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Illegal Dumpers – Stay Out of Newport Township or Pay the Price



by Tom Kashatus Within the past two months Michael Swicklik (20), Cameron Edward Cox (20), Earl W. Lohman (21), Joshua Lohman (18), and Martin Milford Lewis (53) were nabbed by Newport Township Police Chief Robert Impaglia Jr. and Officer James M. Evans after they received anonymous reports that illegal dumping may be taking place just off Industrial Park Road in the Ridgeview area of Newport Township. None of the violators are residents of Newport Township. Each violator was charged with a variety of summary offenses. Appearing before Magistrate Donald Whittaker on various dates all pleaded “Not Guilty” with the exception of Mr. Lewis of Nanticoke, who plead “guilty” and was charged with “Trespass by Motor Vehicle” and “Scattering Rubbish Upon Land/Stream, etc.” Mr. Lewis’ fines and costs totaled \$283.00. After strong cases were presented by Chief Impaglia and Officer Evans, the remaining violators who pleaded “Not Guilty” were found “Guilty” of the various charges of illegal trespassing, scattering rubbish upon lands/streams, etc., and violating the open burning ordinance by Magistrate Whittaker. Fines and costs for these violators were as follows: Mr. Swicklik, Mountaintop, (\$297.00); Mr. Cox, Nanticoke, (\$172.00); Mr. Earl Lohman, Nanticoke, (\$370.50); and Mr. Joshua Lohman, Nanticoke, (\$297.00); Total \$1,419.50.

Once found “guilty” by Magistrate Whittaker a violator has thirty days to appeal the decision to the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas which may overturn Magistrate Whittaker’s decision or reduce the punishment. For these types of summary offenses, the magistrate normally issues fines based on a “sliding scale” of \$25.00 to \$300.00. For example, a first offense fine of \$150.00 may be appropriate. A second offense decision may involve forfeiture of \$300.00 and fifteen (15) days confinement to the Luzerne County Correctional Facility. A third offense could result in a \$1,000.00 fine and sixty (60) days in jail. After the appeal process is complete, a “time payment order” or TPO will be set up with the offender, whereby the fine may be paid in full or made in payments of \$50.00 or \$75.00 every two weeks to the district magistrate’s office. If there is default with the TPO a warrant will be issued for arrest of the defendant; and to keep from being incarcerated, payment must be made in full. Loss of one’s Pennsylvania driver’s license may be

a possibility throughout the process as driving in Pennsylvania has been determined to be a privilege.

Chief Impaglia stated that the time is past when enforcing the laws of illegal dumping in Newport Township involves just the threat of prosecution. Violators who are caught “red handed” will be taken to the magistrate for at least a summary offense violation.

The Newport Township Community Organization has been working very hard with its members and friends to partner with property owners to clean up illegal dumpsites within the realm of Newport Township communities and outlying coal lands. The Organization has partnered with PennDOT, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Waste Management, Waste Reduction, Mascaro, Earth Conservancy, and Ken Pollock Enterprises to help rid Newport Township of tons of garbage, tires, and recyclable materials from its landscape. As time passes, hopefully, Newport Township will be rid of the stigma that hovers over our population and lands that we are a dumping place for our neighbors’ trash and garbage.

Glen Lyon Crime Watch Sponsoring 27th National Night Out Against Crime Celebration on August 3rd at Wanamie Recreation Park

The Glen Lyon Crime Watch invites Newport Township communities and businesses to celebrate the 27th National Night Out Against Crime (NNO) at the Wanamie Recreation Park on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Speakers will include NTPD’s police commissioner, police chief, fire chief and providers of EMS services.

There will be fun and games, 50 cent food items and a flea market table. Volunteers are needed and would be greatly appreciated; i.e. musical talent, face painters, etc.

National Night Out is held the first Tuesday in August throughout the United States, Canada and on military bases. This event was developed by the National Association of Town Watch to promote police-community partnerships; crime, drugs, and violence prevention as well as safety and neighborhood unity.

Editor's Note: From time to time I have been approached by various readers about the editorials which appear in **The Newport Community News**. I am always asked who writes the editorials?

Up until now it has been me who wrote the editorials which appeared in this publication. I have presented my views on various issues which I felt needed to be addressed and which were of concern to many of the residents of Newport Township.

In this issue I am presenting a Guest Editorial written by a well known Newport Township resident which should hit very close to home with those of us who have chosen to make our permanent home within the Township.

