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From the Editor


When YOU think of Ellenville or Wawarsing, what capsule images first come to mind? If you've lived here all (or most of) your life, that's probably not even a fair question; your personal life is too intermixed with the recent events, sights, and history of the community to see it as outsiders do.

Until the 20th Century, this was: a canal town; a farm town; a site for several water-powered industries; and a rustic respite spot for the posh, the artistic, and the well-connected. The next 50 years saw a "democratization" of the "getaway," as more affordable hotels, bungalows, and camps proliferated, and the canal finally gave way to rail, bus, and cars. That was also a time for: "the world's purest spring water;" the county agricultural fair; and berrypickers and fires on the Mountain.

Since then, the SunRay spring runs untapped, the county fair has moved, the pickers and fires are a fading memory, while Interstates and low jet fares caused many to announce the doom of the local tourist trade which, for a while, seemed inevitable.

During those years, saying Ellenville to an outsider might still get the single-word response "Hotels," but more likely "Knives" or "Antennas," and more recently, "Hang Gliders" or "Hiking," perhaps even "Summer Theater" or "Horse Shows." And, look... some hotels *have* bounced back, bed & breakfasts and RV sites pop up, and a thriving second-home/commuter market keeps marching north; maybe all that gloomy talk *was* unfounded. *Something* must be attracting all this interest!

While we are waiting for – and working for! – that coming renaissance, let us take a moment to look at one native and integral part of our history – the Wild Blueberry/Huckleberry – and celebrate a part of our community that is uniquely ours.

Please join us at the **Blueberry Festival, August 23rd** for a taste of the past, and a hint of the future! 

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- Ellenville:** 1) *Canal Street: Berme Rd. to Ann:* Chamber Office, Thornton Hardware, Canal Lodge Adult Care, Ellenville Lumber, Top Shelf Jewelry, JM Originals, Nu-Design Furniture, **Time-Warner Cable**, Advanced Mobile, Village Cleaners, Carolin Mane Cut, Curves, The Eye Studio, It's a Cinch.
- 2) *Canal Street: Ann to Liberty:* Flight School, Hidden Treasures, **Shadowland Theatre**, La Bella Pizza, Coin-op Laundry, **Dollar World**, Stedner Printing, **Wags**, Ellenville Post Office.
- 3) *Canal Street: Liberty to Main:* B&G General Store, Matthews Tailor, Ed & Al's Barber Shop, Fort Lox Bagels, Sprague & Killeen, Liquor Store, **Lighthouse Deli**, **Matthews Pharmacy**, Ellenville Florist, Ace Hardware, **Wawarsing Town Hall**, Wawarsing Supervisor Office.
- 4) *Canal Street: Main to Ulster:* M&T Bank, Loucks Funeral, Ellenville Village Hall, **Ellenville National Bank**, Stewart's (Ellenville), **Ellenville Library**, Dr. Paul Lonstein, Wilson's Market.
- 5) *Center Street: Getty Mart*, Grill & Chill, Ming Moon, H & R Block, Cohen's Bakery, Napa Auto, Visions, Dominic's.
- 6) *South Main Street:* Ellenville Medical Group, Johnny's Super Service, Berger & Solomon, Stoeckler Realty, Kaiser Murray Collier, Shanghai Red, **Mobil Mart**.
- 7) **Cragsmoor:** Ice Caves, Cragsmoor Library, **Cragsmoor Post Office**.
- 8) **Rte. 209 to Spring Glen:** Callaway Club, Nevele Grande, Gold Mountain, Spring Glen Grocery, **Spring Glen Post Office**, **County Line Restaurant**.
- 9) **North Main: Spring to Village line:** Ellenville Dodge, Osterhoudt Excavating, Euro Deli, **McDonalds**, RiteAid, Ellenville Beverage, Craft Chiropractic, Hair Encounter, Lucille Hand, Ellenville Ceramic & Tile, **Pizza Hut**, Family Dollar.
- 10) **Rte. 209 to Napanoch:** Boob Tube, B. Petroleum, B & H Garage, **Route 209 Diner**, Ellenville Auto Parts, **Ellenville Hospital**, Family Practice Center, China House, GNC, Spin City, Creative Clippers, **Il Paradiso**.
- 11) **Napanoch:** Country Flowers, **Peters Market**, **James' General Store**, Brother John's, Guzman's Bakery, Napanoch PO, Valley Wines, Rické Len's.
- 12) **Wawarsing to Kerhonkson:** 209 Sand & Gravel, Wawarsing PO, **Citgo Xtra Mart (Wawarsing)**, Colonial Motel, Dr. John Lichtenstein, Exxon (44-55), Minnewaska Motors, STS Tire, M & M Variety, Stewart's (Kerhonkson), **Mountain View Diner**, Kerhonkson Post Office.
- 13) **Also:** Ellenville School, Ulster County Tourist Information Office (Kingston), Ramada Inn & Roudigans (Kingston), HITS, Skyway (Greenfield Park), Jellystone Park (Woodridge).
- (Don't see your location listed here? Call or email to be added to our route!)*