

# Inside the Chamber

**Ellenville - Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce**  
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The **Chamber** receives many comments regarding what we should be doing. Most are thoughtful suggestions that are constructive in nature. We wish we could do more but, as many organizations will tell you, "If we only had more help." Our **Chamber** activities survive with the hard work of what seems to be a small percentage of our membership. To maintain our present activity level, we need more involvement. To increase our activity level, we need more involvement. Believe me, the **Chamber** would love to provide more; all it takes is willing workers.

Our committees spend valuable personal time meeting and planning events and activities. I have been a member of what is called the **Pride Committee** since its inception seven years ago. I am proud of what our committee has accomplished in its seven years of existence.

The **Pride Committee** brought you "Your Home in the Mountains" license plate frames. In conjunction with our friends at Schrade's design department, and funding by both the Town and the Village, we also produced a beautiful and informative color brochure used to promote our community. Several years ago, we hosted a breakfast meeting with a guest speaker who was a public relations/marketing specialist. **Music in the Square** has also been one of our projects. This annual event is in its fourth year. With the assistance of the Village Street Department and the Town Highway Department, we organized a town-wide appliance pick up/clean up. Adding to the list of this active committee's endeavors is its role in the Town of Wawarsing's Bicentennial Committee. This could prove to be our most challenging project.

The **Pride Committee's** present members are John Cummings, Diane Demelia, Marion Dumond, Mary Sheeley, and myself.

The **Chamber** has other committees that are just as active. If this sounds like fun – and it is – give me a call; we could use the help.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Mark R. Craft*

President

## Letters

To the Editor:

Thank you for the summary of the April casino forum in your June issue. I would like to add that, according to the forum panelists, copies of the environmental impact study described by representatives of the Modocs are available for public review.

**Town Hall** has a copy and Mr. Lenefsky offered his copy to the **Ellenville Library** to accommodate those residents who cannot get to **Town Hall** during business hours. Readers should be aware that this study is available to them.

Nadia N.S. Maczaj  
Rusty Plough Farm

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## Famous 50's Northeast Nationals

On the evening of July 12<sup>th</sup>, the **Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce** hosted the **Famous 50's Northeast Nationals** car parade through the center of Ellenville. The rain did not deter the event, sponsored by the **Village of Ellenville** and the **Press**.

The crowd enjoyed a variety of classic cars cruising downtown Ellenville. Burnouts and flame-throwing cars excited the crowd. "Dangerous Dave Wall" from Syracuse received the **Chamber's Choice Award** plaque following the flame-throwing demonstration from his lowrider Chevy Impala. (Flames from this car shoot 75 to 100 feet, with a temperature of 2500° to 3000°!) Thanks to Cort Stinehour from Moo Duk Kwan Academy for his donation of the award plaque to the **Chamber**.

The fabulous **Ponitails** capped off the evening, singing top hits from the 50's. This local group always is a crowd favorite and didn't let the rain hamper their performance.

We hope to see the **Famous 50's Northeast Nationals** return to town next year. 

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