Warwick Chamber’s Clean-Up A ‘Sweeping Success’

By Robert Demetry

It was a “Sweeping Success” so to speak, as more than 150 area resident volunteers combed the highways and byways in the Town and Village of Warwick on Sat., Apr. 16. This was all part of the annual “Operation Clean Sweep,” sponsored by the Warwick Chamber of Commerce.

Volunteers picked up trash bags, a “cup of Joe” and a bagel or doughnut prior to heading out on their appointed rounds to keep America beautiful.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Linda Glohs was overwhelmed with the large turnout of volunteers, who picked up thousands of pounds of roadside litter in a Herculean effort.

Area businesses donating supplies this year were: Philips Diversified, Whisper Wind Farm, WVT Communications, Warwick Press, ShopRite and Dunkin’ Donuts.

“The Chamber is thrilled that so many people are taking ownership of their community in a spirit of enthusiasm and willingness in a real pro-active project,” said the Executive Director.

Glohs said the Warwick Chamber of Commerce sponsored “Operation Clean Sweep” at least 15 years ago and added that Orange County had originally set aside a day a year for a countywide, clean-up effort.

“The county used to do it with us and we all joined forces with some large corporate sponsors such as Pepsi Cola, Orange County Chamber and the Times-Herald Record, added. Glohs who said the cooperative effort was stopped some eight years ago but the Warwick Chamber continued the effort on their own.

This year, Warwick, Greenwood Lake and Florida participated cooperatively as one townwide effort. It was originally scheduled for the beginning of May but was moved to Apr. 16 because a similar project was being done in Monroe.

Glohs said most people this year were "pumped up" in getting out to do their part in cleaning up the streets and roadways.

"We had a lot of advance calls from people signing up to clean particular roads," added Glohs, who credited the media press coverage and the warmer spring weather for the large turn-out.

People & Pooches Raise Money at Fun Fest ‘Walk-A-Thon’

By Robert Demetry

Sunday’s Florida Family Fun Fest “Walk-A-Thon” was no walk in the park for man nor beast but rather a walk “to the park” in warm 70 degree weather to raise nearly $4,000.

A total of $1,515 was pledged and $1,435 was received at the annual “Walk-A-Thon” to help fund Family Fun Fest 2005.

Although there were only nine brave “walkers” stepping along the 4.1-mile route from Walter R. Sturr Memorial Park to Glenmere Park, it was the dogs that saved the day.

"Misty," an Alaskan Huskie, owned by Teresa Yanosh, had $698 in pledges while Florida Mayor James Pawliczek’s hound “Ralph” raised $265 in pledges.

Although both canines started out neck in neck, it appeared that the “gentlemen” let the ladies finish first as all came back “pooped,” so to speak, to the finish.

Alice Mateosian, was second in pledges with a total of $366.

Adrian Mateosian, 2005 Family Fun Fest Chairman said the annual event (Fun Fest) is solely funded by public and private donations and the Village doesn’t spend a dime of taxpayers’ monies.

“We raise about $30,000 a year to put on Fun Fest, our major fundraiser being an annual promotional brochure where we sell advertising,” said Mateosian.

Other fundraisers include Bake Sales, Softball Tournament, Home-Run Contests and the selling of ven- continued on page 7
Town Park Bathrooms Open for the Season

By Scott Webber

Public bathrooms at all Town Parks are now open for business, said Town Supervisor Michael Sweeton at Thursday night’s, April 14, Warwick Town Board meeting.

The only unit not open yet is the ladies room at Airport Executive Park, but this will become available as soon as the Town Department of Public Works completes work at this location.

The Town has public facilities at all three parks, at the Union Corners Park, Airport Executive Park and Pine Island sites.

At the April 14 meeting the Town Board voted to spend $7,540 to provide fencing for the Pine Island and Union Corners Road Park baseball fields, the contract going to A-Better Fence Company at 135 Center Street, West Milford, NJ.

In its motion, the Board voted to extend the foul “out-of-play” fencing by 50 feet on both the first and third base lines to protect spectators and others from overthrows.

For the Union Corners Park site the Board also voted to take down the outfield home run fence and relocate it 50 feet further from home plate and add new fencing as needed to reach both “out-of-play” fences. Also to extend the “out-of-play” fences to reach the home-run fencing, and install a plastic protective tubing on the top of the home run fencing.

The Board appointed Jason Marsh as a full time police officer at $22.33 per hour effective April 30. They also accepted the resignation of Theresa Dougherty as a Town of Warwick Animal Control Officer, effective immediately.

Carmen Vargas was reappointed as a member of the Kings Estates/Sugar Hills Recreation Advisory Committee for three-year term to expire Jan 2, 2008.

Supervisor Sweeton said that the flooding of April 2-3 did about $500,000 damage to Town roads, for which federal funds will be sought to cover the costs.

The Town is working to obtain low cost loans for homeowners in order for them to make repairs on their homes – which were damaged by the floods.

The new Senior Center will be opening in mid-May, Sweeton said, no date has been set.

Property Tax Report Card for Warwick Valley 2005-2006 School Year

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WVCSD BOCES Budget Meeting

The Warwick Valley Central School District Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on Tues., Apr. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. The agenda is for the Board to vote on the Orange-Ulster BOCES’ Administrative Budget and election of BOCES’ Board members.

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WARRICK VALLEY DISPATCH, APRIL 20, 2005
Village of Warwick Appointments

On Mon., Apr. 4, the Village of Warwick Board made the following appointments for the Official Year of the Village of Warwick (effective April 7, 2005):

- Attorney to the Village Board – Michael Meth
- Special Counsel – Jacobowitz & Gubitz
- Attorney to the Planning Board – Robert Dickover
- Attorney to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Robert Fink

Village Engineer – Lawler, Metusky & Skelly
Deputy Mayor – Roger Metzger
Village Clerk – Jacque Mongelli
Deputy Clerk – Joanna Rome
Deputy Treasurer – Diane Shorter
Working Leader – Michael Holt
Auditor – Michael Verner

- Assessor – Richard Hubner
- Chief Fiscal Officer – Gail Romanoski
- Recreation Director – Ron Intonto
- Shade Tree Commission – Roger Metzger
- Planning Board Member – Glenn Dicke*
- Architectural Review Board Member – Michael Bertolini, Michael Altman
- Grant Writer – Kerren Barnes
- Registrar of Vital Statistics – Karen Lavinski, Joan Parks
- Official Banks – Bank of New York, Provident Bank*
- Assistant to the Village Justice – Peter Barlet
- Risk Management – Jacqe Mongelli
- Emergency Management – Steven Sisco
- Deputy Emergency Management – William Schmick
- 911 Coordinator – Maureen Evans
- Computer Consultant – Basil Duh
- Computer Programmer – EOS
- Village Newspaper – The Warwick Valley Dispatch
- Web-Site Management – Mark Damia
- Citizens Advisory Panel – Pam Arace, Julia Griffin, Lisa Cavanagh, Mary Jankowski, Julie English, John DeSoto, Glenn Dicke

* New Appointment
Trustee Liaison Assignments are:
- Roger Metzger – Shade Tree Commission, Planning and Zoning, Chamber of Commerce, St. Anthony’s Community Hospital and Partnership for Quality Community Committee; Steven Pascal - Weekender Bus, Town of Warwick, Cablevision, Traffic, Issues of Emergency and Security, Police, and Jones Chemical Citizens Advisory Panel; George McManus - Volunteers, Ethics Board, Senior Citizens, Park Committee, Library, and Warwick School District; William Furato – Merchants, Office Staff, Department of Public Works, Water and Sewer, Concerts and Parking.

From The Mayor's Office
By Mayor Michael Newhard
Village of Warwick

www.villageofwarwick.org

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On Sun., Apr. 17, a house fire broke out at 77 Mountainside Rd. in Warwick. Multiple fire departments rushed to the scene. The fire started in a utility room on the first floor. No injuries were reported and the fire is still under investigation. – Photo courtesy of Thom Cronin

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During the festival the old folks come here to listen to Jimmy Sturr and basically the day revolves around our music,’ continued Mateosian. “We have three bands and a D.J., a bed-race, food vendors, rides – and everything is free – it’s an all day party.”

Florida Village Mayor James Pawlick said, "Family Fun Fest is the one main community event Florida has where everybody comes together. We do our best to keep it a community event: All the kiddie rides are free and all the food is medium price.”

"It’s not really a moneymaker that day and we have activities all year to support that day,” said Pawlick. “It’s the highlight of the year in our community!”

Florida Fun Fest 2005 Committee Members are: Adrian Mateosian, Chairman; Patricia Lemppa, Treasurer; Shirley Coughlin, Secretary; Jim Pawlick; Fran Roach; Betsy Sober, Vincent Polonka; John Dever, Tim Brunswick; John Karas, Mike Pawlick, Gloria McAndrews, Pat Straub, Ann Marie Penning, Karen Babcock, Tom Chevrier, Gail Weskowski, Jeff Babcock, Diane Shuback, Teresa Vanosh, Marion Scina and Stasia Palmer.

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Amarone’s Italian Cuisine

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Letters to the Editor

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. Cleverness is more persuasive than incoherence. That is, honey catches more flies than vinegar.

When you read a letter that angers you or that you disagree with, take a deep breath and remember you are responding to the guidelines suggested above. Our pages are always open to lively debate, but play fair.

