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2009 Annual Community Pride Event Largest and Most Successful Since Event's Inception 5 Years Ago



Pictured Above: First row: Pasquale J Bova, Steve Masakowski, Stephen Phillips, Heidi Selecky Kneeling: Giacomo Bova, Pasquale W Bova, Tiffany Brogan, April Brogan, Joseph Olsen, Areili Brabant, Anne Marie, Gregory Kosicki, Linda Hourigan, Eugene Skordinski .Third Row: Rich Brogan, Robert Impaglia, Ed Kenney, Olga Brabant, Mary Jo Evans, Barbara Pelak, Francis Zaleski Hidden on right: Robert (Additional Groups also participated in the cleanup efforts but space restrictions prohibits publication.)

By Bill Hourigan For the fifth consecutive year, The Newport Township Community Organization sponsored a Community Pride Event. This year's event was the most comprehensive effort to date and consisted of three phases.

The 1st phase of the event was the Big Junk Drop off located just in front of the Newport Township Recycling Center and Maintenance Building located near the Township Little League Field. This phase took place from April 20th thru April 24th.

At the site the Community Organization provided three dumpsters for residents in which they could place large items for disposal. All three dumpsters were filled to capacity by the end of the week. Item such as old furniture, appliances, old riding toys and a wide variety of other junk made up the bulk of the materials dropped off. The site was opened from 9:00 AM to 3:00PM daily by Community Organization members and other volunteers.

The 2nd phase was held on Saturday April 25th when fourteen teams patrolled 21 miles of roads in and about the five towns of Newport Township picking up litter, garbage and tires. As a result of their efforts, 540 bags of garbage and 75 tires were placed at designated roadside locations for removal by PennDOT workers.

Upon completion of this phase, NTCO provided lunch and refreshments for the volunteers at the Newport Township Fire Station on Center Street in Wanamie.

The 3rd phase was carried out from April 27th thru April 30th. This phase involved Illegal Dumpsite Cleanups. During this phase NTCO volunteers, supervised inmates from Luzerne County Prison and PennDOT crews conducted extensive cleanups of a host of locations throughout the Township. Sites included the approaches to and perimeters of all cemeteries in the Township, steep banks along streets and highways in the Township, areas around sewer pumping stations, the area between Arch and Spring Streets in Glen Lyon and the area formerly occupied by the Glen Lyon Breaker and it's contingent buildings.

A total of 160 volunteers including men, women and children spent a total of 800 hours on the 3 phases of this year's cleanup.

Year	Volunteer		Volunteer	Miles	Pounds	#s of Cans	Trash Bags	Tires	Estimated	*25 cans = 1 lb. ** 2009 can col- lection is ongo- ing and is will exceed 2008
	Adults	Under 18	Hours	Cleaned	Recycled	Recycled*	@ 20 lbs. ea.	@ 24 lbs. ea.	Total Tons	
2009	143	17	800	30	26,750	400**	1,080	602	41.77	
2008	71	18	508	28	24,000	17,500	399	85	24.49	
2007	86	23	588	26	18,152	132	288	45	37.05	
2006	51	26	512	35	5,400	420	348	393	18.83	
2005	46	14	420	16	NA	400	227	300	18.50	
Totals	397	98	2,828	135	74,302	18,852	2,342	1,425	140.64	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT SUMMER OF 2009

By President Steve Phillips

During the prior quarter, the Newport Township Community Organization focused a great deal of its attention upon participation in the Great American Clean Up. Litter was picked up along the Kirmar Parkway, big junk items were collected at the Township's Public Works facility, and several illegal dump sites were cleaned through utilization of the Organization's volunteers and prisoners from the Luzerne County Correctional Facility.

A special thanks is given to all those who worked so diligently in carrying out these tasks.

The Community Organization's Committee Secretary, Palmira Miller, once again directed a concerted effort to insure that persons participating in this activity carried out their duties in a timely manner. This marks Palmira's fifth consecutive year in fulfilling this important function.

The Community Organization has continued its efforts to support the Board of Township Commissioners in helping to improve the quality of life within the Municipality by strongly endorsing the elected officials' plans to obtain financing to implement several major projects.

The Township Commissioners have been encouraged to develop a Comprehensive Plan reflecting the wishes of local residents with respect to charting the Municipality's future course.

The Community Organization applauds the Commissioners' efforts to keep residents apprised of current local affairs via publishing a newsletter highlighting pertinent information. The elected officials have been urged to continue this practice on a quarterly basis.

Especially noteworthy is the acquisition of additional public monies which will be utilized to demolish several more deteriorated buildings within the Township. Removal of these eyesores will substantially assist in improving the negative perception others may develop when visiting the Community.

