NANTICOKE LEGACY

NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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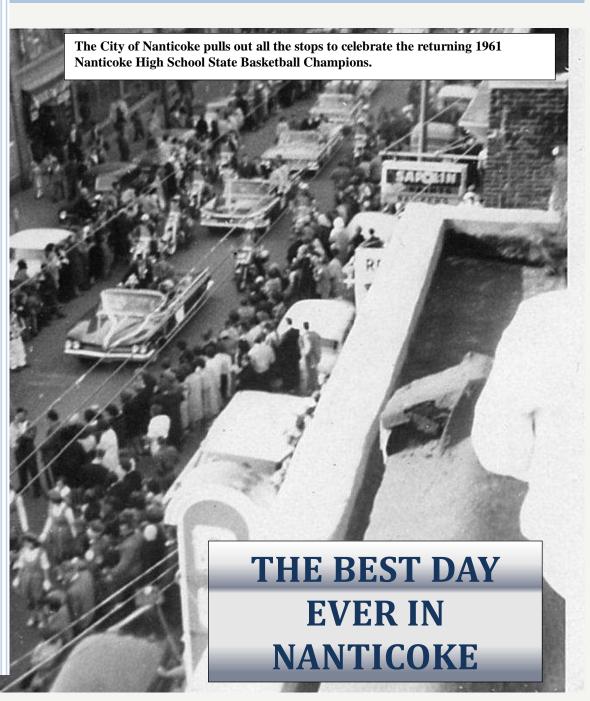
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NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT:

The object of this society is for educational, charitable, and literary purposes with a primary focus to research, preserve, develop and disseminate the history of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. To collect artifacts, memorabilia and historical documents and facts of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania and to store such items in a central location or specific area where these articles may be preserved, appreciated and used by the citizens of Nanticoke to enhance their heritage

Upcoming meeting schedule

Thursday – February 28 Thursday – March 28 April meeting will be announced

All meetings take place at 7 p.m.at the Samantha Mill House located next to the Mill Memorial Library.

Enter the parking lot off of Kosciuszko Street.

To get directions call the society office at 570-258-1367.

We Encourage All to Attend

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

Individual \$20
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Please advise us of any changes in email or home mailing address

RESEARCH

Non-member – research fee \$25 for the first hour – By Appointment. See our website for more information.

Editor's Note:

WVIA-TV is planning to add Nanticoke to its Our Town documentary series. A meeting was held on January 31 to finalize details. Those participating will be relating stories of what growing up in Nanticoke was like and to reminisce about the good old days. It is a time to reflect upon the proud history of Nanticoke, and how this area was shaped by the Indians, the Yankee-Pennamite War and the Revolutionary War. How volunteers left to fight in the Civil War, the Spanish American War, how Anthracite Coal meant a job to feed and house immigrant families mostly from Eastern Europe, and how the dangers of that job cut many lives short. It's a time to come together and celebrate what it means to belong somewhere, to claim Nanticoke as a hometown, to remember the families who built the city and honor their commitment to leave something for generations to come. Let's be proud of that achievement. It's also a time to voice what is good about growing up and living in Nanticoke, how it shaped lives and ideals and what we hope for its future.

Judy Minsavage, newsletter editor

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THE NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW LIFETIME MEMBER

Daniel Bierdziewski, West Nanticoke.

Our research library and computer archives contain volumes of information on the history of Nanticoke, the many people who were born and raised and passed away here as well as information on the many old homesteads and businesses in the city. If you are interested in finding out more about any of the above call us at 570-258-1367

SOCIETY NEWS

WVIA-TV PLANS "OUR TOWN NANTICOKE" PROJECT

Historical Society will be tremendous asset

Recently the Nanticoke Historical Society put the word out on our Facebook page and Website www.nanticokehistoryonline.org, that WVIA TV was looking for present and former residents of Nanticoke who would like to participate in the interview process of the upcoming Our Town Nanticoke documentary. A meeting was held on January 31 to go over initial plans and to map out exactly how the project will proceed. As is seen in the other WVIA Our Town projects, residents are interviewed and relate their memories of people, places, and times of their respective hometown as well as present day and future plans and projects.

Lisa Mazzarella, producer of the WVIA series along with Amy Zellers, director of corporate development; and Liz Tilley, corporate development representative at WVIA explained the process by which they select the subjects that will eventually be included in the documentary. Mazzarella stressed the importance of speaking about the past, but focusing on what currently are the best assets of Nanticoke and how that will impact its future.

