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Village of Lewiston to leverage insurance money into long-term solution for damaged docks

BY JOSHUA MALONI
GM/Managing Editor

Trustees in the Village of Lewiston voted Monday to use insurance money from the damaged waterfront docks as a 25% match for additional monies to fund a more-permanent solution.

"We are currently receiving about \$200,000 back in insurance funds for the dock repairs," Mayor Dan Cota said. "The amount to repair the docks and get them in a condition and a place where we want them and need them for long-term maintenance is going to cost significantly more than that."

"We need to amplify that insurance money through the LWRP grant program in order to do that, but it requires a matching fund of 25%."

"We are going to be using that insurance money, using the grant program, magnifying it in order to get the project going. We are working very diligently with the engineers right now."

The total Local Waterfront Revitalization Grants program project



The Village of Lewiston Board is working toward finding a permanent solution to weather threats against the waterfront dock.

is listed as \$800,000, with a required match of at least 25%. Should more of a municipal contribution be required, Cota was authorized to use in-kind services.

In September 2020, the Village of Lewiston debuted a new,

multimillion-dollar waterfront that included shoreline stabilization measures and floating docks designed to withstand damaging high-water levels like those seen in 2017 and 2019.

SEE PLAZA, continued on Page 3



Ken Brodie II, of Grand Island's CentsLess racing team, driving GP-50 Freedom, captured third place in the Grand Prix finale at the 2025 Thunder on the Niagara. (File photo by Nathan Keefe)

CentsLess Racing set to make waves at THUNDER ON THE NIAGARA

Submitted

CentsLess Racing is ready to take to the water at Thunder on the Niagara, Aug. 1-2, bringing one of the event's strongest and most diverse lineups to the Niagara River. With entries spanning

four competitive classes and several hometown favorites behind the wheel, the team will be chasing victories in front of Western New York race fans at Gratiwick Park in North Tonawanda.

SEE ISLANDERS, on Page 5

Wheatfield eyeing outdoor improvements

By Senior Contributing Writer
BENJAMIN JOE

The financial groundwork is being set for a future project on the Town of Wheatfield's only property adjacent to the Niagara River.

At a recent Town of Wheatfield Town Board meeting, several resolutions were approved by the Town Board to realize plans such as habitat restoration, environmental rehabilitation, shoreline improvements, trail enhancements, an accessible fishing access dock, bicycle amenities and

other recreational improvements.

The next day Wheatfield Supervisor Don MacSwan explained the property had been owned for years by the town, which had also received a grant to develop it.

"We did receive a grant to revitalize the park and restore it," he said via telephone. "There's additional grants available to go further with it."

The received grant, called an EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant, totaled \$425,000 and was given by the Niagara County Brownfield Development Corp.

MacSwan said Niagara County was also aware, or would be aware, of other grants available for the project and submit on the town's behalf.

Issues involving the safety and health of the property have been tested and sampled, MacSwan said.

"The soils were sampled and any potential environmental issues were identified and that was what the original grant was for. As far as it being brownfield, the purpose of the grant is to take designated brownfields and bring it back," he said.

"The Greenway trail (The Niagara River Shoreline Trail) runs right by it, which is perfect, because people can be riding along the trail from Niagara Falls to Wheatfield and they can stop at the park."

The plans could be implemented by September, MacSwan said, provided the grants come through.

"It's going to be a town's park. So, as far as use, there will be a couple benches, a place to fish. All strictly recreational," MacSwan said.

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Artpark shines light on music & dance

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•"Legacy in Motion: Celebrating Miles Davis at 100" saw performers from the Jon Lehrer Dance Company team up with jazz artists John Bacon and Star People to celebrate Miles Davis' 100th birthday – on the very stage where he performed in 1974 during Artpark's opening season. This world premiere, intimate, multisensory explosion of athletic dance and live jazz spanned the legend's career in a once-in-a-century collaboration where rhythm met motion.

•BPO Associate Principal Bassist Brett Shurtliffe curated the candlelight concert's repertoire. He was accompanied by Loren Silvertrust (first violin) and Susan Schuman (piano). Those in attendance were fully immersed in the glow of candles as they enjoyed an eclectic, imaginative and exciting program of works for violin, bass and piano – selections ranging from Gershwin to Piazzolla, and traditional fiddling to new-age avant-garde.

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Plaza public hearing may move to Lewiston No. 1

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But it was ice and winter weather in recent months that wrecked the dock piles and rendered the fingers unusable this summer. Those who had reserved space were given the option to get their money back or use it for future rentals; plus, they were granted free launch passes for this season.

Trustee Nick Conde asked, “How would we be working on the docks?”

“It has to be a phased approach,” Cota said. “Currently, we enlisted (Department of Public Works) Superintendent (Anthony) Mang and Josh Stack, who currently does our (ice) boom system, to come up with a plan to remove those current fingers. Because, if you do not remove them prior to winter, we’re not going to even have the option to repair them” without destabilizing the docks.

“That’s the first phase is to get all those fingers pulled, and as many of the pylons that are loose, get those pulled before they just lay down and we have to start getting them from under the water.”

“No boom this year?” Conde asked.

“We haven’t decided on a boom at this point,” Cota said. “We will still have the main run of the dock there that will need some sort of protection – if Wahoo Docks, whom we engaged, then determines that that needs to be protected. But the current boom structure may not be the correct structure going forward when we don’t have the fingers.”

The Dahlonga, Georgia-based Wahoo Docks created the dock system.

“Hopefully, we’ll have the slips next year,” Conde said.

“I anticipate that we will, in one form or another,” Cota said.

LWRP funding is expected to be awarded in December/January, with contracting to follow.

Cota said that, with the fingers pulled, “we’re 99% of the way there.”

“We are not looking at replanting the current piles unless Wahoo comes in and says, ‘You have to have a pile system.’ At this point, that hasn’t been the interpretation.”

A system wherein poles and docks are pulled in the fall would prevent “these ongoing issues with piles that are going to continuously be jacked up based upon ice conditions in our river,” Cota said.

