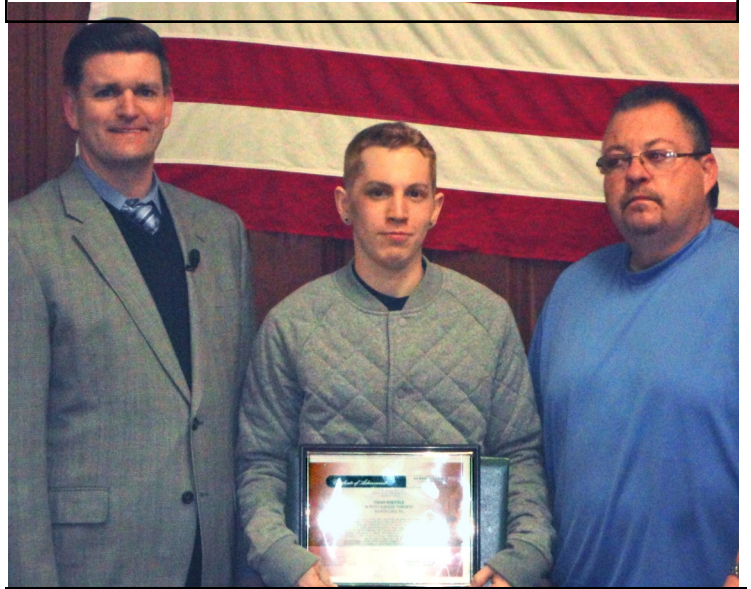
Rich Zika announced that:

- 1) Township winter maintenance expenses are now almost \$20,000 over the \$31,500 amount budgeted for the year.
- 2) The Township has submitted for approval a site development plan, for the land on which the new municipal building will be constructed, to the Luzerne County Planning Commission, the Luzerne County Solid Waste Conservation District, and the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Since then, DEP has approved the plan.
- 3) The Township has received the paperwork from Franklin Securities dealing with the loan that it is taking out to help construct the new municipal building. Before the loan is adopted and put to use, the Township has to advertise twice in local newspapers and receive approval from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

The Commissioners approved Resolution #1 of 2014, which is a revision of the Sewer Authority's plan for new land development. This would allow the Authority to take a pumping station in Wanamie out of use. It cannot be repaired because parts for its aging equipment are no longer available.



Newport Township Commissioner Paul Czapracki (far left) swearing in Volunteer Fire Police Officers: (starting sixth from the left) Harold DeStefano, Caroline Rand, Janine Floryshak, Ronald Womelsdorf, Ronald Jones, Robert Shemanski, and Joseph Wilkes at the January 6 Township Commissioners meeting. Also in the picture are: Jack Vishnefski, Rich Shiptoski, Leonard Paczkowski, Mike Roke, John Zyla and John Wilkes.



At the March 3 Township Commissioners meeting, Pennsylvania State Senator John Yudichak (above left) presented a citation awarded by the Pennsylvania State Senate to Alden Resident Chad Shettle (center), who aided his neighbor Ted Bujno in time of need. President of the Township Board of Commissioners Paul Czapracki (right) also presented Mr. Shettle with an award of commendation and appreciation.



Magistrate Donald Whitaker swearing in Commissioner John Vishnefski, Township Tax Collector Ken Angradi, and Commissioner John Zyla at the January 6 Township Commissioners meeting.

Beverly Kanyuck Banks Retiring

Beverly Banks, proprietor of the Variety Stop convenience store on East Main Street, Glen Lyon, has retired and the store is closed. Beverly and her father, the late Albert Kanyuck, are charter members of the NTCO. Beverly has supported the NTCO by selling its memorabilia and clothing, advertising in our newsletter, and donating gift baskets to our various events. The NTCO thanks Beverly and her staff for their cooperation. We wish you well, Bev!

What Works!

Teamwork is the ability to work as a group toward a common vision, even if that vision becomes extremely blurry. ~Author Unknown

JOIN US ALONG WITH MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE NATION IN THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

By *Palmira Gregory Miller* ~ The Newport Township Community Organization is seeking sponsors and volunteers to take part in community cleanup/beautification events. These events will be held throughout Newport Township as part of the Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania. Events begin April 19th and continue until May 3rd 2014.

The Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania is a statewide cleanup campaign involving local and state government, businesses, waste haulers, and environmental and civic groups. The PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Department of Transportation (PennDOT), in cooperation with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, Inc., are sponsoring the Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania.

Individuals, students, scouts, organizations, sports teams, businesses, environmental clubs and groups are invited to be part of this effort and earn volunteer hours. Trash bags, gloves, and safety vests will be provided. The Newport Township Community Organization is looking for area businesses or individuals to sponsor these events by providing **refreshments** and/or **donations** to help defray the cost.

Arrangements can be made for pick up or delivery of refreshments by calling Palmira at 570-736-6637 or by emailing at palmiram@newporttownship.com. Monetary donations will be accepted at the events or you can mail them to The Newport Township Community Organization, 110 ½ Railroad Ave., Wanamie, Nanticoke, PA 18634.

Join your neighbors and the Newport Township Community Organization in helping to make a difference in the community. To learn about The Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania and events in other areas visit www.gacofpa.org.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We at the Newport Township Community Organization believe that no matter where we live, the community is a key aspect of life. This is why we team up with the Great American Cleanup to help keep our community clean, and we'd like your help in our efforts. You can sign up today by calling Palmira at 570-736-6637 or email palmiram@newporttownship.com and make sure to bring your friends and family.

Even if you can't make the event, you can take steps to protect your neighborhoods. Recycle whenever possible and pick up any litter you see.

NTCO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By *Palmira Gregory Miller* ~ As we approach the Newport Township Community Organization's 10th anniversary, I am pleased to present a broad overview of its 2013 accomplishments:

Your Community Organization remains the sole entity in Newport Township that publishes a newsletter on a regular basis. Its quarterly issues highlight a broad range of topics which appeal to a wide constituency.

We continue to strive to make Newport Township a better municipality through both our suggestions and actions.

Among our additional ongoing activities are the following: managing an independent recycling program, maintaining its own website www.newporttownship.com, continuing to honor an individual for having performed outstanding volunteer service within the Municipality, providing opportunities for those required to fill the

obligation of volunteer service, continuing to encourage others to participate in a broad range of community activities, supporting numerous other organizations in their respective efforts to obtain grant funds, offering support and distributing materials to those entities who provide assistance to victims of natural disasters, donating memorabilia baskets and money to a myriad of worthwhile causes, sponsoring a major league team in the Nanticoke Area Little League, continuing as a major participant in the Pennsylvania Environmental Council's Community Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program, remaining a very active participant in the Great American Cleanup of PA, continuing to coordinate and implement the Big Junk Drop-Off program within the Township, cleaning litter from highways within the Municipality, sponsoring numerous other beautification and educational programs, holding Summer Fun Events for area youth, participating in Luzerne County's Electronic and Tire Recycling events, partnering with the Mother Teresa Haven Program to prepare and serve dinner to the homeless, and making available a vast array of memorabilia, including t-shirts, hats, hooded sweatshirts, calendars, DVD's and miniature historic site collectibles, all of which promote Newport Township as a truly First Class Township.

New activities which debuted in 2013 are the following: implementation of the Organization's first Holiday Light Recycling Event within Luzerne County, development and introduction of a new logo for the Community Organization, development of an informational pamphlet, being featured at the "Community Organization of the Night" at a Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders baseball game, sponsorship of a Spring dance for area teens, supporting the Pennsylvania Environmental Council in becoming an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful to Keep Northeastern Pennsylvania Beautiful, and hosting the First Annual Chili Cook Off Event at the 13th Annual Holy Child Car & Truck Show.

Also, the Community Organization was granted a State Sales Tax Exemption by the PA Department of Revenue.

The 2013 year-end membership of the Community Organization totaled 219 individuals.

As you will note from the preceding information, there is a wide range of activities in which you can become involved. We continue to seek volunteers.

Do not always count on or expect someone else to make Newport Township a better place to call home! Become a part of the continuing effort to help the Township progress.

We need YOU!

Editorial: Bus Service to Newport Township

By *Heidi Jarecki* ~ There have been reports that the Luzerne County Transportation Authority may curtail or eliminate bus service to the Township. Please don't let this happen! There are residents who depend on public transportation and it would truly be a hardship for them if there was no bus service. Let your voices be heard! You can help by writing a letter to the LCTA at 2000 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming, PA

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

1965



Douglas Schraeder, President; Paul Morigi, Vice-President; David Peterfreund, Secretary; Frank Zoranski, Treasurer.

NEWPORT CLASS OF '65 PLANNING 50TH REUNION

Next year will mark the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1965. All members of the class are asked to contact Mary Selecky by email: maryselecky@yahoo.com and provide their current addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. The Reunion Committee needs help locating classmates. Please contact Mary! Thank you.

Letter to the Editors

To the Editors:

Just want to add some local color to the Veteran's Day Facts article (which appeared in the Winter 2014 Newsletter). Frelinghuysen's House was across the street from the Raritan Valley Country Club (in New Jersey) that is still operating. It is a short distance from our house. My daughter who is a history teacher supplied the picture and write up.

Tom Tarnowski, Newport Class of '53
Raritan, NJ



President [Warren G.] Harding and New Jersey Senator John Frelinghuysen were playing a round of golf on July 2, 1921, when Senator Hale Kellogg, a messenger from Washington D.C., arrived with an important document requiring the President's signature. The Knox-Porter Resolution, also known as the Treaty of Raritan, was signed by President Harding in the library of the Frelinghuysen home in Raritan on that day. The resolution officially ended World War I.

