Raynor Farm Preserves Gateway Along Rtes. 94 & 1A

By Nancy Owen

A historic moment occurred on Wed., Jan. 26, with the PDR (Purchase of Development Rights) closing on the Raynor Farm, 92 acres of farmland across from Chateau Hathorn. Bill Raynor and his daughter, Cynthia McDonald, signed papers on behalf of the Testamentary Trust of Dorothy D. Raynor, thus not only guaranteeing the open space forever but also preserving a piece of history that dates back prior to Revolutionary times.

The purchase brings the total farmland preserved so far to more than 800 acres. The nearby Sayre and Sweetman farms along Route 1A were previously preserved with state PDR funds. Total cost of the Raynor purchase was $785,105 and of this, 75 percent ($587,329) is being paid by local PDR funds and 25 percent ($195,776) is being borne by Scenic Hudson, Inc.

Gen. John Hathorn set up the original farm in the 1770’s and his home remains at the corner of Hathorn Rd. at the intersection of Route 1A. When he returned from the Revolutionary War he conducted various enterprises from his farm including a mill and small store. The property was sold to Ezra Sanford in 1833. Ezra’s son, Pierson, increased the size of the holding to 300 acres, running from the railroad tracks on one end to Black Rock Rd. on the other. It became a very successful farming operation in the latter half of the 19th century into the early 20th century until Sanford’s death in 1915.

From that time on pieces of the property were either rented out to tenant farmers or sold off in small parcels to other farmers. The main farm was sold to Wilfred L.

Preliminary Building Proposal for Library Presented to the Public

By Nancy Owen

The community had an opportunity to view a preliminary proposal for a new library in Warwick at a meeting on Tues., Jan. 25. Mayor Michael Newhard described the new library proposal as a “crossroads in our lives,” and as “a place to come to for a variety of reasons, whether to study, browse or just for some quiet time.”

Warwick’s current library was donated to the community by the wife of Albert Wisner in 1927, serving a population of 2,300. It has seats to accommodate 22 adults and eight children and has parking spaces for three cars with one being designated for handicapped parking. There is limited accessibility for disabled visitors.

Both Michael Bertolini, curator for the Warwick Historical Society, and the architect, Paul Mays, described the design for the new building as “going back in history to the long barn,” in keeping with the agrarian history of the community.

Rosemary Cooper, Library Director and President of the Orange County Library System, thanked Leyland Alliance for the donation of 2.5 acres of land on MacFarland Rd. (behind Burt Farm on 17A) upon which the new library will be built. The location is close to senior housing, Park Avenue Elementary School, Memorial Park, a church and a new development known as Warwick Grove.

A group gathers to hear a presentation about a new library in Warwick.
Police Donate Blood in Honor of Their Young Hero

By Eileen Patterson

On Jan. 21, several members of Warwick’s finest joined ranks with police officers from Hawthorne, NJ to donate blood in honor of their young hero, Jack Kennedy. Jack, a third grader at Sanfordville Elementary School was seriously burned in a candle-accident at his home in Warwick three weeks ago.

The police officers, some of whom are members of the New York State Police know Jack or have heard about the accident and wanted to do something to help with his recovery. Over 30% of Jack’s body was burned and as a result he needed several surgeries and many blood transfusions.

The blood donated will not directly go to Jack, but will replenish the supply in Westchester, where Jack is currently being treated. Jack was grateful for the donation, but had to get through this.

Diane Kennedy, Jack’s mother, reports that “All in all he is doing better.” He is finally eating on his own and is finished, for now, with skin graft surgeries. He is currently working with a physical therapist at the hospital to gain strength in his legs so that he can stand and walk on his own again.

“I know he’s doing better,” said Diane, “but because he is still in a lot of pain, he doesn’t realize he’s improved. He’s over the survival thing, now he’s got the recovery thing to get through.”

Jack’s spirits are good. Some of his friends have come to visit. Diane says he loves to read. For the past few weeks, it was difficult for him to even listen to the television or radio.

Because of everything he has been through and all the medication he’s taking, noise can be over-stimulating and cause anxiety. Being that the anxiety is lessening Diane was happy to be able to bring his portable CD player for Jack to listen to his favorite Norah Jones album.

Diane is overwhelmed by the reaction from the community. “It’s phenomenal,” she said, “I can’t believe that after only seven years in Warwick, how supportive and helpful everyone in Warwick has been. They basically came to our rescue.”

Sharon McGovern, a neighbor of the Kennedy’s and a nurse in the ER at St. Anthony Community Hospital has been caring for injuries Diane sustained while putting the fire out. “Sharon has been changing the dressing and tending to my hands with such care and concern,” she added.
"We need a building that brings us into the 21st century," stated Cooper, "and allow for expansion for the future as well."

The firm of Butler Rowland Mays was selected because Mays listened and reflected on the needs of the community before presenting a draft of his new design. Mays described the proposal as a long barn design with small offshoots, just as traditional barns were designed.

He hopes for more community input before the final design is presented at a referendum. In a phone survey of several hundred community residents the top requirements for a new facility were: more parking (93%), more books (84%), quiet areas for reading and study (75%), more computers (71%), rooms for cultural programming (54%) and rooms for meetings (74%).

The new design has 60 parking spaces at the far end of the building (so that the building is seen first and not the parking) with handicapped parking located curbside close to the main entrance. There are bicycle and walking paths (and parking for bicycles as well) to make the building more accessible to residents who don't drive.

There is room for over 100,000 books (the library currently has 40,000) a national standard for a district this size. The new facility will be located at a separate entrance at the opposite end of the building with a "close-off" from the main body of the library, and closed study rooms.

A foundation is being formed to raise some money; grants will be sought (perhaps for the special room for historical archives) and it is hoped that by the time a referendum for a bond issue comes up (around Sept., 2005) enough funding will have been received to greatly reduce the amount to be raised by taxes.

Questions raised by the audience included heating costs, new book costs, and when can the building be open.

The second floor will have, not only an area with comfortable seating for reading (or napping), but also open and closed study rooms.

The outside appearance of the proposed building will have a softer look, utilizing natural materials that reflect the agricultural nature of the community (basically stone and wood shingles). The hope is to make maximum use of natural light. There will be several garden areas, including one off the children's wing.

