

SMI-Seneca Energy earn EPA award

Seneca Meadows and Seneca Energy have announced the acceptance of the Environmental Protection Agency's Partner & Project of the Year award, through its Landfill Methane Outreach Program, for the direct use of landfill gas in Seneca Energy's renewable natural gas facility.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Landfill Methane Outreach Program is a voluntary assistance program that helps to reduce methane emissions from landfills by encouraging the recovery and beneficial use of landfill gas as an energy resource. Landfill gas contains methane, a potent greenhouse gas that can be captured and used to fuel vehicles, homes and businesses.

"The EPA award is a testimony of the great things that can happen when environmentally responsible companies work together," said Kyle Black, area manager for Seneca Meadows. "This project reduces our country's reliance on foreign oil, pre-

ational since 1996. Both plants were built and are owned and operated by Aria Energy. Seneca Energy II processes approximately 3,000 standard cubic feet per minute of landfill gas, enough to power 8.4 megawatts of electric generation capacity or to produce 25,000 gallons of compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicle fuel per day.

The partnership between Seneca Meadows and Seneca Energy also recently resulted in an annual energy savings of over \$60,000 for the Seneca Falls Central School District. To learn about this great partnership, log onto www.senecameadows.com.

Village votes stand

Incumbent Waterloo Village Mayor Ted Young will continue to lead the village as absentee ballots counted last Wednesday (March 25) gave the Democrat the win. Young widened his lead, totaling 322 votes to Conservative Bill "Beezer" White's 252 votes. Republican Robert Dwello finished with 237 votes.

Absentee ballots upheld Republican Conrad Struzik win over incumbent Democrat Dean Mattoon. Mattoon has held the bench since 1989. The final vote count was 405-375.

The Waterloo village trustee races were settled on Election Day. Republican Les Marquart and Democrat Josh Mull defeated Bonnie Hosford and Donald Babcock.

Mews has new owner

Casey McDonald of Romulus closed on 2 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, Tuesday (March 31).

The new venture will be known as Skylands and will bring quality housing to the supported community while encouraging a life of art, service and kindness for all tenants.

McDonald said he hopes to have 30 units ready to rent by May 1, although that is a tentative date. First order of business is to get the building off the condemned list.

In short, McDonald described the process as "Overwhelming. Exciting.

Exhausting. Exhilarating!"

The building originally was the former Seneca Falls Hospital. In recent years it had been parceled into apartments, with Dr. Luke Chen maintaining an office on the first floor. When the building was condemned late last year, he relocated to the former Royce & Rosencrans Insurance building on Fall Street. Residents – mostly housed with assistance from the county – were relocated, many to the Starlight Motel on Auburn Road.

Heart health program starts

In the United States, heart disease is the number one cause of premature death.

Finger Lakes Health invites people who want to learn more about protecting the heart through education to participate in its health and fitness program, "Cardiac PRE-hab." Sessions will incorporate risk factor modification, learning about the benefits of physical activity and healthy nutrition and strategies for encouraging others to lead a healthy lifestyle. This program is for participants who have not yet experienced a heart condition.

The Cardiac PRE-hab program consists of one evening session a week for eight weeks, and is directed by Finger Lakes Health Cardiologist Dr. Joseph Gomez. The cost is \$35 per participant.

The eight-week session includes specially designed lectures from practitioners who understand the importance of education with respect to risk factor modification; sessions with nutritionists to help you improve your eating habits; a three month free membership provided by Finger Lakes Health and The William G. McGowan Charitable Fund grant partner at either the Geneva YMCA, New York Chiropractic College's Athletic Center in Seneca Falls or the Yates Cultural & Recreational Resources' Fitness & Wellness Center in Penn Yan. (Fitness membership is based on where you live); and personal cardiac health screenings to determine

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serves natural resources, reduces emissions and benefits our local economy."

Dennis Plaster, senior vice president of operations for Seneca Energy, said, "We are honored that the EPA has recognized this valuable project and partnership. Working together, we can continue to make a difference for our environment and help stimulate the local economy."

Based on the EPA LMOP 2014 Landfill Gas Benefits Calculator, the renewable natural gas project benefits the environment by:

- Directly reducing 16,500 tons of methane/year;
- Avoiding the equivalent of 41,000 tons of CO₂/year; and,
- Producing the energy equivalent of heating 10,000 homes.

The renewable gas facility, Seneca Energy II, came online in March 2014, and is located across from the landfill, next to Seneca Energy I, the 17.6 megawatt landfill gas-to-electric power generation facility which has been oper-

School board candidates seminar set

The duties and responsibilities of individual board of education members will be the subject of a "Seminar for Prospective School Board Members" April 11. Sponsored by the Four County School Boards Association, the program is scheduled from 8:30 a.m.-noon at the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Regional Support Center, Eisenhower Building, Newark.

This year, all school board members will be elected May 19. Candidates for boards of educa-

tion must file their nominating petitions at least 30 days prior to the election (20 days for small cities).

School board members are entrusted with the very important responsibility of helping to plan for the education of the state's youth. This seminar is designed to acquaint prospective candidates and the public-at-large with the role of board members. The program will consist of a panel of locally elected school board members

and administrators serving within Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates counties, who will explain their roles and share their experiences.

There is no charge for the seminar. Reservations can be made through the Four County School Boards Association by mail (131 Drumlin Court, Newark, NY 14513), phone (315) 332-7294, fax (315) 332-7474, e-mail (4countysba@edutech.org), or by calling your local school district.



Tammy Brockway and "favorite" Tops cashier Matt McIntyre

Extreme couponer taps Tops for Trevor

You can feel the ripple of excitement when Tammy Brockway enters the Tops grocery store in Geneva. Soon, her favorite cashier, Matt McIntyre, rushes up to find out what food item Brockway has targeted that day.

On a recent weekday, Brockway was there to pick up bags of dried fruit, featured in that week's grocery ad. And of course, she had coupons. And doubler coupons.

Soon McIntyre and Brockway were filling grocery carts with bright yellow boxes of the banana chips, dried cranberries, pineapple and other fruits. When all was tallied up, Brockway had scored nearly 500 bags of the fruit – at almost no cost.

Just another day at the grocery store for the extreme couponer who shares her bounty with Trevor's Gift kids and other charities.

"IT'S FUN," BROCKWAY admitted, "and a challenge. And of course, I love helping to feed the kids who need it so much."

Last week, the kids in Waterloo schools who receive Trevor's Gift received two

bags of food to provide extra nutrition for this week when schools are on vacation and the kids don't have access to school cafeterias for breakfast and lunch. And those bags were filled with food items donated by Brockway and other generous people in the area.

"School vacations are always a difficult time for our students," an elementary teacher told Trevor's Gift coordinators. "Some cry when they are told there won't be school because they know they won't get their food."

Trevor's Gift relies on the contributions of individuals, businesses and organizations to support its \$30,000 annual budget. It receives no government funding. All money donated is used to buy food for nutritionally needy children in Waterloo. All expenses are donated by the volunteers who pack and deliver the food.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS to Trevor's Gift can be sent to Trevor's Gift, c/o Waterloo Education Foundation, Main Street Shop Center, Waterloo NY 13165. You can find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TrevorsGift>.