



When I no longer thrill to the first snow of the season, I'll know I'm growing old. ~ Lady Bird Johnson



A WINTER'S DAY IN SHEATOWN

Newport Township Community Organization's 2012 Citizenship Awards



Newport Township Women's Activity Group

Members left to right, back row: Deb Forgach, Mary Lou Gray, Patti Smith, Faith Kropiewnicki, Pat Graboske, two representatives from the Marines Toys for Tots Campaign, Brenda Grabowski, Bonnie Lazar, Eileen Molecavage, Deb Ward, Maryann Shemanski, Margaret Novak, Sherri Burke, Judy Novak, Carol Baron, and guest Dolores Grabowski. Front row are guests: Andrea Rambus, Maryann Medieros, Linda Hanlon and Sue Ide. Absent members are: Karen Samuels, Jane Daniels, Janine Floryshak, Mary Jo Evans, Marcy Tarnowski, Theresa Uber, Nancy Britten, Lisa Guy, and Charlotte Santry.



Dan Kowalski

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Volunteerism is an important component in the revitalization of our community. Each year, the Newport Township Community Organization sponsors the Citizenship Award to honor those volunteers who have made extraordinary contributions to improving life in the Township. It is hoped that bringing recognition to these efforts will demonstrate the many forms volunteering can take. The first award in 2011 was presented to Phoebe Hillan for her years of dedicated service to Newport Township youth. The NTCO is pleased to present its 2012 Citizenship Award to two deserving candidates: the Newport Township Women's Activity Group and Daniel Kowalski. The awards were given at the December meeting.

The Newport Township Women's Activity Group began 38 years ago when some young homemakers got together to provide activities for all children in the Township. Their first project was an Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny arriving on the fire truck. It proved to be a big success, and the Group then organized a Halloween Parade with prizes given for the best costume in several categories. Next was the Christmas event with Santa Claus arriving on the fire truck. The first officers back in 1974 were: President Beverly Kurowski, Vice-President Rose Murphy, Secretary Barbara Paganucci, and Treasurer Anna Mae Jones. Bake sales were held at the Glen Lyon Bank twice a month to support these activities. The Group took on such projects as painting the fire-plugs red, white, and blue for the National Bicentennial Celebration. Today, the main fundraising events are the Ham Bingo in the spring and the Turkey Bingo in the fall. The Group regularly supports other community endeavors such as Bicycle Safety Day and Girl Scout environmental projects. The list of events and projects is long and impressive. On hand to receive the 2012 NTCO Citizenship Award were the current officers: President Brenda Grabowski, Vice-President Debbie Ward, Treasurer Debbie Forgach and Secretary Mary Lou Gray.

The 2012 Citizenship Award was also presented to Dan Kowalski of Alden for his service to the Newport Township Fire Department. Dan began his career in volunteerism in 1982 at the age of 18 when he joined the Glen Lyon No. 4 Hose Company on Orchard Street. The following year, he became an Emergency Medical Technician as well as a trained volunteer firefighter. Later, while working at Graterford State Correctional Institution, Dan became the Facility Safety Manager and the Emergency Management Coordinator. He also gained certification as a State fire instructor, which enabled him to teach fire safety classes throughout Montgomery, Chester and Berks counties. Upon his return to Newport Township, Dan became Deputy Fire Chief in 2004 and Fire Chief in 2005. Under his leadership the Department began to raise money by boot drives, nights at the races, breakfasts and dinners and purchased a generator, pumper truck, and chainsaw. With grant support, he enabled the purchase of a ladder truck and a rescue truck. Later, he formed partnerships with the Newport Township Little League to create the annual Memorial Day Weekend Bazaar and with the South Valley Chamber of Commerce to hold a Native American Pow Wow at the Wanamie Recreation Park. Dan continues to volunteer as an EMT and is active with the local emergency management agency as an assistant coordinator. He is a volunteer ATV instructor, teaches Native American heritage and is president of the South Valley Chamber of Commerce. The NTCO takes great pride in presenting the 2012 Citizenship Award to Dan Kowalski.

2012 General Election

By Tom Kashatus ~ In the November election, Newport Township followed voting patterns that emerged throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Representative Gerald Mullery (D) led the Democrat ticket in his quest for re-election to his seat in the 119th Legislative District. Mullery defeated Richard Arnold (R) of Mountaintop for the

second consecutive time with an unofficial district-wide vote total of 13,063 to 8,403.

A Democratic sweep for President and Pennsylvania statewide offices held true in the three wards of Newport Township. The following unofficial vote totals, including absentee votes, are as follows: President—Obama/Biden (D) 966 to Romney/Ryan (R) 578; U.S. Senator – Robert Casey (D) 991 to Tom Smith (R) 529; State Attorney General – Kathleen Kane (D) 1,051 to David Freed (R) 423; Auditor General – Eugene DePasquale (D) 941 to John Maher (R) 454; Treasurer – Robert McCord (D) 942 to Diane Vaughan (R) 424; U.S. Congressman, 11th District – Gene Stimp (D) 830 to Lou Barletta (R) 725. Congressman Barletta was the eventual victor in his bid for re-election in the 11th District which runs from Luzerne County southwest to below Dauphin County and Harrisburg.

Newport Township has 2,590 registered voters and 1,603 or 62% of those voters went to the polls. 392 Democrats voted the straight party ticket while 129 Republicans voted along straight party lines. The Libertarian Party candidates for president/vice president and statewide offices were as follows: President – Gary Johnson/James Gray; U.S. Senator – Rayburn Smith; Attorney General – Marakay Rogers; Auditor General – Betsy Summers; and Treasurer – Patricia Fryman.

Township Budget for 2013

By John Jarecki

At a special meeting on December 19, the Township Commissioners approved a budget for 2013. The budget is divided into four major parts, for which revenue and expenses are listed in the following table.

	Revenue	Expenses
General Budget	\$ 780,487	\$ 780,443
Refuse Budget	\$ 333,500	\$ 333,047
Recycling Budget	\$ 52,000	\$ 51,504
Liquid Fuels Budget	\$ 99,101	\$ 96,000
Total	\$1,263,088	\$1,260,994

For the 2013 budget as a whole, the five largest sources of revenue are listed in the following table along with the corresponding amounts from the 2012 budget.

	2012	2013
Refuse and Recycling Fees	\$ 385,500	\$ 385,500
Real Estate Tax	287,000	285,000
Earned Income Tax	268,000	268,000
Liquid Fuels Payment from State	99,410	97,101
State Shared Revenue	42,862	46,550

These amount to about 86% of total income. The largest source of 2013 revenue, refuse and recycling fees, is a refuse fee of \$195 per household and a recycling fee of \$30 per household, both the same as in 2012. The 2013 real estate, or property tax, rate is 2.20 mills (a mill is \$1 in taxes per \$1000 of property value), the same as in 2012. In fact, all taxes and fees are the same in 2013 as 2012.

The six largest expenditures from the 2013 budget are listed in the following categories along with the corresponding amounts from the 2012 budget.

