

EXPANSIONS, CONTRACTIONS AND LABOR DISPUTES
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EXPANSIONS, OPENINGS, RECALLS:

ADELITA'S MEXICAN COCINA & TEQUILA restaurant opened at the beginning of November 2023. It is in the Camillus Commons Plaza at 5241 W. Genesee Street (Onondaga County).

It was reported on April 19, 2021, that AMERICAN FASHION NETWORK, a small fashion design firm on Heritage Landing Drive in DeWitt (Onondaga County), has won a five-year \$46.8 million contract from the U.S. Marine Corps to produce a new line of fitness training uniforms for service members. The federal contract has allowed the company to hire five new employees at its design studio and they will seek to fill three more openings in DeWitt. The business directly employs 16 people at its DeWitt headquarters and in satellite offices in Los Angeles and Milwaukee.

Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon has proposed building an \$85 million AQUARIUM at Syracuse's Inner Harbor. On August 2, 2022, the proposal was approved by the county legislature. Preparation work on the land has started. Work on the foundation will begin in May 2024 and the aquarium is slated to open in Fall 2025. The 80,000-square-foot aquarium would create hundreds of construction and permanent jobs.

AUBURN COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION plans to open a branch at 7538 Oswego Road (Route 57) in Clay (Onondaga County) by mid-summer 2023. The location will employ five to ten people.

A Syracuse Middle Eastern restaurant called BAGHDAD RESTAURANT will open its second location at 2204 West Genesee Street in the Westvale Plaza (Onondaga County) on January 30, 2024.

BASH POTATO restaurant opened on April 1, 2024, at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County). It specializes in baked potatoes with a variety of toppings. The restaurant employs four people.

BLAST CNY opened on November 2, 2023, at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County). It is an indoor Gel Blaster arena where participants use Gel Blaster guns to shoot Gelllets at each other while moving around obstacles and objects.

It was reported at the beginning of June 2020 that BLUE WHITE ROBOTICS is planning to open an office in The Tech Garden business accelerator in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County). The company plans to station an operations, marketing, and sales team at the office. It will employ 30 people under a five-year plan. The company has developed software

that allows one person to remotely operate multiple unmanned aerial or ground vehicles to provide agricultural services quicker.

It was reported on September 15, 2021, that the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency has approved \$433,677 in tax exemptions for a new wastewater treatment plant that will allow BYRNE DAIRY to expand production at its Ultra Dairy facility in DeWitt (Onondaga County). The new treatment plant at the facility should be operational by spring 2022. The facility currently employs 213 people, and the company expects to add 10 jobs at the plant within two years after the project.

CAFÉ KUBAL will open a coffee shop at 1029 E. Genesee Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County) in fall 2024.

CAYUGA MILK INGREDIENTS milk plant in Aurelius (Cayuga County) is planning a \$150 million expansion project that will create 74 new jobs paying an average of \$70,000 a year. CMI is a farmer-owned dairy processing company currently employing 91 people. The company plans to add aseptic beverages to its product line that use sterilization equipment to provide increased shelf life. It plans to break ground on the project in spring 2023. The project would also support more than 400 construction jobs.

A 2,800-square-foot CHICK-FIL-A drive-thru restaurant is being proposed for the Sweetheart Corners intersection in North Syracuse and Clay (Onondaga County).

A CHICK-FIL-A drive-thru restaurant has been approved by the town of DeWitt planning board. It will be located at the corner of Erie Boulevard East and Bridge

Street in DeWitt (Onondaga County). It is now under construction.

Construction is underway on a CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL restaurant on Plaza Drive in the town of Sennett (Cayuga County). It will open at the end of August 2023.

CLINTON'S DITCH CO-OPERATIVE CO. on Pardee Road in Cicero (Onondaga County) is planning a \$41 million expansion that will result in 15 new jobs. The company bottles Pepsi products and currently employs 299 people.

COMMUNITY BANK, N.A. will open three new bank branches in the Syracuse metro area by the end of 2025, including one in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) in the State Tower building on South Warren Street.

CROUSE HEALTH will open a clinic at 5404 South Bay Road in Salina (Onondaga County) in 2024. Bill Pomeroy (founder of CXTec company) donated the building at that site to Crouse after his company moved to a downtown Syracuse location. The new clinic will provide offices for primary care, surgical specialties, and will do routine screenings. It will employ 50 new people, including doctors. The new clinic will be named the POMEROY COMMUNITY & WELLNESS CENTER AT CROUSE HEALTH.

