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Wright Township Youngster Wins Fire Department Train Platform



Oryona Rodriguez draws winning ticket for train display as Newport Twp. Fire Department member Lee Kowalski looks on.

By Bill Hourigan Saturday, December 13, proved to be an exciting day for Mikey Schwab of Wright Township.

Mikey was playing in his family's living room when he glanced outside and saw the Newport Twp. Off Road Rescue Truck backing into his driveway.

"Mom, there is a fire truck here!" His Mom, Michelle Schwab told him, "Go see what they want, I will be there in a second"

Mikey ran out and excitedly asked the fireman what was going on. The firemen told Mikey they were delivering a Prize that someone named Mikey, who lived at this address, had won.

When the firemen opened the tailgate on the truck, Mikey's face broke out in a big grin. "A train!" he exclaimed.

The platform was quickly moved to the basement of the house and within a few hours Mr. Hourigan, with the help of Mikey, had the buildings, scenery and wiring in place. Needless to say the train was put in operation soon after and the featured accessory, an operating house on fire, was switched on and began bellowing smoke and simulated flames delighting Mikey and his mother Michelle even more. As far as this writer knows Mikey is probably still in the basement whenever he has a free moment.

This project raised over \$900.00 for the Fireman's Equipment Fund!



Winner Mikey Schwab pictured with Bill Hourigan, Fire Chief Dan Kowalski & Fireman Kyle Gruber just after platform with track is delivered to the basement of Mikey's home.



Mikey looks on as Bill Hourigan nears completing the assembly of the platform.

December Township Commissioners' Meeting

By John Jarecki The Township Commissioners held their December meeting at 6:00 pm on December 8 at the Municipal Building.

The Commissioners voted to appoint Brian L. Mierzwa as part-time police officer. Brian is originally from Newport Township. He has served as part-time police officer in Wilkes-Barre Township and will continue in that role.

The Commissioners also appointed Murph Fletcher to the Township's recreation board for a one-year term. Murph, who has extensive experience in managing the Community Organization's Summer Fun program for children, will replace Dawson Jenkins, whose term has expired.

The Commissioners approved the reappointment of Joe Deluca for a five-year term as member of the Newport Township Authority and John Farrell for a five-year term as member of the Newport Township Sewer Authority.

Recreation Commissioner John Vishnefski asked contractor Frank Chest, who has expressed interest in improving the recreation area on Coal Street in Glen Lyon, to develop a plan to spend up to \$15000, which is available to the Township's recreation board, for improvement of that recreation area. Mr. Vishnefski said that if the recreation board approved Mr. Chest's plan, the board would give the contract for the work to him.

The Commissioners voted to approve the Township's 2009 budget. They will hold a special meeting at 5:00 pm on December 17 at the Municipal Building to adopt a 2009 tax ordinance.

The recycling schedule has been changed for the Christmas holiday season. Newspapers will be picked up in Glen Lyon and Wanamie on Tuesday December 23 and in Alden, Sheatown and Ridgeview on Wednesday December 24. Commingled items will be picked up in Glen Lyon and Wanamie on Tuesday December 30 and in Alden, Sheatown and Ridgeview on Wednesday December 31.

Editor's Note: In conjunction with the above story I am sorry to report that Mr. Fletcher has resigned as Director of the Newport Township Community Organization's Summer Fun Program.

When contacted, Mr. Fletcher would only comment that he had personal reasons for his resignation.

Attention Kids - Winter Fun Day Cancelled

The Newport Township Community Organization's planned Winter Fun Day scheduled for Saturday, December 27, at the Recreation Park in Wanamie has been canceled.

Meeting Our Local Elected Officials

By John Jarecki On Friday November 14, the South Valley Chamber of Commerce (SVCC) held a breakfast in the Luzerne County Community College Educational Conference Center in Nanticoke for the purpose of giving the members of organizations belonging to the Chamber an opportunity to meet their elected federal, state, and local officials. State Senator Raphael Musto, State Representative John Yudichak and Luzerne County Commissioner Mary Ann Petrillo attended the meeting. They spoke briefly and answered questions from the audience. Also attending were Mike Dziak, President/CEO of the Earth Conservancy, Fred Ney, aide to Congressman Paul Kanjorski, and Dorothy Stankovic, Luzerne County Register of Wills.

Steve Philips, President of the Newport Township Community Organization (NTCO) and a Director of SVCC, gave the welcoming address, and Jerry Hudak, President of the SVCC, introduced the speakers and acted as master of ceremonies.