It is high time that our Township Officials start following the rules, regulations and codes they have enacted. No more should residents accept excuses of lack of staff, no money etc. If codes were properly enforced, sufficient funds from fees and fines could be collected to support a few well trained people to follow violations to completion. It is time to join the modern world and make the **“Good Old Boys System of Government a thing of the past”**. *William P. Hourigan, Editor*

Guest Editorial

During the regular monthly commissioner's meeting in May of this year, Mr. Stephen Smocharski complained that families are allegedly moving into an apartment complex next to his home without proper occupancy inspections and permits. He also stated that these same individuals are creating a nuisance by working on vehicles in an unsafe manner in an adjacent lot next to the apartment. Mr. Smocharski emphasized that he reported these infractions to municipal officials to no avail.

The fact of people moving into residences, mostly those of absentee landlords, in Newport Township without proper occupancy inspections and permits has been a problem and an issue for the past thirty to thirty five years. Without a doubt, tracking these infractions is very difficult and at times assistance in reporting these situations is needed from local residents. Newport Township has enacted occupancy ordinances and the Pennsylvania and International Building Codes to assist in controlling this unfortunate situation.

Further discussion at the meeting revealed that “The Township cannot stop people from moving in.” and once they are in they cannot be made to leave. It was also stated that the Township does not have the manpower to enforce our ordinances during off duty hours and on weekends and holidays. Upon discussing the issue with Mike Simonson, Wilkes Barre City Building Code Official and Carl Alber, Building Code Official for the municipalities of Shickshinny and Warrior Run boroughs and Lehman Township, each official stated that the Building Code Official (or his/her designee) has the authority to stop people from moving into a residence when proper occupancy procedures haven't been taken. Both officials stated that they have had people remove their property from a residence that had not been properly inspected. Mr. Simonson of Wilkes Barre stated that they have enacted a law which required landlords to be licensed and hire a manager for their unit(s) if the landlord does not reside within a certain radius of his/her property. Mr. Alber stated that he can respond within twenty minutes to any complaint that may arise from his municipalities of responsibility.

It is estimated that Newport Township has lost thousands of dollars in revenue over the years from landlords, especially absentee landlords, and buyers and/or sellers who have violated the local ordinances by failing to apply for proper permits and undergoing the necessary inspections.

The officials of Newport Township take a hard look at this problem that has been pervasive throughout our community for too long. There must be a better way to ensure that our ordinances are enforced, and all persons, are treated fairly and equally. Some suggestions are as follows:

- **Establish a panel for discussion to come up with recommendations.**
- **Meet with other municipal officials to determine potential solutions.**
- **Enact a ordinance mandating that all landlords must be licensed.**
- **Review applicable township ordinances for necessary improvement.**
- **Be more responsive to complaints, and investigate each and everyone.**
- **Have a Building Code Official available on-call during off duty times.**
- **Attempt to ensure that citizens are knowledgeable about Township regulations and, therefore, more apt to report infractions.**

Section 1 of Newport Township Ordinance No. 8 of 2006 reads, “Applicability. No person, firm or corporation managing, selling, conducting or operating a house, building, apartment or dwelling unit of any kind shall sell, rent, lease, let out, or permit the occupation or shall re-rent or re-occupy the same without first securing a certificate of use and occupancy from the Newport Township Building Code Enforcement Officer, his or her designee or the agency or person(s) designated by the Township for that purpose.”

Section 2 of the same ordinance reads, “Inspection. Prior to each managing, selling, renting, leasing, letting out, or permitting the occupation of or re-occupation of any house, dwelling, building, apartment or dwelling unit, the owner (s) of each house, dwelling, building, apartment or dwelling unit shall first request an inspection of said house, dwelling, building, apartment or dwelling unit by the Newport Township Building Code Enforcement Officer, his or her designee or the agency or person (s) designated by the Township to conduct said inspection.”

Note:

For those who are interested in reviewing all Newport Township ordinances, you may go to the website of the Newport Township Community Organization and Google www.newporttownship.com. Upon appearance of our home page, click on “Ordinances” and copies may be printed for your information and discretionary use.

Note:

If you click on “Commissioners” on the home page of our website you will gain access to minutes of monthly meetings of the Board of Commissioners; the Newport Township Sewer Authority; the Newport Township Recreation Advisory Board; the Newport Authority; and reports of the Public Works Department, Police Department, Code Enforcement Department, and Fire Department.

Glen Lyon Resident Second Family Member to be Named Class Valedictorian at John S. Fine High School

by Heidi Selecky John S. Fine High School of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District held its 2010 commencement exercises on June 16. The Valedictorian of this year's senior class is Jarad Kmietowicz of Glen Lyon. Jarad is the son of Michael (Mickey) and Jane Stapert Kmietowicz. Jarad's brother, Michael, accomplished the same feat three years ago, as he was valedictorian for the Class of 2007.

