

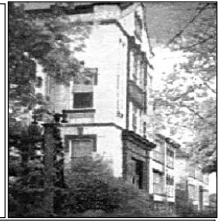
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Mullery Awards Citation to Staff Sergeant James Horning



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State Representative Gerald Mullery Presents a Citation to Staff Sergeant James Horning for his Work in Replacing Stolen Military Cemetery Markers. From left: Staff Sergeant James Horning, Paul Kovalich, State Representative Gerald Mullery, Bernie Mihneski, Leah Mullery, Lauren Mullery, and Katie Bonczewski.

by John Jarecki On Memorial Day, State Representative Gerald Mullery presented a citation, from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State House of Representatives, to Staff Sergeant James Horning honoring him for his work in replacing stolen military markers on graves in St. Michael's, St. Adalbert's, and the St. John the Baptist Independent Cemeteries in Newport Township.

After thieves stole about 125 brass cemetery markers, Staff Sgt. Horning traveled to American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars halls across Pennsylvania to obtain replacement markers. Staff Sgt. Horning even replaced at least one Civil War marker.

Staff Sgt. Horning, who is 36 years old, lives in Shickshinny and is a Pennsylvania Army National Guard recruiter based with the Nanticoke branch of the 109th Field Artillery. The ceremony was held at the Glen Lyon American Legion.

NTCO Receives Environmental Award



Pictured above from the left are NTCO members Paul Jarecki, Bill Hourigan, Palmira Gregory Miller, NCAC official Kurt Bauman and NTCO President, Tom Kashatus

by Bill Hourigan The Northeastern Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC) recently held its 2011 Community Awards Program at the Woodlands Inn, Wilkes Barre.

Newport Township Community Organization was awarded **First Place** under the category **Environmental & Animal Welfare**. NTCO received a Certificate Plaque and a cash award of \$250.00 for its constant vigilance and actions which address environmental problems throughout Newport Township.

The **NCAC Community Awards Program** is a special program honoring hardworking organizations within its seven county region. The awards are presented to innovative non-profit organizations which constantly do more with less.

**ANYTIME IS A GOOD TIME TO OFFER
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Glen Lyon Crime Watch Sponsoring Newport Township National Night Out Against Crime

by Karen Rejician **Newport Township National Night Out Against Crime**, sponsored by the Glen Lyon Crime Watch, will be held August 2, 2011, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Wanamie Recreation Park. Guest speakers are being lined up and a stranger danger program will be given by Chief Impaglia. We will be having 50 cent food items, games with prizes for both adults and children. National Night Out is always held the first Tuesday in August throughout our nation, military bases and Canada. It is a night to show criminals we are active in fighting crime. All residents are requested to keep porch lights on until 10:00 PM. National Night Out is our police and community joining in a partnership to fight crime. This partnership is important not only on National Night Out but every day and every night.

Editorials

Dear Readers,

This will be my last edition of the Newport Community News.

It is time to move on and carry out some of my original plans for retirement which include more visits with my children and my granddaughter. Then there is that model train platform which has been sitting in my basement with out even one piece of track on it. A bit of traveling would be nice too.

I have enjoyed preparing Newport Community News over the years. Occasionally I distressed the local government with an editorial they found not to their liking. The editorials were not meant to hurt our government officials but to encourage them to step up to the plate and get things done. Some may have had an impact some were ignored. No matter, at least they got a reaction and made our leaders aware that there are many residents in Newport Township with pride in their Community and who wish to see it shine far and above neighboring communities.

Newport Township has great potential for development and I sincerely hope the actions of our government are such as to encourage and assist those from both within the Township and outsiders who are capable and have the vision to see and believe in a better future.

I would like to encourage all of the residents of the Township to become members of the Newport Township Community Organization and join us in providing both services and monetary support to the many groups within the community.

We Have Made A Difference!

At this time I have no idea what the future holds for this publication. I hope a replacement is found for me and that our little paper carries on. If any reader is willing to come forth I will be glad to assist them in learning how to put together this publication and carry on the tradition.

Anyone interested should contact Tom Kashatus, Palmira Gregory Miller or me.

Finally, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the love of my life, my wife, Linda and to my children, Erin & Patrick for all of the support they provided over the years as I toiled with this publication. Many home projects were delayed, vacations were planed around publishing dates and sometimes my humor and tolerance were less than they should be.

I would also like to thank those who provided many of the articles published. Tom Kashatus, Palmira Gregory Miller, John Jarecki, Heidi & Paul Jarecki were faithful regular contributors. Thank you all.

Sincerely,

Bill Hourigan

Please note: The additional articles on this page are mine.

One Man's Opinion For New Prosperity In Newport Township

In my opinion the building of a resort area exclusively for ATVs and Snowmobiles would be an immediate boom to the area. The land is here in Newport Township waiting for development.

The potential for such a resort is tremendous. There is a desperate need for such a facility in Northeast Pennsylvania. If properly planned, such a facility would bring a need for lodging, restaurants, service stations and small businesses to the Township.

There are miles of trails, roads and abandoned railroad beds which would provide hours of riding pleasure for off road riding enthusiasts. It is a project that could be done.

What about the coal that still remains below the area? It seems to me that the coal is just going to stay right where it is for many years to come. Perhaps we will need to mine it sometime in the distant future. It also seems to me that ways far better than used in the past will be developed to get at the coal when and if it is ever needed and mining could coexist with such a facility.

Nonsense you say, maybe so, but the next time you travel check and see if there are any facilities such as I envision along the way. If so stop in and visit, you will be amazed at what you see and learn.

Current Land-owners: Think about it!

Think About This! "Privacy"

If there ever was a concept that we can look back on nostalgically, it would be privacy.

That's gone. It's been gone for a long time anyway. There are cameras on the street, in most of the buildings, and even built into your computer and cell phone.

But you can be sure that 24/7, "They" know who you are and where you are, right down to the GPS coordinates, and the Google Street View.

If you buy something, your purchase is put into a zillion profiles, and your ads will eventually arrive in your mail and email. "They" will try to get you to buy something else. Again and again.

All we will have left that can't be changed are Memories". And then probably Alzheimer's will take that away from us too...

Ah for the good old days, when our business was our business unless we decided to share it with someone else.

Today no matter how private you want to remain, there are records out there somewhere that can be accessed by others and they can be used to learn practically every thing about your life, your finances, your family.

With the information that is garnered firms then classify your spending habits, shopping habits, dining habits etc.

Then they target you with mail & email ads, some even phone. They know all about you. **Ah, for the good old days!**

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Newport Township Budget for 2011

by *John Jarecki* At a special meeting on December 15, the Township Commissioners approved a budget for 2011. The budget is divided into four major parts, for which revenue and expenses are listed in the following table.

Expenses	Revenue	
General Budget	\$ 693,690	\$ 690,986
Refuse Budget	330,525	328,638
Recycling Budget	50,850	48,268
Liquid Fuels Budget	93,700	93,000
Total	\$1,168,765	\$1,160,892

For the budget as a whole, the five largest sources of revenue are the following:

Refuse and Recycling Fees	\$ 381,375
Real Estate Tax	245,000
Earned Income Tax	250,000
Liquid Fuels Payment from State	93,000
State Shared Revenue	46,400
Total	\$1,015,775

These amount to about 87% of total income. The largest source of revenue, refuse and recycling fees, consists of a refuse fee of \$195 per household and a recycling fee of \$30 per household. The real estate or property tax is at a rate of 1.95 mills (a mill is \$1 in taxes per \$1000 of property value), and the earned income tax is at a rate of 1 percent.