Again, the Community Organization encourages all residents to participate in a volunteer activity within the Township. Financial constraints preclude government alone from addressing all local problems. Some problem areas can be remedied simply through the actions of concerned citizens

Newport Township Police Offer Tips on Keeping your Home and Property Safe and Secure

Newport Township Police Chief Robert Impaglia offers the following tips to help protect your home and property from burglary:

Do not advertise "FOR RENT" or "FOR SALE" in windows of vacant homes. Criminals will see this as a welcome sign to enter and remove valuables such as copper tubing and stained glass windows. We have had numerous burglaries in homes like this. Advertise in the newspaper but do not list the exact house number. Also, keep the home looking as if someone is living there – keep the grass cut and yard trimmed and keep curtains on the windows so no one can peer inside. Invest in a timer to activate an interior light at dusk.

Remember to lock vehicle doors at all times. Unlocked vehicles are much more prone to theft of the property in the vehicle or the vehicle itself than are locked vehicles. Keep valuables out of plain view in the vehicles. This includes loose change, GPS units, purses, and IPODS.

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

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This information may be required by your Insurance provider!

Editorial The Good Side

There is much more to the lead story on page one and pages of this edition of our Newport Community News.

First of all, as a community we owe an abundance of thanks to all those who took part in all three phases of this year's Great American/Pennsylvania Cleanup effort.

In particular, we owe the most thanks to Palmira Miller of Glen Lyon, who has led our Newport Township Community Organization's cleanup program since its inception in 2005. Without Palmira's leadership and hours of work the program would never succeed.

The members, directors and officers of Newport Township Community Organization wish to extend a giant **Thank You** to Mrs. Miller.

In addition, we wish to thank all of the other volunteers that have helped to make our cleanup efforts a success over the years. Many groups and individuals have supported us with their actual labor of picking up and bagging trash, many have supported us with supplies such as beverages, food, and safety gear.

Our Police and Fire Departments have been most helpful both in traffic control and volunteer work.

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council, PennDOT, Earth Conservancy, Luzerne County Correctional Facility, JP Mascaro & Sons, and Waste Reduction & Recycling Center were all of great help.

The Bad Side

During the third phase of this year's pickup effort, a full day of work was put in just cleaning up the cemeteries in Newport Township. With the exception of St. Adalbert's Cemetery which was cleaned last year, our cemeteries were a mess. The perimeters of all or the other cemeteries in the Township were littered with bottles, cans, general garbage and, particularly, discarded grave site flower containers, bows & ribbons, solar candles, wax candle jars and crosses. Is this how we honor our deceased loved ones? We think not. Take your trash home and dispose of it properly! Trash cans are provided in St. Adalbert's Cemetery.

In Newport Township there are a few very shallow strip mine pits about 20 ft. behind St. Michael's Cemetery. These pits were loaded with tires, appliances and general garbage. Something else you drop off behind a cemetery? Again, we think not.

The Township provides garbage services and big junk pickup. You have to pay for the service so use it! If you see others depositing junk speak to them about it. If you are afraid to do so at least notify the police or township authorities so an investigation can be made. The police have been issuing citations as a result of tips received from residents.

Pennsylvania Environmental Council Funding Cleanup of Newport Township Dumpsite

By Bill Hourigan NTCO has been notified by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council that the Council will be funding the cleanup of a large strip mine pit located on the mountain behind Wanamie in Newport Township.

The pit involved had hundreds of tires and garbage in it until early Spring when it was set on fire and most of the tires burned. The fire apparently burned late at night and was not detected or reported.

There is still a considerable amount of trash at the site and the Council has engaged a private contractor to clean the site.

Several other sites were considered for cleanup but were not selected at this time due to lack of funding. Bids on cleanup for the other sites considered exceeded \$30,000 each.

Newport Township Commissioners Vote In Favor of Extending KOZ Status of Whitney Pointe Industrial Park and some residential lots above the homes currently built in the Ridgeview Section of Township

By John Jarecki Ken Pollock, developer of Whitney Pointe Industrial Park and owner of a group of residential lots near Ridgeview, has received an extension of Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ) status for these projects.

This status would confer exemption from most state and local taxes for seven additional years for owners of businesses in the industrial park and for any new homes constructed in the residential area. The present KOZ status is in effect until 12-31-10; the extended status would be in effect until 12-31-17.

The purpose of KOZ status, a program enacted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is to give a community a way of providing incentives to businesses or home owners to relocate within its borders, thus increasing the community's long term tax base and therefore its long term revenue. The cost to the community is loss in the short-term of taxes on these properties.

The request for KOZ status must be approved by Newport Township, the Greater Nanticoke Area School District, and Luzerne County before the application can be considered for approval by the state. In this case, Mr. Pollock gave the Township Commissioners little time to approve the request. The deadline for approval was June 30; he notified them only about four weeks before this time.

The Township Commissioners held a special meeting on June 10 at the Municipal Building in Wanamie to hear residents' comments.

Only about half a dozen residents and a small number of Township police, fire, and emergency workers attended.

Comments opposing approval mentioned loss of needed Township revenue and the possible unfairness of tax exemptions for only a few people. Comments in favor mentioned giving up seven years of property taxes in return for seventy-five years or more of tax revenues on a house that otherwise would never have been built.

At the time of the meeting, the Commissioners had not made up their minds on the question. The School District had already given its approval.