As of this writing, the second community session is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. February 7, at the Nanticoke Municipal Building. Mazzarella calls this the "Whiteboard meeting", at which time she will take subjects proposed by those attending and list them on the board.

NANTICOKE LOSES ONE OF ITS MOST ARDENT SUPPORTERS

Nanticoke Mayor, Richard "Richie" Wiaterowski, passed away Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018. Wiaterowski was known as a proud family man and also someone who loved the city in which he served. In 2014, after serving on the Nanticoke City Council for two years he became mayor and at the time of his death was serving his second term in office. He joined the Nanticoke Historical Society in 2017. "It is a great loss to our city, he truly believed in what was possible for Nanticoke," said Julianna Zarzycki, president of the Nanticoke Historical Society.

Throughout his life he was an active participant in community clubs and organizations. He also served as a firefighter with the L.A.P.E. Engine 2, Nanticoke since 1993. We at the society extend our sincere condolences to family and friends of this extraordinary man.

The Nanticoke Historical Society is holding its Spring Raffle

First Prize – \$125 Second Price - \$50 Third Prize - \$25

Tickets are available at the Historical Society offices Samantha Mill House (Next to the Mill Memorial Library) Off of Kosciuszko Street 495 East Main Street Nanticoke, PA 18634 or by calling - 570-258-1367 Donation - \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drawing will be held at the 7 P.M. regular historical society meeting to be held in April.

At that point, those who suggested subjects will be given four weeks to come up with four talking points on which they would like to speak about their chosen subject for the documentary. Mazzarella also requested that, if in their possession, the participants submit photos or videos of that subject. Chet Zaremba, vice president of the Nanticoke Historical Society noted those who do not have photos of their subject can contact the historical society. "No scripts", Mazzarella said emphatically, "I want you to just talk to me, tell me the story."

Videoing of the interviews will take place on Saturday, March 9 and Saturday, March 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A time slot signup sheet will be available on February 7. It was agreed upon by Julianna Zarzycki, president of the Nanticoke Historical Society, Zaremba and Mazzarella that the station would use historical society offices at the Samantha Mill House for the video interviews noting that the reference library room, the Governor John S. Fine reading room and the entrance of the home would serve as a beautiful and historic back drop.

"I call this the Pollyanna Project," Mazzarella said, "Because this is the time that residents can make Nanticoke shine, tell what Nanticoke really means to you and tell what you believe to be the best assets of Nanticoke. The past is important, but how do the stories bring the city to the character that it has. There is unity in community" she added, referencing her favorite quote given to her by a participant of one of her previous Our Town projects. After the Feb 7 meeting, the research, videotaping, and editing phase will begin. The Our Town Nanticoke documentary will air on WVIA-TV on April 25, 2019.

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

Individual \$20 Family \$30 Lifetime \$100.00 Individual

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO PLANNED FOR MAY

The Nanticoke Historical Society will be holding a Designer Purse Bingo, Gift Card and Basket Raffle at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 18 at the Warrior Run Fire Hall. There will be designer purses such as Michael Kors, Coach and Dooney and Bourke, gift cards and baskets and 50/50 drawings. Refreshments, gourmet-style foods and dessert will be served. Doors will open at 11 a.m. and games will start at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$20 if purchased before the event, and \$25.00 at the door. There will be many chances to win.

Anyone who would like to donate a designer purse, gift card or a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated. Please call Janine at 570-574-2523 or Sally at 570-332-4253 for more information, to obtain tickets or to donate to this important fundraiser. Please follow us on Facebook and our website to see updates on this event.



The Nanticoke Historical Society is honored to hold a vast amount of military information in its archives. It is our pledge to focus on those hometown heroes who sacrificed so much for our country's freedom. A new partial list of the many names of local veterans of all wars will be listed in our "In Honor of Our Military" Section of each Newsletter. The lists are long, so if a loved one's name has not appeared, please follow upcoming issues. Information obtained from the Nanticoke Historical Society archives.