Real estate tax revenue has risen about 30 percent over the last five years, which is mainly the result of the property tax increase of .5 mills that took effect in 2010. State shared revenue is only a third of what it was five years ago, which is not surprising considering the financial problems of the state.

The six largest expenditures from the general budget can be put into the following categories.

Refuse Collection	\$ 289,440
Fire Department	165,813
Police Department	147,991
Employee Fringe Benefits	129,853
Street Department	74,418
General Government	72,311
Total	\$ 879,786

These categories amount to about 75% of total expenses. The largest expenditure, refuse collection, has increased by about 8 percent over the last five years. The Fire, Police, and Street Department expenses have increased an average of about 15 percent, and general government expenses have decreased by about 9 percent, both over the same period.

St. Adalbert's Altar & Rosary Society

The Holy Spirit Parish/St. Adalbert's Altar & Rosary Society is asking that anyone who is, or knows of, a home caregiver in need of some "relief" time or someone who is homebound and would appreciate a visit, to please either drop a note to the Altar & Rosary Society c/o the parish office at 43 East Main Street, Glen Lyon; call the parish office at 570-736-6372 and leave your information; or email the parish office at hsparish@verizon.net.

NTCO SUMMER FUN EVENTS

On Wednesday August 24th at the Wanamie Recreation Park, Mr. Robert Hughes, from EPCAMR, will be present from 10AM to Noon on how to make Tye Dye t-shirts and chalk. Every child who attends will be given a t-shirts to design.



On July 21st and August 4th, NTCO sponsored 2 swimming events at the Pat "Tiger" Denoy pool in Mocanaqua this summer

BASEBALL TRIP TO SWB YANKEES GAME

Mary Margaret Kashatus has made arrangements for tickets with the Scranton-Wilkes Barre Yankees for a baseball game with the Pawtucket Red Sox that will take place on August 26th. The game will start at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$13.00 per person, seating will be in section 136, 1st base side (very appropriate to view fireworks display), top three rows (M-N-O). If interested, email Mary at kashatus8@msn.com.

Powwow & Gathering of All Peoples Set for August 13th & 14th At Newport Twp. Recreation Complex

The mountains surrounding the South Valley region will again echo the drums of our Native Americans as the South Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Newport Township Fire Department host the 5th annual Powwow and Gathering of all Peoples on Saturday August 13th and Sunday August 14th, 2010. The Grand Entrance commences at 12 noon featuring Native American drumming, singing, and dancing. Native American foods along with arts and crafts will be featured. It all takes place at the Newport Recreation Complex, Kirmar Ave in Newport Twp., August 13th and 14th with the gates opening at 10:30 A.M. Admission for Adults is \$4.00, Children \$2.00. There is no charge for those who are handicapped. This is an educational event open to all people, with the intention of offering a glimpse of Native American culture.

3 For more information contact: 570-417-4153

Senior Citizen Center Seeks Yarn for Lap Robe Project



Seated around the table discussing their plans are, from the left, Anna Rinehamer, Catherine Raymond, Marion Samselski, Julie Davis, and Stanley Jenceleski as Gail Voyton and Maureen Haydt observe. Absent from the photo is Dolores Jenceleski.

by *Tom Kashatus* Newport Township and Nanticoke senior citizens associated with the Rose Tucker Center on W. Washington Street, Nanticoke are seeking donations of yarn to make lap robes (miniature afghan blankets) for individuals who are home-bound and in wheel chairs and are recommended by the Department of Aging of Luzerne County for receipt of these special gifts. Members Marion Samselski, Stanley and Dolores Jenceleski, Julie Davis, and Ann Rinehamer volunteer their time throughout the year to crochet approximately 100 lap robes yearly which are part of a gift package (which also includes toothpaste, shampoo, mouthwash, soap, powder, and deodorant – just to name a few items) that is distributed to home bound seniors during the Christmas holidays. Catherine Raymond specializes in crocheting booties which are also included in the gift package. Many recipients are very appreciative and grateful for the gift package as this is the only gift that they will receive during the holiday season. Due to the crocheter's individual styles and stitching techniques, all lap robes are uniquely different and are works of art. **Monetary donations for yarn and skeins of any size and color are acceptable and will be greatly appreciated.**

The Rose Tucker Center, formerly the Nanticoke Senior Center, is located in the basement of the Special Care Facility on Washington Street. Many other activities are held at the center which include exercise classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m.; card games every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after lunch; bingo every Tuesday and Thursday after lunch; and Tai Chi classes. Shuffleboard and Wii are also favorite activities. Computer classes have recently been added to the agenda every Monday



Anna Rinehamer displays an example of a lap robe which exemplifies the quality of the special gift that is passed on to those special recipients during the Christmas holiday season.

and Wednesday at 10:30 AM.

The center is in partnership with the Special Care Hospital which provides health and wellness programs and speakers from various departments within the hospital such as rehabilitation, pharmacy, dietary, and wound care. Blood pressure screening is done on a monthly basis and a tele-monitor system program is done on a daily basis.

Membership dues are a donation of \$5.00 per year. Van transportation is provided for the minimal charge of \$1.50 one-way. A light breakfast of coffee or tea and a snack is served before lunch. A nutritious lunch which includes a full cooked meal, milk/coffee/tea, bread or rolls and dessert is served at noon. The meals are served for a small donation of \$2.00. Salad bar is served twice a month. A monthly menu and calendar of events are available at the center.

Seniors, regardless of residency, are welcome and attendance normally reaches 35 – 40 members each day. During special programs, entertainment dates, and speakers' events, attendance will reach 50 – 60. On July 21st Joy Evans will perform by singing the country songs of long time favorite Patsy Cline. On August 3rd and 5th the center will sponsor the AARP Safe Driver's Course. There will be a bus trip to the Hollywood Casino, Hershey, PA on August 8th.

Maureen Haydt is Director of the center and Gail Voyton is Assistant Director. Helen Kosteva is Nutrition Manager and Linda Reiss is Senior Aide. Reservations for lunch should be made the day before by 12:00 noon. The center is open every day from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information on activities, programs, and trips please call the center at (570) 735-1670.

The word *etiquette*, which means ticket in French, dates from 1750 as a term prescribed by authority to be observed in social life.