Also present from the Community Organization were Carolyn Phillips, Tom Kashatus (NTCO Vice President), Bill Hourigan (NTCO Newsletter Editor), Dan Kowalski (Newport Township Fire Chief), Murph Fletcher, Carol Marcincavage, and John Jarecki.

One of the most important questions asked by the audience was whether the state had made any progress toward building the South Valley Parkway, which would connect the South Cross Valley Expressway with Kirmar Parkway in Newport Township, thereby opening up land in the Township to economic development. Representative Yudichak said that since the state was short of money at this time because of the financial crisis, it was unlikely that the state would soon build the highway. He added, though, that it was important that local leaders had at least made the effort to have it built in the near future.

Tom Kashatus asked about property tax reform proposals, under which property taxes would be at least partly replaced by sales tax and earned income tax revenue, and which might be less of a burden for most residents. Representative Yudichak replied, discussing the state's property tax relief program, which already decreases property taxes for low-income senior citizens.

Murph Fletcher asked whether the state would provide employment for residents if the present economic downturn became severe. He reminded the audience of the job creation programs of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal during the Great Depression. Representative Yudichak said that this was unlikely because of the state's financial problems.

Newport Township Fire Chief Dan Kowalski, asked about the problem that emergency workers sometimes have in being reimbursed by insurance companies for responding to emergencies.

The SVCC's breakfast was useful in giving local residents an opportunity to talk informally with their elected officials. As Senator Musto said, citizen input is necessary and helpful to political leaders in doing their jobs well.

We thank Jerry Hudak and the South Valley Chamber for their fine efforts to keep citizens informed about important government issues affecting the South Valley Area.

Thank You Very Much

Newport Township Community Organization wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the former Newport Township Taxpayers Association for donating their remaining funds to the Community Organization to assist the Organization in its continuing efforts to improve our Township and keep our citizens informed about what is happening within the Township.

EDITORIAL

It is gratifying to see that many of the officials we have elected to our Federal, State and County Offices attended or sent a representative on their behalf to the South Valley Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on November 14.

What we want to know is: Why was not one elected representative of Newport Township present at the Breakfast? Granted some of them may have employment which may prevent attendance, but if none of our elected officials can make important meetings like this they should, at least, send the Township Manager to represent them!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT WINTER OF 2008

The Newport Township Community Organization continues to advocate by word and deed the support of a better Township for all who reside therein.

The Organization's Annual Fall Festival this October was the most successful since the initial event was held in 2004. Sincere thanks and appreciation are expressed to all those who assisted in making this possible.

Also during this same month, the Community Organization continued its periodic litter pickup along Kirmar Parkway from the eastern end of Glen Lyon to the highway's intersection with East Kirmar Avenue. Community volunteers perform this duty several times during the course of the year.

The amount of litter that thoughtless individuals deposit along the Township's major thoroughfare during the intervals between the periodic cleanups, is amazing

Volunteers to assist in this worthwhile endeavor are welcome. Come and join your neighbors, and help make your community more attractive by lending your assistance to this activity.

The next pickup is tentatively scheduled for March. Please contact the Community Organization's Secretary, Palmira Miller, Program Coordinator, if you are willing to participate.

During November, your Community Organization was well represented at the Legislative Breakfast sponsored by the South Valley Chamber of Commerce. The event was held at Luzerne County Community College.

Numerous elected officials or their representatives from all levels of government were in attendance, and citizens present had the opportunity to apprise them of their specific areas of concern or interest.

The Community Organization, as a result of a question posed regarding the future of the South Valley Parkway, has reiterated its support as a proponent of this project.

If this proposed project comes to fruition, it will substantially enhance Newport Township's future economic viability for subsequent development.

Assisting the Township's Board of Commissioners in achieving its previously announced goals remains a priority with the Community Organization.

The Organization has suggested that the local elected officials periodically inform their residents via a newsletter, or other written communication, of the status of the Commissioners' ambitious work plan.

The Community Organization strongly encourages all readers of this publication to patronize the businesses of all those who advertise in it, a strong business base is the keystone of any successful municipality.

In closing, the Community Organization would again encourage all those residents who hope to see Newport Township progress, and not regress, become involved in some aspect of community betterment. Anticipated budget cuts at all governmental levels are going to ensure that volunteerism is more important than ever before.

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Big Junk Drop Off Planned for April

By Palmira Miller The Newport Township Community Organization will hold its Annual Big Junk Drop Off again during the month of April at the Township Garage and Recycling Center located in Wanamie.