He noted the project “will depend on financing. I’m hopefully optimistic that, through the LWRP program, and through the governor’s office – which we have also met with – that we will have the support necessary to move forward.”

Plaza public hearing

Cota announced the Planning Commission’s public hearing on the Ellicott Development plaza’s building No. 3 first floor – space expected to be rented and operated by Ace Hardware – will be held inside the Red Brick Municipal Building gymnasium, 145 N. Fourth St. The forum is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 10, immediately following the Historic Preservation Commission meeting (approximately 6:30 p.m.).

Now, if the Recreation Department’s programming for that

evening is forced to move inside the gym because of weather, the Planning Board meeting will move to the Lewiston No. 1 fire-hall on North Sixth Street. If that happens, Cota said signs will be placed on the Red Brick doors, and a notification will be issued on social media.

‘Hometown Heroes’ back in play

Cota said the village intends to become a “Hometown Heroes” participant. Veterans of Foreign Wars Downriver Post 7487 was unable to reach an agreement with the previous administration to place the veteran-honoring flags on municipal streets. The mayor said size and style options are being evaluated.

Other news

•The board voted to remove any penalties from the July 2026 water/sewer bills (within the time frame of March 15 through June 16) due to recent mailing issues

Two weeks ago, the clerk’s office announced the village “received reports that some residents have not yet received their

July water bills due to a mailing delay.

“We have contacted the U.S. Postal Service, but they are unable to provide an estimated delivery date at this time.”

•The Department of Public Works will begin milling and pot-hole patching.

Mang also announced the DPW will offer a larger trash pickup day on Monday, Aug. 3, for brush and building demo – residential, not contractor debris. Brush should be stacked parallel with the road.

•Cota said he is researching outlets that can livestream Village Board meetings. He expects the cost to be between \$3,700 and \$4,000. Bids are being collected.

Cameras and microphones would be added for the sake of video quality, without requiring additional speakers inside the boardroom.

•Artpark & Company was granted permission to extend weather-delayed concerts past the standard noise ordinance cutoff of 10 p.m. on weeknights, instead getting an 11 p.m. curfew.

Youngstown: New clerk, plans to rehab gazebo

By Senior Contributing Writer

BENJAMIN JOE

The Village of Youngstown has hired a new clerk, Angela Skimin.

At the village’s Board of Trustee’s meeting on Thursday, Skimin said she was eager for the challenge.

“I’m excited to be here. I’m ready to help the village be more organized. It’s been a while since we had a solid team, it sounds like, so I’m excited to be part of that team,” she said. “I’m excited to be a part of the village I live in.”

Following the meeting, Mayor Mike DeDario said, “We’re really happy she’s on board. She jumped right in and is already completing her role very well.”

In other news

The Garden Club said members will meet with the village’s Department of Public Works to decide when the Village Gazebo could be rehabilitated. A painter was ready to start right away, said Garden Club member Garda O’Keefe. She noted a contractor could start quickly.

There was some hesitation voiced by Trustee Nicole Quarantillo.

“My only concern with this project starting right now is we’re in the middle of summer,” she said. That park right now is just filled with kids, we have rec programs every day. If we have construction vehicles there ... I don’t want to see parking taken away

from families who need it for their kids.”

Quarantillo asked if the construction could wait until after Labor Day.

DeDario asked DPW Superintendent Greg Quarantillo if he saw a proper timeline.

“So, after speaking with the Garden Club and speaking with the board, we understand there’s potentially some structural issues that need to be addressed. Code enforcement, I can almost assure you, is going to make us put some kind of barricade around it to keep kids from playing on it,” Quarantillo said.

“I do have a concern, that I did speak to the mayor about yesterday, regarding starting now.

I did not know your hope was to have it done by Labor Day. My thought was to have it start after Labor Day. The only reason is in the summer time you have a lot of people.”

Quarantillo did agree, however, to speak to the contractor.

“If the board so chooses, I’m more than happy,” he said.

Lakewood Landscaping was

chosen as the contractor for \$14,500.

“The contractor will work with Greg on a timeline that works for the village. We might not be able to start tomorrow, but it works for the village when we have all the plans,” DeDario said.

Niagara County Youth Bureau seeks NYS Governor’s Youth Council representative

Submitted by the Niagara County Public Information Office

The Niagara County Youth Bureau is seeking a new representative for the New York State Governor’s Youth Council. The Youth Council is to be made up of 62 young people ages 13-21, with one representative from each county in the state.

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Hochul announces start of \$54.4M steel repair & seismic retrofit project on south Grand Island bridges

Project includes seismic retrofits and structural steel repairs to protect against seismic events

✓ *Thruway Authority received \$39 million federal grant to support project scheduled to be completed in late 2028*

Submitted by the Office of Gov. Kathy Hochul

Gov. Kathy Hochul announced the start of a \$54.4 million structural steel repair and seismic retrofit project on the south Grand Island bridges. More than 70% of the funding for the infrastructure project comes from a federal grant awarded to the Thruway Authority.

“Keeping New Yorkers safe means making smart investments in the infrastructure that

connects our communities and drives our economy,” Hochul said. “The south Grand Island bridges are critical for residents, commuters and commercial traffic across Western New York, and these steel repairs and seismic improvements will help ensure they remain safe and dependable for years to come.”

New York State Thruway Authority Executive Director Frank G. Hoare said, “The south Grand Island bridges are a vital transportation link for Western New York, carrying thousands of motorists and commercial vehicles every

day. This project reflects another important investment in preserving the safety, reliability and long-term resilience of these iconic bridges.”

The project includes seismic retrofits and steel repairs to both bridges to strengthen key structural elements and improve their ability to withstand seismic events. Additionally, the deck surfaces of the bridges will be treated to improve roadway surface friction for enhanced vehicular safety, particularly in wet conditions. The sidewalk on the southbound bridge will be replaced and reopened. Crews will also make repairs for catwalk access and fall protection improvements for maintenance personnel.

Traffic impacts throughout the duration of this project are expected to be minimal.