The Commissioners met again on Monday June 15 at 10:00 am, and voted four to zero (with one Commissioner absent) to approve Mr. Pollock's request, believing that, in spite of the cost to the Township, approval is in our best long-term interest.

Luzerne County, the Commissioners approved the extension of June 17th. The Commonwealth must also approve Mr. Pollock's application for KOZ status to take effect.

Glen Lyon Crime Watch Presents Coloring Contest Awards At K. M. Smith School



By Bill Hourigan The Glen Lyon Crime Watch recently presented awards to Kindergarten and 1st Grade students who participated in a Coloring Contest sponsored by the organization. Prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each home room of each grade. (Due to the large number of students in these grades they are broken into smaller home rooms and each one has a separate classroom and teacher)

The awards were presented to the students by Police Chief Robert Impaglia of the Newport Township Police Department and the Newport Township Fire Chief Dan Kowalski and Lt. Gina Domashinski.

Due to the large number of students receiving awards and time constraints our staff was unable to obtain a list of each student's name in time for publication.

Publisher's Note

If anyone would like a copy of the picture above they are available. Pictures of individual children receiving his or her award are also available. Anyone interested should contact Bill Hourigan.

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NEWPORT TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL PARTICIPATE IN NUCLEAR HAZMAT TRAINING



Pictured in front row: Nevin Dressler, Leona Kowalski, Rom Remsky, and George Kubasik. Back row are Norman Bodek (Newport Township EMA Coordinator), Joe Scopellitti, Fire Chief Dan Kowalski, John Kemp, Dave Marcinkowski, Cal-

By Tom Kashatus Members of Newport Township EMA (Emergency Management Agency), Fire Department, and Ambulance Association participated in HAZMAT (Hazard Materials) training recently conducted by PPL Susquehanna Steam Heat Utilities at Northwest High School. Coordinator for the event was Nevin Dressler,

Ron Remsky described the flow of information for Luzerne and Columbia counties during the four stages of an emergency – (1) unusual event, (2) alert, (3) site area emergency, and (4) general emergency (if taken to this stage). He also explained dosimetry which is a record of radiation levels and the concerns associated with increasing levels.

Dr. David Simpson reviewed sixty years of statistics on accidents involving radiation that have taken place throughout the world. In the United States there have been twenty six fatalities; however, none have been related to nuclear power plants. Symptoms of radiation poisoning are nausea, diarrhea, burns, black finger nails, and bleeding gums. Radiation levels are measured in rems, rads, and curies. Any exposure measured in curies is deemed serious.

Fred Eisenhuth explained the Bell Bend project currently being proposed for PPL at the Salem Township site. Bell Bend is intending to partner with PPL to build another 1600 mega watt reactor and cooling tower adjacent to the existing plant. New technology with the AREVA Evolutionary Power Reactor is being utilized in Finland and France and has made today's power plants more efficient and effective. The life expectancy of today's nuclear power plants is 40 years with the possibility of a 20 year extension.

Joe Scopelliti, PPL Communication Manager, emphasized that the person who disseminates information to the public must gain their trust by being honest, factual, and understandable. During the October 2008 drill over 1000 volunteers participated with the various EMA's throughout the 10 mile radius.

Use an empty toilet paper core to store appliance cords - it keeps them neat. Mark what appliance it belongs to on the cord.

QIGONG CLASSES COMING TO WANAMIE PARK

By Bill Hourigan Michelle L. Almodovar began holding Qidong classes at the Wanamie Park on June 20th.

The Classic 8 Brocades, which is a restorative exercise thousands of years old, is still practiced in these modern times. Qigong is a precursor to the art of Tai Chi.

Qigong is reputed as increasing flexibility, increasing cardiovascular fitness, increasing circulation through movement and increasing and sustaining good health. The classes will be held outdoors at the park.

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Timothy Accurso

Highly Talented Glen Lyon Youth



By Heidi Selecky Timothy, aka T.J., Accurso of Glen Lyon is one busy young man. This month, he graduated as co-valedictorian of his class from Greater Nanticoke Area High School. His favorite subject? Music, hands down. He is quite accomplished in the music arena for a person of any age. He has won numerous awards and scholarships, and plans to pursue music as a career.

It all started in kindergarten at the age of five. He became fascinated watching his music teacher, Karen Phair, play the piano. She would go up and down the keyboard, and I wondered how she did that, he remembers. It wasn't until third grade that he took his first piano lesson, and he hasn't stopped since. He credits his piano teacher of the past ten years, Linda McDonnell, with encouragement and challenging him to improve. His teacher uses the series, Piano Adventures as the basis of her teaching and branches out from there.

When Timothy was about 12, his vocal ability became apparent. For the past five years, he has also taken voice lessons from Larry Vojtko. So fast did he take to voice lessons, that he started playing and singing as the principle musician at Corpus Christi Parish at 9:00 Mass. He began in 8th grade. He also fills in when needed. He plays his last Mass on June 21.

