

THIS ISSUE

*Keep up to date with
community happenings
that impact business in
our community*

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

SARAH DAVIS, IDA DIRECTOR

- Geneva job fair: Later this month Jan. 23, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Finger Lakes Work 796 Canandaigua Road.
- Any businesses that want to be added to the list please let someone know
- Request for expressions of interest for Willard site is live on the website
- Deadline is Friday, February 9, 2024 at 5 p.m.
- Looking to share with local companies as well as those on the East Coast

BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- Sent email on Tuesday evening board meeting
- Discussed having each town write a letter of support for Finger Lakes Regional Airport Master Plan Update
- This includes T Hangars, and a proposed runway extension
- Many businesses in the area have responded with support and now towns are asked to express interest or support

GOVERNOR HOCHUL'S 2024 STATE OF THE STATE: OUR NEW YORK, OUR FUTURE

Governor.NY.Gov: Few of highlights that are most relevant to Seneca County when it comes to some of Governor Hochul's priorities going into 2024 legislative and budget season-

- Mental health: proposing 200 new psychiatric patient beds and a program for schools looking for resources to start their own mental health clinic
- Healthcare: eliminating co-pays for insulin
- Housing needs: \$500 million dollar capital fund to support development of up to 15 units of housing on state-owned land (like Willard)
- Empire AI launch: 7 universities and research institutions designed to promote responsible research and AI opportunities for the public good; proposing \$400 million in funding to support the initiative
- Proposing network of advanced manufacturing training centers along I-90 corridor
- Program "Fast NY" state's shuttle ready site program; funded in 2022 state budget but did not get any last year. Asking for \$100 million from this year's budget.
- Natural Resource Protection: Looking to address the root causes of harmful algae blooms
- Trying to encourage more students to enroll in college; requiring school districts to make each student fill out their FAFSA
- Proposal to increase reading proficiency; "Back to Basics" would require schools to use best practices when teaching students to read and is asking for \$10 million to train teachers in those best practices. \$10 million would train 20,000 teachers.

WAYNE COUNTY SEEKS IDEAS FOR BUTLER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY REDEVELOPMENT

FL Times: Wayne County IDA issued request for expressions of interest for 201 acre correctional facility and have hired MRB group to help show state they should handover ownership of Butler Correctional property.



AVE BAUDER, SCCC

- Office will be moved to Taylor Brown Hospital by the end of the month
- Same executive board as last year
- Ribbon cutting expected in Feb-March sometime

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY:

- 1/18: Annual Dinner; Ventosa Vineyards



STEVE ZIELINKSKI, SUPERINTENDANT OF SOUTH SENECA SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Public schools are funded both state and federally, so the schools will also follow federal guidelines
- Following the State of the State Address, schools pay attention to what they're going to be mandated to do
- Schools pay attention to what their students need as well as whatever it is that Albany and the State Department of Education says they need to do
- FAFSA mandate is easier than the best practices for reading mandate
- Seniors will be asked to either fill out the FAFSA form or they can fill out a form that allows them to opt out; that will meet the mandate
- Answering to practice around reading instruction impacts every single grade, unlike FAFSA only impacting seniors, and there are a lot of moving parts
- Once the budget is settled schools will know what's expected using public funding that goes to schools and go from there



JOIN US FOR THE NEXT ONE SENECA MEETING

When: Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.
 Where: Zoom
 Meeting ID: 885 5612 6750
 Password: 974642

Open to members of the community who want to know things that are happening or have something to add to the conversation.