



**nominate a student**  
**Sheriff's Star Student Award**  
[click here](#)



45 ° F 8:38 PM

[HOME](#)

[NEWS](#)

[SPORTS](#)

[WEATHER](#)

[108 R NEWS ON DEMAND](#)

- [PROGRAM GUIDE](#)
- [IN-DEPTH](#)
- [TAX TIPS](#)
- [COMMUNITY](#)
- [POLITICS](#)
- [CAPITAL TONIGHT](#)
- [CHILD WELLNESS](#)
- [BUSINESS](#)
- [FORTUNE BUSINESS](#)
- [FINANCE](#)
- [ONSTAGE](#)
- [COOKING AT HOME](#)
- [ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT](#)
- [CONSUMER](#)
- [FAMILY](#)
- [LIVING AT HOME](#)
- [HEALTH](#)
- [GARDENING](#)
- [GETAWAY GUY](#)
- [PETS](#)
- [TECH BEAT](#)

## News

Friday April 11, 2008



### Jobs Coming to Seneca Depot

by Seth Voorhees  
 Photos by Christopher Coffey  
 Published Mar 24, 2008

[Watch Video](#)

A once-deserted U.S. Army base in the heart of Finger Lakes farm country could be the key to an economic turnaround in the region.

The site of the former Seneca Army Depot in Romulus will host two new business ventures. The base emptied after it was decommissioned in the early 1990s.

"We've taken that albatross and made it an economic development engine," said state Senator Michael Nozzolio (R-Fayette).



Nozzolio presented leaders a check for \$856,000 in state funding. The money will help entrepreneurs launch a bio-energy plant in one old warehouse and a hay-drying operation in part of another.

"There are over 27,000 acres of hay in Seneca County," says Jeff Warren, president of Top Quality Hay Processors. "This is a community project. We need the farmers to grow the hay for us."

### • Hamlin Residents Debate Wind Farms

Hamlin residents weighed in on the possibility of a wind farm going up in their town.

### • Flight Groundings Felt in Rochester

For the third straight day, American Airlines cancelled hundreds of flights nationwide to fix faulty wiring in many of its jets.

### • County, City Still Face Budget Woes

Local leaders say the \$121.7 billion state budget in Albany won't solve their money issues, but won't make the pain any worse either.

### • NJ College President Tours MCC

A second candidate for the top spot at Monroe Community College was touring the school Thursday.

### • New Budget Sends Millions to RIT, MCC

Lawmakers say RIT will see \$10 million in this state budget for its Institute for Sustainability in Green Technology.

### • PAETEC Park Has New Vendor

How about a little barbecue at PAETEC Park?

### • Amerks, KHawks Ownership Left to Leagues

Rochester's pro hockey and lacrosse teams could soon have a new majority owner. The American Hockey League and National Lacrosse League are reviewing requests for an ownership transfer.

### • Rochester Lead Poisoning Cases Fall

Fewer children are being diagnosed with dangerous levels of lead poisoning in Monroe County.

### • Some State Funds Will Go To Army Depot

The state budget has money to continue development at the Seneca Army Depot, according to State Senator Mike Nozzolio.

### • Former Seneca Deputy Sentenced

A former Seneca County sheriff's deputy will spend the next six months in that county's jail.

### • AG Cracks Down on School Attorney Benefits

Some attorneys from Monroe County are among those being investigated for receiving state health and pension benefits to which they were not entitled.

### • Casper Parole Denied

The man serving time for killing his wife by sending her over a cliff in the family's mini van will not be getting





Get Firefox  
with Google Toolbar  
for more secure  
browsing.



Warren's venture will dry and bale hay that farmers cut. He is confident his idea will replace weather-dependent harvesting methods that have taken place in farmers hayfields for decades. Once baled, the hay would be shipped out by truck or rail.

Existing rail tracks, buildings that were in relatively good shape, and the farm-rich location enticed Seneca BioEnergy, which will turn soybeans and canola into biodiesel.

"Biodiesel is a very environmentally-friendly renewable energy fuel," said Mike Coia, Seneca BioEnergy's general manager. "As people get to know a little more about biodiesel you'll find a strong amount of support nationally for this product."

If successful, the two businesses could create between 150 and 190 new jobs.

When the U.S. Army shut down Seneca Army Depot in the early '90s, not only did it take with it more than 1,000 jobs, it left thousands of acres of land idle, and dozens of buildings empty.

Projects which include a children's center, a state prison, a county jail and other businesses which moved to the depot have created 1,600 jobs in the past decade.

That's more than worked here when it was an Army base.

