

# The West Side



## Legion Team

The Swoyersville Andrew Lawrence American Legion Post 644 baseball team currently has an 8-6 record with five remaining games. The locals are in a very good position to enter playoff competition. This year's team is managed by Ted Ruch, a former member of the team who starred at Bishop O'Reilly High School and who has been at Wilkes College for the past two years. His coaches are Charlie Boyes, and Jack Powell. General

Manager is Andy Herchock. Shown here are members of the Post 644 team. From left, first row, Tony Pugh, Ted Ringsdorf, Curt Kishbaugh, Don Charney, Boyd Dunn, Pat Stasio, John Powell, Carl Schimmel, Jeff Sims. Second row, Andy Herchock, Ted Ruch, Charles Boyes, Wally Zolner, Paul Foglietta, Danny Lynn, Pete Johnson, Carlos Candal, Eric Rowlands, Eric Price, Jimmy Carver, Jack Powell.



## Cicero's Team

Cicero's team, a member of the Swoyersville Little League Major League, is managed by Joe Pollick Sr. and assisted by Steve Williamson. The team ended the first half with a 4-6 record. Shown here are members of the team. From left, first row, Eric Pollick, Dan Miller, Steve Williamson Jr., Gary Chiazza, Eric Nataitus. Second row, Joe Pollick Sr., manager; Ken Sincavage, Bob Koprowski, Mark Romanowski, Steve Williamson Sr., coach. Third row, Randy Melton and Brad McCoy. Absent at the time of the photo was Dave Olejnick and Coach Dan Miller.



## Overall Champs

Bednarski's Funeral Home won the first half championship in the Swoyersville Little League Minor League and just recently grabbed the second half championship to take overall championship for the year. Manager Alan Hornick reports this is the first time a team won both half championships in seven years. Shown here are members of the Bednarski team. From left, first row, Jeff Hlavac, Randy Allen, Paul Sapack, Jason Trosko, Ted Wozniak, Jr.; Second row, Alan Hornick, manager; John Maday, Joe Amato, Dan McCoy, Ted Wozniak, Sr., coach; Third row, Pete Pasek, Dan Yaglowski, Jeff Kotchik. Absent at the time of the photo was John Demko.

## Little League All-Star Team Is Named

The following youngsters were picked by the managers of the Swoyersville Major Little League to play in the Annual Little League All Star Tournament which began Monday, July 11. This year's Swoyersville team will have many shoes to fill as last year's team with Joey Rhiel star-

ring took the District title the furthest than that of any Swoyersville team went since the playoffs began or since they entered the Williamsport Tourney. The team played its first game this past Monday and faced a tough Parsons team. If they win they still go on and even if they lost,

they will enter the B Play-offs. The team is managed by Tony Strish, manager of last year's CWV champs and he will be assisted by John Barbose, manager of the Luzerne Bank team who came in second place. All Stars and their respective teams: David Olejnick, Ken Sincavage

and Mark Romanowski of Cicero's; Joe Pollick Jr., Ed Manarski, and Scott Cywinski, Luzerne Bank; Rich Burda and John Strish from CWV; Damian Cavuto, Jeff Miller and Dennis Kelly from Kiwanis Club; and Robbie LaNunziata, Mike Bednar and Kurt Ruch from the Lions Club.

## Boro Council Holds Meeting

Swoyersville Council met recently with everyone but Councilman Ron Alunni in attendance. The meeting was chaired by Michael Emershaw who asked those in attendance to stand for a minute of silence in respect for the recent death of Solicitor Andrew Puhak who passed away last week.

The usual business reports were read by secretary Joe Koval. Street Labor for the month of June was \$3371.20 and total bills were \$12,529.32. They were ordered to be paid.

Chairman Michael Emershaw questioned the \$764 paid to Santarelli Block Co. and Borough Coordinator Michael Simko explained that the borough paid for the sand which was used to cover the chemical spills on the corner of Diamond St. last month. He also stated that the resident who did the spilling will be billed and is expected to pay this sum.

Fire committee report was given by Councilman William Lehman. Police Department report was presented by chairman John Marcin. He said that the following monies were collected for disorderly conduct, \$41; criminal mischief, \$5; no license, \$11.25; parking, \$10; Parking Co. office, \$12; Amusement devices, \$75 for a total of \$154.25.