	2012	2013
Refuse Collection	\$ 289,440	\$ 289,440
Street Department	230,625	240,560
Police Department	172,421	172,331
Fire Department	165,595	169,251
Employee Fringe Benefits	138,677	147,549
General Government	104,239	108,813

These categories amount to about 89% of total expenses. For 2013, the largest expenditure, refuse collection, is the same as in 2012. Also for 2013, both Street

Department and employee fringe benefits expenses are significantly higher than in 2012, by about \$10 thousand and \$9 thousand respectively. Overall, expenditures increase by only a small percentage, about 2.4 per cent for the General Budget and about 1.3 per cent for the entire budget.

In fact, total income and expenditures in Township budgets since 2006 have been approximately constant, totaling about \$1.1 to \$1.2 million each year.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND GANGS

By Karen E. Rejician of Glen Lyon Crime Watch ~ Research indicates that parents play a pivotal role in keeping young people out of gangs. Negative influences within the family including domestic violence, child abuse, harsh or inconsistent parenting practices, and/or drug/alcohol abuse by family members can increase the risk that a young person will join a gang. Parents can protect their children from gang activity by taking positive actions such as monitoring their children's activities, fostering close relationships with them, and using positive discipline strategies.

Parents often lack factual information about gangs. The early adolescent years are a crucial time when youths are exposed to and may consider joining gangs. Youths who are becoming involved in a gang may exhibit negative changes in behavior such as withdrawal from family life, declining school attendance and performance, staying out late without reason, exhibiting unusual desire for secrecy, expressing sudden negative opinions about parental authority and law enforcement, and/or showing interest in gang-influenced music, videos and movies.

Preventive measures include getting to know your children's friends and their parents. Also, parents should be aware of their children's attitudes toward drugs, alcohol and gangs. Children may feel pressure from their friends to use drugs or join gangs. Parents should have conversations with their children about ways to deal with peer pressure. Set firm limits with your children and teens so they know what is expected of them and the consequences for acting otherwise.

More information can be found in the "Parents' Guide to Gangs" pamphlet from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Protection. For more gang-related information and material, visit the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) website at: www.ncjrs.gov.

Newport Township Public Business

By John Jarecki ~ The following are some of the important matters of public business that came up at Newport Township Commissioners' meetings from September to December, 2012:

September 5. The Commissioners voted to accept the resignation of Robert Impaglia as Chief of Police effective on September 7. Chief Impaglia resigned in order to take up a career with the Pennsylvania State Police. Commissioner John Zyla, who oversees the Township Police Department, thanked him for his good service and integrity.

October 2. The Commissioners adopted Township Ordinance Number 6 of 2012, as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Ordinance sets minimum requirements for new construction and development in areas subject to floods, requires persons and businesses to get permits before doing such work, and provides penalties for violations.

Also, Commissioner John Wilkes reported that two properties in Glen Lyon are moving toward demolition in the Township's abandoned building demolition program: the former Oliver property on East Main Street, where an asbestos check had just been done, and a building on Newport Street across from the American Legion. As the next steps in the process, the Township will now send documentation on the buildings to the County, which provides grant money for the work, and will have an evaluation on the buildings' historical value done by the State.

November 5. The Commissioners appointed Paul Pierson to the Recreation Board, Peter Wanchisen to the Newport Township Sewer Authority for a 5 year term, and Alan Yendrzewski to the Township Civil Service Board for a 5 year term.

The Commissioners accepted the resignation of full-time police officer James Evans. They appointed Jeremy Blank as Of-

ficer in Charge of the police force, and voted to authorize advertising for applicants for the positions of Police Chief and full-time police officer.

Township Manager Rich Zika reported that our second newly leased police car, a 2013 Ford Sedan Interceptor, had not yet arrived. The car did arrive later in November and was put into service, alongside our first newly leased car, a 2013 Ford Explorer, which has been in use since late summer.

December 3. The Commissioners voted to authorize borrowing up to \$100,000 for a period of up to one year from Penn Security Bank at an interest rate of 1.84%, under Section 8109 of Pennsylvania's Local Government Unit Debt Act. This loan is necessary because of the failure earlier this year of Centax, designated collector of the Earned Income Tax for communities in the County, to collect and distribute the tax in a timely way. A limit has been set on the amount of money authorized and time for borrowing. The Township may need less money for less time. It is not now clear how or when the problem with Centax will be resolved.

Commissioner John Zyla announced that the Township had received a good number of applications for Police Chief and full-time police officer, some from out of state, and several applicants will be chosen to come for interviews.



NEW POLICE CARS Shown above are the two new leased police vehicles. At the top is the 2013 Ford Sedan Interceptor and below is the 2013 Ford Explorer.

A Brief Editorial...Remember When?

Those of us who grew up here in the thirties, forties, fifties and even sixties remember when there were local banks, resident physicians, dentists, neighborhood schools, churches of several denominations, grocery stores and butcher shops, bars and restaurants, drug stores, candy shops, teenage hangouts, ice cream stores, liquor stores, five and dimes, photography studios, dry goods stores, bakeries, soda and beer distributors, shoemaker shops, places to swim, sled-ride, and ice-skate, and the list goes on and on. People remember. If what people remember is still there, they will come back. We are very excited about Ken Marquis' vision (see page 7) of what Newport Township can be again. Let's make it happen. Together! Start by supporting existing local businesses and one success story will spawn another. Let's begin the New Year with a few simple thoughts: Care for one another. Look after the children and the elderly. Appreciate and respect Nature. Take care of where you live. And dream....

~ By Heidi Jarecki

A Letter to the Editors

Dear Heidi and Paul Jarecki,

I doubt that you have heard of Martin D. (Mitch) Tullai, so I'll explain why I am writing to you.

First, I should like to compliment both of you, as well as the others, who have organized and continue to do the good work of the "Newport Township Community Organization" and also put out the informative Newport Township Community News. (As editors, you have done a really fine job – congratulations!) It is also a pleasure to mention that Palmira (Gregory) Miller (*NTCO President*) is my niece. As well, you recently dealt with my daughter, Jaye Ann. She purchased several items for me (gifts) – I was very pleased with them. She later ordered some mementos for Mike Rentko.

I'm also writing about the review you did about Newport football – 1944–1966. It was interesting and informative. I was pleased and surprised to learn that the 1945 team was "in the opinion of many critics, the best team in Newport history." As a member of that team, I've always felt it was a memorable and enjoyable experience and I felt it was appropriate that you pictured and named two of the stalwarts – Joe and Pete. However, since this group was, and is, so highly regarded, perhaps some of the top seniors also deserved mention. These seniors would include Pete Wasenda, Ed Rasavage, Joe Zaborowski, Norbert Olshefski, Paul Tereshinski and Mitch Tullai.

Since what I have said sounds self-serving, here is some of my background.

Since my mother, bless her, thought I was too small and might be injured, I only played one year of football – my senior year. She finally relented and signed the permission slip – after much discussion and pleading. As it turned out, God's gift of natural speed and some other attributes enabled me to become a starter. (I imagine one of only a few seniors to achieve this.) I had a pretty good season as, along with other TD's, scored against Plymouth and Hanover, two of our toughest opponents. They both were lucky to beat us. Plymouth won 12–6, Hanover beat us 13–12. With a few breaks we could have won the championship. I thought Walter Serowicz was an excellent coach and an outstanding exemplar. I also played one year of baseball – good outfielder but a lesser hitter.