Jarad has many academic and athletic accomplishments. From 6th through 12th grade, he has participated in the Science Olympiad Team which is affiliated with Penn State. The regional competition is held at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, and the state competition, at Juniata College. It involves building and testing various projects, such as a catapult and then predicting how far an object will be thrown. Another project was building a robot that would maneuver balls into the pockets of a pool table. This year, he placed second in the 62nd annual math competition sponsored by the Luzerne County Council of Teachers of Mathematics. He was inducted into the National Honor Society at the end of his sophomore year. He continuously participated in math competitions throughout high school. His favorite subject? You guessed it! Math! Specifically, calculus and he likes physics too.

Jarad is a competitor on the athletic field as well. He plays golf, baseball, and basketball. His dad got him started with golf. He played third base for the high school team and got his start playing Newport Township Little League. He will continue playing American Legion baseball over the summer. He was a shooting guard on the high school basketball team and was named to the All-Star Team in the Wyoming Valley Conference this past season. His most memorable moment was winning the halftime 3-Point Shootout at the All-Star game. He hopes to play intramural sports in college.

All of this while also being Sports editor of the high school newspaper, working part-time at the Variety Stop in Glen Lyon, and helping his dad with caretaking duties at St. Nicholas Church. He was also a member of Student Council. He plays the piano, guitar, and bass guitar. Whew! Makes your head spin!

Jarad will attend the University of Pittsburgh in the fall and pursue a degree in Mathematics. In his valedictory speech, Jarad challenged his fellow students to try anything, open themselves up to new experiences and not be afraid to take chances. If he follows his own good advice, the sky is the limit!
Good luck, Jarad!

Editor's Note: Congratulations to Jarad and his family from the Directors and Officers of The Newport Township Community Organization .



Jarad Kmietowicz

Rev. Adrian Tirpak, Graduate of Newport High School Class of 1951 Celebrates 50th Jubilee as Priest.

by Heidi Selecky Rev. Adrian Tirpak recently celebrated his 50th jubilee in the priesthood. The former Donald Tirpak grew up in Glen Lyon, attended the Roosevelt and Pulaski Schools, and was Valedictorian of Newport Township High School Class of 1951. While in high school, he worked part-time in Stapinski's Drug Store and thought he might want to be a pharmacist. He attended Temple University Pharmacy School for one year, making straight A's, but soon realized his vocation. In 1952, he joined the Franciscan Order as a novitiate at St. Bernadine's Monastery in Hollidaysburg, PA. He studied theology at Catholic University and was ordained a priest at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on June 4, 1960. He took the name Adrian, and his assignments have taken him to Hollidaysburg, Washington, D.C., Minnesota, Johnstown and Barnesboro, PA. Currently, he serves the St. Anthony of Padua parish in Windber. He is also the chaplain for the hospice service at the local hospital. He is fondly known as "The Singing Padre" and was recently inducted into the Windber Hall of Fame.

Father Adrian celebrated his First Mass in St. Adalbert's Church on June 12, 1960. He is the son of the late Andrew and Catherine Selecky Tirpak. His sister Connie is also a Newport High School graduate as was his deceased brother, Andrew Jr. Father concelebrated his jubilee Mass on Sunday, June 6 at St. Anthony's, which was followed by dinner in the church hall. Over five hundred family members, friends and fellow

priests attended. Those from Newport Township include Emil and Janet Augustine, Heidi Selecky, Paul Jarecki, John Jarecki, Carol Marcincavage, and Romaine Borofski.

Township Police Department Joins Luzerne County Drug Task Force

by Karen Rejician Good news received from our police department. The Newport Township Police Department has joined the Luzerne County Drug Task force which is a multi-jurisdictional task force aimed at combating drug sales, manufacture and use. Police officers from departments across the entire county work within each others' towns, boroughs and cities and conduct surveillance of drug houses, do undercover purchases of narcotics and assist other agencies in serving search warrants on these drug houses. Basically, all departments help each other to get rid of each towns' drug problems. This answers the problems associated with "limited manpower" in small police departments. The task force is fully funded by the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office.

The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by bad men. Plato

A Fun Day for All

Written by Dawn Bobinoski Boy Scout Troop 430 hosted their Annual Down Hill Derby Day on May 2nd and as one can see by the pictures shown a great time was had by all who attended. Race officials for the event were Scoutmaster Dawn Bobinoski, Tom Wrubel, and George Thomas. After inspecting all vehicles, Mr. Thomas gave his approval to all qualifiers and the races were on. Trophy winners for the racing event were as follows; 1st Place, Devon Nethercott; 2nd Place, Aaron M.; 3rd Place, Chris T.; Best Car Design, D. J. Wrubel; Most Spectacular Crash, Dustin K, and Better Luck Next Year, Devyn R. With a tremendous effort by Master Chefs and scouts Joseph Brady, Joshua Brady, and Dakota Wolfe at the refreshment stand the entire event was a success not to be forgotten.