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer said,

“The south Grand Island bridges are lifelines for Niagara Falls and the Tonawandas, connecting communities to the mainland and carrying thousands of cars every day. I was proud to deliver \$39 million in federal funding from my Bipartisan Infrastructure & Jobs Law to strengthen these vital structures to withstand any seismic event. Age and deterioration have taken a toll on many sections of the bridge, and this federal funding will bolster infrastructure resilience while creating good-paying construction jobs. I’m grateful that Gov. Hochul is putting these federal dollars to good use and will always fight to pave the way for a safer future for Western New York.”

The project is scheduled to be completed in late 2028.

In 2024, the Thruway Authority received a \$39 million federal grant to help fund these infrastructure

investments. The funding is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s promoting resilient operations for transformative, efficient and cost-saving transportation (PROTECT) program, which is funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Law.

The south Grand Island bridges are located between Grand Island and the Town of Tonawanda and are twin-truss arch-bridge spans, each carrying one direction of I-190 over the Niagara River. Construction on the southbound bridge was completed in 1935 and the northbound bridge in 1963. More than 68,000 vehicles cross the bridges daily.

The Thruway Authority’s approved 2026 budget invests a total of more than \$600 million in capital contracts scheduled to be awarded in 2026, an increase of more than \$133.5 million from the 2025 budget projected totals, and one of the largest single-year investments in thruway history. The 2026 budget includes a historic \$2.8 billion capital plan for 2026-30. The five-year plan will fund the replacement or preservation of 150 of the thruway’s 819 bridges – about 18% – and the resurfacing of more than 1,500 of its 2,800 lane miles of highway, or roughly 60%.

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Volunteers, children enjoy Lions Club picnic

Story and photos by Senior Contributing Writer
ALICE GERARD

About 150 children enjoyed boat rides, karaoke, friendly horses and ponies, a petting zoo, lunch and more at the Lions Club Kids Picnic, held July 15 at the Buffalo Launch Club.

Craig and Marge Walker, both members of the Buffalo Launch Club, were two of the people who took the children out for boat rides. The boat they used for the children's adventures was loaned to them for the day by Collins Marine. The rides took the children under the south Grand Island bridges and back to the Buffalo Launch Club.

When asked what she enjoyed most about the day's events, Marge said, "It's just seeing them so happy and being able to get out on the water and enjoy a fun event. It just makes you feel good about helping them to do that."

"I think it's the kids," Craig said.

Among the volunteers was a small group of Lions Club members from the Merritton Lions Club in St. Catharines, Ontario.

"We were on the boats, helping the boats," said Keith Brown, a member of the Merritton Lions Club. He said he enjoyed "the boat ride" and "The kids, the way they were enjoying it. They were laughing and being kids. It's great to see."

Matt Aymar, who joined the Merritton Lions Club just a month ago, said, "I liked seeing



Craig and Marge Walker take children and volunteers out for boat rides. • The face-painting tent is busy.

all the kids smiling and having fun. My brother has a daughter with special needs, and I know how challenging life can be sometimes for kids like this. This gives an opportunity for a community to come together. I see so much strength in that. It warms my heart to see it. Those smiling faces, the kids playing together, riding on the boats, experiencing new things that I didn't get to experience as a kid, so that's a beautiful thing.

"The thing that makes me happy is seeing kids in the community being happy with each other and also seeing all the community volunteers. There's probably as many volunteers as there are kids out here. I love that because that shows me this is a strong community. Communities are only as

strong as the people who serve. I'm so heartened by that. It's a great initiation for me into the work that you're doing here, and I hope to be here next year."

Deputy Maryann Landsman, a member of the Mounted Reserve Unit of the Erie County Sheriff's Department, was at the event with her 18-year-old Belgian, Peanut.

Landsman said she was happy "just watching the kids interact with Peanut and making them happy and Peanut happy."

If Peanut were asked what he liked best about the picnic, it was "that he loves the belly scratches and the grass is good. I think he likes being around people. He likes the company, and I think he likes keeping his brain active, and he likes learning new things."



She said Peanut's "favorite treat is cotton candy."

Lions Club President Richard Crawford said the event "was spectacular, as it always is. We have so much dedication from our volunteers, especially the teachers and the staff, the bus drivers who come here and bring these kids for a day that they would normally never see. We are so happy to be able to provide this experience for them.

"The club has been doing it for over 50 years. It might be closer to 60. The Launch Club has been the host for us all that time, and we're so grateful for them allowing us to use the facility and all the wonderful things they do for us."

Crawford also said he liked "seeing the expressions on the

kids when they come off the boat and they're sitting down, having their face painted, when they get up to the karaoke machine and start singing a song. Just their total joy and excitement at being here and experiencing this whole day filled with fun.

"Our thanks go out to all our members, our Merritton Lions Club who comes in and assists us, and the many volunteers from the community who come back year after year after year to assist us. Bob DeGlopper has been cooking hot dogs probably for 30 years. We benefit greatly from our community, by their participation in all our events. We thank the people of Grand Island for their continued support."

Paddles Up Niagara set for Saturday

The 20th annual Paddles Up Niagara, where hundreds of kayaks, canoes and other paddle craft will partake in one of the largest group paddles in the state, is set for Saturday, July 25 (rain date: July 26), at Beaver Island State Park, Shelter 2B.

In addition, to the large group paddle, other activities include: eco-tours highlighting the wildlife and habitat of the Ni-

agara River; learn-to-kayak sessions for anyone ages 12 and over; fishing sessions – no equipment or permits required; free e-bike trial rides; historic and classic boats; plus 20 exhibitors/vendors will sell items or hand out free giveaways, offer demonstrations and provided information about water safety and the environment; a free prize raffle.

This event is organized by Niagara River Greenway Commission, the Town of Grand Island and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

The schedule is as follows:

- ✓ 7, 7:30 and 8 a.m. – eco-tours begin
- ✓ 8 and 8:30 a.m. – learn-to-kayak sessions

- ✓ 8 and 9 a.m. – fishing sessions
 - ✓ 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. – exhibitor tables, including refreshments
 - ✓ 10-10:15 a.m. – classic/historic boat anchorage
 - ✓ 10:30 a.m. – large group fun paddle
- Cancellations will be posted on the registration website <https://grandislandny.myrec.com> and emailed to registered participants.