VIETNAM

Walter Novak – Sergeant Army Medical Corps, killed in action
Leonard F. Skoniecki - Sergeant USMC, killed in action
Donald Webster - Served in the Army in Korea and Vietnam
John AT. Weitz—Served as a flight surgeon during the Vietnam War
Daniel J Yadock — Killed in action in Cambodia
Thomas Zaremba — Joined the Army in 1968, died in Vietnam 1970

WORLD WAR I

John Barchek
Joseph Barowski
Joseph Baranowski
H.G. Barrall
Harry Baurys – US Naval Reserve
John Baw
Francis Beckley
Frank Bieniek
John Belnoski- US Army Telegraph Corp.
Andrew Bendock - Battery C 3rd Field Artillery

WORLD WAR II

William L. Balliet
John Balutski - Killed in action
Alexander Baran- POW
Paul J. Barnoski- MIA
John Baron - POW
Ulysses G. Barrall
Paul Barran - POW
Henry Barvinski

KOREAN WAR

Joseph Floryshak - U.S. Army
Edmund Garren - U.S. Marine
Frank Gillis - U.S. Army 24th Infantry Div.
Bernard Gliddon - U.S. Army
Richard Gliddon Sr., - Marine - serving in WWII and Korea
Theodore A. Glowacki - U.S. Navy
Alice Gritsavage - Nurse
Robert Haas - 1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion

Correction:

These corrections were made to our Vietnam veteran's records:

Bernard J. Kuprionas, Sr., 173rd Unit of the 82 Airborne Division served from 1963 to 1971.

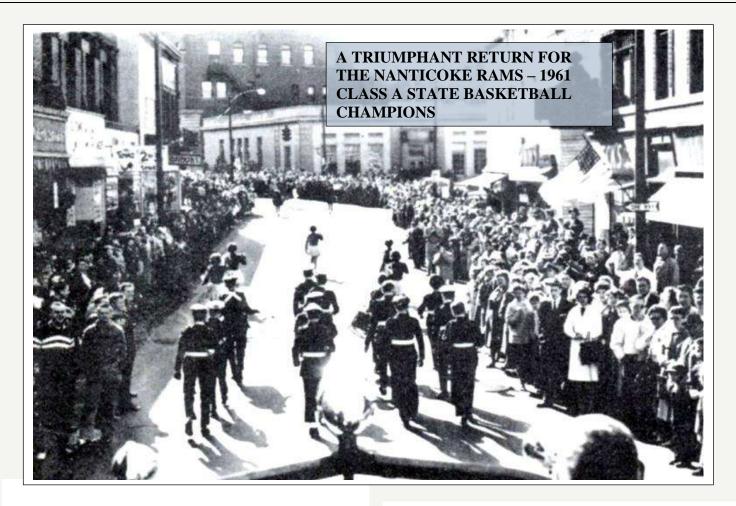
Stanley Hynoski from West Noble Street was also killed in Vietnam combat action.

NOTE: These names are as listed in our Historical Society Records. If there are misspellings, we apologize. Please contact our office to correct any discrepancy. Thank you....

SEE WHAT'S IN OUR ARCHIVES

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL THE RECORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS THAT ARE IN THE NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES, GO TO OUR WEBSITE www.nanticokehistoryonline.org

CLICK ON THE "WHAT'S IN OUR ARCHIVES LINK."



IT WAS THE BEST DAY EVER!

Nans bring home state championship title

In 1961, Yuri Gagarin was the first human in space, Alan Shepard made the first U.S. Space Flight, the Peace Corps was established by John F. Kennedy, IBM introduces Selectric (golf ball) typewriters, Pampers disposable diapers are introduced; the average cost of new house is \$12,500, the cost of a gallon of gas 27 cents, the average cost of a new car is \$2,850, the average income per year is \$5,315. Popular music included Chubby Checker's "Pony Time" and "Will You Love Me Tomorrow" by the Shirelles, and top movies included "West Side Story" and "The Parent Trap." But if you asked the residents of Nanticoke what was missing from the list of the year's highlights that would be the Nanticoke Rams basketball team's victory bringing home the Class A

State Basketball Championship title from Harrisburg on March 25, 1961.

"It was the best day ever in Nanticoke," said Chet Zaremba, Nanticoke Historical Society vice president, emphasizing the many detailed memories he had of the day the Nans, as they were more popularly called, finally clinched the top prize following a successful three-game run returning home to a victory celebration that the city has yet to rival. Zaremba and Bill James, a member of the championship team, often get together to reminisce about the playoffs leading up to the championship game and the team's journey home from Harrisburg to the tumultuous crowds awaiting them along their travel route back to their hometown.

It was February 15, 1961, and the Nanticoke High School basketball team turned in a 19-1 record and Nans were named Wyoming Valley League Champs. It would be the team and coach Syl Bozinski's second year going to the Eastern State semi-finals.