Nozzolio says there plenty more that could be done, and more than enough room to do it.

"We think there are many selling points that make this attractive," said Nozzolio. "We think the sky's the limit."

svo//cdo/eb

[Seneca County IDA](#)  
[NY Senator Mike Nozzolio](#)



Email this Story to a Friend



Print Friendly Version

out of prison anytime soon.

#### • **Is a 'Perfect Menopause' Possible?**

A local doctor's out with a new book that proclaims a perfect menopause is possible.

#### • **Public's Input Sought on Renaissance Square**

Monroe County leaders want the public's input on the Renaissance Square project.

#### • **VA Man Arrested for Internet Crime in Batavia**

Batavia police arrested a Virginia man wanted for attempting to solicit a child via the computer.

#### • **Budget Includes Newark-Wayne Hospital**

Wayne County's only hospital is getting a financial shot in the arm from the state.

#### • **Another Record Broken for Gas Prices**

The Rochester area broke another gas price record.

#### • **State 'Blue Law' Repealed After 75 Years**

Say goodbye to New York State's 'Blue Law.'

#### • **Penfield to Expand Its Green Space**

Penfield residents could soon have some more green space to take advantage of.

#### • **Local Biz Leaders Approve of Rochester's Share**

It may not include all the funding originally promised by former governor Eliot Spitzer, but local business leaders are pleased with the Upstate Revitalization Fund wrapped into New York's new budget.

#### • **League Tries to Reinstate Trust and Credibility**

The Oakfield-Alabama Little League remembers when Katie Brownell pitched them to national prominence by throwing a perfect game against an all boys line-up in 2005.

#### • **Alfred Dean Cancels Toy Gun Game**

Alfred University will consider banning a game with Nerf toys that triggered a campus lockdown Tuesday.

#### • **Non-Smoking Lung Cancer Race Saturday**

Non-smoking lung cancer just sounds more unfair than other forms of the deadly condition – and it's on the rise.

#### • **Fisher Moves Ahead with Law School**

A migration towards Rochester's downtown seems to have picked up steam. First PAETEC, then ESL Federal Credit Union made commitments; now, the city's first law school may follow.

#### • **Former Canandaigua Coach Faces Lawsuit**

The Canandaigua City School District, its superintendent, and a former coach are listed in a lawsuit to be filed by the family of a former student.

#### • **Douglass Center Work Moves Along**

After a difficult winter, construction is now in full swing on a center devoted to an abolitionist with strong ties to Rochester.

#### • **Clock of Nations Heads for Airport**

A reason why people came to visit downtown Rochester is moving on and taking off. More now on where it spend some "time" until it's new home is built.

#### • **Rural/Metro, City Sign Contract**

Rural/Metro Medical Services renewed its contract with the city of Rochester. The pact went into effect at midnight Wednesday.

#### • **Bliss Satisfactory at Strong**

The Greece Arcadia graduate severely beaten and left paralyzed near the University of Buffalo campus last month, is now recovering at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester.

#### • **Jazz Festival to Feature 800+ Artists**

Sinatra, Bridgewater, Scaggs and Green are just a few of the big names at the 7th annual Rochester

International Jazz Festival.

• **Charges Filed in Dead Dogs Case**

Cruelty investigators with the Humane Society of Greater Rochester arrested a woman on animal cruelty charges in connection with the dead animals found in the freezer last week.

• **Seniors Showcase Artistic Talent**

It's never too late to learn. That's what some senior citizens are proving, through art.

• **E. Irondequoit Administrator Wins Award**

East Irondequoit is celebrating the hard work of one of its school principals.

• **\$300M Cut to Upstate Revitalization Plan** 

All of the \$1 billion former governor Eliot Spitzer pledged to upstate New York will not be arriving in the coming budget.

• **Sodus Man Pleads Guilty to Child Porn**

A Sodus man pleaded guilty Tuesday to federal child pornography charges.

• **Lodi Teens Set Garage on Fire**

Sheriff's deputies arrested two teenagers for setting a garage on fire in Lodi Tuesday.

• **Lawmakers Approve Plan for Alternate**

**Budget** 

It's not very often those on opposite sides of the aisle in the Monroe County Legislature take the same side, but it happened Tuesday night.

• **Duffy Focuses on Downtown Living**

Rochester Mayor Bob Duffy's "State of the City" address Monday night proposed the idea of living downtown.

• **Cell Phone Charger Started Sodus Fire**

Fire investigators in Wayne County say a cell phone charger in the bar area of Sodus' 1812 Hotel started the fire that seriously damaged the historic building.