Islanders look to win big next weekend

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Leading the Formula R effort is Ayden Sovie of Ogdensburg, who pilots the R-50 CentsLess 15. Powered by a 4-cylinder Ford engine, Sovie enters the weekend sitting second in the Formula R championship standings. The Formula R class regularly reaches speeds approaching 100 mph, setting the stage for close, competitive racing.

Representing the team in Formula F is Grand Island's Ken Brodie III, driver of the F-50 CentsLess 16. In just his second season in the class, Brodie continues to build momentum behind the wheel of his Honda K20-powered hydroplane, currently holding third place in the championship standings. Racing on his home waters, he will be looking to earn his first Formula F victory in front of family, friends and local supporters. Formula F boats race at speeds exceeding 100 mph.

Joining Brodie in Formula F is defending Thunder on the Niagara champion and current points leader "Fast" Eddie Kanfoush of Grand Island. Kanfoush returns aboard the former F-500 CentsLess 17, now known as the F-16 Viper, with hopes of defending his hometown title and extending



Shown at the 2024 event: Racing on the left is GP 50, piloted by Ken Brodie II of the CentsLess team. On the right is GP 35, whose drivers are Brandon and Bobby Kennedy on the TKO Motorsports team. Both hydroplanes raced in the Grand Prix class at Thunder on the Niagara, held at Gratwick Park in North Tonawanda. (File photo by Karen Carr Keefe)

his championship lead. In addition to his Formula F campaign, Kanfoush will also compete in the Hydro 350 class, driving the Quebec-based H-999 La Bête Noire.

In the Hydro 350 division, Joe Less of Buffalo will represent CentsLess Racing in the H-600 CentsLess 12. Powered by a Small Block Chevy V8, the Hydro 350 machines are capable of speeds exceeding 120 mph, and with over 15 entries for the weekend, H350 is sure to be one of the most thrilling classes on the race schedule.

The team's Grand Prix entry features Grand Island veteran

Ken Brodie II in the GP-50 Freedom. Powered by a supercharged Chevy V8, the hometown hydroplane competes in the fastest class of the weekend, where boats can exceed 150 mph in racing conditions. Brodie has captured two race victories across the past two seasons and will be looking to add another win while racing in front of the home crowd on the mighty Niagara River.

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Celebrating our nation's history across Erie County

Guest editorial by Deputy Erie County Executive Lisa Chimera

This month, our nation celebrated its 250th birthday, with events commemorating this historic milestone held across Erie County. Many of these celebrations were led in part by the Erie County Historical Commission, a group dedicated to preserving the rich history of our region.

The celebrations continue Sunday, Aug. 2, when we recognize one of the most important but least celebrated days in our nation's history, that in which 56 members of the Second Continental Congress began signing the Declaration of Independence.

"716 Celebrates: Stars, Stripes and Signers" is a free, family-friendly event featuring live entertainment, historical reenactors, family activities, military heritage, food, exhibits and more, all culminating in a major waterfront fireworks spectacular. I invite all to join us from

4-9:30 p.m. at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park for this great celebration. To learn more, visit buffalonavalpark.org/event/716-celebrates.

Visit Buffalo is continuing to sponsor events across Erie County recognizing America 250. Check with your city, town or village to see what's happening near you, or go to eriecounty250.com.

This year is also a very special one for our region as we mark 125 years since Buffalo hosted the Pan-American Exposition. In 1901, Buffalo became the center of culture, design and innovation as crowds gathered to see great displays showcasing the new power of electricity, giving Buffalo its nickname, the "City of Light."

This historic anniversary will be recognized Saturday, Aug. 1, with a walking tour hosted by The Buffalo History Museum, the only structure from the exposition still standing. Walk

along the streets of Buffalo while learning about the grounds where over 8 million people from around the world enjoyed exhibits, shows and feats of design. Cost is \$20 per person and includes a souvenir map. To learn more and to register, visit buffalohistory.org/event/pan-american-walking-tour-3/.

Year-round, there is much to explore and learn about our region's rich history.

Forest Lawn Cemetery is the final resting place for notable figures, including veterans from the Revolutionary War, President Millard Fillmore, groundbreaking politician Shirley Chisholm, and many more historic Americans. The cemetery is open to the public daily. Docent-led walking tours are also available on select dates for \$20. Or jump on the Famous Sunday in the Cemetery Trolley Tour for \$30. For more information, visit forest-lawn.com.

Erie County also plays home

to many historic books and artifacts. You can experience the nearly 500,000 unique materials in a behind-the-scenes look at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library's special collections department at the Central Branch Library on the fourth Saturday of each month. Registration is suggested but not required. To learn more, visit buffalolib.org/whats-happening.

Lastly, I remind everyone to save the date for "Doors Open Buffalo," presented by Explore Buffalo. This annual choose-your-own-adventure event will take place Saturday, Sept. 26. Get excited about our region's architectural and historical significance. More details coming soon!

I wish everyone a great rest of their summer, one that we will surely remember for many years to come!

'Lilly effect' seen in Lewiston

What is the "Lilly effect" you might ask? For over 10 years now, residents from the Town of Lewiston have complained during the rainy season that sanitary and/or storm sewer water was backing up into their basements and yards, especially residents from the Morgan Farm and Dutton Drive neighborhoods.

Well, for over 10 years now, Supervisor Broderick did nothing to address this problem. Then, in 2025, businessman Ed Lilly chose to challenge Supervisor Broderick

and ran to replace the five-term incumbent.

"Low Tax" Lilly focused his campaign then and now on Broderick's liberal tax-and-spend policies, specifically calling out the need for real infrastructure improvements within the town. Lilly has targeted Broderick's wasteful spending ventures such as building pavilions and pickleball courts, as well as purchasing a campground from the Boy Scouts.

Today, a year later, we see town employees doing an excellent job

installing and replacing sanitary sewer lines in the Dutton Drive/Morgan Farm neighborhoods. They are addressing the issues raised by Ed Lilly.