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The road to victory:

March 10, 1961

Before a crowd of 3,500 fans, the Nans played a heartpounding game against West Hazleton, and came out the victor with a 56-44 win.

March 13, 1961

Taking the PIAA District 2 Class Basketball Championship, the Nans put in an outstanding performance against Lackawanna League champs, Scranton Central, bounding to a 66-37 win.

March 15, 1961

Nanticoke was rated a "slim favorite over the Shamokin Greyhounds" as the team would be facing their biggest test in its bid for state honors. The game, played in the Bucknell University gym, was broadcast over WILK radio. The Nans dashed Shamokin's playoff championship hopes for the second year in a row by outscoring the Greyhounds 52-33.

March 18, 1961

The team went on to face Radnor in the PIAA's Class A Eastern semi-final contest at the Farm Show Arena in Harrisburg in front of 5, 520 fans of both teams. At the end of the first half and down 21-15, it didn't look good for the Nans who, according to accounts, wasn't looking sharp. In the second half the team found their aim and came back with another nail-biter beating Radnor 59-40.

March 22, 1961

There was a rousing send off by fans as the District 2 champions headed for Harrisburg to meet Reading in the Class A Eastern PIAA finals in Harrisburg. The team left for Harrisburg at noon, planned on having supper at 4 p.m. and then trying to relax at the hotel until start time.



The Nans were a "slim favorite" but Bozinski and his team were relying on their experience as it was Reading's first bid for a state title. Over two thousand Nanticoke fans were expected to travel to Harrisburg and be on hand to cheer them on. As game time neared, many Nanticoke natives were remembering the state championship titles that were achieved by the 1923 and 1926 Nanticoke basketball teams.

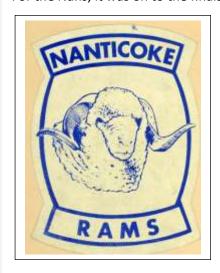


The Nans pulled it together in the second half to beat Radnor in the PIAA's Class A Eastern Semi-final in Harrisburg, PA

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Nanticoke looked like they had command by leading until the end of the third period. However Reading found their strength and with only 2:50 remaining went ahead 47 to 40. Once again Nanticoke didn't fail to disappoint their fans providing them with a thrilling game. In a comeback that was described as "one of the greatest ever staged by a Wyoming Valley basketball team, Richie Kiewlak made a pair of foul conversions making the score 47-42. The Nans picked up four baskets in the final two minutes inching the score to 47-46. Kenny Legins tied the score with a foul shot. With 27 seconds left on the clock, James stole the ball from Reading and scored, was fouled on the shot, succeeded in dropping both foul shots to bring the score to 51-47. The response from the Nanticoke crowd was deafening. For the Nans, it was on to the finals.



March 25, 1961

The Championship Game – Nans vs. Hickory Township

Before 8,841 basketball fans, the Nanticoke High School team exhibited their skill by beating Western champs, Hickory Township 56-46. The Nans led throughout the game bringing the Wyoming Valley its first state crown in 25 years and the school's first in 35 years. After the game, Coach Bozinski and his team quietly returned to their dressing room where he simply addressed his championship team saying, "Thanks a lot boys. This was the one."



Ken Legins goes in for a basket at the 1961 State Class A Basketball Championship Game in Harrisburg, PA

Back in Nanticoke it was reported that "bedlam broke out in all parts of town." Hundreds of automobiles drove through city streets with "horns blasting". Motorists from surrounding towns joined in. Now it was time for Coach Bozinski and his triumphant team to return to a city full of grateful, excited and welcoming residents.

A celebration worthy of major league stars

No one could have predicted the overwhelming welcome that awaited the team the next day as they were met at Bloomsburg by their city fire department. At Berwick, the team was treated to food and beverages after which they were escorted by the Berwick Fire Department to Beach Haven. The Beach Haven Fire Department led the parade to Shickshinny. There, the Nanticoke Fire Department and ambulance along with Hunlock Creek's ambulance took up the escort. Cars line up all along a 20-mile stretch of Route 11 from Shickshinny to Nanticoke all containing fans who would then join the convoy. At West Nanticoke, the coaches, team members and managers transferred to awaiting cars for the short trek to the high school where they were joined by the Nanticoke and Newport Township High School bands. With a police and fire department escort, VFW color guard, community ambulance unit, a caravan of cars which included ACON Queen Judy Labenski and city and school officials, the parade proceeded to Central Park, now Patriot Square.

