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- 11) **Napanoch:** **Peters Market, James' General Store, Guzman's Bakery, Brother John's, Napanoch Post Office, Chinese No. 1, VIP Video, Rické Len's.**
- 12) **Wawarsing to Kerhonkson:** Wawarsing PO, Citgo Xtra Mart (Wawarsing), Dr. John Lichtenstein, **Exxon (44-55), STS Tire, M & M Variety, Stewart's (Kerhonkson), Swim King, Mountain View Diner, Kerhonkson PO.**
- 13) **Also:** Ellenville School, Ulster County Tourist Information Office (Kingston), Ramada Inn (Kingston), Summitville PO, Mamakating Methodist Church.

***Locations in bold are "anchor locations" in the zone

From the Editor

"What we've got here is... failure to communicate." – Strother Martin as the Road Prison Captain in *Cool Hand Luke*
"A man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest, la la la la la la la." – The Boxer by Simon & Garfunkel

Perception may be more important than Reality. Indeed, Perception may even *create* new Realities. What an individual or group *thinks* it sees or hears may be more important than what was actually done or said. Wars and uprisings have started due to a poorly-rendered translation... or a perceived offense... or simply a poor choice of words ("Let them eat cake!").

Or, perhaps, a message arrived too late, or was carelessly overlooked as unimportant, and so a preventable tragedy was not averted. In literature (think "Romeo & Juliet"), this builds dramatic tension and makes the inevitable tragic consequences more poignant. But when, for example, the FBI and CIA are each holding bits of a security puzzle but don't share (or respond to) critical data, and so the crucial dots don't get connected, a 9/11 can happen.

One area where this "failure to communicate" regularly occurs is The Law/Politics. It may well be that religions *and* governments degrade... when the Lawyers take over from the poets and visionaries who founded them. Now, there's a technical reason for lawyers and politicians (the professional kind, beyond salvation) to couch their comments with *whereas* and *indemnifies*, but the average Joe perceives that verbal fog as leading to fine print, and that as leading to red tape, and that to the inevitable shafting of the non-lawyers/non-politicians. In other words, *most of us*.

The second arena, ironically, where communication fails is... The Media. See, a Reporter or Correspondent may or may not cover an actual event, may rely on a handout, or get a quote after the fact, or miss its subtlety or context, or attempted humor or irony. And an Editor may be one step further removed from the event... a Headline Writer even further removed. So when Lawyers/Politicians deal with, or are quoted by, The Media, there's your first whammy! When that "factoid" goes to the Editor, then on the Headline Writer, there's your double and triple whammies! Imagine the kids' game of "Telephone"... but amplified and set off in an echo chamber!

Case in point: back in March, as we reported, dozens of individuals, and thousands of letters, poured into Kingston to show unwavering community support for saving the *Ellenville Regional Hospital*. The Ellenville Village Board was 100% consistent for protecting the Hospital. Yet, ONE Reporter latched on to ONE comment out of many, chose to interpret it ONE way, and, contrary to everyone else's general impression of the evening, reported "political support for saving the Ellenville hospital is crumbling." The Editor/Headline Writer then blared: "Support fades for Ellenville Hospital" and, lo, months of effort swiftly began to unravel!

No, it wasn't *so* that support was fading, but The Media said it, and the non-present public – and even some who were there! – began to believe it, and act as if it *were* so! And then the Lawyers got *more* involved, and out came their *provisos*, and *contingent upons*, and *therewiths*... until it became necessary for the Village Board to *swear to an unequivocal support it always had*... just to refute a *false* Perception! Oh, that Reality may catch up... and win!



Cover: *Ellenville Depot 2004 / O&W Station 1909, Ellenville, Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York, USA.* This composite picture merges the new home of *Top Shelf Jewelry* (left), with the old railroad station in its heyday (right). Article, page 15, for details.

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