

Warwick PBA Donates \$500 to Community Center



Tammy Artusa, President of the Warwick Community Center, accepted a \$500 check from Warwick Police Officer Michael Kearns on behalf of the Town of Warwick PBA. (Photo provided)

The Warwick Valley Community Center began its annual fund drive in December and has recently received a \$500 donation from the Town of Warwick PBA.

"Our annual fund drive is one of our main sources of seeking support from the public and business community in the Town of Warwick," said Tammy Artusa, President of the Warwick Valley Community Center. "We are very fortunate to have a police department that supports the community and the programs that are offered by the Community Center."

"We are glad to be a part of supporting the community center and its programs," said Warwick Police Officer Michael Kearns, who presented the check on behalf of the Town of Warwick PBA. "They have a brand new state of the art teen center which is free for the teens of the Town of Warwick. We feel the community is lucky to have a community center in our township that provides so much support for so many people and we're happy to support them in any way we can."

The Warwick Community Center is a non-profit organization that provides low or no cost programs for the community. Some current programs include: the Teen Center, Small Fry Pre-school, Movie Nights, Dance Programs, Theater Programs and Room Rentals. According to Artusa, along with Applefest, the fund drive is the primary source of funds that enables the center to pay for its operational expenses and fund new and existing programs. "We are always looking for new board members, volunteers and ideas from the community on new programs they would like to see implemented."

Anyone that would like to make a donation may drop by the Center or send a check to: The Warwick Valley Community Center, 11 Hamilton Avenue. Ideas, volunteers or anyone interested in becoming a board member should email Tammy at tartusa@seely-durland.com.

A Radio Business Opportunity

Michael Sweeton, host of "Taking Care of Business" a radio program on WTBC Mondays at 1:30 p.m. focuses each week on a business from our Town and its Villages. The program showcases a local business owner(s) who gets an opportunity to talk about and promote their business to our listening area. Anyone who would like to take advantage of this opportunity to promote their business for free should call Mike Sweeton at 590-3411 or email at techni@warwick.net to reserve an upcoming date.

Greenwood Lake News Closes Its Doors

By Lisa Rice

Yet another small, local newspaper closing shop has hit close to home, as the *Greenwood Lake and West Milford News* announced that the Jan. 27 edition would be their last.

In a letter to her readers, publisher Ann Chaimowitz stated: "When my husband and I decided to purchase the paper, we didn't do it because we expected to make a lot of money. We did it because we wanted to publish an interesting, accurate paper in a small community."

"We wanted to become a part of the community as individuals and as a newspaper," her statement continued. "I think that has been accomplished. The 'News' has documented your children's growth and accomplishments, the happenings in government and in the community. I hope it has helped to make you think and make decisions on issues important to you and the community."

Unfortunately for newspaper staffs across the country and their dedicated readers, newspapers are not recession-proof. In an economy where the housing and automobile markets - the advertising bread and butter of small local newspapers - were significantly affected, many small, independent publications are finding it hard to stay afloat, and most don't turn a profit in good times.

"However, times change and unfortunately because of the severe decline in revenue, the newspaper must discontinue publication," stated Chaimowitz.

Founded in 1964 by Ed and Olga Cudney, the paper was purchased by Len and Ann Chaimowitz in 1983, when the couple was visiting Greenwood Lake to launch a blow up boat for their children. During that visit, Len visited and purchased the newspaper. The couple left their jobs in New York City, bought a house and moved to Greenwood Lake, where they served the community by providing local information that was not available anywhere else.

"This is sad news to hear," commented Jennifer O'Connor, Editor-in-Chief of the *continued on page 4*

Community Groups Focus On Zoning Proposal

By Nancy Owen

The Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce, Sustainable Warwick and Community 20/20 joined together to continue the dialogue, begun in November 2009, about the proposed zoning changes along Rte. 94 South.

There to listen were approximately 75 residents of the Town, the Mayor of the Village of Warwick, the Town Supervisor and two other board members, and at least five to ten members of the various organizations sponsoring the event.

The group was broken up into small groups of eight to 10 people that brainstormed the sentiments of each group and then the facilitator presented the three most prominent suggestions of their group.

The Crux of the Matter

There are 14 properties in the area under consideration; nine have been or are in the process of being developed, and five others have not. The reasoning behind the proposed change from Design Shopping (DS) to Community Business (CB) is to try to control the type of development and keep traffic at manageable levels.

However at this meeting, according to the handout, the issue was "isn't there a third way, not DS and not CB, that could preserve all or most of the undeveloped areas," (four of the five are parcels of farm property; three belong to the Pennings family, and one, the largest, is part of the Miller Farm). The fifth parcel is a five-acre lot that falls between Price Chopper and the bowling alley.

Ideas & Concerns Expressed by the Groups

Preservation of the land, particularly the Miller Farm, was a theme that ran through every group. Some suggested the properties be bought outright with grants or town transfer tax funds. Ideas for the use of the property ran from Agri-tourism, some form of museum, hiking and biking trails, developing an alternative energy site that would produce energy for the town's residents (this would return the income spent for the property to the town while reducing the carbon imprint).

Most groups agreed that they didn't want the proposed small apartments, or any residential development, and certainly no Big Box stores. Most groups supported the plan to restrict the types of businesses so as not to compete with the businesses in the nearby *continued on page 4*

Warwick Views is Main Item at Planning Board Meeting

By Nancy Owen

With only two public hearings and a couple requests coming for time extensions, the regular Town of Warwick Planning Board meeting on Wed., Jan. 20 was dominated by the public hearing on the Warwick Views Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Warwick Views Community Septic System

Warwick Views is a proposed 53 home subdivision along Blooms Corners Road. As the first actual subdivision to propose a community sewage system, residents were quite concerned about the location, maintenance and function of the proposed system. For the first time, Kirk Rother, engineer for the project, posted drawings of *continued on page 5*

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All Around the Town

Town Board Holds Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Zoning Law

By Stanley Taylor

The Warwick Town Board held a public hearing prior to its regular meeting on Thurs., Jan. 21. The hearing involved proposed amendments to the Town's zoning law as well as its development fees law. The amendments would update the zoning law and bring it into compliance with the Comprehensive Plan that was revised in 2008. The Town Board has discussed these changes in work sessions held in late 2008 and again in 2009.

Highlights of Proposed Amendments

A bio-diversity conservation overlay zone would be created. This zone would help to bring a critical eye to the habitat in an area to be developed. There would also be minimum requirements for stormwater runoff for new developments.

The existing sign and lighting ordinance would be updated. There is a concern that the 2002 sign code is too restrictive. Major revisions would be made to cluster zoning with more options available and more benefits to the Town. Developers would have to meet requirements that are more stringent. There would also be changes to the Local Business (LB) Hamlet Zone regarding one-bedroom apartments on a dwelling's second floor.

These proposed changes have been submitted to Orange County and the Town Planning Board for review. The Town Board will incorporate their comments in any final decision. The public hearing on this matter will remain open for comment and review.

Public Input at Hearing

Two residents addressed the Town Board on the proposed amendments. Zen Wojcik of Florida commented positively on the bio-diversity overlay zone and the stormwater management proposals. He expressed some concerns about the need for more detail for the Pine Island area in relation to stormwater management because of the flooding that took place there several years ago. He also commented about the need for land preservation around Glenmere Lake to protect the drinking water supply.

Another resident, Phyllis Briller, expressed her view that the community needs to be notified about any proposed development as early as possible. She indicated that at the present time, residents are not able to get themselves up to speed before a hearing. She also shared her views on clustering and access openings required in developments.

For more information on the proposed zoning amendments, go to townofwarwick.org. Click on Residents in the banner at the top of the screen. A drop down menu will appear and then select Town Hall. A second drop down menu will appear. Go to Town Code, Zoning Maps and Planning. A new screen will appear and click on Amendments Proposed to the Town of Warwick Zoning Law and Development Fees Local Law.

Police Report For December

Councilman Floyd DeAngelo presented the Police Department report for December 2009. The Department received 2,035 calls. Of that number, 211 calls were from the area around Greenwood Lake, 274 calls were from the Pine Island area, 687 calls were from the Village of Warwick and 863 calls were from the rest of the Town, excluding Florida.

Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge

Town Councilman Leonard DeBuck reported that the Pine Island Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution at its January 19 meeting asking the Federal Government to rescind the expansion of the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge into the Black Dirt region. The Chamber believes there was a violation of due process. The preliminary plan of the Federal Government indicated that zero acres of pasture/cropland were within the proposed boundary. The chamber says this is untrue.

Councilman DeBuck also urged Town residents to use and enjoy the Town's parks during the winter season.

Storm Costs Adding Up

Councilman Mickey Shuback reported that winter storm clean up for late November and December 2009 totaled approximately \$107,965. Of that amount, \$19,890 was for sand, \$35,745 was for salt and overtime cost \$52,330.

For the month of January 2010 to date, approximately \$77,946 has been spent for storm clean up. Of that amount, \$15,975 was for sand, \$28,571 was for salt and overtime cost \$33,400. Councilman Shuback said that the

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

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By Michael P. Sweeton



Our Town mourned the passing of another truly great person this past week. Howard Conklin was the epitome of quiet dignity, strength of character and the attitude of serving others above self. For many years he ran a successful business in the Village, Conklin & Strong Lumberyard, and gave of his time and money to support so many community improvement efforts. He worked with his wife, Elmire to ensure that the natural assets of our Town and County would be enjoyed for generations to come. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Elmire and her family along with our thanks for sharing Howard with us.

Our recreation committee recently met with representatives of youth sports around the Town. I just wanted to commend all involved for their willingness to work with each other to ensure as many opportunities for our kids to participate in these supervised sports. Through public/private partnership, the Town has been able to improve the facilities in our active sports parks to the benefit of all with minimal taxpayer expenditures. Special thanks to recreation committee chair, Mike Cipolla and Councilman Jim Gerstner for coordinating this effort.

Town residents can bring Christmas trees to the mulch pile across from the recycling center on DPW Drive until Jan. 31.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Thurs., Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Warwick Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway.

Department of Public Works is having a difficult time with its budget due to the number of storms.

Councilman James Gerstner continues to work with the Recreation Commission. The Commission is working on plans for the upcoming season. Following the Town Board meeting, the Recreation Commission was scheduled to meet.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Sweeton gave an update on the Community Preservation Fund. For December 2009, the fund took in \$40,685.53. To date, since the real estate transfer tax took effect, the fund has grown to \$2,080,980.05.

The Supervisor also reported that Orange and Rockland Utilities is having trees trimmed throughout the Town. This is something that is done on an annual basis.

New Business Items

The Town Board acted on the following new business items at its meeting:

Budget transfers for the Police Department were approved.

A motion was passed to accept a check from Russell Dougherty as a donation to the Police Department.

Supervisor Sweeton was designated as the voting delegate to attend the New York State association of Towns Annual Business Session. Councilman Gerstner was designated as the alternate.

Approval was given to Pat Maddalena to attend the annual Association of Towns Training for Court Clerks.

The firm of Vanacore, DeBenedictus, Digovanni and Weddell was approved to do auditing for the Town for the year ending December 31, 2009.

Attending this meeting of the Town Board were Village of Warwick Trustees Barry Cheney and Eileen Patterson.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Warwick Town Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 4.

School District Seeks Input At Community Budget Forum

In an effort to gain community insight on matters relating to the 2010-11 school budget development, the Community 20/20 Committee is holding a Community Budget Forum on Sat., Jan. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Warwick Valley Middle School. The Committee feels that input from taxpayers will be helpful in navigating what are sure to be difficult challenges with next year's budget.