Veterans of Newport Township American Legion Post 539 Among 47 Area Residents Honored for Their Service in Vietnam

by Heidi Selecky and Lorrie Materewicz On Thursday, April 29, 2010, State Representative John Yudichak recognized 47 Vietnam Veterans in the 119th Legislative District for their service and dedication. The event was held at the Hanover High School auditorium. During the ceremony, the colors were posted by the 109th Field Artillery, Nanticoke and patriotic songs were sung by the Hanover High School Choir. Poetry and speeches were presented by high school students. Yudichak read a poem about a soldier killed in war and presented each veteran with a commemorative medal and a special citation. Refreshments were served following the ceremony.

22 veterans attended the event. Of the 22, eight are active members of the Newport Township American Legion Post 539. Pictured are: Front row, Bernie Mihneski, Albert Chesney, and Gilbert Chesney. Back row, Michael Mihneski, Ron Trzeciak, Bernard Witkowski, and Ken Angradi. Unable to attend was Chester Mierzwa.

What is important to me is what John Lennon told me: Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans. I agree, but equally important is that an active life, with a diversity of experiences, opens you up to various avenues. In other words: "Don't be a one note, be a Symphony." Joe Franklin, New York talk show host.



Participants and trophy winners for the event.



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Newport Township Police Chief Robert Impaglia
racing with the big boys

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GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION CONTINUES PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY CLEANUP FOR 6TH YEAR

By Palmira Miller The Newport Township Community Organization has taken the lead with cleanup, fix-up, and beautification projects within the Township over the past six (6) years. Through the many programs provided by Keep America Beautiful that runs from March 1st to May 31st, The Community Organization was able to secure funding and in-kind donations through the partners, sponsors, and organizations of the Great American Cleanup of PA including free landfill space from April 17th to May 1st.

Summary of events that took place this year are listed below:

St. Patrick's Day Parade held in Wilkes Barre March 14th, 2010

On Sunday, March 14th, 12 adults and 5 children took part in the Wilkes Barre, St. Patrick's Day Parade. J.P. Mascaro & Sons donated a float for the volunteers to ride in.

Big Junk Drop Off April 12 - 16, 2010

Between April 12th thru the 16th, the Newport Township Community Organization sponsored the Big Junk Drop Off Event. 28 volunteers worked 212 hours separating recyclables and assisting residents with junk removed in and around the neighborhood. Our local haulers, J.P. Mascaro & Sons and Waste Management, donated dumpsters and transported the 14 tons of garbage to the Keystone Landfill. The event resulted in recycling 8,982 pounds of tin, steel, cast iron, and aluminum and 28,000 pounds of garbage. Through this event 18.49 tons were removed properly.

Newport Township Community Pride Event April 17, 2010

For the sixth year, the Newport Township Community Organization sponsored a Community Pride Event. Fourteen teams spread throughout five towns in Newport Township, picking up litter along 21 miles of roads. 93 volunteers worked 371 hours, picked up 185 bags of garbage, 61 tires, and 7,244 pounds of bulk items totaling (6.2 tons) of garbage which was removed by PennDOT workers. After the event, volunteers returned to the town hall to enjoy refreshments.

Battle Against Illegal Dumping April 19 - 23, 2010

From April 19th to April 23rd, the Newport Township Community Organization partnered with Earth Conservancy to eradicate 10 Illegal dumpsites and one beautification project within the Township of Newport covering several acres of land. With the help of PennDOT, the Luzerne County Work Release Program, and 28 volunteers working together removed 23,260 pounds of garbage 381 tires, recycled 10,181 pounds of tin, steel, cast iron, aluminum and 5,000 pounds of trees and brush for a total cleanup amount of 23.79 tons.

Ongoing Activity

Tom Kashatus, Recycling Coordinator and President of the Newport Township Community Organization, volunteers daily, his time and vehicle to run the recycling program throughout the year. The funds received from this program are put back into the Community to support many organizations within the Township.

GET INVOLVED, VOLUNTEER, RECYCLE, DON'T LITTER, HELP KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL!

If you see someone dumping any kind of debris in Newport Township, make a note of it, if possible note the date, time, location and method of dumping (car, truck, ATV-etc). Report the information to the Newport Township Police Department and/or an officer of NTCO.

If you have the time and health and wish to assist in our recycling efforts contact one of the NTCO officers who will put you in touch with the correct person for more information on how and where your services can be best used.

