

Good Works



A new sign (*photo below*) heralds the renovation and expansion of one of the oldest buildings (*photo above*) in Ellenville into a premier service center for the entire Ellenville-Wawarsing community.

The former *S. A. Van Wagener Store* first opened in the 1850s to serve the **D & H Canal** trade; it was just a step from a boat, to the **Towpath**, to the store. In the late 1970s, the then vacant building was purchased and renovated by *Bio-Energy Systems, Inc.* as their central headquarters, where it remained until the company became *Besicorp, Inc.* and moved to the Kingston area. Michael Zinn, CEO of *Besicorp* recently donated the building to **Family of Ellenville**.

Pending major renovations of the upper floor and the **Family** sections of the rest of the building, **Family** maintained their **Church Street** facility. Now, with a ribbon cutting ceremony (*photo, next page, with Program Director Lisa Kavanaugh and David Miller, Superintendent of Eastern Correctional Facility, which helped with the renovation project*) on June 24th, **Family** has officially moved into its new home in Ellenville.

Meanwhile, for the past year, the building has already been serving as the home for the **Canal Lodge Adult Care Center**, which services the senior citizens of our community as a social day center for those 55 and older. They serve two hot meals, breakfast and lunch, and provide an afternoon snack. There are also on-going daily social activities for the clients. (Right now they are in need of a TV (at least a 19" screen) and a stereo system (preferably with radio, CD player, and cassette player). If anyone has any prizes they can donate for their Bingo games, Spelling Bees, and Name That Tune it would be greatly appreciated, says Program Director Mary Ellen Rury. They can be toiletries, costume jewelry, decorative items, stuffed animals, stationery, etc. Lastly, if anyone could donate any supplies for arts & crafts, anything whatsoever will be appreciated. You can call us at 647-8461, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. The address is: 221 Canal St., Ellenville.

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Roselyn Siegel Memorial Award – Jenna Figueroa

An award given by Elizabeth Blashka to a senior entering either Elem. Ed. or Business.

Salutatorian Award – Allison Lake

An award given by the Ellenville High School to the student having the second highest average for three and one-half years in high school.

Shirley S. Weinstein Memorial Humanities Award – Jennifer Matthews

An award given to a senior receiving the highest Regents average in Comprehensive English Eleven and Social Studies Eleven.

Summitville Fire Co. #1 Loren Finkle & Walter Finkle Memorial Scholarship Fund – Reece McIntyre

An award offered to a senior with the highest academic average showing promise and need, residing in the Summitville Fire District.

Tammy Kuhar Memorial Award – Ross Hayes

An award given in memory of Tammy Kuhar by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Simon to a senior who is planning to pursue further studies in Art.

The Eastern Jaycees Organization Lt. Ryan Award – Joseph Brown

In honor of Lt. Thomas Ryan for his devoted service to the inmates at the Eastern New York Correctional Facility.

Theresa Polster Memorial Award – Alyssa Restaino

An award given by the Elias family to a senior girl pursuing a career in hotel management, culinary arts or travel and tourism or education.

Triple "C" Award – Laura Schmalzle, Edward Wendel

An award given to two students who have shown "Character, Courage & Commitment".

Tuesday Night Ladies League and Shawangunk Country Club Award – Devlin Walsh

An award given to a student who is active in the community and studying the arts in memory of Eunice Fields and Joan Lowe.

Ulster County Unit of B'nai B'rith Award – Denice Housman

An award in memory of Michael DeGaizo, given by the Ellenville Chapter of B'nai B'rith to a student showing excellence in Holocaust studies.

Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club – Shane O'Bryan

An award given to a senior who plans to further his education, and has shown a great interest in the preservation of our natural and animal resources. Award to be presented in memory of past member, Eugene Lifschitz.

Valedictorian Award – Jennifer Matthews

An award given by the Ellenville High School to the student having the highest average for three and one-half years in high school.

Varsity Eight Award – Laura Schmalzle, Jonathan Slegona, Shannon Gath


An award given to senior boys and girls who have earned eight Varsity Athletic letters in their high school career.

Wawarsing Lodge #582 Free and Accepted Masons – Jennifer Matthews

An award given to a senior who is majoring in Liberal Arts or the Sciences.

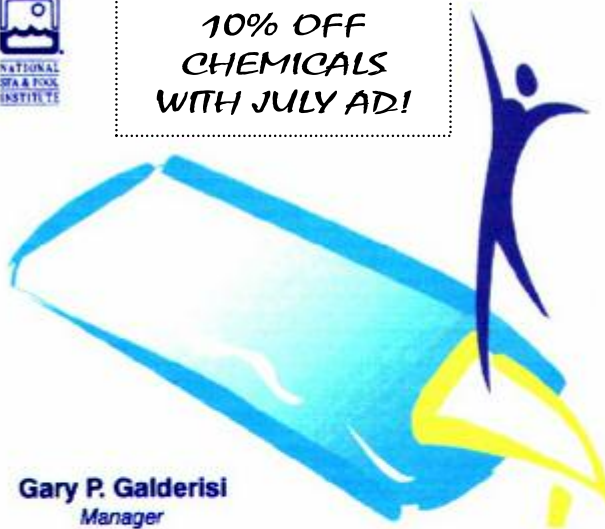
Young's Tae Kwon Do – Kyle Sheeley

An award given to a student who has demonstrated a dedication to martial arts training and acts as a role model to other students in the Tae Kwon Do school.



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