

FLH, Lifecare join forces

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the philosophy patients deserve convenient, comprehensive health care provided by professionals who truly care about the people they are treating. Established in 1979, Lifecare has been providing complete family health services for 35 years. Lifecare Medical Associates brought an integrated medical home concept to Seneca County and approached patient care in a comprehensive way with primary care, diagnostics and specialty services all under one roof at 1991 Balsley Road, Seneca Falls, long before this was a more common practice.

Dr. Jose Acevedo, president and CEO of Finger Lakes Health, lauds Dr. Ryan for his personal commitment to patients and his forward-thinking approach to care. "This innovative model for care delivery has been the practice led in Seneca County for many years by Dr. Ryan and his team and is now widely embraced nationally as an optimal model

for patient care. We are thrilled to partner with Lifecare and learn from this model to apply within our other physician practices, as well as to share our own best practices. Together, we are a powerful force for good health in the Finger Lakes."

RYAN REFLECTS ON the decision to sell his practice to Finger Lakes Health and explains, "As I looked toward making a change in my practice, Finger Lakes Health emerged as the natural provider to assume responsibility for the care and well-being of my patients. The health system is committed to grow my practice and shares my vision for the health of the people of Seneca County. The investment the health system continues to make in our community to ensure access to primary care, specialty care and vital services such as laboratory and diagnostic services, underscores the commitment of Finger Lakes Health and reinforces the vital role the health system plays as our community

health system. I look forward to joining the many other providers and health professionals of Finger Lakes Health dedicated to the mission of maintaining and improving the health of the residents of the Finger Lakes."

Through this affiliation, Ryan and Lifecare Medical Associates' seven physicians and eight allied health providers (nurse practitioners and physician assistants) will remain with the practice. Lifecare's providers include medical doctors Ryan, Ann Chmura, Scot Kolsin, Eric Shives and Mignon Enecilla; internist Meredith Waheed; pediatrician Grace Freier; nurse practitioners Rhonda Solomon, RN, CDE, MSN, FNP-C, Kathryn Taras, GNP, Michelle Durham, FNP-C and Sharlyn Secor, FNP-C; and physician assistants David Stobie, RPA-C, Robert Switzer, RPA-C, Kayleigh VanDuyne, RPA-C and Laura Fink, RPA-C.

Lifecare Medical Associates is currently accepting new patients. Appointments can be made by calling (315) 539-9229.



To the rescue

Mark Benjamin (right) of Seneca Meadows Landfill presented Chief John Morabito (left) and Commissioner Anthony Cristaldi of the Border City Fire Department with the final and fourth annual installment payments to be used for the refurbish and properly outfitted rescue boat to serve emergency calls for rescue and dive calls on Seneca and Cayuga Lakes as well as the canal system in the Finger Lakes Region. Border City Fire Department is often called upon to rescue folks who encounter a potentially life threatening situation on the water, and having a serviceable and properly outfitted rescue boat is critical to saving lives in the community. "Many tourists and locals have both benefitted from the water rescue services provided by our department, and it's with the assistance of our valued partners at the landfill that make our area a great place to visit and a great place to call home," said Morabito. The donation by Seneca Meadows was used to refurbish and outfit the boat with appropriate operating gear. The boat was acquired from New York State Parks and Recreation for use by Border City Fire Department.

Other recent Board of Supervisors action

Jan. 13, 2015

☐ Held a public hearing on Local Law 2015-A, authorizing the use of a best value award methodology for purchase contracts with no public comment. Approved the local law later in the meeting.

☐ Heard from Bill Breen of Waterloo on RTS-Seneca and the county manager vacancy and announced he may plan to run for Waterloo supervisor at large. Breen is a former Waterloo town supervisor.

☐ Authorized an agreement with Xerox to secure software and equipment to issue and maintain record of all pistol permit activity (\$2,100 per year, five year contract, budgeted).

☐ Authorized signing grant documents for the GTSC ignition interlock monitoring program funding (up to \$15,525).

☐ Amended the Homeland Security technical rescue grant to al-

low purchaser of vehicle to be used to transport the swift water rescue trailers and serve as a field command center (\$32,358.58 under state bid from Henderson Ford, Webster.

☐ Approved purchase of mobile breathing air trailer for Emergency Services (\$35,000 from Fletcher Air Solutions, Ransomville, lone bid, budgeted in grant from state Division of Criminal Justice Services).

☐ Accepted a \$30,000 grant for the Sheriff's Department from the Division of Criminal Justice Services for anti-drug, anti-violence and anti-crime efforts.

☐ Approved the agreement with Waterloo Premium Outlet Center, Junius, for part time office use by the Sheriff's Department.

☐ Appointed Philip Jensen of Waterloo as landowner representative for the county on the Department of Environmental

Conservation's Region 8 Fish and Wildlife Management Advisory Board.

☐ Authorized signing a contract with Clinical Associates of the Finger Lakes, Victor, for the pre-school program (budgeted).

☐ Authorized signing a contract with University of Rochester Community Consultation Program, Rochester, for the pre-school program (budgeted).

☐ Appointed Lisa Keshel director of real property tax services effective Feb. 3 (\$48,115, Grade 5).

☐ Directed treasurer to pay appropriated funding to Seneca County Cornell Cooperative Extension Association (\$342,349, four payments), Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation District (\$293,789, four payments), Beverly Animal Shelter (\$31,500, 12 payments) and Seneca County Agricultural Society (\$6,000).

New hires

New hires in Seneca County Development: and Kevin Urbaitis, County Attorney Roll, typist for Workforce Development; and Kevin

SLPWA seeks party status

Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association (SLPWA) petitioned for full party status Friday (Jan. 16) to demonstrate Finger Lakes LPG Storage does not meet the standards for issuance of an underground storage permit by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and to challenge the sufficiency of the applicant's Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) and the draft permit issued by DEC for the project.

"In order to participate in the Issues Conference, SLPWA engaged experts to evaluate the filings by Finger Lakes Storage and its predecessors," said SLPWA Board Member, Ed Przybylowicz, "SLPWA was extraordinarily fortunate by engaging Dr. Alberto S. Nieto, emeritus professor

of geological engineering, University of Illinois and Dr. Raymond Vaughan, geologist and environmental scientist with a longstanding interest in science and environmental protection to take-on this challenge. The board, SLPWA members and the community are indebted to them for their efforts during the very short period granted to file the petition."

After reviewing the filings by Finger Lakes LPG, the experts identified active rock faults, current or contemporaneous horizontal stresses, poorly understood potential for brine leaks from the salt caverns, ongoing enlargement of the caverns through the dissolution of salt by undersaturated brine and abandoned salt caverns as issues about the adequacies of the application materials and DSEIS.

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