Community 20/20 is a Board of Education committee composed of District and Community members. The committee was formed in Jan. 2009 to create a permanent framework for communication between the Board and the community. As part of this initiative, the Warwick Valley Central School District held a Community Forum on Nov. 7 to gather input from a broad range of Warwick residents on important issues that will guide the District and the Board of Education in the strategic planning for Warwick schools. Out of that first forum, came the idea for this budget forum.

As the Board of Education and the Superintendent begin to look at the harsh realities of budget development for 2010-11 amidst the dire financial condition in New York State and proposals by the Governor to cut state aid to schools, an important first step is to hear what residents have to say about what is and what is not important to

them in educating Warwick students.

The Jan. 30 Forum will begin with an overview of the 2010—2011 Budget. There will be six breakout sessions on the following topics as they relate to budget development: Technology; Boundaries and Transportation; Class size; Revenue: taxes, tuition, thoughts; Athletics; and the arts: music and art instruction and programming.

The Community 20/20 Committee is extending the invitation to attend the forum to all residents of Warwick, and hopes for a good turnout for the day.

POLICE BLOTTER

January 13

Robert F. Owens, 50, of Greenwood Lake, NY was arrested on a warrant for Failure to pay a Fine on a Speeding charge. He was released on \$235 bail to reappear in Town Court.

January 14

Kimberly Buffington, 43, of Monroe, NY was arrested and charged with Assault 3rd following an incident on Lakes Road. She was released to reappear in Town Court.

Jane Pipkin, 50, of Warwick was arrested and charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration following an incident on County Hwy 1.

January 15

Meghan Doyle, 22, of Warwick was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated over .08%, and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd following an incident on Covered Bridge Road. She was released to reappear in Town Court.

Cynthia Ciccariello, 30, of Philadelphia, PA was arrested and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd following an incident on State Hwy 94 S. She was released to reappear in Town Court.

A 16-year-old male from Greenwood Lake, NY was arrested and charged with Trespass following an incident on Old Mt. Peter Road. He was released to reappear in Town Court.

January 16

Thomas Leon, 22, of Warwick was arrested and charged with Criminal Mischief 3rd following an incident on South Street. He was released to reappear in Village Court.

Andrew Williams, 42, of Warwick was arrested and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd following an incident on State Hwy 94 S. He was released to reappear in Town Court.

January 17

A 17-year-old male from Monroe, NY was arrested and charged with Trespass and Theft of Service following an incident on Old Mt. Peter Road. He was released to reappear in Town Court.

Saula Acevedo, 32, of Middletown, NY was arrested and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd following an incident on Maple Avenue. She was released to reappear in Village Court.

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News from the Warwick Village

The Warwick Fire Department Reports

By Captain Michael Contaxis & F.F. Kevin Columba

Editor's note: "The Warwick Fire Department Reports" describes the calls to the Warwick Fire Department's District, which includes The Excelsior Hose Company, Goodwill's Hook & Ladder Company, Raymond Hose Company and Engine Company Three.

Monthly Total Calls

The Warwick Fire Department responded to 456 calls in 2009. In December, the Department responded to 28 calls. Of those, seven were for automatic alarm; six for motor vehicle accidents; four for mutual aid; two for carbon monoxide; three for smoke/odor investigation; one for rubbish fire/outside burn; three for wires down/transformer fire; one for chimney fire; and one other. There were no major incidents.

Monthly Meeting

The Warwick Fire Department holds their district meeting the third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at Station One, located off Forester Avenue.

Winter Storm Tips

Winter storm statistics indicate that 70% of winter storm deaths are automobile related. In addition, a quarter of winter storm fatalities are the result of individuals being caught in a storm and more than 50% of those deaths are males. Blinding wind-driven snow, extreme cold, icy roads, avalanches and downed trees and power lines can all accompany winter storms. Communication lines may be cut off, and access to emergency and medical services may be severely limited once extreme weather hits a region. Here are some tips to help protect you and your family when a winter storm strikes.

1. A winter storm "watch" means conditions are right for a severe storm to develop within 36 to 48 hours. Avoid going outside or traveling; the safest place to be during a winter storm is indoors.
2. A winter storm "warning" means a life-threatening severe winter storm has begun or will begin within 24 hours.
3. A blizzard warning is issued when conditions are likely to produce deep drifts, life-threatening wind chills, and blinding snowfall.
4. Have your car winterized. This includes quality winter tires.
5. Prepare a family disaster supply kit. Families with children should have each child create their own personal pack.
6. Listen to the radio or TV for the latest weather information.
7. Move pets to a sheltered area (make sure they have water).
8. If power goes out, you may be forced to find other means of keeping warm during the storm. Use only safe emergency heat sources, such as a fireplace with a sturdy metal screen; a well-vented wood, coal, or camp stove and/or a portable space heater.
9. Dress in layers.
10. Establish an out-of-area contact.

For further information and updates, or if you would like to become a member of Warwick Fire Department visit www.warwickfire.com. You may also stop by any of our local firehouses for an application.

WARWICK LIBRARY PROGRAMS



PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Registration is currently ongoing in the Children's Room. Must bring library card. Deadline for all preschool program registrations is Jan. 8. Notification will be made by postcard.

Mother Goose - for children age 10 - 18 months to participate with parent. Choose either Wed. or Thurs. from

11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Program runs now thru Feb. 25.

Toddler Time - for children age 18 - 36 months to participate with parent. Choose either Tues., Wed., Thurs., from 10 - 10:30 a.m. or Fri. from 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Program runs now thru Feb. 26.

Preschool Storytime - books, songs & crafts for children aged 3-5 years. Choose from Tues., at 11:15 - 12 p.m., or 1:30 - 2:15 p.m., or Fri. from 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. Program runs from Feb. 9 - Mar. 19.

Music with Melinda - Children aged 18-36 months can sing, clap, move and groove with Melinda Burgard, music therapist. Program meets Feb. 1, 8, 22 & Mar. 1, 10-10:30 a.m.

THURSDAYS

Talk It Up! - book club for students in grades K-2. Share a book, do a craft and have a snack, 4:15 from Mar. 4 - 25. Register by Feb. 8.

SATURDAYS

Saturday Afternoon at the Movies - Kids age 3-

From the Mayor's Office

Rt. 94 Re-dux



By Michael Newhard Mayor, Village of Warwick www.villageofwarwick.org

I have been getting calls from people asking for the Village's position on Route 94. The Village Board made it perfectly clear at the Town's Public Hearing and at the Public Forum at Park Avenue School that it has concerns including: the loss of green space, increased intensity, density in this area and the potential loss of business to the Village. There is a real need for public input in these areas of concern and I'm grateful that the forums are trying to address that. Our Board is protective of the Village, which we feel has grown to be something special but remains, at best, on fragile footing.

Here are some thoughts on what I'd like to see. I don't speak for the Board, but really more in the manner described by the late Fredrick Franck, as a human. The operative word for Route 94 should be Green! I recognize the community need for larger retail commercial venues, and eliminating gas/mileage to purchase general goods fits into the idea of sustainability. But, development size and placement are important criteria. The focus should be on spatial openness and a quality that remains rural throughout.

The swath of roadway that creates this corridor should remain as natural, park like and green, as possible. If a secondary road is created, the development should only be on one side of the new road, the one that faces Route. 94. Think of Ronald Reagan Blvd. with development only on the one side, which would face towards Kings Highway. This would eliminate the visual of looking at the back end of business and allow for green amenities, such as a broad pathway for walkers, bikers, seniors with electric vehicles etc. Think Rails to Trails, in scale.

Green building codes and practices must be mandatory. The focus of each developed parcel should be an environmental stewardship to create a green whole. The loss to the community of significant farmland is regrettable. I would like to see repayment in kind, or mitigation

to PDR for this loss. Farmland is valuable. The value of agricultural rights should be examined.

The concept of creating anything that resembles a Village center is inappropriate in this situation. This is a car-oriented environment, and that's fine. The difference here is that these green concepts emulate the land instead of thinking of it as a series of swales and drainage

ditches. The goal is ecosystem, environment and compatibility. I think we need to turn our ideas of "business as usual" on end and think of co-existence with the very thing that makes the greater town lands beautiful - nature. Agritourism, like Pennings Farm Market, should be emphasized and made stronger through incentives. Non-agribusiness should only be given incentives if they give something truly significant back to the community. The idea of including work force housing or senior housing creates a greater intensity and stress on an already sensitive environment. The Village of Warwick has four subsidized senior developments, several apartment complexes, many two-family and multi-family residences, condominiums and older building stock. Warwick Meadows Condominiums is receiving its final phase approvals. The Villages of Florida and Greenwood Lake and the area of Pine Island offer many affordable rental units, as well.

Buildings in this zone should be modest and rely on the vernacular architecture of the region. Building materials should be native or natural. External lighting should be minimized, and internal lighting and neon signs should not be allowed. I could go on...

These are my thoughts. Maybe, they will help others form their own opinions. The important thing is to come from a place of creativity and environmental sensitivity. That includes already built environments, such as the Village of Warwick. Like I said before, these are my ideas, not necessarily the position of our Village Board.

8 can drop in on Jan. 30, Feb 6, 20 & 27 at 3 p.m. to see short literature based films or feature films. Titles will be announced weekly. Registration not required.

SUNDAYS

Lego Sunday - The last Sunday of the month is Lego building day for kids age 4-9 with a friend or parent from 2:30 - 3:30. Creations will be displayed in library. Held Jan. 31, Feb. 28, and Mar. 28. Registration not required.

Sat., Feb. 6: Book Series Discussion - presents "Tragedy and Loss in Four American Novels" by Mary Makofske at 2 p.m. in the Community room. Free for everyone. Registration is required. For more info., or to register, call 986-1047 ext 3.

Sat., Feb. 13: Choco-licious Valentine Party- 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. kids in grades K-3 enjoy stories, crafts, a chocolate gift for someone special.

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Look to Dr. King's Public Marches to Help Orange County Milk Farmers

Editor,

Today is a holiday honoring a man who created havoc in many communities with his marches and the crowds of people and police who acted as security for the fans, as well as the marchers who made noise equivalent to the backfire of an automobile. I presume the idea was to attract as much attention as possible to the Reverend King and his political purposes.

Today we are also quietly looking for legislature that will create a change in how the "milk farmer" is funded for his milk, a sad condition that has been going on for years. But no one seems to be marching in the streets of Orange County telling the story of failed government control of a product produced and reputed to be part of the leading industry of our State and County. As deplorable as that may be, today's newspaper reports a State Senator who was an Army officer in 1965 assisting in guarding the man who took active part in the so-called "Civil" Rights of that day.

Why is it that it takes havoc, even an earthquake, to obtain solutions so necessary to the people, while at the same time elected officials do nothing but manage to get elected by those in power. What we don't need is holidays, but we could use some real noise in the streets of our Orange County communities demanding that our milk farmers be properly compensated through legislature efforts right in our own State.

JOHN. A. (JACK) PORTER

For Some, the War Goes On Forever

Editor,

War is stupid. Visiting the Castle Point Veterans Hospital always reminds me of this horrid fact. Some inpatients have been there for years, their wounds from battle, both physical and mental, have lingered for years.

Then I saw the other day, this beautiful young girl, in her 20s, hobbling down the corridor on her crutches, her right leg completely gone, probably lost it in Iraq.

On the field of battle, there they are, the real humans like ourselves; neither want to be there, each carrying family pictures, trying to kill the other before they kill us. They want to go home again, so do their loved ones want them to come back.

For these inpatients at Castle Point and other Veterans Administration Hospitals across the country, the war goes on forever. For those of us on the outside, it is easy, in our frantic paced lives, to forget.