Fire Department Thanks Everyone for their Patience During Trying Times

Editor,

The rain began in earnest during the early morning hours of Sat., Apr. 2, and so did the work of Warwick's firefighters. They were summoned at 2:20 a.m. to assist the Pine Island Fire Department in fighting a serious house fire. The volunteers did not return home until well after daylight.

As the rain continued throughout Saturday, basements began flooding, and our volunteers dealt with one call after assistance after another, doing their best to prioritize the calls as to hazard and need. Around 9 p.m. that night, while our companies were busy throughout the district assisting residents with weather emergencies, a call was received reporting a house fire on Buttermilk Falls Road. The crew dropped what they were doing and raced to the scene only to find their approach to the house blocked by torrents of water rushing down the road and across the driveway. The firefighters had to carry their hoses and tools across an overflowing and turbulent street that threatened to sweep them away. Despite this valiant and exhausting effort, the fire had gained too much headway, and the building was lost. Thankfully no one was injured. Our volunteers were on the scene until 4 a.m.

The following day, Sunday, allowed the wet and weary no rest. As the rain subsided, the flood waters continued to rise along with calls for assistance. In an effort to cope with the overwhelming volume of calls, the fire department added cellar pumps and was able to rent others. But providing help in a timely manner to all who requested it was a challenge.

Despite the hard work of more than 50 volunteer firefighters with at times six crews moving from one pump-out to another, water flowed into some basements faster than we could pump it out, and in others the basement flooded again within a few hours of our leaving. In several instances, the rising waters created serious hazards involving electric and gas, and those utilities had to be turned off causing further hardship for the property owners. These circumstances required time for the water in the nearby creeks to recede.

Throughout the duration of the storm and its aftermath the Warwick Fire Department battled two serious structure fires, responded to at least ten less serious alarms, assisted the Warwick Ambulance Corps with the rescue of an injured person from the woods, and provided pumping assistance at over sixty-five flood-related emergencies. Many of our volunteers had storm damage at their own homes but postponed dealing with it in favor of providing community service.

The Warwick Fire Department would like to thank the residents and merchants of the Warwick Fire District for their patience, understanding and cooperation during the recent storm. It was a trying time and our volunteers were severely tested both during the storm and in the days that followed. We feel disappointed when we are unable to provide immediate service to anyone who asks. However, if we were able to help any of you, we are proud to have done so.

FRANK CORKUM, WARWICK FIRE CHIEF

O.C. Legislature Supports Panel Findings on Transportation

Editor,

I commend the Orange County Legislature for adopting a resolution last week supporting the 2004 findings of the New York State Department of Transportation Advisory Panel on Transportation Policy. Simply put, the panel concluded that New York State is in imminent danger of losing thousands of jobs and a subsequent deterioration in quality of life if our leadership doesn’t turn its focus towards maintenance and improvement of our transportation systems.

Needless to say, misinformation and gratuitous insult will not survive the editor’s pen. All letters should be approximately 400 words or less due to space limitations. Letters must be signed with full name and contain a telephone number for verification purposes. Anonymous or unsigned letters will not be published. Letters may be edited for length and style. The deadline for sending letters is 12 noon on Mondays. Letters may be mailed to the Warwick Valley Dispatch, P.O. Box 594, Warwick, NY 10990, or faxed to 987-1180. Letters may also be emailed to: editor@wvdispatch.com

While funding an adequate transportation policy may be unpopular in a time when our healthcare costs are skyrocketing and educational concerns remain in the forefront, it is vital to the future of our residents, our workers and children, that our transportation networks are maintained. With vision and funding for the systems, we will continue to see growth in our local economy, which in turn, will fund social programs and help maintain our quality of life. It was a bold first step on the part of our County Legislature to support the panel’s findings. I hope that our state leaders, even in an election year, will join their County counterparts in recognizing the importance of our transportation system and take the necessary steps to ensure our future.

PATRICIA GILCHREST, PRESIDENT
ORANGE COUNTY CITIZENS FOUNDATION

Warwick is Blessed With a Wonderful Teacher, Ed Sattler

Editor,

Warwick is blessed with an extraordinary teacher, Ed Sattler. It is through one man’s extraordinary vision and hard work that Warwick has been a dedicated New York State Solar School. His grant application was described by a State representative as both “brilliant and beautiful.”

Solar energy is not just about clean air or clean water. It is not just about free electricity. It is about the science, technology and education that gives birth to innovation and invention. If there was a Nobel Prize for Teaching I would nominate Ed Sattler.

Ed Sattler is a man of intelligence, imagination and light. All Warwick is blessed with his gifts. Thank you, Ed.

EVERETT COX

New Building is Definitely Not Your Average Strip Mall

Editor,

I just wanted to take a few moments to applaud Barbara Sullivan of Interiors Plus for building what I consider to be an aesthetic success! Time moves forward and we can’t always hold back “urban sprawl” but it gives me a feeling of satisfaction when development is done correctly and in this case with the utmost respect of the natural beauty surrounding it. Why it looks like a renovat- ed barn that could be up for a hundred years! Definitely not your average strip mall. Bravo Barbara!

TIM MULLALLY
Style Counsel
Rabbitt Appalled by Democrats’ Move to Thwart Democracy

Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt blasted Assembly Democratic leaders for preventing bills to "fix" New York's capital punishment laws and establish civil confinement regulations from coming to the floor of the Assembly for a full vote. Rabbitt noted that 11 Democrats on the Assembly Codes Committee on Tues., Apr. 12, voted against a proposal that would have brought the Death Penalty Bill to the Assembly floor for debate and a vote.

"Apparently, these 11 Democrats forgot there are 139 other members elected to the state Assembly," Rabbitt said. "By not allowing this important issue to be voted on by the entire house, Assembly Democrats are attempting to thwart the Democracy we were all elected to preserve."

Rabbitt joined her Republican Assembly colleagues to urge the Democrat-controlled Assembly Codes Committee to move the legislation to the floor, where it can be debated and voted on by all members.

She noted that Democrats, who control the Assembly Mental Health Committee, also voted to block from the Assembly floor important civil confinement legislation aimed at keeping New York's most violent sexual predators confined after their prison sentences end. Civil confinement would give judges the option of ordering dangerous sexual predators held in secure mental facilities to receive proper medical treatment.

"Once again, the Democrats are putting politics before policy and are choosing to block legislation that would protect our most vulnerable citizens," Rabbitt continued. "Some progress has been made in reforming the rules that govern the Assembly, but Tuesday's action by these two committees demonstrates the need for further rules reform. I'll continue to fight to make sure these important issues are addressed by the Legislature this year."

New Event & New Shop for Spring Fest

Calling all classic car owners, we want you! Warwick Spring Fest 2005 will feature a Classic Car Show on Sat., April 30, 1 – 5 p.m. All makes and models are welcome. A "People's Choice Trophy" will be awarded to the "Best in Show." The cars will be roped off in Kuiken's parking lot and close to thirty cars can be accommodated. Call Marie Kosen at The Pear Tree, 986-0600, to register your car and reserve your space. This event will be a lot of fun for everyone. Rain date is Sun., May 1.

New retailer, Marie Kosen, owner of The Pear Tree European Country, invites shoppers to add a touch of Provence to their home and garden decorating this spring. Celebrate Spring Fest at The Pear Tree with Marie's first annual Spruce Up For Spring Sale, offering irresistible prices on French-inspired placemats, napkins, wall art, home fragrance, candles, as well as beautiful guest towels hand made from vintage French fabrics and ribbons.

There are special Spring Sale prices on The Pear Tree's Deruta and Vietri pottery. Watch for The Pear Tree European Country's delightfully different home and garden decor arriving weekly. Come in to experience a very special shop. The Pear Tree European Country is located at 28 Railroad Avenue in Warwick and is open Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sun., 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Come visit The Pear Tree European Country's first annual Spring Fest "Get Ready for Spring" Sale. Everything in the store will be on sale to help you "Get Ready for Spring." Be sure to stop by to see the beautiful collection for home and garden. The store will be open 10 a.m. on Spring Fest.
Florida Village Gets $10 Thousand for New Playground Equipment

By Colleen McAvey

There was a full house at the Village of Florida Board meeting on Tues., Apr. 12, particularly due to the Lions Club donation of ten thousand dollars to the Village. The check was presented to Mayor Jim Pawliczek and the Village board members for the purchase of new playground equipment in the Walter R. Sturr Memorial Park.

The Parkland Committee submitted a list of potential names for the Park at Glenmere Lake and the rules and regulations for both parks. A motion was made to name the park The Village of Florida’s Park at Glenmere, and the Pavilion name will be the Richard L. Hansen Pavilion. The road leading into the Park will be named Mayor Harter Drive. This motion was powerfully seconded and approved.

Public Hearing Scheduled

Public Hearings will be scheduled regarding the rules and regulations for the new park. On May 10, at 7:30 p.m., the matter of “Local Law #5, 2005, Amendments to Park Regulations,” will be heard. This meeting will discuss and establish regulations for the Village of Florida’s Park at Glenmere and to amend regulations for the Walter R. Sturr Memorial Park.

Also scheduled for the May 10 meeting is the matter regarding “Local Law #4, 2005, Amendment to Vehicle and Traffic Regulations,” to lower the speed limit on Glenmere Ave, between Rose Street and Werner Avenue to 15 MPH.

Requests & Proposed Budget

The meeting continued with a request from the Florida Public Library to use the Walter Sturr Memorial Park on July 7 and July 21 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for Campfire Story-times. Robert Scott, Adjutant, American Legion Post 1250, requested permission to hold its annual Memorial Day Parade in the Village on May 30 at 2 p.m.

