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11) *Napanoch:* Country Flowers, Peters Market, James' General Store, Brother John's, Napanoch PO, Valley Wines, Rické Len's.  
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13) **Also:** Ellenville School, Ulster County Tourist Information Office (Kingston), Ramada Inn & Roudigans (Kingston), Summitville PO, Mamakating Methodist.

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*(Don't see your location listed here? Call or email to be added to our route!)*

## From the Editor

One of the nice perks of working the *Wawarsing.Net* table on July Fourth, and at the *Blueberry Festival*, was hearing the 100%-positive comments from the public, about both the magazine AND the new optimism and revitalization visible in our community. Whatever it must be like to work in the "Complaint Department" of an enterprise, THIS must have been the exact opposite of it!

Indeed, since our first issue, there had "never been heard a discouraging word" cast our way, whether in the mail, email, phones, or on the street. Oh, there have been suggestions, recommendations, requests, even some truly-appreciated "constructive criticism," that all have made the magazine itself – or the parts of the processes of creating, producing, distributing, or supporting it – better and more efficient.

(One such suggestion will be implemented this month at most of our distribution locations. To present a neater, more professional appearance, to take up less valuable counter space, and to prevent having our publication hidden UNDER other material (oh, yes, that happens!), the *Chamber* has purchased dozens of clear plastic magazine holders, in 25 and 75-copy depths as appropriate, to go to those distributors who request one. Each one will have a *Chamber/Wawarsing.Net* label to insure it is used ONLY for *Wawarsing.Net*, and to let all know what WAS in there, and how to ask for refills.)

Now, editors are supposed to develop thick skins against knocks but, as said, in this position, there just hadn't been any to get defensive about! Until last week, that is. So, when the ONE, lone negative letter finally came by mail – with no return address, no signature or ID... not even an identifiable post office location – it seemed to loom larger than it might have if it were simply one of many. Upon opening, it was simply some pages torn from the August issue, with hand-scrawled comments across the tops.

To wit, written above the articles about Cliff Collins and the Middle School Honor Roll were, "Chambre of Commerce Stuff? I don't think so." Normally, such anonymous and defective messages are routinely ignored (the misspellings suggest the literacy level). And the final comment was above one of our member-contributor columns: "Unfair free ads!" Well, anyone who read our June issue #7 would know that was *exactly* what we *were*, in effect, offering (except the "unfair" part; *everyone* is welcome to submit material; some just have chosen to take advantage of the offer!) to ALL.

So, to this one lone soul, it seems when we try to boost local *Chamber* members (logically, "Chambre stuff"! ) who do the work, we are "unfair"; yet when we cover subjects by, about, and for the local community, as our very first issues proclaimed WAS our true purpose (a publication about *just* the *Chamber* and members would be a two-pager!), we are NOT addressing "Chambre stuff"! Does anyone NOT see the inconsistency and illogic here?

Well, I hope this message finds its way to the lone letter-sender, who can, if #9 was the first issue he/she read, go and read issues #1, #3, and #7 for all the details. The rest of you probably won't need to... if ALL the other comments received to date are any indication.



**Cover: Ellenville Central School Building, Village of Ellenville, Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York, USA.** This is the third major school building on this site, the first being erected exactly 150 years ago. This being Back-to-School-Month, we recognize this anniversary and relive the history of the Schools of Wawarsing. Our Back-to-School section begins on page 12; Marion Dumond's feature history article starts on page 17.

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