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Piper gives thanks for new cemetery additions

Hello everyone! On Sunday, May 26, I had the pleasure of dedicating the new veterans monument in the Oakwood section of the new cemetery in Lewiston. My most current project saw the installation of a new flagpole, dedication plaque, memorial bench, and the praying child statue who will hold her vigil in prayer for our veterans who repose, those living who have served in the past or presently, and those who will serve in the years to come. This is honor of all military servicemen and women who proudly served our country.

A special heartfelt thank you and my sincere appreciation to those who donated so generously to make this project a reality. I wish to say a special thank you to the Rev. Dr. Joyce Serianni who once again gave a very emotional blessing and dedication. Once again, those in attendance witnessed a heartfelt dedication to our veterans.

A special thank you goes out to Mayor Welch and the Village Board for allowing me to continue as village historian; the Village DPW who assist me and maintain the grounds; Justin Higner, who

always is there to encourage me in my endeavors, and serves as the commodore for wreath laying and the raising of the colors most recently; to Claudia Werth Carnes, who portrays the widow Rev. Mrs. Smith, who comes to mourn those who have passed. A fitting tribute to those who repose here.

A special thank you to Jim Farchione of Niagara Monument Works who has donated the praying angel and praying child statues, as well as the marker for Capt. James Van Cleve, a local merchant marine from Lewiston who passed away in 1888. Jim,

Jake and Greg are always so accommodating when I need their services; and to Jennifer Cooper and Margaret of Cooper Sign Company for their assistance with the flagpole for this project.

As always, I will continue on with preserving and showcasing the vast history of the village.

The museum collection at the Red Brick is expanding on an almost-daily basis now with acquisitions and donations from local residents.

Until my next project, Russ Piper Village of Lewiston Historian Owner

Jay Coppins endorses Fittante for trustee

I have been lifelong friends with Jim Fittante. He is one of those friends that is always there, always asking what he can do to help. Jim has proven to be an outstanding village resident and a key contributor to our village. His hard work and dedication on projects, the Historical Preservation Commission, and executive board member of the Upward Niagara Cham-

ber has certainly benefited this village. I believe Jim will do an outstanding job in helping to promote our great village, while keeping the quaint and charming character that we all love.

Jim has the background and knowledge in architecture, village planning and project management that our village can benefit from greatly.

Jim and I explored all over this village growing up as kids together. Probably not a street we didn't explore on our bikes and on foot. His heart is here to make this village a great place for all of its residences and businesses.

Jay Coppins Owner Coppins Service Center Inc.

LEWISTON POLICE BLOTTER

The following activity occurred Tuesday, May 21, to Friday, May 24, as reported by the Lewiston Police Department. LPD answered more than 300 calls during this period. For more information on arrests and other activity, visit the Lewiston Police Department's mobile app or its page on Facebook.

Tuesday, May 21

- 500 block of Morgan Drive, fire - 911 caller reported a grill on fire two feet from the residence. Patrols responded; no damage to residence found and no police action required. Scene declared safe; patrol cleared.
5800 block of Townline Road, assist public - 911 caller reported a phone scam. Female stated she was advised to withdraw a large amount of money from KeyBank; no personal information provided and no money withdrawn.
5800 block of Garlow Road, criminal investigation - 911 complaint; patrols on location.
300 block of N. Fourth Street, burglary - Out-of-town caller stated a family member broke into the residence. Patrol advised the involved party not to enter the residence and secured same. Report taken.
Center/N. Third Street, traffic complaint - Caller stated a white Chevy Tahoe drove over a pedestrian yield sign. Patrols removed the damaged sign and searched area for the vehicle with negative results.
100 block of N. Fourth Street, suspicious activity - Officer initiated call. Patrol reported a door found open on a building; area and building check completed and door secured.
LPD patrols conducted multiple vehicle/traffic stops throughout the village and town for motor vehicle violations - Fifteen drivers

were cited for violations with uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court. Patrols issued eight warnings to other drivers for motor vehicle violations.

