BREXIT-INDUCED EXODUS. Nearly 100,000 Poles have left Britain since last December 2017. Figures from Britain’s Office for National Statistics show that some 958,000 Poles were living in Britain in June 2018, down from 1.02 million in December last year. That is the biggest drop of the old tram network in the area. Several military items dating back to World War II were discovered during the work of the Polish capital was a lake. The animals measured up to 15 feet in height and weighed up to seven tons. The remains found were extracted and cleaned by us. It is possible that this mammal entered the frozen lake, and the ice collapsed under its weight, which caused the death of the creature,” said Brzeziński. The Polish-born Gaydamovich, while not a parishioner, closely followed the effort to save the building that used to be such an important Polish cultural center. He survived imprisonment by the Soviets and immigrated to the United States in 1948 to use the millions he earned as an entrepreneur. Gaydamovich has more than 50 years of experience and leadership were recognized by the entire board as the chief executive officer of the Piast Institute. Her experience and leadership were recognized by the entire board as the chief executive officer of the Piast Institute. Her experience and leadership were recognized by the entire board.
Polish Poetoland — Controversy from Start to Finish

by Robert Strybel

This reporter has received a number of emails from Staten Island residents who are concerned about General Motors’ decision to close its Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Plant located in what is known as Polish Poetoland. And that’s not surprising. For a variety of reasons, the facility has been surrounded by controversy ever since its inception.

To appreciate the full human impact of GM’s decision, a closer look at the greater area is in order. The city (properly known as Pittsburgh) Street area of east Detroit was the city’s original, historic Polish hub. Starting in the 1870s, it became known for its Cathedral-like churches, parochial schools, businesses and residential streets lined by modest clapboard homes. I remember visiting my grandmother Katarzyna Kupczyńska to the Chene and Ferry (street) farmers’ market for czerniak (duck soup), good Polish bread and farm-fresh produce.

The Chene Street area’s ever-expanding Polish population began spilling over into the neighboring community of Lawnton after the Dodge Brothers built their car factory there prior to World War I. The facility attracted job-seekers from around the metropolitan area and beyond. By leaps and bounds, former farmers’ suburban area evolved into a true Polish American urban stronghold.

Lawnton’s populace was signs announcing Wiwtzki Men’s Wear, Polish Art Center, Mtso Hats, Czeskiwicz Dry Goods, Londzo’s 5 and 10, Sikora Diamond Merchant and Galaneka Music Center.

“Pacuki do Polski” (Parcels to Poland) signs were displayed by the Amerpol Travel Agency and a “Polska Apteka” (Polish Pharmacy) placard identified Radzieszewski Drugs. The Jaworski, Kowaliski and Srodek sausage shops and several Polish bakeries could have done without, as their minuscule Absolutely Windham.

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Conference Celebrates Centennial of Poland’s Rebirth

by John P. Dunn and Anna Mazurkiewicz

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Students, faculty, and local citizens attended a conference celebrating the centennial of Poland’s rebirth on November 9, 2018, sponsored by the History Department of Valdosta State University (VSU). It was also supported by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington D.C., the Polish American Historical Association, the Kościuszko Foundation, and the Faculty of History at Uniwersytet Gdański (UG).

The conference featured four components: academic papers, a Polish lunch and trivia game, a student essay competition, and a filmed screening. Organized by visiting professor Anna Mazurkiewicz (UG) and John Dunn (VSU), their goal was to provide an introduction to Poland’s history and culture. This started with a collection of posters graciously provided by the Polish Embassy in Washington. These gave a real sense of the tremendous strides made by Poland in the last 30 years, along with enticing images for students to consider a study abroad experience in 2019.

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The American Council for Polish
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founded in 1948, the Council
currently represents the interests of
some 21 organizations in 15 states
and the District of Columbia. In
in Chicago, Illinois, the Council
takes tax-exempt status with the
Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)
charitable and educational entity.

In addition to the Piast Institute, Skrzy najrz has also been involved with
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initiatives that include: Hamtrack
Drug Free Community Coalition, Detroit
Agenda for Children, Midwest Drug
Free Communities (DFC), Past Chair of Hamtrak Feder-
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sus Complete Count Committee 2020, Census Hamtrak Complete Count Committee 2010 Committee.
Prior to co-founding the Piast In-
stitute, Skrzy zig was the chief of staff at
Mary’s College, as well as
the executive director of Hope
Network in Southeast Michigan.