Doctor Thomas Olenginski Addresses Seniors



by Tom Kashatus Renowned rheumatologist Dr. Thomas Olenginski (52) visited the Rose Tucker Senior Citizens Center on June 23rd to address an audience of over 60 members and guests of the tribulations surrounding rheumatoid arthritis - an illness which may affect an individual at any age and may eventually lead to chronic disability. **Dr. Olenginski, the middle son of Chester and Alma (Yarashefski) Olenginski, spent his childhood at 62 Orchard Street, Glen Lyon along with siblings Larry and Kenneth.** He commented on his fine memories during the time he spent with his family and friends in Glen Lyon and Newport Township as a youth. While in high school he was a straight A student achieving valedictorian honors and was described as "brains plus, down to earth, and a true friend." Dr. Olenginski was an avid golfer and was one of three captains of the team which copped the East Division of the Wyoming Valley Golf League with a record of 16-2 -Tom was nominated to the East All star Team. He graduated from John S. Fine H. S. of the Greater Nanticoke Area in 1976 and Penn State University in 1980. He then attended Hershey Medical School for further study while later completing a three year internship and residency at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville in internal medicine. After a brief tour in Western Pennsylvania he became interested in rheumatoid arthritis and decided that he would like to dedicate his life to helping individuals who become afflicted with this debilitating disease. He stated that he had a great deal of respect for Dr. Stanley Stapinski whom he admired from his early childhood years.

Dr. Olenginski stated that we do not know what causes rheu-

matoid arthritis, but we do know that one's immune system will attack healthy body parts and cause chronic inflammation of the lining of the bones and joints. This will cause stiffness, swelling, pain, calcification and lumps in the afflicted area. In contrast, osteo arthritis is the deterioration of cartilage located between joints. Rheumatoid arthritis can be treated with medication, but diagnosis should begin with the family doctor after examination and listening to the patient describing their symptoms. Further treatment may result with a rheumatologist being recommended.

The presentation was coordinated through ABBOTT Immunology, a drug company, and their representative Dominick Fiorillo along with the Geisinger Medical Center and Luzerne County Department of Aging hoping that these speaking engagements may lead to a better awareness and control of this disease.

Dr. Olenginski now resides in Lewisburg with his wife, Jessica, and twin sons Gregory and Lukasz who will be attending Franklin and Marshall in the fall. He is extremely proud of their gold medal victory, along with team mates Ryan Lopes and Noah Behrunha, at the recent track and field championships in Shippensburg in the 4 X 800 relay race. The quartet also silver medaled in the 4 X 400 relay race. Lewisburg, which is nestled along the west branch of the Susquehanna is a thriving community due to the presence of Bucknell University; Playworld Systems, Inc.; and Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary. Dr. Olenginski is highly concerned for his mom and dad, and extremely respectful and appreciative of his brother Larry and his wife, Diane, with whom the parents reside along with Diane's mother.

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State Representative Gerald Mullery's Office is a Community Resource for Government Information



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Gerald Mullery's Office Staff: From left, Leigh Bonczewski, Nicole Brown, Michelle Stashak, and Diane Hollock

By John Jarecki The Office of State Representative Gerald Mullery is a useful source of information on federal, state, and local government for residents of our community. The topics on which most people who call or visit the office ask for help include the following: 1) PennDot services, 2) property tax and rental rebates for seniors and the disabled, 3) PACE and PACENET medical prescription programs, 4) unemployment compensation questions, and 5) state income tax services.

PennDot services with which the staff in Mr. Mullery's office can help you include drivers' license renewals, applying for commercial drivers' licenses, getting handicapped license plates and handicapped placards (which are placed inside autos), and getting specialty license plates. Also, if you have a permanent Social Security Disability, the office staff can help you apply for a reduced (\$10) fee for auto registration. If you have a 100% military-related injury, you can get a free auto registration.

Property tax and rental rebates are available to residents who are 65 or older, widows and widowers aged 50 and older, and persons 18 and older with permanent Social Security disability status. Rebates range from \$650 to \$250, depending on income level. Mr. Mullery's office staff can give you application forms and information on these rebates. PACE and PACENET are state programs that allow you to pay a small co-payment for prescription medications. They are available for seniors 65 and older who meet certain income requirements. The office staff again has application forms and information.

If you have a question about your application for unemployment compensation, the office staff can contact the state and get answers more quickly than you can by telephone.

Mr. Mullery's staff can help you get state and federal income tax forms. They can speed up the process of getting your auto license renewal. They can help you fill out applications for death and birth certificates, child abuse clearances, the Children's Health Program get (CHIP), and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). 6

The staff can help you get information on many government related matters, such as Social Security and Medicare. If they cannot provide an answer for your question, they can usually tell you who to contact in order to get an answer.

The members of Mr. Mullery's staff were very helpful and friendly when we visited their office for an interview. They are Leigh Bonczewski (Chief of Staff), Diane Hollock (District Office Manager), and Michelle Stashak and Nicole Brown (Legislative Aides).

Mr. Mullery's office is located at 156 South Market Street in Nanticoke. The phone number is (570) 740-7031 and the fax number is (570) 826-2584. Office hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Thursday, and 8:30am to 4:00pm on Friday. In addition, you can make an appointment to come to the office after 4:30pm on Monday.

During the first three months of this year, about 2500 people per month contacted Mr. Mullery's office by either visiting the office or by telephone.

Mullery Announces August Constituent Outreach Dates

NANTICOKE Rep. Gerald Mullery, D-Newport Township, is announcing his constituent outreach dates for August, which include an expansion in the Mountaintop area.

On August 4th, Mullery's staff will be at the Wright Township Municipal Building, 321 S. Mountain Blvd., from 10 a.m. to noon and at the Fairview Township Municipal Building, 65 Shady Tree Drive from 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Mullery's staff will also be at the following locations:

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 11th at the Plymouth Borough Building, 162 W. Shawnee Ave., Plymouth.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 18th at the Edwardsville Borough Building, 470 Main St., Edwardsville.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 25th at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 1267 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township.

Residents can receive help on a variety of state matters that range from student financial aid to the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

Mullery's regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday to Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday at 156 S. Market St., Nanticoke. The phone number is 570-740-7031 or you may contact him through his website at www.pahouse.com/mullery.

The 1936 Newport Township High School Baseball Season: The End to an Amazing School Year

by Heidi and Paul Jarecki In the 1935/36 school year, Newport Township High School had many students who were very good athletes. In the fall, the football team had one of the most successful seasons in years. Then in the winter, the basketball team won the State Championship. Both teams received excellent coaching from Chester Rogowicz who graduated from Newport in 1920 and had gone on to become a very successful athlete at Susquehanna University.

In the spring of '36, students, including many football and basketball players, gathered together to form a baseball team and convinced Coach Rogowicz to lead them. Mr. Rogowicz was an astute baseball man who had played both college and professional baseball. Northeastern Pennsylvania in the 1930's was a hotbed of amateur and professional baseball activity. Large enthusiastic crowds attended many games whose outcomes were well covered by all the local newspapers. In Newport Township, Glen Lyon alone had several baseball teams including the Condors, Kanadians, Cubs, Colts, Smilers and Keystones. The Newport High School team was led by junior south paw pitcher Edmund "Doc" Vosheski. Doc was an excellent athlete and already was a stand-out on the football and basketball teams. Doc's father Max was a pitcher who hurled for the semi-professional Nanticoke White Sox. His nickname was Million Dollar Max because he was picked to pitch in all the important games. It was not unusual for teams to play for "winner take all" purses of \$1000 or more which was a lot of money in those days.