CRUMBL COOKIES opened a location at 8395 Oswego Road in Clay (Onondaga County) on January 12, 2024. The location is hiring more than 35 workers including managers, bakers, shift leaders, quality trainers and crew members. The national chain sells homemade gourmet cookies and premium ice cream.

Plastics products maker CURRIER PLASTICS INC. has purchased another building in Cayuga County on Crane Brook Drive in Aurelius. The company will add 50 jobs at the location over the next two to three years. Construction work on the site should be completed in the first quarter of 2023. Currier currently employs 260 workers.

CXTEC Inc. moved its headquarters and 100 jobs from Salina to the City Center building in Downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) in July 2023. The company's headquarters house its corporate, accounting, financing, sales, marketing, and information technology operations. The technology hardware company plans to add 25 new jobs with the move to the new headquarters. The company refurbishes used computers and networking equipment and sells them. It also provides maintenance services for the hardware and sells cabling for data centers. Empire State Development has agreed to give the company a grant of up to \$1 million and up to \$1 million in tax credits under the state's Excelsior Jobs Tax Credit Program.

DALDROP SBB, a cleanroom manufacturer for pharmaceutical industries, is building a new manufacturing facility at the L. Michael Treadwell Oswego County Industrial Park in Schroepfel (Oswego County). The German company has operations in both Salina and DeWitt (Onondaga County). They plan to consolidate those operations into the new site when it is complete later in 2023. Empire State Development is offering the company a grant and an Excelsior jobs program incentive. The firm is committed to adding at last 20 new jobs.

DAVE'S HOT CHICKEN will open a restaurant at 7915 Brewerton Road (Route 11) in Cicero (Onondaga County) on March

1, 2024. The franchise specializes in Nashville hot chicken tenders and sliders.

DELTA SONIC has proposed building a large car wash, gas station and convenience store at 3809 Route 31 in Clay (Onondaga County).

It was reported on December 13, 2021, that the people-counting start-up company called DENSITY employs a total of 200 people at all its locations, a 300% gain since the beginning of 2021. The company expects to double its workforce over the next 12 months. Its manufacturing center in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) employs 30 people, which is double what it employed at the start of the pandemic. The company's people-counting infrared sensor technology has soared during the coronavirus pandemic as businesses use the technology to measure occupancy levels at their establishments.

DG MARKET, operated by Dollar General stores, opened at 401 W. Seneca Turnpike in Syracuse (Onondaga County) on April 15, 2024. The store employs 10 to 15 people. Another DG MARKET opened in February 2024 at 2711 S. Salina Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County). The stores include produce, meats, refrigerated and frozen food, dairy products, and Dollar General's general merchandise.

It was reported on July 20, 2022, that Onondaga County has entered a contract to sell the closed ShoppingTown Mall property in DeWitt to OHB Redev LLC for \$8 million. The deal is contingent on OHB acquiring the former Sears and Macy's stores at the mall since they are independently owned. OHB will redevelop the property into a \$400 million project called DISTRICT EAST which focuses on turning the property into five distinct but

blended areas that include housing, entertainment, restaurants, hospitality, retail, and office space. Approximately 950 construction jobs would be created over the course of the redevelopment and almost 1,500 on-site jobs are projected once the redevelopment is completed. Once started, construction could last five to seven years.

D. PARKER STEAK & SEAFOOD restaurant will open by the end of 2024 on the first floor of the City Center building at the corner of Jefferson and Clinton streets in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County).

A DRAKOS URGENT CARE medical facility will open in February 2024 at 5586 Legionnaire Drive in Cicero (Onondaga County). The facility will employ up to 10 new workers, including medical providers, nurses, and support staff.

DRY GOODS USA, a subsidiary of Von Maur Department Store, opened a store at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) in September 2023. The national clothing retailer sells junior women's fashion including clothing, jewelry, and accessories.

It was reported on January 28, 2022, that DUNN TIRE CORP. is planning to build a \$5.9 million tire warehouse in Hancock Airpark in Cicero (Onondaga County). It will replace a smaller distribution facility on Steelway Boulevard in Clay (Onondaga County). The new facility will employ 50 people, which is 11 more than the current facility. The facility will distribute tires to car dealers, service stations and other customers. The Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency has approved \$572,325 in tax breaks for the new warehouse.

EMERALD COCKTAIL KITCHEN opened on June 18, 2023, at 1333 W. Fayette Street in Syracuse's Tipperary Hill neighborhood (Onondaga County). It is a three-story cocktail lounge with a rooftop bar.