Thank You to the following Volunteers and organizations who gave up their time to make Newport Township a cleaner place to live:

Palmira Gregory Miller, Tom Kashatus, Carolyn Phillips, Stephen Phillips, Sia Sager, Russ Sager, Linda Conner, Bob Conner, Steven Masakowski, Gene Skordinski, Frank Mayeski, John Jarecki, Carol Marcincavage, Mary Jo Evans, Stephanie Evans, Kassandra Evans, Leigh Bonczewski, Chris Todd, Bob Morgan, Marcy Morgan, Monica Morgan, Rob Morgan, Joe Maloney, Faye Maloney, Jeremy Yakovonis, Eddie Burd, Craig Williams, Debra Prokov, Stephen Prokov, Ray Brabant, Wiston Godoy, Wiston Godoy Jr., Owen Godoy, Arieli Brabant, Johnathan Keefe, Destiny Allabaugh, Fred, Joe Miller, Shelly Miller, Stephen Valenti, Shawn Hadley, TJ Higgs, Ed Skladzien, Peter Wanchisen, Joe Burke, Eliza Burke, Ernesto Lopez, Peter Dennis, Joe Dennis, Jeremy Blank, Brooklyn Blank, Austin Blank, Wrenda Antonio, Carol Kuhn, Andrea Schoeneberger, Chantel Kania, Christopher Kania, Kenny Arnold, Rob Maon, Mandi Jo Tencza, Alex Sullivan, Tssiah Stebbins, Shyla See-Soltz, Devan Sura, Diane Sullivan, Kimberly Rodriguez, Thomas Brown, Daniel Brown, Darrien Lamas, Dave Buchinski, Dean Myers, Jason Rinker, Van Token, Tony Siewell, Eric Spencer, Dave Josefowicz, Frank Wolfe, Mrs. Frank Wolfe, Mark O'Connor, Richille Myers, Linda Colicare, Jen Spencer, Mike Yalch, Jamie Miller, Taylor Clements, Debra Kevenbergos, Gabriel Miller, Jordyn Miller, Dean Miller, Anthony Youells, AJ Youells, Daniel Mieczkowski, Sara Zupancic, Rebecca Mieczkowski, David Mieczkowski, Susan Mieczkowski, Linda Makavensky, Dylan Makavensky, Judy Gumina, Kenny Hunter, the Piestrak Family, the Boys & Girls Club of America, Cub Scout Pack 376, Newport Township Little League, the Ridgeview Group, and especially the Newport Township Community Organization.

Thank you to the following participants, partners and sponsors for their support and in-kind donations:

Mark Cesare of J. P. Mascaro & Sons, John Hambrose of Waste Management, Dan O'Brien of Keystone Landfill, Dave Rinehimer of PennDOT, Mike Dziak, Jacqueline Dickman, Keith and Nick from Earth Conservancy, Captain Pugh the Luzerne County Work Release Program, Jim Julianio and Rob Porter the Pepsi Beverage Company in Wilkes Barre, Beverly Banks the Variety Stop, Paul Bush UTZ Products, Middlesworth Potato Chip Company, and Sam's Club.

The National Sponsors of the 2010 Great American Cleanup: The Dow Chemical Company; The Glad Products Company; Nestlé® Pure Life® Purified Water; o.b.® tampons; Pepsi-Cola Company; The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company; Solo Cup Company; Troy-Bilt® Lawn and Garden Equipment; Waste Management, Inc.; Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co.; Promotional Partners: Crescent Art and Framing Products and Get Green Racing; and Educational Partner: Rubber Manufacturers Association.

Big Junk Drop Off April 12 - 16, 2010



First load of trash which was picked up from homes throughout the Township about to be placed in donated container for shipment to a landfill.



Earth Conservancy Front End Loader assists at Big Junk Drop Off by pushing down junk to compact it.



Tire and junk removed from St. Vladimir Cemetery awaiting pick up by PennDOT.

Green Tips for Lawns: Mow often and high enough so that you cut off one third or less of your grass height each cutting. Cutting too much of the grass blade off can shock the grass and impairs healthy growth. Small clippings, allowed to fall back on the lawn decompose quicker and distribute nutrients back into the soil resulting in a healthier lawn.

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Community Organization personnel about to assist a Township resident to transfer his load of big junk from his truck to a trash container.



PennDOT trucks waiting to be loaded with various types of refuse which will be hauled off to the landfill.



PennDOT assists inmates from the Luzerne County Correctional Facility in the removal of an Illegal Dumpsite located at the corner of West Main St. and Market St. in Glen Lyon.

Green Tips for Lawns: If you insist on bagging your clippings, use them to start a compost pile. Clippings and fall leaves provide a valuable source of materials high in nutrients which can be used as fertilizer wherever you are planting to encourage growth and produce strong plants.

