

THIS ISSUE

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

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

SARAH DAVIS, IDA DIRECTOR

- County has submitted proposal to the state for title transfer process on Willard to start
- In anticipation of a yes, the County is preparing by meeting with MRB to draft plans
- Board of Supervisors will review any RFP before they go public
- RFPs so far show the developers vision and their experience and history

SAMANTHA GOODMAN, CHAMBER

- Business After Hours May 15th at Wagner
- Chamber U event on April 30th on Social Media Marketing

STEVE ZIELISNKI, SOUTH SENECA

SUPERINTENDENT

- Waiting on final numbers before sending budget newsletter
- Every County has their own edu. system and NYS has 37 BOCES programs
- "Big 5" are major cities where the Mayor of the city becomes automatic superintendent
- Big 5: Roch., Syr., Buff., NYC & Yonkers

IMMIGRANTS IN MAINE ARE FILLING THE LABOR GAP. IT MAY BE A PRELUDE FOR THE U.S.

New York Times: Maine's aging population and declining interest in manufacturing jobs among locals have led to a reliance on immigrants to sustain its vital lobster industry. As the state reflects a national trend towards an older workforce, immigration is becoming essential to fill labor gaps and maintain economic growth.

MICRON CEO AND SCHUMER PITCH CENTRAL NEW YORK TO JAPAN'S CHIP SUPPLIERS

Syrcause.com: During a visit to the United States, senior leaders from Japanese semiconductor supply firms were presented with compelling reasons to establish new manufacturing facilities in Central New York. The proposal was made by U.S. Senator Charles Schumer and Micron Technology's CEO in a private session at the Capitol, attended by a group of Japanese business executives.

HOCHUL DECLARES VICTORY WITH \$237B NEW YORK SPENDING PLAN

Politico: Governor Kathy Hochul of New York has secured a \$237 billion budget deal, addressing key issues like housing, public safety, and migrant support, despite facing political challenges and skepticism. The agreement represents significant policy wins that may impact upcoming elections and improve Hochul's moderate voter approval ratings.

CYBERATTACK HITS NEW YORK STATE BUDGET PROCESS AMID BILL DRAFTING

Times Union: The state budget's finalization hit a snag on Wednesday due to a cyberattack that temporarily halted the bill drafting process. The incident took place overnight on Tuesday, as reported by an individual familiar with the situation.

DEC RELEASES SCOPING DOCUMENT. DEC LISTS ISSUES SMI MUST ADDRESS IN DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FLTimes: The debate over the expansion of Seneca Meadows Inc. landfill is set to intensify with the release of a document detailing the requirements for an Environmental Impact Statement for its proposed expansion. The landfill, which is the largest in New York State, must address a range of issues from project design to compliance with permits, as it seeks approval to operate until 2040.

MANY FINGER LAKES BUSINESSES ENJOY ECLIPSE-RELATED SALES BOOST

FLTimes: Despite some areas not meeting eclipse visitation expectations, Geneva and the Finger Lakes region saw a significant influx of tourists, boosting local businesses. Events like the Weekend of Fun and Frolic and the Eclipse Bar Crawl, along with increased sales at local establishments, underscored the economic impact of the celestial event.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL:

- Chamber University: Social Media & Marketing, April 30th 1-2 pm
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Just Breathe Finger Lakes on April 24th at 1 p.m.

MAY:

- Business After Hours; Wagner Vineyards, May 15, 2024
- Legislative Luncheon May 31st at Ventosa
- Ribbon Cutting Healthy Kids Programs Waterloo May 1, 6-8 p.m.
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Do you know about an event coming up? Let us know!

info@senecachamber.org



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.

MICHELE BARON, SBDC

- Small business of the year in Seneca County: Matt Jones with Finger Lakes Laser
- National Small Business Week April 29-May 3
- Other awards will be given that week
- Seneca County award is currently TBD

AVE BAUDER, CORNELL

- Ag. and Solar workshop had 32 attendees that were educated on what to do if approached by solar companies
- Seed kits have gone out, 1,000 are with students or at the library and office to pick up
- Theme for kits is pickling with literature on recycling and compost
- Next Friday there is an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with refreshments to say good bye to Mo as she heads off to Ontario County

CAROL DOOLITTLE, FRONTENAC

- No new updates on the Bottle Bill
- Two new studies have been completed on rewashing, reusing, and the feasibility of doing so
- One study was give more than \$2 million dollars to complete
- Both Alfred State and SUNY School of Forestry completed studies
- Alfred's study results will be released May 8th
- SUNY School of Forestry results can be downloaded and read
- Studies found that the rewashing and reuse of wine bottles would be feasible for wineries

DR. MESTAN, NORTHEAST COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCE

- Currently recruiting for the new programs

MEL OLES, ROSE HILL MANSION

- Taking Tea program started
- Reopening Rose Hill May 1st
- Bird walk Saturday with HWS volunteers
- Death & Warning in 19th Century is the newest exhibit