As was the case last year certain items such as construction waste, refrigerators, freezers, paint cans, gas cylinders, shingles, and hazardous materials will not be accepted.

Times and dates are to be announced as soon as final plans are formulated.

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Brian Mierzwa Sworn In As Part Time Police Officer



By Tom Kashatus Brian Mierzwa (center), former Glen Lyon resident, was sworn in as a part time police officer in Newport Township by Police Commissioner John Zyla (right) at the December Commissioner's meeting. Patrolman Mierzwa, who resides in Nanticoke with his fiancée Kathryn Hower, also currently works as a part time patrolman in Wilkes Barre Township. He graduated from Lackawanna College with certification under Act 120 in 2006. Patrolman Mierzwa is the father of three children, Brian Jr. (13), Alyssa Ann (1), and Justin Edward who was born this December. Looking on is Patrolman James Evans who recently was also sworn on as a part time police officer at a previous Commissioner's Meeting. Police Chief Robert Impaglia acknowledged that it is difficult and time consuming to hire good officers today mainly due to the limitations on benefits for part timers and the intensive screening process that precedes a hire.

Community Organization Workers Still Collecting Recyclable Metal Junk

By Bill Hourigan Despite low market prices the workers of the Community Organization are still willing to pick up any metal junk you may have and wish to jettison.

Since it's inception last April the pick up program has received in excess of \$1400.00 for recyclables hauled off to regional junk yards.

Items collected to date include rain gutters, appliances of all kinds, bicycles, home yard play sets, pipe of all sorts, old car parts, metal storage units, aluminum siding, aluminum cans and even railroad rails and spikes.

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Reunion Committee of Newport Township Class of '58



Pictured are members of the Newport Township Class of 1958 Reunion Committee, which planned for their 50 year celebration at the Wyoming Valley Country Club in Hanover Township on Saturday, October 25th. An "ice breaker" was held at the Italian American Sporting Club in Glen Lyon on the preceding Friday. A highlight for the class of 58 was a Wyoming Valley baseball championship with a victory over Pittston. That team picture is featured in the Newport Township Community Organization 2009 calendar for the month of June.

Seated from left to right are Pat Rembecki Dule, Andrea Zglinicki Rambus, Barbara Barski Yacuboski, and Rose Ann Krupinski Briggs. Standing from left are Francis Zaleski, Julianna Sopko Zarzycki, John Lampman, Bettse Littleford Matzoni, John Sokoloski, Marie Augustine Cardone, and Tom Kashatus.

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Is Coal Street Park in Glen Lyon Finally Going to be Refurbished?

By Bill Hourigan At the December Commissioner's Meeting Commissioner John Vishnefski specifically addressed Mr. Frank Chest, one of the Township citizens in attendance.

(Commissioner Vishnefski was answering a question Mr. Chest had asked at a previous meeting regarding why the Coal Street Park in Glen Lyon was in such a state of disrepair when the Township representatives kept saying there were \$15,000.00 in the budget for recreation. Mr. Chest had further stated he had been looking into the cost of refurbishing the park and that the \$15,000.00 and some volunteer work by Township citizens could turn the park into a Luzerne County showplace.)

Mr. Vishnefski, in a tone that could be described as sarcastic, told Mr. Chest to come up with a plan and the job was his.

Some further remarks were made and then the meeting moved on to other business.

At the end of the meeting Mr. Chest attempted to get further clarification of Commissioner Vishnefski's remarks. It is not clear if he was successful in his efforts.

Upon exiting the meeting many of those in attendance told Mr. Chest that they hoped he would be able to come up with a good plan and that the Commissioners would support it.

Other citizens expressed their doubts about anything happening as there was no money in the proposed 2009 budget to refurbish any park.