The United States did NOT sign the famous (or infamous) Treaty of Versailles in Paris, 1919. Although President Woodrow Wilson helped to negotiate it, the U.S. government did not ratify the Treaty of Versailles. One reason was that the newly proposed League of Nations was part of that Treaty and the U.S. did not want to join as it was going into a period of isolationism.

Property Tax/Rent Rebates

By Tom Kashatus ~ In Pennsylvania, the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program provides a state rebate on property taxes or rent paid in the previous year to eligible Pennsylvanians who fall into the following categories: 65 or older; widows and widowers who are 50 or older; and individuals with disabilities who are 18 or older. The top income limit for qualification is \$35,000.00 per year for homeowners and \$15,000.00 per year for renters. When computing income, one half of an individual's Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, or federal Railroad Retirement Tier I income is excluded. Also excluded is all income from Black Lung benefits.

If you or someone you know has received notification from anyone that they will assist you in completing an application for a charge or fee, please keep in mind that applications and staff in the offices of Representative of Gerald Mullery (570) 740-7031 and Senator John Yudichak (570) 740-2434 are available to assist their constituents at no charge. It is advisable to call in advance and become familiar with the necessary paperwork for completion of an application.

Think about it...

None of us is as smart as all of us. ~ Ken Blanchard

Tom Kashatus Helps Solve Guardianship Problem at White Haven Center

[Reprinted with permission from the VOR website] Tom Kashatus of Glen Lyon serves as President of the White Haven Center Relatives and Friends Association, and sought out to solve a problem that became apparent after the filing of a P&A-filed lawsuit against Pennsylvania Centers.

Although the case has taken a positive turn – a federal appeals court has agreed to allow families to intervene – the case brought to the forefront the vulnerability of residents who don't have guardians. As filed, the lawsuit required that all residents who "did not oppose" be moved to smaller settings, even in situations where there was no family or guardian and the individual was unable to communicate. In these cases, silence was considered consent to move.

To help ensure that every resident was represented, Kashatus arranged for a group guardianship proceeding at White Haven Center. Thanks to the understanding of Judge Richard Hughes of Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas and the help of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania attorney Frank Hoegen and his paralegals, Mary Wargula and Angela Simko, the White Haven Center Relatives and Friends Association, Inc., a 501(c)3, is now the official guardian on record for those adjudicated by the court as requiring guardianship. Association members are assigned to individuals and have the responsibility to be sure there is someone knowledgeable about the desires and needs of these residents.

Prior to appointing guardianship, the Judge had to determine if guardianship was appropriate. Attorney Charles Petrillo of Wilkes Barre served as court-appointed counsel for these residents for that purpose. "We couldn't think of a better way for our Relatives and Friends group to carry out our mission on behalf of these residents," said Kashatus who also praised the work of Judge Hughes, Attorney Hoegen and his staff, and Attorney Petrillo. "Without their cooperation and expertise, we could not have helped these residents who needed us."



Newport High School Class of '64 Plans 50th Reunion

The Reunion Committee of Newport High School Class of 1964 is planning its 50th Reunion for September. They have scheduled an ice breaker for Friday, September 12 at the Parkway Inn, Alden and the Reunion for Saturday, September 13 at Alden Manor. For further information call Karen Lawrence Justus at 570-675-5828 or email the group at newportclassof64@gmail.com.

In the photo above are reunion committee members (left to right): Sunny Cesarini, Mary Margaret Kashatus, John Jarecki, Carol Marcincavage Jarecki, Tom Cesarini, Chris Gregory, Steve Masakowski, and Karen Lawrence Justus.

The Flora and Fauna of Newport Township



By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ In spring, mountain laurel can be found blooming throughout Newport Township. It can be seen on Fanucci's Hill on the eastern side of Glen Lyon and on Alden Mountain Road.

Mountain Laurel Facts:

1. The mountain laurel is an evergreen shrub (*Kalmia latifolia*) of the family Ericaceae (heath family), closely related to the rhododendron and native to eastern North America.
2. The plant was first recorded in America in 1624, but the scientific name was named after Pehr Kalm, who sent samples to the famous botanist, Carl Linnaeus, in the 18th century. It was brought to Europe as an ornamental plant.
3. Designated the Pennsylvania State Flower by Governor Gifford Pinchot in 1933, the mountain laurel is perhaps the most beautiful of native American shrubs. Its fragrance and the massed richness of its white and pink blossoms vividly contrast with the darker colors of the forests and fields. It has continually attracted the attention of travelers since the earliest days of our history.
4. It blooms in May and June.
5. The wood of the mountain laurel plant is strong, and is therefore used for practical purposes. It has been used to make chairs, tables, tobacco pipes, spoons and parts for wooden clocks.
6. Its leaves were used as a remedy for skin diseases.
7. All parts of the plant are poisonous. The green parts of the plant, flowers, twigs, and pollen are all toxic, including food products made from them, such as toxic honey. Fortunately the honey is sufficiently bitter to discourage most people from eating it.
8. There is a persistent myth that the designation of State Flower affords mountain laurel a protected status. This is not true. No one may remove any plant from public or private land without the landowner's or land manager's permission. But there are no legal restrictions on the cultivation of mountain laurel.

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OBITUARIES

By Tom Kashatus ~ (Editors' Note: This column is a new feature in the NTCO Newsletter. Its purpose is to inform our readers of individuals who have passed on who had ties to Newport Township as residents or former residents or who attended Newport schools. It will cover the preceding three-month period of each newsletter. Contact Tom at (570) 736-6981 with any comments or questions.)

Metta, John A., 59, of Nanticoke and formerly of Alden, passed away Thursday, January 2, at Guardian Elder Care Center, Sheatown. He is survived by his wife, Karen Cooper Metta; three daughters – Christina Metta, Alexa Metta, Charmaine Metta; brothers, Victor Metta, Stanley Metta, Dale Metta; and sister, Suzanne Metta.

Stewart, William (Bill), 60, of West Railroad Street, Alden, passed away Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the Celtic Healthcare Unit in Geisinger South, Wilkes-Barre. Bill grew up in Alden. He is survived by his wife, the former Patti Collins; daughters, Charlotte Stewart, Ashleigh Stewart, Kristen Highhouse; brothers, Jerry Stewart, Richard Stewart, Walter Stewart; and sister, Sue Antonishack.

Kanyuck, Albert T., 88, of Glen Lyon, passed away Saturday, January 11. Albert was born and lived his life in Glen Lyon. He was preceded in death by his wife Augusta (Tina) Pantaloni Kanyuck; and brothers, George Jr. and John Kanyuck. Albert is survived by his daughters, Beverly Banks of Glen Lyon and Margaret Kanyuck of South Carolina; and sister, Elizabeth Tamburino, New Jersey. Albert had been a charter member of the Newport Township Community Organization since its inception in 2004.

Pawlush, Camille W., 71, passed away Wednesday, January 15 in Sheatown. Camille grew up in Wanamie. She is survived by her sister, Caroline Browena, and brothers Paul Pawlush and Joseph Pawlush.

Filipiak, Julia, 67, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Wednesday, January 15. She is survived by daughter, Melissa Jones and brother, Frank Butz.

Kutz, Dorothy, 91, of Seaford, DE, passed away Thursday, January 16, at Heart Homes, Annapolis, MD. She was born in Newport Township and grew up in Wanamie. She was married to Nancy Kutz (now deceased) of Hanover Township. Surviving are two daughters, Nancy and Gerry.

Rinehimer, Arline, 91, of Alden, passed away Wednesday, January 22. Arline was born in Dorrance. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward. She is survived by five children: sons, Edward and Elwood; daughters, Elois Myers, Mildred Zdanavage, Doris Stec; and sister, Mildred Myers.

Jenceleski, Dolores K., 82, of Alden, passed away Sunday, January 26. Dolores was born in Wilkes-Barre. She is survived by her husband, Stanley Jenceleski; brother, Charles Perez; and sisters, Betty Showlin and Nora Perez.

Noss, Gladys L., 91, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Thursday, January 30. Gladys was born in Kinta, OK. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Alfred R. Noss. Gladys is survived by her sons, Robert and Paul.

Hoch, Ronald C., 71, of Warner Robbins, GA, formerly of Slocum Township, died Friday, February 7, 2014. Ronald is survived by his wife, Judy Hoch; daughter, Amy; son, Chris; adopted son, Judkin; and sister, Beverly Kelchner.

Tearpock, Daniel J., 64, of Houston, Texas, formerly of Mocanaqua, passed away Sunday, February 9, 2014. Beside his mother, Laura Nita-Tiberi Tearpock, he is survived by his former wife, Paula Shultz Tearpock; present wife, Paula Poon Tearpock; daughters, Nicole McMorris-Lavergne and Danielle Lavergne; and stepdaughter, Cindy Au.

Honabach, Clarence P., 84, of Sweet Valley and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Wednesday, February 12, at his home. He is survived by his wife, the former Beverly Welch Honabach; his son, David Honabach; and sister, Elizabeth Barron.

Novak, Jean L., 71, of Sheatown, passed away on Friday, February 14, 2014. Jean is survived by her husband, Robert; son, Robert Jr.; and daughter Michelle.