In passing, thanks to the Orange County Veterans who make transportation to and from the hospital possible. Orange County donates the vans, pays the bill to run the two vehicles as a free courtesy to those of us veterans, who no longer drive cars, door-to-door service.

Thanks to the drivers, Tim, Frank and Nicole. Each Thursday, the vans carry bags of food to needy veterans and their families from Newburgh to Middletown to Port Jervis.

Thank you Orange County, and Executive Edward Diana.

SCOTT WEBBER

U.S. Should Look to Successful Examples For Viable Healthcare

Editor,

Lost Opportunity.

Only in America. The choice to have or not a universal health plan for all has been wasted by our inept ability to compare and evaluate the thirty or so plans now working in other countries. Our divide in understanding the full concept of universal health care has mired a process that could have given us a better and less costly health benefit. The presentation, obstructions, and compromises represents, if passed a plan not like any other.

The existing plans are based on three major models with common principles. They are the Bismarck, Beveridge and National Health models. The countries without a plan, including the USA, are using the Out of Pocket model.

Recently two countries, Taiwan and Switzerland, joined those who have a plan. They did the necessary comparisons, ultimately Taiwan choose the National Health model, Canada's, and Switzerland the Bismarck model, Germany's, simple.

We, in turn, because of the resistance staged by the insurance

industry, and obstructionism by the Republicans, have come up with a mix bag unrecognizable as a viable plan.

United we stand, more smarter than others. I do not think so. Time will show us if we will be less smart, less united and possibly less healthier as a nation.

HENRY FORTMULLER

Staff at SACH is Like Being Cared for By Family

Editor,

This is a long overdue thank you to St. Anthony Community Hospital. This past year I underwent major surgery on my elbow. After thirty years of constant pain, I am now pain-free. Thanks to Dr. Sodha, Dr. Juliano, and Dr. Trapp. I would also like to say a big thank you to the entire staff of St. Anthony's.

We are so blessed here in Warwick, to have a hospital that maintains an atmosphere of feeling like you are cared for by family. I felt this way from the moment I was admitted until the time I was discharged.

God Bless.

PATRICK J. COLMAN

Zoning Proposal

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village. Architectural design, signage, lighting were all concerns expressed; people want to maintain the rural feel of the town.

The ideas presented by the eight sub-groups will be transcribed and presented to the Town Board by moderator Jeff Howard, "and hopefully they will fold our suggestions into their plan."

Open Comments Portion

During this portion of the meeting there were individuals who mostly spoke with the majority but there were several people who asked to be heard with opposing views.

Matt Sullivan raised several issues about the landowner's rights and free enterprise. He commented that it was apparent that everyone had an idea about what they wanted to be built. He reminded everyone that when CVS bought the Grand Union property the world did not come to an end. He even suggested that if there were more stores we'd save energy because we wouldn't have to travel to Middletown for everything.

Environmental Impact Statement Due

The report on the Environmental Impact Study is due to be released around Feb. 4 and copies will be available at Town Hall, on the town website and hopefully at the library as well.

On Feb. 24 there will be a public hearing before the Town Board where residents may express their concerns to the full board.

Since residents have passed both a PDR referendum and a transfer tax to be collected and placed in a Community Preservation Fund, the thought is that there will be support for the preservation of the farms in this area as well.

GWL News

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Warwick Valley Dispatch. "It's been an enormous struggle in this economy to keep a local paper reaching its dedicated readers week after week, and I feel Ann's pain. The niche of the small, hometown newspaper is to keep it local, with events and accomplishments that pertain to people right in the community. When the economy hits local businesses, it's hard for them to stay in business. Unfortunately, one of the first cutbacks is advertising, which affects the newspapers that rely so heavily on that revenue."

"I truly wish Ann, Ron, Ellen and the rest of the *Greenwood Lake and West Milford News* staff the best in their future endeavors. They should all know that they provided a wonderful community service for 27 years," continued O'Connor. "While the *Warwick Valley Dispatch* can never replace the 'News,' in the hearts of its loyal readers, I hope we can help to fill a void, by providing local news coverage to the residents of Greenwood Lake."

The *Warwick Valley Dispatch* will be providing the Greenwood Lake Mayor's column, as well as news and event coverage, and will be available for purchase in local Greenwood Lake stores, as well as by subscription. The staff of the *Warwick Valley Dispatch* commends the staff of the *Greenwood Lake & West Milford News* for their service to the Greenwood Lake residents, and wishes them all the best.

Planning Board

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the system's location at the meeting.

Rother explained that each building lot would have its own septic tank, but that the sludge from the individual tanks will be pumped into one of two communal leach fields that will be maintained by the Town. Pat Adee, one of three close neighbors, asked who would pay for the maintenance, and if the Town would be responsible. It was explained that the development would become a sewer district and its residents would pay an additional tax to the Town for the maintenance.

Currently proposed is that one leach field be built along Blooms Corners Road across from the Almond Tree Lane development, and the other would be located within the development on the other side of the State wetlands. There are 47 acres of wetlands on the building site.

Town Regulations Cited

Another item raised by Adee was the fact the recently approved Comprehensive Plan states that land that is not suitable for building should not be counted in the requirement for 50% Open Space in a cluster development. The wetlands are part of the open space calculation, but board member Carl Singer noted that 69% of the 250-acre property would be left open and that at least 100 acres exceeds the remainder of the open space.

Also referenced was an item in the building code requiring two access roads in a development in excess of 18 homes. The developers counted on access through another 24 home development along Newport Bridge Road, but Singer raised the issue, and it was echoed by Catherine Johnston Lomax, that the other development might not be built. Lomax suggested that the plan for 53 homes be scrapped and drawings be presented for 18 homes.

"That will never happen," stated John Copello from Jacobowitz & Gubits, attorney for the project. "There will be 53 homes built even if they have to build a boulevard to comply with the access regulations." Copello acknowledged, however, that it is not the route they want to take.

Zoning changes currently being considered for approval will also affect this development.

Traffic, Noise & Aquifer Protection Concerns

Project representatives were well prepared to answer questions raised by neighbors of the proposed project. The hydrologist, who performed tests on two wells on-site and at least 17 off-site, assured the board that there is plenty of water for the development and its neighbors. A traffic study was performed and appears as a separate chapter in the DEIS report available for viewing on the Town website, as well as at the library. Some of the roads proposed will be Town (public) roads and others will be private. Blooms Corners Road is a through road between Warwick and Vernon, NJ and despite a speed limit of 40 mph tends to be speedway.

Adee commented that this area has had to cope with the pipeline construction twice, and now the noise from the construction of the homes will impact residents in this area again. The developer will talk to those most affected by the noise to arrange "suitable remedies" for this problem.

Shane and Simon Haysom, who own a horse farm that surrounds the proposed development site, expressed concern about the impact on the aquifer, the black dirt ditches and their farmland from storm run-off and construction run-off. They were told that the State requires there be no more run-off onto their land after the development than currently exists.

After all speakers completed their comments and questions the Board approved closing the public hearing (on the DEIS) and extended the time for written comments to Feb. 17; the public hearing on the project was left open without date.

Second Project & Extensions Granted Approval

The public hearing on Nicholas Cantinella's application for Site Plan Approval for the construction and use of renovations to an existing single-family home in the "Designated Protection Area" of Greenwood Lake had little opposition. The septic was dye-tested and found to be sufficient, and although the footprint of the one bedroom home was enlarged, all setbacks still complied with the building code. The Board granted the project approval with some minor changes.

The request for extensions on Re-Approval of Final Approval for both the Cedar Ridge Subdivision and the Lands of Kirk Rother were granted. The Cedar Ridge request cited "the current economic climate" as the reason for the request.

The Board will discuss the letter from the Town Board, asking for their response to proposed zoning changes, at the next workshop meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Board will be held on Wed., Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Albert Wisner Public Library Board Meetings

The Albert Wisner Public Library will meet on the following February dates: Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. for a work session, and Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting. Both meetings will be held at the library, which is located at One McFarland Drive in Warwick. The public is welcome.

Motorcycle & Quad Ice Racing on Greenwood Lake

Tri-State MC Ltd. and The Breezy Point Inn will present the annual Motorcycle and Quad Ice Racing event on Sun., Feb. 7. Pits will be located at the south end of Windermere Avenue. Cost for spectators is a \$10 donation (under 12 free). Entry cost is \$40 per class, side hacks \$50 per team. Gates will open at 9:30 a.m., practice will be at 11 a.m., and Heat Races begin at 12:15 p.m. A presentation of trophies will follow at the Breezy Point Inn. Call 566-4956 or 477-8100 for more information.

Entry Requirements

Three vehicles make up a class. All motorcycles must have substantial fenders that cover 90 degrees of the front and rear wheels. All bikes, quads & hacks must have tested tethered kill switches. All must have three totally visible

Grateful for the Hard Work of the 'Greenwood Lake News'

By Barbara J. Moore
Village of Greenwood Lake Mayor

It's a widely known fact that newspapers in general have been having a tough time. The reason to support a local newspaper is not only for the local news coverage, but because it is an independent watchdog. They are dedicated to holding government and other agencies accountable and to enable citizens to participate fully in our democratic system. They are also the provider of print information that our community relies on something simple as; "is this paper or bottle recycling day" or "what time is that meeting, concert, game or fundraiser?"

Sometimes it's not how much there is to read that matters. What matters is whether the newspaper makes a difference in the lives of its readers and our community, and I truly believe that the *Greenwood Lake West Milford News* does make a difference. They are our community life-line.

The *Greenwood Lake West Milford News* has chronicled the storied and at times the tumultuous, history of Greenwood Lake for the past 27 years. I am grateful for their hard work and dedication to our community.

Since the announcement that our local paper was going out of print it has been nice to hear from the *Warwick Valley Dispatch* and the *Advertiser* with regard to coverage of our lake community. We have so much to share, not only the beauty of our lake, mountainsides and people but the progress we are making in environmental, economic and community base projects.

10"x12" number plates with black numbers. All must be AMA members. Sign up available on Race Day.

Novice Motorcycle Class

This class is for regulation ice bikes (not sportsman). All engine sizes to be combined.

Weather Decision

Final decision for race cancellation due to weather will be at 4 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 6. Before coming to attend or participate in the event call 566-4956 or 477-8100.

Bus Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show on Mar. 3

The Friends of the Chester Library are sponsoring a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Wed., Mar. 3. Departure will be at 8:45 a.m. from the Chester Library, located just outside of Sugarloaf Village on Kings Highway. Tickets are \$85 and include general admission to the show, bus transportation and a Garden Tea Luncheon. Seating is limited. Call 469-4252 for reservations.



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Florida Village News & Notes

Florida School Board Approves Second Reading of New Policies

By Nancy Owen

Seven new policies were approved for a second reading and approved the revisions to the Florida Union Free School District Code of Conduct during the regular meeting of the board Jan. 21.

The first four new policies, set for a second reading, relate to students with disabilities. The first (4321.6) assures that the district will have available and make use of materials in "an alternative format" instructional materials needed by disabled students, i.e textbooks in Braille, Large Print, Open & Closed Captioned, audio or an electronic file. The second (4321.7) ensures that there will be District-wide and Statewide Assessments of Students with Disabilities; and the third (4321.9) provides steps for Declassifying a Student with Disabilities.

Policy 4321.11 is titled Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures upon Finding of Significant Proportionality provides for a review of the district's policies if there appears to be a disproportionate number of students, in special education classes or other programs for students with disabilities, who represent obvious racial or ethnic groups. The revision that was approved was to Section H of the District Code of Conduct—Discipline of Students with Disabilities.

The remaining three new policies have to do with Compulsory Attendance Ages (5130), Contracting for Professional Services (6741) and Notification of Right to Leave Time for Blood Donation (9520.5-E).