The front lobby will have a vestibule that will also be "closed-off" from the main library with a drop-off chute for returning books when the library is closed. The second floor will have, not only an area with comfortable seating for reading (or napping), but also open and closed study rooms.

The audience participates in small group discussions following the presentation.
Guidelines for Effective Letters

Everyone has a right to express an honest opinion, but we would like to remind readers of a few simple rules for writing effective letters.

Less is more! The shorter your letter the more likely it is to be read. Civility is more persuasive than intransience. That is, honesty catches more flies than vinegar.

When you read a letter that angers you or that you disagree with, we warmly encourage you to write a response following the guidelines suggested above. Our pages are always open to lively debate, but play fair.

Thanks Deep Sea Warwick for 15 Plus Years

Editor,

On behalf of your many patrons and friends, we would like to thank Patrick, Jack and the entire staff of Deep Sea Warwick for providing us with the freshest seafood in the county. We would also like to thank you for making our holiday meals extra special. Deep Sea was also the premier family restaurant with impeccable service. Fifteen plus years was a great run. We will miss you.

JEAN-CLAUDE & ANNETTE SANCHEZ

Feels Great Sadness Over Closing of Deep Sea Warwick

Editor,

It was with great sadness that we learned of Deep Sea Warwick’s closing but it was with even greater sadness that we read the Jan. 26 Dispatch written by Robert Demetry which had such callous and slanderous undertones that we were shocked that this paper allowed such a piece to appear on its front page.

We admit that we do not know all the facts, and while a story covering the closure is certainly warranted, to deline into the owner’s financial woes and to print the ugly sentiments of his former landlord brings to mind the expression, “Don’t hit a man when he is already down.” Considering that the Mulrooney family not only operated a business in this town for over 15 years, could always be counted on to support many community activities and functions, and the fact that they reside here in the Village makes reading such a mean spirited article that much harder to comprehend.

On a personal note, we have two sons who both had their first jobs working for “Patty Fish” at Deep Sea. Their positions at Deep Sea carried them through high school and college and they are hardworking, responsible adults today, a credit to Pat and Jan Mulrooney and the work ethic and respect they instilled. We have shopped and dined at Deep Sea for years, have been served by Mulrooney and the work ethic and respect they instilled. We have

TERRY & DON GROSS

Regrets Reading Article on Deep Sea Closing

Editor,

It is with sadness and regret that I read the article on the closing of Deep Sea plastered across the front page.

The owners Pat and Jan were hard working decent people who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on. The reason is not for the “Dispatch” to speculate using innuendo derived from those who for whatever reason decided to move on.

This piece diminishes your paper and is an affront to every individual/families/chubs/school groups/businesses/community groups who so generously put together the food baskets. A special thanks to the Warwick United Methodist Church for allowing us to literally take over the building from 6 a.m. – 3 p.m. and for always opening its doors to community groups and families.

Finally, we would like to thank all of those who volunteered and donated their time and effort. Everyone has a right to express an honest opinion, but we would like to remind readers of a few simple rules for writing effective letters.

JOHN JOHANSEN

Thieves of the Warwick Dispatch

The Warwick Valley Dispatch has been your hometown newspaper since 1885 and is the only newspaper printed in the Town of Warwick. The Dispatch is the official paper for the Town of Warwick. We provide information on news, events, and happenings in the Warwick Valley area. The Dispatch is published weekly on Wednesday.

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Letters to the Editor

Have A Good Story?

If the “Dispatch” has decided to sink to the level of a super- tabloid publishing a weekly pseudo-expose I would suggest for this Friday. We have been served by Pat and Jan Mulrooney and the work ethic and respect they instilled. We have shopped and dined at Deep Sea for years, have been served by Mulrooney and the work ethic and respect they instilled. We have

BILLY LEECH

Thanks Residents in the Town of Warwick

Editor,

On behalf of the Warwick Ecumenical Council, the Holiday Food Basket Team would like to extend their deepest thanks to the residents of the Town of Warwick. Thanks to the generosity of so many, we were able to provide Thanksgiving baskets to 170+ families and Christmas baskets and gifts to 181 families. In addition, we provided 68 Christmas food baskets to local migrant farm workers.

This was truly a community effort and it is impossible to name all who participated, but we would like to acknowledge for their following for their generous contributions: WVT Communications, Ochs Orchard, Bon Secours Community Hospital, Dr. Edwin Wiley, Seely & Delrand Insurance Agency, Pennings Orchards, Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Warwick Merchants Guild, ShopRite Supermarkets, the Tuscan Café, the Warwick Conference Center, Christ Episcopal Church, Dick Wells and Frank Truatt of WTBQ Radio, and all those organizations who held food drives for the Food Pantry. Thanks to all the individuals/families/chubs/school groups/businesses/community groups who so generously put together the food baskets. A special thanks to the Warwick United Methodist Church for allowing us to literally take over the building from 6 a.m. – 3 p.m. and for always opening its doors to community groups and families.

Finally, we would like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who spent part or all of two days at the church unloading cars, carrying baskets, loading them in cars, sorting food, wrapping gifts, stocking the food pantry, putting together baskets, feeding the hungry, setting up, cleaning up – all done with smile and much laughter. The Warwick Community should be an inspiration to other communities – through our Holiday Food Basket Program we show year after year that all people can come together for a common cause and it is a good thing!

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET TEAM

MICHELE, LUANNE, BILL, REGINA, PEARL, JANE, DEBBIE & AMY

Thanks & Gratitude to Mulrooney Family

Editor,

The recent article written in the “Dispatch” about the closing of the Deep Sea restaurant was to me the most vulgar piece of journalism printed on the front page of a Warwick newspaper. I think all our shopkeepers who give their many hours of labor deserve not to be ridiculed by the press in their dire hours. This is
Without Bold Immediate Action
Transportation Network Could Deteriorate

By Pat Gilchrest
Executive Director of Orange County Citizens Foundation, Inc.

In the Spring of 2004, the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) invited me to serve on a panel that would spend the summer traveling around the state of New York, listening to people’s transportation needs and concerns and assessing the state’s transportation infrastructure. This was in preparation for the development of the DOT’s 20-year master plan.

