

Seneca Falls makes appointments

At its reorganizational meeting last week, the Seneca Falls Town Board doled out appointments for 2015.

Town attorney will remain Patrick Morrell; deputy town clerks will be Veronica Draheim, Kathryn Lankford and Linda Marzan (tax collection). Court clerks will be Meghan Langley and Deborah Rogers.

Emil Bove will serve as deputy supervisor and James Peterson as deputy highway superintendent.

Assistant to zoning officer will be Nicaletta Greer; secretary to planning and zoning boards Lankford; registrar of vital statistics, Greer; deputy registrar of vital statistics, Draheim and Lankford; and records management officer, Greer.

Dog control officer remains Dorothy Comerford and nuisance animal control officer is Clint Moosman.

Member of Recreation Commission is Tammy Clark with Brian Thomas as alternate and

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Stuart Peenstra ex-officio.

Chair of the Waste Management Advisory Committee will be determined, but David Clark was appointed a member of the committee. John Quattrociocchi was appointed to the Planning Board with Francis Brady and a vacancy as alternates. Matthew Blair was named to the Zoning Board of Appeals with Frank DeJohn and an alternate as alternatives. Lorrilyn Bove was named to the Heritage Preservation Commission and Freda Wilson to the Cemetery Commission. The town historian post is vacant.

The town engineering firm will remain Barton & Loguidice, and town auditors will be the Bonadio Group.

Meetings are scheduled the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Banks authorized are Community Bank, Five Star Bank, M & T Bank, First Niagara Bank and Lyons National Bank. The

Reveille/Between the Lakes is designated official town newspaper.

Current IRS mileage rates will be followed and a procurement policy was adopted.

An environmental attorney still has to be determined.

ITT Goulds becomes tobacco free employer

As the New Year often takes on renewed efforts for improved health, ITT Goulds Pumps announced its Seneca Falls campus is now completely tobacco-free. Beginning Jan. 1, both employees and visitors to the Seneca Falls campus are no longer permitted to smoke or use tobacco anywhere on Seneca Falls company property. This move to a healthier workplace is consistent with recent national trends toward tobacco-free policies and protects non-smokers from second-hand smoke.

Starting in 2013, and throughout this transition, ITT employees were encouraged to quit and offered free on-site smoking cessation classes provided by cessation trainers from both Seneca and Ontario County public health departments. In addition, nicotine replacement therapies and educational resources were available to employees and the company will continue to support employees with additional smoking cessation classes as needed.

According to Helen Dunlap, community engagement coordinator for the Tobacco Action Coalition of the Finger Lakes (TACFL), "Being able to support such a community role-model as ITT Goulds Pumps in its journey to creating a healthier workplace has been very rewarding. We know that eliminating tobacco use projects a positive community image and demonstrates to employees and customers that ITT Goulds Pumps is health-focused. With annual smoking-related health care costs and lost productivity in New York State totaling \$14.2 billion and annual health care

expenditures from secondhand smoke exposure at \$317 million, establishing a tobacco-free policy is the smart thing to do," Dunlap added.

Wesleyan Chapel to feature song

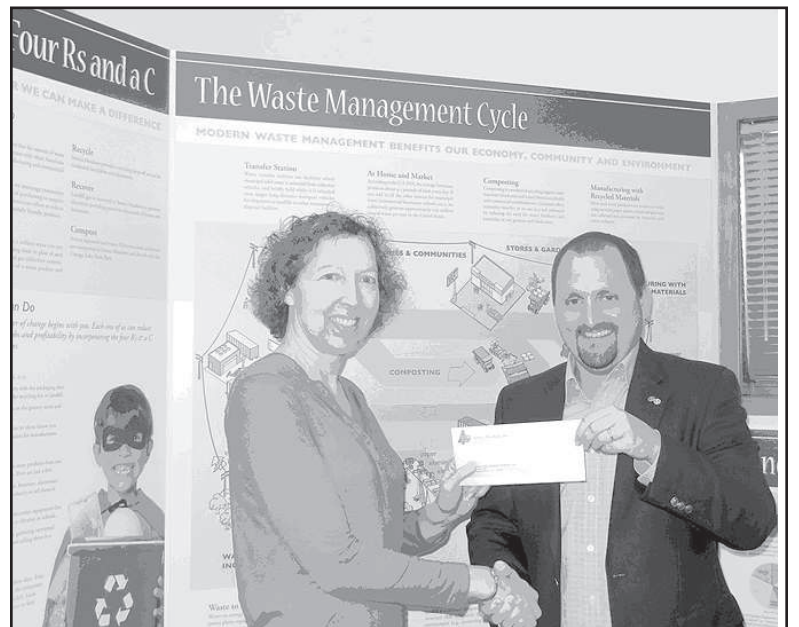
The Wesleyan Chapel, site of the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848, will ring with the music of Geneva's own Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Choir to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who became a leader of the Civil Rights Movement.