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Players hoist Coach Syl Bozinski on their shoulders after clinching the Class A State Basketball Championship in 1961

Marty Cardone, master of ceremonies, introduced each member of the team, managers and coaches. Mayor Vincent Znaniecki addressed the team saying, "it is your turn to celebrate and we are here to help you. The town is yours boys, have a good time." Bozinski, in addressing the massive crowd said, "Our boys represented the town and you can be proud of their conduct both on and off the court.

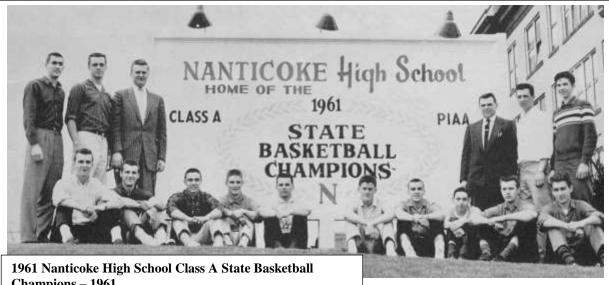
In remembering the day and the excitement and pride that filled the air, Chet Zaremba often tells an amusing story of a bus driver who, to the surprise of those at the celebration, drove right into the center of Central Park with a bus load of returning Nanticoke fans. The excitement was infectious and to this day is remembered by many who experienced the thrilling time when the Nanticoke Rams were celebrated as the best of the best.

The excitement and pride that was generated at that time shall always rest on the team, the coaches, the school and the city residents who through it all maintained a level of respect for themselves and each other, making it an historical moment of which City of Nanticoke can always be proud.





Thousands of people lined the streets and gathered at Central Park to greet the Nanticoke Rams and their coaches in celebration of their championship win in 1961.



Champions - 1961.

Standing George Yanchik, Ken Legins, Syl Bozinski, coach; Norman Groblewski, asst. coach; Bill James, Robert Grabinski, Seated, John Dudrick, Joe Shepela, Rich Kiewlak, Duane Ford, Harry Sinco, Larry Selecky, Jerry Rybak, Harry Morgan, Gerald Pegarella, Joseph Grzymski.



Team honored at 55th reunion in 2016

In 2016, while the 1961 graduating class celebrated their 55th reunion, the team along with members of the class had a chance to swap stories about the days leading up to and following the teams return from the championship game and remember the overwhelming excitement of a time when the players and coaches were making headlines across the state. Prior to a Nanticoke Area High School varsity game, Bill James, co-captain for the 1961 Rams gave a speech recognizing fellow teammates. Teammates Rich Kiewlak and Harry Morgan were in attendance. Joe Shepela and George Yanchik could not travel for the event. Ken Legins passed away in 2013 and Syl "Stretch" Bozinski passed away in 2001.

1923 Team - First row left to right – Frank Washick, Leonard Sullivan, Wilfred Rhoades, Second row – Francis P McDermott, coach Henry Plasecki, David Price, William Sherwood, W.G. Jerry Danahey, Arthur Davis, Lewis Sweitzer, Nelson Bryan, coach

1926 Team - First row, Edward Lentz, Gerald Donahue, Frank Domzalski, Henry Morgan, Franklin Hill, Dave Price. 2nd row Dr. Thaddeus Salaczynski, faculty manager; Edward Butkiewicz, William Sherwood, Richard Leary, coach, Edward Beckley, Edward Estwanick, Olaf Bell, student mgr.

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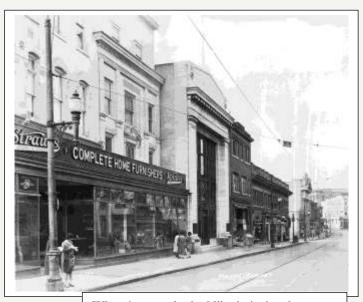
These walls held a Million Dollar Dream

The Building at 105-107 E. Main St. was once a three story brick and concrete building that was renovated and enlarged by combining it with two adjoining structures making the location "one of the largest and finest department stores in the city of Nanticoke. The Million Dollar Store on Main Street was the accomplishment of Philip Strauss, who at the age of 13, made his way from Austria to a port somewhere in Eastern Europe and boarded a boat headed to America. In 1894, Strauss, whose parents were deceased, stepped off that boat on American soil and from there worked his way to be named "The ideal American merchant." by national magazines. Once in America, Strauss found work and attended night school. He saved his money and with \$300 managed to open a housewares store in Pottsville. In 1907, a financial crises called the Panic of 1907 led to the failure of banks and trust companies, during which Strauss lost his store and investment. In 1909, Strauss became manager of William Challenger's Department Store in Nanticoke and over the course of several years saved enough money to purchase the Main Street locations and open his home furnishing store.