The panel was most concerned at what they learned during the public hearings. In December, the panel released its findings. It concluded that without bold leadership and substantial new investment, serious trouble lies ahead for transportation in New York. The panel called for more planning, new policies, changes in managing and institutional relationships, integration of operations, and increased funding to meet current and future transportation needs.

Currently, a major portion of funding received from New York State’s dedicated transportation funds goes to debt service. The remainder is not nearly enough to cover maintenance, let alone the necessary aggressive infrastructure improvements that were identified.

There’s no question that a good transportation network encourages job growth and better air quality. It’s also clear that deteriorating infrastructure will lead to job loss and a decline in quality of life. Investment in our transportation system—highways and bridges, as well as transit—is vital to New York State’s future as a leader.

The panel is sensitive to the education and social service funding needs throughout our state. However, during budget negotiations, our lawmakers should be taking the necessary action to begin funding transportation upgrades and new projects.

In addition to the needed funds for identified projects, we urge our legislators to support other initiatives outlined in the panel’s report that require little funding but that could help the various transportation agencies run more efficiently. We ask for the public’s support on this matter. One has only to experience the increasing traffic problems in our own communities to understand that some action needs to be taken to alleviate congestion.

Many localities in Orange County are faced with decisions regarding local land use. The outcome of these local decisions not only impacts the transportation needs of the locality itself, but impacts the entire county. The recommendations outlined in the panel’s report call for bold leadership at a time of budgetary constraints. Unpopular policies may need to be enacted. Perhaps, however, our legislators will view this not as a political liability, but rather as an opportunity to set New York on the right path for a bright future. Without immediate bold action, we can be assured that our transportation network will deteriorate, business growth will weaken, and ultimately, our quality of life will decline.

To review the panel’s findings visit:
http://www.occfa.org/publications/

Two Year Murder Case of James Keating Remains Open

By Eileen Patterson

February 2 will mark the second year anniversary of the murder of James Keating and the police are asking for your assistance. Keating’s co-workers at Federal Express in Mahwah, NJ contacted Warwick Police on Feb. 4 of 2003 because he did not show up for work and they were unable to contact him.

Upon arriving at his home, the Warwick officers found the front door open and discovered Mr. Keating, age 55, dead in his bedroom from multiple stab wounds. During the following week, autopsy results proved that the stab wounds were not self inflicted.

In the two years since the murder, the case has been passed to the New York State Police. Trooper John O’Leary is the lead investigator in the case and he is interested to hear from anyone who thinks they may have information.

“We have spoken to a couple of hundred people but none of those conversations has lead to anything,” said O’Leary, who has been in touch over the past two years with Keating’s brother, Tom. “I feel for the family, the case needs to be solved for their sake,” he said.

There is a reward for up to $10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for the murder. Anyone with information is encouraged to call either the Warwick Police at 986-3423 or the New York State Police at 782-8311. All calls will be kept confidential.

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Warwick, a place where concern has always been a part of our genre. Where folks work to help one another in our struggle for survival. The irresponsibility of the editor to allow such trash to be printed is beyond comprehension. The reporter who thinks law, the courts.

As I conclude I would like to let the Muldooney family know of my thanks and gratitude for all those 3 a.m. New York City runs to the market and for a place that will only conjure fond memories for my family and myself. We wish you success in your new endeavors Pat and Jan.

JOHN KYLE & LIAM REGAN

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New Math Teaching Styles Create Hands-On Learning for Students

By Colleen McVey

The meeting for the Florida Union Free School District was held at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 20, in the Cafeteria of the Golden Hill Elementary School. All Board members were in attendance and the meeting opened with a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 16, 2005.

Dr. Baker, Director of Curriculum and math teachers from the District gave a “Power Point” math presentation. Dr. Baker gave an extremely well informed and dynamic presentation on exciting new Math teaching styles. These forms of hands-on teachings utilize patterning, D.P.P., Angle Rulers and more to assist in creating a more hands-on learning style that is both visual and tactile for the students.

Students report that this active form of teaching makes math more fun and easier to conceptualize on many different levels. This allows all the children to utilize existing strengths and to identify areas that need support and are best learned in a creative and encouraging manner.

Dr. Baker and each teacher present at the meeting were well informed, dedicated and knowledgeable in all the areas presented. The Math teachers who went the extra mile are: Maggie Diamond, Stacie Coppola, Elizabeth Halsey-Sproul, Nick Pantaleone, Tim Healy, Kara Rolanda, Dana Castine, and Jan Lankering.

In regard to the approval of the “Financial Reports” for December, motions were made and approved for the presentation of the “Treasures Reports” and the following warrants: Expenses - $429,730.27, Revenue - $414,931; Cafeteria Fund - $10,278.07, and the Federal Fund - $4,230.09. Under “Budget Transfers” a motion was approved to transfer $44,845.03.

Donation to Scholarship

Under the Privilege of the Floor, Adrian Matossian and Pat Lempka from the Florida Family Fun Fest Committee presented a check in the amount of $1,500 from the Florida Fun Fest Committee to a scholarship in memory of beloved teacher, Ralph Pompomino.

Sewer Services & Other Approvals

Motions were made and seconded to approve the Orange/Ulster Counties Student Calendar for 2005-06 and to approve the contract for sewer services to Golden Hill Elementary School at an annual cost of $17,000.

The meeting continued with an approval to contract with the New York State School Boards Association for the review/update of the District's Policy Manual at a cost of $8,500. The Board approved a six week summer School Program for students in grade 6-8.

They also approved to contract with Plaza Driving School for the driver/road portion of the Driver Education Program from the period of Feb. 2005 to June 2005 at the approximate cost of $315.00 per student. The students are responsible for this cost not the District.

Family Storytime

Family Storytime Begins with a Bang!

Florida Public Library will feature six sessions of Family Storytime starting Feb. 6 through Mar. 13 on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. This is the perfect program for families who can’t make it to the library during the week, but would love to attend one of our favorite Storytime programs.