• **Feds Bust Local 17 Union Members**

Federal prosecutors say a construction union that covers several local counties engaged in a "violent scheme" to extort jobs and money from western New York businesses for nearly a decade.

• **State Funds Secured for Fisher Law School**

A law school may be in the works for downtown Rochester.

• **Cruise Liner Coming to Rochester** 

There might not be much action at the Port of Rochester this summer but in 2009 Charlotte is already on the itinerary and website of at least one long-time cruise ship operator.

• **Wii Bowling Keeps Vets Young, Fit** 

Nintendo doesn't sell its popular Wii video system as a physical therapy tool. But that's exactly what it's being used for at a local veterans hospital.

• **Toy Gun Prompts Alfred Lockdown** 

Alfred University locked down its campus after a report of a gunman on campus. It turned out to be a case of students playing a game that looked all too real.

• **No Smoking Allowed at NYS Fair Concerts**

Smokers will have to put their cigarettes out before taking in a show at the New York State Fair this year.

• **Pope Could Meet Protest in NYC**

A picket line of Catholic school teachers could meet Pope Benedict when he arrives in New York City next week.

• **ER, UR Team Up for Wellness Week** 

The East Rochester school district is on a week-long health kick to get kids moving and eating better.

• **Board to Decide on Casper Sentence**

A parole board will decide whether or not to free an Ontario County man convicted of killing his wife this

week.

• **Kevin Everett Plans Fundraisers**

Former Buffalo Bills tight end Kevin Everett has two days of events planned this summer to raise money for his spinal cord injury research foundation.

• **Vigil Held for Rush-Henrietta Students**

Two Rush-Henrietta High School students killed in a car crash last month were remembered at a vigil Monday evening.

• **School Offers Club for Heely Users** 

Perhaps they've raced by you in the mall or supermarket. Heely's, the sneaker with wheels built into the sole, have been around for about a decade.

• **Jury Selection Begins in Slater Trial**

Jury selection began Monday in the James Slater murder trial.

• **Film Community Mourns Charlton Heston**

The film community continues to mourn the loss of actor Charlton Heston. He died Saturday night at the age of 84.

• **Midtown Peebles Store to Close**

The closing and eventual demolition of Midtown Plaza will mean the loss of downtown Rochester's last remaining department store.

• **Body Parts Case in Court** 

Seven defendants in the scheme to steal tissue and bone from corpse's without permission were back in Monroe County Court.

• **Man Sentenced for Porn Charges**

A Spencerport man will serve more than six years in prison for receiving child pornography over the Internet.

• **Agencies Setting Up for 'Safe Surrender'**

There was a test run Monday inside a Rochester church that will resemble a courtroom next week.

• **County Prepares 'FAIR' Plan Appeal**

Monroe County is preparing its paperwork to appeal a court decision on its "FAIR" plan.

• **Canal Corp. Scraps Reduced Hours Plan**

The Canal Corporation is dropping its plans for shorter hours on the Erie Canal this season.

• **Lilac Festival Artwork Unveiled**

Rochester's signature festival celebrates its 110th anniversary next month.

• **Penfield to Enforce New Leash Law**

Dog owners who live in the town of Penfield have some new rules to abide by.

• **Fire Heavily Damages Ogden Home**

Spencerport and Gates firefighters responded to the report of a house fire in Ogden Monday morning.


• **Gunshot Wound Leads to Arrest**

Gates police charged a Rochester man with criminal possession of a weapon after he went to the hospital with a gunshot wound on Sunday.

• **Gates Police Search for Robbery Suspect**

Gates police are looking for the man who used a knife to rob a restaurant Monday morning.

• **Fire Displaces 18 Wayne County Residents**

 A fire at a Wayne County apartment building displaced 18 people Sunday night.

• **City Cracking Down on Graffiti** 

The City of Rochester is getting tough on graffiti. City council will vote later this month on a measure that will allow stricter enforcement and quicker removal of illegal graffiti.

• **Slaughter: Ren. Square Money in Jeopardy**

There are some doubts on the future of the largest project in downtown Rochester. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter said the federal money for

Renaissance Square is in jeopardy.

• **More Blood Donors Needed**

Every two seconds, someone, somewhere needs blood. The American Red Cross estimates one in three of us will need donated blood in our lifetime. That's why the organization is encouraging more people to donate blood.

• **RPD Officer Involved in Car Crash**

An officer with the Rochester Police Department, responded to a crash involving one of their own Sunday afternoon.