In 1921, Strauss announced his intention to open the Million Dollar Furniture Store with a proposed plan to purchase a million dollars-worth of furniture inventory in order to keep prices down. Strauss' talent was not only in business but artful displays that compared to any store in New York or Philadelphia.







What the store looked like in its heyday

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Philip Strauss was known as an innovator in promoting various events in his Million Dollar Store.

Philip Straus

There were completely furnished rooms within the store. One area featured a six-room house completely furnished with elegant appointments. Ever the innovator, Strauss installed a radio and amplification system which piped music throughout the store. The store was the second in the state to offer this pleasant provision for his customers.

He provided a canvas screen in front of the store which, through direct wire supplied by Western Union, enabled him to show the returns from the 1924 U.S. Presidential election in real time. Through his innovative broadcast system, the store broadcast the 1925 Thanksgiving Day football matchup between Nanticoke and Plymouth and the 1926 Dempsey-Tunny heavyweight boxing championship. He also arranged for local entertainers to perform at the store, drawing more customers. Renovation of the Million Dollar Store in 1926 drew an estimated 10,000 people to its grand opening.

Over the years, the store experienced a number of fires, and in December of 1936 a fire caused injury to six people. The business closed in 1938. Philip Strauss passed away in 1946, His wife Nell died in 1968.

As we drive by this location daily, we can only see a hint of the splendor of the building in the arched windows and architectural design of the top floors. It held many memories of those who at one time remembered the Million Dollar Store and were fortunate to have experienced the Million Dollar American Dream of Philip Strauss.



698 East Main Street
Residence of Philip Strauss (1943-1959)

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UNDERGROUND NANTICOKE:

Next issue: A Diamond in the rough





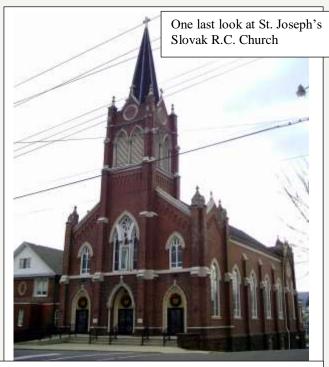
As of this writing, St. Joseph's Slovak Roman Catholic Church and rectory will be razed, 9 years after the ceremonial locking of its doors in 2010. The first Slovak church established in Nanticoke in 1888, was known as the PA Slovak Catholic Union. Construction of the first building to house the church began in that year, and was located on Prospect Street just below Union Street. Construction was completed in 1895. By 1914, due to steadily increasing membership, it was the decided to purchase lots on E. Noble St. for the erection of a new church and rectory. The cornerstone for the new church was laid on April 15, 1917. The first Mass was celebrated on June 16, 1918. The contract for the construction of the new church amounted to \$51,678 which, according to the U.S. Inflation Calculator would equate to \$1,295,159.68 today.



First building to house the church was located on Prospect Street just below Union Street.

The plans for St. Joseph's School were completed on August 2, 1931 the cost of construction \$52,000. The school was opened in September of 1932 under the direction of the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius. The school closed in 1976.

St. Joseph's is the second of two churches to fall under the wrecking ball after six Catholic Churches closed in 2009 and 2010. St. Francis Roman Catholic Church located on Green Street was demolished in 2010. To obtain information and history regarding St. Joseph's Church, St. Francis or other churches that have existed or still exist in the city, contact the Nanticoke Historical Society at 570-258-1367.



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Can you answer this question?

The State Theatre on Main and Broadway streets opened on May 1, 1922. The very first film that was shown at the theatre was The Child Thou Gravest Me, starring Barbara Castleton and Lewis Stone, the romantic drama centered on a lie about a pregnancy and an attempted murder.

What was the very last movie that was shown in the theatre prior to its closing in September 1981?

Hint: The title of the movie remained on the marquee for several months before it was taken down and replaced with an ad for the Broadway Lunch.

To find the answer log on to www.nanticokehistoryonline.o rg click on our "stories" page or wait for the next issue of the Nanticoke Historical Society Newsletter coming out in May.