Budget & Money Items

The board also voted to be part of NY State's participation in the Race to the Top (RTTT), which is attempting to get a share of the federal funds for education. Apparently the funds for this year will be on a competitive basis, according to Board President Dan Codi and New York is one of 44 states seeking these funds. Included in this plan are merit payments to staff and charter schools. NYSUT (union) is opposed to merit payments so NYS may not receive any of the funds, which will not help the current situation in the state.

The Orange County School Board Association will be sending a statement to the State Legislature asking them to "work quickly to solve the fiscal crisis of the state," especially in relation to education funding.

Next month will see another community input session on the budget and there may be more on the proposed budget itself.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Thurs., Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Seward Cafetorium. The third School Budget Community Input Session will precede this meeting at 7 p.m.

S.S. Seward Students Raise Nearly \$800 for Haiti

The students at S.S. Seward Institute held two fundraisers to collect money for the victims of the Jan. 12 earthquake that struck Haiti. Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere and was just beginning to bounce back from four hurricanes that struck Hispaniola in 2008. The middle school students at Seward were each asked to bring in a dollar on Fri., Jan. 15. In all, they collected \$310, which was donated to the American Red Cross, specifically targeted for the Haiti relief effort.

After the success of the middle school effort, it was decided to have another collection on Fri., Jan. 22. This time the fundraiser included the high school students as well, with all students in grades 6-12 asked to bring in one dollar. The students again pitched in and raised \$472.42, which was sent to the Clinton-Bush Haiti Fund, set up by President Obama to aid the victims of the disaster.

As a result of their efforts, the students at Seward collected a total of \$782.42 to help the people of Haiti in their time of need.

S.S. Seward Students Take 'The Challenge'

Students from S.S. Seward will verse students from Tuckahoe High School on MSG Varsity's "The Challenge" to air on Wed., Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. on IO channel 14. It will be rebroadcast on News Channel 12 on Sat., Jan. 30 and Sun., Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m.

FLORIDA LIBRARY PROGRAMS



Registration is required & is limited to residents of the Florida School District with a wait list for non-residents. Register at the Florida Public Library, located at 4 Cohen Circle, or by calling 651-7659. For a complete program listing visit www.RCLS.org/FPL under Event Calendar.

TUESDAYS

Computer School - Ongoing registration for Beginner Adult Computer lessons. Four classes held in January at 10 a.m. Attend all classes to receive a certificate upon completion.

WEDNESDAYS

Anime Club - drop in program 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. for teens 14 & up. View & discuss Anime. Teens under 16 must have signed parental permission.

THURSDAYS

Teen Drama - 3:30 - 5 p.m. Young adults in middle & high school are invited to join the Florida Drama Club. Learn the basics using theater games & acting exercises. Rehearse for a one-act play to be performed in April.

FRIDAYS

Teen Advisory Group (TAG) - meets the third Friday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Community Service letters will be given. Snacks included. For YA in grades 6 & up.

Thurs., Jan 28: ABC Book Club - at 6:30 p.m. Pick up a copy now of the best-selling, award winning novel, "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Register for lively, casual discussion.

Fri., Jan 29: Computer Tech Help - Bring your laptop and/or your software & hardware questions. Make an appointment or drop in. Florida patrons & those with appointments will be given first preference, 10 - 11 a.m.

Sat., Jan. 30: Winter Classics - at 2 p.m. Founding members of the Black Dirt Storytelling Guild will tell their favorite enchanting tales from Andrew Lang's Fairy Books. Attentive listeners, ages five & up. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thurs., Feb. 11: Black Dirt Storytelling Guild - meets at 7:30 p.m. Adult story lovers & tellers are invited to join & tell a story or "just listen." Theme is Happily Ever After.

Mon., Feb. 22: Knitting Circle - 6 p.m. Adult knitters & crocheters are welcome to join casual knitting circle. Bring your own needles, yarn & a current project. Instructor Kathleen Braun will be on hand for individual help.

Jim Pawliczek's Mayor's Column



By Mayor Jim Pawliczek

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.

On Wednesday, January 20, 2010, Town of Warwick Supervisor Michael Sweeton met with Mayor Michael Newhard, Village of Warwick, Mayor Barbara Moore, Village of Greenwood Lake and myself. The purpose of this joint meeting was to explore areas of mutual interest or concern that residents of this township may share.

We quickly agreed that our most pressing concern were the upcoming village budgets. This year we have seen increases in expenditures due to contractual obligations to our employees, medical insurance premiums, workers' compensation rates and New York State retirement costs, and operation and maintenance costs of our roadways, water treatment plants and wastewater treatment plants. And of course, the new MTA tax!

Adding to the problem is the zero growth in assessments or an actual reduction in assessments due to additional exemptions. Revenues from mortgage tax and our portion of the County sales tax are also decreasing. Keeping our tax rate to a modest increase will difficult at best. Based on current economic conditions, it is certainly a necessity.

Having an opportunity to network with fellow colleagues is enlightening and refreshing and I look forward to future meetings with them.

Golden Floridians to Hold Meeting on Feb. 3

The Golden Floridians will be having a business meeting on Wed., Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. in the Florida Senior Center, Cohen Circle.

Students Decorated Meters for Holiday Free Parking



Three seniors from the Warwick Valley Central School District and their advisor, volunteered to decorate all the parking meters in Warwick for the past Holiday season with bows supplied by the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce. The Village allowed free parking from Thanksgiving through Jan 1. Pictured with the decorative red bows (from left) are Advisor Nancy Colgan, and students Katie Brosnan, Michelle Giani, and Kristen Kettenring. (Photo provided)

Area Residents Named to SUNY Plattsburgh Dean's List

Kathleen Alford, Kristen Casse, Erin Florkiewicz, Rachael Ignaszak, Joseph McCarthy of Warwick were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh.

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On The Tip of Your Tongue

“What Type of Development Would you like to see on Rt. 94 South?”

By Simone and Stella Rose Schneeberg
Photography by Ben Schneeberg



“I’d like to see both sides of the issue being civil and considering each other’s points of view. The people who would like to see very green development and the people who would like to see other types of development should come together and agree on green development of some kind. I would like to see a corridor where there is a very environmentally sound basis for everything that is to be developed. Before anything goes in, all environmental considerations should be taken into account and the preparations made so that we have a very low impact effect, and the property owners’ rights are respected in the process. If we are going to hold anyone’s feet to the fire, we should hold everyone’s feet to the fire.”

Patrick Gallagher
Warwick
Solar Hot Water Contractor

“It would be good to have something like a Target or something that sells the everyday necessities that we need. That way we don’t have to drive 45 minutes just to go to shop. Right now it’s not necessary to widen the roads and put in access roads and all, but depending on the development it could be helpful. I’m from Bergen County originally, so I’m used to that.”

Kerri Cury
Warwick Shopper
Teaching Instructor



“Although we need to progress, I think only modest development would be fine. Certainly not big national chains, but more regional or local stores that are hopefully family-owned or locally-owned. Development here should be towards things that are different and will continue to make Warwick an interesting and attractive place to live. There are plenty of wonderful options of all types – not just green but things that continue to enhance the perception of Warwick as an exceptional place to live.”

David Freilich
Warwick
Attorney

“I am against commercial development because it can be kind of tacky. This area of Warwick on 94 south of the Village is some of the best land Warwick has, and it should not be developed. We are losing our green space. Warwick is not a good place for commercial development because it has something not all towns can offer. We have a lot of a very scenic and pleasant country settings that are not far from New York City, that provide a nice get-away from more congested areas further south. Adding more development, especially more strip malls, would take away what is best about Warwick. It’s definitely worth driving a few extra minutes to buy what you need. Just like I’ve done my entire life!

Kristina Garritano
Warwick
Catering Management



Sunday School Students Put on Christmas Pageant



The Sugar Loaf United Methodist Church Sunday School production of “Once Upon a Christmas Cheery...A Night to Remember” was held on Dec. 13. A pot trust luncheon followed the Christmas pageant. (Photo provided)

Human Rights Commission Seeks Nominations

The Orange County Human Rights Commission is currently seeking nominations for the 2010 Human Rights Commission awards. The program honors those who have made a significant contribution to advance human rights and eliminate discrimination in the county.

Candidates must have enriched the quality of life in Orange County by building better relationships among people and encouraging all to participate in community life on an equal basis; have sought to foster mutual respect and understanding among individuals of different races or national origin; have sought to relieve tension and conflict between racial, religious or nationality groups; or have made a significant contribution to advance human rights and eliminate discrimination in the county.

Nominees must either reside or work in Orange County and may be from any field, including, but not limited to education, law enforcement, public service, human services, industry, and not-for-profit agencies.

Completed nomination forms are due in the Human Rights office by Feb. 15. Nomination forms can be obtained at www.orangecountygov.com or by calling the office at 615-3680. Entries should be mailed to Orange County Human Rights Commission, 18 Seward Avenue, Suite 203, Middletown, NY 10940 or faxed to 346-1223.

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Arts & Entertainment

'Food Fight' at the Lycian Centre on Feb. 6



"Food Fight" will be at the Lycian Center on Sat., Feb. 6. (Photo Provided)

"Food Fight: A Musical Comedy for Waist Watchers!" the hilarious hit show about the love/hate relationship with food, dieting and exercise, is coming to the Lycian Centre for the Performing Arts in Sugar Loaf on Sat., Feb. 6 at 8 p.m.

Set in a women-only gym, four waist-conscious women will take audiences through the familiar ups and downs of survival in a beauty and weight-obsessed world. Led by the energetic personal trainer Carla Cook, gym members Cheryl Corn, Connie Pizzarelli and Cindy Berger will play out their stories and personal struggles with food through hysterical song and dance as they try to get in shape. Sporting a variety of workout wear, the quartet will perform parodies with voices, expressions and antics about food, diets, exercise, plastic surgery, cooking shows and more.

In the wild spirit of "Menopause the Musical®," 24 catchy, popular tunes with parodied lyrics make "Food Fight" instantly enjoyable for men and women alike, and will have audience members singing "If I were a size two..." to the tune of "Fiddler on the Roof's" "If I were a rich man..." all the way home.

The show made its world debut in 2007 in Palm Beach, FL, and launched a national tour in Feb. 2009. Critics are wild about its cleverness, talented cast and superb presentation.

Tickets for "Food Fight" are \$28 and \$25 for adults, and \$18 for youth (18 and younger) and can be purchased by calling 469-2287, Tues. through Sat. between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. or on-line at www.LycianCentre.com. Group discounts are available.

Warwick Artists Raise \$2,375 for Land Trust



Marlena Lange of Middletown was the winner of artist Laura Breitman's fabric collage, a Hudson Valley scene valued at \$3,000, which the artist raffled during her fall/winter studio show with proceeds donated to the Orange County Land Trust. (Photo provided)

Several artists in Warwick opened their studios during the holiday season for tours, demonstrations and the sale of unique holiday gifts, and donated a portion of their proceeds totaling \$2,375 to the Orange County Land Trust for their work preserving the county's natural areas and working farmland.

Collage artist Laura Breitman raffled one of her original works of art, a Hudson Valley scene valued at \$3,000, during her fall/winter studio show with all proceeds donated to the Land Trust. Laura's fabric collages comprise thousands of pieces of fabric that create astonishingly realistic photo-like images. Her work has been exhibited nationally and internationally and is part of the permanent collections of several museums and corporations.

Glass artist Gary Genetti and jeweler Mena Messina held "Open Studio for Open Space" at their Walling Road studio with glass blowing demonstrations and unique gift items for sale, including hand blown glass ornaments and handmade jewelry, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Land Trust.