In 2017, the Piast Institute
received a number of awards including
the Cavalier’s Cross, Order of Merit from the Republic of Poland for
her many years of work dedicated to
the promotion of Polish Culture and
service to the Polish American com-
nunity at national and local levels.
In 2016, Dr. Skrzy zig was awarded the
Michigan Nonprofit Organization of
the Year by the Detroit City Council
for the Piast Institute, a network of
Health Association; Black Caucus of Health Workers.
The Piast Institute is a national
research center devoted to Polish
and Polish American affairs. It is
founded in 1948, the Council
the Department of Homeland Security as an Immi-
grant Assistance site to help with
visa, documentation and status is-
ues. The Institute’s mission and
programming also aims to celebrate
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1978, a voluntary fund-raising campaign was launched by a group
of loyal readers of the Polish American Journal entitled “We Love the
Polish American Journal” in order to help cover rising postage, material
and production costs. Donations to the PAJ Press Fund are also used to
support our reader services (postage, telephone, etc.), provide
correspondence and envelopes, and cover extraordinary expenses in pro-
ducing the paper, most recently, replacing a computer workstation.
The Polish American Journal, and its dedicated staff, the PAJ Press is published as a “public service” for American
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A sincere “THANK YOU” for your donation to the PAJ PRESS FUND!
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Poland; By Richard Poremski

WASHINGTON, D.C. — It was a
genuine Sto Lat! — 100 Years! for
the nation of Poland when it celebrated
independence of the United States.
Independence. Subsequently, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland
celebrated Independence Day of Poland
here on November 13, 2018 to com-
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UN Climate Conference achieves consensus, adopts “Katowice Rulebook”
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Hummer tells Congress it’s too late.

He also emphasized that in 1921,
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Government says incident will not change relations
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TVN, a Polish broadcaster owned by the
U.S. company Discovery. The company
is a founding member of a new global
networks, described it as representing a liberal viewpoint
critical of the conservative govern-

TVN broadcast undercover footage in January 2018 that
showed members of a Polish neo-

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by the Turkish-based Scripps Networks Interactive.

TVN, bought for $2 billion by the
U.S. company Scripps Networks
Interactive, was the largest
U.S. investment ever in Poland.
Scripps has since bought by Discovery, Inc., based in Silver
Spring, Maryland.
Marcin Makowski, a reporter for the
conservative weekly Dzie-
y including China, Russia, and the
United States, which initially had
refused to go along.

The Katowice Rulebook,
adopted at the conference, has
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Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki held talks with
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Embassy Celebrates Independence Centennial
by Richard Poremski
Courage, Culture and Arts Camp, Kosciuszko Style

The combined Polish and American staff of the 2017 TEIP Arts Enriched Language Camp in Nadwarciańsk Górd.

The best presentation to share your Polish roots

Kosciuszko Foundation Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Kosciuszko Foundation, an American Center for Polish Culture, is accepting scholarship applications for next academic year (Fall 2019/Spring 2020). Qualifications and requirements are as follows:

For undergraduate students who show exceptional promise in the Natural Sciences (min. GPA 3.5): Scholarships will be awarded for full time studies towards academic year Fall 2019-Spring 2020. Qualified applicants are required to complete an on-line application form, and submit a financial information form, an essay, transcripts (3 years), two letters of recommendation, proof of Polish ancestry, photo, curriculum vitae, $35 application fee and where applicable, letters of admission to college or graduate study program. The deadline for applications and supporting materials is January 28, 2019. Details may be found at: www.thekeh.org.

TheTEIP Arts Enriched Language Camp is conducted under the auspices of the Kosciuszko Foundation’s “Teaching English in Poland” program. Polish students with three to five years of English studies in Polish schools are immersed in a two-week summer camp with an American staff of teachers, teaching assistants, and counselors. American English is the operative language. Our goal is to help our campers speak and think in English. As ours is an arts camp, we use English as a communication tool to teach music, drama, visual art and movement. In other words, we don’t teach English, we teach IN English. We treat art as the universal language. It is our count on the camper’s passion for the art to drive their desire to communicate in English. And it works. They seem more willing to talk in the language when they truly have something to say. The TEIP program was instituted 28 years ago in the early 1990s not long after the fall of Communism. The need for English literacy was pronounced when Poland shed her independence on all things Russian and moved to reconnect with the West. It is a partnership she historically longed to restore for many centuries. These aliens, Americans whom many students have never seen or met until coming to camp, traveled to Poland and invested their time and resources for the experience of sharing their passion of the art with young Poles. They came from across the U.S. at a substantial cost. While most have Polish roots, many do not. However, it doesn’t take long for a non-Pole to be enamored by this beautiful country and its hospitable people.

“Our goal is to help our campers speak, think, and react in English.”

