

Youth News


Elementary Students Roll Out Easter Fun

by Stephanie Beaver

The *Advantage After School Program*, a new extended day program, launched its elementary program on March 7th. Family Services Inc. and the Kingston YMCA have enrolled 60 students in the program, which is designed to provide fun and enriching activities after the school day has ended.

The program promotes self-responsibility, teamwork and community service. This past week, students worked in groups and competed in an egg-filling contest (*photo, top right*). After much excitement, a teeny bit of pandemonium, and a lot of hard work, all of the Easter eggs for the *Annual Town of Wawarsing Easter Egg Hunt* were filled – over 2,000! Students were rewarded by knowing they had contributed to this community event and all were proclaimed winners!

We would like to applaud the students for their efforts and contribution to this event and thank Director Kristopher Kiernan of the *Ellenville Wawarsing Youth Commission*, sponsor of the community event, for including the *Advantage After School Program* in this project. We would also like to thank the *Ellenville Central School District* for providing the space for this endeavor.

Family Services Inc. hopes to launch their Middle and High School Programs within the next few weeks, enrolling another 110 students in exciting and innovative after school enhancement activities. 


Ellenville Cooperative Nursery

The *Ellenville Cooperative Nursery School* at 23 Washington Avenue will be holding an Open House on Saturday, April 9th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The school will be accepting registrations for its 2005–2006 school year as well as its *Summer Day Camp* program. Alumni families are welcome to register earlier, 10:00 AM, on the same date.

The *Ellenville Cooperative Nursery School* was established over 50 years ago by a group of parents and continues to be managed by the parent body. The school hires a certified teacher, “Miss Sally” Minich, and an assistant teacher, “Grandma Gail” Kristoff.

A traditional Nursery School curriculum is offered at the one-room schoolhouse, with an abundance of hands-on experiences. These include daily math and reading readiness activities, music, art, creative drama, and monthly field trips. The class for 3’s (+/-) meets from 9 to 11:30 AM and the class for 4’s (+/-) meets from 12:30 to 3 PM. The school also offers an extended-day program from 3 to 5 PM.

The *Summer Day Camp*, under the leadership of Gail Kristoff, offers playful times for young ones (3–7 years old) with abundant outside fun and arts & crafts. Children can be registered for 9 AM – 2 PM or 9 AM – 5 PM slots.

The *Ellenville Cooperative Nursery School* manages to maintain a low tuition through the endeavors of the involved parent body, and also encourages a lot of parent participation for its value to young students. It is proud to be a long-standing member of the community and of the students who have begun their education at 23 Washington Avenue. 



The afternoon class at the **Ellenville Cooperative Nursery School** enjoys celebrating Grandma Gail's birthday, above.

Below, breakfast is served at the **Shiloh Baptist Church's** Deaconess Ministry Prayer Breakfast on March 12th.



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