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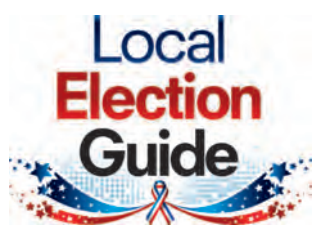
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Depot a funding priority

Seneca White Deer group supports the possible designation

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ROMULUS — A draft of the state's Open Space Conservation Plan includes the former Seneca Army Depot as a priority area for possible funding through the state's Environmental Protection Fund.

Seneca White Deer Inc. is supporting that designation. "The depot is a very worthwhile candidate as it contains more than 7,000 acres available for the protection of the world's largest herd of white, white-tailed deer, as well as open space and a vast array of recreational opportunities for people of all



Money

abilities and ages to visit and experience," Seneca White Deer President Dennis Money said in a news release.

Nine public hearings have been scheduled throughout the state on the plan. The one for the state Department of Environmental Conservation's Region 8 Advisory Committee is set for 4 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 22 at DEC's Region 8 headquarters in Avon. The Region 8 Advisory Committee selected the depot for possible funding.

Money will speak Oct. 22 in support of the former depot, which is in the towns of Romulus and Varick.

Seneca White Deer is recommending the state acquire a major portion of the depot with EPF money and operate it as an eco-tourism center under the control of the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Money has long been a proponent of DEC supporting the management of wildlife and habitat within the former depot.

Seneca White Deer conducted tours within the depot's conservation area in 2006, '09 and '12. All the

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Judge issues stay for co-op

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GENEVA — Neither the city nor Jeff Henderson got exactly what they wanted Thursday in city court.

Acting City Judge Stephen Aronson of Canandaigua issued a "stay" of the city's order to show cause served on Henderson over his solar panels and chicken egg cooperative at 48-50 State St.

He also directed that the issue go before the city's Zoning Board of Appeals to determine the answers to two questions.

The one being asked by the city is: Does the zoning code require a setback and buffer variance application?

The question asked by Henderson's lawyer is: Was city Zoning and Planning Coordinator Neal Braman right in telling Henderson he didn't need to go to the ZBA and then changing his mind?

The stay means Henderson does not have to remove the two dozen hens on the industrially zoned property or the four rows of solar panels, which have not yet been hooked into the electrical grid.

City Attorney David Foster said he was happy the matter will go before the ZBA. He contends Henderson should have gone to the board to seek a variance from the zoning code requirements regarding a 100-foot buffer zone from neighboring residential properties.

Henderson's lawyer, Donald Cheney of Canandaigua, said he's satisfied because the ZBA will hear his appeal of Braman's actions.

Cheney said Braman told Henderson verbally after the city Planning Board unanimously approved his site plan and architectural review Aug. 21 that he did not have to go to the ZBA for a variance. Henderson claims he had applied for a variance and was ready to present his case before the ZBA on Aug. 22 but was told by Braman it wasn't necessary.

The next ZBA meeting is scheduled for Oct. 22.

Foster had filed an order to show cause on Henderson, bringing the matter to court. It sought

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Fire department lessons



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Members of the Geneva Fire Department visited schools during Fire Prevention Week. The visits included timed fire drills, first-grade fire safety and a fifth-grade fire poster contest featuring a theme that working smoke detectors save lives. A fire safety trailer (above) was presented to all third-grade classes at St. Francis-St. Stephen and North Street schools. The students are brought through the "house," where both hazards and safety items were pointed out. Then a room fills with "smoke," and they have to "get low and go" to get out. They feel the door they came through, which is "hot," so they need to find another way out, which is the back window ladder.

Students studying downtown Ovid

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OVID — A group of Cornell University students is developing ideas to improve the downtown streetscape in this Seneca County village.

The students are part of the Design Connect program at Cornell, a multi-disciplinary student-run community design organization that provides planning services to improve local communities. The downtown project is sponsored by Seneca Towns Engaging People in Solutions — STEPS is a Rural Health Network project made possible by a grant from the Greater



File photo

Some Cornell University students are developing plans to help revitalize downtown Ovid, which was ravaged by a fire in March.

Rochester Health Foundation — and Seneca County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Part of Main Street was ravaged by a March fire. The blaze destroyed three businesses and seven

apartments.

This semester's project will involve developing ideas for the downtown streetscape. The students will create conceptual ideas and renderings of a re-envisioned downtown, as well as possible economic strategies to achieve the vision.

"We hope that this will be the first project in a successful, ongoing relationship between the group and the STEPS neighborhood," STEPS project director Theresa Lahr said. "We know many of our residents already have more project ideas that include each of the four southern

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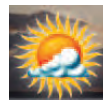
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