There is also an important contribution made by our Polish hosts and counterparts. They provide accommodations and activity support for the length of the camp. We count on their expertise to supervise and bridge any language gaps (our American students are usually not fluent in Polish) that might slow the pace of camp activities. They are invaluable colleagues and many have become personal friends.

It’s the arts component, in my view, that requires a large measure of courage. Art defines culture. It is also very manipulative. Artists are the optometrists to the world. They add perspective to things often hidden in plain sight. They can enrage as well as calm. That makes artists the literary vital to anyone wishing to navigate through all that culture has to offer. What our American teachers do is expose our campers to visual art, music, drama and movement. Then we have them synthesize their art. They have them draw, paint or sculpt, play instruments or sing, act from scripts or improvise, and dance. It’s all done in American English.

Classes that concentrate on the arts give way to after lunch activities run by our teaching assistants. Volleyball, frisbee, baseball and soccer rule the afternoon along with games, dance lessons, arts & crafts, hiking and an occasional movie. The culminating event of the camp is the Arts Expo on the last day. It is an exhibition of student-produced visual art and musical and dramatic performances. The results of our efforts are shared with the parents and friends of the campers just before they all depart for home.

Our Polish hosts also provide the American staff with a short tour after the camp. The tours visit several of the regional gems of the country, sites which have included: Warsaw, Krakow, Czestochowa, Torun, Gdańsk, and Zakopane. The scholarships offer wonderful incentives for our staff to incur the cost of traveling and maintaining their talent to the TEIP program. It’s a fine definition of the win-win situation.

On a personal note, being the grandson of subjects of a Kaiser, Czar and Emperor who nevertheless considered themselves to be Pole before anything else, I will be forever grateful to the Kosciuszko Foundation’s “Teaching English in Poland” program for making these journeys to the Motherland possible. I will be returning for my fifteen TEIP camp this summer. The cultural exchange provides enough exposure to Polish culture to give our American volunteers more than just camp memories to take back with them.

And the program coordination on the Kosciuszko Foundation’s “Teaching English in Poland” program can be found on the summer programs link of their website: www.thekeh.org.

The Magnificent 100

by Jaroslaw K. Rudkowski

The Magnificent 100 by Jaroslaw K. Rudkowski was born in the 1760s, one of the earliest figure to be featured in the book. King Poniatowski’s interest in Anna and her brother and candidate for his education. Rajekza even prepared a drawing and painting from the king’s personal collection. She later studied painting at a private art school in Paris. Among her early works were miniature portraits of Polish aristocracy. Rajekza lived in France during the French Revolution and the Napoleon Wars. Sadly, in the later years of her life she became blind. Her legacy lives on in her paintings which are now in museums and private collections in both her native Poland and the United States of America.

Rudkowski’s The Magnificent 100 is a reference book that is essential for any personal library with a Polish focus.

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Martin Luther Reconsidered
by Benjamin Fiore, S.J.
A documentary film on the reformation leader Martin Luther has been released. Mr. Alfred Miller, a noted professor at the University of Buffalo and a producer of the film, focuses in his film on the shortfalls — imperfect and favorable perspectives of some of his descendants since 1911, the Polish American Journal Foundation (PAJF) is the sole owner of the information provided by its members. The PAJF will not sell, share, rent this information to others. It will be shared or rented to others. It will be share, or rent this information to others. It will be
Celebrating Chicago Philharmonic Festival: Poland 2018

by Geraldine Balut Coleman

CHICAGO - The week of November 7-11 was filled with memorable music in Chicago. The Conseil General of Poland in Chicago along with the Chicago Philharmonic Society invited all of Poland and music lovers interested in Polish music to attend events at various locations throughout the Chicago area and enjoy Chicago Philharmonic Festival: Poland 2018. The events were organized to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the recovery of the independence of Poland.

The festival began on November 7 with Poland’s Silesian Quartet performing at Chicago’s Fourth Presbyterian Church. The program included Szymanowski’s String Quartet No. 2, Opus 56; Bacewicz’s String Quartet No. 4; Gorecki’s String Quartet No. 1, Opus 62 (“Already it is dusk”); and Penderecki’s String Quartet No. 3 (“Leaves of an Unwritten Diary”).

On Thursday, November 8, the festivities moved to Chicago’s St. John Cantius Church, where world-renowned organist Andrzej Białko performed a program that included Liszt’s Prelude and Fugue on B.A.C.H.; an anonymous composition from the Tablature of Jan of Lublin’s Salve Regina; Surzyński’s Elegy in F Sharp Minor, Opus 30; Willan’s Five Preludes on Plainchant Melodies; Nowowiejski’s Polish Phantasy; “Christmas Eve on Wawel Hill” No. 1, Opus 9; Łukaszewski’s Icon; and Eben’s “God’s Reward” from “Hill” No. 1, Opus 9.