Ruduski, Sophie, 92, of Hatfield and formerly of Alden, passed away Sunday, February 16, 2014. Sophie was born in Alden. She was preceded in death by her husband Stephen J. Ruduski; sisters, Bridget Rudowski, Mary Paluck, Anne Kellar, and Frances Wroblewski; and brothers, John, Anthony, Alex, Stanley, and Frank. She is survived by sons, Stephen and Eugene.

Broski, Josephine, 87, a former resident of Alden, passed away February 22, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband, William; sisters Mary Dreyfus and Ann Baretta; brothers John Sledziak, Edward, Stanley and Casimier Golanowski. Josephine is survived by her sister, Genevieve Bartuski; brother, Leonard Golanowski; daughters, Dolores Fields, Marie Castagna, and Gloria Hrobak.



Taste of the Township Pierogi

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Pierogi are dumplings of unleavened dough – traditionally stuffed with potato filling, sauerkraut, cabbage, ground meat, cheese, or fruit — first boiled, and then baked or fried usually in butter with onions. Countries all over the world have their own variation on this simple staple and their origins are virtually untraceable. Pierogi are similar to pelmeni in Russia, varenyky in Ukraine, varenik in Lithuania, pierohy in Slovakia, ravioli in Italy, and Maultaschen in Germany. While these dumplings are found throughout Eurasia, the specific name pierogi with its Proto-Slavic root "pir" shows the name's common Slavic origin. The word pierogi is Polish pronounced: [pjɛˈrɔɡʲi]. Pierogi is plural and the singular form, rarely used, is pieróg. Some cookbooks from the 17th century describe how even during that era pierogi were considered a staple of the Polish diet, and each holiday had its own special kind of pierogi. There were different shapes and fillings for holidays such as Christmas and Easter, and important events such as weddings. At first considered peasant food, they eventually gained popularity and spread throughout all social classes.

Pierogi are widespread in the United States, having been popularized by Central and Eastern European immigrants. They are particularly common in areas with large Polish, Slovak, or Ukrainian populations. According to pierogi manufacturer Mrs. T's, based in Shenandoah, PA, consumption in the United States is largely concentrated in a geographical region dubbed the "Pierogi Pocket", an area including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Chicago, Detroit, parts of the northern Midwest and southern New England. By the 1960s, pierogi became a common supermarket item in the frozen food aisles in many parts of the United States and Canada.

In Newport Township, with a population largely of East European roots, residents have made and eaten enormous amounts of pierogi. In addition to home consumption, pierogi are a staple at church picnics and other fundraisers. Many families eat pierogi on Christmas Eve during their Wigilia meal. The word "Wigilia" (vee-GEEL-yah), derives from the Latin verb vigilare, ""to watch" and in Polish tradition Wigilia means "waiting for the birth of Baby Jesus." The Christmas Eve meal begins with a prayer, the sharing of the blessed oplatki (consecrated bread wafer which is similar to that used for Holy Communion in the Roman Catholic Church), and exchanging wishes. The Wigilia Meal is traditionally a meatless meal as it completes the fast which awaits the birth of the Infant Jesus.

There are many variations of the recipe for pierogi. Here's one from Linda Bonkiewicz Hourigan of Glen Lyon:

Dough: 3 eggs, 8 oz. sour cream, about 3 cups flour
Whip eggs with the sour cream & add flour until dough is soft and workable. Cover dough with cloth and let it rest for about 15 minutes. Roll out and fill. (Makes about 20-24 pierogi) (Editors' note: Make circular impressions in the rolled out dough and place about a tablespoon of filling in the center of each circle. Fold the dough over the filling and pinch the edges together to make a seal. Then cook the pierogi in a pot of salted boiling water for five to eight minutes. Remove and drain. When they are drained, heat or fry them in melted butter or margarine with onions or freeze them for future use.)

Filling: Potato: About 5-6 potatoes boiled in a large pot with one cut-up onion. Boil for about 20 minutes. When soft, mash with grated Cooper's sharp cheese and salt to taste.

Cheese: To 1 pound of farmer's cheese, add 1 egg, sugar, and salt to taste.

This recipe is from Mildred Laychus Mackiewicz, formerly of Glen Lyon, and submitted by John Jarecki:

Dough: 3 cups of all purpose flour, 2 eggs, 8 oz. of sour cream

Instructions: Beat the eggs and mix them into the sour cream. Then add this mixture to the flour to make the dough. Work the dough with your hands until it comes away from the sides of the bowl.

Then divide the dough into two halves. Work each half into a long roll about 9 or 10 inches in length. Pinch off dough to make small balls of about 1½ inches in diameter. On a floured board, roll (with rolling pin) each ball into a circle.

Cheese Mixture: Approximately 2 ½ pounds of farmers' cheese (also called pressed cheese), 2 or 3 eggs, ½ teaspoon of sugar, ½ teaspoon of salt.

Instructions: Mix the beaten eggs, together with the sugar and salt, into the farmers' cheese.

Assemble pierogi: Two of the recipes of dough above will roughly match one recipe of cheese mixture above.

Fill each dough circle with cheese mixture, fold over and pinch together the open edge. Put the filled pierogi into boiling water. When they come to the surface, boil them for 5 minutes.



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES PLANNED

The American Legion and VFW Posts in the Township will hold Memorial Day Services at all cemeteries to honor deceased veterans. New American flags will be placed at veterans' gravesites. Residents are invited to attend these services on Monday morning, May 26.

Susan A. Maza

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Members of Crazy 8: Front row, left to right: Dean Miller, Vice President Paul Stephanick, Mark Russin, Treasurer Chris Miller. Back row: Ed Ruminski, President Thor Allen, Jim Porzucek, Secretary Ray Eroh.

CRAZY 8 SPORTSMAN CLUB

By Tom Kashatus ~ Remember when Newport Township lands from the Susquehanna River and Retreat Mountain to Lily Lake Mountain flourished with wild game? In the fall, when coal was still king, the “nimrodders” would get out of school or work during the week. On weekends they would patrol Township lands and talk of their successful exploits at the local bars or malt shops and during recesses and lunch periods. It was nothing to see deer crossing the highway when traveling by car from Mocanaqua to Glen Lyon and herds feeding at night by the old ball diamond and cemeteries. When the first day of buck season arrived, there would be numerous deer hanging from front porches and someone would ask the owner, “Where did you get that six, eight, or ten pointer?” Most likely, the answer would be: “up by the ball diamond” or “down by Moc” or “over by Kielar’s” or “on Alden Mountain” or “over by Retreat.” Those days are long gone as game has become scarce over the years and hunters have also become scarce.

Dean Miller stated that “Newport Township lands today do not provide the availability of natural game for a father to take his son or daughter to enjoy a day of hunting and teach the fundamentals of good sportsmanship to our younger generation.” Out of this opinion and philosophy which is shared among a few Glen Lyon residents grew the “Crazy 8 Sportsman Club.” These guys even went so far as to establish by-laws and become a charitable 501(c) (3) organization. The group contributes to their community whenever possible. Recently, they donated two much-needed semi-automatic 12 gauge Mossberg assault shotguns to the Newport Township Police Department. The weapons were purchased at Piestrak’s Gun Shop located on Alden Mountain Road.

On June 1st Crazy 8 signed a lease to rent a 275 acre farm in Bradford County. The farm is 50% forest land and 50% farm land with a house that may be used for quarters. Deer, bear, and small game flourish on the property. Bradford County is dead center in Marcellus Shale territory; however, the owner of this property has not participated in any gas leasing contracts. Mark Russin, formerly of Glen Lyon, who has resided in the Mehoopany area for a number of years, helped make this arrangement possible.



Crazy 8 Donation to the Police Department Front row, left to right: Vice President Paul Stephanick, President Thor Allen, Treasurer Chris Miller, and Secretary Ray Eroh. Back row: Newport Township Police Chief Jeremy Blank, Jim Porzucek, Dean Miller, Dave Remsky, Edward Ruminski, and Newport Township Police Commissioner John Zyla.

GLEN LYON CRIME WATCH

By Karen E. Rejician ~ Identity thefts affect the lives and credit scores of millions of people annually. To prevent this, a little precaution can go a long way. Here are some tips from Consumer Topics at USA.gov to keep you from becoming a victim:

- Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet.
- Protect your PIN. Never write a PIN on a credit/debit card or on a slip of paper in your wallet.
- Watch out for "shoulder surfers." Use your free hand to shield the keypad when using pay phones and ATMs.
- Pay attention to your billing cycles. If bills or financial statement are late, contact the sender. Keep your receipts. Compare receipts with account statements and watch for unauthorized transactions. Tear up or shred unwanted receipts, credit offers, account statements, expired cards, etc., to prevent dumpster divers from getting your unauthorized transactions.
- Store personal information in a safe place at home and at work. Don't leave it lying around. Don't respond to unsolicited requests for personal information in the mail, over the phone or online. Install firewalls and virus-detection software on your home computer.
- Check your credit report once a year. Check it more frequently if you suspect someone has gotten access to your account information.

If you suspect you are a victim of identity theft, follow these steps: Report it to your financial institution. Report the fraud to your local police immediately. Keep a copy of the police report, which will make it easier to prove your case to creditors. Contact the credit-reporting bureaus and ask them to flag your account with a fraud alert, which asks merchants not to grant new credit without your approval. If your identity has been stolen, you can use an ID Theft affidavit to report the theft to most of the parties involved. All three credit bureaus and many major creditors have agreed to accept the affidavit. You can download the ID theft affidavit or request a copy by calling toll-free 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338). You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

Time and again....