Just think what may happen when "Low Tax" Lilly is elected town supervisor on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026. Last year, Lilly beat Broderick in the Republican primary, but then lost to him in the general election. Now, in 2026, Broderick holds the Conservative Party line.

Wake up Lewiston: Broderick is as much a tax-and-spend liberal

as AOC and Bernie Sanders. So, if you believe in term limits and are Democrat, Independent, Conservative or Republican, you can vote out the five-term incumbent, Steve Broderick on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026!

For more of the "Lilly effect," vote "Low Tax" Lilly on Nov. 3.

Thank you in advance, for your consideration of this important manner.

Harold S. Hopkins

Kudos to Gary Hall

Reading the article about Gary Hall brought me back to my youth. First met Gary in high school; I was in 12th grade, he was in ninth or 10th. He pledged for our HS fraternity. I was his big brother. Forward a few years later while I was volunteering at the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club, we reconnected.

Gary was a major contributor in the Biddy Basketball League and was a member of the club's board of directors. Gary has always been a supporter of youth programs. When he built his gym in the village, he opened it up to the village's Recreation Department, allowing the kids to practice tennis and soccer. He has always been a champion for children.

Thank you, Gary!

Vince Canosa



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EPA, state DEC officials meet with Town of Niagara residents to address radioactivity

By Editor-in-Chief
TERRY DUFFY

Officials from the Environmental Protection Agency and two state agencies visited with Town of Niagara residents Monday in an attempt to further explain a government-monitored radiological assessments survey now underway on certain residential properties. The session followed a July 10 gathering in a town park where two residents revealed news of radioactivity readings found from recent testing on their individual properties.

In response to the concerns, officials from federal and state agencies held an information session at the Niagara Falls Convention Center, where details on new radiological monitoring in the Town of Niagara were presented. Representatives included NYS DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton, U.S. EPA Region 2 Administrator Mike Martucci, state Department of Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald, state DEC Acting Region 9 Director Chad Staniszewski, EPA Superfund and Emergency Management Division Director Pat Evangelista, and Laura Smith, EPA scientific officer on radiation monitoring and emissions.

Monday's session was an attempt by government officials to further explain the new monitoring details and tell residents that corrective measures would be taken to address any radiological concerns.

That said, the meeting was often an exercise in frustration and futility, as angry Town of Niagara residents shared their concerns regarding radioactive contamination, and chastised state and federal agencies that attempted to delve into the topic, explain remediation measures, and encourage residents to pursue assistance.

"We hear you," Martucci said. "We understand the urgency of the work. The three agencies (DEC, EPA and DOH) are working shoulder to shoulder using the best science that we have available to pinpoint where material may exist and what is needed to address it."

Radiological assessments

He went on to present an overview of government studies and mitigation performed thus far.



From left: Town of Niagara resident Lexi Hawk (standing in rear) joins other residents in challenging comments from DEC and EPA officials. • NYS DEC Acting Region 9 Director Chad Staniszewski. • U.S. EPA Region 2 Administrator Mike Martucci.

The "Niagara and Erie County Radiological Assessment" survey's initial focus involved 1970s-era radiological studies of Niagara County, including the Town of Niagara, by the U.S. Department of Energy. Ground surveys followed in 1984; and recent studies began in the early 2020s by the DEC and EPA to determine radioactive contamination at locations not previously known, with an eye toward future mitigation measures.

Phase 1, involving flyover surveys of town properties from planes 500 feet off the ground, began in 2023, followed by phase 2, which involved additional vehicle-based studies.

In summer 2025, the agencies began phase 3, a ground-based survey of "approximately 380 areas" (public and privately owned) that were identified from earlier flyovers and vehicle-based studies. Attendees learned this included "a broad aerial survey covering a thousand miles of roadway studies to the on-ground assessments. ... We are examining specific areas in a very systematic fashion to either eliminate them from consideration or to address them, based on what we find," Martucci said.

He noted the EPA surveys used specialized equipment and found that "approximately 220 ar-

eas of interest" were determined to be clean with no need additional testing. The studies also found that "approximately 160 ground surveys are ongoing and need to be completed."

It was upon this discovery that the aforementioned "waiver request" letters went out to the roughly 120 individual property owners in the town, advising them of potential radiological issues and asking their consent to access the properties for more study and potential future remediation. The waiver requests ignited new fears and charges of unwarranted infringement from several town residents in attendance, many having experienced the Love Canal crisis of the 1970s.

"This screening activity was begun in the first place with the intention of finding risk where it may exist, addressing it, cleaning it up. I understand and have heard that people are frightened tonight," Martucci said.

McDonald from the DOH, likewise, attempted to dispel residents' concerns at the session. Residents offered harsh complaints toward state Gov. Kathy Hochul, who was at separate events in the Buffalo area on Monday, but absent from the Falls session.

"It's a priority for me, and it's a priority for the New York State

Department of Health," McDonald said. "We're also here to support you as families, and really the homeowners (who) have been affected by this. Our hearts go out to you. You know, it's the direction of the governor. ... We've collected and worked with the information that's available, and we helped make the decision. ... We're committed to providing you clear and complete information and health-related guidance throughout the process. (That's what) this entire project is really about."

Despite attempts by officials to assure residents, tensions among the crowd continued to escalate and at times broke into complete chaos. The session was halted momentarily at times with outright yelling, as government officials pleaded with visitors for calm. At one point, New York State Parks Police were forced to escort a few residents from the room as emotions got out of hand.

Property screening

Evangelista, division director of Super Fund and Emergency Man-

agement for EPA, also sought to calm visitors. His discussion included details on property screening; the in-depth sampling procedures; an update on the waiver request and voluntary relocation procedures of residents if remediation is needed; plus, time duration and other concerns they may encounter.

"There are folks in the room that don't have the same level of information as the others," he said. "I'm just trying to explain the process that would lead to recommendations on how to clean up the property, and I think all of you should be interested."

His comments were met with continued bursts of yelling, swearing and heated exchanges from visitors.