The proposed budget for 2005-06 is as follows: Under General Fund Budget - $1,951,895.00; Sewer Fund Budget - $457,375.00; and Water Fund Budget – $621,600.

In correspondence to the Board, Timothy Brunswick is resigning his position on the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective May 31, 2005. The Board accepted Brunswick’s resignation with regret.

Bishop Karpinski of Poland, Friend of Pope Gives Remembrance Mass in Florida

Bishop Karpinski and Pastor Joseph Tokarczyk of St. Joseph’s Church in Florida.

By Priscilla Van Aulen

On Sat., Apr. 9, a mass of remembrance for Pope John Paul II was held by Bishop Karpinski of Poland at St. Joseph’s Church and School in Florida. When the Pope passed away, Bishop Karpinski was in the United States and he felt that God was calling him to minister to those living in this Country, who are mourning the Pope’s death. And St. Joseph’s felt honored to be in the presence of the Bishop, who spent nearly 20 years working in the Vatican and was a personal friend of Pope John Paul II.

Several students from St. Joseph’s School had the privileg of participating as altar servers as well as singing in the church choir.

Arriving at St. Joseph’s for a church full of parishioners and visitors, the Bishop’s physical resemblance to the Pope and the shrine on the altar, added a special dimension to the service. In the center of the shrine was a large picture of Pope John Paul II, in which with one hand he's grasping tightly to his staff - the cross of Jesus Christ – while extending his other arm out to the people. The picture sat directly below a statue of Jesus Christ and was surrounded by white Easter lilies and burning candles.

The mass, which Bishop Karpinski spoke in both English and Polish, was a beautiful tribute to Pope John Paul II. As a student, of the Pope, at the Catholic University of Lublin in Poland, the Bishop talked about the regular train trips the Pope made from Krakow to Lublin to lecture as a professor and to celebrate masses with the students. He said the Pope’s decision to study for the priesthood, when communist Poland was under Nazi occupation and the practice of Catholicism was illegal, was a strong testament to his abiding commitment to his vocation.

The Bishop also spoke about the Pope’s strong influence on the collapse of Communism in Poland and his impact on the fall of the Berlin Wall. According to Bishop Karpinski, there is no question that Pope John Paul II was critically instrumental in freeing Eastern Europe from Communist rule and the Polish people feel particularly indebted to him. He spoke of the Pope’s love and commitment to young people and how he bridged together religious and cultural divides. “His worldly achievements were astounding,” said Bishop Karpinski, “but that’s not what made him the revered man he is today - it was because of his love for every human being and in that, he was extraordinary.”

Solemly and personally, Bishop Karpinski recalled his memories of Pope John Paul II, who was his professor, friend, and mentor. The tone of his voice, his inflections, and facial expressions revealed a man who was in mourning, yet carried the hope and spirit of Pope John Paul II in his love for every human being and in that, he was extraordinary.

New Employee Policy Established

A motion was made and seconded to establish a policy, effective June 1 that all full time employees hired, who are eligible for health insurance will contribute 50% of the cost of plans for spouses and/or families. The Board also gave permission to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Orange/Ulster BOCES to allow for medical care for a student from S.S.eward, at no cost to the Village.

Community Development Program

Following the reading of the “Resolution Supporting the Community Development Program,” the matter was resolved as follows: the Village of Florida hereby calls on Congress to preserve the Community Development Block Grant Program within the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provide a FY 2006 funding of at least $4.7 billion overall, with no less than $4.35 billion in formula. The meeting concluded with remarks about the upcoming Florida Fun Fest walkathon that is a Fund raiser for the Fantastic Florida Family Fun Fest.

Village of Florida

By Mayor Jim Pawliczek

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

On Wed., April 27 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a public hearing at the S.S. Seward Senior Center at 4 Cohen Circle pertaining to the subdivision of the property which was the site of the former Big V ShopRite.

The completion of the subdivision will permit the company named Quick-Chek to demolish the former store and leave the office building intact. They will then build a 6,800 square foot convenience store and install gas pumps. This is not going to be a full-fledged grocery store, but we hope it is a step in the right direction.

Timothy Brunoick has submitted his resigna tion from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Village res idents interested in appointment to fill the vacancy should drop off or mail a letter and/or resume to Village Hall at P.O. Box 505, Florida, NY 10921.

Once again our little part of the world is full of promise. Blue skies, greener, warmth and flowers are surely coming our way. It makes us feel free of the oppressive winter season which has passed over. It happens every year and we look forward to it.

There is another, even greater celebration of an important change in climate that has nothing to do with the weather. It has to do, instead, with the oppression of a culture. The Jewish season of Passover teaches us many lessons but mostly it is reflected upon every year around this time to remind humanity of the sweetness of freedom, something to which every culture can relate. With this in mind, I wish all those of the Jewish faith the gifts of peace and well-being during the solemn celebra tion of Passover. A blessed Passover to all.

Important Dates for Florida Union Free School District

May 5 – Budget Hearing 7:30 p.m., S.S. Seward Cafeteria.


May 17 – Budget Vote 6 a.m. – 9 p.m., S.S.eward Institute.
Two Florida Teens Arrested in Flag Thefts, Graffiti

By Robert Demetry

Two Florida teenagers were arrested Mon., Apr. 11 by New York State Police and Florida Police after they allegedly stole more than two dozen American flags, spray-painted graffiti and uprooted several trees.

Police would not release the names of the two accused males, who live in the Village, because they are underage.

The pair face felony charges and misdemeanor charges of petty larceny and criminal mischief.

American flags flying, in the Village, were reported to have been stolen several weeks ago, in a sporadic fashion. Village Hall, Florida Library, American Legion, Florida Post Office and the Fireman's Memorial, among others had their flying flags stolen.

Provident Bank reported two of their flags stolen and a giant flag was reported missing from Remee Products on Rt. 17A.

Last week in their vandalism spree, the duo allegedly spray painted business signs up and down Main Street as well as on the interior walls of the baseball stadium at Walter R. Sturr Memorial Park and Firemen's and Veterans' Memorials.

Entry signs to CedarCrest development, numerous mailboxes and the Village Hall sign were also damaged.

Florida Village Mayor James Pawliczek called the vandalism spree an "isolated incident" after signing a complaint and pressing charges.

"I don't know what the influences were that made them do it, but obviously there might have been something else involved – alcohol or whatever," said Pawliczek.

Although many of the flags haven't been recovered, many have since been replaced and are proudly flying again throughout the Village.

Police say the perpetrators apparently burned many of the stolen flags as charred remnants were found at or near their homes.

Pawliczek credited Florida Police Officer Jack Carr for working diligently in solving what has been called the great "Florida Flag Caper" by Villagers.

Chamber's Clean-Up

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the great turnout.

Chamber officials said the project is important because in the Town of Warwick, DPW workers don't pick up trash along Town roadways.

It's important because there are 173 miles of Town roadways and how could they possibly police that – it's our own out-of-the-car roadside trash but some of the stuff you see is blown out of recycling trucks," Glohs pointed out.

"Years ago we didn't have the consciousness then – but back then there wasn't all this disposable stuff when we were growing up.

"What you see on the roadways is the fast food franchise packaging and more people are eating out of their cars because they are always on the run," added Glohs.

The more than two dozen pre-registered volunteers represented many groups totaling more than 150 volunteers.

Chamber President Larry Drake was on hand early Saturday morning welcoming volunteers at the South Street Caboose Headquarters and helping coordinate tasks.

"This is an important project (Operation Clean Sweep) because it fosters a sense of unity we have here in Warwick," said Drake. "People always come out and do things together – we look out for each other – it's probably due to our rural heritage here.

"Not only do we clean up our Town but it just causes camaraderie," said Drake, who is a WVT Communications Vice-president and a resident of Warwick for the past 6-1/2 years.

He said numerous of his employees had signed up to work as clean-up volunteers along the many streets they work on as employees in their jobs.

"Though it distresses Drake to see the roadside litter he feels that the community at large needs to "do" more: "I still see a lot of it even though we have waste receptacles all over Town – but there seems to be a segment of the population that insists on throwing trash out.

"While growing up, my parents always kept a 'litter bag' in the car, so we knew everything went into that litter bag ever since I can remember. I was raised that way," added Drake.

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"I think this one incident was on one occasion on one evening … we don't really have any pervasive vandalism here, so to speak," he added.

Most of the spray painting and defacing graffiti has been erased but the Village Hall sign was noticeably missing from its posts and sent for re-painting.

Pawliczek noted that in the past three years, anytime the Village experiences graffiti he deputizes 70 local Cub Scouts as "honorary" deputy mayors who come and do scraping, scrubbing and re-painting as needed.

"They do this as part of a service to the community and we appreciate all their efforts to help keep our Village beautiful," said Pawliczek.

A group of workers from Synergy Mortgage on Newport Bridge Road wore their company's name on special teal green tee shirts as they posed for a group photo before heading off to "Sweep-Clean" Upper Wisner Rd.

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And there was Ed Hallihan and Paul Flanagan representing the Warwick Rod and Gun Club, who supervised members picking up trash in ten different locations.

There was John Vakos and Coner Blaine, who were doing "community service" as part of Confirmation requirements for St. Stanislaus Church in Pine Island.

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Town and Village DPW Workers had the "honors" in picking up the trash bags the volunteers had filled Saturday morning.