Any commitment is only as good as the most knowledgeable, determined, and vigorous person on it. There must be somebody who provides the flame. ~ Lady Bird Johnson



Lynette Paczkowski

By Tom Kashatus ~ When our children finally grow out of their childhoods, finish school, and move on in their journey in life, we parents all hope in our hearts that they have an opportunity to achieve success wherever that may be. It's great when that opportunity enables families to live close by one another. However that is not always the case, especially here locally where opportunities are somewhat limited.

Lynette Paczkowski is the daughter of Leonard Paczkowski and Barbara Reakes. Lynette grew up in Wanamie, Newport Township, played softball for Newport Township Little League, attended Greater Nanticoke Area Schools, and kept active doing what youngsters normally did during the 1980's and 1990's – a Brownie and Junior Girl Scout with the Glen Lyon Troops and piano lessons. After graduating from high school in 1997 and being a very dedicated Notre Dame supporter, Lynette continued her education at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, graduating magna cum laude with a B.A. in 2001. She also received a scholarship from the Notre Dame Club of Hanover Township.

While at Notre Dame she was "The Dome" yearbook sports editor; a member of the Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society; and secretary for the Circle K. She was a recipient of the Brian Cullen Outstanding Service Award; a Notre Dame Scholar; and participated in their London Program.

In 2004, Ms. Paczkowski graduated from Boston College Law School with a Jurist Doctor degree. There, she became yearbook editor and Phi Alpha Delta service chair clerk. Challenging projects were two independent studies, one involving trademark disparagement in professional sports which was published by the Intellectual Property and Technology Forum (2004 B. C. Intell. Prop. & Tech. F. 060803) and the other examining Metropolitan Sports Facilities Comm'n v. Minnesota Twins P'ship. An interesting by-line of her college career was her internship with the sports agent of Doug Flutie, a Boston College alum and former Buffalo Bills quarterback.

After law school Ms Paczkowski became an associate with Metrowest law firm. Before joining Bowditch & Dewey LLC, her present career choice, she worked at an insurance defense firm in Worcester, MA and a boutique trial firm in Framingham. She has become a Senior Associate and trial attorney with Bowditch &

Dewey and concentrates her practice on all aspects of civil litigation. Her expertise lies in the areas of business and construction litigation, representing owners and contractors alike on construction projects and disputes. She has been admitted to practice law in Massachusetts, New York, the United States District Court for the District of MA, and the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Lynette also is a member of the Worcester Bar Association and the Worcester County Bar Association. She serves as Association Co-chair of the Young Lawyers Division, Worcester County Bar Association Executive Committee, Young Professionals Women's Association Vice President and is current President, Community Legal Aid Access to Justice Campaign Leadership Committee. Community Legal Aid provides pro bono (volunteer) legal services to low-income and elderly residents of five central Massachusetts counties. From 2008 to 2010, Ms. Paczkowski also organized and presented the Worcester Musical Festival.

Hard work and involvement with community initiatives doesn't come without its merits and rewards. A solid 45 to 55-hour work week is common for Ms Paczkowski, as well as volunteering 10 to 15 hours per week with her other organizations. She has received the Worcester Business Journal's "40 Under 40" award (the best and brightest business leaders under 40 years of age) in 2012 and was named a "Massachusetts Super Lawyers Rising Star" in 2013.

Most successful people have had mentors throughout their lives. Ms Paczkowski credits the positive influence of others throughout her life: attorneys at Bowditch & Dewey who encourage her to develop in a way that suits her personality and skills set and not clones of themselves. Another mentor was a high school English teacher who always believed in her and encouraged her. Many of this teacher's "Quotes of the Day" have stuck with her all these years. An expression Lynette lives by is: "Life isn't measured by the breaths that we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

In high school, Ms Paczkowski not only excelled academically, but also in basketball, volleyball, and fast-pitch softball. She continues to spend spare moments on the golf course and throws two different change-ups in her slow-pitch softball league. Lynette recently became a partner with law firm of Bowditch and Dewey.

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Pictured holding the Ceremonial Bugle are Adjutant Ed Kalinowski (left) with Commander Paul Kearney.

Wanamie American Legion Report

By Adjutant Ed Kalinowski ~ Wanamie American Legion Post #971 recently conducted an in-house fund raiser for the purpose of purchasing a new Ceremonial Bugle to be used at Memorial Day cemetery details, military funerals, and other veteran events.

Until now the Post has been using a prerecorded cassette tape of a bugler playing taps. The cassette tape is worn out, and it was time to step up to a new and more realistic system of playing taps.

The bugle is a real musical instrument with the difference being it has an electronic insert which plays taps when a button is pushed. The operator of the instrument needs no musical experience. The officers of the American Legion Post are grateful and wish to thank the Wanamie Legion members who stepped up to the plate to enable this much needed change to the taps ritual. The fund-raiser saw almost 100% participation from its membership. The bugle was purchased from a firm in New York City at a cost of \$530.00.

American Legion Post # 971 is still looking to recruit qualified new members. Anyone with military experience is asked to join the Legion. This will allow our post to continue paying tribute at special events and occasions to our fellow veterans both living and fallen. Help is always needed, and our ranks are dwindling. If interested in joining, please contact the Legion Adjutant by calling (570) 735-8561 or by mail at: Wanamie Legion Post 971, P.O. Box 58, Nanticoke, Pa. 18634.

Summer Fun Event: Come See the Butterflies!

By Debbie Prokopf ~ Come one, come all to see and touch some delicate flying creatures. They are multi-colored and come in different sizes; some could land on your arm, your shoulder and even your nose! What are these creatures? Butterflies!



Sponsored by the NTCO, Mr. Folk from Folk's Butterfly Farm will assemble a tent at the Coal Street Playground in Glen Lyon. Inside the tent will be butterflies of all types. This is an event for residents of all ages! Mr. Folk and his assistants will be on hand to answer any questions. The Summer Fun Event will be held Saturday, July 12 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Hope to see everyone there!

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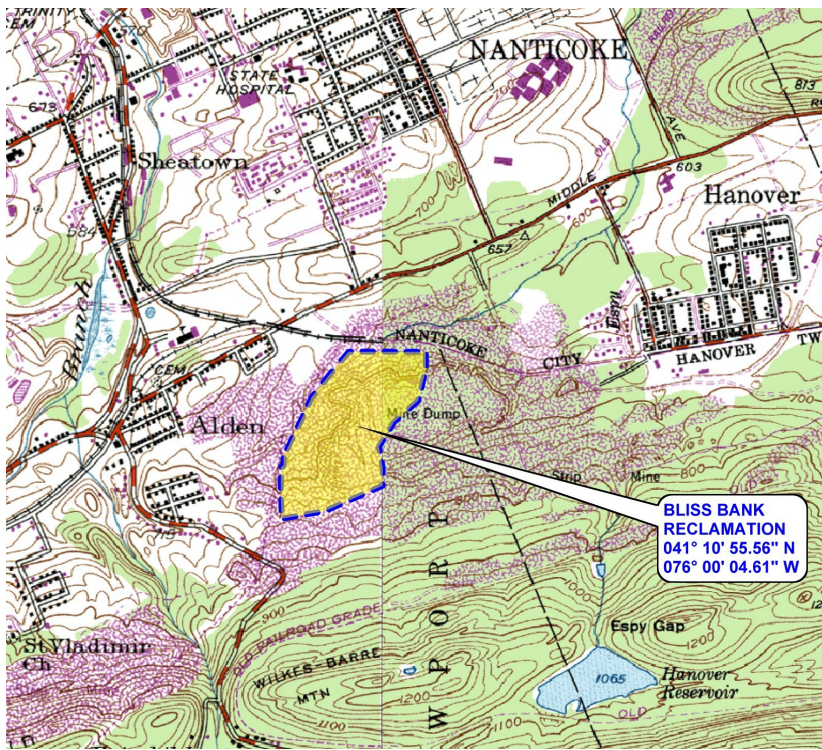
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Even God Likes a Joke

If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.
 ~ Rev. Louis Kaminski, Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish 9



The topography map above shows the relationship of the Bliss cleanup to Alden.

Earth Conservancy Reclamation Efforts Spread into Newport Township

By EC Staff Writer Jacqueline Munro ~ This year marks the twentieth anniversary of Earth Conservancy's purchase of 16,496 acres from the bankruptcy estate of the Blue Coal Corporation with a goal of conservation, reclamation and economic revitalization of the lands and watersheds in the Wyoming Valley of Luzerne County. To date, the non-profit organization has reclaimed 1,663 acres at a cost of \$31.2 million. Those lands will be made available for a variety of uses throughout the region. However, much work remains to be done to reclaim the mine scarred lands Earth Conservancy owns. Nowhere is that more visible than in Newport Township.

The Bliss Bank, located across Middle Road from Luzerne County Community College, served as a mine waste holding site for the Blue Coal Corporation. In the decades since Blue Coal closed, the property has become an eyesore, consisting of mountainous piles of coal waste (culm), some several stories high. There are several pits on the property that were dug in an unsuccessful effort to find coal on the site. The site invites dumping of household garbage and illegal trespassing by ATV riders.

Additionally, the site pollutes the watershed with Acid Mine Drainage (AMD). The presence of high levels of AMD in a stream can kill delicate microorganisms, which makes the waterway unable to support other life. This is the case in many sections of the Nanticoke Creek Watershed and its tributaries Espy Run, Leuder Creek and Nanticoke Creek. The watershed is 8.2 square miles, equaling 4,816 acres.

