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For a brief history of how this building still serves the community after almost 150 years, see the story on page 14.

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From the Vice President

Ellenville - Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce
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Our Chamber office, located on the corner of Canal Street and Berme Road, welcomes many visitors to our town. Forty-three percent of our visitors are interested in hiking trails. Our secret is out! Within the town of Wawarsing we have approximately 8,000 acres of FREE hiking trails. A good portion of this land can be fished, hunted, and mountain-biked. Some of these areas have specific-use designations, so do your research.

Information about stores, restaurants, history, and antiques round out the top reasons visitors stop at the Chamber office.

That's right, stores. The town of Wawarsing boasts some unique stores. If you doubt this, you will need to dedicate a full day to see this first hand. Stop in at any of our many retail businesses and ask them what makes them unique. What will leave an impression is that the owner is probably the person you first meet.

While visiting our businesses, have a bite to eat at one of your established luncheon stops, or try one of our three new eateries that have opened in the past few months.

Our town is rich in history with a local museum at our own library. Besides what is on display, there is much more catalogued and available upon request.

While our nation's slumping economy has triggered the closing of several of our local businesses, there are many that have been able to weather the storm. This is a time when uniqueness and personal service go a long way. That can be our best commodity.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Craft
Vice President

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