

## Open for Business



### Lock 31 Opens on Center St.

Last month's *Wawarsing.Net* had an essay by Dr. Craft busting the myth that there were no places to eat in the Wawarsing area. As more proof, he noted that several new eating establishments were soon about to open, including one at the site of the former *Sam's Restaurant* on **Center Street**.

Ironically, the new **Lock Thirty One** (AKA **Lock 31**), which opened mid-December, could be called "the return of *Sam's Restaurant*" in a sense, as "Sam" Bugna is co-owner, with her husband Andrew, of the place! Located at **81 Center Street**, the family dining eatery (with bar to open soon, when the liquor license is formalized) is open every day of the week for breakfast and lunch, with dinner available Thursday – Saturday. Hours are **Mon – Wed 6 AM – 4 PM; Thu, Fri 6 AM – 9 PM; Sat 7 AM – 9 PM; and Sun 8 AM – 4 PM**. For more info, call **647-0090**.

In addition to sit-down dining at tables covered with large sheets of paper (crayons included!), **Lock 31** offers take-out, catering, and bulk family dinners, in addition to daily specials and homemade desserts. There's a large and varied menu, whether one is looking for belly-busting multi-course meals or lite veggie fare.

And then there's the attentive and friendly staff. (In photo, above, back from left: co-owner Andrew Bugna, prep cook Jose Rosario, Jr., cook Chris O'Neill; front, from left: "manager" C. J. Bugna, co-owner "Sam" Bugna, and server Rhiannon Haugen)

Sam points with pride to the overhaul of the room, with fresh paint, curtains, lights, and the growing collection of canal-related artwork.



Roger Baker, who crafted the signs out front (photo, left) is scheduled to add signage inside; Town Historian John Unverzagt has sent pictures of

the old canal. "We thought of several names, but we wanted something to tie it into local history," says Sam. "So we named it after one of the historic locks."

With their casual, family-style restaurant, the Bugnas are glad to offer another eating choice to the dining public, and feel there's now plenty of options in town for every taste, time of day, and pocketbook. ☆



### Subway Opens on North Main St.

After several years of rumors, and changing owners, and construction fits and starts, Ellenville's new **Subway** franchise storefront finally opened for business on December 16<sup>th</sup>, next to *Ace Hardware* on **North Main Street**, tucked into the **Washington Ave.** corner of the former Great American supermarket.

For fans of the global purveyors of fresh-made submarine sandwiches (22,466 restaurants in 79 lands, as of



today, going on its 40<sup>th</sup> year!), it was a long wait, but worth it. Ellenville now has four of the big fast-food chains, but its

first that specializes in sub sandwiches. Daily hours are from 7 AM – 9 PM, seven days a week.

Store Owner Bob Shah (above photo, far right, with, from left, Manager Linda Russo, Brooks Church from the company's Development Office, and employee Jessica Cromwell) is committed to "great customer service," as Shah puts it. Shah is, with his brother, owner of seven *Subways* in the region, including a store in Kingston and one opening in Stone Ridge. Until now, the nearest *Subway* was in Wurtsboro, a convenience store version. ☆

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