In their first season, Newport emerged victorious. They started late but took the lead in the South League only to drop back into a tie with West Nanticoke's Harter High School after losing to Shickshinny 7-4 in a protested game. In that game, play had to be stopped several times because players of both teams became enraged over the umpire's decisions. Shickshinny's pitcher Frank Serafin had a great game. He not only bested Newport's ace Doc Vosheski but he hit two triples, a single and scored two runs. In the playoff game that followed in Glen Lyon before 1,000 fans, Newport defeated Harter 8-0 for the South League Championship behind Doc Vosheski's one-hit pitching and an offense that knocked Francis Mahon, one of the league's outstanding pitchers, out of the box. In the North League, Swoyersville High held a half-game lead over Plains with one game to play against last place Georgetown. Apparently tired of being underdogs, Georgetown defeated Swoyersville and threw the race into a tie. Plains, a team that included many players who already won an American Legion Championship, went on to defeat Swoyersville in the playoff 5-3 behind Stanley Zurek's fine pitching.

After a lengthy discussion between Newport's coach Chester Rogowicz and Plains' coach Arnold Kraft in the office of the Wilkes-Barre Record Newspaper, a best-of-three-games playoff series was arranged between the two league champions for the Wyoming Valley Scholastic League title at Artillery Park in Wilkes-Barre. In game one, Coach Rogowicz started mainstay Doc Vosheski while Plains Coach Kraft went with Stanley Zurek. Before 475 paid customers, Zurek pitched well and stopped Newport's high-powered offense. The contest was tooth and nail with neither team giving ground until the sixth when Plains scored two runs on a double, a triple and an error for the 3-1 lead and

victory. In game two, Newport started the promising young hurler Al Kriefski, who was the son of former Wilkes-Barre Baron hurler Lefty Kriefski, while Plains chose Bob Evans. Both pitched well but four walks and two costly errors offset Evans's fine effort. Kriefski held Plains in check by scattering seven hits. Evans only gave up three hits but one of them was a home run over the left field fence by Newport's second baseman Keith Jeffries in the fourth inning.

With Newport in front 2-1, Jeffries, first up, swatted the ball out of the park. Then Zlonkiewicz singled and Helmecki walked. Both eventually scored on an error. Newport overcame four first inning errors to settle down and emerge with a 5 to 1 victory. In the third and deciding game, Vosheski, anxious to atone for his earlier loss, again opposed Zurek who was the victor in game one. Plains was the first to score. In the second inning, they produced three runs on two singles, two errors and two sacrifice flies. With one away in the third inning, Newport filled the bases on a single by Helmecki and walks to Joe Vosheski and Tarnsavage. Odinetz hit a double to right and scored two runs. Jeffries followed with a single to score two more runs and Newport regained the lead 4-3. In the bottom of the sixth, Newport's Zlonkevich and Sklaney singled to put runners on first and third with nobody out. Zlonkevich scored on Helmecki's bunt. Doc Vosheski then hit a slow roller that was mis-cued and Sklaney came in with the final run of the day. Vosheski closed the door on Plains in the seventh and Newport won 6-3. After the game, a trophy was presented to Newport by Milton Miller and Joseph Collis of the Wilkes-Barre Record Newspaper. The winners were further honored by a gift of twelve fielding gloves. Adding the Wyoming Valley Scholastic League Baseball title to the State Basketball Championship was a perfect way to conclude one of the most successful years in Newport Township High School sports history.

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A LOOK BACK IN TIME

Adam Gayeski, Glen Lyon Resident,



by Heidi Jarecki Adam Gayeski grew up on Railroad Street in Glen Lyon and graduated from Newport Township High School in 1929. He was an excellent athlete and from an early age showed great promise as a boxer. Upon graduating, Adam pursued his dream in amateur boxing. He trained along with other local hopefuls in the No. 2 Hose House on Orchard Street in Glen Lyon. After losing his first fight, he had a succession of victories. In 1931 as a virtual unknown just in his teens, he entered and won the Luzerne County Boxing Tournament.

So impressive were his bouts that he was chosen by Harry Farrell, boxing commissioner of Wyoming Valley to represent the St. Francis Athletic Club of Nanticoke at the Mid-Atlantic competition held in Philadelphia where he would face some of the better featherweights in the United States. He easily advanced through the preliminaries but met a stern test in the main contest. After being knocked to the floor several times, he lifted himself from the canvas and stepped out to even the knock-down score and win the verdict. He was described in newspaper accounts of the fight as a "rangy, heady ringster" who punched well with both hands. Reporters and fans alike were impressed with his stamina and his fighting heart.

As a result of this victory, Adam qualified for the National Amateur Tournament held at Madison Square Garden in New York. The winners of these contests would be declared not only the national amateur kings but also be selected to represent America in the 1932 Olympics held in Los Angeles. In his first bout, Adam knocked out Virgil Honeycutt of Indianapolis, Indiana. In his next bout, he won a decision over Roy Lane of St. Louis. But on April 29, 1931 Adam's dream evaporated when he lost a decision to Anthony Scarpati, who went on to win the tournament and the Golden Gloves title. Adam said "Scarpati was a good counter puncher and a great boxer. I still think I won my fight with him". Scarpati turned professional, won his first 23 fights, and gained a title shot at featherweight champion Lou "Buzz Saw" Ambers. That fight went seven rounds before Ambers knocked Scarpati out. Scarpati never regained consciousness and died two days later.

Adam ended his boxing career with a 28 and 2 amateur record and 6 victories as a professional boxer. In 1946, after working for 16 years as a coal miner, he seriously damaged his spine in a rock slide at the Glen Lyon colliery. (go to top of col 2)

(continued from col. 1) He was only 30 years old at the time. Adam was then employed in local government, working as business manager for the Nanticoke/Newport/Conyngham School Districts. He also trained and promoted 12 local fighters who appeared on fight cards at Newport Township High School into the early 1950's.

Adam married the former Pauline Yamiolkoski of Moca-naqua and they resided in Glen Lyon while raising a family of five children. Adam was a well liked family man who was active in community and church affairs. Few were aware that in his youth he was one of the finest athletes that Newport Township ever produced.

6/13/48 ALDEN FACES LOSS OF BASEBALL PARK

Residents of the Alden-Sheatown area are distributed* by reports which indicate that Alden Coal Co. may dispose of Alden Ball Park.

The matter was officially brought to the attention of the township board of commissioners last week, with Attorney Joseph Gallagher, township solicitor, and James Price, secretary, authorized to confer with officials of the concern and determine its plans with reference to the spacious recreational grounds.

The tract has been used many years for baseball games, picnics and as a riding course for boys and girls with bicycles. It's the only park of its kind in the Alden and Sheatown area and municipal officials appreciate the value it has in keeping children off the streets. They want it retained, although no lease was ever taken out for the use of the grounds.

Alden Coal Co. has never objected to letting the public use the grounds but residents recently saw surveyors busy there and figure that it may be offered for sale and eventually closed.

* Original reporter's error.

More Look Back On Next Page!