In addition, artist, furniture maker and architectural consultant, Daniel Mack held a two-day exhibit called "Spirit into Matter" with visiting luminary artists at his Village studio.

"We are so fortunate to have such an active arts community and so appreciative of their support for land preservation," said Jim Delaune, executive director of the Orange County Land Trust. "Their donation will go a long way towards helping protect our natural and agricultural heritage."

'Cuboricua' Performing at Coquito on Jan. 30



The eight-piece salsa band, "Cuboricua" will be appearing at Coquito Restaurant on Forester Avenue on Sat., Jan. 30 at 10 p.m. Call for reservations. (Photo provided)

National Stitch-In Day at the Library

Members of the Mid Hudson Chapter, Embroiderer's Guild of America will be stitching at the Albert Wisner Public Library on Feb. 6 in celebration of National Stitch-In Day. Members of the public are invited to bring a needlework project and join guild members in the Board Room for stitching. The event will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Mid-Hudson Chapter is a member chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc, which is a national non-profit educational organization offering study and preservation of the heritage and art of embroidery. National Stitch-In day was established in 1908 as a day when members of the EGA across the United States would stitch in public to raise awareness of the organization and to promote needle arts. The mission statement of the Guild reads as follows: "... to stimulate appreciation for and celebrate the heritage of embroidery by advancing the highest standards of excellence in its practice through education, exhibition, preservation, collection and research."

Guild members will be available to answer stitchery questions. They will also provide information about their chapter and their upcoming show scheduled for June 5 and 6.



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Better Homes & Gardens Rand Realty joined forces with Girl Scout Sabrina Rice (front) to raise more than \$66 for the "Loose Change for Haiti" elementary school fundraiser. Pictured are Kim Starks, Donna Filipowski, Judy Wood, Marsha Talbot and Chris Staritz. (Photo by Lisa Rice)

When fifth-grader Sabrina Rice heard that her school, Sanfordville Elementary was raising "Loose Change for Haiti" she was not satisfied with just the amount of change she discovered around the house.

"My mom is always saying how nice the people at her office are," said Sabrina of her mother's colleagues at Better Homes & Gardens Rand Realty, "so, I decided to put a cup on her desk to see if they wanted to add some of their loose change."

Sabrina placed a mid-sized clear plastic cup on her mother's desk and sent an email to everyone in the office. Within 24 hours, the cup was overflowing. Within 48 hours, Bridget Wallace, a real estate sales representative, replaced the cup with an empty pretzel rod jug, having decided that the cup was just too small.

The jar stayed for just under one week, and Sabrina was thrilled when she picked it up at the office. "It was so heavy," she exclaimed. In addition to more than \$66 in change and bills, the agents also included notes of praise for her efforts, which meant a lot to the ten-year-old Girl Scout.

"My Girl Scout troop has always collected money when people need help," said Sabrina. "We collected after Hurricane Katrina, and the Tsunami, we adopted soldiers in Iraq, and raised money for Heifer International. It's important to help people when they need it. It's the human thing to do."

Local Realtor Hosts Reverse Mortgage Presentation



Century 21 Mystic Valley presented the Warwick Senior Center with a framed enlarged photograph of their ribbon cutting ceremony taken on the opening day of the center in 2005. At the presentation (from left) were senior Real Estate specialist William Wendell, agency owners Terry Gavan and Danielle Roche and Warwick Town Supervisor, Michael Sweeton. (Photo provided)

Members of the Town of Warwick Senior Center welcomed Mark Trott, a Reverse Mortgage Specialist at Ulster Savings Bank, who traveled from his office in Kingston, NY, to offer a presentation on the pros and cons of Reverse Mortgages on Wed., Jan. 20. The event was sponsored by Century 21 Mystic Valley, 62 Galloway Road.

According to Trott, anyone 62 or older who lives in their own home, should consider learning more about the unique benefits of a reverse mortgage, a loan secured by your home that allows you to access your equity without having any required monthly mortgage payment. The loan, he explained, is repaid when the home is sold or is no longer occupy it as a primary residence.

Trott, however, warned that a reverse mortgage is not suitable for everyone, especially those who do not plan to stay in their homes as long as they live. However, he added, it could be used to purchase a smaller home and provide additional funds for any purpose.

Immediately following his presentation, Danielle Roche and Terry Gavan, owners of Century 21 Mystic Valley, presented the Senior Center with a framed photograph of the ribbon cutting ceremony that took place on its opening day in 2005.



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Jan. 27, 1960

- Nicholas Papaceno was employed by Conklin Firms in Goshen and Warwick to manage their newly organized credit department.
- The Albert Wisner Library received a group of twelve 33 1/3 1-3 RPM hi fi long playing albums to be circulated for home use for a two-month period, at which time twelve more will be received from the State's Traveling Library. Selections included Beethoven, Cole Porter, Rogers and Hammerstein, Mozart and Chopin.
- Clifton G. Brown, public relations officer for Lehigh & Hudson River Railway Company announced that Paragon Homes of Mineola, Long Island, one of the largest pre-cut home companies, purchased 21 acres on Kings Highway in Warwick to build a new plant.
- The Warwick Valley Central School District introduced new professional staff to the community. They were: Mrs. Ray Cole, High School Girls Physical Education; Gerald R. Decatur, Elementary Physical Education; Kenneth D. Hartwick, Junior High Special Class; Mrs. Alfred Johnston, Special Class II; and Mrs. Warren Meyer, Special Class I.
- The State Police reported the arrest of Stephen Leo Pikul, 25, of Maple Avenue in Florida, who pled guilty to a charge of malicious mischief from the Middletown Police Department.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Jan. 30, 1985

- James Tomaselli, 19, of Warwick, was injured when his car spun out of control and struck a utility pole after

hitting an icy patch on the road near his home. The Jaws of Life had to be used to extricate him from the car by Warwick firemen. He was treated for concussion and head and face injuries.

- A blaze destroyed a garage at 29 Mountain View Drive in Warwick. The cause of the fire was yet undetermined, however, neighbors reported that they had previously complained to Town Officials about potentially hazardous materials being stored in the barn. No injuries were reported.
- The Warwick Jaycees made their first posthumous award in selecting the late Bruce L. Sherman of Warwick to receive their Citizen of the Year award for 1984. Sherman, who served the community through his work with the fire department, ambulance corps, school district, and student exchange program, was killed by a drunk driver the previous fall while driving home from work at Western Union's Westar Earth Station in Vernon Crossing.
- St. Joseph's Parochial School eighth-grade cheerleaders were the 1985 elementary varsity cheerleading champions of Orange County. The group competed in Rockland against six other schools.
- The memory of Warwick's Orange County League football championship was celebrated at a banquet at Mount Alverno Center. Present were four coaches: Bob DeFrancesco, George St. Lawrence, John Garcia, and Joe Zuk.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Jan. 25, 1995

- The Florida School Board held a meeting that included groups from the Village Board, Planning Board, the PTAs and the Cedar Crest Association in an effort to get information out to the voters regarding a proposed expansion and renovation of Seward Institute.
- The seventh and eighth grade band and chorus students, under the direction of Allen Konikowski and Terry Hudson presented a number of classical pieces, as well as songs from the 50s and 60s at their annual mid-winter concert.
- Raynor Country reminded residents that "Good Things Come in Small Packages" in an advertisement for "Lots of Lots" for sale in all shapes and sizes.

- Over 300 youngsters participated in the Warwick Youth Basketball League's first season. The League is divided into three levels: High School, Middle School and Kings.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Jan. 26, 2005

- Old man winter showed no mercy to the Warwick Valley as frigid temperatures, fierce winds and nearly a foot of snow blasted through the region. With over 20 inches of snow predicted, the northern areas escaped the brunt of the storm with areas south of Warwick and into New Jersey and the New York metro area receiving one and half to two feet of snow, in what was called "The Blizzard of 2005."
- After years of struggling to survive, Deep Sea Warwick ceased operations at its Elm Street location. Rumors circulated that the area's premiere restaurant was "deep-sixed" by mounting bills, delinquent rents, and non-payment of taxes. The owner could not be reached for comment.
- As part of their Social Studies program at Park Avenue School, Mrs. Berghahn's kindergarteners decided to help victims of the Tsunami, by each donating their day's ice cream money to the Red Cross. However, the program expanded with some children opting to donate money from their piggy banks, and do extra chores around their homes to earn more money. The students raised over \$100.
- Mount Alverno director Kathie Deak was able to sit back and relax as fellow directors scrambled with applications to comply with Governor George Pataki's new law on assisted living reform. Mt. Alverno was among the first Assisted-Living facilities to be licensed by the State, and the only licensed facility in Orange County.
- The Helmrich Family announced the opening of "U-Shampooch," a new do-it-yourself dog salon. Kelly Helmrich, runs the shop with the assistance of her four daughters, Ashlyn, Averie, Kayla and Sidney. Steve Helmrich, a Warwick Town Police Officer, helped Kelly get the space on Route 94 ready for the new, innovative business.

OBITUARIES

WAYNE E. MCKAY



Wayne E. McKay, of Warwick, passed away on January 19, 2010 at home. He was 65 years old.

Born on July 22, 1944 in Paterson, NJ, he was the son of John Patrick McKay and Lila Verduin McKay.

He was married to Stephanie (Arfi) McKay.

Mr. McKay was a Production Manager with Lysol Products in New Jersey and more recently a Courier for Orange County Office of the Aging.

A family statement reads: "Wayne, you taught us so much about life and how to live. You showed us how important it is to see the world, but to never lose sight of the beauty in our own backyard. You inspired us to stay curious, get the job done right and never stop learning. Your life expressed a deep and lasting joy that came from being useful and making a difference in our lives and the lives of others. In sadness, we remember your special brand of humor and booming laugh. In darkness, we think of the light captured in your photographs-the sun streaming through trees at the edge of a field in morning, glowing through orange butterfly wings, highlighting purple coneflowers in your garden. When we reel from a life cut short, we think of your hands on the throttle of a steam engine train as you lived your lifelong dream. It was a privilege to share your life, to have you as a father, husband, and grandfather. We miss you. We love you. You are in our hearts now and forever."

He is survived by his wife, Stephanie, of Warwick; his two sons: Andrew McKay and his wife, Danielle of Woodcliff Lake, NJ; and James Devlin, Jr. and his wife Amor of CA; his two daughters: Jennifer Kerin and her husband, Todd of Wyckoff, NJ; and Lisa Bonkoski and her husband, John of Slootsburg, NY; his seven grandchildren: Casey, CJ, Will, Ryan, Kevin, Thomas and Eric; and several special nieces.

Memorial visitation was held on Fri., Jan. 22 at Lazear-Smith & Vander Plaat Memorial Home, followed by a memorial service.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Cty., 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550.

To send an online condolence, visit www.lsvpmemorialhome.com.

JASON C. ASHLEY



Jason C. Ashley died January 18, 2010, in Warwick after a gallant battle against cancer.

The beloved son of Charles C. Ashley and Corinna Sanford Lewis of Warwick, he was born in Bainbridge, MD on March 10, 1966. Jason graduated from Millbrook School in Millbrook, NY and attended Hiram College, Hiram, OH and Colorado Mountain College, Steamboat, CO.

An expert in computer technology, he worked for many years in the field. He was an esteemed member and valued contributor to a number of Internet groups. His myriad passions included astronomy, old cinema, carnivorous plants and his family's genealogy. He also raised and was devoted to two young Pumis, Hungarian herding dogs, Boomer and Tweeter. An accomplished chef, he was a connoisseur of oriental cuisine. Known for his remarkable intellect and sense of humor, Jason often held court late at night on the Wyndhurst porch. Not surprisingly, Jason maintained his wry wit throughout his courageous struggle.