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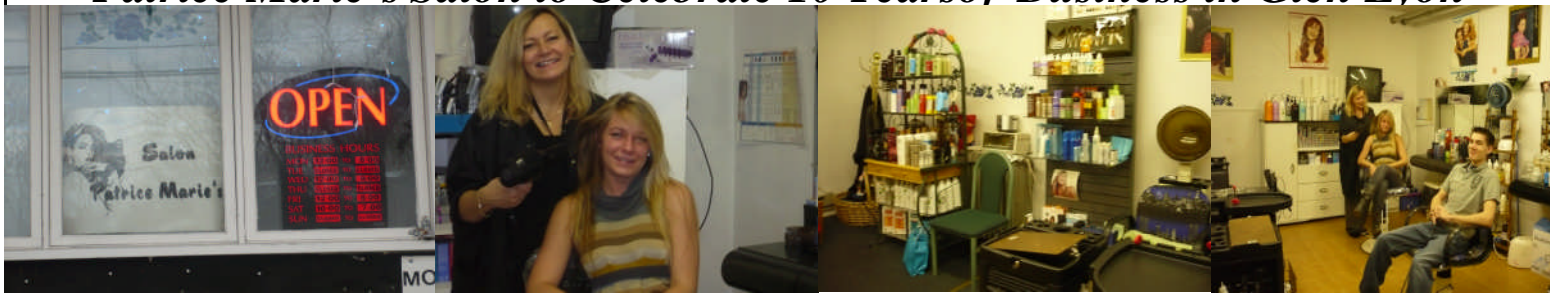
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Business: Informative Stories About Newport Township Businesses

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Pictures above show the front window and interior of Patrice Marie's Salon and its spotless and well equipped interior. Interior pictures include Patrice applying touch ups to her daughter Lana's hair while her son, Mason, awaits his turn for a trim. Patrice also has an older son Jesse, who lives out of the area.

Patrice Marie's Salon, on East Main Street in Glen Lyon, will be celebrating its 10th year anniversary this Summer. The establishment is owned and operated by former Glen Lyon resident Patrice Stradnick. Patrice received her professional education and degree at Empire Beauty School. In addition to running this business, Patrice works as a hair and makeup artist for Youtube videos and the TV commercial production company Magcom.

Patrice Marie's Salon is located at 29 East Main Street next door to the Variety Stop. The shop features friendly hair care and styling for the entire family at reasonable prices. Her main services provided include chemical treatments such as permanent, semi-permanent, and non invasive demi-permanent colors available to anyone looking to try something new. Other featured services available are perms, hair wash and sets, facial waxing, manicures, curling and straightening iron styles, and many more. At Patrice Marie's only professional products are used, including Biolage, Vavoom, Matrix, American Crew, Rusk, OPI, Biosilk, and Hemp. So the next time you drive past Patrice Marie's Salon, why not stop in and experience the friendly atmosphere yourself? You'll be glad you did.



Jeff Stewart

Alden Manor Complex

Alden Manor Complex Provides Fine Dining and Facilities for Banquets & Private Parties

By Heidi Selecky Jeff Stewart, the owner of Alden Manor Complex on East Kirmar Avenue, Alden. The building which houses the restaurant dates back to 1895. It was originally a bar frequented by the railroad workers who worked the railroad that ran through the town. Supposedly it also had a reputation as a house of ill repute. There were nine rooms upstairs and probably served as a boarding house.

In the late 1940s, it was purchased by Ed and Nora Madey and became known as Madey's. They renovated it and installed an oval bar with a dance floor on the second floor. It became a popular hangout. In the late 1970's business slowed because of new competition from Wilkes-Barre. The Madeys moved the bar downstairs and expanded the restaurant. Their chicken became famous for miles around.

In 1993, the Madeys sold the business to Jeff Stewart and Rich Shermanski. Since 2000, Jeff has been the sole proprietor. Rich is now the Food Service Director at the Tobyhanna Depot.

Jeff got his start in the food business in Cherry Hill, NJ where he grew up. During high school, he worked at Giuseppe's Corner Café as a dishwasher and occasionally as a cook. He got his associate degree in food and restaurant management in Hollywood, CA. He has worked for Holiday Inn and the Sheraton-Crossgates at various locations such as Roanoke, VA, Reading, and Wilkes-Barre.

The Alden Manor menu features chicken, fish, steak, and pasta. The most popular items are Haddock Rockefeller and Bar-B-Q ribs. Alden Manor offers facilities for banquets, wedding receptions, showers, and funeral breakfasts. For Christmas Eve dinner, you can order cooked haddock by the piece or the pound for takeouts. Reservations are requested for New Year's Eve dinner. Check out the website at www.aldanmanorcomplex.com. The chef is Bobby Z of Nanticoke.

For the past few years, Alden Manor has served as the home of a display of Newport Township veterans who lost their lives during World War II. This display was assembled by the late John Forgach of Lily Lake.

Jeff lives with his wife Pat in Bear Creek. They have two children, Lia who is a registered nurse at Berwick Hospital and Jeff, a student at LCCC in broadcast journalism. (*More Businesses page 6*)

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Business: Informative Stories About Newport Township Businesses

Piestrak's Gun Shop

By Paul Jarecki

The time between October and Christmas is a busy one at Piestrak's Gun Shop,



located at 104 Mountain Road in Alden. It is a family owned business that was established in 1972 by Mr. Edward Piestrak and was expanded in 1980 and 2002. The owners would like to expand even further but have run out of room.