The program is open to all families who are looking for a fun family weekend activity. Family Storytime begins this Sunday with guest performer Jason Poole on African Drums. Enjoy an upbeat demonstration of this tradition-al African art, then all kids and parents are invited to try their hand at the drums/Registration is required in person or by calling the Library at 651-7659.

Financial Reports

Do you have a local news story you would like to report?

Contact The Dispatch editorial offices at 986-2216, or email editor@wvdispatch.com

Family Storytime

Family Storytime at S.S. Seward Institute

Race into Spring at a Fashion Show Fundraiser for S.S. Seward Institute PTSA on Sat., Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. Attire will be featured from Kohl’s, David’s Bridal, After Hour Formal, Style Counsel, TJ Max, and Modell’s. There will also be a raffle for a NASCAR tire. General admission is $7 and includes dessert and a beverage. Students report that this active form of teaching makes math more fun and easier to conceptualize on many different levels. This allows all the children to utilize existing strengths and to identify areas that need support and are best learned in a creative and encouraging manner.

Village of Florida

This article is my way of communicating with you, the residents of the Village of Florida, on a regular basis. Any opinions expressed are strictly my own.

The weather during the past ten days has been exceptionally miserable, as a result of which, the Village of Florida Department of Public Works had a very busy week. Beginning with the snowstorm of Sat., Jan. 22, they worked through the night keeping the roads open and safe for travel. They also handled the regularly scheduled work of refuse and recyclable collections for four days. After the snow stopped falling, they worked through the night again, removing all the snow off Main Street and parts of Glenmere Avenue. To add to the burden, our DPW staff spent the entire day of Fri., Jan. 28, repairing a water main break on Jayne Street in zero degree temperature.

I have received numerous comments of praise from residents of neighboring communities. Florida’s snow removal is the envy of Orange County.

The Florida Department of Public Works consists of Superintendent Gene Conklin, Assistant Superintendent Tim (Fuzzy) Langlitz, Stanley Kozenchenko and Bill Lees. This team of workers has demonstrated not only their admirable sense of dedication to the job but also their true concern for the community in which they reside. Thank you DPW for jobs well done.
Florida Board Handles a Variety of Requests

By Colleen McAvey

Neither rain, sleet, ice nor snow could keep the Florida Village Board from holding their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Jan. 11. Mayor Jim Pawliczek called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge to the Flag. All Village Board members were present at the evening meeting.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Dec. 14, 2004 regular meeting and to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. There was no business regarding “Fund Transfers/Loans and Budget Transfers,” however a motion was made and seconded to approve pay- ment of the vouchers as audited.

Announcements & Correspondence

Under the “Announcements and Correspondence” the following was received:

- The Florida Fire Dept and Rescue requested the use of the Village of Florida streets for their Fisematic Parade on Sat., July 16.
- Richard Golden indicated the Town of Goshen was going to request lead agency status on the proposed annexation. Mr. Golden then indicated in a separate correspond- ence that the Town of Goshen was withdrawing its request for lead agency status on the proposed annexation.
- Sandra Harter Johnson suggests that the Park at Glenmere has been referred to the request for the naming of the Glenmere Park has been referred to the Par- land Committee for their recommendation.

Fundraiser to be Held for Child with Cancer

The Greenwood Lake Elks Lodge, located on Elk’s Drive in Greenwood Lake, is sponsoring a Spaghetti and Meatball Fundraiser Dinner on Fri., Feb. 11 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for four-year-old Katelyn McGHugh, who is suffering from a rare form of cancer. The cost is $8 for adults and $4 for children under 10. Please come and support this worthwhile cause.

Grants Available for Public & Private Schools

For the third year, “Teaching the Hudson Valley” (THV) will award grants up to $10,000 each to public and private schools to create place-based curriculum units in partnership with places of cultural, historic, or natural sig- nificance. “Significant places” include, but are not limited to, art galleries, historic sites, museums, nature preserves and parks. Schools in Orange County are invited to apply by Feb., Apr., 8, for implementation in the 2005-06 school year.

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**Warwick Style Setters Kick-Off 1st Annual ‘Style Of Spring’ Event**

By Eileen Patterson

On Sun., Feb. 13, the creative talents of Greetings & Salutations and Warwick Valley Racquet Sports will proudly present “The Style of Spring Garden Party and Fashion Show.” The event will take place at The Gallery at Port of Call on Main Street in the Village of Warwick at 1 p.m. A champagne reception will include Valentine-themed cocktails and fine French delectable fare from La Petite Cuisine. Under the creative direction of Joanne Graney, owner of Greetings and Salutations, The Gallery will be transformed into a formal garden setting. A New York style runway show will follow the reception and will feature the latest sportswear collections of such venerable designers as Ralph Lauren, Fred Perry and Lilly Pulitzer. Inspired with the idea to remind the ladies of the community that it won’t be cold and snowy forever, “The Style of Spring” is the brainchild of Brooke Sarmiento and Joanne Graney, both of whom own specialty stores in Warwick. The two retailers bring extensive experience to this event and their local ventures. Brooke enjoyed a successful career as a New York design consultant, having designed collections for such notable fashion designers as Carolina Herrera, Gianfranco Ferre and Adrienne Vittadini. Before bringing her family to Warwick, Joanne’s career in the television industry included advertising and set design in New York City, where she produced many award-winning television commercials and ad campaigns.

Many local organizations, who have benefited from her flare for putting together a great party, will attest that event planning comes naturally to Joanne. She is looking forward to this one in particular because, as she says, “An afternoon of style and whimsy is the perfect cure for cabin fever.”

“First and foremost this is a social event,” says Brooke Sarmiento, owner of Warwick Valley Racquet Sports. “It is a party for the ladies, their friends, their mothers, their daughters and a coordinating tote bag. Advanced ticket reservations are required as seating is limited. The net proceeds from the sale of tickets and merchandise will benefit The Greater NYC Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1982 to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease, by advancing research, education, screening and treatment. Komen is a global leader and the largest private source of funding in the fight against breast cancer.

The Greater New York City Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was formed in 1990 and covers Long Island, Rockland and Westchester counties and the five boroughs of NYC (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island). Profit proceeds are dedicated to fighting breast cancer by funding innovative grassroots programs in underserved local communities. At least 25% of the Affiliate’s net proceeds fund national breast cancer research.