In addition to his parents, Jason leaves behind his loving sister, Abigail Ashley, her husband, J.J. Tyzbit, and their son Samuel, all of Shelburne, VT; his grandmother, Dorothy A. Sanford of Warwick; his stepfather, Alfred R. Lewis of Warwick; his stepsister Cynthia R. Lewis, and her fiancé, Daniel Redburn of New York City; his stepbrother, James H. Lewis, his wife, Lyssa, and their two children: Sedona and Lexington, of Steamboat Springs, CO. He also leaves behind many close friends, including: J. Parker Switzer of New York City and Charney Weitzman and family who reside in Ireland, as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins many of whom have their roots in Warwick. He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, John W. Sanford, Jr., of Warwick, his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Merwin F. Ashley, of Boston, MA, and his uncle, Bennett C. Ashley of Palm Springs, CA.

In accordance with Jason's wishes, no visitation has been scheduled. A memorial service will be held in Warwick over the Memorial Day Weekend. It is requested that memorial donations be made to St. Anthony Community Hospital, the Warwick Valley Humane Society, the American Cancer Society or Millbrook School.

Arrangements under the direction of Lazear-Smith & Vander Plaat Memorial Home. To send an online condolence, visit www.lsvpmemorialhome.com.

NELLIE E. MANN ROTHSCHILD



Nellie E. Mann Rothschild, a long resident of Warwick, passed away peacefully in her sleep on her 98th birthday at the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence. Nell was born January 17, 1912 in Adel, IA, the daughter of Hiram L. and Lillie B. Mann. She was married to the late David Rothschild on December 14, 1941.

Following in the footsteps of her father, mother and three sisters, all graduates of Drake University, Des Moines, IA, Ms. Rothschild entered that institution and in June 1933 received a B.S.L. degree with a major in liberal arts and religious education. In 1933, she accompanied her sister Lucy and her husband, Baxter to New York City. In 1937 she was appointed to the Admissions Staff of NYU School of Education. In June 1941 she received the M.A. degree in the field of guidance and college administration at NYU.

In 1947, she was appointed registrar at St. Francis College until 1954. During this time, she was an active member of the Middle States Association of Collegiate Registrars and was advertising manager of College and University, the official publication of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers from 1954 to 1957. In 1954, Ms. Rothschild became the Field Secretary of Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn and then in 1968 was appointed Dean of the Junior College of the Packer Collegiate Institute. In this capacity, she was responsible for the administration of the regulations for the college division, editing and publishing of the college catalog, administration of the faculty, guided and advised all college students. She retired in 1970, after sixteen-and-a-half years at The Packer Collegiate Institute.

She remained active, volunteering for several organizations in New York City as well as in her own community. She was a trustee of the Warwick Historical Society and president of the Warwick Branch of the American Association of University Women, and vice regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She enjoyed volunteering at the Warwick Library and attended services at the Warwick Reformed Church. She enjoyed line dancing, reading, and exploring the outdoors. She contributed to numerous organizations, which were dear to her heart.

Surviving Ms. Rothschild are her nieces: Dianne Moore and her husband, Darrell, of LeClaire, IA; Phyllis

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King and her husband, John, of Palmetto, FL; Bea Leff and her husband, Les, of Nashville, TN; Mary Ann Braybrooks and her husband, John, of Mill Bay British Columbia Canada; Janie Vandecar of Dallas, TX; Danette Willeford and her husband, Alan, of Hopewell Junction, NY; and her nephews: Dann Kroeger and his wife, Helen, of Shawnee, KS; Neill Kroeger and his wife, Connie, of LeClaire, IA; Kirk Vandecar and his wife, Jo, of Davenport, IA and Jim Vandecar of Charlottesville, VA.

She was preceded in death by her sisters: Lucy Pool, Irene Kroeger, and Dorothy Vandecar, and her parents, Hiram and Lillie Mann. A memorial in her memory will be planned by her family at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the American Red Cross Haiti Relief and Development Fund. Contact The American New York Greater New York Chapter, sellittic@nyredcross.org or 212-875-2119.



THOMAS EDWARD HAND, JR

Thomas Edward Hand, Jr., of Warwick, passed away unexpectedly on January 16, 2010 at home. He was 43 years old.

Born on October 30, 1966 in Warwick, he was a lifelong resident. He was the son of Thomas Edward Hand, Sr. and Gail Ashley.

Mr. Hand was a Maintenance Worker with the Warwick Valley School system. He was a Fireman for 24 years and ex-Captain of Engine #3, Warwick.

He is survived by his mother, Gail Ashley of Auburndale, FL; his father, Thomas Hand of California; his three sons: Justin, Mathew, and Thomas, and his daughter, Sara. He is also survived by his sisters, Tammy Peseski of Honesdale, PA and Dawn Ashley of Kissimmee, FL; and his brother, Joseph Ashley of Warwick.

Visitation was held on Wed., Jan. 20 at Lazear-Smith & Vander Plaat Memorial Home. A funeral service was held on Thurs., Jan. 21 at the funeral home, followed by interment in Warwick Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to Education Fund for Mathew, Thomas and Sara Hand, c/o Ann Hand, 34 Buttermilk Falls Road, Warwick, NY 10990.

To send an online condolence, visit www.lsvpmemorialhome.com.

RACHEL BODNAR

Rachel Bodnar, of Washingtonville, NY, passed away on January 23, 2010 at Schervier Pavilion. She was 86 years old.

Born on December 18, 1923 in Bayonne, New Jersey, she was the daughter of the late William and Rachel (Langenbach) Fahiron.

She was married to the late John Bodnar.

A family statement read: "A loving and caring person, Rachel will be missed dearly by her family and friends."

She is survived by her son, John Bodnar and his wife, Carol, of Warwick, NY; a daughter, Jill Ritschl and her husband, Gustavo, of Monroe, NY; four grandchildren: Shannon Lopez and her husband, Ed, John Bodnar and his wife, Jennifer, Gustavo Ritschl IV, and Kristen Trudeau and her husband, Robert; seven great-grandchildren: Briana, Alexa, Shelby, Paige, Elizabeth, Angelina and Danika; and a sister, Jean Cupo of Perth Amboy, NJ.

A memorial service will be announced at a future date. To send condolence online visit www.lsvpmemorialhome.com.

Land Trust to Hold Snowshoe Hike at Fuller Mountain

The Orange County Land Trust will sponsor a guided snowshoeing hike at the Land Trust's 255-acre Fuller Mountain Preserve off Bowen Road in the Town of Warwick on Sat., Feb. 6 beginning at 10 a.m.

Enjoy a winter day outdoors at this beautiful and diverse public nature preserve owned and managed by the Orange County Land Trust. This moderate 1 ¼ mile hike rambles through a magnificent wooded ravine up to fantastic vistas overlooking the Warwick Valley. As there are areas of steep and rocky terrain, this hike is not intended for very young children.

Registration is recommended, but not required, by calling 343-0840, x12. A donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family is suggested, with all proceeds going towards the future stewardship of Fuller Mountain Preserve. Meeting time is 10 a.m. at the trailhead kiosk on Bowen Road. All participants should bring their own snowshoes and water. If no snow, this outing will continue as planned, as a winter hike, no snowshoes required. Cancellation information will be available the morning of the hike.

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This Week in Orange County

By County Executive Edward A. Diana

This past week saw the Orange County Legislature begin their 2010 session. I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome our new County Legislators.

Public service is a challenging enterprise during "good times" and it is even more so when we are facing the most challenging economic climate since the Great Depression. I want to thank each member for his commitment to the people of Orange County and his or her willingness to serve during these difficult times.

I would also like to again commend the selection of Michael Pillmeier of Warwick as Chairman and Melissa Bonacic of Greenville as Majority Leader. Both of these individuals have the experience and knowledge required to serve in these critical positions. Each caucus has also selected its leaders for the coming year. Legislator Michael Amo leads the Independence Caucus and Jeff Berkman leads the Democratic caucus.

In other news, we are all monitoring the Governor's budget, which he unveiled this week. We remain very concerned about the fiscal solvency of our State in the short and long term. As we begin the process of digesting the implications to Orange County, I will certainly keep you posted via these media outlets.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all victims of the earthquake in Haiti and our sincere appreciation to those individuals who have contacted our office with offers of assistance.

Until next week let me wish you health and happiness...

Allen Ukai Named to College of William & Mary Dean's List

Allen Ukai of Warwick was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at The College of William and Mary.

Meroni Named to Clarkson Dean's List University

Jason P. Meroni, of Warwick, NY, was named to the Dean's List of Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY for the Fall 2009 semester.

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The Case Of The Golden Idols

By Fred W. Houston

Chapter 7



“What the Hell is going on?” asked the burly policeman.
 “The guy jumped in his old Nash and sped away just as you pulled up,” shouted the old woman. “He’s as crazy as a bedbug!”
 Sgt. Martin ran back to his patrol car and called headquarters. Then he turned on the siren and began chasing the other vehicle. It seemed like a normal case of excessive speed. But Pepe Ramirez had

good reasons for outrunning the law.

He’d decided to leave Possum Valley on this cold winter morning without saying goodbye to anybody. As he roared down Main Street toward the railroad tracks, a train was hurtling toward the crossing. The Argentine decided to try and beat it. The engineer frantically blew his whistle. Couldn’t this fool see he was courting disaster? Suddenly, the speeding freight collided into the driver’s side of the Nash.

Everyone within earshot heard the doomed man scream in fear and pain as he died in a holocaust of smoke and fire.

It took some time to clean up the mess. Inside the old Nash’s trunk, the cops found something very interesting indeed. The whole town soon knew the facts.

“Those God damned idols were in Pepe’s possession all along!” shouted Chief Brown, as he stood inside police headquarters. “Here, look at them!”

Bill Taylor and several other people did just that. The faces of Amon Ra, Oisiris and half a dozen other Ancient Egyptian gods stared back at them. The ex-Marine wanted to load them onto the nearest manure wagon and dump them in a swamp somewhere.

These infernal idols had already cost several people their lives. Now Pepe Ramirez was dead as well. Former bootlegger Spike Carey had been right. Some long dead high priest from the land of the Nile must have placed a curse on them!

“In your shoes, I’d call the Egyptian consul in New York City,” said Molly Kelly, who was standing beside her lover. “They belong in the Cairo Museum.”

“Yeah, I’ll do that,” whispered Chief Brown. “First we have some riddles to solve. For instance, what did Pepe know about Helen Walker’s murder? I always thought Alice White did it. Now I’m not so sure. And did that Argentine kill Dave and his wife? Sure the attorney died of fright. But something powerful scared him before that happened. And we all remember that poor redhead lying dead inside her car.”

“I think Dave murdered his mistress himself,” answered Bill. “He wanted to avoid being blackmailed. But maybe Pepe followed him and saw exactly what happened. Now the fat was in the fire. The attorney had to buy his chauffeur’s silence. That person was willing to be bribed. Then earlier this year, Alice came home and walked into her husband’s private study. Maybe she had a gun in her hand. We’ll never know for sure. But the shock caused Mr. Richardson to have a fatal heart attack.”

“How did that redhead find out where the idols were hidden?” asked Molly.

“I think Dave discovered them on his own and left the darn things there,” said Bill.

“He wanted to keep them for himself, remember. But when Alice confronted him, he may have revealed their location to buy her off. Then his heart gave out. Now that woman was a widow. All she had to do was dig up the Sulaiman Pasha collection and sell it on the black market.”

“How did Pepe find out about the golden idols?” asked Chief Brown.

