

Bicentennial Calendar Deadlines Near

The *Bicentennial Committee* of the Town of Wawarsing reviewed submissions to its calendar at its August meeting.

As the calendar is presently configured, Bicentennial celebrations will begin March 12th, 2006 with opening ceremonies at the *Ellenville Central School* and will end October 14th with town-wide festivities at the *Joseph Y. Resnick Airport*. Other scheduled events include:

- May 21 Civil War Reenactment, **Lippman Park**
- June 11-12 Napanoch Days
- June 14 Flag Day Parade, Napanoch
- June 24 Cragmoor Day
- July 4 Fourth of July Parade, Ellenville
- July 15 Ulster Heights Day
- August 12-14 Revolutionary War Reenactment, **Lippman Park** (225th anniversary of the Burning of Wawarsing in 1781)
- August 26 Blueberry Festival, Ellenville
- August 26 Ellenville Alumni Association All-Years Reunion
- August 27 Ellenville Day

It is obvious that there are many weekends with no Bicentennial activities scheduled at this time. Town organizations are urged to reserve their dates for Bicentennial events by calling Mark Craft at 647-5430 or Marion Dumond at 647-7621.

The theme will be "Celebrate 200 years of history in 200 days," so let us celebrate. Deadline for calendar entries will be October 6th, 2005. The printed Bicentennial calendar will be released in January 2006. Make sure your organization is part of it. ✨

Hunt Memorial Roof Fund Grows

The *Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee* is pleased to report that the fund for replacement of the **Hunt Building** roof continues to grow. Donations, ranging from \$1,200 to \$5, have arrived steadily since the first letters of solicitation were mailed. In early August, the roof fund total reached \$15,000.

Donors have contributed by check, cash, and money order as memorials to deceased family and friends, civic generosity, appreciation of the building's architectural beauty, and in memory of happy times. Many individuals have included brief notes about the hours they spent in the *Ellenville Public Library* during the years that the **Hunt Memorial** was home to the library. These notes have sparked interest in creating a Memory Book for the future.

An estimate of roof repair – excluding work on the chimneys, cornice, and skylights – has been received in the sum of \$55,000. The project will have to be publicly bid before an award is made, but the fund will have to continue to grow before that time.

A major fundraiser that benefits the roof fund has been the beautiful bench crafted by Stan Rubin and lettered by Roger Baker. Proceeds from the bench project have passed the \$2,000 mark.

Friends of the **Hunt Memorial** project who have intended to donate, but just haven't done so yet, are urged to participate, as generously as possible and as soon as possible. Winter's coming, again! ✨

Millstones and Mills Slide Show

"Millstones and Mills: Ulster County's Earliest Industry," a slide presentation by Steve Hirsch, will be presented **Saturday, September 24th**, at **10:30 AM** (Coffee at 10 AM) at **Bevier House Museum, 2682 Rte. 209**, Marbletown and sponsored by the *Ulster County Historical Society*. Free for members; suggested donation for non-members \$4. For season program, go to www.bevierhousemuseum.org or call **845-338-5614**. ✨

O&W Day at Mountindale

The *Ontario & Western Railway Historical Society* and the Mountindale Community Project present "O&W Day at Mountindale" **Sunday, September 18th** from **10:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at Mountindale. Admission is free but donations to the Mountindale Project are welcome.

• PowerPoint Presentation: *On the O&W*, by historians Douglas Barberio and Charlie Breiner. This will include an array of photos showing the *New York, Ontario & Western Railway's* operations in Sullivan county.

• Hike to the site of the **Little Falls Trestle**.
• Rare *O&W* archival film footage showing the area, some newly discovered!

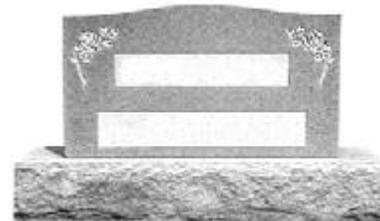
• Walk to various points of interest in Mountindale.
• Sales tables of the **O&WRHS** and rail groups.
• Hike on the former right-of-way between Mountindale and Woodridge.

Event updates and directions plus information about the **O&WRHS** and the Mounaindale Project can be found at www.nyow.org

If you have any questions, please e-mail Ron Vassallo at owrhs@nyow.org or Ken Schmitt at mountindale@earthlink.net

The Mountindale Community Development Project is committed to the sustainable development of Mountindale as a year-round business and arts community that enriches the lives of residents, merchants, and visitors through creative and innovative initiatives.

The *Ontario & Western Railway Historical Society* is a non-profit group dedicated to preserving the history of the *New York, Ontario & Western Railway*. ✨



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