Initially, they offered only gunsmith services but slowly evolved into a full line gun shop, which includes firearm appraisals, hunting license sales and delivery of Liberty Safes of all sizes. Their inventory consists of approximately 600 new firearms.

At the present time, the business is run by Edward's son Ken who is assisted by his sister and uncle.

Ken is 38 years old and began working at the gun shop after school when he was in 9th grade. After graduating from Nanticoke Area High School, Ken attended Luzerne County Community College as a Criminal Justice Major but decided to work at the gun shop full time because he loved it so much. In the year 2000, he assumed control of the business. Ken has two children, boys 9 and 5 years old. He teaches them his knowledge of firearms and hopes that someday they will continue the business.

Ken is so busy these days that he does not have free time for his hobbies. He is an avid hunter and has excelled in competitive shooting events. As a competitor, he won a State Championship sponsored by the National Clays Association.

The thing which sets Piestrak's apart from other businesses is their knowledge of firearms and willingness to assist their customers even after a sale is made. This keeps customers coming back from as far away as Philadelphia, Harrisburg and New York State.

(More Businesses page 5)

Newport Community News Planning New Feature

By Bill Hourigan Beginning with our Spring Issue the **Newport Community News** is planning to honor those citizens of **Newport Township** who are currently serving on active duty in the various branches of United States Armed Forces.

Each month we will feature one or more of our servicepersons in an article about them and how they are serving our country. If a picture of the serviceperson in uniform is available the article will include the picture.

In order for this effort to be a success we need your help. If you have a loved one or friend who is currently on active duty in a

branch of the US Military we need you to let us know. We would appreciate any information you can provide about this person and the name of a family person we can contact for additional assistance on preparing an article on the person.

The article will mention the section of Newport Township where he or she was raised, schools attended and current military job status along with any special military awards received.

We appreciate any assistance you, as a reader, can offer on this project by the Newport Community News.

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By Bill Hourigan On August 1, 1949 Newport Twp. Commissioners passed an ordinance to purchase two Ward La France Type 85T, 750 GPM, Triple Combination Pumping Engines with 250 horsepower motors for a total price of \$27,758.00 less a \$1,000.00 trade in allow-

ance. Each truck also included a 250 gal. booster tank and a 36 ft. extension & roof ladder. Also purchased at the time were sets of tire chains for each truck.

(Quite a deal considering the 2008 rescue/pumper truck cost about \$500,000.00)

On December 20, 1949 the Board took delivery of the 2 trucks. The trucks were tested at the Wilkes-Barre Lace Mill Plant by Fire Underwriters and Township Firemen and approved by Township Engineer Mr. Hedden. They were immediately placed in service.

While one of these trucks is long gone, one, known as Truck 3, is still in the possession of Newport Township. The truck is out of service but is still fully functional. It is currently being stored in garage space owned by the Newport Township Sewer Authority.

The Authority needs the space back to meet its needs and has asked that the truck be removed as soon as possible.

Both Township Firemen and elected officials would like to see the truck fully restored and preserved as a parade piece.

If anyone reading this article has a garage or knows of another individual or company which may be able to provide secure storage for the truck please contact Fire Chief Dan Kowalski as soon as possible. The Chief can be reached by calling the Township Municipal Building at 735-2000 and leaving your name and instructions on how he can contact you.

Fire Report for November 2008 and Yearto Date Total

November Calls: 19

Structure Fires: 1

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 5

EMS Assists: 7

Miscellaneous Calls: 6

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Figures submitted by Fire Chief Dan Kowalski.

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Repairs Made to Glen Lyon Streets



By Tom Kashatus Shown is the road crew from Pikes Creek Site Contractors as they lay the "wearing course" of pavement on S. Market Street, Glen Lyon. Other streets that were paved by Pikes Creek in Glen Lyon were about 300 feet of Spring Street just north of E.

Main Street, approximately 250 feet of Newport Street just west of where Fairchild Street intersects, and about 50 feet of Depot Street just north of Pollock's apartments. Dave Sutton of Pikes Creek stated that at times the paving process involves as many as four steps. The first step is the milling whereby the top layers of old pavement are removed. Then a base coat of "binder" is laid on the surface. The third step would be the scratch coat of pavement, and finally the top coat or "wearing course" is applied.