“Argentina is the most advanced country in Latin America,” Bill explained. “Pepe’s family was well to do and gave him a good education. That’s why the guy spoke such fluent English. He probably learned a lot about Egyptology over the years. After he started working for Dave Richardson, he realized his employer’s passion for the land of the pyramids. Once the chauffeur found out that Helen Walker and her lover had stolen the Sulaiman Pasha idols, he could guess why she’d been killed. All he had to do was wait for a chance to grab them. And he had no qualms about murdering Alice White.”

“This is all speculation,” whispered Chief Brown, as he mopped his brow. “We have some more detective work ahead of us. But if I have my way, those infernal statuettes will leave Possum Valley pronto!”

The lawman was as good as his word. The Egyptian consulate was duly notified and took possession of the Sulaiman Pasha collection early in 1948. Bill Taylor and Molly Kelly split the reward money. Meanwhile, the cops tried to tie up all the loose ends. But some aspects of the case remain a mystery to this day.

The real estate man and his lady friend enjoyed a quiet dinner for two inside her restaurant on New Year’s Eve. They were both very happy. Bill had received a big commission a few days earlier. The sale of the Ike Johnson farm was proceeding smoothly. Molly’s business was now very prosperous. The last few months had been difficult for them. They would be glad to see 1947 come to an end. And each of them believed fervently that the New Year would bring prosperity and happiness for them both!

In 2009 Warwick Ambulance Responded to 1,234 Calls

The Warwick Ambulance will hold a free blood pressure screening on Sat., Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. until noon in the Ambulance Bay at 146 South Street Extension.

Two classes will also be offered at Warwick Ambulance: a CPR / AED Training on Mon., Feb. 8 from 7-10 p.m. at a cost of \$50 for Town residents and \$65 for non-residents; and a First Aid Course on Tues., Feb. 16 and Thurs., Feb. 18 from 7 – 10 p.m. (must attend both days) at a cost of \$80 for Town residents and \$100 for non-residents. Register for classes online at firstaid@warwick.net or call 986-4136 and leave name and phone number.

In December, the Warwick Volunteer Ambulance Service responded to 112 calls: 24 falls, six cardiac emergencies, nine general illness, 10 loss of consciousness, six for general pain, 18 difficulty breathing, two for smoke inhalation, two for exposure to carbon monoxide, 12 motor vehicle crashes, four trauma, two mutual aid calls to Pine Island, one mutual aid call to Greenwood Lake, one helicopter transport, one standby, eight transports from hospital to residence and six other calls.

Warwick Ambulance responded to 1234 emergency calls in 2009, as well as 36 standbys for community events.

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Sat., Jan. 30: Skye Jazz Trio - at the Peach Grove Inn, 205 Rte. 17A, 7 - 9 p.m. \$20 includes complimentary wine, cheese & dessert. Call for reservations at 986-7411.

Sat., Feb. 6: 'Food Fight: A Musical Comedy for Waist Watchers!' - 8 p.m. at the Lycian Centre in Sugar Loaf. Tickets may be purchased by calling 469-2287.

Sat., Feb. 6: "The Hurt Locker" Film Screening - hosted by the Warwick Film Group, this Iraq War drama & thriller will be shown at 8 p.m. at the Warwick Community Center, 11 Hamilton Ave. \$5 donation requested. Call 914-850-0278 for info.

Sat., Feb. 20: Concert & Book Signing - Author Salman Ahmad will sign copies of his autobiography, "Rock & Roll Jihad" at 3 p.m. & perform at the Tuscan Café, 5 South St.

FARMERS MARKETS

Sat. & Sun.: Pennings Indoor Winter Farmers' Market - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. through Mar. 28. Products from local vendors will be available. Vendors wanted. Call 986-1059 or visit www.penningsfarmmarket.com.

MEETINGS & MIXERS

Third Tues. of the Month: Warwick Fire Dept. Meets - at 8 p.m. at Station One, located off Forester Ave.

THURSDAYS

Florida Lions Club - meets 6 p.m., third Thursday of the month, at the Copper Bottom Restaurant, 162 N. Main St., Florida. For more info. call 651-7272.

Warwick Lions Club - meets the first & third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., at the Landmark Inn, Rte. 17A & 94 N, Warwick. New members are welcome. For more info. call Stuart Durland at 986-1177.

Sat., Jan. 30: Community Budget Forum - presented by Community 20/20 Committee seeking taxpayer input, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon, at Warwick Middle School.

Tues., Feb. 2, Feb. 16: League of Women Voters Meeting - at the Warwick Town Senior Center at 132 Kings Hwy., 7:30-9 p.m. Call 544-2390 for more info.

Tues., Feb. 2: Town Democratic Committee Meeting - at the Tuscan Café on South St. at 7:30 p.m. Bring non-perishable items for the food pantry.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wed., Jan. 27: Green Careers & Technologies Open House - in the Gilman Center for International Education at the Middletown campus of SUNY Orange Community College, 6 - 8 p.m. For more info., call 341-4532.

Sat., Jan. 30: Spaghetti Lunch - sponsored by Union AME Church Women's Season Committee to kick off Women's Day events from 12 noon - 4 p.m. at 98 McEwen St. For delivery or more information, call 986-3649.

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Sat., Feb. 6: Free Blood Pressure Screening - at the Warwick Ambulance Bay, 146 South St. Ext. from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Sat., Feb. 6: Longaberger Basket Bingo - at St. Stephen's gym, Warwick. Doors open: 5:30 p.m., first game: 6:30 p.m. Cost: 15 games for \$20. Includes tricky tray, raffles & door prizes. Adults only. For more info, call 973-764-6852 or email wiik@warwick.net.

Sat., Feb. 6: Snowshoe Hike - on Fuller Mountain Preserve off Bowen Rd. at 10 a.m., guided by the Orange County Land Trust. Bring snowshoes & water. Suggested donation: \$5 per person or \$10 per family. To register or for more information call 343-0840 ext. 12.

Sun., Feb. 7: Annual Motorcycle & Quad Ice Racing on Greenwood Lake - on south end of Windermere Ave. Gates open: 9:30 a.m.; practice: 11 a.m.; heat races: 12:15 p.m. Trophy presentation to follow. Cost for spectators: \$10. For entry fees & more info. call 566-4956 or 477-8100.

Mon., Feb. 8: CPR/AED Training - 7 - 10 p.m. at the Warwick Ambulance Bay, 146 South St. Ext. Cost: \$50, Town residents; \$65, non-residents. Register at fristaid@warwick.net or call 986-4136.

Fri., Feb. 12 - Sun., Feb. 14: Greenwood Lake Winter Carnival - at The Breezy Point Inn, 620 Jersey Ave. Wine Tasting & Torch Lighting: Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.; bonfire: Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. Other events include contests, ice hockey, sleigh rides, & outdoor BBQ. Free admission & parking with shuttle. For more info. call 477-8100.

Tues., Feb. 16 & Thurs. Feb. 18: First Aid Course - 7-10 p.m. at the Warwick Ambulance Bay, 146 South St. Ext. Must attend both nights. Cost: \$80 for Town residents; \$100 for non-residents. Register at fristaid@warwick.net or call 986-4136 by Wed., Feb. 10.

Tues., Feb. 16: Solar Thermal Presentation - hosted by the Warwick Valley Gardeners, 7 p.m., at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Kings Hwy.

Wed., Mar. 3: Bus Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show - sponsored by Friends of the Chester Library. Departure from Chester Library on Kings Hwy. - 8:45 a.m. \$85 includes general admission, bus & Garden Tea Luncheon. Call 469-4252 for reservations.

Sat., Apr. 24: 1st Annual Pizza Eating Contest - sign up at Frank's Pizza, 64 Main St. Proceeds to benefit Katelyn's Kause. For more info., call 986-1065. Rain date: Sun., Apr. 25.

Warwick Valley Gardeners to Host Solar Expert on Feb. 16

The Warwick Valley Gardeners will host a presentation by solar heating expert, Pat Gallagher, of Gallagher Solar Thermal on Tues., Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Kings Highway. Mr. Gallagher will discuss and answer questions about the benefits, cost and savings of solar energy. His focus is solar hot water and pool heating.

Mr. Gallagher is highly trained in the area and is one of only four NABCEP certified solar thermal installers in New York State. He has been in business since 2005 and has many installations throughout the Hudson Valley.

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SPORTS

Fox Breaks Through In 1500M Walk

By Richard Furst

The race walk gets little respect and less notice in the world of scholastic track, but it's an event akin to pacing or trotting in the horse world and it takes a spirited and disciplined performer to master that event. Such a performer is Kaitlyn Fox.

Fox has worked hard in training to become comfortable with the race walk technique. The hard work has paid off as Fox went out very hard and made the field come after her. In the process, Alyssa Denisco of Minisink Valley was to walk Fox down, and Fox finished second in 8:16.7. The time was a huge personal record, and our fastest time since Hannah Leadbetter walked the school record of 7:54 in 2003.

There were several other great performances including Jessica Armand who won the high jump at 4' 10." Armand, an eighth-grader, is ranked 22nd in the State. Fresh of Fox's great effort, the freshman SMR won big in 4:45.2. Lauren Brandt led off and handed a lead to Armand with a fine 2:38.0. Armand split 29.3 for 200m, while Jess Stokkeland split 29.8. Francesca LoRusso brought it home in 68.0 for the 400m leg. Other placers were the 3200m-relay team of Darby Ginley with 2:33.6, Kayla Leahey with 2:31.1, Megan Mydosch with 2:32.8, and Gabrielle Randell with 2:34.0, won in 10:11.5. Leahey then jumped 4' 6" to place. Ashley Stokkeland ran 7.88 in the 55m and 47.75 in the 300m to place in both. Next up for the team will be the A format OCIAA meet this Friday. The team looks to set a school record with 33 personal records.

OCCC Scholarship Deadline Looms For Incoming Students

Incoming students seeking potential scholarships to SUNY Orange for the 2010-11 academic year must complete their scholarship applications by Mar. 1. This deadline also applies to the College's highly competitive President's Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement, a full-tuition scholarship reserved for Orange County residents or students attending an Orange County high school.

Applicants for up to five President's scholarships must be registered as a full-time student at SUNY Orange, have been ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class (or have a high school cumulative grade point average of 90 or better) and have shown involvement in extracurricular activities or community service.

Scholarship application forms and accompanying scholarship data and details are available at www.sunyorange.edu/scholarships. Students who apply for any SUNY Orange scholarship must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) applications before they can be fully considered for a scholarship. Both applications can be completed online. Additional online scholarship and grant information is available on the SUNY Orange Financial Aid web site (www.sunyorange.edu/financialaid), or by calling 341-4190.



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DATED: 01/27/10

Marjorie Quackenbush
Town Clerk
1-27-t1

LEGAL NOTICE

The Florida Fire District Board of Commissioners, at its reorganizational meeting held on January 5, 2010, adopted THE WARWICK VALLEY DISPATCH as its official newspaper.

Regular monthly meetings will continue to be held in the Commissioners' meeting room at the Firehouse located at 19 South Main Street, Florida, New York during the months of October through March at 7:00 p.m. and April through September at 8:00 p.m. Work session meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Legal holidays are excepted.

By Order of the Florida Fire District
Board of Commissioners,
Robert Coleman, Chairman
1-27-t1

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick, Orange County, New York, on January 19, 2010, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which said Village is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A summary of the aforesaid resolution is set forth below. The resolution provides as follows: that the faith and credit of the Village of Warwick, Orange County, New York (the "Village"), are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable; that an annual appropriation shall be made in

each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year; that the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds authorized by such resolution, including renewals of such notes, is delegated to the Village Treasurer; that all other matters, except as provided in such resolution, relating to the bonds authorized, including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed in such resolution and the manner of the execution of the same and also including the consolidation with other issues, and the authority to issue such obligations on the basis of substantially level or declining annual debt service, is delegated to and shall be determined by the Village Treasurer; and that this LEGAL NOTICE shall be published.

