

Sampson master plan to be discussed

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is developing a master plan for Sampson State Park, Romulus. The public is invited to join representatives at Romulus Volunteer Fire Department Oct. 28 to discuss the park's future.

The master plan may include improvements to the park, existing buildings and camping areas, new trails, the marina, additional recreational facilities and natural resource management strategies. The plan will guide park development and operation over the next decade.

The public information meeting and open house will begin at 6 p.m. with a meet and greet followed by a short presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. about the park and the master plan process. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and provide input into the master plan for the park. A public information packet

will be scheduled if needed.

A public hearing on the proposed budget was scheduled for Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. during the board's next regular session.

The board also approved charging out of town water and sewer customers 150% of town rates; approved a \$4,000 donation – \$2,000 more than proposed – to It's a Wonderful Life Committee to expand the December celebration to three days; declared the top story of the Partridge Building as surplus for sale; extended the three year contract with Cardinal Disposal for trash pickup; and approved wording of a letter to Wilmorite outlining infrastructure improvements the company has agreed to make should it receive a gambling license from the state.

Knitting Mill rehabilitation meeting set

The National Women's Hall of Fame will be holding an informational meeting Monday (Oct. 20) at 7 p.m. at the Seneca Falls Recreation Center.

Hall Board President Jill Tietjen and Vice President Jeanne Giovannini will update the public on the progress and future plans for the former Seneca Knitting Mill. Paula Bianchi, site manager for Gilbane Building, will address recent improvements to the 1844 limestone structure and will describe the future changes expected for this project.

All are invited.

For further information regarding this event, contact the National Women's Hall of Fame at (315) 568-8060.

Varick sets meetings

The Varick Town Board will hold a 2015 budget workshop Tuesday (Oct. 21) at 7 p.m. and will hold its regular board meeting Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Varick Town Hall to address any business that may come before the board at those times.

Waterloo tackles comprehensive plan

The Village of Waterloo will begin work on its first-ever comprehensive plan next Wednesday (Oct. 22). The meeting is set for 5 p.m. at the Community Center.

The committee includes Trustee Dave Duprey, Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Driscoll, Caren Cleaveland, Necia Dinan, William Eshenour, Salvatore Franzone, James Ganzon, Rosalie Karweck, Evan Pfeiffer, Peter Pontius, Joseph Sposato and Allan Woodward. They will work with Thoma Development Consultants, Cortland.

The village received a \$50,000 grant and approved adding \$18,000 earmarked for the comprehensive plan.

Another more focused strategic development of Virginia Street for Huff to William Street is also in the works. That steering committee will meet Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m., in Village Hall. Committee members are Trustees Bonnie Hosford, Gina Suffredini and Joshua Mull, Edward Callahan, Jonathan Hurdle, William Mull, Mary Peck, Kathy Peters, Kate Schweitz and Tricia Sutcliffe.

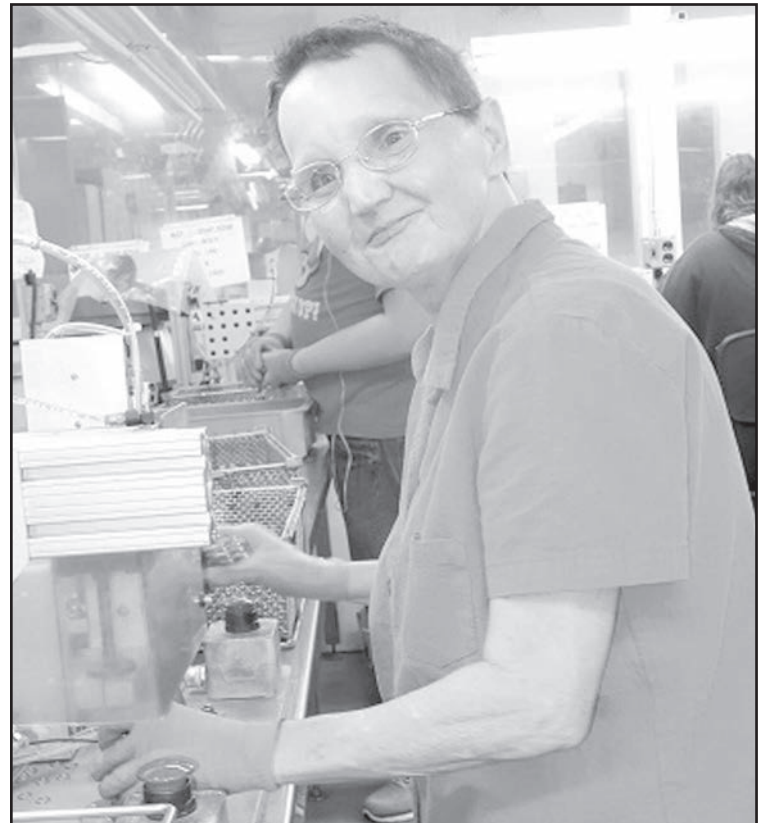
Junius sets budget workshops

The final Junius Town Board budget workshops will be held next Thursday (Oct. 23) at town hall. The meeting starts at 1 p.m.

McGreevy addresses critics

In the wake of a recent poll showing a majority of Tyre residents oppose the Lago Resort and Casino, Tyre Town Supervisor Ronald McGreevy released some fiscal information outlining the huge economic benefits the town and its homeowners will realize if the casino comes to Tyre.