Saturday (Jan. 17), Women's Rights National Historical Park will host the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Choir, which will sing inspirational songs of gospel in accompaniment with numerous talented musicians to mark the 85th anniversary of Dr. King's birth. Come listen, enjoy and learn about the musical genre that Dr. King loved and sang as a child growing up in Georgia.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Choir is an interdenominational, multi-cultural gospel choir formed in 1980 to provide musical support to commemorative services honoring the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy. Under the leadership of Patrisha Blue, the choir has grown to include singers and musicians from throughout New York State although the majority of participants are affiliated with churches and organizations in the Finger Lakes region. The choir has performed before the New York State Legislature in Albany, at numerous community festivals, and in local churches to celebrate Black History Month.

The program will be offered at 3 p.m. in the Wesleyan Chapel at Women's Rights National Historical Park on Fall Street, Seneca Falls.

For more information, visit the website at www.nps.gov/wori or call (315) 568-0024. All sites within Women's Rights National Historical Park are free and open to the public.



SF Backpack Program gets boost

Mark Benjamin of Seneca Meadows Landfill presented Lisa Garigen with funds to provide weekend food for the Seneca Falls Backpack program for the 2015 school year. "Thank you so much for the donation. This donation will help between 7-10 children for the entire school year depending on the fluctuating cost of the food bags. And we never seem to run out of children who need our help," stated Garigen. The Seneca Falls backpack program has lost a portion of Foodlink funding including a large cut in a hunger relief grant that the program usually receives and is grateful for any support for food at this time. The program now provides food for 85 children in the Seneca Falls School District. Like many other aid organizations in the Finger Lakes, the program is a 100% volunteer organization, and Seneca Meadows provided supplies and equipment for volunteers a couple of years ago that are still in use and in great condition today. "The backpack program sincerely thanks its valued partners Foodlink, Walmart, Seneca Meadows, Seneca Falls Rotary Club and numerous private individual donors along with St. Patrick's Church for providing free storage space," added Garigen.

Doran reappointed head of courts

Judge Craig Doran has been reappointed as head of Courts in the eight county 7th Judicial District (Rochester). Chief Administrative Judge A. Gail Prudenti, with the approval of the Chief Judge, and in consultation with the presiding justices of the four Departments of the Appellate Division on behalf of their respective courts, has designated Doran for that position.

As administrative judge, Doran supervises the operation of all of the courts in the eight counties of Cayuga, Livingston, Monroe,

Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne and Yates.

Doran stated, "I am both honored and humbled to be reappointed to this position by our Chief Administrative Judge A. Gail Prudenti and with the continued support of Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman and the four Presiding Justices of the Appellate Divisions. I look forward to continuing the important work that we do, with the help of more than 800 justices, judges and town and village justices and employees, to ensure that the one million plus individuals living within our district receive efficient justice of the highest quality."

South Seneca to host All County Choral Festival

The All-County Choral Festival will be hosted at South Seneca Junior/Senior High School this weekend (Jan. 16-17). Participating districts include Dryden, Groton, Ithaca, Lansing, South Seneca and Trumansburg.

The students who are selected to attend this year's festival will work with two guest conductors during the festival weekend. The middle school guest conductor is Michael Wahl. He currently teaches choral music in the Pittsford Central School District in Monroe County. The high school guest conductor is Douglas Avery, who retired from teaching choral music in June 2011 from Mynderse Academy in Seneca Falls, where he taught for 35 years. All of the

students' work with the guest conductors will culminate in an open to the public, free concert Saturday at 2 p.m. at South Seneca Junior/Senior High School in Ovid.

Mynderse posts Regents, mid-term schedule

Mynderse Academy will administer mid-term and Regents examinations Jan. 26-29. During this time, students will write their mid-year exams and retake Regents examinations and Regents competencies. Students are to be in attendance only when they are scheduled for an examination.

Jan. 30 will be a regular school day for students.

Lunch for high school students will be available from 10:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria only Jan. 26-28.

During exam week, no students will be attending the Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center.

If school is closed due to the weather, the exam schedule will be moved to the next day that school is in session (eg. school closed Jan. 26, reopen Jan. 27, students will write exams scheduled for Jan. 26.)

Parents are to notify the high school office immediately if their son/daughter is unable to attend school for an examination, so arrangements can be made for

make-ups. Parents should also be advised Jan. 30 will be the last day of the second semester, with school being in session for all students, grades 9-12. Feb. 2 will be the first day of the second semester.

The regular bus schedule will be in

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effect, therefore, any students wishing to come and go at different times during the day will have to provide their own transportation.

Parents may refer to the Mynderse Academy website for the exam schedule and list of review classes.