People have lived in this community with this unsightly and unusable property in their back yards for decades. The Bliss project will reclaim a 50-acre section of the approximately 200-acre Bliss site. Earth Conservancy is in the early stages of reclaiming this brownfield site. This effort will provide environmentally improved lands that can be used for mixed use development. Our hope is that the work will spur other economic initiatives in the area. This would benefit our region that has never fully recovered from the demise of the coal mining industry.

The goal of work for the Bliss project is twofold: to reduce a source of AMD in the watershed, and to make the site available for mixed-use development. Significant work needs to be performed in order to reclaim the site and have it most safely and effectively reutilized. Work will consist of moving approximately 800,000 cubic yards of culm and overburden, re-contouring the site, including filling pits, installing storm water drainage systems, and covering the area with nutrient rich soils for vegetation.

Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1.6 million. Earth Conservancy received two grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection totaling \$975,000. We received \$400,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Cleanup Program to assist with project completion. Earth Conservancy will contribute cash and in-kind donations totaling \$225,000 to complete the project. Work at the site is expected to take two years.

The long term plan is to allow for mixed use development that would support regional economic initiatives. The project location near the Community College, with its approximately 7,000 students could provide space for services needed by both the college and adjoining communities. It is important to note that by reclaiming and re-using the Bliss lands, pristine lands will remain untouched.

The Wyoming Valley has a rich coal mining history, which played a key role in our country's Industrial Revolution. Reclamation of sites like the Bliss Bank helps to turn around the environmental and economic decline left in the wake of a faded industry by creating an environmentally, aesthetically and economically viable community.



This photo taken from the Alden Mountain Road shows the relationship to LCCC with the power lines that head over to Hanover Township.

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in the Wyoming Valley*

Thanks to the Newport Township Community Organization for its ongoing support

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A King Comes to Sheatown

By Judy Minsavage and Tom Kashatus ~ In 2009 the Diocese of Scranton ordered the closing of six churches in the Nanticoke area – Saint Francis of Assisi on Green Street, Saint Stanislaus on Church Street, Saint Joseph on Noble Street, Holy Child in Sheatown, and Holy Trinity and Saint Mary of Czestochowa on Hanover Street. They were then merged into the new Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish, and the former Holy Trinity Church was kept open to be used as the main church while Saint Mary of Czestochowa remained opened as a secondary church.

In an effort to find an initiative or vehicle to unite the thousands of parishioners in a new tradition, Jack and Judy Minsavage of Nanticoke and Jim and Pat Botsko of Hanover Township took the lead, along with the support of the pastor, Father Jim Nash, to inspire countless donors, supporters, cast and crew members, to give birth to an outdoor Christmas play “Miracle of Bethlehem.” The Minsavages were able to supply the script, music, and production expertise. The Botskos supplied the names of possible cast members, contacts and plan formulation for the forty-seven-minute outdoor play.

With a tremendous amount of hard work lying ahead, the first meeting was held March 2010, and a date for the first production of “Miracle of Bethlehem” was set for December 2011. Challenges that lie ahead were designing and creating costumes, assembling props, building lighting and sound sets, and finding parishioners who were willing to rehearse and act in the play. A location for the production was quickly decided as the Grove Committee of Saint Faustina volunteered to help in any way. The former Holy Child picnic grounds in Sheatown provided ample area for parking, seating, staging and an opportunity to serve food and refreshments. It didn’t take long for a core group of volunteers to grow into sixty-eight cast members and forty committee and crew members.

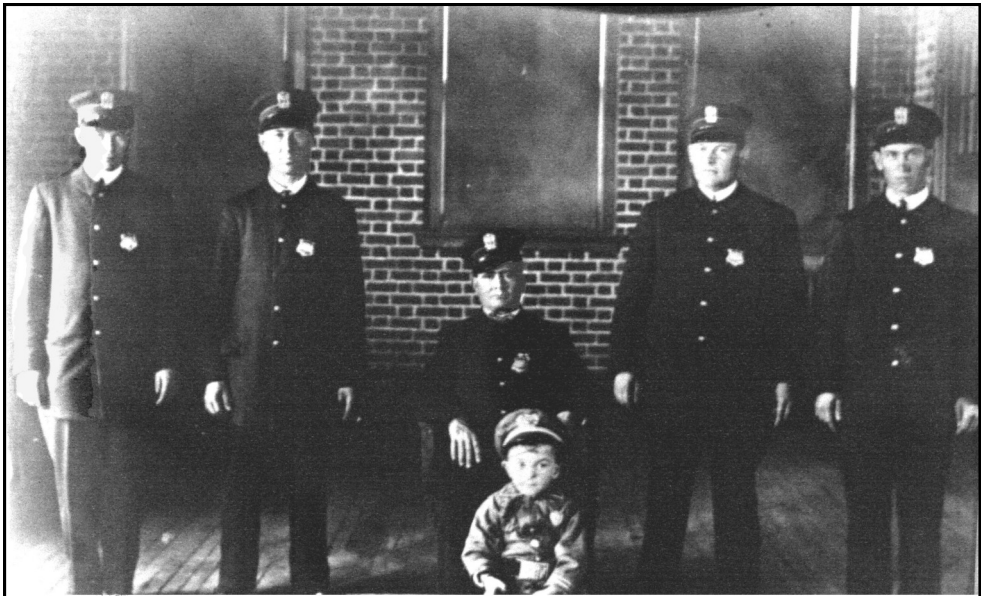
Andrea Josefowicz assembled a sewing committee that included Johanna Locke, Dolores Valania, Ann Marie Cardone, Joyce Hudak, Mary Ann Marcella, Mary Ann Keiler, and the late Lillian Volpicelli. Bill Borysewicz, music director for Saint Faustina, helped to secure a room in the former Saint Stanislaus rectory in which the sewing committee could continue to assemble and store the costumes. A stroke of good fortune evolved when Joe DePalma, former owner of Worth’s on E. Main Street, donated yards and yards of cloth that were used to make costumes and are still being used. Dave Yezefski, owner of Production, Inc., came on board to supply his lighting, sound equipment, and crew. Jessica Exley and her team from Endless Dreams Educational Animals in Benton were eager to provide the animals for the play. There have been an overwhelming endless number of enthusiastic supporters and

sponsors that stretch across Luzerne County. At the present time there are over one hundred children and adults from the Nanticoke-Newport area involved in presenting the play to the community, and planning stages for the 2014 production are now in place and dates will be announced in the near future. Consideration is being given to offering the play for three nights, if possible, sometime in December. The NTCO will promote the effort of the cast and crew in future newsletters.

Contrary to skeptics who deem Newport Township as a municipality of inactivity, the Saint Faustina Grove in Sheatown is a hub of activity throughout the year with three car shows, a Chicken Bar-B-Q, and an ideal facility for class reunions, family reunions, and graduations.

As the last of the designated church closings was taking place, Jack Minsavage approached Father Nash about re-opening the former St. Stanislaus Church on Church Street, Nanticoke, to be used as a center to hold church sponsored art shows, concerts and stage plays as well as offering the space to the Nanticoke Historical Society for displays and programs. With the support of Father Nash, Minsavage assembled a board of directors for the newly formed Cultural Centre of St. Faustina which includes Chet Zaremba, Barbara Lach, Jack and Judy Minsavage, Father Nash, Diane and Gene Nowakowski and Frank Baker. Minsavage, Baker of Nanticoke, and Charlie Marcella of Sheatown helped to transform Saint Stan’s into a space that is available for people of all ages. The Cultural Centre and its directors and membership have played a key role in the Miracle of Bethlehem play. Future plans for the center include concerts, stage plays, a free library and book swap, book discussion club, writers group and programs and instruction in the arts sponsored by church groups. The space can be reserved by calling 570-735-0552.





NEWPORT TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE - 1914

Row 1 - Ray Polinaszek
Row 2 - Pat Cronin, John Makowski, Jim Burke (Chief)
Charles Ruptic, John Klish

The 100 Year Anniversary of the Newport Township Police Department

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Newport Township Police Department (NTPD). The creation of the Department, like many other historic events in the Township, is closely connected to the coal industry.

With the start of the Industrial Revolution in America in the early 1800's, the need for coal to drive the new machines grew tremendously. Coal is more efficient than wood as fuel, and thus it also became a popular fuel for heating homes. Probably the biggest demand for coal came from the railroads. Between 1810 and 1830, various entrepreneurs and inventors tested model railroads and by 1827, one of the first railroad companies, the Baltimore and Ohio, was incorporated. In 1829, the first steam locomotive was tested on the tracks of the Delaware and Hudson. Between 1830 and 1870, railroad building boomed in the United States and the railroads replaced canals as the primary mode of transportation.

Pennsylvania had lots of coal underneath its surface and in Northeastern Pennsylvania a rare and valuable type of coal, anthracite, was present in large quantities. Gradually this part of the state changed from an agriculture-based economy to an industrial economy. With this shift in economy came a different social structure and disorder became common in the new communities that sprang up where the coal was mined.