ARE YOU IN POSSESSION OF A PIECE OF NANTICOKE HISTORY AND HAVE A STORY TO TELL? LET US KNOW.

HERE ARE TWO GREAT WAYS TO SUPPORT THE NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Along with the being a part of the <u>Amazon Smile Program</u>, which helps garner donations for the society through ordering online using the Amazon Smile Program, We are now part of the <u>ShurSave Community Rewards Program</u>. A program that allows local non-profit groups the opportunity to earn 3 cents for each purchase of the family of STORE BRANDS by Gold Card members. The more you buy the higher the donation.

Simply register your Gold Card today at shursavemarkets.com

Then shop often at your local ShurSave Supermarket. You'll get credit for all purchases of participating brands. Here's how to sign up

- 1. Go online to shursavemarkets.com
- 2. If you do not have an account, click Register and complete the quick registration.
- 3. Login to your new account and click Show Account
- 4. Click on the Community/School Rewards tab and select the Nanticoke Historical Society. It's as easy as that!

The 3 cents IS NOT added onto your purchase.

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We are committed to making your future visits to our web site a pleasant and an educational experience and are constantly looking for ways to enrich your knowledge of the history of Nanticoke. Please log on to read more regarding the stories published in our newsletters. Follow our fundraising efforts, and check our calendar of events for meeting dates and times. We also invite you to keep following us on

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Log on to **www.nanticokehistoryonline.org** and find some interesting facts about our mystery question about the State Theatre.

NANTICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLAN DISPLAYS

The Mill Memorial Library will soon be hosting a Nanticoke Historical Society display of artifacts.

The Nanticoke Municipal Building will host an upcoming display of four drawings of local coal breakers, donated to the society.

We'll keep you updated on both of these planned displays as well as other the Nanticoke Historical Society News on our website – www.nanticokehistoryonline.org and on our Facebook page.

The Nanticoke Historical Society Samantha Mill House 495 East Main Street Nanticoke, Pennsylvania 18634 570-258-1367

HISTORICAL RESEARCH/PHOTO REQUEST FORM

Thank you for contacting the Nanticoke Historical Society in regard to your research/photo request. Please complete this form as completely as possible and mail it to the NHS at the above address.

There is a \$ 25.00 charge for all responses and that fee covers one hour of research. The base fee must accompany this request form and also covers up to four (4) pages of photocopies. There is a separate fee and postage schedule for photographs. Should your request require more than one hour of research, you will be contacted regarding the additional fee.

DO NOT send requests asking for all information available about a subject, family name or specific person. Such requests are too broad for our volunteer staff to handle.

IMPORTANT: The fee you pay is based on the time spent on the research, not on the results. While many searches produce results, not all do. Although every effort will be made to obtain the information, there may be no information available. Submission of this form indicates the acceptance of these terms.

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WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH OLD PHOTOS AND MEMORABILIA?

Our loved ones have a history. Their life stories are deeply rooted in their community as residents, veterans, business owners, teachers, members of organizations and so much more. The Nanticoke Historical Society realizes and respects how important each person's story is to their relatives and friends as well as the community in which they lived.

That is why the society respectfully asks those who have lost a loved one to consider the historical society when taking stock of memorabilia and photos. The society may already have pieces of a family's history in its vast database to which pictures of an old homestead, business, rare family photos or writings may be added completing a genealogical picture in tribute to those who have passed. We sometimes find ourselves with memorabilia or photos passed down through generations. Some of these photos may contain scenes of old Nanticoke, a street, or building that has been long since razed. Society information officers will scan and return items to families if requested.

We do reserve the right to accept or deny items that we can and cannot use, or store ourselves, but at the very least, we may be able to take some of the burden off of family members who find themselves undecided as to what to do with countless old photos and/or memorabilia that may contain valuable pieces of the city's history. For more information or to donate items Contact the Historical Society at 570-258-1367 or Email: history@nanticokehistoryonline.org.

LOOKING FOR A YEARBOOK?

THE FOLLOWING YEARBOOKS ARE LOCATED AT OUR OFFICES:
Check our website for availability – UPDATED JANUARY 2019

Nanticoke High School
John S. Fine or GNA (Greater Nanticoke Area High School)

Newport High School, Wanamie,

Newport Twp.
GAR High School
Bloomsburg University
Wilkes University
Kings College

Duplicates from each high school are available for purchase. For more information call our office at 570-258-1367.