Sheatown Ramblers



1st row: Andrew Voytash, Eileen Richards*, Glen Burgess, Donald Bozimski*. 2nd row: John Baran, Bill Hughes*, Mike Galli, Leon Jaskuta, Irvin "Tookie" Richards. 3rd row: "Happy" Selner, Bert Smith, Steve "Bay" Rentko, Tony "Camels" Gawrych, Tony Rushnock, Abe Fairchild. 4th row: Kelly Sweeney, Nazarene Natalini* Stanley Bozimski, Steve Sudick, Joe Garbarz, Sam "Sonny" Kulish, Leroy Selner, Ken Varker.

A Beginning of Legends

by Tom Kashatus During the late 1940's and early 1950's a group of young men hung around Tookey's Barbershop on Robert Street in Sheatown in their spare time. That was the place to go as Tookey Richards also had a pool table and shooting pool was the thing to do. Many of these guys, still in high school, also grew up to play sandlot baseball which was high in popularity throughout the area. The semi pro baseball level was also popular as evidenced by the Central League, The Wyoming Valley League, and the Tri-County League. During the 1940's some rivalries and hotly contested games would attract over 1000 fans.

The Sheatown Ramblers began with a conversation and a raffle in 1950 with their headquarters at Tookey's Barbershop. The raffle consisted of a \$25.00 US savings bond (first prize), another \$25.00 US savings bond (second prize), and a cigarette lighter in a case (third prize). Andrew Voytash was selected as the adult who would guide them through their efforts to organize and become a franchise in the Central League of Wyoming Valley. Donald "Ducky" Bozimski was designated as a manager/player. During the 1951 season the Ramblers won one game with the hopes of a brighter future in subsequent years. The Korean War loomed on the horizon and some of the players were drafted into the military, but the Ramblers continued to play

on for a number of years thereafter. The next newsletter will continue the exploits of the Ramblers of the next generation.

Donald Bozimski, an Army veteran, now resides in Millsboro, Delaware, and continues to work in his landscape business. He also manages a Little League team and coaches his grandson. Bill Hughes, an Army veteran, was deployed to Korea, worked in the coal strippings at Stearns and Tobyhanna Army Depot and now lives in Nanticoke. He enjoys watching the Nanticoke Girls' softball and basketball teams venture through their seasons. After graduation, Nazarene Natalini worked for Faith Shoes and Gamens Shoes in Wilkes Barre. As he saw the shoe business decline, he became involved with the Labors Union, Local 215 – now Local 130 – for over 20 years. He worked at the Salem Township nuclear power plant for 13 years and, now retired, resides in Nanticoke with his wife Rita and roots for the **Phillies**. Eileen (Richards) Moyer was Daddy's Little Girl and followed Tookey wherever he went. She grew fond of "the game" and today roots for the **Phillies**. She lives in Leola, PA with her husband, Art. *Thanks to Lucille (Rentko) Flora for furnishing the photograph of the Ramblers as they appeared in circa 1951.*

When will the Summer Heat Wave end?

We do not know - but we will miss it in January!

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS IN PLANNING STAGE



Class of 1961

Newport Township Class of 1961 is planning for its 50th class reunion on October 8th at Genetti's in Hazleton. Pictured in the photo from left to right are members of the planning committee Jean Sudol Primatic, Virginia Wozinski Pickle, Alberta Wacławski Yarasavage, Tom Federici, Theresa Novelli, Richard Burman, Albert Yarasavage, and Joyce Cavallini Yohey.

The committee is asking for help in locating the following classmates: Bernadine Baran Resperski, Jerome Cybulski, Judy Davis Fine, Mary Hanlon Rhode, Delores Hoch Burdette, Marie Jarosewicz Piestrak, Andrea Markiewicz MacConnel, Leonarda Maslowski Skinner, Anne Sanders, Loretta Smereski Marinacio, Patricia Smereski Rinehamer, Paulette Staskiel Rinaldi, Cary Stewart, Deanne Stortz Neikum, Sandra Wasielewski, and Eileen Wertz Mensh. Please call Al Yarasavage at (570) 678-3037 or email him at ayarasavage@epix.net if you have information on these classmates.



Class of 1962

Members of Newport Township Class of 1962 have met at the Glen Lyon American Legion and are forming a reunion committee for their 50th reunion for 2012. Pictured from left to right are class mates Mike Figmic, Bob Sincavage, Ron Koff, Stan Czapracki, Rose Readler Koff, and Carol Sokoloski Sobotka.

Other classmates interested to participate in this reunion process are asked to contact Stanly Czapracki at (570) 735-5147.

(volunteers from bottom of col 1)

Many tasks and the individuals who perform them on a volunteer basis often go unnoticed and are taken for granted. Organizations within our community such as Little League, Lions Club, mini football, firemen, ambulance personnel, Boy and Girl Scouts, religious entities, and even our own community organization, etc., would not survive without the many volunteers involved in their functioning. Recently staff of Guardian Elder Care Center in Sheatown and the office Gerald Mullery (D) of 119th Legislative District of PA recognized Bernadine Macijczak and Shirley Batogowski, both of Newport Center, Sheatown, for their twenty years of volunteer service to the residents of the long term care facility. In April a dinner at the Alden Manor was held in their honor as they also received plaques for their achievement.

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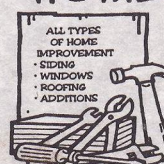
by Tom Kashatus What or who is a volunteer? A volunteer is a person who voluntarily offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking and performs that service **willingly** and **without pay**. Too often volunteerism goes unnoticed. (see *volunteers in middle of col 2*)



Shown in the above photograph in front are Mrs. Macijczak (L) and Mrs. Batogowski (R). In the rear from the left are Nicole Colatosti-Mackiewicz, Center Admissions Director; Danielle Griffith, Center Activities Director; Representative Mullery and Leigh Bonczewski, Chief of Staff.

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Ray Brabant & Daughter Arieli

by Tom Kashatus Ray Brabant works out of Bath Saver office # 20 for Bath Fitter at the Hanover Industrial Park which has been located there since 1999.

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Ray's favorite part about being an installation technician is the reaction he gets from the homeowner when the job is completed. He has a technical education in Architecture from the Wilkes Barre Area Vo Tech while attending the Greater Nanticoke Area School District since age 8. He has been with the company since 2008.

Ray and his wife, Olga, have one daughter, Arieli, and two dogs, Bruno and Snow. His hobbies include shooting, hunting and fishing. Ray was the top installer with 178 installations from office #20 for 2010. He is highly respected by the management team of Bath Saver.

Ray grew up in Sheatown and now resides in Glen Lyon. He has been a member of the Newport Township Community Organization for the past four years. Arieli has become a junior member this year.

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Erin B. Hourigan Earns Doctorate Degree



by William P. Hourigan Ms. Erin B. Hourigan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William P. Hourigan of Orchard Street, Glen Lyon was awarded a Doctorate in German Language & Literatures by the University of California, Irvine on June 4th, 2011.

Erin is a graduate of Bishop Hoban High School and West Chester University where she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in English, as well as minors in German & Journalism.

Erin has accepted a position as Professor of German at Bates College, Lewiston, ME .