On November 9, jazz enthusiasts had the pleasure of hearing Piotr Orzechowski, jazz pianist, perform his 24 Preludes and Improvisations at The Polish Museum in America. On November 10, the celebration of Poland continued at the Copernicus Center with the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra featuring pianist Luke Kupkinski performing Paderewski’s Piano Concerto in A Minor, Opus 17; Chopin’s Andante spianato et grande polonaise brillante; Szymanowski’s Concert Overture in E Major; Opus 12; and Panufnik’s Tragic Overture.

The November 11 finale of this celebration week was the Concert For Peace held at St. Hyacinth Basilica. Over 1,000 wordsmiths and music devotees attended the combination mass and concert in which the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra performed under the direction of Marek Mosi, along with the Paderewski Symphony Chorus, soprano Natalia Rubis, mezzo-soprano Katarzyna Sądej, tenor Jesse Donner, bass Kurt Link, and organist Andrzej Białko, performed the world premiere of Krzysztof Penderecki’s “Sanctuary” and Wojciech Kilar’s Missa Pro Pace.

CEP HONORED INDIVIDUALS AND AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Council of Educators in Polonia (CEP), a non-profit corporation, State of New Jersey, held its 21st annual Polish American Heritage Awards celebration at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) on November 14. Approximately 200 guests filled the university’s Alumni Hall to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the Polish community and to NEIU, to celebrate Polish culture, and to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Poland’s independence. Guests were welcomed by Profesor Lidia Fulik, chair of the Mathematics Department of NEIU and president of CEP. Gloria J. Gibson, the Polish American Journal’s president, Northeastern Illinois University, and Piotr Semeniuk, viscom of the Conseil General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, followed with welcoming remarks.

Musical entertainment was provided by the students of Musica Academy of Paderewski Symphony Orchestra (PaSO) directed by Barbara Bilszta, general director of PaSO and Wojciech Niewrzol, music director of PaSO.

The awards ceremony was led by Czesława Kolak, Polish language lecturer at NEIU and vice president of CEP. This year’s Polish American Heritage Awards included the Special Award given to Denise Croom, Cordon de Andersen, Ph.D., Audrey Reynolds distinguished professor of Spanish and chair of the NEIU Department of World Languages & Cultures; the Community Service Award given to Alicja Ogro, editor-in-chief, Polish Daily News (Dziennik Związkowy); the Distinguished Emerita Award given to Vivian A. Walkoś, Ed.D., NEIU professor emerita; and the Educator of the Year Award presented to Grażyna Augustyk.

20TH ALL SOULS JAZZ FESTIVAL

This year’s 20th anniversary of the All Souls Jazz Festival (Zdjęcia Jazzowe) took place once again at the Polish Triangle’s famed Chopin Theatre on November 5 from 7:00 p.m. until sunrise of the following morning.

This festival mirrors the annual jazz festival that has unfolded over 60 years in historic Krakow.

As is always possible of Polish hospitality, guests were invited to partake in Polish delicacies and to enjoy socializing.

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A global group of journalism students from the University of Minnesota and visiting editors from the Czech Republic, France, Latin America, and Africa wave Polish flags at a dinner that accompanied Minnesota's Polish Independence Gala at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

Katowice's Climate Summit: A Minnesota Perspective

by Mark Dillon

For Minnesota architect Jesse Turck, the Katowice Climate Change Conference was not only an opportunity to network with global building design peers, but a chance to see his maternal grandfather’s homeland for the first time.

Raised on a farm on rural Litchfield, Minn., the third generation Polish American was part of a 35-member Minnesota delegation who traveled to one of Silesia’s most industrialized cities in early December. The group also included executives from retailers Target Corp. and Best Buy Inc. and a dozen graduate students from the University of Minnesota. Reached shortly before a flight to Krakow via Frankfurt on Dec. 4, Turck said that, though it was unlikely he would get to see his family’s ancestral Pomeranian villages near Kedrowo in northeastern Poland, he was nonetheless looking forward to experiencing Polish culture.

“Aha! And it is happening now,” Turck said of climate change. At the conference, Truck, Target and Best Buy were also representatives of Polina, a Minnesota activist group founded in 2006 by polar explorer Will Steger after Steger learned that an Antarctic ice shelf he had traversed in a dog sled was floating in the ocean.