At that time, law enforcement in Pennsylvania existed only on the county level or below; an elected sheriff or constable was the primary law enforcement officer. During the 1860's, railroad operators and their subsidiaries, the coal and iron industries, requested additional protection of their properties. To satisfy their demands, the Pennsylvania State Legislature passed State Act 228 in 1865. This empowered the railroads to organize private police forces. For one dollar each, the State sold commissions conferring police power upon whomever the railroad owners selected. The following year, a supplement to the act was passed extending the privilege to "embrace all corporations, firms, or individuals, owning, leasing, or being in possession of any colliery, furnace, or rolling mill within this commonwealth."

Throughout Pennsylvania, armies of guards were raised supposedly to protect private property but actually were used to enforce the will of the company owners. These private police forces be-

came known as the Coal and Iron Police. In 1885, the Coal and Iron Police played a large role in the arrest of six men in the famous Molly Maguire incident in Schuylkill and Carbon Counties. And in 1902, these police were used as strike breakers during The Great Anthracite Strike. The violence between the strikers and the coal companies spread through seven counties and the strike caused a nationwide coal shortage and drove up the price of anthracite coal. The strike ended when President Theodore Roosevelt intervened.

Afterwards, it was recognized that peace and order should be maintained by appointed and responsible officers employed by the public. This led to the formation of the Pennsylvania State Police. The Pennsylvania State Police was created as an executive department of state government by legislation, Senate Bill 278 and signed into law by Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker on May 2, 1905. The department became the first uniformed police organization of its kind in the United States and a model for other state police agencies throughout the nation. The State Police soon proved its worth by controlling mob violence, patrolling farm sections, protecting wildlife, and

tracking down criminals.

From the 1870's, the various coal companies that operated in the Township, particularly the Susquehanna Coal Company, owned and controlled just about everything. The Company's police force, the Coal and Iron Police, enforced patch rules. As one can imagine, there was great animosity between the Coal and Iron Police and the miners. The State Police were often called in to enforce the law and subdue altercations which often included riots and fistfights. In 1909, for example, according to an article in the Sunday Independent, the State Police and sheriff were summoned to Glen Lyon to settle an argument among church goers over the removal of a certain priest. Before they arrived, "rioting had taken place. Several persons were struck and considerable disorder prevailed."

For many years, an elected Constable was the law enforcement officer in the Township. In 1912, a rather sensational crime occurred when Newport Township Constable Samuel Stair was murdered at Nuangola Station. The suspect in the case, supposedly armed with three revolvers, hid in the woods between Wanamie and Alden to elude the State Police. It is not known whether he was ever captured.

By the early 1900s, the demand for housing and public services increased in the township and lawlessness partly fueled by labor disputes began to severely test the Company's willingness to cope. So they turned to township officials, convincing them that the orderly growth of housing and public services was a municipal, not a company, responsibility. The Company also persuaded the Board of Commissioners that income generated by taxes would cover the costs of a police force.

So, on February 5, 1914, at a regular meeting of the members of the Board in the Town Hall at Wanamie, it was decided to appropriate \$3,000 (about \$70,000.00 in today's money) for the establishment of the first paid police force. In a meeting on March 16, 1914, the commissioners went further and selected a police force of five, including a chief. These men were: Jim Burke as Chief assigned to Sheatown, Charles Ruptic and John Makowski assigned to Glen Lyon, John Klish for Alden, and Patrick Cronin for Wanamie. The janitor for Police headquarters was William Adams.

By 1931, then-Governor Gifford Pinchot refused to renew or issue new private police commissions. This effectively ended the existence of the Coal and Iron Police in Pennsylvania.

In 1915, the new police force was tested when 2 1/2-year-old Andrew

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Dominski of Enterprise Street, Glen Lyon wandered off and was reported missing by his father George. Fifty men and the entire police force searched for two days and nights. They were joined in by State troopers and others who, according to newspaper accounts, "scoured the mountains in the vicinity of Glen Lyon." Happily, Andrew was found asleep on a pile of brush by John Salwa, who carried him carefully for a half mile until he met the State troopers. Andrew was treated by Dr. Davis who later sent him to the Nanticoke Hospital. He suffered from exposure and hunger. "There was general rejoicing in Glen Lyon when it was learned that he had been found."

In 1917, a short article appeared in the newspaper about potential crime because young boys were playing cards. "The playing of cards appears to be the chief pastime among the young element in Newport Township," this person wrote. "Especially is this fact so in Glen Lyon. No matter where one passes in the lower end of town, they can readily see a group of boys assembled on the streets or on their porch indulging in the pastime of cards. The local police should break up this practice, as this is without doubt the first step to the leading of all the crimes that have been committed in Glen Lyon." There is no indication as to whether the police followed this advice.

Between 1914 and 1959 when the mines closed, the NTPD had to contend with many incidents arising from labor disputes. For example, in 1935, according to newspaper accounts, "A new reign of terror prevailed today in the local strike area with four dynamitings and other disturbances in the labor controversy centering about the rivalry between two unions of mine workers. Approximately 200 men employed in the No. 18 end of the Wanamie mine of the Glen Alden Company were forced into idleness when a charge of dynamite damaged the fanhouse supplying air to that section of the mine... The force of the explosion tore a gaping hole in the building housing the fans and ripped several blades from the fan itself." Related to this incident was the dynamiting of a barn at 197 West Main Street, Wanamie which badly damaged one side, broke all windows, and injured a cow inside. The blast, caused by at least five sticks of dynamite, also tore two window frames on the second story of the house. The owner of the property, Joseph Prusch, was an active member of the United Anthracite Miners of Pennsylvania. Prusch also charged "that an automobile load of Glen Alden Coal Company employees stopped their car in front of the Glen Lyon National Bank and chased a group of idle Susquehanna Collieries Company workers off the street and down an embankment. He declared they were armed with revolvers and shotguns."

As with most police forces, there were occasional requests for additional assistance. For example, in 1948, the high school annex was destroyed by fire. According to Township records, the School Board requested that a policeman be placed at the scene to prevent looting and protect the public from danger. The Board of Commissioners felt that the school board should hire a watchman, but ultimately left the decision to the chief of police. In March of 1954, the Superintendent of Retreat Hospital, Dr. Feidler, requested that the Board "consider appointing without pay five residents of Retreat to serve as special policemen in the Retreat area only." The Board approved this request. One more officer was appointed the following month.

As mentioned previously, for many years Newport Township citizens have elected persons to serve as constables. Constables are peace officers, and as such, are empowered to quell a disturbance of the peace. They are required by Pennsylvania statute to maintain order at election polls and to ensure that no qualified elector is obstructed from voting. Constables are the only peace officers permitted at the polls on Election Day. Currently, Norman Bodek and Edward Pauska serve in this capacity. They are elected to a



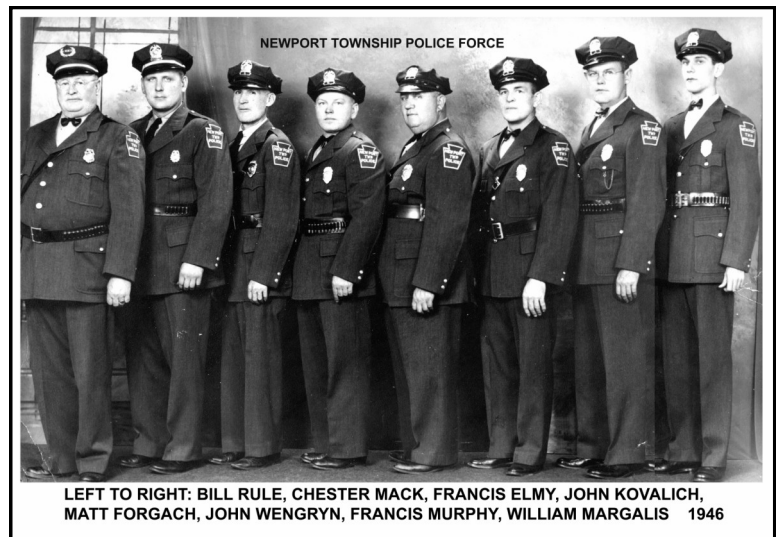
NEWPORT TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE - 1931

Fred Makara, Matthew Forgach, Chester Mack, William Blackburn (Chief), John Rachunis (Sergeant), Bruce Ziemski, Girard Gordon



NEWPORT TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE - 1939

**Row 1 - Chester Mack, George Detz, John Wengryn
Row 2 - Kelly Riordan, Louis Staskel (Chief), William Rule (Sergeant), Matthew Forgach, Theodore Stralka**



**NEWPORT TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE
LEFT TO RIGHT: BILL RULE, CHESTER MACK, FRANCIS ELMY, JOHN KOVALICH, MATT FORGACH, JOHN WENGRYN, FRANCIS MURPHY, WILLIAM MARGALIS 1946**

six-year term.

Through the years, there were other positions besides patrolmen and sergeants in the police force, such as school traffic policemen and special safety patrol officers. Chet Mack also served as township civil defense director, but resigned when he became police chief in 1962. In 1971, Gerald Forgach, the youngest patrolman at that time, was appointed to participate in the newly formed Greater Wilkes-Barre Area Narcotics Squad and later was designated township narcotics officer. And, on April 1 of last year, Leonard Paczkowski was appointed as Newport's first fire police captain. Seven additional fire



NEWPORT TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE - 1948

Francis Murphy, John Kovalich, John Wengryn, William Rule (Chief), Chester Mack (Sergeant), Francis Elmy, Matthew Forgach, William Margalis

past January.