After graduation, I joined the army and served in Japan on occupation duty. Then I joined the 11th Airborne (paratroopers), took my jump training there and qualified. Along with my ten jumps, I played football, basketball and softball and attained the rank of Sergeant.

The following September (1948) I enrolled at Western Maryland College in Westminster, MD – just outside of Baltimore. My brother, Simon, who had served in the Navy during the War, was there and sort of paved the

way for me. He graduated from Newport around 1942. Later he served in the FBI.

I played four years of football there as a halfback and defensive back and in my senior year we were undefeated. I was honored to be selected to play in the Blue–Gray All–Star Game in Montgomery, Alabama. Obviously this was a great experience as I played the whole game on defense and ran a number of offensive plays.

In my senior year at Western Maryland, I was elected Student Government President, was named to the "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" and graduated cum laude in 1952 as a history major.

After a year of teaching and coaching in New Jersey, I joined the faculty of St. Paul's School in Brooklandville, Maryland (1953). St. Paul's is a college preparatory school. Here, I served as athletic director, football coach, basketball coach, history teacher, Chairman [of the] History Department and Director of Upper School Admissions. I coached football for 42 years and was a classroom teacher for 50 years – ('U.S. History,' 'U.S. History A-P,' 'The Presidency,' 'The Lincoln Era.')

I was honored to have the school name several awards in my name – Martin D. Tullai U.S. History Prize, Martin D. Tullai Head Coaches Cup. The alumni named me an Honorary Graduate of St. Paul's School (1990).

I was further pleased when the school named the football field the "Martin D. Tullai Field". Most recently, my induction into the St. Paul's Athletes Hall of Fame with the first class of honorees pleased me tremendously.

I suppose it's also relevant that I have been inducted into six Halls of Fame: Western Maryland College (1981, recently renamed McDaniel College), Maryland State Athletic Directors Association (1995), Northeastern Region Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Luzerne County Chapter (1996), Maryland State Scholastic Football Coaches Association (1996), St. Paul's School Athletic Hall of Fame (2008), Greater Baltimore Chapter, U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame, 2010 (Lacrosse Official).

I offer this information not to be boastful, but to clarify the record and to provide information which you had no means to hear about. As a proud graduate of Newport Township High School, I can say it prepared me deeply and broadly. Teachers like Joseph Cherrie, [Ed] Sekulski, Walter Serowicz and others were terrific.

Finally, be assured I didn't write this for publication or to be critical. You all do a wonderful service for the community and deserve high commendation.

Sincerely,
Martin D. (Mitch) Tullai



1945 Newport Twp High School football team
Joseph Zaborowski, Norbert Olshefski, Paul Tereshinski, Peter Wasenda, Frank Ross, Andy Tirpak, Peter Ravin, Jerome Wright, Martin Tullai, Joseph Malczyk, Edward Rasavage.



Attending the open house and plant tour at Northeast Recycling Solutions (NRS) in Hanover Township are from left to right: Community Organization members Tom Kashatus, Bill Hourigan, John Jarecki, Palmira Gregory Miller, and State Representative Ed Pashinski.

Community Organization Members Tour New Recycling Plant in Hanover Township

By John Jarecki and Tom Kashatus ~ Members of the Newport Township Community Organization participated in an open house and tour of Northeast Recycling Solutions (NRS), a new business located in the Breslau section of Hanover Township that uses single stream recycling, a process new to this area.

The new process, which has been used in larger cities such as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Washington D.C., is a technology that recycles more material with less effort than methods used previously. It offers the possibility of decreasing the costs of garbage and recycling collections and of making the pickup and transport of recyclables more efficient, because single compartment trucks can be used and the number of routes reduced. With less time spent on recycling, public employees can work on other projects, such as road maintenance and snow removal. The process also offers the possibility of extending the life of landfills,

with less waste going into trash. It tends to encourage more people to recycle, up to 40 per cent more in some cases, by making recycling easier. Also, NRS will pay for recyclable materials brought to them.

The new process recycles all seven types of plastics. Our present method only recycles types 1 and 2. Plastics are classified according to a system established by the Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI) in 1988. The following website gives a more detailed account of the plastic categories: <http://www.livestrong.com/article/167686-what-are-the-recycling-categories-for-plastic-bottles>.

NRS is a subsidiary of Northeast Cartage, which began twelve years ago as a waste-hauling business working together with Louis Cohen and Sons Recycling. The NRS separation plant was constructed on Earth Conservancy property about five years ago. Northeast Cartage has invested over three million dollars in equipment to start up this operation. It has over two dozen employees who, together with a sequence of machines, separate the single incoming stream of recyclables into a number of different types: for example cardboard, glass, different kinds and colors of plastics, steel cans, and aluminum cans. Finally, a compactor compresses each type of recyclable into rectangular shaped bales about four feet on a side, which are then bound and sold for further processing.

The open house was well attended and lunch was served to the guests. Tours were scheduled and supervised by Al Gulaitus and Anne Keating of NRS. Among those who participated in tours were State Senator John Yudichak (D) of the 14th Senatorial District; Representative Tarah Toohil (R) of the 116th Legislative district; Representative Ed Pashinski (D) of the 121st Legislative District, a Newport native; Mike Dziak, President and CEO of Earth Conservancy; Robert Lawton, Luzerne County Manager; Tim McGinley, Luzerne County Council President; Elizabeth DeNardi, Luzerne County Solid Waste Management Director; and representatives of the State Correctional Institution at Dallas.



From left: NRS plant tour guide Frank Nockley, Elizabeth DeNardi, Robert Lawton, Representative Tarah Toohil, Ms Toohil's aide Debbie Resnick, unidentified couple, John Jarecki and Bill Hourigan.

NTCO Members Attend Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Awards Dinner

By John Jarecki ~ Members of the Community Organization attended the 22nd Annual Evening for Northeastern Pennsylvania's Environment at the Woodlands. A series of Partnership Awards are presented to groups and individuals who have made contributions toward protecting and preserving the environment in this part of the state.

These awards emphasize the importance of individuals and organizations working together, or partnering, in carrying out projects that are of mutual interest. As a relevant example, the Newport Township Community Organization has, for five years, worked with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC), one of the Environmental Partners, in cleaning up illegal dumpsites in the Township. For this and other environmental work, Community Organization President Palmira Gregory Miller received a 2009 Partnership Award. Similarly, Earth Conservancy received a 2011 Partnership Award for Environmental Excellence for its Huber III mine site reclamation project.

The Environmental Partnership Awards Dinner is an annual event. In presenting these awards, the Partners, which include Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance, PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, PA Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Environmental Council's NE Office, PPL Corporation, Procter & Gamble Paper Products Company, and Wilkes University, join together to recognize outstanding accomplishments and teamwork in achieving excellence in environmental protection or conservation in Northeastern Pennsylvania.



Above, NTCO members at the Partnership Awards Dinner: from left, Paul Jarecki, Heidi Jarecki, Palmira Miller, Carol Jarecki, and John Jarecki.