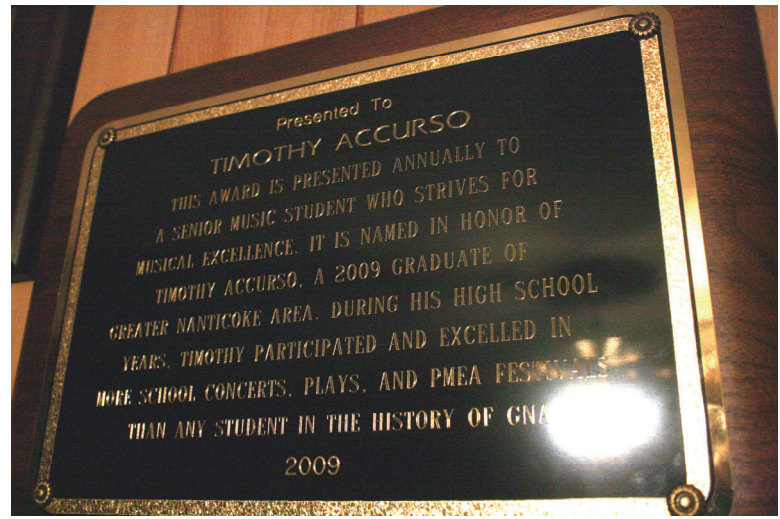
For the past three years, Timothy has participated in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's District, Regional and State Festivals. For voice, he made district chorus all three years. He auditioned for Regionals, was selected, and subsequently made it all the way to all-state chorus. Not only was his vocal talent recognized, he also provided piano accompaniment at all six concerts. This past March, he went to Rhode Island to sing with the National Association for Music Educators All-Eastern Choir. Pretty heady stuff for a high school senior!

As he has for the past five years, he will attend the Wyoming Seminary Performing Arts Institute for six weeks this summer. This is an intensive music camp which attracts young people from all over this country and the world. Classes are held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily with recitals and concerts during the week and every weekend. Timothy has made life-long friendships and the Institute has broadened his horizons both personally and musically. He enjoys Music Theory which analyzes musical composition, form, style and history.

Timothy has also performed in some high school musicals. He serves as musical director and accompanist to several local theaters. His latest venture was as pianist for the production of Fiddler on the Roof at the Music Box Theater.

The combination of talent, hard work, and practice, practice, practice has paid off. Timothy has been recognized with numerous awards, among them: The Healy Young Vocalist Award, The William Gasboro Scholarship Award, The Newport Township Lions Club Michael Yalch Music Award, and The Stanley Wintergrass Scholarship, just to name a few. Timothy was editor of the high school newspaper, and was awarded the GNA Trojan Tribune Award. He was also president of the Honor Society and was given the Honor Society Award.

(continued in next column)



New Annual Award Presented to and Named After Timothy
by the Times Leader

A new scholarship award at Nanticoke was created in Timothy's name to be given to an outstanding senior music student each year. He is among the Best and the Brightest, a group of outstanding high seniors as selected by the Times Leader.

In addition to music, his favorite high school subjects are Spanish, calculus and physics. He also won the GNA Spanish Achievement Award. Like most high school kids, he enjoys movies, baseball games, concerts and plays.

Timothy will attend Susquehanna University in the fall and will pursue a degree in music education. Following that, he hopes to continue on to graduate school for a Master's Degree in Collaborative Piano. He hopes to earn his living as an accompanist and vocalist and teach on the side, perhaps at the college level. When asked who inspires him, he is quick to note his high school music teacher, Ellen Rutkowski, for her guidance along the way. Among famous professional singers, his favorite is Juan Diego Florez, an operatic tenor from Peru.

Cheering their son on and attending every concert and competition are parents Daniel and Linda Accurso. Their support and encouragement has been unwavering, Timothy says. His brother Justin graduated from Edinboro University this May with a degree in Broadcast Communications. His sister Danielle is married and has made Timothy an uncle to son Brendan.

Timothy's dream is to sing someday at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. Folks from Newport Township will be first in line to buy tickets! We all wish Timothy luck and success in his future.

2009 First-Time Home Buyer Tax Credit May Enable Buyers to Save \$8,000.00

By Patricia Lunski Looking For A New or Different Home? This tax credit program may be just the ticket for you. Potential buyers purchasing a home may qualify for a tax credit of \$8,000. This credit is only good on home purchases that close on or before December 1, 2009. **The tax credit is a true credit and does not ever have to be repaid.** The only exception is if the buyer sells the home within three years after purchase.

A "first-time home buyer" is defined as a buyer who has not owned a principal residence during the three year period prior to the purchase.

If you are considering buying a new home in the near future, now is a good time to do so.

For additional information on this credit, consult with your real estate agent, tax advisor or lending institution.

Newport Township Residents Serving in Iraq Conflict



**SERGEANT FIRST CLASS
JASEN BOHINSKI**

By Tom Kashatis Lifetime Sheatown resident Sergeant First Class Jasen Bohinski a Platoon Sergeant of A Battery, 109th Field Artillery has been deployed to Taji, Iraq for the past nine months. His unit is attached to the 56 Striker CT Brigade of the 108th Field Artillery. The “Striker” has replaced the “Howitzer” which had been the weapon

used by artillery units for decades. Sergeant Bohinski began his career with the 109th Artillery as a senior in Greater Nanticoke Area High School 19 years ago.