Discussing EPA's risk assessment procedures for any contaminants, he continued, "That lab will conduct an analysis of those samples. The analysis will then be processed at a risk assessment team at EPA in close consultation with DOH and DEC. That will lead to a report for the resident

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POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The Power Authority of the State of New York (Authority) will hold a public hearing, as detailed below, on the proposed form of Contracts for the sale of Expansion Power Allocations.

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Those wishing to make oral statements at the hearing are asked to provide to the Authority, in writing and in advance of the hearing, their name(s) and the name of the organization or group they represent. Oral statements should be limited to five minutes. Speakers should also provide two copies of their oral statements.

Hearing Date: August 3, 2026
Hearing Times: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Hearing Location: New York Power Authority Buffalo office
40 La Riviere Drive, Suite 202, multi-purpose room 210
Buffalo, New York 14202

Written statements provided to the Authority by close of business on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, will also become part of the record of the hearing. For further information, including the address of other Authority offices at which copies of the proposed Contract forms may be inspected, contact:

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Grand Island Rotary Club supports Neighbors Foundation with summer donation

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The Grand Island Rotary Club recently presented a \$500 donation to the Neighbors Foundation of Grand Island to help offset expenses during the busy summer months.

While many people associate food insecurity with the holiday season, the need often increases during the summer when school is out and children no longer have access to free or reduced-price school meals. At the same time, donations typically decline, making summer one of the most challenging times for local food assistance organizations. The Rotary Club's contribution will help the Neighbors Foundation continue providing food and support to Grand Island families in need throughout the season.

Pictured, from left: Grand Island Rotary Club President Faye Teluk, Neighbors Foundation Vice President Diane Garey, and Grand Island Rotary Club Treasurer Brian Monkman.

Modern Disposal Services, 3F Conservation Society & Niagara Metals raise funds for Pinnacle Community Services

On May 30, the Fin, Feather, and Fur Conservation Society, Modern Disposal Services, and Niagara Metals collaborated to host a successful scrap-metal drive, raising funds for Pinnacle Community Services. A check in the amount of \$2,695 was presented recently at the Youngstown 3F Club.

Pinnacle Community Services President & CEO Laura Pennington said, "It is overwhelming how the community comes together and makes such a difference for the people we support within the community."

Advancement and Communications Officer Morgan Villnave said, "It means a lot to us because, without the community support, we can't do what we do – and it matters so much to the people that we serve that the community's behind them, too, and that's what events like this show."

Per its website, "Pinnacle Community Services provides a wide range of services to the residents of the Niagara Region. Our services assist people at every stage of the life cycle: expectant parents

to parenting the young child; family help during the teen years; and help for youth and adults dealing with mental health or other chronic illness, domestic violence, or the everyday stress of life."

Villnave explained, "We have four different major programs that all have kind of smaller programs within them. One is our domestic violence services that includes a shelter, as well as wrap-around supports for people who maybe don't need shelter or have had shelter, but need other sort of supports, as well, for domestic violence survivors and their families. We also have a youth services program that involves a shelter called Casey House, along with programs like 3-D ('Dare, Dream, Drive.') and LEAP, which are both wraparound services that help at-risk youth grow and become the members of society that we know they can be. We also have our Healthy Families Niagara program – that's a really great program that helps new families learn how to parent and support their children from the time that the baby is in utero until the baby is 5 years old. And then we have our care coordination program that helps support people with chronic mental and physical disabilities and illnesses get the services and care that they need."

Donations like this one make a difference in Pinnacle's ability to provide services and support.

"We are fundraising all year long," Villnave said. "We primarily operate off of grants and private funding, so being able to have sustainable sources of income all throughout the year is



Leadership from Modern Disposal Services, Niagara Metals, and the Fin, Feather, and Fur Conservation Society gathered at the 3F Club to present a check to Pinnacle Community Services. Funds were raised at a recent scrap-metal drive.

really important to us.

"These funds will go directly back into our programs right now. It's not that we're holding on to them – they're going to go right into use as quickly as possible, because we always have to buy things, and we always have to spend money."

Town of Porter Supervisor John "Duffy" Johnston, a 3F participant, cited fellow member Colleen Gunther as inspiration for the fundraiser.

He said Gunther "had a bout with domestic abuse, and we

wanted to do something in her honor, so we came up with this metal drive.

"She picked the Pinnacle House, that was her choice. There's other ones out there, but she thought that was a great choice. So, we backed her all the way on that. And then our bartender got ahold of her friend at Niagara Metals, and met Chuck. And then Modern gave us three dumpsters. We did it from 9 to 12 on a Saturday, and everybody showed up and made some nice money for it.

"It was all because of her. We wanted to do a fundraiser, and we just thought maybe springtime – clean out your garage, clean out your shed. The timing was perfect for it.

Johnston said 3F members and volunteers collected anything and everything at the scrap-metal drive. He thanked Niagara Metals and Modern Disposal Services for their assistance and generosity.

Gunther said, "I'm a survivor of domestic violence and, in sharing my story with others, I come across so many that have their own story or know someone else affected by domestic violence. When the idea of the 3F Club doing a metal drive to raise money for a domestic violence awareness group was brought up, I was so happy to be a part of it. Resources and outreach have grown

so much over the years – and Pinnacle Community Services is such a wonderful organization – and I'm proud of the members of the 3F Club and the surrounding community for helping to raise money for an amazing organization, and for raising awareness regarding domestic violence at the same time."

Chuck Mulé, Niagara Metals regional sales manager (non-ferrous), said, "Diane, who is one of our long-standing employees, knows 'Duffy,' and she heard that he was trying to plan the scrap-metal drive and connected us. We were more than happy to be involved. It's a great community initiative, and always a pleasure to be a part of something bigger than ourselves – especially when you have a few great organizations coming together to do some social good for the community."

Derek Veenhof, CEO of Modern Disposal Services, said, "Modern is grateful for the opportunity to help support the Pinnacle Community Services. Pinnacle provides critical services that make a positive difference in the lives of individuals throughout Niagara County. We enjoyed partnering with the 3F Conservation Club and Niagara Metals. Modern believes in giving back to communities, and we're pleased to contribute through our resources and hard-working team."