Public Works Commissioner Paul Czapracki stated that the cost of the project this year totaled approximately \$75,000.00. He stated that the paving of Charles and Central Streets in Sheatown by Pennsylvania American Water was the result of new water lines being installed. His DPW crew of Supervisor Joseph Hillan, Brian Pauska, and Jordan Sager was extremely busy this fall completing intensive patching of Simon Street in Sheatown, Newport Avenue in Alden and many alleys throughout the Township.

Commissioner Czapracki is looking forward to more street paving in 2009 in the Sheatown section on Simon Street (where major reconstruction is necessary) and other streets off Robert Street.

Fundraisers for Newport Township Community Organization



Newport High Plaque

Alden Coal Company Office. The calendar sells for \$10.00 (\$12.00 with shipping) (Only a few calendars are left.)

Also for sale are wooden miniature plaques of **Newport Township High School**. They were designed by the Cat's Meow, a company well-known for collectables of this type. They measure 4x6 and sell for \$15.00 (\$18.50 with shipping)

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

All three items can be purchased by contacting Heidi Selecky at 736-6782 or Paul Jarecki at 736-3083. The Calendar & DVD are also available at the Variety Stop on East Main Street, Glen Lyon.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP 2009 BUDGET

Newport Township will need \$727,728.00 in their General Fund to operate for the annual year of 2009. This does not include funds to operate refuse removal, the recycling program, and liquid fuels expenses which are budgeted for under their own line item categories. Where will the money come from and where will the money go?

Highlighting the 2009 budget in general terms the Township is anticipating or projecting that the income will be generated from taxes as follows:

Real estate (current/2009, previous years, and fire protection)	\$222,000.00
Act 511 taxes (to include Earned Income Tax \$262,000.00)	306,400.00
Cable Franchise	15,000.00
Fines & forfeitures	13,950.00
Shared revenue (this includes \$20,000.00 from PA for pension Funds and \$20,000.00 from PA for Fireman's Relief Fund)	47,000.00
Code Enforcement (Building Permits \$30,000.00)	45,000.00
Transfer from 2008 Refuse Fund	38,000.00
Transfer from 2008 Recycling Fund	15,000.00
Interest income	855.00
Income from other sources	23,400.00

The lion's share of the anticipated income will go to subsidize the public service departments where salaries and benefits will consume the greatest amount as follows:

Fire Department	\$153,900.00
Police Department	135,358.00
General government & administration	88,525.00
Public works	87,801.00
Employee fringe benefits (to include medical)	141,894.00
Building expenses & maintenance	27,800.00
Code enforcement	11,500.00
Recreation	5,250.00
Insurance costs (to include workman's comp.)	60,000.00
Emergency Management	1,200.00

After the bills are paid and all income is received a \$77.00 net income will be realized.

Hopefully, State Liquid Fuels payments to the Township should total \$98,800 and these funds will be spent on street cleaning, street lighting, winter maintenance, storm sewers and drains, equipment repairs, road repairs and maintenance, and advertising.

Refuse & Recycling Budget

	Refuse	Recycling
Interest Income	\$4,800.00	\$600.00
Carry over from 2008	7,000.00	
Refuse/recycling fees collected	347,475.00	50,850.00
Total Income	\$359,275.00	\$51,450.00
Mascaro Refuse Fee/Twp. Recycling Fee	-313,980.00	- 22,500.00
Presumed Twp. Administrative Costs	- 7,295.00	- 13,950.00
Income After Expenses*	\$38,000.00	\$15,000.00

***According to the Refuse & Recycling Budget the surpluses shown will be transferred to the General Budget!**

Mascaro Industries who is in the second year of a three year contract will receive \$313,980.00 for garbage removal and the remainder will be spent on administrative fees and office expenses. Residents are reminded that under the contract with Mascaro it was agreed that they are entitled to have disposed of one big junk item per month on the first pick up of the month free of charge.

Salaries will consume \$22,500.00 of the recycling budget and the remainder will be allotted for equipment, administrative costs, and office supplies. Recyclable items are disposed at the Mascaro depot in Hanover Township. Normally there is a recycling fee charged by the recycling depot for the drop off of recyclable items, but this is not the case for Newport Township as Mascaro forgives these fees since they have the contract for the waste removal.

EDITOR'S COMMENT: We are apparently being overcharged for refuse collection in the amount of \$38,000.00 and for recycling collection in the amount of \$15,000.00 as this budget shows these two amounts being transferred back to the General Fund. No explanation appears in the 2009 Budget Documents. Thus it is evident this money is being used to help balance the General Fund.

