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Economic Development

Over 30 stakeholders gathered for a critical Roundtable Discussion addressing the shortage of skilled and modern trained butchers. A diverse 10-person panel, representing meat animal producers, processors, workforce development, Cornell Cooperative Extension, academia, and economic development, discussed the significant challenges and negative impacts of this shortage on farms and processing businesses.

Key Takeaways:

- The butcher workforce shortage has led to decreased availability of locally produced meat for retail, wholesale, and institutional buyers.
- A proposed solution is to develop an apprentice training program leading to journeyman certification, professionalizing butchery as a viable and well-paying career path.

Next Steps: Collaboration with the NYS Dept. of Labor, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and local academic institutions is underway to:

- Develop the training and apprenticeship program.
- Engage host sites for apprentices.
- Recruit the first training cohort.

Upcoming CEDS Review Sessions

As part of our ongoing efforts to gauge progress and adjust strategies, we invite you to participate in five annual CEDS review sessions scheduled throughout October. All sessions will be held on Zoom to ensure maximum participation from stakeholders across various sectors.

Session Schedule:

- Oct. 18: Agriculture and Natural Environment/Resources
- Oct. 22: Built Environment and Community Development
- Oct. 24: Arts, History & Culture and Tourism & Local Commerce
- Oct. 28: Business, Industry, Workforce and Higher Education
- Oct. 31: Aging and Health & Medical

Time: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Registration: Contact Kimberly to register and for Zoom details.

Thank you for your engagement and commitment to strengthening our community's food system and workforce development!

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Community Outreach and Program Updates

Kim continues to enhance outreach for our program by actively participating in community-based business resource events organized by the Small Business Development Center at JCC. These "popup" events are held at various locations across the three counties, providing vital support to local businesses.

September Highlights:

- **Loan Program Inquiries:** STEDO received 4 inquiries regarding our loan programs.
- **Loan Approval:** We successfully approved a loan commitment of \$132,700 to a business in Allegany County.
- **Courtesy Visits:** Staff conducted courtesy visits to 3 current loan accounts, reinforcing our commitment to supporting local entrepreneurs.

In addition, Kim played a crucial role in the Springboard entre-biz launch competition as one of 4 judges for Round 3. Together, the panel reviewed and graded 198 grant applications, evaluated the final pitches, and selected 8 winners who will each receive a \$25,000 prize.

Join Us for the Awards Event!
 We invite the public to attend the Round 3 awards event on October 23, from 4:30-6:30 pm at the JCC Cutco Theater in Olean. Come celebrate the achievements of our local entrepreneurs!

Fall Planning & Zoning Training 2024

Wednesday, October 23rd

Jamestown Community College
Sheldon Center, Weekly Room
Jamestown NY 14501
Currently 57 pre-registrants

Thursday, October 24th

Salamanca BOCES Center
1st Floor, Conference Room
Salamanca NY 14779
Currently 20 pre-registrants

Classes include: Why Become A Pro-Housing Community to be presented by Matt Horn from MRB Group; Planning Boards 101 to be presented by John Steinmetz from Bergmann Associates; The Basics of Referrals to be presented by Andrew Reilly from Wendel Companies; and The Importance of Zoning Boards to be presented by Brian Kulpa from Imagine Solutions.

Classes begin at 4:00 PM and run through 8:00 PM. Participants will earn 1 hour of PZ Continuing Education Credit per class. Registration fee is \$20 and will be open until October 21st. Registration is available online at www.southerntierwest.org.

Note: The monthly “CGIS Lunch and Learn” will not be held in October but will resume on November 27th.

Small Business Information Event



Come talk to different local organizations that assist small businesses!

Meet representatives from the following agencies:

- Small Business Development Center
- JCC Workforce Development
- Small Business Administration
- Chautauqua Co. Chamber of Commerce
- Pursuit Lending
- Southern Tier West
- Chautauqua County
- Chautauqua County IDA
- Chautauqua Opportunities
- Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program

The Village of Westfield recently secured a \$5,000 grant through the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program by completing a clean heating and cooling campaign.

There is still match-free funding available, but time is running out. If your municipality wants to learn how to participate in the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program and access potential grant funding, contact Jon Mayr at jmayr@southerntierwest.org or call 716-945-5301 Ext. 2232.

ARC WINS ACROSS STW

Chautauqua County Awarded \$458,705 for Recovery-to-Work Program

Chautauqua County received \$458,705 from the ARC’s INSPIRE Initiative for the "Recovery Integrated Supportive Employment (RISE)" program. RISE will support individuals recovering from substance use disorder by fostering partnerships with 30 local employers, creating recovery-friendly workplaces, and reducing stigma. The program will serve 315 participants.

Allegany County Secures \$740,000 for Infrastructure Project

Allegany County was awarded \$740,000 from the ARC to construct a 1,100-foot water line, a 150,000-gallon tank, and a booster station near I-86, supporting business growth and tourism. The project’s total cost is \$1,997,900, including local matching funds.

YMCA Camp Onyahsa Advances \$250K Grant Application

YMCA Camp Onyahsa is moving forward with its \$250,000 ARC grant application, approved to proceed with the USDA, for a \$500,000 dining hall expansion.

Farmland Asset Study Nears Funding

Southern Tier West’s \$50,000 IJA application for the "Conserving Farmland Asset Study" is expected to be funded by year’s end.