Sergeant Bohinski is the recipient of the following honors throughout his career: Army Service Medal, PA Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with “M” Device, Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Star, Army Commendation Medal, the Shutzenshnur Bronze Award (a German award), and the Saint Barbara Award (the patron saint of artillery soldiers). The Saint Barbara Award recognizes those individuals who have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character, displayed an outstanding degree of competence, and served the United States Army Field Artillery Branch with selflessness. They must have significantly contributed to the promotion of the Field Artillery in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipient’s seniors, subordinates, and peers alike.

Sergeant Bohinski began a career in Corrections at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas as a Corrections Officer and was promoted to Counselor prior to his deployment. He received an associate degree in Applied Sciences from Luzerne County Community College and attended Penn State University at Lehman and Wilkes University while in pursuit of a bachelor’s degree. When he returns from Iraq he will continue to pursue his favorite hobbies of hiking, golfing, and riding his motorcycle. He is greatly missed by his wife, Kim, and four year old son, Darius Xavier, who anxiously await his return from service overseas.

Sergeant Bohinski is the son of Sheatown residents Robert (a Viet Nam veteran) and Jean (Wolfe) Bohinski. Paternal grandparents (deceased) were Leo (a veteran of WW II serving in the European Theater) and Clementine (Savchak) Bohinski; and maternal grandparents (deceased) were Fred (also a veteran of WW II serving in the European theater) and Mildred Wolfe. Serving by his side is younger brother, Corporal Joshua Bohinski of Battery B, 109th Artillery, who resides in Hunlock Creek with his wife Dania.

Household Hint: When trying to remove a splinter, try Scotch Tape or a similar product before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply place the tape over the splinter and pull it off. This process removes most splinters easily and painlessly.

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1st Lt. Michael Hitzner

By Tom Kashatis 1st Lt. Michael Hitzner of Alden, is the son of proud parents Michael and Sharon (Vance) Hitzner, lifetime residents of Newport Township. Lt. Hitzner is currently stationed in Kirkuit, Iraq with the 1st Calvary Division, 4th Brigade.

Lt. Hitzner graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area and Wilkes University. He also graduated from Scranton University ROTC program where he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and received distinguished officer graduate honors. During his senior year in ROTC he was chosen to perform an internship in Venice,

Italy.

After a brief assignment to Ft. Lewis, Washington he attended Air Assault School in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky where he achieved honor graduate in a class of 300 servicemen. His next assignment for one year was at Ft. Benning, Georgia for Airborne School and Army Ranger Training. Reassignment to Ft. Hood, Texas then came prior to his current deployment in Iraq.

Lt. Hitzner has always been an outdoors sportsman and would often be seen taking his dog “Champ” for long walks in the woods. He was an avid baseball player, specializing in the “tools of ignorance” throughout his career in Little League, Teeners’ League, high school, and American Legion. He was instrumental in leading his teams to various championships. He also played for the Wilkes Barre Brewers, Shockers, and Wilkes University. He also played basketball in high school. As a member of St. Mary’s church in Wanamie Lt. Hitzner was an altar server, usher, and mentor to new servers.

Michael Hitzner, his father, served with Battery B, 109th Artillery in Nanticoke for 21 years prior to retiring as a Staff Sergeant. His grandfather, Stanley Hitzner, was a veteran of WWI and served as a Sergeant in the European Theater.

Lt. Hitzner is the grandson of maternal grandparents (deceased) Henry and Bernadine (Pierzchala) Vance and paternal grandparents (deceased) Stanley and Evelyn (Sudick) Hitzner. His sister Heather Novak lives in Pond Hill with her husband, Robert.



Letter from the Editor

**Dear Mother Nature,
Please schedule your rain and sun days
more evenly. My grass needs cutting.**

Thanks, Mr. Bill



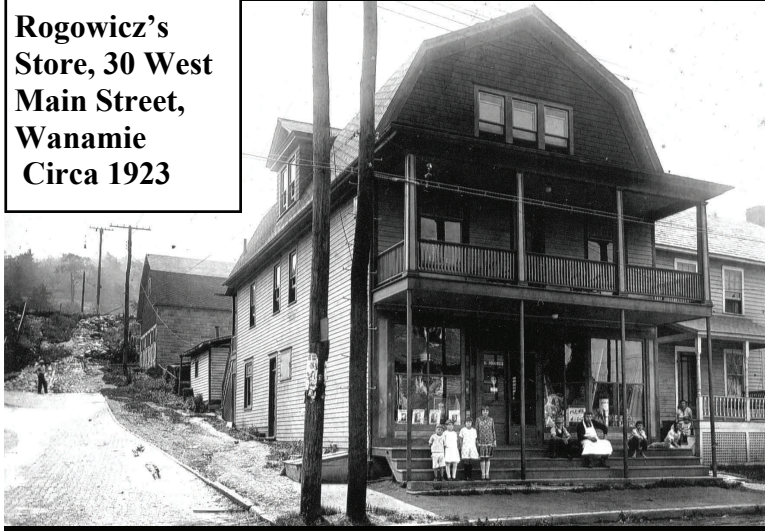
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Discarded Tires Threat to the Environment

By John Jarecki When Community Organization members clean up roads or illegal dumpsites in Newport Township, they regularly find discarded auto tires. Members have also found a large illegal dumpsite near the Little League field in Wanamie that contains dozens or even hundreds of tires. These are potentially harmful to the environment in a number of ways.