Cleanups Continue in Newport Township

By Palmira Gregory Miller ~ This fall, the Newport Township Community Organization continued their partnership with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) by participating in their Community Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program funded by a grant from USDA.

Several dumpsites located in Alden, Wanamie and Glen Lyon were eradicated with the help of volunteers from Newport Township, King's College, and the Luzerne County Work Release Program. In three days, 44 volunteers ranging in age from 8 to 72 removed 8,980 pounds of trash, 243 tires, and recycled 1,040 pounds of assorted metal in 181 volunteer hours.

In October NTCO partnered with Luzerne County in its Tire Recycling Event which is held every year. Tom Kashatus was instrumental in the removal of 310 tires throughout the Township. This was done by hauling 65 tires on Oct. 6th to the event held in Butler Township and 245 tires on Oct. 13th to the event at Hanover High School.

The NTCO is committed to revitalizing and beautifying the Township and to protecting the health and safety of its citizens.





Kenneth Marquis

“Who is Kenneth Marquis? Kenneth Marquis is a visionary. He is a communicator and an investor. This past year he has invested in Glen Lyon and in Newport Township. He believes that our community has something to offer and that there is a future for Glen Lyon due to its history and heritage of hardworking people who felt that education of their sons and daughters was the formula to success and a better quality of life.” ~ *Tom Kashatus*

By Heidi Jarecki, Paul Jarecki, and Tom Kashatus ~ Ken Marquis was 15 years old when his parents moved to Dallas and his father began working for Topps Chewing Gum in Duryea. After graduating from Dallas High School, Ken enrolled at Bloomsburg University and majored in Business. Ken’s father had a hobby of making picture frames and wanted to turn it into a small business. He hired Ken for \$75 dollars per week. Ken worked hard at this new venture and the business grew. He is now the owner of Marquis Art and Frame located at 122 South Main Street, Wilkes Barre.

Ken sought to expand the business in Scranton. In 2003 he purchased the five-story Casey laundry building which served as an ancillary service to the historic Casey Hotel on Center Street. While the remaining buildings of the Casey Complex were being demolished, Ken decided to refurbish the former laundry house and establish the satellite of Marquis Art and Frame there. He also acquired tenants in the building, Outrageous and Center Street Coffee House. On the upper floors are three luxury loft apartments available for lease. Ken also became involved in building town houses in Scranton and various renovation projects in Luzerne County.

Through a mutual friend Ken met and had several conversations with Marie Roke Thomas, daughter of the late Nello and Evelyn Roke. The Roke Brothers Plumbing business was a Glen Lyon fixture for many years. Recently, the time came to liquidate the family’s real estate holdings which included: 59 E. Main Street, the former Roke Brothers store and rear garage, 61 E. Main Street, the former Labarski’s store and upstairs apartment, 63 E. Main Street, the former “Ziggy” Koshinski shoemaker shop and upstairs apartment, and 13 Spring Street, a single home. After hearing Marie’s stories of growing up in Glen Lyon, Ken was fascinated and decided to take a look at the properties. He declares that Glen Lyon is a town that time

forgot. In the meantime, the former Peterfreund Furniture Store at 73-75 E. Main Street, also owned by Roke Real Estate Holdings, entered the picture. Ken decided to purchase the entire package and rehabilitate the buildings. He is intrigued with the idea of bringing back the down-towns of communities in our area. Skeptics might ask, “Why Glen Lyon?” Ken’s answer is, “Why not? It was a wonderful town and can be again. It has good location, only minutes away from Wilkes-Barre, it has a safe and quiet atmosphere, and it has enthusiastic residents.” Ken also attended a meeting of the Newport Township Community Organization and was impressed by members’ concern and love for their community.

Immediately Ken began to renovate his newly acquired properties. He has employed local businesses for upgrading code deficiencies whenever possible. He does have business arrangements with carpenters, masons, painters, plumbers, roofers, etc., who have done work for him these past several years. Ken stated that, “Old buildings have great architecture and if possible, should be rehabilitated and saved rather than be torn down.” Residents are happy to see the results of the renovations and hope Ken succeeds. As of this printing, there is an antiques/collectibles business moving into the former Peterfreund store. This publication is not aware of any potential tenants in the former shoemaker/plumbing stores. A coffee shop or bakery would be great! Starbucks, are you paying attention?



At the top right is the building at 61-63 East Main Street. At the bottom right is the former Peterfreund’s Furniture Store.

Newport Township Lions Honor Local EMA

By Tom Kashatus ~ Several members of the Newport Township Emergency Management Agency (EMA) were recently recognized and honored by the Newport Township Lions Club at Alden Manor. Norman Bodek, EMA Coordinator, gave special recognition to those who have served with him for the past 25 years: Frank Czapla, Calvin Kanyuck, Paul Mierzwa, Janine Floryshak, and John Kemp.

The Newport Township Emergency Management Agency (EMA) has been in existence since 1978 when the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Act became law. Every municipality in Pennsylvania is required to establish a local EMA and select a coordinator who is then appointed by the governor of Pennsylvania. The current EMA evolved from the earlier Civil Defense Act of 1951. Paul Waiter of Sheatown became the initial Director of Civil Defense and subsequently Tom Tronsue and Mike Tarnowski followed. In 1987, Norman Bodek of Sheatown was selected by the Newport Township Board of Commissioners to lead the local agency.

Many Newport Township residents can still remember March 24, 1987 when the local agency and Mr. Bodek were soon tested during the Spencer Metal Fire in Nanticoke. Orders were given to evacuate Alden and Sheatown. The event ended with minimal damage or injury to residents. More recently the Susquehanna train derailment near the State Correctional Institution at Retreat brought about the reactivation of the EMA; however, the emergency required no evacuation of inmates or residents.

The completion of the nuclear power plant in Salem Township also gave emphasis to establishment of the agency. To prepare in case of



Pictured sitting in front row: Ronald Womelsdorf, Nick Kowalski, Jonathan Kerestes Jr., Coordinator Norman Bodek, Leona Kowalski, Harold DeStefano. Standing: Lion John Zyla, Lion President Andrew Gotcha, Lion Ed Kerbaugh, John Kemp, Jason Kowalski, Tom Kashatus, and Paul Mierzwa. Absent: Calvin Kanyuck (Radiological Officer), Frank Czapla (Communication Officer), Jonathan Kerestes Sr. (Transportation Officer), Janine Floryshak (Deputy Transportation Officer), James Hoffinan (Fire/Rescue Officer), Ron Papciak (Deputy Fire/Rescue Officer), John Murphy (Deputy Police Services Officer), Jason Poremba (Emergency Medical Services Officer), James F. Hoffman (Deputy Emergency Medical Services Officer), Cindy Roback (Deputy Public Information Officer), Dan Kowalski (Deputy Coordinator) and Gina Domashinski (Deputy Public Information Officer).

emergency, usually one drill per year is coordinated with Luzerne County EMA, PPL of Salem Township, and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) for municipalities within a ten-mile radius of the power plant. These drills are intended to keep fresh the policies and procedures in the minds of those who have the responsibility to insure that all of our citizens remain safe during a manmade emergency or natural disaster. A second yearly drill may take place during which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will monitor the performance of the local agency. All drills are rated and critiqued by PEMA and FEMA officials. George Kubasik, a Glen Lyon RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) radio operator, attends drills and trains as a back-up, keeping in touch with the Luzerne County Communication Center.