He also said that there were 240 citizen complaints, nine accidents and 27 ambulance calls. Liaison officer Lillian Munley reported that 33 building permits were given out for \$94,940 with the fee type being \$656.

The following part-time patrolmen and school crossing guards were paid for the month: Fred Dorman, 42 hours; Roy Baker, 36 hours; Carmella Gibbons, Con Innamorati, Agnes Mesaros, Helen Punksosky, Jeanette Yale and Edmund Gabel, all 27 hours.

James Pugh, chairman of the street department, gave his report and said that the residents of 209 Hughes St. have been complaining about the water situation in their area and that they have heard nothing as of yet from the water company. Council will investigate situation.

Pugh also said that the street construction of 10 streets will begin on or

about July 18 with the first one being North Lackawanna Avenue.

Chairman Emershaw gave a summation on what has happened in Swoyersville since the flood waters of 1972. He said that council members, mayors, planning commissions, sewer authorities and zoning committees have worked hard and, with the financial help from the Federal Government, Swoyersville is one of the nicest and finest boroughs around these parts.

The meeting was then turned over to the audience and Frank Santee of Simpson St., liaison officer of the Taxpayers Association of Swoyersville, stated that the association is returning and they asked him to find out when they could use the Municipal Building for a meeting place as they would like to hold election of officers. Emershaw told Santee that Mr. Simko and he will get together and give the association a date for their proposed meeting.

Another resident, Mark Nienicka, asked council if anything has been done about the complaint he brought before them two months ago concerning the properties located on Hughes St. Hill. He said these properties are a hazard and showed photos to the council members. Nienicka was told by council that the situation has been looked into and the son has promised to take over and repair the property. He was told that it might take a little time but the work will be done.

Also in attendance were Mayor Anthony Stefanosky, Sewer Authority representative of the Wyoming Valley Sewer Authority; John Adamchak, Loretta Farris, Swoyersville's representative on the Wyoming Valley West School Board; Michael Hayden, fire chief of the second ward; Vince Velikies, first ward auditor; Joseph Adamchak and Joseph Lupinsky, newly appointed member of the Swoyersville Planning Commission who was sworn into office by Chairman of the Planning Commission Paul Bielew.

The next meeting will be held Monday evening, Aug. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building on the corner of Shoemaker and Main Sts., Swoyersville.

## Church Bazaar Starts Thursday

The Summer Bazaar of St. Mary of Czechochowa Church, Shoemaker St., Swoyersville will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 14, 15 and 16 on the American Legion lot next to the church. Leonard Stefanko and Edward Volack are general co-chairmen of this year's affair.

Rev. Edward V. Sokolowski, pastor and honorary chairman, invites everyone to enjoy the freshly made daily Polish foods and music. Entertainment will be provided by the "Polka Kats" on Thursday, the "Henry Charles Orchestra" on Friday and "Polka Dynamite" on Saturday. Music begin at 6 p.m. every night and continues until midnight.

The following parishioners have been appointed to the various stands: Pierogies, Josephine Pitcavage and Helen James; waiters, at the cabaret style bar, Joseph Gongleski, Ralph and Mike Romanowski, Ed and Fred Proleika, Tom Urban, Al Balun, Larry Kiwick, Ray Vanyo, Tom Harzinski, Bob Covert, Rich Gavlick, Lou Michaels, Chip Chipego, John Hanadel, Ed Mackavage, George Monto, Leo Gavlick, Nib Berti, Mike Stelma, Charlie Ruti and Kotchik.