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Reunion set for NFHS Class of 1964

Attention NFHS Class of 1964:
Niagara Falls High School Class of 1964 is having an 80th birthday party and reunion! It will be held from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the LaSalle Yacht Club on Buffalo Avenue, with dinner, mingling and music. On Friday, there will be a tour of the old NFHS building on Portage Road and Pine Avenue from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Organizers said, "We've had many reunions through the years but, since all the class members will be or are turning 80 this year, this reunion will be something very special. Dinner, dancing with a partner, wheelchair, walker or cane (all modes of assistance welcome), listening and singing along to the songs of the '50s and '60s, reminiscing about the good-old days, favorite teachers and classes, and then having

a birthday cake to signify this very special celebration will make it a fun time for all.

"Committee members have been earnestly trying to contact classmates in surrounding areas and those out of town. If you are a NFHS '64 grad, haven't received an email or call from someone, or know a classmate who may like to attend, please have them contact Jennifer Vitello by email at javern46@yahoo.com or 716-799-9337.

"Looking forward to a fun-filled reunion!"

Niagara Falls High School 3-class reunion

The Niagara Falls High School classes of 1959, 1960 and 1961 will meet for dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the LaSalle Yacht Club, 73 S. 68th St.

Organizers said, "We have established and reacquainted with wonderful friends. We added the class of 1959 and made it even

better. We have lost some wonderful classmates and also won some, too! To be able to get together once a year for dinner – this year for our three classes – it will be the last time, or 'Our last hoorah!'"

Emails have been sent out. If alums missed them and are interested in attending, contact one of the following:
✓ Joanne Renko: 716-861-2422
✓ Carol Nalbone: 716-870-2670

Former Active Hose Firehall band members to meet

A group of members of the former Town of Niagara Active Hose Firehall band have announced plans for a get-together on Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Calvin K. Richards Community Center in Veterans Park located at 7000 Lockport Road in the Town of Niagara, just behind the firehall.

Town of Niagara Historian Pete Ames said

former band members from the years 1954 to 1973 are invited to visit and reminisce from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the park, where photos of the band will be posted for viewing on the big screen. Coffee, doughnuts and water will be available for visitors. Park rental courtesy of Rich Van Orman.

"Please let us know if you can make it or not," Ames said. "You don't have to be a former band member to attend. Many of your friends will be attending the Niagara Wheatfield High School alumni reunion the following day, so this will be an opportunity to spend more time with some of your old classmates. Hey, if you want, bring your instrument along."

In addition, Ames invited visitors to bring along any Town of Niagara-related materials for scanning or for permanent donations to the town's Marsh/Rolling Local History Room at the Community Center.

To RSVP, text Vinnie Vivian at 386-566-1768.

TON residents urged to allow government access for testing

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that will provide all the data and a discussion on the recommended next steps regarding the ultimate cleanup of the property."

Evangelista said this process could take two to three months, ultimately leading to full property remediation work, as needed, by state and federal agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. For impacted residents, it could involve "a potential temporary relocation offer or other appropriate mitigation measures (that) would be decided on the screening."

He noted, "That would lead to a report that would provide a summary of all the data resulting from this in-depth investigation that would be provided to the residents. It would include recommendations for the next steps, meaning what we would do to mitigate the property."

At this writing, one town resi-

dent has relocated to temporary housing, while others are considering their options.

As emotions continued, visitors were reminded, once again, that all officials were there that night with the intention to help impacted residents.

"We began this project with the goal of finding risk wherever it exists, and then taking that risk and remediating that risk," DEC's Chad Staniszewski said. As to the option of temporary relocation, "That's a conversation that's individual property-based, so that you can understand your risks, ask those questions.

"We did not start this process to ignore the things we have found. We started this process to (help residents) understand where there's risk, help clean it up, and help people through this process."

As the session wound up, residents were urged to remain and

visit at one of four tables staffed by specially trained EPA radiation experts to further discuss their concerns. Many opted to remain while others gathered outside where representatives from Save Our Backyards Niagara were seen offering information and enlisting support.

July 10 event spurred further action

At the press conference July 10, Niagara County Legislator Jeffery Elder said, "We're here today to hear from two homeowners about their traumatic experience in the last three months. Finding out that highly radioactive polluting material is polluting their yards and the yards of 120 other homeowners in this very area."

Elder was joined by a number of environmental interests and Town of Niagara residents Carolyn Johnson and Lexi Hawk, who previously received the advisory from the state DEC that high-

level radioactive contaminations had been found on portions of their properties. The residents learned the radioactive hot spots stemmed from past industrial activities in the county and Western New York region, much of it related to World War II-era Manhattan Project activities.

With the advisory came a request for residents to sign a waiver to permit government access and further studies of their properties, with assurances of swift corrective measure and temporary relocation (if needed). The news created a firestorm in the small-knit community.

Unlike the July 10 gathering, Monday's session was attended by a number of local elected officials, including members of the Niagara County Legislature. Sixth District Legislator Sam Farruggia commented on social media that he was impressed with the session.

"It was encouraging to see a coordinated effort focused on understanding the extent of the contamination and determining the appropriate response," he said.

Farruggia noted that roughly 30 property owners of more than 120 contacted responded to the EPA waiver letter and consented to sampling of their properties. Of these, six residents learned of radiation findings "significant enough to warrant property relocation" while corrective work is done.

"I would encourage any resident who has been (contacted) to consider participating in the sampling process," he said.

For more information on the Niagara and Erie County Radiological Assessment, visit the DEC's website at on.ny.gov/NECRA or email Region9@dec.ny.gov.



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Darren Mulligan of We Are Messengers (Image courtesy of Proper Management)

Music is only part of the mission for We Are Messengers

BY JOSHUA MALONI
GM/MANAGING EDITOR

Darren Mulligan makes no bones about what his job entails – and it's not selling records, blowing up on social media, or even making money.

"Concerts and record sales and Gold records and all that stuff – that's all bonus territory, but it's not the bread and butter of our lives. The bread and butter of our lives is living in relationship with God and each other," the We Are Messengers frontman said in a phone interview.