BRANDON FIGLERSKI EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK



Brandon Figlerski of Glen Lyon attained the rank of Eagle Scout and was presented with the Badge by Scoutmaster Allan Schell at ceremonies held at St. Adalbert's Church on November 18. He is a member of Troop 379, Wapwallopen. Pictured above are Brandon with his parents, Beverly and Joe.

Newport H. S. Class of 1962 Celebrates 50th Reunion

By Stanley Czapracki ~ On the weekend of September 21, 2012, thirty-six classmates of the Newport Township High School Class of 1962 came from as far away as Arizona and Minnesota to celebrate their fiftieth class reunion. The weekend started on Friday evening with an Icebreaker at the Glen Lyon American Legion, site of many dances and proms during the '50s and '60s. On Saturday, the group gathered at Bentley's in Ashley for dinner and dancing and more reminiscing. Twenty-one deceased members of the class of 111 were memorialized. The weekend ended at Perkins for breakfast on Sunday morning with classmates looking forward to having a 70th birthday party in two years. See picture on page 11.

ST. ADALBERT'S CHURCH STEEPLE REPAIRED



In October, St. Adalbert's Church had repairs done to its leaky steeple. A crane was anchored on Market Street and the work was completed in two days. Photograph by Theresa Burkett.

TASTE OF THE TOWNSHIP SPAGHETTI, PART II

By Heidi and Paul Jarecki ~ Persistence pays off! Three wonderful cooks from the Township agreed to share their recipes for spaghetti sauce: Mrs. Irene Gregory, Mrs. Frances Brunozi and Thomas Izbicki, grandson of the late Mrs. Ida Cherrie, who submitted his grandmother's recipe. If you want to taste all the warmth, love and happiness that this food has given over many years, then gather all the ingredients and start cooking!

FROM MRS. IDA BELLANDO CHERRIE

"In 1971, when I got my first apartment, I had Grandma tell me how she cooked certain dishes. These are my notes." *Tom Izbicki*

1 can tomato paste	Cloves
3 cans of water	Rosemary
Mushrooms	Parsley
1/8 cup oil	Salt
2 cloves garlic	Pepper
Onion	
Thyme	

Sautee onion and garlic in oil; add tomato paste, water, spices, mushrooms; boil until 1/2 the liquid remains. Meat balls already browned can be added 5 minutes before serving. Grandma used lard instead of oil, but I dropped it out.

FROM MRS. IRENE GREGORY

In a twelve-quart pot:

1/4 c. olive oil
 3 12-oz cans of tomato paste
 2 8-oz cans of tomato sauce
 9 12-oz. paste cans of water
 (Try 6 cans first then add more water if needed)
 1 very large can of tomato puree
 1 whole peeled onion, put in whole
 Chopped parsley
 1 tsp. garlic powder and 1 tbsp. crushed basil
 Oregano - 1/2 tsp. first to taste, if needed 1/2 tsp. more
 1/2 cup grated Romano pecorino cheese
 1 tsp. salt (pepper to taste) and 2 bay leaves
 Sugar optional - try 1/2 tsp. if needed.

In large pot, put in olive oil, then add 3 cans of paste and cook on medium heat or a little lower for 20 minutes. This takes out the acid taste. Stir with wooden spoon so it doesn't burn. Add tomato sauce and 1/2 tsp. sugar. Keep cooking and stirring for another 10 or 15 minutes. Then add all other ingredients. Continue cooking on low heat for two hours, keeping watch and stirring occasionally so it doesn't burn. Do not add any more sugar than called for [or] you will have pizza sauce. (Makes a large quantity.)

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 1/2 tsp. pepper
 1 large egg
 Mix all ingredients together and form into balls

Sauce:

3 tbsp. olive oil or white bacon *
 1 15 oz. can of tomato sauce
 1 6 oz. can of tomato paste
 1/2 tsp. ground allspice
 Salt and pepper to taste

Heat olive oil or white bacon in pot. Add meat balls and brown them. Add tomato sauce. Rinse 15-oz can half full with water and add to meatballs. Simmer 10 minutes. Add tomato paste. Rinse tomato paste cans with water, add to sauce, along with the allspice. I always add a piece of celery and carrot to my sauce. Simmer for 2 1/2 hours.

*White bacon can be obtained from Sabatelli's on Main Street in Pittston. You can also substitute with fat back.

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FALCONS HOST FREE POOL DAY

By Sharon Sharkey and Linda Milakovic ~ The Polish Falcons of America Post 163 in Mocanaqua hosted a free pool day at the Conyngham Township Pool on August 18, 2012. Members of the community and surrounding areas were offered free admission for the day and the children received back-to-school gift packs. The Falcons plan to host free pool days next summer as well. The pool will open June 7 and close August 18. Hope to see you there!



NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '60 CELEBRATES 70TH BIRTHDAY at the home of Raymond and Miriam Ross. Front row, left to right: Robert Sokolnicki, Paul Howell, Marjorie Reakes Rinehamer, Stanley Shepard, William Bolinski, Brenda Caporletti Post, Mariam Charnogorsky Ross, Carol Wrubel Halchak, Carol Niemiec Macjeczyk, Bernadine Swicklik Betkoski, Mary Lou Butkoski Zaleski, Carol Novak Krushefski, Joann Kotch Jendrasek, Dorothy Polakowski Rinehamer. Back row, left to right: David Kule, Gerald Butchko, Richard Koflanovich, Carl Kizelowicz, Paulette Poremba, Elbert Myers, Leon Sidas, Theresa Luczak Langan, Chester Krushefski, Edward Leshinski. Absent from photo: Jackie Deluca Curry, Eugene Sabatini, Bolish Bralczyk.



Surprise!

On December 2nd, Joe Stashik of Sheatown celebrated his 80th birthday with a surprise party at the Luzerne Community College Conference Center, hosted by his daughters, Terri and Michelle. Happy birthday Joe!



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Things that gang up on us...

Snowflakes are some of Nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together. ~ Vista M. Kelly



Newport High School Class of 1955 Holds 57th Reunion

At left, bottom row: Pete Valania, Elaine Panarello, Barbara Lylo, Emily Kellar, Jane Hoffman, JoAnn Kuchinski. MaryEllen Nypower, Sandy Wruble, Carol Smetana, Maryann Wydotis, Carol Faull, George Ceaser. Second row: John Antonaitis, Ted Strunk, Rita Zionkowski, Louise Catalogna, Chet Zimolzak, Lou Teletski, Elaine Hutchinson, Jean Harris, Rich Natalini, Len Wydotis, John Butchko. Third row: Joe Greytock, Phil Bostley, Marie Modrow, Juliana Semple, Joe Rogowicz, Pat Tarnowski, Jan Albert, Kathleen Kowaleski, Pat Pointek, Carol Broadbent, Jim Pierog.