EMPIRE POLYMER SOLUTIONS in Van Buren (Onondaga County) plans to increase its employment from 30 to 70 people by 2025. The company recycles used industrial and consumer plastic products. Entry-level wages for production workers at the facility start at \$16.50 an hour.

FELIX SCHOELLER NORTH AMERICA invested more than \$20 million in a new coating operation in Pulaski (Oswego County). The company secured a payment-in-lieu of taxes agreement from the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency for the project. The tax agreement will help support the creation of 30 new jobs and retain 145 existing positions over the next 5 years. Construction and equipment installation for the project was completed in November 2023. The business is a manufacturer of specialty papers and engineered products.

FLYNNSTONED recreational marijuana retail store opened on June 16, 2023, at 219 Walton Street in Armory Square in Syracuse (Onondaga County). The store has 27 full-time employees.

It was reported on December 14, 2021, that FOTOKITE, a drone company housed in The Tech Garden in Syracuse (Onondaga County), has submitted a plan to the state where it would get \$5 million in state funds if the company spends \$21 million to develop a tethered drone manufacturing facility and add 200 jobs in Syracuse. The company is proposing the location of the manufacturing facility to be at the former

Syracuse Development Center which is now owned by the city of Syracuse.

It was reported on June 25, 2021, that a large warehouse and distribution center is being proposed in DeWitt (Onondaga County) that would house the snack food division of PEPSI CO., ROLLING FRITO-LAY SALES. The 75,000-square-foot building would be built on the site of the NVG Industrial Campus at 6600 New Venture Gear Drive. The industrial campus is owned by ONX1 LLC. The town is beginning its review of the plan. The developer (Index Investment Group) would like construction to begin as soon as possible on the project and would like to turn the building over to the tenant by the end of 2021.

FS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES is planning a nearly \$20 million redevelopment project to build 59 apartments in Syracuse's Franklin Square (Onondaga County). Thirty-nine of the apartments will be in the former Merrell-Soule Co. building, also known as the Dupli building. The other 20 apartments will be in the former Syracuse Scale Co. building. In addition to the apartments, there will also be development of office space, store space, and an expansion of a climbing gym. The Syracuse Industrial Development Agency has approved \$4.9 million in tax incentives for the project. Thirty-eight additional jobs will be created by the new development at both buildings. Work is scheduled to begin in early 2022.

FUN CITY ADVENTURE PARK opened in August 2023 in the Western Lights Plaza in Syracuse (Onondaga County) at 4671 Onondaga Boulevard. It features kid friendly indoor entertainment such as an arcade, trampoline park, climbing ropes course, dodgeball, a foam pit, a Ninja

course, basketball, a rubberized balance beam and an indoor playground.

GONG CHA bubble tea opened a shop at 142 Walton Street in Syracuse's Armory Square (Onondaga County) in September 2023.

A 56,000 square-foot HANNAFORD supermarket is being proposed at 547 E. Genesee Street in Fayetteville (Onondaga County).

Central New York developer HART-LYMAN COS. signed a contract to purchase the troubled Great Northern Mall in Clay (Onondaga County) and the deal to purchase the mall was completed at the end of July 2023. The developer wants to transform the mall into a "town center" with luxury apartments and townhomes, offices, a movie theater and hotels, high-end shops, and restaurants. The developer is also partnering with real estate company Conifer Realty on the project.

HIDDEN FISH sushi restaurant opened on March 19, 2024, at 7 Fennell Street in Skaneateles (Onondaga County).

HII'S (HUNTINGTON INGALLS INDUSTRIES) Mission Technologies division will become an anchor tenant at the renovated City Center in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) on South Salina Street and create more than 80 new jobs. The company is an all-domain defense and technologies firm. HII became operational in the new location in March 2023.

A Syracuse startup called HIDDEN LEVEL has developed a system that detects small, low-flying drones that radars can't see. It was reported on July 5, 2021, that the company has recently raised \$17.6 million

in investment funding, bringing the total amount of venture capital it has raised to \$21 million. The new funding will allow the company to double its staff within the next 18 months and advance development of its sensor technology and services. The company currently employs 20 people and has 12 openings for procurement, business development, engineering, finance, and program management positions.

IMPEL, a company that creates digital engagement software for car dealers, expects to double its workforce by 2025. The company employs 200 people with 80 of those employees at its headquarters in Icon Tower in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County). The company plans to move into the City Center building in downtown Syracuse on November 1, 2023, to accommodate its need for more space.