Through its local fundraising efforts, including its signature event, Race for the Cure®, Komen Greater New York City will award over $2.2 million to grantees this year. To learn more about the organization, or to make a donation, go to www.komen.org.

Anyone interested in attending “The Style of Spring” may call 988-8499, or stop in at Warwick Valley Racquet Sports, 28 Railroad Avenue, or visit Greetings & Salutations, 9 Main Street. Tickets are $35 and are payable in advance by check, visa, Master Card.
After nearly four decades in journalism, Stan Martin, Editor and Publisher of the "Warwick Advertiser" and "The Photo News," since 1986, has retired.

The Bermuda born journalist, who came to the United States when he was 11 years old, has capped his pen and closed his notebook after leaving his by line "mark" in the newspaper pages of Warwick's history.

As a reporter he has covered parties and politics, fairs and football games, budgets and bathing beauties — all the while learning that most people are human and that it doesn’t do any harm to smile and say “good morning” even if it is raining.

As a publisher he has discovered that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take. He has learned that it doesn’t pay to be a sensitive soul – that of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take. He has learned not to worry when he does not make a hit “every” time, because experience has shown if he always gives his best, his average will break even.

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Why did Martin choose Warwick?

"There were four things I was looking for in settling into a community," he said, "with good schools, a place that had mountains and not flat like Florida, in the country yet near a big city, and the place had to have four seasons because in Florida I enjoyed the winter but the summers were brutal."

"Warwick had everything!" Martin added.

With a penchant for “community newspapering,” Martin gained and earned respect for his journalistic expertise as well as his easy-going nature and concerns for his community.

"In a weekly you get feedback — you can go to G’s Restaurant, the bank, the post office, the grocery store and people will say: ‘Stan, I liked this or that in the paper’ or ‘boy, you really missed the boat on that one’ … or they have ideas for me to write about,” he added.

Having five children himself, Martin particularly likes to see youngsters recognized in the local papers. "I would much rather have the kids and parents put an article in the paper pages of Warwick’s history."

For Martin, the most memorable from his tenure at Straus Newspapers is when the "Warwick Advertiser" did a series, several years ago, highlighting the plight of over a dozen animals that were seized by the Warwick Valley Humane Society from a man that neglected them.

"We covered that and anchored it on the front page for almost a year and a half until the court case could be resolved and free up the animals for adoption," remembers Martin.

Weekly articles and photos taken by the “Advertiser’s” chief correspondent Roger Gavan – and edited by Martin – gained statewide attention by a law passed that would reimburse humane societies for monies spent on sheltering seized animals during litigation.

The paper subsequently received a first place national award for the series by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).
Galleria Nuova Opens in Warwick

An exciting new art gallery is opening its doors in Warwick. Galleria Nuova, the New Gallery of Fine Art, will feature local artists and nationally recognized names such as Peter Max, LeRoy Neiman, Erte, and Gregory Wilhelmi. Local artists who will be featuring their art this month are Toph, Linda Richichi, Winnie O’Dougherty, Elenore Zinn, and Lisa Zukowski.

The proprietors, Brad Racino and Al Carcich, are locals with a passion for the arts who want to share that passion with the public. The gallery is located at 7 Main Street at the corner of Railroad Avenue. The gallery is open every day except Tuesdays. Galleria Nuova does accept art on consignment and loves to meet new and local artists. Brad and Al will also come to your home, evaluate your space, and help you decide on that signature piece you’ve been looking for at no extra cost. Galleria Nuova will offer full framing services at competitive prices.

Jazz music, coffee, tea, art magazines, books, and good company are all great reasons to stop by and relax for a bit, not to mention the finest collection of art in the area at a wide range of prices. Galleria Nuova will also be throwing a grand opening party for the public on Sat., Feb. 12, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Stop by when you get a chance to find that perfect piece of art for your home or business. No matter what size, price, style, or artist, Galleria Nuova has it.

South Asian Tsunami Relief Aid

PANCAKE SUPPER (5-8PM)
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2005
("SHROVE TUESDAY")
AT
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
95 KINGS HIGHWAY
WARWICK, NEW YORK

This will be an “all you can eat” event for the community of Warwick. All are welcome! A FREE WILL DONATION will be received. The designated agency is “Lutheran World Relief/South Asia Tsunami/Wave of Giving” (www.bar.org), a proven reputable, trusted, and highly regarded humanitarian relief agency, addressing the needs of victims of all faiths, without regard to background. 100% of this night’s donations will go to help those affected by what has been described as “an unprecedented global catastrophe”.

Celebrate Style and Whimsy With Lilly, Eliza and Ralph.
The Creative Talents of Greetings and Salutations
and Warwick Valley Racquet Sports Presents

The Style of Spring
Garden Party and Runway Presentation
of the Spring 2005 Designer Sportswear Collections.

Sunday, February 13, 2005
The Gallery at Port of Call, Warwick, New York.
Champagne Reception at One O’Clock. Runway Show to Follow.
$35 per ticket. Advanced Reservations Required. Call (845) 988-9499.
Ticket sale proceeds to benefit the Greater New York City Affiliate
of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Warwick Author to Appear at Bard College

The Center for Curatorial Studies at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson will include Warwick resident Edward Sattler’s new book "Daddy, Where’s God?" in an exhibit featuring artists from the Hudson Valley. Curated by graduate students Anna Gray, Mariangela Mendez, and Montserrat Albores, the exhibition "This is not an Archive" opens now through Sun., Feb. 20, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Museum hours are Wed. through Sun., 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about the exhibit contact The Center at 845-758-7598. To see excerpts from the Sattler book, go to www.sattlerstudios.com.
**String Trio of New York Performs at the WVCC**

The String Trio of New York (S3NY) returns to the Warwick Valley Community Center (WVCC) for two performances on Sat., Feb. 12. There will be a 2 p.m. matinee performance of "Jump for Joy - Jazz for Families," as well as, a 7 p.m. performance of "Jazz through the Ages."

James Emery plays guitar and composes for S3NY, and is joined by his colleagues Rob Thomas (violin) and John Lindberg (bass). Together the trio makes magic happen and plans to continue exposing new audiences to the beauty and magic of jazz.