1962 Newport High School Class Celebrates 50th Reunion

At left, bottom row: Paul Kantor, Robert Shemanski, Mary Ann Mazonkey Shemanski, Ralph Faull, Robert Sincavage, Stanley Czapracki, Bonnie Powis Cvejkus, Tom Dreyfus, Rose Ann Readler Koflanovich, Ron Koflanovich, Mike Figmic. Row 2: Beverly Bratosz Stannard, Paulette Deluca Ward, Nancy Siepietowski Toole, Charlene Woehrl Bolinski, Jo Ann Shutta Kowalski, Theresa Madey Zidek, Carmella Kielar Fee, John Stapinski, Wendie Zerfoss Grabel, Linda Sechak Rosick, Mary Ann Yanoka Youells, Mary Lobeda Lesnicki, Edwina Smocharski Pohlidal, Corrine Gavel Stankovich, Rosalie Yendrzeiwski Petroski. Row 3: Richard Smetana, Bernard Mihneski, Raymond Kizelowicz, Eugene Macur, Terrance McDermott, Carl Polnaszek, Andrew Salek, Ronald Lukashefski, Arthur Moyer, Tom Harmon.

Newport Township All-Class Reunion Held on October 5 at Alden Manor



FALL FESTIVAL Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Alden held its annual Fall Festival on October 12 and 13. Father John Leo (top picture on the left) and his parishioners celebrated Autumn with food, flowers, a bake sale, a Chinese auction and crafts of all types.



NEWPORT TOWNSHIP WOMEN'S ACTIVITY GROUP SPONSORS HALLOWEEN PARTY

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The Newport Township Community Organization sponsored a Harvest Dance for teens at the Glen Lyon American Legion on November 10. Pizza from Corner Pocket in Mocanaqua, soda, and desserts were served. The Committee (pictured below) consisted of Alice Dymond, Sharon Julius, and Faye Maloney.



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The Glen Lyon Knights of Columbus held a roast beef dinner at their hall in Glen Lyon on September 15. Enjoying their dinners are: clockwise from the top left, Father Nash of St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke, Bill Borysevich, Frances Brunoizzi and Susan Najaka.



Above are officers and board members of St. John the Baptist Slovak Cemetery Association, Glen Lyon. At top: Jim Tsevdos, Heidi Jarecki, Rita Kaminski, Terri Stashik. On bottom: Joe Stashik, Andy Gotcha.



Above and on the right is the Spaghetti Dinner held at St. Adalbert's Church, Holy Spirit Parish on November 4th. It was sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society.



On November 17, the Newport Township Women's Activity Group held their annual turkey bingo, bake sale and Chinese auction at St. Adalbert's Hall in Glen Lyon, pictured above.



Above, St. Faustina Parish performed the live nativity play, “Miracle at Bethlehem” at Holy Child Grove in Sheatown on November 30 and December 1. Below, Santa Claus made an early visit to the Township on December 15, arriving on the fire truck with the help of the Newport Township Women’s Activity Group.





Miracle of the Bells Exhibit The Luzerne County Historical Society Museum has mounted an exhibit celebrating the 65th anniversary of the film version of "The Miracle of the Bells." The novel published in 1946 by Russell Janney was loosely based on the life of Glen Lyon native Olga Trotzski. An opening reception was held on November 30th, and the exhibit will run until March 15. Pictured on the top left are contributors to the exhibit: Charles Petrillo, Bill Picone, Mark Wolfe, and Heidi Jarecki, along with Museum Director Mary Ruth Burke, second from right. On the above right is Olga Trotzski, and to the immediate left are some of the movie posters on display. The Museum is located at 69 S. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. Those who wish to visit the exhibit are asked to call the historical society at (570) 823-6244 to confirm the exhibit is open.



Newport Township Consolidated Fire Department personnel held their annual Christmas Party at the Italian American Sporting Club in Glen Lyon in December. The members enjoyed Christmas music played by DJ Jim Siepietowski, fine food, and a special singing performance by Leonard Paczkowski. Jason Kowalski entertained the members with a video/slide show of photographs of events which took place over the past year. Dan Kowalski acknowledged their accomplishments for 2012 and reviewed plans for 2013. Pictured kneeling left to right: Jonathan McDaniels, Cindy Roback, Vicky Griffith, Jonathan Kerestes Jr., and Nick Kowalski. Standing left to right: Kim Griffith, Amy McDaniels, Tom Womelsdorf, Jim Griffith, Janet Griffith, Ron Womelsdorf, Dan Kowalski, Gerald Shemanski, Lee Kowalski, Norman Bodek, Jason Kowalski, Leonard Paczkowski, and Rose Kuscavage.

The NTCO held its last meeting of 2012 on December 12. The Organization's Citizenship Awards were presented to Dan Kowalski and the Newport Township Women's Activity Group. Pictured above are: top row, Mary Margaret Kashatus, Deb Forgach, Brenda Grabowski, Debbie Ward, Mary Jo Evans, Heidi Jarecki, Bill Hourigan, Bottom row, Tom Kashatus, Mary Lou Gray, Dan Kowalski, Palmira Miller.

LIFE IN STEARNS STATION (PART I)

By Robert Howells ~ (Editors' note: Stearns Station was a mine patch situated between Wanamie and Glen Lyon. Bob Howells lived in Stearns as a child for a period of four years before moving back to Nanticoke. He wrote an essay about his experiences. We first received a copy of the essay from Marie Zakszewski Vano several years ago. Mr. Howells passed away in 2010. It is reprinted here with permission from Mrs. Robert Howells.)

Stearns Station was a patch of eight double block homes and one single home for the superintendent of the colliery. It was owned by the Susquehanna Coal Company and was located a few hundred yards south of the #6 shaft.

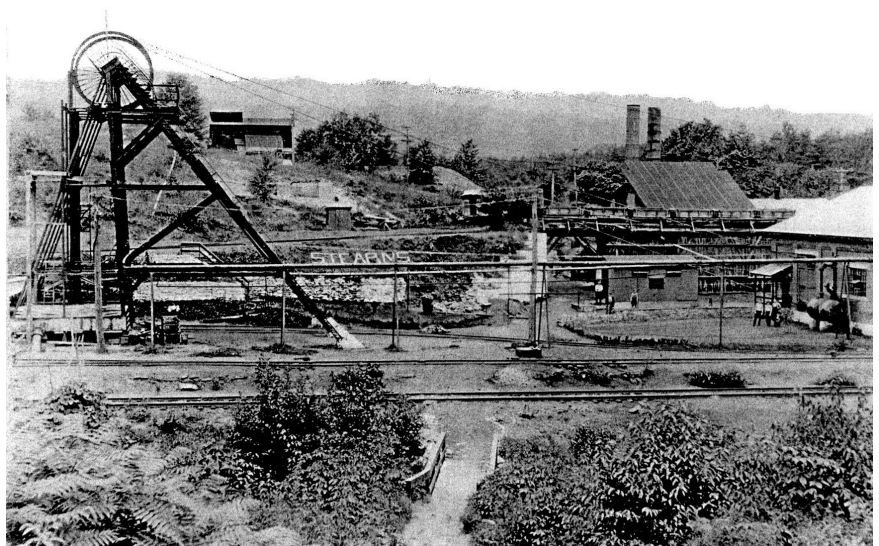
In 1934, the residents were: B. Boyle, superintendent, H. Smith, Peisino, Cymbalysti, Rogowicz, Kopko, Zakszewski/Smith, McGill/Zlotowski, Kivler, Walkewicz, Howells/Lewis, Wallace, Dinardi/Zakszewski, Campbell and Selecky. The names with the slash indicate two families living in the home. Many times, a daughter got married but could not afford to go housekeeping so she brought her husband to live with the in-laws.