As the population of Newport Township grew, so did the NTPD. The growth in population was most dramatic in the first three decades of the twentieth century. In 1800, the population was 78. Between 1840 and 1850, a noticeable increase from 253 to 1,384 indicates the job opportunities the coal industry brought. The U.S. Census shows the following figures for Newport: 1900: 6,584, 1910: 10,264, and in 1930: 13,937. The first police force in 1914 had five officers. In 1931, there were seven and from 1939 through the fifties, there were eight or nine. Presently, there is one full time officer (Chief Jeremy Blank) and 11 part-time police officers.

A partial list of police chiefs with approximate dates of service follows: 1914, Jim Burke; 1931, William Blackburn; 1935, Frank MacAfee; 1936-1939, Louis Staskiel; 1942-1947, Edward Rogowicz; 1948-1954, William Rule; 1962-1972, Chet Mack; 1973-1982, William Margalis; 1982-1990, Walter Materewicz; 1991-2001, Albert Vandermark, 2001-2006, Carl Smith; 2007-2013, Robert Impaglia; 2013 to present, Jeremy Blank.

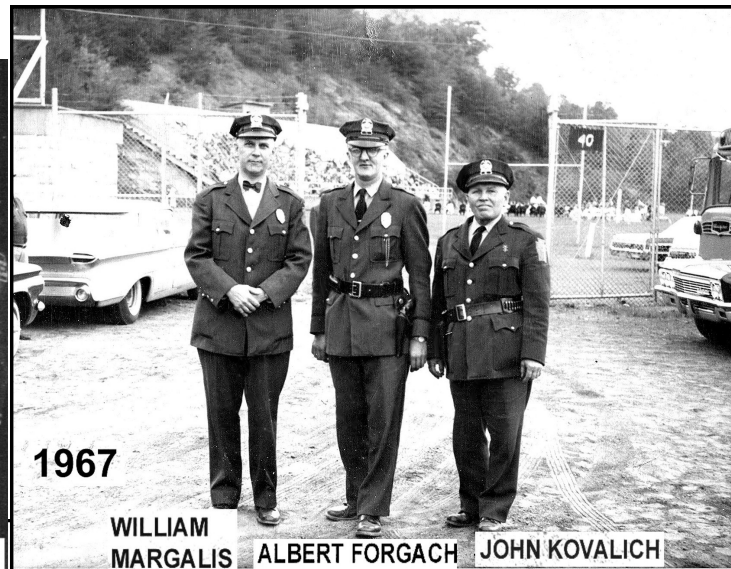
Among the officers who served are: Albert Forgach, John Kovalich, Kelly Riordan, Theodore Stralka, Matthew Forgach, Francis Elmy, Rich Novak, Gerald Forgach, John Benson, Paul Waiter, Bruce Ziemski, Girard Gordon, John Rachunis, George Detz, John Wengryn, Daniel Burns, Francis Murphy, John Forgach, Richard Smetana, Peter Skamarakas, John Thomas, Richard Benson, Gregory Gregory, Edward Kalinowski, Donald Whittaker, Norman Bodek, Phillip Roke, Gerald Buchkowski, Michael Marshall, Leonard Bellas, Scott Kaminski.

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See related stories on page 18. If any of our readers has additional information or pictures, please let us know. Thanks!

We Salute the NTPD!

An anniversary is a time to celebrate the joys of today, the memories of yesterday, and the hopes of tomorrow. ~ Author Unknown



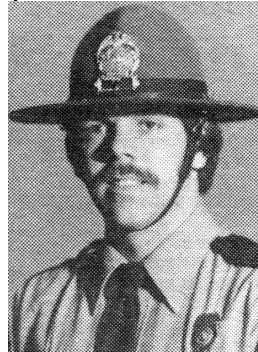
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WILLIAM MARGALIS ALBERT FORGACH JOHN KOVALICH

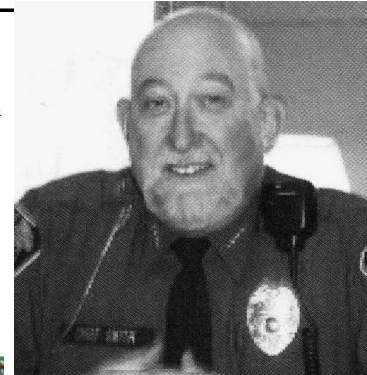


**TOP ROW: JOHN THOMAS, RICH NOVAK, ED KALINOWSKI, JOHN BENSON, PAUL WAITER
BOTTOM ROW: GERALD FORGACH, ALBERT FORGACH, WILLIAM MARGALIS, ALBERT VANDERMARK, JOHN SKAMARAKUS**

1973



Recent police chiefs include (clockwise from left): Walter Materewicz, Carl Smith, Jeremy Blank, and Robert Impaglia.



Storms of February

By Krissy Blank ~ It seemed to be a typical Valentine Day storm. Kids were given time off from school and enjoyed playing in the snow while others found themselves indoors playing video games. Neighbors helped neighbors plowing or shoveling each other out. The sound of snow blowers buzzed throughout the day. For as much snow that fell upon the municipality, it was great to see everyone outside and working together cleaning their sidewalks and shoveling out their vehicles. Some will say that they are sick of all the snow, but there are a few who love the snow and are awed by its beauty as it lies on the branches and hangs from the tree tops. Some residents will say that they don't mind the snow as long as it isn't heavy, and still others say that they enjoy the day off to spend time with their family watching movies. All in all the heavy snow has its good points and bad points. For five days after the storm the Newport Township Public Works Department worked steadily to remove piles of snow from street corners and other critical areas for the safety of the residents. It surely gives one a feeling of pride to see a community pull together during a critical time of need.





HOAGIE SALE

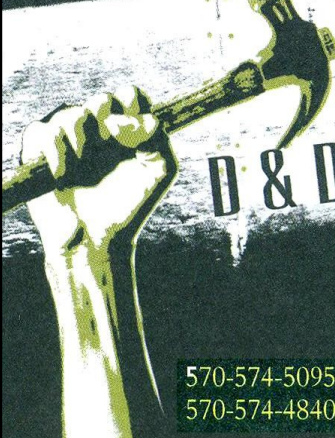
A hoagie sale was held at St. Adalbert's Church Hall in Glen Lyon, Sunday February 2, Super Bowl Sunday and sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society of Holy Spirit Parish.

Pictured are the hoagie makers: Back row from left, Heidi Jarecki, Debbie Prokopf, Steve Prokopf, Carol Sobotka, and Jennifer Morgis. Seated are: Stef Stogowski, Audrey Campus, and Steve Prokopf.

Another hoagie sale is planned for May. Thanks to all for your support!

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CUB SCOUT SOUP SUPPER sponsored by Pack 430 was held at the American Legion in Glen Lyon on February 7.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH DINNER was held at the former St. Denis Church in Glen Lyon on March 7. Pictured below are the Easter Bunny's Assistants (left) and the Kitchen Crew (right). A second fish dinner was held on April 4.



Newport Township Fire Department Fundraiser
 On Friday April 18, the Consolidated Fire Department of Newport Township and Saint Faustina Parish of Nanticoke will be holding a potato pancake sale at the parking lot of DelBalso Ford in Nanticoke from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m. The following menu choices will be available throughout the day: potato pancakes \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00; pierogies \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00; halushki and broccoli & shells 16 oz. for \$5.00 or 32 oz. for \$9.00; shrimp bisque or red clam chowder 16 oz. for \$5.00 or 32 oz. for \$9.00; and ziti 32 oz. for \$5.00. Last year's sale was highly successful and the organizations are looking forward to serving the community once again. The Fire Department Committee thanks the many volunteers who gave their time and effort for last year's fundraiser. Pictured on the left are members of the committee: kneeling from the left are Janet Griffith, Vicki Griffith, Jerry Shemanski, Larry Ace, Jonathan Kerestes, Nick Kowalski, and Evan Wasilewski. Standing from the left are Jason Kowalski, David Kent, Ron Womelsdorf, Dan Kowalski, Sharon Slominski, Frank Baker, Lee Kowalski, Norm Bodek, Mike Yalch, Len Paczkowski, and Paul Mierzwa.



NTCO and Glen Lyon Crime Watch Donate Body Cameras to Newport Township Police Department

The Newport Township Community Organization and the Glen Lyon Crime Watch recently donated funds to the Newport Township Police Department for the purchase of two body cameras.

Pictured left to right are: Tom Kashatus, Vice President of the NTCO, Heidi Jarecki, Paul Jarecki, Wanda Stec, Palmira Miller, President of the NTCO, Joe Maloney, Jeremy Blank, Newport Township Chief of Police, and Karen Rejician, President of the Glen Lyon Crime Watch.

Newport Township Lions Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Police Department A dinner honoring the 100th year of police service in Newport Township was held at Alden Manor on March 26. Remarks were made by District Magistrate Donald Whitaker (below left), and State Senator John Yudichak (below middle). Below right is the presentation of recognition from the Pennsylvania State Senate. From left to right: Senator Yudichak, Program Chairman Lion John Zyla, Magistrate Whitaker and Newport Police Chief Jeremy Blank.



Above is the recognition from the Pennsylvania State Senate given to the Newport Township Police Department by Senator John Yudichak. At left are pictured former and current Newport Township police officers: Front row, left to right Norman Bodek, Stan Drevenak, Brian Gasper, Commissioner John Zyla, John Grabowski, and Scott Charles Neff. Back row, left to right are: William Kishbaugh, Thomas Nalbhone, Chief Jeremy Blank and Magistrate Don Whitaker.