Newport Township Community Pride Event April 17, 2010



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Some of the many volunteers who took part in the 2010 Great American Cleanup

THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL SIX (6) YEAR SUMMARY REPORT

	Volunteers				Cleaned		25 cans = 1 lb	1 bag = 20 lbs	1 tire = 24 lbs	
Year	Adults	Under 18	Total	Hours	Miles	Pounds Recycled	Cans Re-cycled	# of Bags	# of Tires	TOTAL Tons
2010	133	37	170	1,188	30	40,618	281	678	442	56.72
2009	143	17	160	800	30	26,750	400	1080	602	41.77
2008	71	18	89	508	28	24,000	17,500	399	85	24.49
2007	86	23	109	588	26	18,152	132	288	45	37.05
2006	51	26	77	512	35	5,400	420	348	393	18.83
2005	46	14	60	420	16		400	227	300	18.50
Totals	530	135	665	4016	165	114,920	19,133	3,020	1,867	197.36

The Board of Directors and the Officers of NTCO wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all of the individuals who participated in all of NTCO's Great American Cleanup activities over the past six years. You have made a difference and have set an example for all the citizens of the Township, especially our youth. There is still much more to be accomplished and we ask for your continued support in the future.

In addition we want you to know that any revenue we earn from the sale of scrap metal is funneled back into the community through donations of money and or equipment to other organizations in the community which helps them to provide needed services to those they serve. We are particularly interested in supporting activities aimed at helping provide safety to our residents and to those organizations which cater to the youth of the community by providing well organized activities such as organized sports, play activity and scouting activity.

Illegal Dumpsite Within 200 Yards Newport Township Municipal Building Cleaned



by Bill Hourigan One of the first Illegal Dumpsites to be addressed in 2010 is located on Earth Conservancy Property about 200 yds. off Center Street in Wanamie between Kirmar Parkway and the Newport Township Municipal Building.

This site contained an old building which appeared to service as a small workshop and storage facility in its better days. The building, which was not secured, contained some workbenches and a variety of containers of nuts & bolts, screws, nails and other items for general repair work. Signs of vandalism were evident throughout the structure.

The area surrounding the building was littered with tires, general garbage, cans, bottles of all types and a host of wide variety of other types of junk. With the assistance of a contingent of inmates on supervised work release from the Luzerne County Cor-



rection Facility, volunteers from NTCO spent over 3 hours cleaning the surrounding area, classifying and organizing the materials and piling them in appropriate piles. All metal items were transported to a junk yard and sold while the remaining items were removed by a crew from Penn-Dot.

As can be seen in the picture labeled BEFORE, there was quite a mess in the area. The debris included over fifty discarded tires.

This particular project is a perfect example of what can be accomplished by NTCO when it reaches out to secure the assistance of other agencies and government bodies which are also participating in the **GREAT AMERICA CLEANUP**.

Other pictures throughout pages 4-8 show PennDot and the inmates working on additional cleanup projects with NTCO volunteers.

William Janney – The Eternal Juvenile

by Bill Piccone It is probably well known that Russell Janney produced (with Glen Lyon's own Olga Treskoff) several plays and musicals on Broadway (most notably, "The Vagabond King") in the 1920s and 1930s, and wrote the best-selling novel, The Miracle of the Bells in 1946. A little known fact is that he had a son also involved in the theater and motion pictures, William Janney.

William was born in 1908 in New York. As did many young people then and later, he became interested in silent films, eventually appearing in two while still a lad. His parents separated while he was very young, but he shared his father Russell Janney's interest in the theater, appearing in school plays and eventually reached Broadway in juvenile roles.

William Janney determined to break into the new medium of sound films, and he appeared in supporting roles (he looked younger than his years) in several dozen motion pictures in the years 1929 through 1938. He appeared on screen with some of the leading film stars of that period, including Mary Pickford, Barbara Stanwyck, Mary Astor, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Edward G. Robinson, Lionel Barrymore and William Boyd (Hopalong Cassidy). His best known film appearance is probably in "Bonnie Scotland" (1935), starring Laurel and Hardy.

William Janney eventually became tired of playing parts that showed him as a "little brother," so he left films in 1938, doing some radio work in New York, also getting married in 1940. A son was born in Mr. and Mrs. Janney the next year. Later he joined the Coast Guard, working in Special Services.

Janney worked in various jobs after his discharge, finally obtaining a position at the Los Angeles Times as a security guard. After retiring, he moved to Idaho where he lived with his son and

his family till he died in December, 1992.

Russell Janney rarely if ever spoke of his son during interviews and one has the impression that their relationship was strained. Nonetheless, William Janney was a man of intelligence, talent and integrity, rare qualities in any age. Hopefully, Russell was proud of his son's varied accomplishments.

(A copy of a lengthy article and tribute to William Janney, written for Classic Images, issue no. 212 (Feb., 1993) by Michael Ankerich, including many recollections by William Janney himself, can be obtained by contacting Heidi Selecky.)