It was both an honor and a help to keeping Warwick the "Queen Village."
PTA Brings Feng Shui to Park Avenue Teachers Lounge

By Eileen Patterson

Each year the Park Avenue PTA reserves a day on the school calendar to honor the teachers for all of their hard work. In past years, Staff Appreciation Day has involved gifts of pretty potted plants and a catered breakfast. This year, the Staff Appreciation Committee wanted to do something different.

As is the case with most PTAs, limited funds meant a creative approach was necessary. The committee felt the gift would have more of an impact if they came up with something that the teachers could benefit from every day. Having heard that the some of the staff questioned the reliability of the existing microwave, PTA President Chris Little paid a visit to the teacher’s lounge.

“I went in to take a look at the microwave and thought ‘Forget the microwave, this room needs help,’” said Little. “The teachers’ lunch period is the only chance they have to sit quietly, take a minute for themselves, make phone calls to parents, or have a bit of conversation with other adults. The room was dingy and unwelcoming. It was not welcoming or conducive to relaxation.”

At the time, School Principal, Kathy Affigne was on maternity leave and was due back in mid-March. With the help of Interim Principal Christine Brady, arrangements were made for the walls to be painted. From her home, Mrs. Affigne whole-heartedly approved the project.

The committee reached out to other PTA parents and asked for donations of gently used furniture. Mrs. Little’s Creative Enterprises in Warwick. Mr. Weber is a Feng Shui Consultant who very generously donated his time and expertise to help with the Chi of the room. “He showed me the basic principles of Feng Shui as they pertained to that space,” said Little. “He suggested several color choices and the arrangement of furniture and accessories. He was very generous with his time and sharing his knowledge.”

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The custodial staff at the Park Avenue Elementary School is feeling the Chi of the new faculty lounge.

Typically put into action when decorating a home, the purpose of Feng Shui design is to surround the individual with a calmness which will enhance performance, reduce stress and improve clarity. An environment, away from the demands and chaos of the everyday world, which provides a space to rejuvenate, rebuild energy and find clarity is optimal. Any parent would agree that teachers would benefit from this type of respite.

The Transformation Begins

The advice from Mr. Weber was to paint the walls yellow because the room is a westerly room, the main element being Earth. Earth colors are yellows and brown. One wall in the room is covered in bulletin boards. He suggested the bulletin boards be covered in shades of red or pink, because it is the south wall, the main element being fire.

The north wall in the room needed something to imply water (shades of black or deep blue). The committee found a poster online which is a copy of a painting of Mirror Lake, by artist Marcia Burtt. The finishing touches in the room were plants and beta fish to bring more life and softness into it. Once the curtains were hung, the lighting and the feel of the room softened.

The transformation took place over Spring Break; all of the committee members got to work and took the dingy, boring teacher’s lunchroom to new levels of calmness and inspiration. When the teachers came back on Monday, there was a quick and informal ribbon cutting ceremony to thank the staff for all they do and to officially welcome them to their new lounge.

An Overflow of Thanks

In the week since the unveiling, the PTA mailbox has been overflowing with thank you notes from the teachers. Their comments ranged from the sincere expressions of appreciation to warnings that they may never go back to class from their lunch break. A note from one of first grade teachers said, “You have made our break room a little slice of heaven…your support means the world to us.”

The school nurse, Mrs. Henne said, “Thank you so much for creating a soft warm relaxing environment for the staff!” Another teacher wrote, “I feel so cared for and acknowledged…every detail (in the room) goes beyond my wildest expectations.”

The committee members on this project were: Chris Little, Alice Muade, Jennifer Brown and Anne Marie Todd. They all thoroughly enjoyed the project and are thrilled with the reaction from the teachers. They said, “We are still searching for a new name for the room to go with its new look! Staff Café is a possibility!”
Kelly Presses FEMA for Immediate Federal Disaster

U.S. Congresswoman Sue Kelly brought Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials into her Washington D.C. office to continue pressing for a rapid Federal Disaster Declaration for Orange County and 13 other flood-damaged counties in New York. 

FEMA officials assured Kelly that New York has been elevated to the top of its priority list of pending state disaster requests. Kelly provided FEMA with firsthand details of flood damage she has seen while visiting constituents in Deerpark, Port Jervis, Warwick, and Blooming Grove. She additionally handed FEMA officials photos from constituents who photographed damages to their homes.

“We have families that can’t move on with their lives until you give them this declaration,” said Kelly. “The temporary living options are severely limited in our area for hundreds of flood victims. We really need you to make this your top priority.”

Dan Craig, head of FEMA’s Recovery Division, led the contingent of FEMA officials who met with Kelly. When asked, FEMA officials assured Kelly that there would be no repeat of the delayed federal disaster relief process that occurred last fall when back-to-back storms caused flooding in western Orange County. The officials said that the agency was reviewing 27 different state disaster declarations at that time and the information-gathering process was incomplete when FEMA made its initial determination.

The circumstances are much more suited to the urgency this time. Joint assessments by FEMA and SEMO already have expedited the process, officials said. They also, when asked by Kelly, said that they have all of the information they need from the state in order to make a determination.

Governor Pataki recently announced the state’s request for a Federal Disaster Declaration for 14 New York counties, including Orange County, suffering from the extensive flood damage that resulted from heavy rainstorms from April 2 through April 4. This request then enabled FEMA to begin reviewing the damage estimates in order to make a Federal Disaster area determination.

Congresswoman Sue Kelly (left) appeals to FEMA officials about federal flood aid to Orange County during a meeting she organized in her office on Apr. 15.

On Fri. Apr. 14 around 4:30 p.m., firefighters from Pine Island, Florida and Warwick battled a house fire on Chardavoyne Road in Warwick. Although this fire is still under investigation, it is believed to have started from heating lamps on the second floor. The occupants escaped without any injuries, taking with them their beloved rabbits and cats. Unable to carry out their iguanas, the residents quickly placed these pets in a bathtub with water. When the fire was put out, firefighters gave the unharmed iguanas to their grateful owners. – Photo courtesy of Thom Cronin

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Aromatherapy: Not Just Another Pretty Smell!

By Connie Wehmeyer

What is aromatherapy? Why do some smells elicit memories? What is the difference between traditional aromatherapy and “fragrance”? Do I have to have a lot of training to use it?

What is Aromatherapy?

Aromatherapy is the use of the pure essential oil distilled from plants, trees, flowers, bark, seeds, leaves, wood, and roots. It has been used for thousands of years in many cultures to help promote health of body, mind, and spirit. In modern days, aromatherapy has become a household word. Unfortunately, many advertisers call the synthetic scents to which many people are allergic “aromatherapy.” This has caused many people to think they are allergic to aromatherapy, when they are actually allergic to the synthetic chemicals in fake products often labeled as aromatherapy.

You can find true aromatherapy essential oils in health food stores, health centers, and sometimes even in the pharmacy. Some of the brands that I know are carried in our area are Elizabeth Van Buren, Oshadi, and a private label for Pleasant Stone Farms in Middletown.

The ways in which true aromatherapy can be used are not limited only by the imagination. They can be used in the home; some are used in hospitals and clinics, and some by massage and other types of therapists.

Some of the more common uses around the house are: to freshen a room or clothing, in a shower for either relaxation or stimulation (like in the morning to wake up!); mixed with shampoo to help scalp conditions; mixed with other ingredients as a deodorant; for a relaxing bath; as a mist or deodorant; for a relaxing bath; as a mist or deodorant; for a relaxing bath; as a mist or deodorant.

Remember, you only need a couple of drops. Essential oils are very powerful. If you use too much it can cause the opposite effect. For instance, if you use 2-3 drops of Lavender in a cream, it should help you relax. If you use 15 or 20, your body will say “Why am I so relaxed?” and it will counteract the feeling with becoming nervous and anxious.

Medically pure essential oils are used in hospitals for such things as relaxation, helping reduce perceived pain, and sedation. Massage therapists often use specific oils to address a client’s problems – muscle pain, arthritis, helping with detoxification or lymph drainage, and relaxation!

Yoga teachers, Psychologists, and other practitioners sometimes use aromatherapy to help a client with calming and centering.

Why Do Smells Elicit Memories?

The sense of smell is connected directly with the limbic system portion of the brain. This is the portion of the brain that handles emotions, memory, the fight or flight syndrome, and sexual drive. (hmm - I guess it is possible to see how all that works together.) That is why a smell can often make us happy, or conversely, uncomfortable.

If a smell is extremely faint, it can even be picked up by the limbic system and affect behavior without one even realizing this is happening.

What is the Difference Between Therapy and Fragrance?

Aromatherapy (as described above) uses pure essential oils in non-toxic carriers like jojoba oil, grape seed oil, and water. Aromatherapy products contain very few ingredients (and all ingredients should be natural). Fragrance is the blending of many chemicals, many to which people have allergies. Fragrances are usually very strong smelling (ever been trapped in an elevator with someone who smelled like they used a whole bottle of cologne?). Fragrance products often contain hundreds of ingredients.

Do I need a lot of training to use Aromatherapy?

The great thing about aromatherapy is that someone can buy a bottle of pure lavender or orange (or whatever scent they prefer), add it to their current creams or shower gels, to some water, or to some pure carrier oil, and make it their own.

Aromatherapy products often contain hundreds of ingredients. If you are thinking of starting your own essential oil collections, some good oils to begin with are Lavender, Tangerine, Tea Tree, Orange, Lemon, a Fir or Pine, and a wood, something like Cedarwood or Sandalwood. Send questions to Connie Wehmeyer, c/o Subtle Energies, 1136 Kings Hwy #4, Chester, NY 10918.

