

# Inside the Chamber

**Ellenville - Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce**  
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It is only natural as we plan to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Town of Wawarsing that we look back at past celebrations and events. One of my favorite "look backs" goes back to Memorial Day 1943, when the *Honor Roll*, formerly located in **Liberty Square**, was formally dedicated amid much pomp and ceremony. Photos of the event show a crowd that must surely be 1000 people jammed into **Liberty Square**.

For those of you who may not recall, the *Honor Roll* was a huge two-sided monument with the names of those who served in World War I and those who had served, were still serving, and would serve in World War II. The side facing **Canal Street** contained names from the Village of Ellenville while the side facing the **Post Office** contained names from the Town of Wawarsing.

If you are new to the community, you might rightly ask just where this monument is located. And that, my friends, is the \$64,000 question. While it is generally agreed that the wooden structure was in need of repair, no one can say with any degree of certainty exactly when it was removed from **Liberty Square** and, more importantly, what happened next.

While we prepare to celebrate our Town's history, I think it would be fitting to leave something behind, a gift back to the community on the occasion of the Bicentennial. I can think of no more fitting gift than to return an *Honor Roll* to **Liberty Square**.



That is where all of you can come in. So far, we have been unable to come up with the list of names that were originally inscribed on the *Honor Roll*. There are several pictures still in circulation (*like the close-up from a 1940s postcard that accompanies this article*), but we are having difficulty reproducing the names. So, if you have any information that would help in this search, please contact me, or the **Chamber** office. Let's make this a true community project and bring the *Honor Roll* home in time for Memorial Day 2006. Thank you for your help.

Until next time,

*Mary F. Sheeley*  
President



*"It is the purpose of the Chamber to promote economic development, tourism, community betterment, legislative action, and an interest in public affairs, with programs designed to make the community a better place in which to live and make a living." (Chamber Bylaws, Article II-1)*

## *The 2004 Board of Directors of the Chamber:*

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## **Be a Friend of the Festival!**

**Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** is the date for this year's **Blueberry Festival** in Ellenville. The event, sponsored by the **Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce**, is a blending of the annual street fair (14<sup>th</sup> year) and the **Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival** (5<sup>th</sup> year).

Last year's festival was a huge success. This year's festival should prove to be another spectacular event, with entertainment and music all day, educational exhibits, blueberry exhibits, vendors of a variety of wares, and some of the finest crafters in the Hudson Valley. And, of course, blueberry pies and other blueberry goodies!

The **Chamber** works very hard to make this festival the success it has been, but it cannot be done without the support of our community, hence our **Friends of the Festival** program. Many of our **Chamber** and community members donate time and services to this event each year. Many of you cannot. The **Friends of the Festival** program is a very viable way for you to contribute to this grand community event. For a donation of \$100, any business (or businesses) or individual will be designated as a **Friend of the Festival** donor. Signs/placards will be posted at the **Blueberry Festival** acknowledging the generous support of each **Friends** donor.

If you would like to be included as one of our **Friends of the Festival** please forward your check to:  
**EWCO, Friends of the Festival, PO Box 227, Ellenville, NY 12428.**

Thank you for your time and support. See you at the **Blueberry Festival** on August 28<sup>th</sup>! 

## **Success at Work**

Your challenge last month was to look at the outside of your building and clean it up. The tasks were to wash the building and windows. Painting your entrance was also suggested.

Since last month's challenge was so successful, this month move inside. Inspect the reception area and public spaces of your business. Pretend you are a first-time customer. As you look around, carefully study your surroundings. The reception area and public spaces of a business paint a picture in a customer's mind. This image is a reflection on you.

Touch-up any blemishes the ceilings, walls, and trim have encountered during the winter months. A good quality paint can easily be touched-up without a full-fledged paint job.

Wash the inside of the windows. A clean window lets the sunshine in and creates a much brighter environment 