Halushki Sale St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church, Glen Lyon held a halushki, vegetable soup and bake sale on Friday, March 22. Pictured above are some of the cooks who might be celebrity chefs in disguise.

Ham Bingo A Spring Ham Bingo sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group was held on March 30 at St. Adalbert's Church Hall. It included a bake sale and Chinese auction. Above are the kitchen crew and below are participants who hoped to take home their Easter dinner.



Easter Egg Hunt Below are pictured some of the lucky children who found Easter eggs hidden in the grass at the Wanamie Recreation Park on Saturday, April 5. The event was sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group.





Pictured left to right:
Seated: William Stoker, Arch Turner and Mr. Womelsdorf.
Standing: Coach Peter Ravin, Wilbur Fischer, Arthur Jenkins, Mike Kutz, George Sack, Coach Dale Richards

Tournament Team: forward Arch Turner, center Mike Kutz and guard George Sack.

The players for Coach Dale Richards' Newport team that gave the Nans such a battle were: forwards Arch Turner and Mr. Womelsdorf; guards Arthur Jenkins and George Sack; center Mike Kutz and reserves Wilbur Fischer and William Stoker.

The Nanticoke State Championship Team consisted of: forwards Leonard (Butch) Sullivan, Henry Piasecki, Gerald Donahey and Louis Sweitzer; guards Frank Washik and Arthur Davis; center Wilfred Roads and reserve Dave Price.

The 1923 Newport Township High School Basketball Season

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ In 1923, both the Newport Township High School and Nanticoke High School basketball teams continued their winning ways of the previous 1922 season. Newport was returning three starters, guard George Sack, forward Arch Turner and center Mike Kutz, from a team that won the Bloomsburg Tournament and advanced as far as the preliminaries of the state championship. Nanticoke, after losing one of their best players Butch Sullivan to injury in game two, fielded an entirely new starting lineup. When the two teams met for the first time on March 2 at the Newport gym, both were undefeated and tied for the lead in the Scholastic League. Nanticoke had won ten straight games and Newport had won nine straight games. The game aroused a tremendous amount of interest all over the Valley and resulted in a large crowd. It lived up to expectations and a great game was played with Newport winning 22-12. George Sack and Mike Kutz led the way for Newport with 10 and 8 points while Wilfred Rhoades and Louis Switzer topped Nanticoke with 7 and 5 points. Both teams met the following week at the Nanticoke gym and this time Nanticoke prevailed 27-16.

The next week, Nanticoke won the league title when they defeated Wilkes-Barre High 19-15 and Newport lost to Scranton Tech, which dropped them into second place. Nanticoke advanced to intersectional play where they defeated Taylor and Shamokin to qualify for the six-team state tournament at the Penn State University Armory. At States, Nanticoke won all their games, a 47-26 win over Renovo in the first round, a bye in the second and a 23-21 victory over Monessen in the final game to become the Pennsylvania State High School Champions. They then entered the national tournament in Chicago but were defeated in the early rounds. Meanwhile, Newport was invited to the Bloomsburg Tournament along with five other high school teams: Berwick, Hanover, Treverton, Plains and Bloomsburg. Newport's classy little team emerged victorious from the tournament by defeating Treverton 25-20, a bye in the second round, and then they defeated Berwick 33-19 in the championship game before overflowing crowds. Newport placed three players on the All-

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~ Vince Lombardi

The Glen Lyon Teen House Dances In The '50's

"You can do anything but lay off of my Blue Suede Shoes....."
Carl Perkins

By John Selecky ~ In 1955, rock and roll hit the Valley and changed our world. The Legionnaires heard their kids play it at home, they heard it on their car radios and they heard it everywhere they went. They then heard the teenagers complaining about the lack of dances in the Township. Yes, the High School had a few dances every year including the Prom and Pulaski had maybe two. That was it. We watched Bandstand every day and wanted to dance more. Rock and roll made us a dancing generation.

In the '50's, the wonderful people in the Newport Township service organizations took an active role in providing activities for Township youth. The Lions started Little League Baseball and the VFW started Bidy League Basketball. And in the middle of the decade the American Legion Post 539 in Glen Lyon took an interest in the teenagers of the Township. A few Legionnaires took notice of a germ of an idea that had started in other towns. It was called Teen House. At Lake Nuangola, for example, there was Teen House every Wednesday night in the summer where teenagers played board games, ping pong, card games, etc., in the local pavilion. But around 9:00 PM they put away the games and played some records for the kids to dance. Parents knew where their kids were, and what they were doing. Call it "peace of mind."

So, there was a meeting of a small group of Legionnaires and a few teenagers when a plan was proposed. The Legion would hold Friday night chaperoned dances every week, but we teenagers had to help keep the crowd in control, and we had to clean up the hall every Saturday morning so adult events could be held on the weekend. This took about 7 seconds to consider. We had one request: Could we take charge of the jukebox and pick the records? They agreed and it all began.

The Legion Hall is big and, believe it or not, has very high ceilings. Since it was a favorite place for wedding receptions and other such events, they had installed wires about 10 feet off the floor from which oceans of colorful crepe streamers were twisted and hung along the sides and then up to the center of the roof where a circular wire held them up. It was a sky of colors. It was truly festive and a perfect setting for dances. Plus they had a wonderful, monstrous Wurlitzer juke box with columns of bubbles, rotating lights and a 36-inch speaker. It could blow out windows. And, we were in charge of the records that went into it, as long as there were a few polkas. We had the jukebox man come and change it from a 78 RPM turntable to a 45 RPM system to handle the new records. Hello Little Richard, Elvis, Fats Domino, Chuck Berry et al. We had the latest songs being played on Dick Clark's Bandstand, on WARM radio, the new Rock and Roll station in the Valley, and on a station we heard only at night from Buffalo, NY. Our juke box music was very current. It was coin operated so anyone could play a song: 5 cents a song, 6 for a quarter.

The Legionnaires were the chaperons, sold Nardone pizza, Wise potato chips and sodas, and even had a lady in charge of the ladies room downstairs.

Teen House came to be the place to be. It was like you were going on a date because you hoped you might find a date!! One took pains to get dressed. You had to have one of your nice outfits on. Guys wore pressed chino pants or black cat'n pants with the pink stripes down the side and very narrow belts. Some added Blue Suede Shoes or white or tan Bucks or high shined shoes. Hair styles were important. DA, Flattop or what!! Aftershave lotion was key even though you didn't shave yet. And, you turned up the collar on your shirt to be cool.

The girls had a variety of wardrobes from can-can slips, poodle skirts, changeable taffeta, to tight straight skirts and bobby socks with snug cardigan sweaters worn backwards (no one knows why!) and popcorn socks with saddle shoes, white or tan bucks, and penny loafers. Pony-tails were popular. They wore perfume and nice makeup. This was big time. Everyone had someone special they wished would ask them to dance.

The Glen Lyon kids walked to the dance with many from the East side taking a shortcut through the colliery to Pulaski School and down Newport Street. Kids from the other towns drove, got rides or came on the bus hoping to get a ride home.

And, dance we did. The jitterbug was the main step but we also cha cha'd or did The Stroll or the Hokie Pokie or The Hop. If they did it on Bandstand, we did it at Teen House. For whatever reason the guys had trouble doing the jitterbug in public so lots of girls jitterbugged with each other while the boys hung out in a large group by the door ogling the girls. But on slow dances like the Platters there was a rush across the floor to get to dance with that special person before some ne'er-do-well birddogged you and got to her first. This went on for hours. If you were lucky you got to walk somebody home. If not, you all went and met again at M&B's and played the juke box and made eyes with the pretty girl in the booth with 6 OF HER FRIENDS. How to get her away from them? And she's inside next to the wall. You think she could have sat on the outside???? You felt blocked from action. Teenage frustration!!

Teen House became so popular we started to occasionally have live bands like Joe Nardone and the All Stars or The Clef Tones in their plaid jackets or the Mick Michael's Orchestra that played a lot of polkas. It also began to attract older guys out of high school and some in their 20's who came to pick up OUR GIRLS. That was not fair because they had cars or were college guys. Totally unfair. But, in 1957 Mocanaqua students transferred to Newport bringing an influx of a whole new bunch of teenagers. Teen House was alive.

And every week four or five of us showed up Saturday morning to sweep out the hall, clean the bathrooms downstairs and rearrange the chairs. But it was worth it.

On the night of the High School Prom parents were concerned about our safety because there were always celebrating teenagers in car accidents throughout the Valley, and they did not want that happening to us. Teen House was such a positive event that, in 1958, the Legion used the Teen House format and sponsored the After-prom Party in the Legion Hall which started at 11:00 PM after the Prom and lasted until 3:00 AM with two live bands alternating through the night. They even served a full meal of lobster



or steak cooked by the ladies in the Legion kitchen. Four of us got out of school each year for 3 days to decorate the Legion in class colors crepe streamers. We danced the night away and could stay out until the wee hours BUT you could not leave the Legion. The Legionnaires promised our parents we would be safe under their control and not off doing other things. To get out early you had to bring a note signed by your parents. And everyone knew everybody's parents.

Thank you so much, Legionnaires.

Now when I go into the Legion Hall I still imagine all the lovely crepe paper streamers, I hear the Everly Brothers coming from the Wurlitzer and see the pretty girls who I hope will dance with me. A smile always comes on my face. Life was wonderful!!! And the memories are pretty good.

"All I have to do is dream, dream, dream, dream....."

Everly Brothers

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