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Harry and Dolores Grozio

by Heidi & Paul Jarecki Looking for art in an unlikely place? Look no further than the former Glen Lyon National Bank on East Main Street. Harry and Dolores Grozio have created a really cool eclectic art studio and their story begins with pool. Yes, pool, as in eight ball and cue sticks. Back when Harry was a student at Nanticoke High School, he discovered he had a talent for playing pool. He participated in many tournaments all over the Valley and won one major tournament that lasted all summer. He also played at Phil Longo's Pool Hall in Philadelphia. 1968 was the year he graduated and it was also the year Harry met Dolores. "I was riding my bike with friends and had a breakdown on Kosciuszko Street in Nanticoke," she remembers with a smile, "and Harry stopped to help." The date was June 21, 1968 and they have been together since.

After high school, Harry attended Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus and earned an associate degree in business administration. He then attended Temple University and earned his BA in Marketing and Business Administration in 1974. Dolores is a graduate of Hanover High School, also in 1968, and went to LCCC for business administration. She then earned her BS in Art Education at Misericordia. She has taught at Nanticoke, Children's Service Center and Hanover Area. She holds additional certifications in elementary and special education and computer science. She is in her last year of teaching before she retires in June, 2012.

While Dolores has had a steady career in teaching, and she has taught art education, Harry has followed a more winding road to the art world. While attending college, he worked as a roofer, and upon graduation, he became the business agent for the Local Roofers Union, a position he held for nine years. He negotiated contracts, pensions and has a strong union philosophy. When they were shopping for furniture as a young cou-

ple, Harry became interested in woodworking and antiques, particularly antique pool tables. He would purchase pool tables, painstakingly restore them, and then put them on the market. He became known in New York City to many decorators. He has had customers in Seaside Heights, Long Island, Bloomsburg and among his clients are the actor Robert DeNiro and the Velcazzio Family who owns the Arizona Tea Company. Harry was written up in Money Magazine in August 2002 about his entrepreneurial business.

Harry has taught furniture refinishing classes and after the antique business declined in around 2008, he started taking drawing lessons at LCCC with Len Stanaunas who was an illustrator for TV Guide. Another instructor is Michael Molnar with whom he studies painting. Now every budding artist needs an art studio, and so Harry and Dolores looked around for a suitable possibility. They heard about the vacant building and Harry cheerfully admits that buying the former bank was cheaper than putting an addition on their house. They have filled it with all varieties of art objects and have generously opened it to fellow students who come and work on their exercises, assignments, and whatever inspires them. Yes, there are pool tables there too, and they are works of art in themselves. Dolores and Harry are active in local art circles, the Fine Arts Fiesta and also help out with art exhibits at LCCC. They and their beloved dog, a Bichon named Dewey welcome anyone with an interest in art to drop in and visit. Welcome to the neighborhood!

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Spooky Off Road Club



Shown left to right kneeling are: John Evans; Brian "Chobs" Williams with son, Brandon; Chris "Micko" Markowski; John Corkell, Tara Reichert; and Michelle Hazleton. Standing left to right are Gary Neary, Matt Kowalski, Ron "Pip" Papciak, Sam "Suzuki Sam" Alberola, Gene Everet, Jeff Dorris, Melissa "Tyson" Everet, Steve Dorris, Mark "Bacon" Wassel, Justin Coledo, Charles "Chipper" Miller, Nola "Night Rider" Spencer, Mary Beth "TB" Plytage, Tara Dorris, Giana DiFranco, and Bob Pauska.

by Tom Kashatus The **Spooky Off Road Club** is an unusual name for an organization; however, this Newport Township club is anything but unusual in this day and age of ATV's and exploration of the countryside. There is leadership and there are rules – mainly rules of safety, responsible trail riding and environmental stewardship. The photograph above was taken just prior to a major ride which began after breakfast and at the residence of Brian Williams, President/Secretary, on Vandermark Road in Wanamie.

Brian prepared a breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries, toast, coffee and juice, etc. Chris Makowski was in charge of registration prior to the ride as members and guests had an opportunity to purchase T-shirts, hats, decals, etc. Later in the day an evening meal prepared by Brian and other members consisting of roast beef, baked ziti, meat balls, and potato and macaroni salads, was consumed on the trail. The ride began at 10:00 a.m. and most participants returned by 10:00 p.m. – there was a contingent that camped overnight at designated areas.

Usually the club gets together on the weekends and throughout the year members have traveled to and camped at the "Hatfield's and McCoy's" in West Virginia; State College, PA; and the Fisher Family Reunion at Rock Run Recreation Area located in Patton, PA (Clearfield and Cambria counties). This event will normally attract over 10,000 ATV's and many more riders.

Recently members of the Spooky Off Road Club developed a partnership with the

(continued from col 1)Newport Township Community Organization during the Great American Clean-up in April of this year. They accepted the challenge of cleaning up the area around the old Nanticoke Street north from Newport Center to old Stearns Station. Thanks to these members (and a special thanks to Ron Papciak for the use of his heavy equipment) almost forty (40) cubic yards of trash was removed from our environment. Not to be outdone, they returned in May to remove over three hundred old tires from that area which eventually were transported by contractor, Gary Fronk of Juniata to Mahantango in Schuylkill County. Other partners in this massive effort were Earth Conservancy, Silver Brook Mining, Ken Pollock, and Pennsylvania Environmental Council.

The club came about in 2008 when a group of ATV riders found themselves together one day and established camaraderie with similar interest. There are dues of \$2.00 per week. They have taken a responsibility to keep the area at "Bare Ass Beach", just west of Ridgeview, clean of any trash. As they travel throughout the trails they insist on being environmentally conscious. There is even talk about long term civic mindfulness and a partnership with a charitable organization to develop a favorable reputation with the public and authorities.

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How Glen Lyon Got Its Name

by *Heidi Jarecki* English, Scottish and Welsh farmers opened the narrow valley to settlement in the latter 1700's. They saw the rich topsoil on the valley floor and the numerous springs flowing out toward the Susquehanna River near Honey Pot. Later arrivals farmed near what is now St. Adalbert's Cemetery. Grain fields, apple, pear, and cherry orchards, grapevines, and nut trees dotted the landscape. In the early days, the village in the west side was known as Morgantown in honor of Ebenezer Morgan who moved to Nanticoke in 1850 and to Glen Lyon in 1865.

The village on the east side was called Williamstown. Farmers referred to the valley as Lyon's Valley in honor of the principle landowner when taking their crops to market. The Lyon family lived near a spring at the foot of the mountain (Spring Street) which was a popular gathering place. A glen by definition is a "narrow, secluded valley."

When coal was discovered in large quantities, it produced a land grab and by 1869, the Pennsylvania Railroad which founded the Susquehanna Coal Company acquired most of the valley. In 1876, a railroad was constructed to transport coal to Nanticoke, and the company hung a signboard on the depot naming it "Glen Lyon Station."

In 1885, the Board of Commissioners officially declared the name of the former Village of Morgantown as "Glen Lyon." Adding to the need for the name change, there is another Morgantown in Berks County and mail was often getting sent to the wrong place.

There is an area called Glen Lyon or Glenlyon in Scotland, which is the longest enclosed glen and runs for 34 miles. It is described as the most beautiful glen in all of Scotland and local legend declares it to be the birthplace of Pontius Pilate.