William Janney as he appeared in *Bonnie Scotland* in 1935

Life

You have to pay the price. You will find that everything in life exacts a price, and you will have to decide whether the price is worth the prize.

Sam Nunn, U.S. Senator from Georgia

Final Services Mark Closing of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Wanamie

by Bill Hourigan On Sunday, June 27, 2010 at 3:00 PM final services were held at St. Mary's Church located in Newport Township's Wanamie Section.

St. Mary's was established when a group of Lithuanians from Wanamie and Glen Lyon gathered together Catholic Churches in the area for them to attend. At that time all of the nearby Catholic Churches were known as Polish Catholic Churches.

The group made a decision to found a new church. They were able to gather together \$700.00 and purchase a former Methodist church located on what was then known as the "New Road". The church was a wooden framed building which seated about 180 people.

Due to the generosity of about 70 families as well as the hard work a sacristy, vestibule and steeple were added to the building and the now fully established parish began to grow and prosper.

In 1906 the present rectory was built to accommodate the clergy as the St. Mary's was prospering and had a full Mass schedule and all of the activities associated with a fully functioning church.

By 1922 the congregation and the activities associated with St. Mary's had far outgrown the facility and it was determined that a new church was needed. Fundraising commenced, a new parcel of land was purchased, architects were hired and Berwick Lumber Co. was contracted to build a new church for \$32,000.00. An additional \$15,000.00 was spent for interior furnishings.

The new House of God was dedicated on May 31, 1926.

In the years which followed the church continued to prosper, the original mortgage was retired, picnic grounds were established, the church and rectory were remodeled and a new organ purchased. Glen Alden Coal Co. donated a large parcel of land to the church which was used to establish a beautiful new cemetery.

In 1999, due to a shortage of priests and declining attendance, St. Adalbert's, St. Mary's, St. Michael's and St. Dennis in Newport Township along with St. Joseph's in the Hanover section of Nanticoke) and were grouped together by The Diocese of Scranton.

One priest was assigned to administer the 5 churches and visiting priests were required to meet the Mass schedule that resulted.

The year of 2001 brought more changes. St. Joseph's, St. Dennis and St. Michael's were closed. A new parish named Corpus Christi was established which included the remaining buildings of St. Mary's and St. Adalbert's.



St. Mary's Church

Additional Changes Being Implemented by Diocese of Scranton Will Impact Newport Township, Mocanaqua and Fairmont Springs Catholic Population

by Bill Hourigan Effective August 1, 2010, Scranton Diocese will officially remove **Corpus Christi Parish** from its roles.

The Diocese is establishing a new Parish which will be named **Holy Spirit Parish**.

Holy Spirit Parish will include the St. Adalbert's, Glen Lyon, St. Mary's, Mocanaqua and St. Martha's in Fairmont Springs buildings. Ascension in Mocanaqua and St. Mary's in Wanamie will be closed.

Effective July 7, 2010 Father Joseph P. Kutch, current Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish will be transferred to the position of Senior Priest, Immaculate Conception Parish, Scranton.

Father Anthony J. Generose, V. E. from St. Aloysius Parish, Wilkes-Barre will become Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish.

As we prepare to go to press no other information regarding the changes and how they will affect Mass schedules for each building and the other priests now serving Mocanaqua and Fairmont Springs.

Newport Community News Publisher and Wife Wel- come the Birth of Their First Grandchild

by Bill Hourigan At 1:15 AM on the morning of June 26th, a text message & photo arrived on the cell phone of the publisher's wife announcing the safe and healthy delivery of their first grandchild.

Sarah Elizabeth Hourigan was born at the base hospital at US Naval Air Station, Lemoore, CA, on June 25, 2010 at 8:58 PM Pacific time. The proud parents are Lt. Cmdr. Patrick & Elaine Hourigan, who reside at the US Naval Air Station in Lemoore, CA. Sarah Elizabeth (Sarah Beth) weighed in at a hefty 8 lb. 13 oz.!

We visited with Sarah Beth via Skype Saturday morning for the first of many transmissions and will meet her in person for the first time in early August when we attend her Christening.

The equally proud maternal grandparents are Mickey & Susan Willoughby of Knoxville, TN.



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July 27th	Wanamie	Local Mining History
Aug 3rd	Alden	Games and Activities
Aug 10th	Coal Street	Games and Activities
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amid his new gifts crying bitterly. Why are you crying?' the fa-
ther asked. "Because my friends will be jealous, and I'll have to
read the instructions, and I'll constantly need batteries and my
toys will get broken" the pessimist answered. Passing the opti-
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Carol and John on the steps leading up to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem

Glen Lyon Residents Travel to Israel

By John Jarecki In May Carol Marcincavage and I went on a nine-day trip to Israel on a multicultural group tour, organized by Temple Israel Synagogue in Wilkes-Barre, that visited both Jewish and Christian religious sites as well as secular ones.