Wednesday, May 22

- 5300 block of Chew Road, alarm burglary - Alarm provider reported broken glass in the living room of a residence. Officers responded.
5900 block of Tuscarora Road, police services - Caller stated a 15-year-old juvenile was refusing to go to school; ongoing problem. Caller advised by patrol.
Porter Center/Swann roads, assist public - Officer initiated call. Patrol stopped to assist a disabled vehicle roadside with a flat tire. Driver stated the vehicle was possibly struck by debris from a passing garbage truck. Company supervisor and patrol on location; information exchanged with the driver on possible damage.
2900 block of Saunders Settlement Road, MVA-property damage - Caller reported a two-vehicle accident; no injuries. Officers responded; no tows and accident report completed.
800 block of Upper Mountain Road, damage to property - Caller reported mailbox damage; party who struck mailbox was working nearby. Patrols located driver who was aware of the incident and agreed to cover damages. Officers assisted on information exchange with resident. Patrol cleared.
2800 block of Adams Circle, assist public - Caller reported the ex was taking money from a business via PayPal. Officers responded; complaint determined to be a civil matter and caller advised to contact his attorney

and proceed via civil court. Report taken.

- Locations on the 2900 block of Nevada Avenue and the 4700 block of Pomeroy Avenue, 911 domestic disturbance complaints - Patrols responded; calls handled.
900 block of Creek Road, vehicle/traffic stop - Call officer initiated. Driver cited for unlicensed operator; uniform traffic ticket issued for Lewiston Town Court. Patrol issued warning for a motor vehicle violation.

Thursday, May 23

- 2000 block of Saunders Settlement Road, damage to property - Caller reported mailbox damage; patrol found the mailbox in pieces and broken concrete all over the resident's lawn. Caller believed the incident stemmed from a request with a neighbor to remove a political sign. Call handled; patrol cleared.
5500 block of Garlow Road, MVA-injuries - Patrol assisted NYPA security with an abandoned ATV, flipped over in a remote area. Vehicle owner cited for multiple violations and issued uniform traffic tickets for Lewiston Town Court; owner to handle vehicle removal.
4000 block of Creek Road, suspicious activity - Officer initiated call. Caller said a suspicious male had exited the woods east of the Lewiston-Porter Primary Education Center. LPD SRO responded.
Marywood Drive/Upper Mountain Road, MVA-injuries - 911 caller reported a truck-sedan accident. Patrol said vehicle No. 1 was making a left-hand turn and rear-ended by the second vehicle; driver cited for following too closely. Both vehicles towed and parties taken for medical treat-

ment. Accident report completed.

- Ridge Road/Northridge Drive, vehicle/traffic stop - Call officer initiated. Driver cited for speed in zone; uniform traffic ticket issued for Lewiston Town Court. Patrols said six warnings were issued to other drivers for motor vehicle violations.

Friday, May 24

- 2500 block of Saunders Settlement Road, disturbance non-domestic - 911 caller said an unknown subject banging on the door, attempting to collect property. Patrols on property standby for removal of belongings. Subject advised by officers he was no longer welcome at the address.
2200 block of Saunders Settlement Road, check welfare - 911 caller said two children were left in a vehicle with no adults nearby. Female involved told the caller she was in a store and a male passenger went in to locate her. Vehicle gone on patrol's arrival; area searched with negative results.
300 block of S. Seventh Street, assist - 911 caller said workers installing a gate had struck a gas line; hissing sound now in area. Patrol advised subjects to go outside; National Fuel contacted for gas shut-off.
4300 block of Williams Road, assist public - 911 caller said she was nearly struck by a neighbor's vehicle while walking her dog. Caller yelled at the male driver who began yelling back. Officers spoke with both parties; ongoing issues reported.
900 block of Mohawk Street, suspicious activity - 911 caller found reported a suitcase on the front lawn; owner unknown. Patrols on scene; the empty suitcase was secured.

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