

THIS ISSUE

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

BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- Board of Supervisors held committee meetings Tuesday night
- Kraig vonHahmann was appointed to the Regional Finger Lakes Airport committee
- Ribbon cutting held for the new RTS bus garage built in Seneca County
- Sessler started cleanup in Ovid and is expected to go until next week
- Sessler started demolition of condemned house in Tyre

SARAH DAVIS, IDA

- The impact of tariffs is being seen in the region
- Strategizing ways to take advantage of projects happening around the area
- A slow down in local projects is expected to happen

CASEY BOUCH, CHAMBER

- Thursday May 1st from 4-6 p.m. is the Smith Opera House 130th anniversary celebration in Geneva (celebrated in partnership with the FLX Chamber and Ontario County Chamber)
- May 7th Knapp Winery celebration

MICHELE BARAN, CHAMBER

- Senator O'Mara will be present at the Small Business Award celebration happening Tuesday May 6th at 4:30 p.m. honor Temperance/Elements on Van Cleef business owners

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.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

WAYNE-FINGER LAKES BOCES "CONFERENCE ADDRESSES AI IN THE CLASSROOM"

FLTimes: Keynote speaker Dr. John Spencer emphasized AI's potential to support creativity and curriculum development, while reminding attendees that human connection remains vital. He encouraged educators to harness AI's strengths while staying rooted in their role as facilitators of learning.

SENECA COUNTY FARMERS MARKETS SEEKING VENDORS FOR THE 2025 SEASON

FLTimes: Markets include Waterloo (Thursdays), Seneca Falls (Tuesdays), and Ovid (Saturdays), running from June through early fall. Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, and vendors can choose to participate in one or all three locations. They are now accepting vendor applications for the 2025 season, inviting local producers to sell fruits, vegetables, baked goods, crafts, and more. Organizers say markets provide a low-cost opportunity to boost business visibility and profitability.

ROOFING MATERIAL PRICES SPIKE AS U.S. TARIFFS SQUEEZE SUPPLY CHAIN

FL1: Roofing material prices spike as U.S. tariffs squeeze supply chain. A \$65 box of nails now costs more than \$300 for some roofing contractors—and it's just the beginning. As of April 2025, tariffs on imported steel are sending shockwaves through the construction industry.

SENECA MEADOWS 22ND ANNUAL MULCH DAY GIVEAWAY MAY 10

FLTimes: Seneca Meadows will mark its 22nd annual Mulch Day Giveaway on Saturday, May 10, offering free mulch to Seneca County residents and collecting toys for a local holiday charity drive. The event will run from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. at 1786 Salcman Road in Waterloo. The giveaway will once again support the "Christmas in May" toy collection campaign. In partnership with Waterloo High School's Honor Society, Seneca Meadows encourages attendees to bring a new, unopened toy for the Seneca County Community Christmas Project.

OVID, MONTOUR FALLS CLINICS RECEIVE FEDERAL RURAL HEALTH DESIGNATION

Finger Lakes Daily News: Cayuga Health's primary care clinics in Ovid and Montour Falls have officially been designated as Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). According to the local healthcare system, this federal designation enhances access to high-quality, affordable care for patients living in rural communities.