We flew to Israel on an eleven-hour direct flight that landed at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv. Israel is a completely modern country and, in spite of news stories that we have all seen about violence there, seemed to be at peace, with life everywhere going on in a perfectly normal way. The only hint of trouble was the presence of the checkpoints on roads into and out of Jerusalem and on the border between the West Bank (administered by Palestinians and Israel) and Israel proper (administered by Israel).

Our favorite place on the trip was Jerusalem, which is built across hills and valleys in the Central Highlands of the country at an elevation off about two thousand feet. It is fascinating for its long and interesting history.

In the central part of the Jerusalem is the Old City, located on the site where the city was in existence as far back as about seven hundred years before Jesus. The Old City is surrounded by a forty-foot high stone wall built in the sixteenth century by the Ottoman Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent.

At the eastern end of the Old City is the Temple Mount, a flat elevated area surrounded by a high stone retaining wall, on which now stand the Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock Shrine,

an Islamic sacred building with a golden dome that can be seen for miles away and is the most recognizable symbol of the city.

In ancient times, though, at this location stood the first and second Jewish Temples, the first, according to Biblical tradition, built by King Solomon and the second built about four hundred years before the birth of Jesus and enlarged and embellished by King Herod, of New Testament mention.

On the south side of the Temple Mount stand the steps that led to the Temple in the time of Jesus. It is almost certain that Jesus walked on those steps. A portion of the Western Wall of the Temple Mount is a Jewish sacred place, by tradition a special location of the presence of God. Visitors place prayers into spaces between the stones. We saw many people praying near the Wall, some silently, some reading out loud from books, some touching the Wall, and some wearing traditional blue and white prayer shawls.

In the western section of the Old City is the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, thought to be built on the site of Golgotha and the tomb of Jesus. Christians first built a church on this site at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine about three hundred years after Jesus. Crusaders built the a church of this name, but it was destroyed by fire about two hundred years ago, at which time the present church was built.

The church building has a complex structure divided into many small and large rooms, and has an upper level, which is the traditional site of Golgotha. Different parts of the church are each administered by a different Christian Church, for example the Greek Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church. Visitors to the Greek Orthodox administered area can touch the rock at the site of Golgotha and light a candle for loved ones.

The Old City has many old narrow streets, some with steps going up and down hills, with little shops on both sides. It has the remains of streets and houses that date to the time of Jesus and that have been recently excavated. Its city gates are elaborately ornamented and have colorful names, such as Damascus Gate, Jaffa Gate, and Herod's Gate. We had a great time just walking around finding interesting and unusual things to see.

Carol and I also traveled to other parts of the country: we floated in the Dead Sea, took a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, and shopped on the coast of the Mediterranean at Tel Aviv, among other activities. We placed a collection of our photos on the internet at the site Flickr. If you would like to see them, the address is http://www.flickr.com/photos/john_s_j/.

Newport Twp. Fireman's Community Ambulance Annual Fund/Subscription Drive

by Jason Poremba The Newport Township Fireman's Community Ambulance will be kicking off its Annual Fund/Subscription Drive this month. Our fund drive is an important part of the daily operations of our unit. With the money we take in, we will be able to purchase new equipment and continue training for our personnel. We are currently in the process of purchasing a 2002 Ford Med-Tec ambulance from Ashley Borough. Our current unit has over 115,000 miles and it is starting to show. Your donations from this drive will enable us to continue to upgrade equipment and provide better services to our residents. Our current staff consists of 1 Paramedic, 17 EMT's, 4 First Responders/EVO's working and volunteering with our company to provide the most up-to-date and best service we can.

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Building A Sense of Community

Do not be shy about getting to know your neighbors. It is valuable for residents to know each other. Knowing each other creates a network of communication and support among residents which ultimately improves community.

Residents who are acquainted with their neighbors and their neighborhood are quick to notice changes, unusual occurrences and strangers wandering about.

If a resident know of a neighbor or neighbors who are ill, or have some kind of personal crisis they are facing, they often keep an extra eye out for them in case they are in need of some kind of assistance.

An occasional hello and a short conversation is all that is needed. Before long a sense of community will set in.

Attending Community Meetings is always a method to use to get to no your neighbors and your community. Meetings such as Crime Watch, Newport Township Community Organization, Newport Township Commissioner's Meeting, Church Group Meetings, PTA Meetings are excellent sources of information and excellent places to learn more about Newport Township and neighborhoods and the communities surrounding the Township.

For Information About Newport Township Meetings and Much More go to

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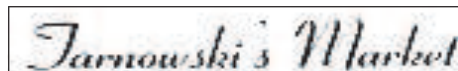
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