During the depression, the mines did not work every day. Paydays were small, so the ladies of the house were interested in knowing if the mines were working on the following day. It was always on a day-to-day basis. A Wilkes-Barre radio station (WBAX or WBRE) would broadcast the schedule every noon for the following day. It was sponsored by Fred S. Petit, a local feed store owner, who began the program with the sound of baby chicks peeping. At the time, it was unique. The announcer then began giving the schedule: Alden, working. Auchinclos, idle. Avondale, idle. Loomis, working. Susquehanna #6, working. Susquehanna #7, idle, etc. There must have been 20-30 mines in the Wyoming Valley, so it took a little while.

The 1930's continued to be a period of decline for the anthracite coal industry. My father moved our family to a patch because he thought it would be less expensive to live. Being a laborer, he didn't work often and had low pay as well as no pay periods. However, many men (i.e., pump runners, hoist engineers and fire bosses) worked seven days



Above is a picture of damage caused to the homes in Stearns by a tornado in 1930. Below is the Stearns Colliery.



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a week regardless if the mine worked or not.

The house into which we moved had six rooms and no bath or central heating. The rent was ten dollars a month and the electricity, which was supplied by the company, was two dollars a month. However, there were restrictions. No appliances, especially those that heated, were permitted. The double block (duplex) homes were painted light colors (i.e., light yellow, light green or light blue). They were in a row with three going up the hill and the rest going across a level at the top. Our house was the third one up and gave us a good view of the colliery. The front porch was a great place to sit on a rainy day and watch the mine at work.

A wire fence extended the length of the front of the property and along the sides. A board fence enclosed the rear. There were no sidewalks or paved roads. The "street" in front of our house had deep ruts and couldn't be traveled by a vehicle. The space at the top of the hill afforded parking for visitors to the mine or patch. Inside the yard, there were large plank boardwalks leading to the front porch, side/rear porch and out to the coal shanty at the rear of the property.

About twenty feet from the houses, there was a row of double block outhouses which were painted to match the main dwelling. However, the toilets had running water. When the seat was depressed, the water carried the waste down to a black creek which carried it to the Susquehanna River. (An environmental nightmare) There were a few homes that had baths. They were rented to the men who had seven day per week jobs. At their own expense and with permission from the company, the renters installed the baths themselves.

Each home had a backyard large enough to grow a variety of vegetables. Everyone planted tomatoes, potatoes, beans and other vegetables. Most everyone home-canned many of the items. By the time December came round, the shelves in our cellar were filled with all sorts of pickles, tomatoes, beans, chili sauce, and a variety of jams and jellies. Beyond the back fence was a row of coops where people raised chickens, ducks, geese, or turkeys. One of my chores was to see that the stock was fed and watered.

The year we raised ducks, our neighbor Mrs. "Pete" asked to kill the duck so she could have the blood to make czarnina (sp?) which is blood soup. When we offered her the duck, she insisted that she only wanted the blood, but she had to kill it. Out of curiosity, I watched. It was the worst thing I could have done. I couldn't stand to see my "pets" killed in that manner. The next year, I asked my dad not to raise ducks and he agreed.

The houses were built long before the electric lights were installed. Each room had the bare bulb hanging from the center of the room. There were no wall switches. The bulb was screwed into a socket that had a brass chain which one pulled to turn the light off or on. It was very frustrating entering a dark room and searching for that chain. The solution was to tie a string to the chain and fasten it to the door jam. Or, in the bedroom, we would tie one end of the string to the chain and the other end to the head of the bed. There was an outlet in the front room and one in the middle room but only on the first floor. The outlets were in the floor and not in the wall as they are today. Since there was no bathroom, we were required to use the round galvanized tub for bathing. ...I went down to the colliery for a shower.

Our company house in the 30's was heated by a coal heater in the middle downstairs room and a coal range in the kitchen. It was one of my chores to see that the ashes were taken out and enough coal was brought in to last the next day. Our heater was a large, nickel-plated decorative stove with doors on the sides and double-doors on the front. The doors had isinglass windows through which one could see the glowing coals. It helped give a warm cozy atmosphere

to the room.

The kitchen range was a real "work horse." It was the domain of the woman of the house. All the cooking and baking was done in or on it, and it heated the water for our use. The fire box had three sides of fire brick and one side held a water back. The water back was connected to a tank at the rear of the stove and the tank connected to the sink and water supply. Convection circulated the water and the heated water was stored in the tank. There was always a kettle on the stove containing heated water just in case a friend or neighbor dropped in for a cup of tea. When that happened, Mom would put some loose tea in the teapot, put some boiling water over it and when the tea was ready, poured the tea through a tea strainer into a cup. Breakfast toast was made over the glowing coals. We had a special rack into which we put the slice of homemade bread and, after removing a lid, placed it on the stove over the coal. When smoke started to rise, we would flip it over and toast the other side. We had a griddle which was large enough to cover the two lids directly over the firebox. Mom used the griddle for making pancakes, Welsh cookies and froice (sp?). Froice was a pancake made from extra thin batter and after it was done, was rolled up. Sometimes they were plain, or had cinnamon or sugar inside. Other times, they had very thin, small pieces of apple. Whichever way they were made, they were delicious and just the thing to eat when I got home from school.

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~ Minna Thomas Antrim

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Newport Girls Win Basketball Trophy, 1954

By Marie "Babe" Pucci Modrow ~ The one and only time a Newport Girls Basketball Team won a trophy occurred in 1954. And the team that won first place wasn't even an "official" team!

Back then, girls' sports were not organized as they are today. So, we organized the team ourselves. It started when some of us girls got together and decided we wanted to participate in the CYC Tournament in Wilkes-Barre. We had no basketball outfits since our gym uniforms were the green balloon one-piece outfits. They were awful. So, we replaced them with our own red shorts, Newport shirts and our own ankle high-top Converse sneakers -- check them out! We had very little time to practice because we weren't able to use the Newport High School or Pulaski Jr. High School gyms since the boys used them most of the time. We had no coach. Mrs. Lerda, our gym teacher, did not participate. We needed a chaperone and our school nurse, Miss Pelchar, was our only resource. We had a hard time getting rides to and from the CYC but Mr. Adam Gayewski, the janitor at the time, helped us out. We even played full court! At that time, girls games were often played according to half-court rules. Despite these obstacles, we won first place with an undefeated record.

Our trophy was placed in the display case at the high school, and I don't know what happened to it when the high school burned down.