Connie Wehmeyer is the owner of Subtle Energies Holistic Health Center in Chester, NY. She is a New York State Licensed Massage Therapist and Certified Clinical Aromatherapist. If you have something you wish to contribute (perhaps an interview), contact Connie at work at 845-469-7162.
Youngsters ‘Face’ Warwick Little League Season 2005

Photos by Robert Demetry

If faces and actions could talk, these sports photos of Warwick Little League players would be “talking pictures” – poignant moments where memories are valued like diamonds on the “fields of dreams” of each and every participant.

From time to time, The Warwick Valley Dispatch will publish a selection of play-action photographs which will give you, our readers, a front row seat at America’s pastime - baseball.

Your photographic submissions are always welcome and considered for publication.
‘1959 Pink Thunderbird’ Pulls into the Warwick Valley Winery

“1959 Pink Thunderbird” is riding into Town, as the Illustrious Theatre Company, in residence at the Warwick Valley Winery, welcomes spring with this production by James McLure. Set in the heart of Texas just after the Vietnam War, the play is composed of two one-act companion pieces, “Laundry and Bourbon” and “Lone Star.”

The hilarious black comedy about three Southern “good ole’ boys,” “Lone Star” premiered on Broadway in 1979 at the Century Theatre, and then joined up with “Laundry and Bourbon,” at the McCarter Theatre in Princeton in 1980 under the title of “1959 Pink Thunderbird.” “Laundry and Bourbon” shares a glimpse in the life of the wife, Roy (one of the good ole’ boys from Lone Star) and her two friends.

The Warwick Valley Winery is located at 114 Little York Road in Warwick, NY just off Route 1 in the Pine Island region. Directions may be found at the winery’s web site (www.winery.com) or by calling the ticket reservation number (258-4858). For more information, call 973-764-4936.

*Actors (left to right) Marianne Ciuffetelli, Joan McCabe and Micki Shortess practice a scene from The Illustrious Theatre Company’s production of “1959 Pink Thunderbird.”*

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National Handwriting Contest 2005

Students in Grades 1-5 at Warwick Valley Central School District have participated in the 2005 National Handwriting Contest sponsored by Zaner-Bloser. Each building selected and submitted one winner for each grade level. From these entries, district-wide winners were selected as demonstrating exemplary handwriting within their building that were selected as their building’s grade level. These winners will be awarded Certificates of Recognition and a Warwick Valley Engraved Pen. The outstanding student handwriting resulted in several ties for district-wide winners. Congratulations to all the students on a job well done.

Sanfordville Elementary Winners from left: Sharon Lee, grade 5; Christy Lau, grade 4; Allyson Yates, grade 3; Therese Mandracchia, grade 2; Alyssa Trimlett, grade 1; and Principal Roger Longfield.

Kings Elementary Winners from left: Joshua Balquin, grade 4; Amanda Aljukic, grade 1; Silvana Molinas, grade 2; Angelo Rose Volpe, grade 3; Justin Durland, grade 5; and Principal Sandra Wood.

Pine Island Elementary Winners from left: Alexia Bezares, grade 1; Holly Rudinski, grade 2; Joey Forbidussi, grade 3; Eric Zimmermann, grade 4; Lisa Loverchio, grade 5; and Principal Jane Hamburger.

Kings Theatre Company is proud to present “Stand By Your Man – the Tammy Wynette Story” at the Lycian Centre for the Performing Arts in Sugar Loaf on Sun., May 1, at 3 p.m.

A new show about the life and loves of one of Country Music’s biggest female stars, this musical chronicles the life of Tammy Wynette and deals with many of her most difficult episodes, including her tumultuous relationship with her mother, her divorces, her addiction to prescription drugs, her illnesses and her famous kidnapping incident.

The triumphs and tragedies unfold with 26 of Tammy’s hit songs, including the biggest selling single in country music history, “Stand By Your Man,” but the story itself will leave the audience knowing they’ve seen a thoroughly moving as well as entertaining evening of musical theatre.

Tickets to this dramatic and inspiring event are $39 for adults and $29.25 for youth (18 years and younger) and can be purchased by calling the Lycian Centre Box Office at 469-2287 Tuesday through Saturday between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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S3NY Explores ‘The Art of Improvisation’

The Dispatch highly recommends this event. It is rare to have World-Class performers of this caliber playing locally. Attendance is mandatory for all serious musicians and music enthusiasts.

The String Trio of New York (S3NY) returns to the Warwick Valley Community Center (WVCC) on Fri., Apr. 22 at 7:30 p.m. with “The Art of Improvisation.” This performance by the S3NY is the final installment of the highly successful and inspirational “Jazz Connections – Sounds of the City” lecture/performance series.

“The Art of Improvisation” will explore the full range of improvisation, from traditional approaches to the multi-dimensional aspects of the present day. This program is abundantly illustrated through the performance of original works by the members and others. It is also a fascinating and exhilarating look inside the minds (and fingers) of these world-class performers.

Hailed as “one of the world’s greatest guitarists” (allaboutjazz.com) and chosen as one of “66 great six-stringers” (Down Beat), James Emery is well-known both in jazz world and in the community of Warwick, where he resides with his family. Somehow he always finds the time to be involved in the community. Together S3NY makes magic happen and plans to continue exposing new audiences to the beauty and magic of jazz.

Tickets for performance are $10 for adults, children under 18 are admitted free. Pre-paid reservations are requested. All proceeds from the performance will go to the WVCC, which is located at 11 Hamilton Avenue in Warwick. For more information or to reserve tickets call the WVCC at 986-6422.

The String Trio of New York are: Rob Thomas, violin; James Emery, guitar; and John Lindberg, bass. – Photo courtesy of Gordon Wenzel

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Seventy Years Ago
April 17, 1935:

• Senior Citizens at Warwick High School left for their local trip to Washington, D.C. under the chaperoning of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Baker. The class members include Belle Ayers, Denton Baird, Florence Barber, Robert Barrett, Eleanor Berger, Boris Brandt, Marion Cleiden, Ruth Decker, Dorothy DeGrave, Victor DelMouth, Frank Dolson, Helen Ehrlich, Robert Faulls, William Hotaling, Earl Hulton, Robert Houston, Louise Jay, Catherine Keegan, Richard Paddock, Roger Riley, Jeannette Ryerson, Eleanor Sayer, Helen Slagwe, Julia Stamski, Jean Strong, Anna Swartz, Elizabeth Terhune, Grace Todd.

• Mrs. Madison H. Lewis of New York City and Warwick was a guest at the White House, where she had dinner with the President. She was also a luncheon guest of Mrs. Roosevelt. Mrs. Lewis is a member of the group studying civics at Todd Hunter College where Mrs. Roosevelt teaches.

• Navy Commander Franklin F. Murdock, formerly of Warwick, has been in the Navy for over 15 years and has been transferred from the U.S. Airplane Carrier Saratoga to the Brooklyn Navy Hospital as Chief of Medical Services.

• Greenwood Lake Village Trustee Bill Utter took a busload of women and children to the movies twice. Each pays their own admission but transportation is free. This is for women who don’t have cars. Both trips were to movies suitable for children.

Sixty Years Ago
April 20, 1945:

• Franklin Delano Roosevelt died here at Warm Springs, GA. All flags were lowered to half-staff, stores in Warwick were closed from Saturday afternoon to Monday morning. Church bells rang everywhere on Saturday at 4 p.m.

• The Recreation drum and Bugle Corps of Greenwood Lake played “Taps” on Windermere Avenue, while schools in the Town had special assemblies to remember the late President. At the Warwick Junior-Senior High School Cecelia Wieslowski sang “Are Maria,” accompanied by Miss Helen D. Buell. Remarks were given by the Rev. Mr. Irving Decker, minister of the Dutch Reformed Church. “The Lord’s Prayer” was sung by Charlotte Dorsman and a fitting “Taps” was rendered by “My Captain.”

• Kelly Pedersen sang FDNY’s favorite song, “Home on the Range,” with the entire student body joining in on the chorus. The Glee Club sang “Nearer My God to Thee,” and the assembly ended with everyone singing the National Anthem.

• Special assemblies were held both at the Hamilton and Park Avenue Schools where there were prayers, the singing of “Onward Christian Soldiers,” the reading of the 23rd Psalm and the singing of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

• The day before FDNY, there was an assembly held at S.S. Spear where the student body saw a moving picture about “Television.”

FORTY YEARS AGO
April 21, 1965

• New officers of the Historical Society of the Town of Warwick were elected at a meeting held at the home of Society President Roy Vail. The officers include John J. Beavie, first vice president; Madison H. Lewis, second vice president; William Buchanan, treasurer; Genevieve VanDuzer, corresponding secretary; Charles H. Coster, third vice president; Mrs. Vernon Foss, financial secretary; Vincent Stage, honorary treasurer; Chauncey Conklin, trustee, five years.

• Now playing at the Warwick Drive-In are John Wayne, Claudia Cardinale and Rita Hayworth in “Circus World” along with Elvis Presley and Barbara Stanwyck in “Roustabout.”

• Ground was broken this morning for the new Lions Athletic Field at Greenwood Lake. The field is being sponsored by the Greenwood Lake Lions Club, in the memory of Mrs. Margaret Brewer of Greenwood Lake. Turning the dirt were James Tancredi, chairman of the Boys and Girls Athletic Commission; Eugene Moseger, president of the Lions Club; Ed Umberto, Lions Director of Volunteer Activities, secretary of the Lions Club.