Is this an acceptable way to use our money intended for refuse and recycling? We think not.

Please send us your comments. Address to Editor, 10 1/2 Railroad St. Wanamie, PA

FALL FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

By Carolyn Phillips The committee of the 2008 Fall Festival wishes to thank every individual, business and group who have so generously given of their time, financial support, donations of baskets, auction items, baked goods, foods, tractor, wagon, and participation by hard work.

Volunteerism is certainly alive and well among our organization members and many others who have chosen to contribute.

After all the planning, all the set up, all the work the day of, and cleanup it sure is a good feeling to be able to provide some pleasure for the kids, young and old. Friendships are made as the project goals are met, and each volunteer acquires a newfound respect for each other.

Individual Kudos are deserved by the section chairs and their staff members and Newport Township Emergency Personnel.

Kitchen Staff:

Sia Sager and her whole family (Russ; Darren; and Renee), Mary Jo Evans, Frank Flynn, Karen Jones, Shelley Miller, Marisa Minelli, Doreen Guszak, Gert O'Brien, Linda Connor, Paul Jarecki, and Carolyn Phillips.

Bake Sale:

Mary Margaret Kashatus, Mary Ann Ricci, Joan Beeunas, Tammy Grieb, and 22 contributing bakers.

Business/Ticket Sales:

Steve Masakowski, Bill Hourigan, John Jarecki, Palmira Miller.

Chinese Auction:

Heidi Selecky, Linda Hourigan, and Susan Najaka.

Car Show:

Bob Connor, Mike Yalch, Steve Smocharski, and Zack Jones.

Chili Contest:

Tom Kashatus, Teena Wrubel, and Chet Wrubel.

Crafts:

Linda Connor, Carolyn Phillips.

Newport Township Historical Review:

Heidi Selecky, Paul Jarecki

Master of Ceremonies:

Merlyn Fletcher

Hayride:

Francis Zaleski, Joe Maloney, John Farrell, Jeremy Yakavonis, Alan Kropiewnicki, and Jerry Malischak.

Moonwalk:

Faye Maloney

Face Painting:

Dusty McAvoy

Turkey Gobble Contest:

Carol Marcincavage

Parking: Bob Connor, Zack Jones, and Jim Caley.

PA State Police: Trooper Martin Connor

K-9 Dogs: Paul Price, Scott Jaskulski

Glen Lyon Crime Watch: Karen Rajician

Greater Nanticoke Drug Task Force: Frank Vandermark

Paradise Ponies

Front and Center Music School

Magic Show by Justin Credible

United States Marine Reserve Toy for Tots Representatives

Nanticoke Junior Trojan Cheerleaders

Wyoming Valley Remote Control Flyers

Crafters – wonderful displays

Boy Scouts

Cub Scouts

Women's Activity Group

Corner Pocket Pizza of Mocanaqua

Rentko's Catering

Holy Child Grove Staff

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Newport Township Emergency Response Units: Police Chief, Impaglia, Fire Chief, Kowalski, Ambulance, Janine Floryshak and their Department representatives.

We value them deeply. They provide the Township with a response group of well educated, efficient, respectful personnel, who every day risk themselves for all of us. Respect them and support them.

Hopefully, I've not missed anyone. Sincere appreciation to all who participated and all who came and enjoyed.

Pictures From The Newport Township Fall Festival



Chili Contest Winners

Pictured from left to right: Dan & Lee Kowalski, 3rd Place, Sherri Burke, 1st Place, & Chester Wruble, 2nd Place, Tom Kashatus, Contest Chairperson



Car Show



Entertainment



Hay Rides-Emergency Vehicles - US Marines



Crafters & Vendors



Moon Walk



Seated at table are Maryann Shemanski, daughter Jody Karnes, and grand daughter Ireland Karnes. Standing are Carol Wilkes with daughter Carrie Williams and grand daughter Abby Williams



Charles Molecavage enjoys a visit with Santa

SANTA COMES TO POST 539

By Tom Kashatus Santa

Claus came early to American Legion Post 539 at 66 Newport Street, Glen Lyon. On Saturday, December 13th, Santa entertained approximately 75 children by listening to their requests for the big events on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and handing out a varied selection of age appropriate toys to all the tots. The event was sponsored by the Newport Township Women's Activity Group and the American Legion Post 539 which provided their banquet room and pizza for everyone. Even some of the "old timers" gathered as original members Carol Wilkes and Maryann Shemanski reminisced about the good old days when the group celebrated major holidays with the children – Christmas with Santa and Easter with the Easter Bunny as they rode throughout the Township on the

fire truck, Halloween and a summer picnic. Fundraisers included semiannual bingos held in the spring and the fall. Beverly Kurowski spearheaded the group as its first president over 35 years ago. One of their first major projects was painting the fire plugs throughout the township (red, white, and blue) during America's bicentennial celebration in 1976. A few years ago a scoreboard was added to the Wanamie Recreation Park through their efforts and a grant written by Joe Wilkes and submitted through the office of Representative John Yudichak.

