

Lago goes back to work

The earth-moving equipment is – once again – reshaping the land where the Lago Resort and Casino is to be built in rural Seneca County. The Tyre Town Board cleared the way for Lago to proceed with the development after it formally approved the project’s site plan at last Thursday night’s (Oct. 22) meeting.

Lago officials said the pace of construction in the coming weeks and months will depend on the weather and the timing of when the New York State Gaming Commission issues casino licenses. Lago and two other casinos were selected last December by the New York State Facility Location Board to be able to apply for casino licenses.

M. Brent Stevens, managing member of Peninsula Pacific and a partner in the project, said, “Now that construction is resuming, we know that – pending the issuance of a casino license – Lago is expected to be fully operational in the first half of 2017.”

Casino Free Tyre said the town board has ignored thousands of pages of evidence and hundreds of public comments that contradict the board’s conclusion there is “no significant impact” on the traffic, environment or community character of the small,

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rural community of Tyre.

Spokeswoman Desiree Dawley called on the Gaming Commission to withhold issuing a casino license until “the real truth about the economic and environmental impacts” of the massive project are fully exposed.

Meanwhile, the Oneida Indian Nation launched a comprehensive education cam-

Town residents will see their tax tab increase from \$3.84 per \$1,000 assessed value to \$4.01 per \$1,000. Village residents will see an increase from \$2.25 per \$1,000 to \$2.40 per \$1,000.

The budget maintains current town services. Host agreement funds from Seneca Meadows were used to offset increases in spending.

Bike lanes planned in Waterloo

The current four lane street in the Village of Waterloo will be replaced by two lanes. The new roadway will have one lane for vehicles to travel east and one west through the village, an inside lane marked for left turns, a separate bicycle lane and then the parking areas.

Some repaving still needs to be completed on the Waterloo’s western border and on the side street intersections along Routes 5 & 20. Repaving is also being done on Route 414 from Routes 5 & 20 to near McDonalds in Seneca Falls.

The current road markings are just tape and once the repaving is completed, the tape will be removed and the new lines will be painted.

Ovid scraps land use ordinance

The Ovid Town Board formally scrapped its land use ordinance by passing a new local law repealing it.

The issue has been under scrutiny for a few months. Last month the board, after a public hearing, opted to suspend enforcement of the law. There had been a concern



Lego robotics team learns about waste

Students and coaches from Seneca Falls Lego Robotics Club learn about processing waste at the Seneca Meadows landfill in Seneca Falls. The Lego robotic team students from both Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary and Seneca Falls Middle School recently toured the Seneca Meadows Landfill in Seneca Falls to learn about how waste is processed. This year the Seneca Falls robotics team and other teams around the country are tasked with identifying a problem with the way we make or handle trash; design an innovative solution to the problem selected; and share the problem and solution with others as part of the annual FIRST Lego League robotics competition. The visit to Seneca Meadows, New York State’s largest municipal solid waste landfill, was scheduled in order for the students to begin preparing for their challenge with a first hand experience on how waste is processed. The FIRST Lego League is a competition founded in 1998 by Dean Kaman, with the mission of encouraging children to celebrate engineering and science. FIRST, is an acronym for “For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology”. Annually, the competitors, ages 9 to 14, are tasked with a topic on which to focus. This year, the topic is “Trash Trek”. “We learned so much about how you [Seneca Meadows] protect the area with amazing technology,” offered Karen Wylie, robotics team coach.