As an architect at Minneapolis’ BBIW firm, Turck focuses on improving buildings to bolster energy efficiency, typically through creative use of materials, site design and improved insulation. While some 25% of global greenhouse gas emissions come from the “urban built environment,” with 39% from buildings, according to Architecture 2030, an industry website.

In Katowice, a coal-mining region still recovering from the economic and political effects of misguided Communist-era central planning, some 22,000 delegates gathered at the United Nations-sponsored two-week COP24 conference. The stated goal: agree on global planning and regulatory rules for signatories to the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement to live by.

A Sonara Ensemble of Marta Troicki (bassoon), Madeline Miller (Oboe) and Anas St. Clairs (Clarinet) performed a “Musical Journey to Polish Independence” composed by Polish composer Dariusz Stozek.

The Katowice climate change summit was the first visit to Poland for Jesse Turck, a third generation Polish American architect from Minneapolis.

A Polish panel exhibition entitled ‘Father’s of Independence’ details the contributions of Pilsudski, Dmowski, Paderewski, Witos, Konarzewski and Adam Mickiewicz, among others.

In 1919, negotiators at Versailles, in recreation of the Peace Conference that created Poland, said Jacob Herbers, a University of Minnesota researcher at its Humphrey School of Public Affairs who heads the Minnesota Polish-American community, Herbers pointed to the We Are Still In “climate action coalition” U.S. activist group as evidence that some state-level and private sector institutions are still willing to independently conform to directives voted upon in Katowice.

Target is the largest Minnesota-based company to be a party to We Are Still In, and Katowice delegate Alissa Manthey Tamas said she attended the company’s business integration lead on climate matters. Other U.S. corporate participants and We Are Still In members at Katowice include Walmart, Microsoft and McDonald’s.

In a video released before the conference, Matthew Tamas said Target has installed solar panels at 436 locations mostly with a goal of 50 locations by 2020. She also reiterated the retailer’s goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from its facilities by 25% from 2015 levels by 2025, first stated in October 2017. “I am most excited to learn from both the brightness of the methods,” Korzyuk said.

In Katowice, the Polish-American community put on an exhibit from the Adam Mickiewicz Institute’s rotunda, an internationally known Polish artist called the Poland Independence Celebration Committee (PICC). The goal also created the PolandoMinnesota.org and polandcelebration.org websites. Persons of Polish heritage currently make up the sixth largest ethnic group in Minnesota, U.S. Census figures show.

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To settle the border dispute, the League of Nations stepped in 1922 and divided Silesia between Germany and Poland, allowing Germany to purchase coal from the region at a discount. Germany stopped buying Polish coal three years later, and the resulting energy policy debate set off a tariff war in the late 1920s between Germany and Poland. (Source: ‘The Rebirth of Poland by Anna Cienciala’.)
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Radwanska Retires from Tennis

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by Tom Tarapacki

Poland’s Agnieszka Radwan-
ska announced her retirement from tennis after a 13-year career. The 29-year-old, a former Wimbledon finalist who reached a career-high ranking of No. 2, said she “no longer able to train and play the way I used to.”

Radwanska, the first Polish woman to reach a Grand Slam final in the Open era, won 20 WTA titles in her career. She played the Wimbledon final in 2012, losing to Serena Williams in three sets. Radwanska also reached the semifinals against different tour stops and boutique hotel has a tennis theme Tennis Apartments in Krakow. The Celtic fans, I have to concede that I’m not into consideration my health and the gest hitters.”

But more than anything Radwanska has been playing a fan favorite, Aga regularly won won a tournament in two years. Currently ranked 75th, she has not ranking of No. 2, said she is “no longer able to train and play the way I used to.”

A father, Artur, says it is a “miracle” the Pole is returning to Formula 1 in 2019, and the racer’s surge agrees. Kubica made his F1 debut in 2006 and claimed a total of 12 podium finishes until 2010. He won the Canadian Grand Prix with BMW Sauber in 2008 and then competed for Renault, taking three podium spots in his season with the French manufacturers in 2011.

In 2011 he was a near-fatal crash in a rally car, injuring his arm, shoulder and leg. He nearly lost his right arm, and underwent numerous surgeries. He returned to Formula 1 this season as a test and reserve driver for the Williams team. “This is one of the most unusu- al comebacks in the history of the sport,” said Poland’s Gazeta Wybor-
cza. The 33-year-old is the first Pole to compete in Formula 1.

Artur Kubica put it this way: “Today I’m happy that he is where he is. I am proud to be his father.”

