

## Lago 'beams' with pride, energy

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the entire region."

Stevens added, "Lago Resort & Casino will be a world-class destination resort, serving as a gateway to the magnificent Finger Lakes region of New York State. We eagerly anticipate the grand opening of our game-changing resort and casino and look forward to bringing new visitors to the Finger Lakes region, helping local businesses, farms, wineries and breweries flourish."

Plans for the \$425 million Lago Resort & Casino off the New York State Thruway (Exit 41) include a casino and a 207-room hotel, spa, multiple restaurants and lounges

featuring local fare. Lago Resort & Casino will also feature Savor New York, a unique shop highlighting the best of the Finger Lakes region has to offer. The special section will promote products from the region, including local wines, beers, whiskeys, food and crafts.

**THE CASINO WILL** feature 2,000 slot machines and 85 gaming tables. Lago Resort & Casino developers expect the project to create 1,800 construction jobs and 1,800 permanent jobs once open. To date, Lago has received 3,000 employment inquiries from individuals, with more than two-thirds coming from Seneca County residents.

Lago Resort & Casino is a partnership between Wilmorite, an Upstate New York family development company that has been in business since the 1940s, and Peninsula Pacific. For more than 70 years, Wilmorite has established a history of meeting consumer demands, from affordable housing to regional malls to student housing. Peninsula Pacific comprises the former leadership team from Peninsula Gaming, which has a combined 50 years in developing and managing regional casinos in five states. JNB Gaming will manage the casino. JNB and its principals are widely recognized throughout the country as premier casino developers and operators.



### Hoops for hope

Seneca Meadows recently gave \$1,000 for the Hoops Bikes Giveaway providing needy children with bikes each holiday season. (from left) Greg Sarra, Mark Benjamin and Michael Scaglione.

## Westfall shuffles committee roles

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□ **GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS** – Garlick-Lorenzetti, chair, Davidson, vice chair, Kronenwetter, Churchill and Trout.

□ **PUBLIC WORKS** – Trout, chair, Shipley, vice chair, Kronenwetter, Davidson and Lazzaro.

□ **PLANNING** – Churchill, chair, Lazzaro, vice chair, Garlick-Lorenzetti, Kronenwetter and Shipley.

□ **MENTAL HEALTH** – Bob Hayssen of Varick, chair, Kaiser, vice chair, Ron McGreevy of Tyre, Prouty and Wadhams.

□ **PUBLIC HEALTH** – McGreevy, returning chair, Kaiser, vice chair, Lazzaro, Wadhams and Reynolds.

□ **HUMAN SERVICE** – Lazzaro, returning chair, Hayssen, vice chair, Kaiser, McGreevy and Reynolds.

□ **PUBLIC SAFETY** – Davidson, chair, Reynolds, vice chair, Prouty, Kaiser and Kronenwetter.

□ **INDIAN AFFAIRS** – Shipley, returning chair, Garlick-Lorenzetti, vice chair, Hayssen, Lazzaro and Churchill.

□ **INTERCOUNTY** – Reynolds, returning chair, Prouty, vice

chair, and County Manager John Sheppard.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS** – Churchill, returning chair, Trout, vice chair, Kronenwetter, McGreevy and Garlick-Lorenzetti.

□ **TECHNOLOGY** – Churchill, returning chair, Hayssen, vice chair, Shipley, Prouty and Wadhams.

The Industrial Development Agency representative will be Garlick-Lorenzetti, while the Chamber of Commerce representatives will be Shipley.

In coming weeks, the *Reveille/Between the Lakes* will review the oversight each committee has.

### Other recent Board of Supervisors action

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□ Held a public hearing on proposed Local Law A-2016, salaries of certain county officials.

□ Heard from petitioners Jeff Case representing the Seneca County Fire Chiefs Association in support of saving the depot training center; Diane Potter calling for continued protection of the white deer at the former depot; and Michael Shore on the serious heroin problem throughout the region.

□ Reappointed John Hunt as Grange representative and Robert Ike as at-large member of Seneca County Soil & Water Conservation Board.

□ Approved an agreement with Pomco Group, Syracuse, for health claims adjudication for medical and pharmaceuti-

cal services for Seneca County Correctional Facility inmates (up to 2,500 per month for up to 92 claims, \$27.15 per claim over, appropriated).

□ Approved Human Service contract with Finger Lakes Community College for education coordinator services (up to \$67,579, budgeted).

□ Abandoned a Colonel's Row sewer easement for a specific lot.

□ Authorized and contracted with Aho Contracting, Interlaken, to repair Baby Bear floor structure at the Three Bears Complex, Ovid (not to exceed \$5,800, from contingency).

□ Reappointed Howard Schler, Ovid, and appointed Dr.

John Barnoski, Seneca Falls, to Seneca County Community Services Board and approved Dr. Ted Papperman as chair-alcohol & substance abuse, Susan Ganser, chair-mental health and Stanley Hatch, chair-development disabilities committees.

□ Adopted Local Law 1-2016, salaries of certain county officials (Greg Wadhams of Junius, nay).

□ Approved an Elections agreement with towns, villages and school boards for use of image-cast voting systems (\$550 fee per use plus \$85 if on call assistance is required).

□ Entered in executive session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

## Save Energy, Save Dollars goes on the road

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Seneca County is taking its free workshop, "Save Energy, Save Dollars", on the road.

As the cold weather begins to settle in, it is time to take steps to winterize your home and look at other ways to reduce your energy consumption that will translate into more money in your pocket.

During this one and a half hour workshop, participants will learn no-cost and low cost ways to conserve energy, how to make

a home more energy-efficient and how to get help weatherizing a home. This information is relevant during the heating and cooling seasons, as well as all year long with information on energy use of appliances and lighting. There will be a door prize of an Energy-Saving Kit worth \$15 and each participant will receive a compact florescent (CFL) light bulb.

Workshops will be held Feb. 17, 6-7:30 p.m. at Ontario County Cornell Cooperative Extension, Canandaigua.

### Finger Lakes Hired plans informational session

Finger Lakes Hired will host an information session at 6 p.m. next Wednesday (Jan. 27) at Seneca County Workforce Development and Youth Bureau, Seneca County Office Building, second floor conference room, Waterloo.

Finger Lakes Hired offers pre-employment classroom training, on-the-job training and work experience try-outs.

Space is limited and reservations are required. For details or to RSVP, call 9315) 539-1905.

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