Ninety percent of tires are not made of rubber, but actually of synthetic materials. If tires catch fire, the resulting smoke will pollute the air with toxic chemicals such as benzene (a carcinogen), lead, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, butadiene (a carcinogen that can also cause central nervous system damage), styrene (a potential carcinogen), dioxins, and furans. Similarly, the runoff from melted residue can contaminate groundwater.

In addition, discarded tires are a public health problem. They may collect rainwater and become breeding grounds for mosquitoes, which can carry diseases such as West Nile Virus.

Tires can be recycled for other useful purposes, such as insulation blocks, drainage aggregate, belts, gaskets, seals, or washers. We can also extend tire life by checking that they are inflated to proper levels, ensuring that tires are properly balanced and rotated regularly, and seeing that the vehicle is not overloaded.

We thank **John Selecky, Newport High School class of '59**, for suggesting the topic of this article. He keeps current about Township events at his home in Laguna Beach, California.

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Glen Lyon American Legion Home Association Resumes Sunday Breakfast Program



By Tom Kashatus Glen Lyon American Legion Post 539 has resumed its Sunday morning "all you can eat breakfast" on the third Sunday of the month. The menu includes scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage, ham, toast, pancakes and some of the best pastries in town. Coffee and juice are also available.

Pictured above are kitchen workers (from the left) Emma Ditchey and Janet Wenner, Auxiliary members; Joe Denoy, Jr., social member; Lorrie Materewicz, Post 539 Commander; Rhonda Smith, social member; Gilbert Chesney, Post 539 2nd Vice Commander; LeeAnn Wenner, active member; Cindy Krestynick, Auxiliary member; and Frances Haines, Auxiliary President.

In the dining room the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from Pack 430 and Troop 430 will be bussing tables to receive credit for community volunteerism. American Legion Post 539 sponsors the scouting organizations and their regular meetings are held weekly at the Post home. Funds realized from the recurring breakfast will benefit Post projects.

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Consolidated Fire Company of Newport Township Inducts Four New Members



Pictured Above: Front from the left are Wayne Vandermark, Jonathan Kerestes Jr., Evan Wasilewski, and Harald Deste-fano. Standing from the left are Newport Township Fire Chief Dan Kowalski, Newport Township Fire Commissioner John Wilkes, Jr., and Consolidated President Ron Womelsdorf.

By Tom Kashatis On April 13th Consolidated Fire Company of Newport Township inducted four new members into their ranks as active firemen or junior trainees. All four will serve a probationary period for one year.

At a subsequent meeting, Ashley Arnold and Kyle Gruber were appointed from junior trainee to active fireperson. The fire company has recently approved a new set of by-laws to guide it into the future.

At the last Commissioner's Meeting, the Board voted to transfer the 1949 Ward LaFrance fire truck from Newport Township to the Newport Township Fireman's Relief Association. Currently this antique vehicle, still in working condition, is housed within the garage of the Newport Township Sewer Authority. Negotiations are underway to house the vehicle in a heated garage while deliberations take place on what procedures to follow to recondition the fire truck as new tires are needed, seats need to be reupholstered, mechanical repairs are necessary, and the original paint has worn thin.

Plans are also being made for the Fire Department to participate in the third annual POW WOW to be held at the Wanamie Recreation Park on August 8th and 9th. Normally the department has had the responsibility for preparing breakfast and supper for the dancers and organizers. While the shows are taking place some of the best home cooking is offered to the public and spectators.

Household Hint Cut your steel wool cleaning pads in half. This will eliminate the need to throw away a full but little used pad because it is smelly and rusty. Your supply of pads will last much longer and you will saving money.

TO DO TODAY & EVERY DAY:

Hug Somebody You Love

**Husband-Wife-Children-Relative-Friend-Neighbor
& Don't Forget Your Pet. Heck, Hug Them All!**

Scouts Hold Down Hill Derby



Jared Marshallick of Nanticoke pictured alongside his trusty 4-wheeled racer "Smoke"

By Tom Kashatis Jared of Cub Scout Pack 376 which meets at the Italian Club in Glen Lyon on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. has just had "Smoke" inspected by Race Grand Marshall George Thomas of Alden. Mr. Thomas is also Cub Scout Master of Cub Scout Pack 430. Following the Cub Scout "Bear" Book, Inspector Thomas is mainly looking at safety requirements of the vehicles, seat belt restrictions, and proper dimensions of the wheel base, tires, etc. This year, as in 2008, 17 entrants glared in the sunlight with their shiny frames and bright paint jobs.