INKA'S, a Peruvian-fusion restaurant, will open at 201 South Salina Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County) by February 2024.

The first two contracts have been awarded on the \$2.25 billion INTERSTATE 81 construction project in Onondaga County. The contractors are Salt City Contractors, LLC and CNY Alliance. A third contract will be awarded in May 2024. Two outreach centers are available to assist interested job candidates with information about available job opportunities. The Syracuse outreach centers are located at Tucker Missionary Baptist Church at 515 Oakwood Avenue and the Hills Building at 217 Montgomery Street. Typical job openings are for construction laborers, equipment operators, carpenters, iron workers and truck drivers. The large construction project has many facets, and it will take six years to complete. A total of eight contracts will be awarded on the project.

At least 350 new jobs will be coming to the City of Cortland (Cortland County) over the next five years as ISPICE, a leading company in processing, supplying, and importing spices, will move into the former Voyant manufacturing facility.

JMA WIRELESS announced plans to relocate manufacturing jobs from Texas to downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County). The company is the first American company to make 5G equipment. They renovated the historic Coyne Building on Cortland Ave. with a \$25 million investment. The campus spans the block and includes 200 jobs. Jobs consist of manufacturing, business, and technology positions, including assembly, logistics, technicians, and engineering jobs. The facility opened the week of February 28, 2022. It was reported on December 7, 2022, that the company is planning a \$24 million expansion at its facility to build a logistics center that will add 40 more jobs. The expansion project is targeted for completion in July 2026.

It was reported on June 17, 2022, that J.W. DIDADO ELECTRICAL LLC will build its New York headquarters at the corner of Morgan and Wetzel roads in Clay (Onondaga County), creating 18 jobs. The Ohio-based electrical contractor designs and builds electrical substations; maintains and repairs high voltage transmission lines; and provides power restoration services to major utilities during storms. The jobs will pay between \$40,000 and \$140,000 a year. The company will receive nearly \$680,000 in tax breaks from the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency.

KID TO KID children's merchandise consignment store will open in the Bear Road Plaza at 709 N. Main Street in North Syracuse (Onondaga County) on April 11, 2024.

KPOT restaurant opened mid-November 2023 at 3019 Erie Boulevard East (Onondaga County). It is an all-you-can-eat Korean barbecue and Asian hot pot eatery.

LALOR FAMILY DENTAL will open a dentist office at 3112 Erie Blvd. E. in DeWitt (Onondaga County).

Construction is underway on a LIVAWAY SUITES hotel at 6595 Thompson Road near Carrier Circle in DeWitt (Onondaga County). The 126-room extended-stay hotel is expected to open in spring 2025. The hotel brand caters to the temporary housing needs of traveling workers such as construction workers, traveling nurses, technology and other contract staff.

It was reported on March 27, 2024, that the U.S. Air Force has awarded LOCKHEED MARTIN'S plant in Salina (Onondaga County) an initial contract of \$276 million to manufacture next generation radars for its Advanced Range Threat System (ARTS-V3). The new defense contract is not expected to lead to any immediate new hiring, but the company is still seeking to fill about 100 jobs this year. The local plant currently employs about 2,600 employees and contractors.

LOTTE GLOBAL, a South Korean conglomerate, has bought the Bristol Myers Squibb pharmaceutical plant in East Syracuse (Onondaga County) for \$160 million. Lotte will add about 70 jobs to the plant's 450-person workforce and invest \$77 million to expand its manufacturing capacity. Lotte plans to make the East Syracuse site its North American headquarters for its new biologics business. Biologics are pharmaceutical drugs made from living organisms.

LOUD PACK EXOTICS, a recreational cannabis retail shop, opened on April 13, 2024, in DeWitt (Onondaga County). The shop employs 25 people.

MCGRAW BOX BREWING will open a craft brewery taproom at 3703 Brewerton Road in North Syracuse (Onondaga County).

MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC. will open a large computer memory chip manufacturing campus at the White Pine Commerce Park in Clay (Onondaga County) that will create 9,000 direct jobs and an additional 40,000 spin-off jobs. The company will invest \$100 billion over 20 years. Site preparation work began in 2023 and major construction will start in 2025 on the first fabrication facility. Initial production will start in 2027. The second fabrication facility could be completed in 2029. The last (fourth) fabrication facility would be completed in 2041. In April 2024, MICRON started advertising for more than 20 local high-paying positions, including environmental engineer, electrical engineer, construction manager, wastewater engineer, and health and safety manager.