• U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy was the guest speaker at a dinner honoring Congressman John G. Dow at Sterling Forest Pavilion on Long Meadow Road on May 2. Former Governor Averell Harriman, now the U.S. Ambassador at Large, was the dinner’s honorary chairman.

• The winners of the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Greenwood Lake Fire Department Police were Tom Kevitt, Brian Nelligan, and Ray Brown.
Life Drawing, Pottery, Indian Cooking & More at the WVCC

Life drawing offers local artists a unique opportunity to draw and come together to connect with the community. A non-instructional life drawing group will resume at the Warwick Valley Community Center (WVCC), starting Mon., May 2. Working from the figure is a way for artists to work intuitively and develop their skills.

The class takes place in a relaxed and non-competitive environment. The poses vary, beginning with one minute and lengthening to 20 minutes. The group will meet on Mondays from 7 – 9 p.m. The cost is $80 for six weeks, including model fee. Artists must bring their own materials. Pre-registration may be made by calling the Warwick Valley Community Center at 986-6422 or contacting Janet Howard-Fatta at 986-5389.

Ceramics & Pottery

The WVCC is offering “Non-instructional Open Studios” for adults and teens. For centuries artists have created beautiful works of art from an ordinary lump of clay. Working in the studio with like-minded individuals is a way for artists to work intuitively and develop their skills.

On Wed., nights from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., adults and teens over 16 are invited to use the studio for $5 an hour plus material and firing charges. For students in grades 6-12, a free open studio is available on Fri., afternoons from 3:30 – 6 p.m., as part of the Teen Center. The WVCC also offers Ceramic and Pottery classes for children and adults. Students learn hand-building techniques as well as how to use the pottery wheel. Students also learn how to glaze and decorate their pieces as well as how to use tools for different effects.

Classes are held on Mondays from 4:30 – 6 p.m. for children in grades 3-5 and Wednesdays from 4:30 – 6 p.m. for students in grades 6-12. Adult classes are offered on Mon., evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. The cost is $80 for six weeks for adults and $72 for six weeks for children. Classes are free for Teen Center members.

Life Drawing

‘Spice It Up With Marsala Cuisine’ is an Indian cooking class for adults, featuring Nita Elphick. Learn how to make different Indian breads, rice, gravies and snacks. The class will be held on Thursdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. and will run from May 5 – June 9. For more information about any of these programs or to register, call the WVCC at 986-6422.

Children’s Immunization Clinic

All children between the ages of two months and 18 years of age are eligible for this free service if accompanied by a parent or Guardian. Records of previous immunizations must be presented.

‘Less Stress & Easier Living’ for Scleroderma Patients

The Scleroderma Support Group of Orange County, which holds its monthly meetings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on the fourth Saturday of the month at St. Anthony Community Hospital, is looking forward to welcoming Shannon Phillips to their Apr. 23 meeting.

Phillips is a licensed massage therapist and life coach in Chester and will share techniques for ‘Less Stress and Easier Living’, using breath, silence and massage, which can help reduce joint and muscle pain often associated with scleroderma.

The group consists of members with scleroderma as well as their families and friends. The group’s mission is to educate, support, and share ideas for better living with scleroderma. Refreshments, a door prize, and plenty of literature from the Scleroderma Foundation awaits attenders.

For more information contact Fran Batz at 986-4451 or e-mail: batz@warwick.net. To contact the Scleroderma Foundation, call 1-800-722-HOPE or visit their web site at www.scleroderma.org.
A Photo Collection of Warwick Little League’s 50th Anniversary Opening Day

"D-Buffalo" team marches down Main Street.

Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt.

Barry Cheney, left, presents plaque to Ed Cassin.

Mike Demetroules, holds up 1955 “Yankees” jersey from his dad Alex.

John DeVries, first catcher “flashes” signal.

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Sansky Named to Winslow Board of Directors

Provident Bank Executive Robert J. Sansky has been named to the Board of Directors of the Winslow Therapeutic Center, a Warwick-based not-for-profit organization that serves area children and adults with physical and cognitive disabilities. Sansky began her term with the Board on Jan. 30.

Sansky is Executive Vice President, President of the Northern Region for Provident Bank. He directs the bank’s operations in Orange, Ulster, and Sullivan Counties. “The unique therapy provided at the Winslow Therapeutic Center is unmatched in the region,” said Sansky. “I’m very proud to be associated with this organization and I look forward to a rewarding and productive term with the Board of Directors.”

Winslow Therapeutic Center has provided therapeutic horseriding for individuals with handicap conditions since 1974. The program, comprised mostly of children, offers service encompassing a wide range of disabilities.

Massie Receives Honorable Mention on Dean’s List

Lauren Massie, daughter of Paul and Donna Massie of Bellvale, was named to the honorable mention dean’s list for the 2004 fall semester at Lynchburg College, a private college in central Virginia enrolling 2,200 students in the professional, liberal arts and sciences, and graduate studies.

Massie, a graduate of Warwick High School, is a Freshman majoring in psychology and is minoring in political science.

Engagement: Supek – Drosselmeier

Janet K. Supek and Todd F. Drosselmeier of Fair Lawn, NJ are pleased to announce their engagement.

Janet is a graduate of Sewanhaka High School, Floral Park, L.I., and received a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ. She is employed by Kraft Foods in Tarrytown, NY as a consumer promotions manager.

Todd is a graduate of Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, NJ and graduated from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, with a degree in communications. He is an associate art director for WestEast Creative promotions agency in New York City.

Janet is the daughter of John and Kathleen Supek of Warwick and Todd is the son of Colleen and Frank Drosselmeier of Fair Lawn, NJ and Rochester, NY. A September 30, 2005 wedding is planned.

Hoey’s Give Birth to a Son

Stephen and Nanette Hoey of Warwick, along with siblings, Madeline Jane and Grace Anne, are proud to announce the birth of their third child, Owen Charles Hoey, born Apr. 7, at 11 p.m. at Passack Valley Hospital in Westwood, NJ.

College Acceptances

Warwick Valley Central School District has announced the following college acceptances:

- Michael Augustyni – SUNY, Oneonta.
- Patrick Breslin – Quinnipiac University, Iona College, SUNY-Albany and Monmouth University.
- Sarah Fisher – Franklin Pierce College.
- Jora Myrow – Albright College.
- Hadiya Nelthorpe – Hofstra University and Marymount College.
- Breann Nestor – Pennsylvania College of Technology.
- Darren Oviedo – The Culinary Institute of America.
- Jessica Purtell – St. Bonaventure University.
- Sarah Santiago – SUNY Plattsburgh.
- Jesse Tramontozzi – Green Mountain College.

Corter’s Birth Announcement

A son, Daniel James Corter, was born March 25 at Horton Hospital to Laurie and Scott Corter of Unionville, NY. Daniel weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21” long. He joins his brothers, Scott and Matthew and sisters, Brittny, Tiffany, Darlene and Amber. Proud grandparents are Ed and Helen Essigman of Warwick.

Horan Collects $4,700 in Phone Cards for U.S. Troops

Austin Horan, from Troop 45 in Warwick, recently completed his Eagle Scout Project. The project involved collecting funds to purchase phone cards for soldiers, who are currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Horan collected over $4,700 from Warwick residents and businesses towards the purchase of these cards. As a result of the community’s overwhelming support for their troops, one hundred and sixteen phone cards will be sent to servicemen and women from this area.

Each of these cards are valued at $55 international minutes and were purchased at the West Point Post Exchange. Horan also received valuable assistance from Colonel Neil J. Skow (Army Reserve), a Warwick resident, and Lt. Colonel Edward Lynch (Army Reserve), a Sugar Loaf resident.

Armchair Pilates & Teen Open Mic Fundraiser

The Albert Wisner Public Library will host an introduction to Armchair Pilates on Thurs., Apr. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Library. The instructor will be Kelly O’Hanlos, a fitness specialist at New York Sports club with NDEITA certification in Pilates. She teaches Mat Pilates at all levels and enjoys working with all age groups.

Pilates is a system of physical exercise involving controlled movements, stretching and breathing. It was developed in the 1920’s by Joseph Pilates to develop muscle strength and flexibility. Pilates is said to create balance within the body and can help to improve posture as well as improve muscle tone.

Teen Open Mic Fundraiser

The Library’s Teen Advisory Board is looking for people to perform at their Open Mic Fundraiser at the Tuscan Café on South Street in Warwick. This show will be a benefit for the new library building fund and will be held on Fri., Apr. 30 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

All interested teens can sign up to perform by calling the Library. Anyone performing gets in for free; all others are welcome with a $5 admission at the door. Food and drinks are available for purchase at the Tuscan Café.

Open Mic Fundraiser

To participate in these programs call 986-1047 to register or stop by the Reference Desk at the Library.
Lovable Pets Anxiously Await Adoptathon

The Warwick Valley Humane Society will be holding "Pet Adoptathon 2005" at the animal shelter on Sat., Apr. 30 and Sun., May 1. The "Pet Adoptathon" week-end takes place worldwide to help bring attention to homeless animals in an effort to find them wonderful, permanent homes.

Sponsor donations enable us to reduce the adoption fees, hopefully making more adoptions possible," says Suzyn Birkholz, president of the Warwick Valley Humane Society. "Our organization began our own 'Adoptathon' sponsorship program where a person or business can sponsor a cat or dog. The sponsorships cover the cost of the spay/neuter, shots, tests and advertising of an adult cat or dog waiting to be adopted."