Place winners for the event were as follows: Devon Nethercott (not affiliated) (first place), Aaron Miller (Pack 376) (second place), and Justin Skoniecke (Pack 430) (third place). Best outrageous crash was in the hands of future Indy 500 star, Jared Marshallick, and best design goes to D. J. Wrubel for his "car of the future."

For the summer months, Boy Scout Troop 430 will be camping in July at Camp Levine alongside Fishing Creek near Benton and Cub Scout Pack 430 will be making a field trip to the WVIA tower on Penobscot Mountain on September 28th.

Scouting is an excellent activity for any child to join as the leadership in 430 and 376 are hardworking parents and offer their membership a wide variety of activities and opportunity for children to become knowledgeable of local and worldly customs.

Cub Scout pack 430 meets at Glen Lyon American Legion Post 539 on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

CHILDRENS SUMMER PROGRAM AT MILL MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Be Creative @ Your Library" this summer at the Mill Memorial Library and explore the worlds of books, music, dance and more. The 2009 Children's Summer Program runs from June 22 to August 15, 2009. The program is open to preschool through 12th grade students. The programs, crafts, story hours, a reading club, special presentations and more. An Ice Cream Social for all registered participants will be held on Saturday August 15, 2009. Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins in the library at 495 East Main Street in Nanticoke on Friday June 19, 2009. Balloon Magic will perform at our registration event at 11:00 in the morning. Some program sizes are limited. For more information, stop in or call the library at (570) 735-3030.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

Commissioners Working Towards Removal of Unsafe Structures Throughout Newport Township

By John Jarecki At the April 15 Commissioners' Work Session, Commissioner Mike Roke announced that Magistrate Whitaker had, the day before, held a hearing for the owner of the house at 17-19 Arch Street in Glen Lyon, who had been charged with violations of the Township's building code, more specifically with failing to keep the building in good repair. The Magistrate found the owner guilty as charged and fined him \$300 a day, because the law states that each day is a separate violation. The total amounted to \$12 thousand dollars.

The Magistrate offered to forgive the fine if the owner agreed to allow the Township to demolish his abandoned and neglected building. The owner agreed and was given 45 days to remove his possessions from the structure. After that time, the Township will request bids for the demolition.

At the May 5 and June 1 Township Commissioners Meetings, Township Solicitor Rich Shiptoski reported on discussions that he had had about two houses in Alden, one at 56 Spruce Street and another at 65 Laurel Street, that are moving toward demolition by the Township.

The house on Spruce Street is owned by the estate of Frank Daniels. The estate's attorney has advised the estate's executor, Mr. Daniels' son, also named Frank Daniels, to agree to the demolition, and he will comply. Only remaining to be done are a title and a lien search on the property.

The house on Laurel Street, owned by the estate of Joseph Hitzner, was involved in a claim, by a neighbor's insurance company, for damages resulting from the fire. According to the attorney for the estate, the insurer has now dropped the claim. The owner has agreed to the demolition, and remaining to be done is a title search.

Also at the May 5 Commissioners' meeting, Board of Commissioners President Paul Czapracki announced that the Township had applied for \$50 thousand grant of Federal stimulus money, which is available through Luzerne County and can be used for demolition of neglected and abandoned buildings in Glen Lyon.

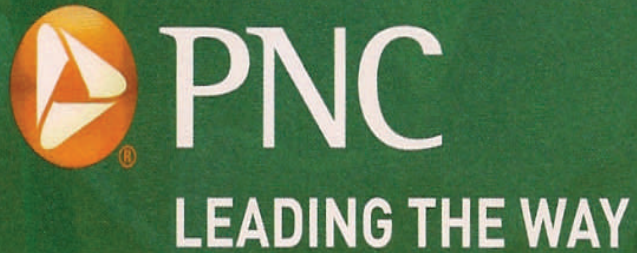
The Township was able to do this because Commissioner John Wilkes wrote to Luzerne County asking whether stimulus funds were available for demolitions. At first the County said no, but more recently they contacted Mr. Wilkes saying that funds were now available.

We can see here that Newport Township is making progress in demolishing neglected buildings. We congratulate and thank the Commissioners for their effort and accomplishments, especially Commissioners Mike Roke and John Wilkes, and also Solicitor Rich Shiptoski.

Reminder

ATV vehicles used on streets and highways in Newport Township **MUST** be PROPERLY LICENSED AND REGISTERED. Operators of such vehicles **MUST ALSO BE LICENSED** to operate them. Operators of these vehicles **MUST OBEY ALL MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC LAWS! FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN CITATIONS FOR THE OPERATOR** and the possibility the vehicle may be **CONFISCATED BY THE POLICE!**

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Newport Township Community Organization Begins Planning for Fall Festival

By Bill Hourigan The NTCO has begun planning for the 2009 Fall Festival. The Festival will feature its usual Chinese Auction, Bake Sale, Chili Cook Off Contest, Crafters and presentations by local talent groups.

Food will be available from assorted vendors and it is anticipated that a car show will be held which will be similar to the show at the 2008 Festival.