MOOCHI, a new mochi donut shop, has opened in Destiny USA's food court in Syracuse (Onondaga County). A second store is now under construction at Township 5 in Camillus (Onondaga County). A mochi donut is a blend of an American doughnut and a Japanese mochi, or rice cake. It is soft and pillowy with various fillings and coated with a crispy, sugary exterior.

NEWBURY COMICS store opened in Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) on October 24, 2023. The store specializes in music, comics, and pop culture collectibles. The company is hiring

for its Syracuse location and job listings are available on indeed.com.

NOBODY'S wine bar opened on September 15, 2023, at 222 Walton Street in Syracuse's Armory Square (Onondaga County).

On April 5, 2021, energy company NOCO opened a Syracuse office at 1300 Wolf Street called NOCO EAST. The Syracuse office employs 11 people and is hiring now for drivers, HVAC technicians and sales positions. The company anticipates tripling the number of employees at its Syracuse office within the next two years. The company is headquartered in the Buffalo area.

National auto parts retailer O'REILLY AUTO PARTS will open a new store in the Empire Plaza at 3160 Erie Blvd. East in DeWitt (Onondaga County). The store is moving into the location that is being vacated by Natur-Tyme.

Developer Strategic Domains LLC plans to open a craft brewery called OSWEGO BEER PROJECT at 246 W. Seneca Street in the City of Oswego (Oswego County). Empire State Development has awarded the project \$500,000 in state grants and tax credits.

The Oneida Indian Nation-owned POINT PLACE CASINO at 450 State Route 31 in Bridgeport (Madison County) will undergo a \$50 million expansion. The expansion will include a new 100-room hotel, a larger gaming floor and a new restaurant.

Developer Liberty Restaurants wants to build a POPEYES restaurant on Grant Avenue in Auburn (Cayuga County).

The PORT OF OSWEGO (Oswego County) will use a \$4 million federal grant for

improvements to rail infrastructure and to buy new cargo-handling equipment. The funding is from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The upgrades will lead to 19 new jobs, increased export capacity, and better access to global markets for local businesses.

PPC BROADBAND at 6176 E. Molloy Road in DeWitt (Onondaga County) is adding 200 jobs by the end of 2024 as the company grows and brings back manufacturing jobs from overseas. The company makes components for broadband connections. Employment at the company stood at 350 in 2021 and will reach 550 by the end of 2024.

PURCELL'S PAINT AND WALLPAPER plans to open a retail store at 5785 East Circle Drive in Cicero (Onondaga County) during the week of November 13, 2023. The company is also looking to open a store in the Camillus area (Onondaga County).

A RALLY HOUSE sports apparel store will open at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) in late summer 2024. The store is currently hiring.

A members-only wholesale distributor and retailer selling food and supplies to restaurants is building a location in Salina (Onondaga County). RESTAURANT DEPOT is building a 49,000-square-foot business at 1308 Buckley Road. The business will employ 35 full-time workers. The location is expected to open on September 27, 2023.

It was reported on May 17, 2023, that SAAB, INC. has about 150 job openings with the majority being in Syracuse (Onondaga County). The new jobs include engineering, software systems, and mechanical manufacturing positions. The

defense contractor manufactures and tests radar systems for branches of the U.S. military.

SEPHORA opened a store in the Towne Center at Fayetteville (Onondaga County) on June 23, 2023. It is a national retail chain selling cosmetics, skincare, haircare, and fragrances.

SIN BUN bakery will open in the Mercantile Building at the corner of South Salina and Fayette streets in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) in October 2023. It specializes in various flavored cinnamon buns.

Craft beer brewer SINGLECUT BEERSMITHS opened a beer taproom with limited food options in May 2023 at 604 E. Seneca Street (Route 173) in Manlius (Onondaga County).

Developer Norm Swanson is proposing to build an 88-room Hilton Brand hotel called SKANEATELES LODGE at 1046 Old Seneca Turnpike in the town of Skaneateles. He is seeking \$1.2 million in tax breaks for the project. The hotel is scheduled to open in fall 2023. It would open with 34 full-time or full-time equivalent jobs, including managerial, service, and clerical positions. By the third year of operation, it would have 49 jobs.