A summary of the bond resolution follows:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 19, 2010.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$450,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF WARWICK, ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE VILLAGE HALL EXTERIOR REPAIRS AND RESTORATION PROJECT, IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

The period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is ten years pursuant to subdivision twelve of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Village Hall is a class "C" building within the meaning of subdivision 11 of said paragraph a, but the maximum maturity of the bonds is limited to five years.

THE FULL TEXT OF THIS BOND RESOLUTION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK LOCATED AT 77 MAIN STREET, WARWICK, NEW YORK, DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

DATED: January 27, 2010

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
JO-ANN ROME, VILLAGE CLERK
1-27-t1

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick, Orange County, New York, on December 21, 2009, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which said Village is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Such resolution was subject to a permissive referendum and the period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed.

A summary of the aforesaid resolution is set forth below. The resolution provides as follows: that the faith and credit of the Village of Warwick, Orange County, New York (the "Village"), are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable; that an annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year; that the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds authorized by such resolution, including renewals of such notes, is delegated to the Village Treasurer; that all other matters, except as provided in such resolution, relating to the bonds authorized, including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed in such resolution and the manner of the execution of the same and also including the consolidation with other issues, and the authority to issue such obligations on the basis of substantially level or declining annual debt service, is delegated to and shall be determined by the Village Treasurer; and that this LEGAL NOTICE shall be published.

A summary of the bond resolution follows:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 21, 2009.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$275,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF WARWICK, ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PARTIAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ORCHARD STREET PUMP STATION, IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

The period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is forty years pursuant to subdivision four of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

THE FULL TEXT OF THIS BOND RESOLUTION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK LOCATED AT 77 MAIN STREET, WARWICK, NEW YORK, DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

DATED: JANUARY 27, 2010

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
JO-ANN ROME, VILLAGE CLERK
1-27-t1

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC). The name of the Limited Liability Company is: Your Hometown Pediatrician, PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 10/14/2009. The County in which the Office is to be located: Orange. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is: 7 Grand Street, Warwick, NY 10990. Purpose: Pediatric Medicine.

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S P O R T S

Thomas Folino is WVHS Student – Athlete of the Week

By Gregory Sirico



FOLINO

Warwick Valley High School is proud to honor Thomas Folino as this week's Student-Athlete of the Week sponsored locally by Allstate Insurance Bill Garcia Agency. The senior basketball standout has led the Wildcats defensively this season and set a school record with nine steals against Pine Bush in the

team's 72 – 37 victory. Thomas scored 20 points to help the cause against the Bushmen and contributed seven points, six assists and five rebounds in the teams 58 – 53 win over Vernon, NJ. He contributed six rebounds, five assists and two steals in the teams' victory over Goshen.

Thomas is an excellent student whose maintains a 94.5 grade point average with a schedule that includes AP Environmental Science and AP US History for college credit. He has been recognized by the NYSPHSAA as a scholar – athlete for basketball and golf in his junior year and was named the teams Most Improved Player for 2008 - 2009. Thomas is actively involved in the Warwick Youth in Government program and is an accomplished piano player. He has been accepted to the University of Connecticut, Hofstra and the University of Central Florida.

Thomas is the son of Thomas and Nancy Folino of Warwick. He has one brother, Tyler, who is a sophomore in the high school. On behalf of Allstate Insurance Bill Garcia Agency, Warwick Valley High School is proud to recognize Thomas Folino as Student-Athlete of the Week.



Warwick Valley High School Athletic Director's Corner

By Gregory Sirico

Wildcats Teams Perfect in Week Seven: The Wildcat teams thrived in week seven as the boys' basketball team took two of three this week, while the wrestling team defeated Monroe Woodbury for a leg up in the divisional title race. Chris Vealey won the Kohl Tournament at 189 lbs. The boys' indoor track sprint medley relay finished first at Gillis Field House and the girls' basketball posted a big win over Monroe. This week the Wildcats have limited contests in observance of the regents' exam testing schedule.

Boys' Basketball Defeats Vernon and Goshen: The Warwick Boys defeated Vernon 58–53 behind Brandon Cantelmo's 17-point effort. Gavin Hannah and Mark Weaver each contributed 11 points in the victory. The Wildcats were defeated by Kingston, but then rallied to knock off Goshen 69–45 behind Mark Weavers 16 points and Rian White's 14 points. Thomas Folino had seven rebounds and John Denmead made great decisions from the point guard position. The Wildcats return to action on Jan. 29 against Monroe Woodbury at home.

Girls' Basketball Defeated Monroe Woodbury: The girls' basketball team defeated Monroe Woodbury 43–30 behind Nicole Victors' 13 points and Shannon Allan's nine points. The team lost to Kingston and are 11–2 at weeks end. The girls' next game is Tues., Feb. 2 at Monticello.

Boys' Swimming Defeat FDR and Swim Tough Against NFA: The boys' swim team continues their march toward one of the best seasons in many years defeating FDR 102 to 77. The 200-medley relay finished first (Connor VanDer Plaat, Erik Pfohl, Russ Zintel and Rob Walsh). Joseph Rotundo took first in the 200 freestyle and Erik Pfohl took first in the 50 freestyle. The boys' team had 19 best times against NFA but was defeated. The next swim meet is Fri., Jan. 29 against New Paltz at home.

Wrestling Defeats Monroe Woodbury – Vealey Wins Kohl Tournament: The wrestling team defeated Monroe Woodbury 39–27. Joe Ginley, Justin Corradino, Kyle Wierzbicki, Kyle Bamberger, Brian Vutianitis, Thomas O'Rourke, Sean Prell and Chris Vealey all were winners in the match. Sam Brown won an exciting match on Wednesday against Pine Bush in the Wildcats 59–12 victory. The Wildcats are currently the State's 19th ranked wrestling team. Mitch Wightman defeated Monroe's Mike Vesba on Saturday in the Kohl Tournament following his loss to him on Friday Night at Monroe. Chris Vealey won the Kohl tournament at 189 lbs. They will take on Kingston on Feb. 3 for the league title.

Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track Cats Surging in Division II: Boys' and Girls' Track have been competing at West Point. Kaitlyn Fox's race walk time of 8:16.7 in the 1500 meter was the best time for the Wildcats since 2003. Collin Lindsay's 10.55 was a personal best in the High Hurdles, while Kevin Grosso set a personal best time of 1:26.54 in the 600-meter run. The sprint medley relay team of Rob Troia, Gio Lasalandra, Kevin Grosso and Nick Hallman won the overall meet with a time of 3:55.7. Matt Kane was first in the shot put with a personal best 43'2". Next meet is at West Points' Gillis Field House on Fri., Jan. 29.

Ski Team Girls' and Boys' Undefeated in Division II: The boys' and girls' ski are undefeated in their division. Brielle Antonelli (eighth-grade) and Jesse Anser (11th grade) remain unbeaten this season. Sabrina Easton is a rising star with a second place finish at Belleayre in the

Giant Slalom. Connor Ginley and Jeremy Osak were fourth and fifth respectively. The teams' next race is on Feb. 2.

Local Runners Excel Against College Athletes

By Mike Potter

A few local runners from Warwick have raced themselves to some of the very best times in the United States this winter.

Cornell Relays: On Sat., Dec. 5 Wave TC traveled to Cornell University to compete in the Cornell Relays at Barton Hall where the foursome of Dan Paez (3:17.9), Pierre Armand (52.0), Dan Ramirez (1:57.8), and Tim Luthin (4:27.9) teamed up to win the Distance Medley Relay in a time of 10:36.56, ahead of local colleges such as Ithaca, Geneseo, Delhi, Oneonta, and Cornell.

Armory Open Holiday Classic: Sun., Dec. 27 saw many personal best performances once again at the Youth Masters Open meet at the New Balance Armory Track & Field Center in New York City. In 800-meter action Dan Ramirez placed fifth with a personal best open time of 1:56.81, and teammate Pierre Armand placed sixth in 1:57.06. Tim Luthin placed fourth in the 1500-meter run with a personal best time in that event clocking a 4:03.25.

Paddy Grandinali placed eighth in the 3000-meter race with a huge all time best effort of 9:12.80; and Ian Sullivan also set a personal best in the same event with 9:37.1. Armand and Ramirez both came back later in the day to clock indoor personal bests of 51.10 and 51.47.

Metropolitan Coaches Invitational: There was more hot action on Fri., Jan. 8 as the quartet of Dan Paez (1:59.1), Pierre Armand (1:57.8), Tim Luthin (1:57.8) and Dan Ramirez (1:55.9) once again took home top honors with a 7:51.24 clocking in the 4x800 meter relay event at the contest hosted by New York University. This time currently ranks #1 in the United States for a relay team comprised of all high school aged athletes.

Gotham Cup: On Fri., Jan. 15 the Wave TC took to the track at the Gotham Cup hosted by New York University and dominated once again as they took home top honors in the Distance Medley Relay event against college competition at New Balance Armory Track & Field Center. The team of Dan Paez (3:12.8), Pierre Armand (49.1), Dan Ramirez (1:55.5), and Tim Luthin (4:19.7) ran a total time of 10:17.45 good enough to currently be ranked #2 in the United States. Second place in this event went to Hampton University out of Virginia.

NYRRRC Thursday Night at The Races: A great night once again for Wave TC at the New Balance Armory in New York City. Starting off the stellar performances was Warwick X-Country and Track standout Tim Luthin as he placed fourth in the 3000-meter race with a time of 8:40.7 and he raced even splits the entire way. This time equates to a 9:16 for 3200-meters and is a 20-second personal best. Luthin's race inspired 800-meter teammates Pierre Armand and Dan Paez as well. Armand blazed the 200-meter banked curves in heat #2 with an all time personal best of 1:54.8. Paez also ran his best race of the season with a 1:58.4 effort. The last race of the day saw freshman sensation Grant Parrelli race the 1500-meter run in a personal best clocking of 4:21.3 and teammate Aaron Peterson also dipped under 5:00 mile effort for the first time ever with a time of 4:41.3

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How many football fans know the name Benny Friedman? Probably not enough, because he is credited with legitimizing the forward pass. Born to Jewish Orthodox parents in Cleveland, Friedman became an All-American quarterback with Michigan in the 1920s. In 1928, he led the NFL in rushing and passing – the only player ever to do so – and with the New York Giants in 1929 he threw 29 touchdown passes, more than three times as many as any other player. The fan interest generated by his success led to rules changes favoring the passing game and the introduction of a slimmer ball that was easier to throw.

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Here's an NHL record that might never be broken. Not Wayne Gretzky's scoring mark, but the record for most penalty minutes in a single season. The Philadelphia Flyers were known as the "Broad Street Bullies" when they won back-to-back Stanley Cups in the mid-70s, and their chief enforcer was Dave "The Hammer" Schultz, who racked up an astounding 475 penalty minutes in 1974-75. Appropriately, when Schultz was inducted into the Flyers hall of fame, he sat in the penalty box to watch his banner rise.

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When Sean Miller took over as coach at Arizona to start the 2009-10 college basketball season, senior Nic Wise was unfazed by the change. That's because Miller became Wise's fourth head coach in four seasons, following the legendary Lute Olson, Kevin O'Neill and Russ Pennell. According to NCAA records, the only other players in Division I-A history with four coaches were David Martin with Texas A&M from 1989-93 and Darren Kent of Kansas State from 2005-09.

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