Corresponding Secretary Lee Peterson says, "The support of local businesses and individuals makes the 'Adoptathon' a true success for our shelter residents. With the ever increasing number of unclaimed and unwanted pets, our need for 'Adoptathon' weekend sponsors is greater than ever before."

"Pet Adoptathon" Weekend also kicks off the "Be Kind to Animals Week." Sponsor names will be proudly displayed on the pet's cage for the entire week. Inquire at the animal shelter about becoming a Meow Mate, Bark Buddy, Feline Friend, Pet Pal or a Canine Companion sponsor.

There will also be a Babies Clinic at the animal shelter on Sun., May 1 from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be held rain or shine. All pets must be restrained on leashes or in carriers and the cost is $8 per pet. No pre-registration.

Proceeds benefit the Warwick Animal Shelter.

For more information about any of these programs, contact the Warwick Valley Humane Society (48 Public Works Dr., off Kings Hwy.) at 986-2473.

Goodmans' & Douglas Stage to Receive Robert J. Uplinger Award

By Lon Tytell

The Warwick Lions Club will present this year's Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award to Mary and George Goodman and Douglas R. Stage on Thurs., May 19, at The Landmark Inn. The Robert J. Uplinger Award is the highest recognition given in Multiple District 20 of the Lions Club. It honors outstanding Lions and non-Lions or organizations that perform exemplary service to a club, district, or community.

The recipient's exemplified dedication and commitment to various community organizations that have contributed positively to the benefit of many people over the years.

For over twenty years, the tandem of Mary and George Goodman could be seen volunteering their time with The Literacy Volunteers of Western Orange County.

Mary serves as tutor/trainer, New York Board Member Tutor, Western Orange County Board Consultant, and editor of the organizations' newsletter. George is a tutor, Public Relations Chairman, and holds fundraisers to support the newsletter.

Mary and George have also been longtime volunteers for the Meals on Wheels Program as well as supporting the American Field Service High School Student Exchange Program. The couple has provided their leadership skills to the Girl, Cab, and Boy Scout Organizations.

Serving as Little League coach in the mid to late 50's was another enjoyable experience for George. Currently George is the Eucharistic minister of St. Stephen's Parish. He was recently President of the Railroad Retiree Association and has also held the office of Executive Director of Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce. He was a charter member of the Warwick Lions in 1948.

Mary is a substitute CCD teacher at St. Stephen's Parish. She served as Chairperson of the Village of Warwick Planning Board and was a member of the Village Board of Appeals.

Douglas R. Stage was a 20 year volunteer for the Warwick Ambulance Corps, trained as an Emergency Medical Technician. He served in various offices of the Warwick Jaycees, including President from 1986-87. He became a Jaycee International Senator, one of the highest awards in the Jaycee Organization. He acted as legal counsel for the NYS Jaycees.

Doug worked on several projects of the Jaycees, including Flags, Outstanding Young NY'er, Christmas Shopping Tour, AMBA, Newspaper Recycling, Outstanding Citizen of the Year, and Individual Development Projects. As an active member of the Warwick Lions Club, Doug has held many offices, chaired the Golf Outing, and currently serves as President.

Doug also enjoys coaching baseball and soccer and managing a girl's softball team. He is presently the Commissioner of Girls Major Softball. Being a member of the Warwick Chamber of Commerce and the Warwick Cemetery Association has also been rewarding for Doug.

The recipients will be presented the award at the Landmark Inn, which is located off Rte. 94. Friends and relatives of the award recipients and community members interested in attending the dinner may contact Joan Hurley, no later than May 9 at 986-1136 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
College Scholarships & Loan Opportunities

Several scholarships and loans are available for graduates of Warwick Valley High School ( WVHS), who are going to college. Anyone who is interested in the opportunities listed below should contact the WVHS Guidance Office (987-3000) for an application. Deadline is May 1.

A.M. Kleeman, Jr. Scholarship Fund

Eligibility – Must be a graduate of WVHS; must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and plan to attend a college, university, technical or vocational school, with preference to a student planning to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Terms – Amount is available in the High School Guidance Office and must be returned to the Guidance Office.

Captain Culver Educational Fund (Loan)

Eligibility – Must be a graduate of WVHS; must have completed at least one year of work at a college or university and must be pursuing further education at an accredited year institution; and financial need does not appear to be a consideration.

Terms – Can receive no more than $2,000 with $1,000 in third and $1,000 in fourth year of study; and loan rate of interest is not to exceed 3% per annum.

Procedure – Applicant must write letter requesting this loan to: Assistant Superintendent for Business, Warwick Valley Central School District, P.O. Box 595, Warwick, NY 10990

James Douglas Bonnymann Student Aid Fund (Loan)

Purpose – To provide funds for education at a college, university, technical or vocational school, with preference to a student planning to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Eligibility – WVHS graduate in need of financial assistance.

Terms – Amount can vary up to $1,000, and preference is given to a student who plans to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Procedure – Write a letter requesting loan to: Douglas R. Searge, Esq., 55 West St., P.O. Box 410, Warwick, NY 10990. This letter should clearly state college plans, the reason for college expenses and the need for funds.

Kate Fowler Chase Fund (Loan)

Eligibility – Must be a graduate of WVHS; must have majored in music; must be planning to continue his/her musical education; and must be planning to attend an accredited college.

Amount – Sum not in excess of $500.

Procedure – Applicant must write letter requesting this loan to: Assistant Superintendent for Business, Warwick Valley Central School District, P.O. Box 595, Warwick, NY 10990.

Margaret B. Tilt Scholarship

Eligibility – Should be planning to pursue a baccalaureate or graduate degree and be a matriculated student; and award is not based on need.

Amount – To be determined and awarded once only for undergraduate and graduate studies.

Terms – This amount is a loan without interest which will not need to be repaid if the student completes the requirements for the degree for which the award is intended.

Procedure – Complete a Common Application, which is available in the High School Guidance Office and must be returned to the Guidance Office by May 1.

Dynamic Motor Works is a Dynamic Business

By Lon Tytell

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ance, and repairs on both domestic and imports shows the versatility of the well trained staff. Subaru, Volkswagens, and Audi owners look forward to bringing their cars to Dynamic Motor Works. Besides general repair and servicing, the staff can incorporate after market and custom modifications for car owners wanting to enhance high performance in their vehicles.

Dynamic Motor Works is the premier dealer in the US for the Patec Company in Germany, specializing in new suspension coilovers which aid in the height adjustment of the suspension. Dynamic Motor Works is open Mon., Wed., and Fri. 9a.m. to 6p.m., Tues. and Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sat., 10a.m. to 5p.m. For more information call 986-6220.

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Fifth grade students from Calvary Christian Academy recently accompanied Al Lubans in delivering “Meals-On-Wheels” to seniors in the Warwick community. Calvary says it is time to put our faith to work, since faith without action is dead. Pictured are Nathan Adams (left) and Amber Johnson (right).

Elevations to be in NGVD 88 datum, referenced to bench-marks utilized. GPS methods to be utilized to establish coordinates of control points referenced to state plane coordinates, N.Y.S. Eastern Zone.

All Solicitations are to be received by 12:00 pm on May 3, 2005. Please mail to: Village Clerk, Village of Warwick, 77 Main Street, P.O. Box 369, Warwick, NY 10990

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Fifth Annual Brian Ahearn Track Classic

By Coach Tim St. Lawrence

The Fifth Annual Brian Ahearn Track Classic at Warwick Valley High School April 15, 2005. No Team Score vs Pope John XXIII, NJ Boys Results – Warwick Valley wins 15 events. Top Three Per Event

Pentathlon – Ryan Darcey (WV) 2417, John Gianforte (MV) 2409 and Brian Kukulak (WV) 2360.
110 Hurdles – Steve Greggley (WV) 14.9, Jeremy Butterworth (WV) 15.1 and Jesse Fuca (WV) 15.2.
100 – Dan Allen (PV) 11.1, Derek Hiryna (WV) 11.1 and Bryan Durland (WV) 11.6.
1600 – Tony LaMastro (PV) 4:42.2, Mike Mark (MW) 4:42.9 and Frank Pfaffenberger (WV) 4:43.4.
400 Relay – Warwick Valley 45.3, Pat Gallager, Dave Lloyd, Bryan Durland and Derek Hiryna.
400 Hurdles – Bryan Downing (PV) 57.5, Steve Greggley (WV) 57.8 and Jeremy Butterworth (WV) 59.3.
800 – Tony LaMastro (PV) 1:59.4, Don Rock (WV) 2000.1 and Terrence Fox (WV) 2007.7.
200 – Derek Hiryna (WV) 23.1, Adam Lloyd (WV) 23.5 and Bryan Durland (WV) 24.1.
3200 – Mike Segal (WV) 9:40.1, Jerry Greenlaw (WV) 9:48.4 and Terrence Priad (PV) 9:48.9.
Pole Vault – Tim Barrett (PV) 14’ 11” and Alex Darcey (WV) 14’ 11” and B. Catarazano (WV) 11’ 6”.
Long Jump – Mike Mark (WV) 20’ 1/2”, Pat Gallager (WV) 19’ 11” and Alex Darcey (WV) 19’ 7 1/2”.
Shot Put – Pat Sweeney (WV) 40’ 2”, Tim Lynton (PV) 38’ 10” and Shaun Barrett (WV) 38’ 1/2”.
High Jump – Dave Lloyd (WV) 6’ 5”, Satch Vivenzio (PV) 5’ 4” and Chris Zuger (PV) 5’ 4”.
Javelin – Alex Darcey (WV) 15’ 4/5”, Tim Marion (WV) 14’ 11/2” and John Schamerick (WV) 13’.
Triple Jump – Tim Marion (WV) 38’ 4/12”, Alex Darcey (WV) 36’ 1” and Jeremy Butterworth (WV) 34’ 8/12”.
Discus – John Schamerick (WV) 116’ 2”, Pat Sweeney (WV) 113’ 2” and Steve Fuca (WV) 104’ 10”.