An indoor roller-skating rink named SKATE-N-PLACE opened in early November 2023 at 8015 Oswego Road (Route 57) in the Seneca Mall in Clay (Onondaga County). The owner's family and a handful of employees will run the business.

It was reported on September 14, 2021, that Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon has proposed building a \$25

million tournament-quality SOCCER AND LACROSSE COMPLEX at Hopkins Road Park in Salina. Ten fields, including one indoors, would be built at the county-owned site. Youth teams from throughout the Northeast would be invited to tournaments at the complex. A management firm would be sought to run the facility. The County Legislature would need to approve the plan. A consultant predicted by the fourth year of operation, the facility could create the equivalent of 400 full-time direct and spin-off jobs.

SPLASH CAR WASH will open a location at 1001 East Brighton Avenue in Syracuse (Onondaga County). It will employ four people.

SPLASH INDOOR WATER PARK RESORT opened on June 23, 2023, at 92 East First Street in the Clarion Hotel & Suites Riverfront in Oswego (Oswego County). The nearly 20,000 square-foot facility includes water slides, a splash pad, an activity pool, an arcade, dining options, and a gift shop.

A STARBUCKS coffee shop is being proposed for the Camillus Commons Plaza at 5241 W. Genesee Street (Onondaga County). The town of Camillus planning board is reviewing the site plan.

A STARBUCKS coffee shop with a drive-thru is being proposed at 5357 W. Taft Road in North Syracuse (Onondaga County). North Syracuse village planners are reviewing the site plan.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL HEALTH CENTER in Syracuse (Onondaga County) is opening a comprehensive cancer center in its physicians' building and partnering with Roswell Park cancer institute. St. Joseph's is expanding its limited infusion program

into a larger space with a new full-time medical director and seven additional new hires, including nurses and medical assistants. The center opened temporarily in December 2023 inside the hospital but in a year, it will move to a new space in the hospital's physicians' building.

A new craft beer-centric bar called TAPHOUSE ON WALTON will open on March 16, 2024, at 165 Walton Street in Syracuse's Armory Square (Onondaga County).

On September 15, 2020, TCGPLAYER in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) announced plans to create 100 full-time jobs over the next year. The company has created a global online marketplace for trading card games. They will now expand into other collectibles like comic books and sports cards. The company is recruiting for a chief marketing officer and jobs in technology, product management, fulfillment, and leadership positions. As of July 11, 2022, the company employed 450 workers in Syracuse and 600 total. Interested job candidates can apply online at careers.tcgplayer.com/job-openings.

It was reported on September 22, 2022, that the first electric vehicle-only service center is being proposed in Onondaga County. TESLA ELECTRIC CAR SERVICE CENTER would be located at 5427 North Burdick Street in the town of Manlius. The facility is undergoing renovations and an addition to the existing building.

Developers Chino and Evelyn Ingram of Simply Ingram LLC plan to turn a vacant church on the corner of South Salina and West Colvin streets in Syracuse (Onondaga County) into an \$8 million event venue called THE CASTLE featuring elegant event space, an upscale lounge, and a

training center. The facility will employ 13 full-time and 29 part-time workers. The project is receiving a \$1.2 million state grant from Empire State Development. The state has also awarded the developer a \$1 million grant from its Restore New York Communities Initiative. The developer hopes to begin renovations in 2024.

THE SONG & DANCE nightclub opened on August 4, 2023, at 115 E. Jefferson Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County). It features musical acts, dance parties, comedy shows, a full bar, and limited food.

THE WHISKEY COOP restaurant will open at 120 Walton Street in Syracuse's Armory Square (Onondaga County) in June 2024. It is a "fried chicken and bourbon joint" that will serve burgers too.

Recreational marijuana retailer TJ'S CANNABIS CO. opened on December 22, 2023, at 4205 Long Branch Road in Clay (Onondaga County).

An article on February 12, 2020, stated that TRACEY ROAD EQUIPMENT INC. in DeWitt (Onondaga County) announced a 31,000-square-foot addition to its headquarters due to needing more space. The company is a heavy-duty truck and construction equipment dealer. The expansion will create 30 new jobs over the next five years. The new jobs will pay from \$35,000 to \$45,000 a year. Tracey currently employs 140 people in DeWitt.