In the matinee performance, "Jump for Joy - Jazz for Families," S3NY designed a special program for children K-5 and their parents. The group talks about and demonstrates their instruments and their approaches to improvisation. They also demonstrate the basic building blocks of music (harmony, rhythm and melody) in a fun, interactive performance that will have everyone dancing in their seats, if not the aisles.

The evening lecture/performance of "Jazz through the Ages," is a musical demonstration of the growth of jazz in the 20th century. The Trio will perform the work of Duke Ellington, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Charles Mingus and Thelonious Monk, and traces the development of the music to the present time.

Tickets for performance are $10 for adults and $5 for children. Pre-paid reservations are requested. All proceeds from the performance will go to the WVCC, located at 11 Hamilton Avenue in Warwick. For more information or to reserve tickets call the WVCC at 986-6422.

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I'm very pleased that Senator Bruno has appointed me to serve as a member of the Senate Housing Committee. Time and again the residents of Rockland and Orange Counties can be assured that I will focus my energy extensively on making housing more affordable, and press for property tax reform legislation.

The Senator added, “In addition, the Housing Committee will be working to develop initiatives to expand home ownership opportunities, including reviewing bond funding requests for agencies such as the State of New York Mortgage Agency (SONYMA) and the NYS Housing Finance Agency (HFA).”

The Senate Housing Committee plans to continue to address issues related to agriculture, including expansion of the farm worker housing program, and helped to develop the first in the nation State Low Income Housing Tax credit.
Rabbitt Announces Plan to Curb Methamphetamine Production

Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt (R.C-Greenwood Lake) joined Assembly Republicans and law enforcement officers from around the state to unveil innovative proposals to fight the increased production and distribution of methamphetamines (meth).

“Methamphetamines are quickly becoming one of the largest threats to our children today,” Rabbitt said. “These proposals will give law enforcement the tools they need to fight meth production.”

Law enforcement reports a staggering increase in clandestine meth labs in the Hudson Valley alone, the number of labs uncovered by police rose from seven in 2000 to 46 in 2002. Meth is relatively easy to make and is manufactured with many common household items, including cold medicine, lithium batteries, drain cleaner and starter fluid.

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Some highlights of the proposal include:
•  Imposing penalties against individuals who assist in disassembly laboratories
•  Imposing penalties on people who possess the ingredients to illegally manufacture meth
•  Imposing penalties against individuals who assist in disposal of hazardous materials resulting from clandestine meth labs.
•  Increasing penalties for criminals who operate clandestine labs in the presence of a child, within 500 feet of school property and who booby trap a lab.
•  Imposing stricter penalties for those who steal or possess stolen anhydrous ammonia, from a misdemeanor to a Class E felony.
•  Working with the state health commissioner, the commissioner of the Criminal Services Division and the Department of Environmental Conservation and Health Department to establish a system to address the immediate and long-term health and safety needs of meth-endangered children.
•  Requiring the State Department of Environmental Conservation and Health Department to establish a system to determine the proper disposal of products left behind from a meth lab, as well as the degree of cleanup necessary to rehabilitate former meth laboratories.
•  Establishing a multi-disciplinary emergency response team to address the immediate and long-term health and safety needs of meth-endangered children.

“With much appreciation, I wanted to thank you for going more than out of your way this Christmas Holiday,” said Hills. “As a soldier myself, I know how important it is to have something to open on Christmas. Your generosity put smiles on a lot of faces. Thank you very much.”
Obituaries
Passing through Nature to eternity. - Shakespeare

HELEN E. HOAG
Helen E. Hoag of Warwick died Jan. 17, 2005 at Arden Hill Hospital, Goshen. She was 86. The daughter of the late Clinton S. and Clara Weymer Royce, she was born Aug. 14, 1918 in Warwick. Mrs. Hoag was a Medical Billing Clerk with Horizon Medical in Goshen. She was a member of Warwick United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Carrie Gutierrez and her husband, Adam, of Otsuville and Amanda Hoag of Walden; two grandchildren, Gabrielle and Isabelle; and her fiancé, Robert Garlick.

She was predeceased by an infant son, Bruce.

Funeral services were held Fri., Jan. 21 at Laerzer-Smith & Vander Plaat Memorial Home, Warwick.

Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 27106, New York, NY 10087.

GRACE L. LANNING
Grace L. Lanning, of Warwick, died Sat., Jan. 22, 2005 at Orange County Residential Health Care Facility in Goshen. She was 94.

Born on Nov. 15, 1910 in the Bronx, NY, she was the daughter of Frank and Michaelina Todd Jeten.

Mrs. Lanning was a retired Librarian at St. Nicholas of Tolentine High School in the Bronx. She was also a dedicated volunteer at St. Anthony Community Hospital with over 5000 hours of service.

She was a member the Warwick Reformed Church.

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Benjamin J. Pearce, age 14, of Troop 45 in Warwick has recently completed construction of a dry hydrant at the new Raymond Hose Company firehouse on West St. to fulfill the leadership service project requirement for Scouting’s highest rank of Eagle.

Benjamin’s project, called a dry hydrant, is a non-pressurized pipe system permanently installed in existing lakes, ponds and streams that provides a suction supply of water to a fire department tank truck. There is an existing pond on the property that was cleaned out and enlarged for conversion to a water storage pond suitable to draft and fill tankers for the fire department.

This will enable firefighters to refill trucks quickly and transport water to rural areas not serviced by wet hydrants, and utilize the water supply right on site of the firehouse for training purposes. Having water available in ponds helps a fire department only if the water can be accessed.

In Benjamin’s previous neighborhood in Pennsylvania, dry hydrants had been successfully installed to provide fire department access to pond water. He saw the value of this added feature to the community and the ideal location at the new Raymond Hose Company facility.

Mobile water supply vehicles (tankers) can move water from distant sources, but the critical factor is whether or not the fire department can maintain an uninterrupted supply of water at the fire scene. Installation of dry hydrants into nearby ponds eliminates the inefficiency and complexity of long-distance water shuttle operations.