WATT BROTHERS. We know that the Gronkowski broth- ers are incredible athletes, but what about the Watt brothers? JJ, Derek, and TJ are all play- ing in the NFL at a very high level.

Of course, JJ Watt is an All-Pro defensive end for the Houston Tex- ans. However, both of JJ’s younger brothers are in the NFL as well. A sixth-round selection by the Char- gers in the 2016 draft, Derek Watt is a fullback for the team. T. J. Watt was selected by the Steelers in the first round of the 2017 NFL Draft, 30th overall. He starts at outside linebacker for Pittsburgh and has delivered the outside pass rush the Steelers have been desperately needing.

Their mom, the former Connie Lynn Walczak, is quite accom- plished as well. When JJ launched an all-out race to raise funds for Hurricane Harvey relief she played a central role in the coordination of that effort. Her son’s Justin J. Watt Foundation raised and distributed $41.6 million in 12 months.

GOOD START. Poland will face Austria in the first round of the European Championship, and Latvia in Euro 2020. Jerzy Brzęczek, the coach of Poland’s na- tional squad, expressed high satis- faction after a random drawing held in Dublin, Ireland gave Poland a fairly equalized set of group mates. Fans across the country breathed a sigh of relief that Poland would not have to face soccer giants Germany, France, Italy, or England in its group phase. Fifty-five teams were drawn into a total of 10 pools that will face off. The Euro 2020 tournament will be held from June 12-July 12, 2020 in 12 cities around Europe, with the final played at LONDON’s Wembley Stadium.

PERKOSKI’S NOTEBOOK. Polish political scientist Justyna Kow- alczyk has won the women’s 10-kilometer classic FIS event in Sia- rrez, Finland. For Robert Kubica, who played with the Brooklyn Dodgers before becoming a cop and then serving on the Minneapolis city council from 1976 until his retire- ment in 2010, died at 85 … Lukasz Kubikowski, a Polish professional track cyclist who represented Po- land in two Olympic Games (2004 and 2008), killed in a car crash … Zdzislaw Sosnowski, a goal- keeper who played for Legia War- sawa in the 1970s, died at 72 in Belgium … Walt Kowalczyk, a Michigan State running back and defensive back who in 1957 won All-American honors and finished third in the Heisman voting as a se- nior, died at 83 … Wayne Krench- icki, a former Major League Baseball player for eight seasons who later was an independent league manager, died at 64 … Eddie Basinski, who turned 96 on Nov. 4, is the 10th oldest liv- ing former major leaguer. In 11th place in Gene Yawasky, who turned 96 on Nov. 19.
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I had already lost a great deal of weight during my captivity, but the day I returned to work, I didn’t recognize myself in the washroom mirror. Fortunately, most of my eating and the feeling in my face would return during my captivity, but the day I returned to work, I didn’t recognize myself in the washroom mirror.

I hadn’t no idea how long I’d been there. Only later did I learn that they transferred me from the prison cell to quarantine a week earlier because I had scarlet fever.

Quarantine was just a place where they let Polish prisoners die. They didn’t give me a drop of medicine. Nothing for the fever. Nothing at all. I just lay on the floor, lost in the deep delirium of fever. I remember a single giant of a woman standing by the wall, and she was pushing me into the wall, and I got my knees and started to roll. I hesitated. I heard the horrible price a woman might have to pay for accepting kindness, even for a bread roll. I hesitated. I heard the horrible price a woman might have to pay for accepting kindness, even for a bread roll.

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“Clean the attic floor, I want it spotless. Not one spot of dirt. Now move!” She swung her baton and hit the prisoners within reach. I got on my knees and started to roll.

“Please. Take it. You’re hungry, aren’t you.” I looked away and said nothing. But I began to shake, remembering the nights in the attic, the beatings, accepting something from an officer or refusing to accept—it could cost me my life.

“You’re beautiful, you know. Stand up and let me have a better look at you.” I did what I was told. And he told me of his army. “Please. I can help you.” He pulled me to his side.

“I finished with the cleaning,” I said and shrugged myself loose from his grip. Picking up my bucket, I went for the door. But the police came after me. Just then the door knob rattled and three officers walked in. At the Officers’ suite. They have a meeting in the Officers’ suite. They have a meeting in the Officers’ suite. They have a meeting in the Officers’ suite. They have a meeting in the Officers’ suite. They have a meeting in the Officers’ suite.