• **Aquinas Student Prepares For China** 🗣️

A Rochester delegation is three days away from making a trip to our newest sister city, Xianyang, China. R Newsreporter Bonyen Lee and photographer Andrew Heinze will follow the group to give us a sneak preview of this year's Summer Olympics in Beijing, and to introduce us to Xianyang.

• **'City Living Sundays' Features Northeast**

Rochester's campaign to encourage area residents to move back into the city continued this weekend.

• **Duffy Plans Major City Reorganization** 🗣️

In his third 'State of the City' address Monday night, Mayor Duffy said the city has hit the wall fiscally and that consolidating services will be his first response to a looming budget shortfall.

• **Suspect Escapes Police Custody**

Authorities from several counties spent Sunday morning searching for an escaped prisoner.

• **Harley Student Aces SATs**

It's safe to say that a Webster teenager will have no problems getting into any college he wants.

• **New Football Film Has Local Tie** 🗣️

A new film about the early days of the National Football League has a local connection. The life of the main character parallels that of a Rochester area man that some say was one of the founding fathers of the NFL.

• **State Budget Pending; AIDS Cuts Proposed**

It was a working weekend for state lawmakers, but there is still no deal on a state budget which is now four days overdue.

• **Agency Works to Curb Street Violence** 🗣️

Agencies that reach out to inner city teens are preparing for what they say could be a very violent summer.

• **Goodbye Cavities, Hello Sweets** 🗣️

If you have a sweet tooth, those desserts might get a little sweeter after you get a taste of this. A Rochester dentist who sells sweets for a living knows of a way to fight those cavities without going on a diet.

• **Hillside Employee Charged with Sex Abuse**

An employee of the Hillside Children's Center has been charged with having sexual contact with a 16-year-old girl.

• **Woman Arrested for Stabbing Ex-Husband**

A woman from Lancaster, NY faces assault charges for stabbing her estranged husband.

• **Ontario County Man in Jail on Rape Charge**

Ontario County sheriff's deputies arrested a man Friday on rape charges.

• **Canandaigua Man Gets 7 Years for Rape**

A Canandaigua man was sentenced Friday on rape and sexual abuse charges.


• **Prosecutors Want Judge to Recuse Herself**

No sentencing yet for the former Gates firefighter convicted of having sexual contact with an underage girl.


• **Man Killed May Have Been Homeless** 🗣️

A man who may have been homeless, is Rochester's latest homicide victim. It's the third homicide in six

days. This latest one happened on the west side of the city early Saturday morning.

• **Monroe Fire Coordinator Resigns** 


Monroe County's fire coordinator for the past two decades resigned earlier this week for personal reasons, according to a prepared statement from the county. A county spokesman told R news that Riley told the county that he wanted to pursue new career opportunities. The resignation follows word on April 4 that Ed Riley had been placed on administrative leave for undisclosed reasons.

• **State Will Dredge Genesee** 

An agreement between the state of New York and the city of Rochester will allow boats to return to downtown this summer.

• **Take Me Out to Frontier Field**

The box office opened at Frontier Field Saturday to fans eager for their Red Wings.

• **Boy's Killer Gets 23 Years in Prison** 

One of two brothers who shot and killed a 16-year-old boy in April 2007 was sentenced to 23 years in prison on Mar. 28.

• **Sabres/Amerks Contract Ends in June** 


The longtime affiliation between the Rochester Americans and Buffalo Sabres is quickly coming to end, but that fact didn't keep the Sabres managing partner from coming to Rochester to speak in front of an auditorium full of high school students on Mar. 28.

• **Daycare Owner Stands Trial this Summer**

The daycare owner accused of spiking children's milk with Benadryl will stand trial.

• **Rhinos Introduce New Head Coach**


The Rochester Rhinos introduced their newest coach on Mar. 26 in the latest of several changes to the organization after coming under new ownership.

• **JPMorgan Chase to Cut 300 Jobs** 

One of downtown Rochester's largest employers let 300 of its workers know Mar. 26 that they'll be let go.

• **Rhinos Work to Ready Stadium** 

The Rochester Rhinos soccer team has plenty of details to hammer out before they can take the field for the home opener at PAETEC Park on May 2.

• **Jobs Coming to Seneca Depot** 

A once-deserted U.S. Army base in the heart of Finger Lakes farm country could be the key to an economic turnaround in the region.



Contact Us | Send Us Your Feedback  
Time Warner Cable | Road Runner

Copyright © 2008 Time Warner Cable. All Rights Reserved  
Reproduction in whole or in part without the expressed written permission of R News and Time Warner Cable is prohibited.

All external sites will open in a new browser.  
RNews.com does not endorse external sites.