Once the project was approved by the Fire Commissioners, it was up to Benjamin to secure the required supplies, and organize the construction including the heavy equipment. His fellow scouts from Troop 45 and parent leaders volunteered to help to complete the project.

His project brings a new resource to our community that was developed at no cost to the taxpayers. The total cost of the project ($5,000) was generously donated by Paul Barresel, excavation; Master Plumbing and Heating, for pipe and materials; Raymond Hose Company, for hose connection fittings, water pumps and volunteers; Wadesons Home Center, for grass seed and Heaven Hill Farm, for straw to stabilize banks.

“We are extremely happy with the way the project turned out,” said Frank Potino, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners. “We were impressed with how Ben spearheaded and supervised everything to accomplish this major construction project. This represents a tremendous benefit and service to the community and saved the district considerable dollars.”

Eagle Scout candidates are required to develop, organize, supervise and construct a project, which will benefit an organization or the community at large and demonstrate leadership skills as a requirement of the highest achievement in scouting.

This extensive project took several months to complete encompassing 166 total man hours.

Scouting programs are designed to promote the development of character, leadership ability, good citizenship, encouraging good sportsmanship, improving understanding within the family, strengthening the ability to get along with other boys and respect other people, as well as fostering a sense of personal achievement and self-confidence.

Benjamin J. Pearce is a graduate of Warwick Valley High School. The private is a 2004 graduate of the Niagara University academic dean’s list for Fall 2004 semester. To qualify, students must attain a 3.25 academic grade-point average for the semester.
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LAMMBE 99 LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/07/05. Office location: Orange County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 339 East 35th Street, New York, New York 10022. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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**Thrift Shop**

THRIFT SHOP of Christ Episcopal Church is open every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at 50 South St. in Warwick. Clothing, baby clothes, toys, house- hold items, books and magazines. Clean saleable donations welcome. 986-3440.

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**Orange County Civil Service Opportunities**

On Sat., Mar. 5 a Civil Service Examination is scheduled for:

- #61664 – Deputy Police Chief (B) – OC
- #68717 – Community Relations Coordinator (School) – OC
- #68284 – Correction Officer – OC
- #68189 – Storekeeper (Infirmary) – OC
- #67880 – Emergency Planning Technician – OC

Applications must be received no later than Feb. 9.

For applications and further information send a legal size, stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Orange County Department of Personnel, County Government Center, Goshen, New York 10924.

Please mention the number and title of the examination you are interested in.

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These days, NFL fans are accustomed to seeing players – especially quarterbacks – on the sidelines looking at photos of the opposing team formations. Those photos are taken up in the coach’s booth and faxed down to the bench throughout the game. But do you know how the use of aerial photography got started? It first happened during the famous 1998 championship game between the New York Giants and the then Baltimore Colts at Yankee Stadium. Giants VP Wellington Mara snapped Polaroids from the press box and heaved them down to the bench inside a weighted sock. But the Colts still won in overtime on Alonzo Ameche’s one-yard plunge.

Can you name the only sports venue ever to host a World Series, a Super Bowl, a major league baseball All-American football and baseball games? It first happened during the 1987 season when the Giants and the then Baltimore Colts at Yankee Stadium.

...When Antonia Tarver became light heavyweight boxing champion in 2004, he was 34 years old, which made him the fifth oldest fighter ever to win his first major title belt. Any idea which boxer was the oldest? Here’s a hint – he did it in the same weight class. The answer is Archie Moore, who was four years past his 39th birthday when he defeated Joey Maxim for the title in 1952. The oldest first-time heavyweight champ? That was ‘Jersey’ Joe Walcott, who was 37 when he defeated Ezzard Charles for the belt in 1951. By the way, Walcott’s fifth try at the heavyweight title...

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Shedletsky Becomes World Champion

Emily Shedletsky, a student and Black Belt Instructor from NorthEastern Martial Arts Academy in Florida, competed at the World Tae Kwon Do Championship in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and became a world champion. This event was part of the Goodwill Games. Representing the United States of America (one of the 82 countries participating in this world event), Ms. Shedletsky competed in the Black Belt Heavyweight Division 1st through 4th Degree Black Belt. She won a silver medal, placing second in the Women’s Sparring.

In March of 2004, Ms. Shedletsky was inducted into the U.S.A. Martial Arts Hall of Fame for “Women of the Year.” She teaches the junior classes at NEMAA and is the Director of NEMAA’s Little Ninja Program.

Emily Shedletsky

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Ryan Posts Dramatic Win in Boston Indoor Junior Mile

By Richard Furst

Aislinn Ryan ran a perfect race against the best scholastic milers in North America and produced an exciting performance that brought 6,000 spectators to their feet. Because of her Footlocker National Cross-country Championship, Ryan was invited to compete in the first time event with eleven other top runners for the mile distance from the United States and Canada. Although more experienced at two miles, Ryan took up the challenge with an eye on winning. Before the race no one picked Ryan to win, but she had a plan which if followed would give her the opportunity to compete with the victor.

Ryan was seeded in the outside lane right next to her main New York State rival Nicole Blood. As the gun went off Ryan followed Blood off the line but the pace went out faster than planned so Ryan stuck to her plan and relaxed. At 600m Ryan was in tenth place but was now on the move and closing on the leaders. Ryan passed the 800m in 2:25.6 and promptly made a bid to improve on her position. With two laps to go Ryan found herself in fourth place and the crowd could see that she was running faster than everyone else. Ryan passed the three-quarter mark in 3:38.6 and moved into second place and then quickly closed the gap and bolted past Blood. Blood ran gamely and went with Ryan as both girls ran all out over the last 200m but Ryan held on to win in 4:49.92 with Blood at 4:50.87. Ryan’s time is now the fastest in the nation and she will be the one to beat next week at the Millrose Games. The Millrose games are unique because they are run in Madison Square Garden on a 148m track. This makes the mile 11 laps with 22 turns to negotiate. It is always a challenge and tends to become a tactical race. If you don’t already have your tickets get them quickly. Race time in 7:44 p.m. See you in the Garden.