In November 2019, a proposed five-story, nearly 3.8-million-square-foot distribution center off Morgan Road in Clay (Onondaga County) received final approval from the Clay Planning Board. In November 2019, the Clay Town Board granted the \$350 million project a needed zone change. TRAMMELL CROW CO. began

construction in the spring of 2020 and will complete the building in winter 2021. It was announced on May 18, 2020, that AMAZON will be the tenant for the building and will lease the building from TRAMMELL CROW so that it can open a fulfillment center for small consumer products. AMAZON will hire 1,500 workers to staff the site. Ninety percent of the jobs will be for warehouse workers. It was reported on September 16, 2021, that AMAZON will start hiring for warehouse associate jobs within two to three weeks. The company has already begun hiring for leadership and technical positions. Benefits including dental, vision and health insurance start on the first day of employment. The facility opened on May 1, 2022. The facility is ramping up employment and as of September 22, 2022, another 1,000 workers had been hired, bringing total employment up to 2,500 and the company would like to have a total of 3,000 employees by Thanksgiving 2022. AMAZON announced on September 19, 2023, that they are looking to hire more than 1,300 people for full-time, seasonal, and part-time jobs in the Syracuse area. Roles include packing, picking, and shipping. Customer fulfillment and transportation employees can earn an average wage of over \$20.50 an hour. Open positions are on amazon.com/apply. The company offers pre-paid college tuition with Career Choice. The facility is one of the largest warehouses in the world.

TTM TECHNOLOGIES is planning a \$130 million expansion to build a new plant next to its existing manufacturing plant at 6635 Kirkville Road in DeWitt (Onondaga County) that will add 400 new jobs. The expansion will allow the company to produce cutting-edge printed circuit boards that will be used by the U.S. military. TTM will hire a variety of manufacturing and engineering jobs in the new plant. The new

jobs will range from production operators to engineers paying from \$53,000 to \$112,000 a year. The company wants to break ground on the expansion in 2024 and begin production by 2025. The company currently employs 600 local workers. New York State will provide the company with up to \$17 million in tax credits from the Excelsior Jobs program. Empire State Development plans to award the company a \$5 million grant from the Upstate Revitalization Initiative to reimburse them for some equipment costs.

Beer brewery/tasting room VAN HASSLER BREWING opened on October 28, 2023, at 8045 Oswego Road (Route 57) in Clay (Onondaga County).

The Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA) is planning the development of an industrial park called WHITE PINE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PARK on Route 31 in Clay (Onondaga County). The industrial park will be for spinoff development connected to Micron Technology's planned semiconductor plant nearby. OCIDA has awarded a \$15,000 contract to the Barton and Loguidice engineering firm for planning, environmental and engineering services related to the industrial park.

In March 2024, WHOLE ME opened a preschool for deaf and hard-of-hearing children at 990 James Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County). WHOLE ME is a local non-profit organization that supports the deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

LAYOFFS, CLOSINGS:

Home décor superstore AT HOME located at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will close on August 1, 2024.

CAZENOVIA COLLEGE in Madison County permanently closed after the spring 2023 semester. The school is a small liberal arts private institution that was founded almost 200 years ago. The closing is due to financial issues. The Pandemic, high inflation, and a shrinking student base are all contributing factors for the closing.

According to Syracuse.com, the college is the largest employer in the village of Cazenovia. According to a WARN notice filed with the state, a total of 552 employees were laid off in four phases between June 25, 2023 and September 29, 2023. The school assisted students with transferring to other colleges. The college's main campus and equestrian center are up for sale.

CAZ TORTILLA CO. at 1622 Burnet Avenue in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will be closing. The company produced and distributed tortillas to local stores, restaurants, food trucks and other outlets.

CHRISTMAS TREE SHOPS in Northern Lights Plaza in Mattydale (Onondaga County) closed in August 2023. The closing is part of a nationwide liquidation plan for the discount home goods and seasonal decorative goods retailer.

DECKER'S WINE & SPIRITS retail store at 112 Brooklea Drive in Fayetteville (Onondaga County) closed on December 31, 2023, due to the owner's retirement.

DIGITAL HYVE'S office at 126 N. Salina Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed on October 10, 2023. The digital marketing agency was bought by Rochester marketing firm BUTLER/TILL in 2021. Digital Hyve's employees will work under

the Butler/Till brand and will work remotely and from the Butler/Till headquarters in Rochester. The closing is part of a move to streamline operations. Digital Hyve had 56 employees in Syracuse when it was acquired by Butler/Till in 2021.

ECHOPARK AUTOMOTIVE, a large used-car dealership at 8010 Brewerton Road (Route 11) in Cicero (Onondaga County), closed on June 22, 2023.

The FOREVER 21 clothing and accessories store at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will close on March 31, 2024.

