

Ovid launches community survey

The Town of Ovid Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee has launched a community-wide survey, asking for residents of the town to provide their thoughts on a number of issues.

The committee was appointed by the town board to create a comprehensive plan for the Town of Ovid, and is working with MRB Group and EDR, a team of consultants who specialize in community planning.

"It's now time for community members to weigh in on the things that matter most to them," said John Hubbard, committee chairman. Members of the committee have been hearing from smaller focus groups, and have utilized that information to help shape questions.

"We really look forward to engaging in a community-wide discussion," Hubbard said.

The committee designed the survey to be a "reasonable" length, taking approximately 10 minutes to complete. One copy has been

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mailed to each of the households in the Town of Ovid. A postage-paid envelope is included in the mailing. If additional copies are needed, they will be made available at the library and town hall, as well as other business locations in Ovid. An online version will also be made available at the project website later this week, and can be found at www.townofovidcomprehensiveplan.org.

Questions on the survey cover a range of topics and, according to Hubbard, focus on the most frequently discussed issues. "If someone has more to add, we hope they will share their thoughts," he stated.

The committee has established a deadline of May 22 for the re-

board's appreciation as well. "We invested in this process because we know our community will benefit from having a comprehensive plan - a valuable tool for decision making, both now and well into the future."

Best Local Healthy Recipe Contest planned

Do you have a great recipe your family raves about? Do you want it showcased in Seneca County for eons to come? Do you secretly love to make up your own healthy recipes that make your spine tingle but have no outlet to show off?

Then Cornell Cooperation Extension of Seneca County (SCCCE) want your unique recipe!

SCCCE is holding a recipe contest which will take place and be featured at the Celebrate/ Commemorate Memorial Day Celebration. The contest is designed to provide Seneca County residents the opportunity to share their favorite healthy recipe. SCCCE is looking for original healthy recipes you have cherished with your family and friends.

All submitted recipes will be reviewed by the SCCCE Health Team to ensure it meets the guidelines for healthy recipe submissions. Recipes that do not meet the guidelines will be rejected, so make sure to read the guideline details. The Health Team will re-create and taste test the top 10 healthiest recipes, voting for their favorite three. Those three recipes will be available at the Culinary Tent Saturday for the community to sample and cast their vote for the final winner.

The top three winners of the contest will be awarded gift cards from Wegmans (first prize, \$100;

The top 10 healthy recipes will also be available on the website.

Recipes must be submitted by e-mail to smp355@cornell.edu or mailed to Seneca County CCE Offices, 308 Main Street Shop Centre, Waterloo, NY 13165 by May 15, midnight.

ArtWalk still has openings

Seneca Falls ArtWalk2017 still has openings for artists to show off their talents in fine arts and fine crafts during the fourth annual Art Walk.

Hosted by the Seneca Falls Business Association, ArtWalk2017 will feature artists displaying their work in downtown businesses and on the sidewalks. Artists of all mediums are invited to register for this free non-juried show. ArtWalk2017 will begin on the evening of May 19 from 5-9 p.m. with artist receptions, music and wine tastings, and continue May 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m..

Artists are welcome to give demonstrations and make sales. Additional attention this year will be given to young student artists, as special arrangements will be made to host their displays as well as art to sell.

Artists wishing to show their work should not delay in getting an application by contacting the event coordinator, JillMarie Meyers sfartwalk2017@aol.com or pick one up at Art Works Gallery, Seneca Falls. There is no charge for participating in the event!

Portico already racks up honors

It can take a long time to build a reputation as a great restaurant. However, less than two months



(From left) Troop Leader Dana Cohrs, Jamie Jansen, Emily Hay, Kendall Snook, Kinsey Kime, Emily Comatis, McKenna Kime, Shawn Kime and Troop Leader Carrie Kime.

Girl Scouts help mallards

Junior Girl Scout Troop 40437 of Geneva wanted to help mallards. The duck was their animal of choice to fulfill an Animal Habitat patch, and their task was to construct a nest that would help the species raise its young. The location for the nests?

The Seneca Meadows Wetlands Preserve.

Shawn Kime, scout dad and winemaker for Thirsty Owl, Romulus, suggested the wetlands preserve for a nest drop after instructing a wine pairing class at the Seneca Meadows Education Center earlier this year. Earlier last month, the nine girl troop carried the nests to the drop location for Kime to place in the water.

It was the culmination of multiple educational sessions about mallards and nest designs that deter predators. The girls helped measure and form the wire mesh cylinders that will house the hen

and her eggs, filled the cylinders with hay, then secured them with zip ties. They also helped form the tripod bases.

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN up to 90% of mallard nests are destroyed by predators such as foxes, raccoons, opossums and skunks. The nest provides hens a safe place off of the ground to incubate her eggs. The cylindrical design also protects her from aerial predators like hawks and owls.

Marcy Neumire, program manager for Seneca Meadows Wetlands Preserve & Education Center, said, "We are so grateful to the wonderful scouts and scout leaders of Troop 40437. Their hard work and dedication to the environment may help save mallard ducklings for years to come."

Kime said, "The girls had a great time and learned a lot about wetlands. We saw a lot of ducks out there too."