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## The Silo opens for SUMMER SEASON NO. 26



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Following a season-long anniversary celebration, The Silo Restaurant is ready to start its next chapter.

In 2023, staffers marked a quarter-century since original owner Richard Hastings converted a former coal silo into a super-popular Village of Lewiston waterfront eatery.

In recent years, the patio has expanded and an ice cream train caboose was added. The Silo was featured in both an episode of "Man v. Food" on the Cooking Channel, and as part of the "Road Bros" tour in the Rand McNally/USA Today "Best of the Road" "Best for Food" competition.

"We had a great season last year; a lot of fun," General Manager Lexi Alfiere-David said. "You know, every year we really nail things down even more than we thought we could've the season before. So, last year, and this year, we're really able to focus on just being that exciting, family-friendly summer spot that everyone knows and loves."

"It was amazing to be open for 25 years;

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Clockwise: Pictured with The Silo Restaurant General Manager Lexi Alfiere-David, center, are staff members Grace Romero, Emily Palermo, Kacey Ferry and Sam Koeth. • "The Haystack" is The Silo Restaurant's signature sandwich. Pair it with fries for a super summer sampler. • The Silo Restaurant serves Perry's Ice Cream flavors in cones and dishes – as well as milkshakes, sundaes and specials – inside of a former train caboose.



## Community Missions, NOAH mark National Day of Prayer

Leaders look to hold larger gathering in 2025



Community Missions of Niagara Frontier and the Niagara Organizing Alliance for Hope (NOAH) gathered local faith leaders together on Thursday – the National Day of Prayer – to start planning a larger public event for 2025.

"The reason that Community Missions is doing this is that, last year, in the city, there was a church outside of Niagara Falls that set up a National Day of Prayer event. ... We got to thinking about it, and discussed it with our community and religious services committee, and we thought that we ought to have an inter-faith event for the City of Niagara Falls, by churches in the City of Niagara Falls," said the Rev. Mark Breese, agency minister and director of ministry and vice president of faith services. "And so, the plan was to do a public event, but we kind of didn't get there. So, we defaulted to having a breakfast so we could have a chance to have a conversation about how maybe we could set that up next year."

"That's why we invited you here so that we can have a chance to pray together for a moment, share a meal, break some bread together, and then have a bit of a discussion about what we could do for next year to be able to have a public inter-faith event to mark the National Day of Prayer, so that we can do these different things to bring our city together."

About a dozen local leaders participated, in addition to NOAH and Community



The Rev. Mark Breese speaks Thursday at a National Day of Prayer event at Community Missions on Buffalo Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls.

Missions representatives. Prayers were offered from Christian, Islamic, Jewish and Sikh faiths.

Breese explained, "I'm a Christian. Jesus is my guy. That doesn't mean I'm not going to say to anybody else, 'Jesus shouldn't be your guy'; but I might say,

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