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Disabilities Employment Awareness

Cheryl Bidwell, who has worked at G. W. Lisk, Clifton Springs, for 12 years, helps celebrate October as National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month. Seneca Cayuga ARC joins hundreds of other agencies across the state as they celebrate October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and the diverse individuals with disabilities who contribute to New York's workforce. The theme for 2014 is "Expect. Employ. Empower," which conveys advancing disability employment is about much more than just hiring; it's about creating a continuum of inclusion, and the first step on this continuum is expectation. In the valve assembly department of G. W. Lisk, the staff teams up with a group of workers from Seneca Cayuga ARC. Working side-by-side, five days a week, they build, assemble and test solenoid-operated valves for Lisk customers. Lisk is a fast-paced, fast-growing company and employees from Seneca Cayuga ARC have played a big role in their accomplishments. One of those employees is Bidwell. "Cheryl has been with Lisk for 12 years and is one of the most productive members of our enclave. She is the most proficient worker on the snap machine and turns out a phenomenal amount of work each day", states Wally Cooper, senior employment specialist for ARC. Matt Straub of G.W. Lisk states, "Cheryl, who works 5.5 hours a day, five days per week, is a top producer. She is conscientious, has an excellent attendance record and can correct any issues with her snap machine without going off task." Kevin Smith, executive director for ARC, remains grateful to the management of G. W. Lisk "for continuing to create employment opportunities for New Yorkers with disabilities."

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is available on the OPRHP website at <http://nysparks.com/inside-our-agency/documents/MasterPlansMeetingPackets/SampsonStateParkInformationMeetingPacket.pdf>.

Comments about the plan will be received until Nov. 21.

If you have any questions, call Marcus Riehl at (607) 387-7041, Ext. 101 or e-mail Sampson.Plan@parks.ny.gov.

SF works on budget

The Seneca Falls Town Board authorized overriding the state's mandated 2% property tax cap last week as it continued to work on the 2015 budget.

Supervisor Don Earle said all will be done to pare the proposed budget to within the cap, but the board okayed going over if necessitated. Right now, the budget shows about a 6% tax rate increase.

Budget hearings are scheduled tonight (Oct. 16), and Oct. 27, all at 6 p.m. in the town offices. More

Frank Knight cooperates with Seneca Meadows to recycle

Seneca Meadows continued its partnership with Frank Knight to promote environmental awareness.

Mark Benjamin, community relations director from Seneca Meadows, presented a check for \$1,215.02 to Frank Knight School at its monthly character assembly last week. The character value for this month at Frank Knight School is cooperation.

This was an example of cooperation between Seneca Meadows and Frank Knight community members (students, faculty, staff and families) for supporting the school's recycling efforts!

Accepting the check for Frank Knight School were Board of Education members Joell Murney-Karsten, Bill Reigel and Heather Zellers, Environmental Awareness Week Co-Chair Gwyneth Breeze-Hyrcko, Frank Knight students and Superintendent Robert McKeveny.

Frank Knight's Environmental Week will be next week. Family Night/Open House will be next Wednesday (Oct. 22) starting at 6 p.m.

Upcoming events

Events in Waterloo include High School Spirit Week/Homecoming this week capped with a parade and game Friday night and dance Saturday. A parent liaison meeting is scheduled Monday at 6 p.m. and the regular meeting of the Board of Education is slated Monday in the Middle School LGIR, starting at 7 p.m. Yearbook pre-orders will be accepted all next week.

Some of the upcoming events in Seneca Falls include Middle School Zombie Walk fundraiser, Saturday, 3-9 p.m.; French & Spanish Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Mynderse Academy Cafeteria, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; sixth grade fundraiser kick-off and Grades 6-12 Chorus Concert, next Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; and high school and middle school Open House, next Thursday, 6 p.m. Meetings include department chairperson's meeting Monday, 3:05 p.m.; Film Club (Cinemaniacs), Tuesday, 2:15 p.m.; and Middle School Title I Parent Night next Thursday, 6 p.m. College representatives will visit from Monroe Community

(Tuesday), SUNY-Potsdam and St. John Fisher (next Wednesday), Cazenovia and SUNY-Fredonia (next Thursday) and Elmira and Mercyhurst Oct. 25.

South Seneca allows the local community to use the fitness equipment at no charge. The adult education program has volleyball and basketball drop-ins for \$2.50 per session. For more information contact Shelley Reynolds.

Upcoming events include Elementary Title I Family Night, next Wednesday; and Board of Education meeting next Wednesday at the Ovid campus, 7:30 p.m.

At Romulus, ad/grad space in the yearbook can be bought for \$60 for a half page congratulations space. Checks payable to RCS Arrowhead should be sent to Melanie Shoebridge-Bloom at school. Senior pictures and baby pictures are due Oct. 31 for yearbook deadlines. Give them to yearbook staff or Shoebridge-Bloom.

Other events include elementary reading fundraiser through Friday; winter sports sign-ups through Friday; and Teen Read Week this week.

The weight room is open to Romulus

residents from 3:30-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday. It does need to be staffed and a health release from your personal physician is needed to be on file at the school.

The school has also allowed people to walk the halls during the winter months 6-9 p.m. Anyone interested should contact Suzy Nicholson.

Bus Safety Week, with presentations and drills, will be held throughout next week. Take time to thank your bus driver for their

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dedication to their profession and providing safe transportation to and from school. The second annual Elementary Social Studies Fair featuring class projects and presentation from elementary students is slated next Wednesday. Red Ribbon Week – say no to drugs – activities are planned next Thursday and Friday. The annual PTCC sponsored community Halloween party with trick-o-treating around the elementary hallways and games and events in the high school gym. Oct. 24.