Arlene Kanyuck Lerda Passes Away

Arlene Kanyuck Lerda, **possibly the oldest graduate** of Newport Township Schools, passed away on June 24, 2011. She was 101. She was born on October 2, 1909 in Glen Lyon, the first child of John and Louisa Sutter Kanyuck. She was the wife of Stephen A. Lerda, who died in 1983. She served as organist and choir director at St. John's Lutheran Church in Nanticoke. The mother of three children, the family moved to Westminster, MD in 1946 and then to Hampstead, MD in 1949, where she began her professional music teaching career. Arlene was also a graduate of East Stroudsburg State and Susquehanna University. She continued as pianist and organist throughout her life, and instilled in many a love for music.

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Three Glen Lyon Youths Prove to Be Excellent Wrestlers

Written by Tom Gernhart & Tom Kashatus Hats are off to the boys from Glen Lyon who dedicated themselves to a season of training, traveling, and competition for Nanticoke Elementary Wrestling from October 2010 through March 2011. Nanticoke Elementary competed in the Penn Elementary League of Northeastern Pennsylvania and was coached this past season by Tom Gernhart, Scott Shotwell, and Luke Capie this past season. A league that was comprised of eight teams in the 1990's, the Penn Elementary League has expanded and now competes with over twenty-two teams broken down into three divisions from Delaware Valley to Benton and Honesdale to Hazleton. The boys not only competed in league competition throughout the season, but they also participated in tournaments on weekends whenever possible. Many hours of practice doing push-ups, sit-ups, running, instruction, etc., help to develop young wrestlers into competitive athletes when they hit the mat for their individual and team competition. Elementary wrestling also demands a huge commitment from parents as they follow the young athletes and pay for tournament fees, travel costs, and meals – usually for all members of the family. As you see these young athletes in your community, as well as all other athletes who dedicate themselves to their personal endeavors, compliment and congratulate them on their achievements.

Marcus Dalmas, in the right photo, was a third grade student in Kennedy Elementary and is the son of Edward Dalmas and

Leann Telesky. In his first year of competition in his weight class, Marcus won the Rock Tournament at Dallas and placed 2nd in the Tony Stanton Memorial Tournament in Tunkhannock. When not wrestling Marcus loves to listen to music and play video games.

Dustin Detrick, in the middle photo, is a sixth grade student at Nanticoke Middle School. He resides with Bill and Diane Fath. In his first year of wrestling Dustin placed 2nd in the Annville Tournament in Lebanon County and qualified for the Eastern Nationals held in Syracuse, NY. He will be looking forward to wrestling for Nanticoke Junior High in the fall. Dustin enjoys playing guitar and is a member of the Boy Scouts.

"TJ" Thomas Gernhart III, in the left photo, is the son of Thomas & Hope Gernhart and attended KM Smith Elementary as a kindergarten student. "TJ" is also a first year wrestler at 50 pounds and won a 1st place trophy at the Tony Stanton Memorial Tournament. He placed 2nd and 3rd in many other tournaments. He also qualified for the Eastern Nationals held in Syracuse and competed in a Top 100 Tournament in Ohio. He now wrestles for Rock Solid Wrestling of Luzerne in the summer and will also participate in the Keystone State Games this year. Outside of wrestling "TJ" enjoys running.

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Pictured in the photo at the Sheatown precinct of Newport Township are Jean Dtizler, Joe DeLuca, Ken James, Richard Andregko, Sr., Sue Fullerton, Magistrate Donald Whittaker, Marie Williams, and Dave Hornlein.

2011 Primary Election Results

by Tom Kashatus The recent primary election held May 18th was more important to Luzerne County, Newport Township, and Greater Nanticoke Area School district than one could imagine and was in evidence from voting trends by the electorate of those domains. Nominees from each political party, Democrat and Republican, were chosen to fill an unprecedented six open seats for Common Pleas Court judgeships, eleven County Council positions which will form a new type of county government with an appointed County Manager at its head, three of five commissioners in Newport Township, and five of nine school board members authorized in the Greater Nanticoke Area School District. Let's not forget the all important Magisterial District Judge seat of District 11-03-02 which is contested once every six years. To one's dismay only 32.75% of eligible voters of Luzerne County turned out to cast a ballot in this all important election.

On a local level, the big winner in a contested challenge for the magistrate position was incumbent Magisterial Judge Donald Whittaker, who won a nomination on the Democrat (2,462) and Republican (401) tickets. Results for the unsuccessful candidates were as follows: Matthew Zlotek (D-523) and (R-169); Michael Buckley (D-201) and (R-127); and Lawrence Karnes (D-534). These results enable Justice Whittaker to be the virtual winner of the General Election to be held this November in his jurisdiction of Newport Township, Nanticoke City, Plymouth Township, etc.

For Newport Township Commissioner, incumbent Democrat candidate Paul Czapracki led his ticket as high vote getter with 733 votes as incumbents Michael Roke (705) and John Wilkes Jr. (697) followed. There were no Republican candidates on the ballot which also virtually ensures all three to remain on the Board for another four years from 2012 to 2015.

Incumbent Tony Prushinski led all candidates in the

Greater Nanticoke Area school board race for a four year term (four to be elected) and secured the Democrat and Republican nominations with totals of (D-1,978) and (R-336). Also securing a double nomination were Chet Beggs (D-1,556) (R-305) and Ryan Verazin (D-1,747) (R-262). Kenny James' Democrat total of 1,586 assured him of the fourth spot as a Democrat candidate, but he tied with fellow running mate Janine Floryshak at 245 on the Republican side. James eventually became the Republican nominee after breaking the tie at the Luzerne County Election Bureau after "picking the high card" – thus securing his double nomination. Other unsuccessful candidates for this position were Sandra Harvey Sadowski and David Hornlein. Newly appointed school board member Frank Shepanski of Newport Township (replaced long time board member Sylvia Mizdail from Conyngham Township who passed away) secured a Democrat (D-1,762) and Republican (R-330) nomination and had no opposition.

Luzerne County Solicitor Attorney Vito DeLuca, a Newport Township native and graduate of Greater Nanticoke Area, was unsuccessful in his bid for a seat on the Luzerne County bench. His vote totals of (D-7,314) and (R-4,810) placed him 14 of 16 and 12 of 16 respectively, however he did very well in the municipalities of Newport Township (R-66 & D-588), Conyngham Township (R-27 & D-90), Plymouth Township (R-48 & D-108), and Nanticoke City (R-157 & D-856).



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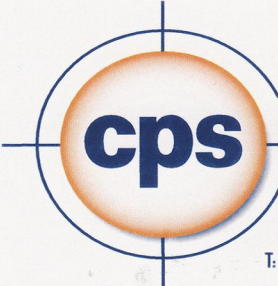


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Left Schmoozing for the camera prior to leading the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk are Sarina Kinlaw, Krystal Daniele, Carley Grabowski, Kelsey Novak, and Johnny Novak



Left Jayme Daniele and Lori Hoopengardner as they take registrations for the scheduled Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on Saturday, June 11th.



Left Newport Township Police Chief Robert Impaglia escorts walkers.