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By that time, the fall of 1944, my German was nearly fluent. I nodded, picked up my cleaning bucket and headed up the stairs. The female guard on the second floor awaited and she took me to an officer’s suite. I did what I was told without questions and got down on the floor and started scrubbing. Glancing up, I saw the officer sitting at his desk. He was setting his things in order and I was not to say a word to anyone. After part of an hour had passed, the officer suddenly stood up and left the room. He returned with a large vase of flowers. He set them at the center of the meeting table in the Officers’ suite. It was a splendid bouquet and I couldn’t help gazing at it.

“Finally, you look up,” the officer said, catching my glance. His look made me uneasy. Realizing my mistake, I scrambled over my body, wet with sweat.

“Don’t be afraid,” he said. “I’ve been watching you. I can help you. I’m Frank Graczyk. Here is a loaf of bread.” I walked over to his desk and returned to my side with a bread roll. I hesitated. I heard the horrible price a woman might have to pay for accepting kindness, even for a bread roll.

The nurse walked up to the second floor to the officer’s suite. They have a meeting in an hour. Get the floor cleaned before that. And I mean spotless, if you want to live.

Catherine Hamilton, a freelance writer in Beaverton, Oregon, recorded Katherine Graczyk’s story during a series of interviews. Hamilton transcribed Katherine Graczyk’s story for Quo Vadis X and delivers the personal account of a Polish slave laborer in Forced Labor in the Third Reich.

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**Start Your Family History Journey**

**by Stephen M. Szabados**

Researching your family history can have some very exciting moments. Find and feel the thrill of seeing a snapshot of your family. I became addicted to genealogy after finding my grandfather’s passenger manifest and had difficulty waiting to find my next piece of my family’s history. Start your search, and you can also feel this thrill once you find that first document. Writing all generations of your family tree and finding more family facts will start to haunt your waking thoughts. Get started and prepared to make researching your family history a lifelong activity.

Try to have a goal in your research. I intended to learn more about my family’s heritage and to preserve what I find for my children and grandchildren. Your goals can be similar to mine or yours can be as simple as doing an in-depth study of one of your famous ancestors. Start your journey at home. Collect documents, pictures, and letters that you and your immediate family have stored away in old shoe boxes in the closet or stuffed in desk drawers. Remember also that it is critical to interview your older relatives to save their memories and help with your research.

Be organized in your research because this will save you time but will also point the way for more research. Remember to identify and label the family pictures. Asking relatives to determine who is in the pictures will help extend your family tree and add more branches. Your goal is to find as many relatives as you can have some very exciting moments. Find your first census record and be successful. Here are three great examples to consider and analyze.

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Tony Blazonczyk’s New Phaze made a stop at Potts in Buffalo, passing through on their way to Ludlow. Music. Joined by Phocus, the alternating bands supplied entertaining music throughout the night. New Phaze showcased the outstanding vocals of drummer Melvin Rzesczuk, formerly of Downtown Sound, which remains one of my all-time favorite bands. Although he planned on retiring from polka music in 2013, it is great seeing him back on stage thanks to the convincing of band leader Tony. It is evident when New Phaze performs that this group consists of close knit friends interacting on stage. Laughing, joking, and playing to one another’s strengths, this band is a polka fan pleaser. Tony has been performing in bands since 1987 and, growing up the son of polka icon Eddie Blazonczyk, it is clear to that polka music is in his DNA. I look forward to seeing this group on the polka road in 2019.

CENTENNIAL, POLKA STYLE. Polish Americans celebrated in mass numbers as November 2018 marked the jubilee year of the 100th anniversary of Polonia regaining its Independence. Making this day even more important to celebrate is the fact that, though it became a national holiday in 1937, throughout communist rule the holiday was forbidden. It was reinstated in 1990 following the demise of communism.

Polish Happy Hour furnished a celebration for this landmark event. The day began with a Mass held at St. Stanislaus, the Mother Church of Buffalo’s Polonia. Afterwards, across the street at the social hall, Special Delivery provided the celebratory music to set the tone for the day. The afternoon was brimming with music, dancing, drinking, and indulging in delicious food. All this, paired with traditional Polish dance by three dance groups and a presentation by Joe Macieleg.

Polish Happy Hour continues to be the largest attended monthly Polish event in Western New York. Monthly, it allows money to be raised for a rotating group of Polish based non-profit organizations who work hard to promote Polish traditions and culture.

Tony Cadets in the Black Rock neighborhood of Buffalo also hosted an 100th Anniversary celebration of Poland’s Independence. Buffalo Touch was on hand to supply music to the evening event. Polka music and an exhibition on the history of Poland’s struggle for independence manufactured a festive event at this nearly 120-year-old club. Cadets was founded in 1899 with the merger on hand with hosts Mark and Cherie Trzepek to broadcast the fantastic night of music live to listeners from coast to coast. Since I was out of town visiting family, I tuned in and felt part of the festivities. Many Canadian friends crossed to border to join our U.S. friends in celebrating Thanksgiving with the extraordinary sounds of Lenny Gomulka.