Food Vendors wishing to provide their products for sale at the Festival should contact Carolyn Phillips at **570-735-3991**. Kitchen facilities are available.

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Did you know?

To remove old wax from a glass candle holder - place it in a freezer for a few hours. Next, take it out of the freezer and turn it upside down. The wax will fall out.

Spray a bit of perfume on a light bulb in any room to create a lovely scent in the room when the light is turned on.



New Business To Open In Glen Lyon

By Bill Hourigan **SUSIE'S RED CABOOSE** is planning to open a shop on West Main Street, Glen Lyon in the near future. The business will occupy the store formerly occupied by Whiting's Rub-A-Dub Doggie which has moved its operation to a larger store on River Road in Plains.

Susie's currently has a store operating in 2 actual red cabooses in the Lee section of Newport Township. Susie's features a fine line of flowers, Polish Pottery items, and other gift items.

The new Glen Lyon shop will offer the same type of merchandise as well as a variety of pet food and pet products. As of press time, no further information was available.

Newport Township Community Organization welcomes this new enterprise for Glen Lyon and encourages residents to stop in and look around as soon as the store opens for business.

WANTED Old Pictures of Newport Township for NTCO'S next CD. We only want to copy them and will return the originals to the owner.

Family pictures are welcome, as well as businesses, sports and special occasion pictures.

Please contact Heidi Selecky at 736-6782 or Paul Jarecki at 736-3083 if you have pictures we may use.

Corpus Christi Parish Schedules Vacation Bible School

Corpus Christi Parish has announced that Vacation Bible School has been scheduled from July 27th to July 31st on St. Mary's grounds in Wanamie. Hours of the school will be 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

The school is open to children ages 4 thru 8 of any faith. There is no charge for the school.

Registration will be accepted until July 6th. Free T-shirts will be provided to all children registered by the July 6th deadline. Registration forms are available on the bulletin tables in the back of St. Mary's and St. Adalbert's Churches or by contacting Phoebe Hillan at 736-6798.

Anyone interested in helping out at Vacation Bible School should also contact Phoebe Hillan at the number listed above.

Did you know?

Candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for 3 hours prior to lighting them.

Wine: Don't throw out leftover wine - freeze it into cubes and use it in casseroles and sauces.



The 2009 edition of the *Newport Township Calendar* with historical pictures has sold out. The wooden miniature plaques of *Newport Township High School* are still available but going fast. The plaques were designed by the Cat's Meow, a company well-known for collectibles of this type. They measure 4x6 and sell for \$15.00 (\$18.50 with shipping).

Thanks to the generosity of the late John Forgach and many other contributors, a DVD has been developed with over 700 pictures depicting the history of Newport Township. The DVD **Newport Township: Our Roots** sells for \$15.00 (\$18.00 with shipping).

These items can be purchased by contacting Heidi Selecky at 736-6782 or Paul Jarecki at 736-3083

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Summer Fun 2009



Tuesday, June 16th - Creepy Creatures Show Highlights' (Show Held Prior to Publication)

The NTCO 2009 Summer Fun Program got off to a good start with a "Creepy Creatures Show" on Tuesday, June 16th. The show featured various species of lizards, snakes and tortoises from around the world. Both the children and adults present were fascinated as each species was introduced. (The children showed little fear while some of the adults were quite cautious as the creatures were removed from their cages.)

First presented were smaller lizards, then came the larger lizards followed by an assortment of tortoises of all types and sizes. Last but not least came the snakes.

The exhibit of snakes included a King Snake, a Boa Constrictor and a Burmese Python. All in attendance were invited to touch and hold the snakes if they so desired. Most of the children jumped at the invitation as can be seen in two of the pictures above. A few of the adults also showed interest but most stayed at a comfortable distance. As pictured above, many of the kids held the Python stretched out to its full length of just over 8 feet. We all learned that most snakes are quite docile and very clean reptiles and their skin is smooth and dry to the touch. Snakes seldom attack humans unless the humans harass them. The larger snakes are very powerful and usually kill their prey by squeezing them to death and then swallowing the entire carcass. A meal such as this will sustain many of the snakes for extended periods of time.



Remaining 2009 Program Schedule

Tuesday, June 30th

"Mini Golf" Wear Yellow

10:00 AM (Meet at Rec. Park Wanamie)

1: 00 PM (Arrive Back at Park)*

Tuesday, July 14th

"Tie-Die Day/Crafts Day" Wear Red

Bring a white t-shirt

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Rec. Park Wanamie)

Tuesday, July 21st

"Bowling Trip" Wear Blue

10:00 AM (Meet at Rec. Park Wanamie)

1: 30 PM (Arrive Back at Park)*

Tuesday, August 4th

"Games Day" Wear Your Tie-Die Shirt

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Tuesday, August 18TH

Last Summer Fun Day - Bring a Bathing Suit

"POOL PARTY"

10:00 AM (Meet at Rec. Park Wanamie)

3: 00 PM (Arrive Back at Park)*

For more Inform

ation call: Melissa @736-6083

or Kami @ 736-6313*

Times to arrive back at park are "best guess"