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In 1954, the Newport Township High School Girls' Basketball Club captured the Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center Basketball Championship. The tournament was held at the Wilkes-Barre CYC. The Club finished with a perfect 10-0 win/loss record. Approximately seventy-five girls participated in the tournament on the following teams: St. Ann's Academy, St. Mary's, Meyers Fancy Steppers, St. Vincent's of Plymouth, the Coughlin Cats and the Newport Basketball Club. The story appeared in the Catholic Light Newspaper.

In the picture on the left: first row: Marie Pucci (Jr.), Dawn Fairchild (Sr.), Phyllis Finnegan, (Sr.), Mary Jane Klein, CYC Teenage Girls' Program Director, Mr. Dick Fraley, CYC Athletic Director, Barbara Rinehammer (Soph.), Jo Ann Stavetski (Jr.), Norma Frankiewicz (Soph.). Top row: Eleanor Frankiewicz (Sr.), Lois Gilroy (Jr.), and Juliana Selecky (Jr.). Janet Karpinski (Jr.) is absent from the picture.

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FOOTBALL IN RUSSIAN?

With his 8th-grade football team in command and about to win their big game, classy St. Paul's School Middle School Coach, Mark Reuss, not wanting to embarrass their opponent by scoring again, yelled to his QB, Nolan Mathews: "No check-offs! No check-offs!"

Upon hearing this as he strolled the sidelines taking pictures, Edward Brown, a witty and respected member of the English Department, known for his teaching of writing and literature, as well as his whimsical sense of humor, quipped: "Wow, what a group. They not only know football, but are familiar with Russian literature." (Anton Pavlovich Chekhov)

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Picture taken in 1952 at the opening of Grotzky's Store. From left to right: Ernest Grotzky, Samuel Grotzky and Nathan Grotzky

Grotzky's Furniture Store

By Sandy Grotzky Cohen ~ My grandfather Samuel Grotzky came to America from Lithuania. He spoke three languages and then learned English. In about a year he sent for his wife, Ida and son Nate, and purchased the house at 108 Railroad Street, Glen Lyon. My dad Ernest was born in America.

Samuel started the business as a peddler, going from door to door. When his sons were finished with school, he bought a store at 96 W. Main Street, where they opened a furniture business. My grandfather and his two sons managed the store and eventually, my Dad seemed to be the one in charge. The mines were doing well and the store offered credit to all. Later they purchased the building on Railroad Street next to their home. However in 1958, they went back up to the store on West Main Street. Eventually, the building on Railroad Street became a blouse factory.

I remember just after World War II when appliances were scarce. My Dad drove his little truck to Philadelphia to pick up an appliance, a stove or refrigerator for a customer. Round trip took a whole day of travel. My Dad worked extremely hard. He would install carpeting and linoleum, working on his knees all day. He carried tanks of propane gas weighing 200 pounds when full up flights of stairs to get to a customer's house.

My Uncle Nate was an avid supporter of all the baseball teams that were in town, as well as Newport High School teams, the American Legion, and the VFW. Both brothers loved living in Glen Lyon and would sing their favorite song while in the truck making deliveries:

We're here to shine, for old Glen Lyon
Keep cheering, cheering, we're doing fine,
For you, for me for victory
Play ball, play ball, for old Glen Lyon!

In the summer, my friends and I loved getting in the back of the truck and going for a ride to the river to cool off with a stop for ice cream. No one would ever think of doing that in this age!! When Dad and Nate had to make a delivery, Mom and I would "mind the store." My grandfather died in February, 1961 and Uncle Nate shortly after in July 1963. My Dad lived until 1981 and ran the store by himself, with Mom helping. Then the PA State Development bought it from him, along with other buildings in that block. Mom learned to drive at age 75 and remained in Glen Lyon until 1990. She was still collecting money that customers owed Dad for purchases many years before. She was a good businesswoman.

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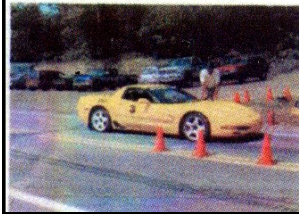
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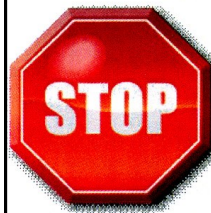
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Mendelssohn's Dry Goods Store

By Tom Kashatus ~ Myer Mendelssohn was a Russian immigrant who came to the United States at the age of 14 years. He married his wife Hannah from Taylor, PA in 1929. The Mendelssohns had two children, Dr. Saul Mendelssohn and Getelle Mendelssohn Prouser. Myer and Hannah Mendelssohn began their dry goods business in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke. They started another business in Warrior Run Borough which closed after a year or two while continuing the Hanover Section store. The second outlet moved to Nanticoke City and that closed after a year or two. They then opened a dry goods store at 59-61 -63 West Main Street, Glen Lyon in 1941 and it was typically known to everyone as "Myers." The Hanover Section store closed in 1942. On New Year's Eve, 1949, a devastating fire broke out in the Glen Lyon store and Saul remembers watching his father taking a place on a hose to help the firemen while the fire roared through the property. After the



Above: Saul Mendelssohn (son of Myer), Myer Mendelssohn and his wife Hannah

The photograph to the left shows the aftermath of the fire. Three businesses were destroyed by the raging inferno on one of the coldest nights of the year. This writer vividly remembers firemen with icicles hanging from their noses and uniforms coming into his father's bar (Dada's Tavern) on the adjoining corner for a shot of whiskey "on the house" to warm up.

At the rear of the building was a small empty lot where children would meet their friends and play basketball.

The picture shows the three businesses, from left to right, Mendelssohn's (Myers) Clothing Store, a grocery store operated by the Ben Deluca Family, and Len's (Namowicz) Barber Shop. The Deluca Family – Ben and his wife, Cecelia, and sons David, Donald, and Ted – lived above the store and lost most of their personal belongings. Mr. Deluca was a miner by trade, and continued to work in the mines and strippings. He eventually returned to his native Dorrance Township. After the fire, Mr. Namowicz, also a miner, moved his business to 80 West Main Street, the same building where Dr. Stanley Stapinski resided and had his family medical practice. Namowicz later purchased a property across the street from Stapinski's and continued his barber shop until his retirement.

fire, Mr. and Mrs. Mendelssohn salvaged some items from the store basement, and held a fire sale at their home at 6 Orchard Street, Glen Lyon. Later the store moved to 89-91 West Main Street which was the previous location of Sterns' Clothing Store. Upon leaving Glen Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Mendelssohn moved to Montgomery, PA near Muncy in the Williamsport area.

The owners of the property at the time of the fire were Louis & Fanny Gross, and they operated the grocery store prior to the Deluca Family taking over. The Gross's had three children: Sandy, Buddy, and Phyllis. After the fire Mr. Gross had the building demolished. Walter Benick then purchased the lot and opened a garage and gas station on the site.

Mike Rentko, old-time stalwart gridder at Newport Township High School and Western Maryland College, on the tough old days: "One time we were playing this team that was so dirty, on just about every play their center would bite me. So I asked the referee what I should do about it. 'Well,' he snapped, 'the only thing I advise is that you play him only on Fridays.'"

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