Saturday night saw another enormous crowd for Val Babowski’s annual Polka vs. Country event. The event was held at The Cove, which is no stranger to country music as they host country line dancing each Thursday night. Polka Country Musicians and WNY’s favorite country group West of the Mark alternated during the night for what proved to be a high energy event. This was Polka Country’s last gig of the year so PCM fans flocked from far and wide to enjoy their favorite band for the last time in 2018. Energetic and crowd pleasing, PCM continues to be a promoter’s dream. Their loyal fans travel from venue to venue to enjoy their music. PCM will take a few months off after their demanding yearlong schedule and resume in 2019 with their Third Annual Polka Brews Cruise from February 2-9, 2019.

The Cleveland Polka Association was established in 1975 and currently has over 900 members from throughout the country. Membership is only $10.00 a year and this hospitable group hosts multiple events throughout the year and keeps members informed via newsletters. The members strive to constantly promote and preserve polka music with their infectious love of the music.

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Steve Ostage | 1922 | | Band leader
Joe Wales | 1936 | |
Linda Pasternak | 1953 | |
Gary Coddington | 1952 | | Musician / Vocalist / Arranger
Milt Novatch | 1944 | | Polka D.J.
Lou Kryger | 1929 | 1/28/14 | Band leader / Musician / Vocalist
Steve Kamiński | 1953 | | Band leader / Musician / Vocalist
Richie Dobrowski | 1953 | |
Lauru Brzuzinski Mateja | 1950 | 1/14/98 | Musician / Vocalist / Arranger
Brian Chenkus | 1966 | | Musician (Bass) / Vocalist
Walt Wagner | 1951 | | Band leader / Musician / Vocalist
John Kudrow | 1951 | | Former D.J. & Promoter
Stan Galant | 1947 | | Band leader / Musician / Vocalist
Helen Langford | 1952 | | Musician (Drummer)
Frank Lizka | 1953 | |
Marko Polka | 1950 | |
Ray Lucotch, Jr. | 1955 | |
Dennis Polisky | 1955 | |
Denny T. Polisky | 1955 | |
Tony Rozek | 1935 | |
Pete Przybylo | 1936 | |
Lou Kryger | 1953 | |
Tony Krupski | 1964 | |
Wally Maduzia | 1959 | |
Matt Wasilewski | 1960 | |
John Linda | 1951 | |
Bob Siwicki | 1961 | |
Mitch Kupiec | 1952 | |
Jim Bogdon | 1956 | |
Nick Nidoh | 1957 | |
John Jarosz | 1958 | |
Bob Bobin | 1962 | |
Dave Walter’s Old School | 1964 | |
Aunt Maggie’s Pizza Inn. | 1965 | |
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JANUARY 1, 2019
- Dennis Polski/Eddie Forman RACC Ludlow, Mass. 2-7 (413) 592-0367
- New Phaze/Music Company/Freeze Club, Lancaster, Pa. 2-6 (724) 658-3222
- Castle Radio, New Castle, Pa. 5:00 p.m. (216) 638-6222

JANUARY 19
- Button Box Band Aunt Maggie’s Colonial Inn, Columbus, Ill. 6-9 (618) 281-7894
- Full Circle, Polisha Banquets, Chicago. 6-10 (773) 523-7980

JANUARY 20
- Freszzi Dried/Music Company/Tony Blazyczcyk/D-Street/Polka Tribute Band, Gennie O/Try-City Drive/Jim Polaski, Glendora Banquets. Chicago. 11:00 a.m. 71 (708) 425-3686

JANUARY 27
- Dave Walter’s Old School, Holiday Inn, Independence, Ohio. 2-6 (216) 496-0223

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Host: David Jackson

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“We are grateful to the Diocese for their cooperation,” said Mary Wolanin, a parishioner for nearly eight years. “We all understand that sometimes you have to make tough decisions.”

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Mater Dolorosa’s ornate stained-glass windows were removed some years ago before the diocese soared atop its steeple, the church organ and other artifacts. Many of the items have gone to other parishes.

SAME OLD SONG. The diocese has long maintained the building was structurally unsound, something parishioners dispute to this day. The battle began in the spring of 2011 when then-Bishop Edward M. Malesic announced the church would close and the parish would merge with Holy Cross Church in Appleton Street and worship there. Members formed their own parish Our Lady of the Cross.

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