Left Kelsey Novak, Linda Hourigan, Vanessa & Rita Tockett, Dustin Kinlaw, Erica Robak, Matthew Daniele, and Joe Maloney. Others not identified

Breast Cancer Walk

by Tom Kashatus. After her grandmother was diagnosed with cancer two years ago Sarina Kinlaw was determined to bring awareness of the disease to her circle of friends. She and Krystal Daniele asked their parents if they would support their quest to sponsor an event in Newport Township to raise money for breast cancer research. The hard work began with an approach to the Newport Township Board of Commissioners and attending community meetings to request donations for setting an agenda. Donations of food, drink, baskets for a Chinese auction, as well as monetary, were received. Mr. D, a DJ from Hanover Township, volunteered to play music for the day. Donations of \$5.00 per adult, \$10.00 per family, and \$3.00 per child were accepted to participate in the walk. The event, the first ever of its kind in Newport Township, raised over \$750.00 which was turned over to the American Cancer Society. When asked if they would repeat these efforts in future endeavors, both girls responded with a definite positive attitude.

To ensure the safety of the event participants, Newport Township Police Chief Robert Impaglia escorted the entourage from the Wanamie Recreation Park, along W. Main Avenue to Center Street, then to Vandermark Road.

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These children came out in April to Cleanup the area outside of Glen Lyon known as three legged. →

NTCO Purchases Trailer for Recycling Program

by Bill Hourigan Many of our readers and NTCO members are already aware that one of the primary sources of income for NTCO is our metal recycling program which is on-going at all times.

As a result of this program's success and to improve the efficiency of the program, NTCO members, at the July 12th meeting, voted to purchase a trailer for transporting recyclables to proper disposal facilities.

The use of the trailer will not only help in cutting down the number of trips to recycling locations, it will also aid the personnel working on the recycling runs to take larger items without having to raise them up to the level of a pickup truck bed to be readied for transport. In the past, it was often difficult to load such items without extra help which could only be found in the evening or on weekends due the work schedules of many those NTCO members willing to lend a hand.

Arrangements have been made with Earth Conservancy for safe storage of the trailer when it is not in use. NTCO is greatly appreciative to Earth Conservancy for this assistance.

NTCO once again reminds all residents of Newport Township to think of us when you have metal recyclables for disposal.

To schedule a pick-up Call Tom Kashatus (736-6981) or Bill Hourigan (736-6096). (Pick-ups are usually made within 2 days.)



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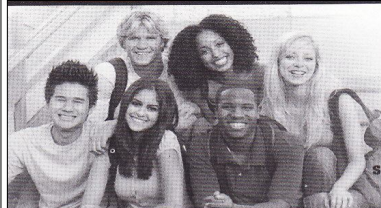
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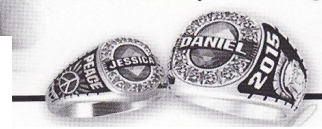
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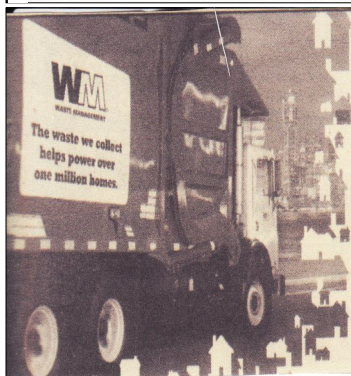
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NTCO Great American Cleanup 2011



2011 Great American Cleanup of PA

For the seventh year, The Newport Township Community Organization has joined forces with the Nations largest cleanup, fix up, and beautification program held in the USA. Our cleanup campaign continues to be a success. Many volunteers in and around Newport Township participated in the Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania held the last 2 weeks in April. This year 175 volunteers worked 1,714 hours, 35,000 pounds of tin, steel, cast iron, aluminum were recycled, 739 tires, and 70,000 pounds of trash was removed and disposed of properly.

Summary of GAC events 2011

Big Junk Dropoff *April 18 - 21, 2011*

In this 4 day event, 38 volunteers working 430 hours, eradicated 15 illegal dumpsites and cleared numerous derelict properties and roadways. A total of 58,580 pounds of trash filled 4 dumpsters. There were over 300 tires and 10,621 pounds of assorted metals recycled. The total removed was 38.20 ton.

Lowes Educational Event *April 23, 2011*

On Earth Day, which fell on Holy Saturday, 6 NTCO members and 1 Jr Member took part in Lowes Educational Earth Day Event in Wilkes-Barre bringing awareness to consumers about the environment and how they can become involved in the Great American Cleanup.

Battle Against Illegal Dumping *April 25 - 29, 2011*

In Partnership with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, 5 illegal dumpsites covering several acres of land were eradicated with the help of PennDOT, the Luzerne County Work Release Program, 232 volunteer hours and 37 volunteers working together, removed 11,109 pounds of garbage 152 tires and recycled 9,942 pounds of tin, steel, cast iron, aluminum for a total cleanup amount of 13.55 ton.

Patriot Park Beautification *April 29, 2011*

In Partnership with the South Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Luzerne County Community College, 13 volunteers worked 26 hours sprucing up Patriots Park in Nanticoke, removing 13 bags of trash along with branches, leaves and shrubbery.

Newport Township Community Pride Event *April 30, 2011*

Teams spread throughout Newport Township, Honey Pot, Warrior Run, and the Moc Road, picking up litter along 30 miles of roadway. 61 volunteers worked 216 hours, filled 455 bags of trash and large items to total 16,000 pounds or 8 tons of garbage and 287 tires, which was removed by PennDOT workers. After the event, volunteers returned to the town hall to enjoy refreshments.

Thank You to the following volunteers:

Thomas Kashatus, Palmira Gregory Miller, Bill Hourigan, Joe Maloney, Faye Maloney, Stephen Phillips, Carolyn Phillips, Heidi Selecky Jarecki, Paul Jarecki, John Jarecki, Carol Marcincavage, Francis Zaleski, Peter Zaleski, Chris Todd, Jeremy Yakovonis, Ken Hunter, Frank Mayewski, Delbert Evans, Linda Conner, Bob Conner, Ron Papciak, Ray Brabant, Arieli Brabant, Shelly Miller, Stephen Valenti, Ed Skladziek, Charles Shoemaker, Mary Jo Evans, Kassandra Evans, Lyle Evans, Joe Burke, Eliza Burke, Tim Wren, Ernie Casolo, Jason Tarnowski, Chet Miezwa, Blaise, Dana Grassi, Chris Miller, Harold Goss Sr, Cindy Goss, Darlene Olexy, Tessa Olexy, Dakota Olexy, Eddie Olexy, Miranda Olexy, Taylor Goss, Marco Orozco, Tekarla Orozco, Buddy Goss Jr., Kodey Dennis, Julie Schechter, Mary Sullivan, Grace Ann Platurus, Jackie Stash, Dave Ehreuspegia, Jeanette Gadison, Melissa Stanton, Stephen Housenick, Rainey Anne Boyle, Michael Moran, Alysha Vehoski, Dan Kowalski, Linda Prushinski, Bernidene Aciukewicz, John Sloola, Joseph Kowalchin, Jared Dzugan, and Tony Prushinski

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The Directors, Officers and members of NTCO wish to thank Palmira Gregory Miller and all of the volunteers who assisted with the 2011 Great American Cleanup.

There are few if any other communities which have residents who consistently donate their time and effort on this worthy project.