Little League Baseball 2005 Division Commissioners

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Warwick Boys Track Wins Ranger Relays

By Coach Tim St. Lawrence


Scoring Relays
3200 Relay – 1st 8:23.2 – Terrence Fox, Tony Campione, Shavonne Jardine and Don Rock.
Sprint Medley Relay – 1st 3:39.00 – James Fitzgerald, Derek Hiryna, Bryan Durland and Mike Mark.
1600 Relay – 1st 8:23.5 – Pat Gallager, James Fitzgerald, Don Rock and Mike Mark.
Javelin Relay – 1st 281’5” – Alex Darcey and Tim Marion.
Distance Medley Relay – 2nd 10:51.8 – Mike Mark, James Fitzgerald, Shayne Jardine and Mike Segal.
3000 Shuttle Hurdle Relay – 2nd 9:02.37 (School Record). Steve Greggley, Jeremy Butterworth, Jesse Fuca and Tom Johnson.
5000 Shuttle Hurdle Relay – 3rd 36’10-1/2” – Pat Gallager and Mike Mark.
800 Relay – 4th 1:34.4 – Pat Gallager, Brian Kukulak, Bryan Durland and Derek Hiryna.
400 Relay – 4th 45.3 – Brian Kukulak, Pat Gallager, Bryan Durland and Derek Hiryna.
Discus Relay – 4th 208’4” – Pat Sweeney and John Schamerick.
Intermediate shuttle Relay – 5th 1:16” – Chris Zuger and Bryan Durland.
Shot Put Relay – 5th 78’3” – Pat Sweeney and Shaun Barrett.

The Wildcats scored in every event to record the sec- ond highest point total ever at the meet. Michael Mark was voted Runner-up in the Most Outstanding Athlete Award. New School Record in four-man Shuttle Hurdle Relay – 1:05.27 (Old 1:07.3 in 2003). This was the 13th edition of the meet.

With practices beginning for Warwick’s Major Girls’ Softball League, Caitlin works on sliding into a base.

Tennis Anyone?

Tips to Keep You on Your Game

Tennis season has arrived in The Warwick Valley! Whether you are a beginner or have been playing since you were a kid, the game continues to grow in popularity.

This summer, Warwick Valley Racquet Sports will introduce the first Adidas Tennis Camp to the Hudson Valley, offering tennis players ages 9-17 an unsurpassed opportunity to learn from a team of top tennis professionals.

Gerald Sarmiento, owner of Warwick Valley Racquet Sports, will direct the camp at the scenic mountain top resort of Hidden Valley in Vernon, NJ. He is a USPTA/PTA certified professional, ADIDAS National Tennis Team member, and USRSA Master Racquet Technician and National Tester.

Some of the most common questions Gerald encounters when training top junior players are included below in this new tennis column which will appear periodically in The Dispatch this spring.

Q. What is the latest technology in tennis racquets today?

A. The Prince O3 is definitely the break-out racquet of the year. These racquets feature “O-Ports,” which replace the traditional grommet system, allowing the strings to move freely, and thus, enhance the “sweet spot” by 54%. The O-Ports also make the racquet more maneuverable without compromising stability. The 03 Silver recently received “Editor’s Choice” from Tennis Magazine.

Q. What’s the secret to a killer backhand shot?

A. Several techniques are used to deliver a killer backhand—the backhand drive, the slice, the top spin back hand—both one and two-handed. However, the modern backhand shot, used by today’s top players, has several elements in common. The player starts with a perfectly timed split step, followed by a centrifugal turn whereby the shoulder rotates 90 degrees to com- plete the racket preparation. The player then loads his weight onto his back foot, bends his knees and transfers his body weight forward, uncoupling his body into the shot. The result is a more powerful backhand with less effort.

For more information on WVRS or the camp, check out www.warwickvalleyracquets.com or call 845-987-8004.

SPORTS FANS! I BET YOU DIDN’T KNOW!

Brought to You By Eric Nilsen

The sport of choice for most retired athletes is golf, especially former major loophors. In fact, retired pitcher Rick Rhoden became such a good golfer that he went on to achieve success on the PGA Senior Tour. But then there’s the case of former knuckleballer Tom Candiotti, who returned to the game he grew up with—bowling—and developed a passion for bowling. Candiotti got an opportunity to com- pete professionally at the PBA Coors Open in January of 2005. Alas, out of 64 bowlers in the field, Candy fin- ished…dead last. But he still won $2,000.

You wouldn’t know it by watching them play, but both Bush presidents – George and George W., numbers 41 and 43 respectively – have strong ancestral ties to the game of golf. Senator Prescott Bush, 41’s father and 43’s grandfa- ther, was an excellent player and served as Secretary of the USGA when the great Bobby Jones achieved his Grand Slam in 1930. And get this: Prescott’s father-in-law, John W. Sanford & Son, Inc.

Auto racing’s IRL was started in 1996, but racing fans might be surprised to know that as of the start of the 2005 season, a legend of the sport had driven the pace car at every IRL event. Any guesses? The answer is none other than Johnny Rutherford, a three-time winner of the Indy 500 himself. About those ceremonial pace car drivers at Indy such as Jay Leno and Morgan Freeman? The fact is that the celebrities drive only the opening lap. Rutherford does the rest. What’s more, it’s Rutherford who trains the celebs to handle those first-lap duties.

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WARWICK VALLEY DISPATCH, APRIL 20, 2005

Wednesday, April 20

Warwick Valley Winery – The Big Lepowski, Apr. 20, 8 p.m. Tuscan Cafe, South St., Warwick.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Blood Drive – Sponsored by Town of Warwick, 132 Kings Highway, Apr. 22, 2 to 7 p.m. Call Teresa Ferguson, 234-7649, for information.

Poetry Reading – “Conversations” 7 p.m. Hickory Hill Golf Course Club House. Albert Winser Public Library will host a poetry reading by local poets in celebration of April as National Poetry Month. An open mic will follow. Coffee and dessert will be served. Call 986-1047 to register.

Warwick Valley Winery – “1959 Pink Thunderbird,” Little York Rd., Apr. 22, 8 p.m. Admission: $15/adult; $13/seniors and children 12 & under. Bistro style menu available if seated 7-7:15 p.m.; showtime: 8 p.m.

Punk Rock – Casket Architects, The Bishops, The Reprocussions, Apr. 22, 9 p.m., Tuscan Cafe, South St., Warwick.

Earth Day 2005 – Celebrate with Trailside Museums and Wildlife Center, Bear Mountain State Park, Apr. 22, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Suggested donations are $1 for ages 13 and older, 50 cents for children ages 6-12, ages 5 and under. For information call 485-786-2701, ext. 293. TDD users call the NY Relay Service 1-800-662-4341.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Warwick Valley Winery – “1959 Pink Thunderbird,” Little York Rd., Apr. 23, 8 p.m. Admission: $15/adult; $13/seniors and children 12 & under. Bistro style menu available if seated 6:45-7 p.m.; showtime: 7:30 p.m. Admission: $15/adult; $13/seniors and children 12 & under. Bistro style menu available if seated 7-7:15 p.m.; showtime: 8 p.m.

Fingerstyle Guitarist. “1959 Pink Thunderbird,” 8 p.m. Admissions: $15/adult; $13/seniors and children 12 & under. Bistro style menu available if seated 6:45-7 p.m.; showtime: 7:30 p.m.


Defensive Driving Class – Sat., Apr. 23, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Warwick Town Hall (front entrance), Kings Hwy: Cost: $39. To register call George Arnot 469-9482.

Scleroderma Support Group of Orange County Meeting – Apr. 23, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, St. Anthony Community Hospital. Guest speaker: Sharoon Phillips, licensed massage therapist and life coach. Contact: Fran Batz 845-4651 or email batz@scleroder.org. Freshenments, a door prize and literature awaits attendees. Contact scleroderma Foundation, 1-800-722-HOPE or www.scleroderma.org.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 & SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Warwick Valley Chorale Annual Yard Sale – 4 Moore Drive, Warwick, Apr. 23 and Apr. 24, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (rain or shine); Something for everyone; priced to go. All proceeds benefit Warwick Valley Chorale.

Spring Polka Dance – Sponsored by the Hudson Valley Polonaise Society, Polish Legion Hall of American Veterans, Pine Island, Apr. 24, 2-6 p.m. Back by popular demand Joe Stanky & His Cadets. Admission: $10 per person; children 5 to 12; sit down or take-out. For information or to reserve a ticket call 986-1047.

Armchair Pilates Thursdays – Hosted by The Raymond House Volunteer Fire Company, Warwick FD Station #2, West St., Apr. 24, 6 – 6 p.m. Tickets are $8 adults; $7 seniors and children 5 to 12; sit down or take-out. For information or to reserve a ticket call 986-4644 or 987-7157.

Library Fundraiser and Open Mic – Sponsored by New Library Building Fund at 7 p.m., Apr. 24, Tuscan Cafe, South St., Warwick. If you have a talent to share join in for an evening of song and poetry. Proceeds at door go to the New Library Building Fund. Sign up to play or come out to show your support. Call 986-1047 to register.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29


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