A FREIHOFFER'S BAKERY outlet store in the Lyncourt Plaza at Teall and Court streets just outside of Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed in March 2024.

HERITAGE LINCOLN car dealership at 900 W. Genesee Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will close on September 29, 2023. Burdick Lincoln at Driver's Village in Cicero (Onondaga County) has offered to serve Heritage's customers and has hired most of the employees from Heritage. Heritage is closing due to financial reasons related to Lincoln wanting the dealership to make costly equipment and other upgrades.

LUIGI'S Italian restaurant at 1524 Valley Drive in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed on August 27, 2023.

Manufacturer MARQUARDT SWITCHES in Cazenovia (Madison County) will transfer 180 of its local jobs to its plant in Irapuato, Mexico by mid-2025. It will retain 60 jobs at its Cazenovia plant. Low order levels and rising costs for materials, energy and personnel are some of the reasons for the transfer of jobs. The company produces

electromechanical and electronic switches and switching systems for the automotive industry, household appliances, industrial applications, and power tools.

The MUSEUM OF INTRIGUE, an interactive mystery-solving escape room-like attraction, at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will close on April 20, 2024.

NEXGEN POWER SYSTEMS in the Collamer Crossing Business Park in DeWitt (Onondaga County) closed in mid-December 2023. The startup technology company closed since it was not able to obtain new venture financing. It specialized in research and development and the production of semiconductors for power systems.

An OFF-TRACK BETTING PARLOR (OTB) location just off Route 481 in the village of Phoenix (Oswego County) and the PHOENIX SPORTS RESTAURANT located there closed on July 29, 2023.

The family-run breakfast spot OUR FAMILY TO YOURS CAFÉ at 219 County Route 57 in Phoenix (Oswego County) closed on January 27, 2024.

The PRICE CHOPPER grocery store on Route 31 in Clay (Onondaga County) will close on April 19, 2024. Its 103 employees have been offered jobs at its other store locations.

RITE AID drugstore at 8379 Thompson Road in Cicero (Onondaga County) closed on September 19, 2023.

RITE AID drugstore at 153 Grant Avenue in Auburn (Cayuga County) will close in 2024.

RUE 21 clothing retail store at Destiny USA in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will close in June 2024 after filing for bankruptcy.

SPECTRUM will close its call center at 6005 Fair Lakes Road in East Syracuse (Onondaga County) in late October 2023. The center employs 276 people. Calls will be transitioned to other Spectrum call centers. Up to 50 of the employees will transfer to Spectrum's call center in Syracuse. Employees can apply to open positions throughout the business. Laid off employees will be given severance benefits.

ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH AT HOME, a home health care agency, will close on October 23, 2023. The agency operates out of an office at 7246 Janus Park in Liverpool (Onondaga County). Economic challenges and the COVID-19 pandemic are reasons for the closing. Layoffs at the facility will impact 71 workers. Employees can apply to open positions within the St. Joseph's Health – Trinity Health network. Laid off workers will be eligible for a severance package.

SWEETFROG frozen yogurt shop in the Towne Center in Fayetteville (Onondaga County) closed in February 2024 due to lack of product.

TANTRUM CITY rage room closed on November 15, 2023. The company provided weapons and items to smash so that adults could blow off steam and throw their own temper tantrums. The business was located on the corner of Taft Road and Route 11 in North Syracuse (Onondaga County).

THE CLAM BAR restaurant at 3914 Brewerton Road in North Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed on November 12, 2023. The restaurant was known for its seafood and chicken wings.

VALUE HOME CENTER in Shop City Plaza off Teall Avenue in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed at the end of July 2023. The store sells home improvement products such as tools, paint, electrical supplies, furniture, and other products. All 18 employees are being offered jobs at other locations. The closing is due to rising rent at that location.

VOYANT BEAUTY, LLC in Cortland (Cortland County) closed on June 30, 2023. Voyant had two locations in the City of Cortland on Central Avenue and Huntington Street. They employed 320 people. The company also employed 150 people through staffing agencies. The company consolidated in a changing business environment. They produce small bottles of shampoo and soap for the hospitality sector.

WALGREENS drugstore at 2616 Brewerton Road in Mattydale (Onondaga County) will close on April 3, 2024.

WELLS COLLEGE in Aurora (Cayuga County) will close at the end of the spring 2024 semester due to financial issues and declining enrollment.

LABOR DISPUTES/UNION ACTIVITY:

None to report.

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