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Youth Lacrosse Winter League

By Nancy Walczyk

The Warwick Youth Lacrosse Club will hold an Indoor Winter League for boys and girls in grades 5 – 12, starting Thurs., Feb. 3, for six consecutive Thurs. evenings ending Mar. 10. It will be held at Park Avenue Elementary School in Warwick at 6 p.m. The Winter League is included with Warwick Lacrosse Club memberships. The fee for non-members for the six-session program is $50. For further information, contact Marybeth McMurray at 845-610-3021 or email Marybeth1@optonline.net.

Equipment Swap Rescheduled

The Warwick Youth Lacrosse Club has rescheduled the equipment swap for the 2005 Season. If you have lacrosse equipment you no longer use and would like to sell or swap, bring it to the Warwick Middle School Cafeteria between 12 noon and 1 p.m. The equipment needs to be labeled with your name, phone number and value. Anyone who brings equipment to the swap must return it at 3 p.m. for pick-up. Any equipment not picked up by 3 p.m. will be considered donated to the Warwick Lacrosse Club. The Public is welcome.

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Upcoming Bowling Tournaments & Deadlines

The 69th annual tournament opens Fri., Apr. 15 at the 66 lane AMF Airport Bowling Center on Genesee St., Cheektowaga, NY. It will continue weekends (Fri., Sat., Sun.) through May 22. The tournament has four or five member team events along with doubles and singles and are scratch or handicap according to the entering averages. Participants may bow to the league one time. Entries close Feb. 15 and are being accepted daily up to that date.

Queen’s Tournament

The 34th Annual Queen’s Tournament will be held at Transit Lanes, 7850 Transit Road, Williamsville, NY, Apr. 16. Traditionally, the best bowlers in New York will be in town to compete for this one-day event. This scratch event has two divisions for bowlers with averages between 160-184 and 185 and over. Participants bowl five games to qualify for the semi-finals where three more games are bowled and the top five in each division participate in a one game roll off until the winners are crowned the NY State Queen’s champions. Entries close Mar. 16 and are being accepted daily up to the closing date.

For information and entry forms for any of these events, contact: New York State Women’s Bowling Association, Inc., Nancy Walczyk, Secretary/Treasurer, 3532 Southwestern Blvd., Orchard Park, NY 14127, Telephone: Local Area (716) 662-0018 – 800-404-6501, Email: Nancy@nyswba.com and Website: nyswba.com.
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**WEDNESDAYS**

**Chess Club** - The Tuscan Cafe, 5 South St, Warwick each Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. All levels welcome.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**Stargazing** – Albert Wisner Public Library, Feb. 2, 8 p.m. An opportunity for patrons to observe the winter night sky at a private observatory in Warwick. For information and registration call 986-1047.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**Armchair Pilates** - A Senior Focus Program of the Albert Wisner Public Library; Green Brier Room, Mt. Alverno, Feb. 3, 2 p.m. Instructor Kelly O’Haton will lead participants. For information on this and other Senior Focus Programs and to register call 986-1047.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**Albert Wisner Public Library** – Anime Movie Night, Feb. 5, 7-9 p.m. Teen Program – newly formed anime group spans three towns. This month’s meeting at the Goshen Library to watch Princess Mononoke. Call the Library for details and registration 986-1047.

**Valentine’s Stamping** – Florida Public Library, Feb. 6, 2 p.m. Families are invited to read aloud, play games, make crafts and enjoy special guest Jason Poole and his African drums. Call 651-7659 or stop in to register.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**Quill A Box Craft** – Teen Program at Albert Wisner Public Library, Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m. Quilling is a renaissance art form. Call 986-1047 to register.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**S.S. Seward Senior Class** hosting a breakfast (pancakes, eggs, sausage, home fries and baked goods), Feb. 6, 8-11 a.m., Seward H.S., Main St., Florida. Cost: $6/adult, $5/senior citizens and $3/children under 10. Proceeds to benefit senior class trip.

**Family Storytime** – Florida Public Library, Feb. 6, 2 p.m. Families are invited to read aloud, play games, make crafts and enjoy special guest Jason Poole and his African drums. Call 651-7659 or stop in to register.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**Stargazing** – The Greenwich Library, Feb. 7, 7 p.m. An opportunity for patrons to observe the winter night sky at a private observatory in Greenwich. For information and registration call 986-1047.

**Valentine’s Stamping** – Florida Public Library, Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m. Families are invited to read aloud, play games, make crafts and enjoy special guest Jason Poole and his African drums. Call 651-7659 or stop in to register.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**Albert Wisner Public Library** – Anime Movie Night, Feb. 9, 5 p.m. Teen Program – newly formed anime group spans three towns. This month’s meeting at the Goshen Library to watch Princess Mononoke. Call the Library for details and registration 986-1047.

**Bright Beginnings Preschool Fall 2005 Registration** – Warwick Methodist Church, corner of Galloway Rd. and Forester Ave., Feb. 5 (snow date Sat., Feb. 12), 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Call 986-0980 for additional information.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**Ash Wednesday Service** – Bellvale and Sugar Loaf United Methodist Churches, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. held at the Bellvale Methodist Church.

**Project Graduation Meeting** – Warwick Valley High School South Cafeteria, Feb. 9, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**Fish Dinner** – Hosted by Knights of Columbus, St. Edward’s Hall (behind St. Edward’s R.C. Church), 74 Main St., Florida, Feb. 11. Continuous serving 5 to 7 p.m. $10/adults, $5/children 4-12. For reservations call 651-9171 or 651-4952 on day of dinner.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**Five-hour Pre-licensing Course** required for NYS Driver license applicants, Sat., Feb. 12, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Warwick Town Hall (front entrance). Kings Hwy. Cost: $39. Enrollees must hold a NYS Learners Permit before registering. To register call George Arnott 469-9482.


**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19**


**MONDAY, MARCH 21**


**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**Hudson Highlands Photo Workshop** – St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Chester, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. Theme for presentation is “Holidays.” Anyone interested in photography is invited to attend. For information and directions call Madelyn 783-8530; or visit our website at hudsonhighlandsphotoworkshop.org.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

**New SAT Practice Test** – Administered by Princeton Review at the Florida Public Library, Feb. 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for all high school students. Receive an in-depth explanation by mail of your scores. Call 651-7659 or stop in to register.

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