

# Lewiston Town Board session upbeat

Bicentennial Committee thanked; good news on audit

Board requests traffic study at Ridge/Dickersonville roads

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Lewiston Town Board members had a relatively light session Monday. The meeting was marked by recognition of the bicentennial committee for a job well done at the recent commemoration, as well as a positive town audit received for 2021-22.

"To get things started off, we had a spectacular bicentennial weekend over the Fourth of July," Supervisor Steve Broderick told committee members in attendance Monday at Town Hall. "The bicentennial committee was formed in 2018. It was four years of planning, selling merchandise, coins, stickers and hats. The fundraising – over \$46,000 – was used for fireworks, bands and everything involved in the weekend."

Broderick noted the work of Town Council members Rob Morreale, John Jacoby and Bill Geiben, who worked with the committee throughout the planning for this memorable event. He went on to present certificates of appreciation to all who were on hand.

Next up, representatives of Dresher & Maleck LLP visited with board members for a brief presentation where positive news on the town's financials was heard. Among the highlights: general fund revenues of \$2.9 million, with expenditures of \$2.7 million and \$200,000 increase in fund balance; Highway Department revenues up \$3.5 million, representing an overall fund bal-



Steve Broderick and the Town Board recognized the work of the bicentennial committee on Monday. (Submitted)

ance increase of \$3.7 million; and a Water Department account increase of \$476,000, with \$1.5 million available in overall fund balance.

"Overall, high grades; there are no reportable findings in our audit," Dresher & Malecki rep said. You're in a stable position. The town made improvements in its fund balance for capital projects."

In other news from the session: •Recreation Director Cathy Cvijetinovic told board members the town's spring-summer youth programs are running well.

"A few updates: We're running our summer camp right now at Kiwanis and Sanborn," she said. "We've been getting an average of about 60-65 kids in Kiwanis, and Sanborn has had an increase from the past. We've had about 30-35 kids; so, we're doing real good over there. We've had Nickel City Reptiles, and the fire department

over there; it's been a lot of fun."

Cvijetinovic said baseball season has ended, with just one home game still remaining as of this week.

"This year, all the kids got medals and trophies; and for this year at their last home game they had a pizza celebration," she said. "Favorites Pizza was kind enough to donate over 55 trays of pizza. We also had Tops donate around 15 cases of water; that was super helpful as well."

Cvijetinovic said her department was beginning to plan for its fall and winter programs, with one to take place at the Lewiston Senior Center in October.

"There's lots of things coming," she said.

•Broderick said the town would pursue a traffic study of the Ridge and Dickerson roads intersection with the New York State Department of Transportation and Ni-

agara County DPW. The town's latest request is in response to an increase in traffic accidents at the intersection, of which one resulted in a recent fatality.

"As everyone here knows, we've had several accidents at Ridge Road/Dickersonville Road," Broderick said. "The county, even the Town of Porter, has asked for a traffic study."

He requested a formal resolution from board members for NYSDOT and the county DPW to conduct a study of the intersection.

•Broderick also announced Lewiston has entered into a contract with New York state for maintenance of the Niagara Parkway Trail system in the town.

"We have the Niagara Parkway Trail contract, which we have never had before," he told board members.

The contract calls on the town to coordinate \$100,000 in paving/resurfacing repairs to the bike path, plus installation of park benches along the trail. Funding is expected to come from the town's capital account.

•Councilman Jacoby said DG New York CSIII LLC, representing Niagara Solar SSR, requested a six-month extension on its building permit, as well as a six-month period to complete the solar project at Niagara University. The board approved without comment.

Jacoby announced two public hearings are set for 6 p.m. Aug 22 to consider applications submitted by Willco Auto Care and LMK Realty. For more information, visit the town's website, [www.townoflewiston.us](http://www.townoflewiston.us).

## NCDOH hosts KidFest fair

The Niagara County Department of Health and the Town of Newfane will host KidFest, a family health fair, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Krull Park. The event will feature free activities for children and families, including lawn and garden games, Zumba and reading/literacy.

NCDOH will provide information on county programs, including chronic disease, lead prevention, healthy homes, and rabies. On site will be the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, Newfane Public Library, and Child Advocacy Center of Niagara, plus more than 20 agencies to provide information and resources on community services, health insurance, mental health and family safety.

This event is part of the ice cream – coronavirus vaccine campaign sponsored by NCDOH. Vaccines will be available for everyone ages 6 months and older – and everyone who is vaccinated at this event will receive a coupon for a free ice cream.

"The county has teamed up with many local community partners to present this family health fair," said Daniel Stapleton, Niagara County public health director. "We are really pleased with the number and diversity of organizations in attendance, and we hope this will be a fun event with valuable information and resources that will benefit families in Niagara County."

## Beverage collections benefit food pantries



Deposits for Food continues to support four Niagara County food pantries. Earlier this week, \$250 check presentations were made to the Care-n-Share Food Pantry in Ransomville and the Wilson Food Pantry.

The funding was the result of the beverage collection efforts of Doug Adanson of Porter Empty Returns and D4F's Angelo Sarkees, from the recent Porter Summerfest at Porter on the Lake, as well as beverage collections from the public and businesses in Niagara County.

Pictured with Sarkees are, from left, Jan Hoffman, administrator of the Wilson Food Pantry; and Linda Lederhouse from Care-n-Share. (Photo by Terry Duffy)

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As the old adage states, "As a tree is bent, so it grows", this is true of our children too. An increasing number of them are beginning to complain of pain in the neck, back, shoulder and arms from the weight of their backpack. The top of the shoulder, where the straps of the backpack rest, has many nerves and blood vessels that serve the head, neck, arms, hands and back. An additional problem is the way some children carry their packs, slung over one shoulder. To complicate the matter, many are looking down at their phones for extended periods of time, adding undue stress on the upper back and neck.

Students should carry only 10% of their body weight in their backpacks, but typically carry up to 30-40%. As a result, a student's growing and developing spine and body are susceptible to any or all of the following ailments: *strained muscles, worsened posture (forward head/rounded shoulders), neck spasms, tingling hands, headaches, dizziness, numbness in hands and arms, shoulder and lower back pain and aggravated curvature of the spine (scoliosis).*

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