Plotskie (potato pancakes) Mary Szczucki, Pauline Smolko, Violet Dzwilefski, Marge Kolojechick, Sophie Miscavage, Eleanor Price, Mary Jo Mackavage, Mary Zukoski, Charlotte Hadvance; go-fer, Alex Ratoski; French fries, Cindy Booth and Bill Jenkins; Pizza Joe Smolko; Baked goods, Betty Gavlick, Vicky Kepec; pillows and live plants, Josephine Starolis, Helen Krukons, Helen Peeler, Helen Shendock and Josephine Laskaris; large plush, Ann Stefanko; small plush, Michelle and Lisa Kosenak; Big Six, Stanley Yurkowski and Ray Szczucki; bingo, Wanda Kirdurka, Jennie Goryl, Lillian Tregan, Helen Yurevich, Alice Jenkins and Helen Kopetchn; money stand, John Elick and Nick Barto; Instant bingo, Ken Antonini, sport stand, Debbie and David Schwenk; Merry-go-Round, Ray B. Nareski; Moon Walk, John Dorman; quilt raffle, Felicia Plominski, Helen Stanishefski and Helen Yavorski; variety stand, Joan Coniglio, Nancy Dorman and Arlene Vanyo; pigs in blanket, Carol and Barbara Romanowski, Marge Muloski; food stand, Tony and Pat Amato; soda, Lisa Amato, Debbie Kovelski, Mary Ann and Cindy Resavage; white elephant, Alice Fanti; special sales, Henrietta Jacien and Violet Jones; halushkie, Jennie Volack; funnel cakes, Isabelle Elick, Florence Barto, and Mary Ann Guchanyk; goulash, Michael Kolojechick; variety hand made items.

Finances, Walter Plominski, Leo Kopec, Ed Gawlas, Stanley Zawatski, John Lagoski, Ray Vanyo and Atty. Joseph Yeager; lights, Carl Zukosky and Joseph J. Malocheski; construction of stands, Ben Belinka, Rudy Fanti, Charles Kirdurka, Frank Yavorski, John Elick, Ben Lewandoski; clean up, altar boys and Boy Scouts. Valuable prizes, including cash awards and a hand-made Colonial Quilt, will be awarded. Adam Miscavage and Angelo Licata are in charge of ticket sales.

## Honor Roll Is Listed

Fifty-six Wyoming Secondary Lower School students were recently named to the school's academic high honor roll and academic honor roll for the third trimester of the 1982-83 school year.

Local residents named to the academic high honor roll were: Grade 5, Catherine Melesky, Forty Fort; and Christian Olson, Shavertown. Grade 6, John Aponick, Shavertown; Amy D'Iorio, Forty Fort; Caroline Galante, Forty Fort. Grade 7, Juliana Koo, Dallas. Grade 8, Laura Churnetski, Kingston; Christina Connor, Shavertown.

Local residents listed on the academic honor roll were: Grade 5, Dylan Jones, Dallas; Ronni

Racusin, Kingston; and Gianna Santarelli, Dallas. Grade 6, Christina Caputo, Shavertown; Susan Conway, Kingston; Lynn Gutstein, Kingston; Drew Lawrence, Kingston; Daniel Nelson, Kingston.

Grade 7, Amy Antinnes, Kingston; Eugene Choi, Shavertown; Richard Cohen, Kingston; Rachel Greenwald, Kingston; Rhonda Morgan, Kingston; Robert Nelson, Kingston; Robert Racusin, Kingston; and Christopher Stewart, Kingston. Grade 8, Heather Aponick, Shavertown; Jennifer Banks, Dallas; Christian Hampel, Shavertown; Karen Lottick, Kingston; Erin Moore, Shavertown; Michael Nelson, Kingston; Amy Rogers, Dallas.

## Simko Feels Survey Was Worthwhile

A 1982 Citizen Survey could be "one of the best things we did for our residents", according to Mike Simko, Swoyersville Borough Coordinator.

The survey, conducted through the mail, achieved remarkable response from the citizens as to localized problems that residents are more aware of than local officials might be.

Since the survey was conducted, the Borough has received national attention for the program with inquiries being received from Wisconsin, New Mexico, Massachusetts, and Missouri among others.

One aspect of the timing of the survey was, which in all likelihood is responsible for its success, is that it was mailed with the tax bills. The premise upon which the timing was based was, "what better time to complain about a neighborhood problem?" As a result, sincere expressions of concern were received from a large number of taxpayers

with few "crank" reports being received.

Among the problems resolved were bus parking, visual obstacles at intersections, localized storm runoff, missing street and traffic signs, inlet cover replacement, clean up of creek debris, paving of Brook St. and Bohac St., demolitions of dilapidated sheds and garages, alley repair etc.

Many other "problems" resolved were that the community's street reconstruction program continued as it will also continue this year.

One of the problems that the community cannot resolve is the need for a Spring or Fall Clean-Up.

"The landfill is still not in a position to accommodate a large scale cleanup of appliances, rugs, old furniture etc.," Simko said. "This is something beyond our control, but I'm sure the Landfill Authority will announce such a clean-up when they feel they are capable of handling large articles."

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