Commander of Post 539, Lorrie Materewicz, and Junior Vice Commander Gilbert Chesney were on hand for the festivities. Mr. Chesney stated that the American Legion is interested in contributing a greater effort to bring more enjoyment to the children of the Township. Cub Scout Pack 430 and Boy Scout Troop 430 also meet at the legion home on a regular basis.

Brenda Grabowski has been a member of the women's group for the past six years and the president for the past three years. She stated that there are currently 15 members and their goals and mission are the same as when the organization began. Members are either active or social, and to have active status a member must participate in three of the five major functions throughout the year. Mrs. Grabowski expressed that there is always the need for more help and she may be contacted at (570) 736-7038, or interested persons may contact any officer or member. The group also contributes to other projects throughout the year based on requests and specific need, i.e., they have helped the Community Organization with their summer program. Other officers are Vice President – Debbie Ward, Secretary – Mary Lou Gray, and Treasurer – Janine Floryshak. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month.

Newport Township maintains a complete set of code books. Copies of individual code can be requested from the Township Business Manager's Office. (A minimal charge for copies may apply.)

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP ABANDONED VEHICLES CODE

By Tom Kashatus Ordinance # 4 of 2007, "Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance," was passed by the Newport Township Board of Commissioners at the regular November meeting of that year. The gist of the revised ordinance deals with the status of disabled vehicles on public and private property. State law usually determines the citation process for abandoned vehicles on public property or private property without consent of the owner. This ordinance will be applicable to disabled and/or inoperable vehicles maintained, allowed, or permitted on private property.

Section 2 states, "For the purposes of this ordinance, a disabled or inoperable vehicle shall be a vehicle that is not capable of being moved under its own power, or a vehicle with a deflated tire or tires and is incapable of regular use (except a vehicle that is **temporarily** immovable because of a flat tire) or a vehicle that is partially disabled, wrecked or junked; or a vehicle that is not displaying a current registration plate and inspection sticker or a discernable vehicle identification number.

This ordinance shall refer to a vehicle(s) that is designed for the purpose of transporting people or property and it may be motorized or designed to be drawn by a motorized vehicle. In the ordinance the term 'person having an interest in' said vehicle shall refer to a person who is part owner of said vehicle."

Newport Township Police Chief Robert Impaglia stated that the citation process will begin with a "Parking Ticket" and the section referring to abandoned vehicle(s) will be completed. Citations will be sent by certified mail. The minimum penalty is \$25.00 and the vehicle must be removed within 72 hours. If the "person of interest" can show a hardship, the officer may grant another 72 hours for removal.

Over the past year it can be noticed that the removal of abandoned vehicles is a priority and has been proceeding in a positive way. Chief Impaglia stated that the police department will continue the citation of the abandoned vehicle process based on complaints by the public and those violations noticed by his officers during their routine patrolling of the township. He also emphasized that vehicle owners lock their car doors as a recent rash of break-ins normally involve those vehicles which have been left unlocked.

Newport Twp. Commercial Vehicle Code

By Tom Kashatus Ordinance # 2 of 2008 regulates the parking of commercial vehicles within Newport Township and prescribes the penalties for violations thereof. What is a commercial vehicle? It is a self propelled or towed motor vehicle used on a highway, roadway, or alleyway to transport passengers or property that (1) has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 pounds or more; or (2) is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including driver) for compensation; or (3) is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers (not for compensation); or (4) is any type of vehicle with a refrigerated body where the refrigeration unit is operated by a gasoline or diesel engine, regardless of the vehicle weight rating.

Specifically, it shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a commercial vehicle within any area of Newport Township that is zoned residential. However, provisions of the ordinance shall not apply to any commercial vehicle when taking or discharging passengers or when temporarily parked pursuant to the performance of work.

Minimum penalty for the first offense is \$25.00 and maximum is \$300.00 plus costs of prosecution. Each 24 hour period will constitute a separate violation.