Mulligan explained, "You see, true revival is not marked by the number of people attending a show. True revival is marked by repentance. True revival is marked by pursuit of holiness. True revival is marked by taking care of widows and orphans.

"And so, our concerts are an outward expression of how we love Jesus. But they're the least important part. The most important part is: Will we love those who society hates? Will we love our enemies? Will we take care of the least of these? And so, if the concerts are leading to that change in people because they're experiencing Jesus, praise God. But if people leave the same as they came in, better we didn't have a concert at all."

Now, if this all seems super serious – well, it is. But that doesn't mean a WAM concert isn't a blast. In fact, the Ireland-bred Mulligan has been particularly adept at crafting

"bangers" over the course of the band's two most recent full-lengths: 2024's "Where the Joy Is," and "Halfway Home," which is set for release in September.

Of the former, Mulligan said, "It was such a fun record to make.

"I guess it was a season in my life where I had no idea what joy looked like or felt like anymore. God did something really special in my life. I really found a sense of peace and hope and contentment and satisfaction in him that I had never had. And so, that record was just the overflow of a life that was genuinely changed. I think the audience really resonated with that.

"We know, as a band, that if we're having a good time on stage, the audience will have a good time. The audience also knows when you're pretending. They know when you're grinding it out. But as a band and as a team, we have nothing to pretend about. We have everything we need in Jesus."

And speaking of the latter, Mulligan noted, "We do not write albums that we think people will like. We write albums we love. We write songs that we love. And we perform in a way that is particularly rowdy and raw and unpolished. We're not cool, but the songs are really contemporary, and sometimes we're ahead of the curve. Sometimes we're pushing things within the format and in the genre, and that carries its own risk from a career perspective. But what we see at the show is people going,

"I didn't know that music could feel like this, that is telling me about Jesus."

"I get excited about new music – I always have," Mulligan said. "I suppose this really is the middle. You know, we're 12 years in with this band, and I decided I didn't want to write another record in Nashville. Not in this season. I didn't want to compromise by doing the same thing that we've done in the same rooms and the same studios.

"So, we went and wrote this record on a riverboat in London, in Sweden, in Scotland, in Ireland, in the fifth floor of a building in New York City, and we just chased down a sound that felt new, and we chased down words that felt honest and raw. And so, it's a really honest, raw record. It's not a punk record in how it sounds, but it's a punk record in what it says.

"What's truly revolutionary is not what people think it is. What is truly revolutionary is following Jesus. That's punk rock. There is nothing more punk rock than surrendering your life to the king and taking up your cross and loving the people he asks you to love. This record is about that.

"What's it like to be a man who's in his 40s? He's not old, but he's not young; he's in the middle. What's it like to be a man who's wrestled with shame and guilt? What's it like to be a man who's halfway home? What's the rest of this journey going to look like?

"So, the record's about looking at what was

before, looking at what is, and looking at what is to come – and in all of it, hoping that Christ remains (first) through all of it."

WAM will return to Darien Lake next Wednesday, to perform at Kingdom Bound.

Mulligan shared, "I just love the entire area. I love the people. They're about as Irish as you can get across the Atlantic. They're going to tell you what's on their minds. They're not going to pretend. They're rowdy. They're really engaged. And so, when we bring, like, even our Celtic Christmas record, you know, the show sold out in a couple of days, and it was packed and it was beautiful.

"And then Kingdom Bound – we've played this festival more than any other festival anywhere in the world. I tell them every year we're going to skip a year, and then they keep inviting us back!

"It's one of those festivals that I find it very hard to say no to because it's incredibly run. They've got a real heart for the gospel, and honestly, they've been there for us since long before anybody knew about We Are Messengers or cared about what we do. I want to honor Kingdom Bound and the organizers and the people that have shown up for us year after year. So, we're coming back one more time!

"I'm really excited for it – it's one of the highlights of the summer for us, is playing at Kingdom Bound."

•Read the full Q&A with Darren Mulligan online at www.wnypapers.com.

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BY JOSHUA MALONI
GM/Managing Editor

Passion isn't just the name of a popular Christian band, or its signature conference, it's the emotion, desire and enthusiasm displayed by tens of thousands of fans following an encounter with group leaders Kristian Stanfill, Brett Younker and Melodie Malone.

What began 30 years ago with speakers Louie and Shelley Giglio has turned into a movement that includes music, teaching and a conference that drew more than 45,000 youth to Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas, earlier this year.

And while it's easy to motivate teens and 20-somethings to action in the midst of a musical rally, Passion Music is seeing those same students sustain that zeal beyond these events and into their hometowns.

"The Lord is doing a great work on the earth right now, and there's a great awakening happening," Stanfill said in a phone interview. "There's a stirring. There's a return back to Jesus, back to the God of gods, and this generation is leading the way. There's a hunger and a desire to not only gather – like, be in gatherings like Passion – but know God's word, worship him in spirit and truth, tell the world about their faith.

"I think a lot of it comes down to, this generation of college students, they want something that's durable; they want something that lasts; something that's real, that's not going to let them down. They've been let down a lot – as have you, as have I. Been let down a lot by empty promises that world makes us; empty promises that culture makes us, and makes to us. I think this generation is, quite frankly, fed up with it, and they want something that they can build their life on – and Jesus is it.

"And so, when you see 45,000 college students coming to Globe Life Field in Texas – and they're not just coming, like, showing up; they're not

just walking through the door just to check a box and go, 'OK, I'm here.' They are all in. They are all in.

"I wish I could take everybody to Passion and show you the way these students show up with their Bibles: They show up early; they show up prayerful; they worship with all their heart; they give money to translate scripture for unreached people groups of the world. And then they go back to their campuses with this fire burning inside of them, and it's really, really beautiful. It's not hypey, it's not like overly emotional, it's real – and you have to give credit to what the Lord's doing right now."

Stanfill added, "We've been to college campuses, and we've seen the fruit of students inviting their friends to these worship nights, and that you have thousands of college students gathering for a worship night. All that is, is students inviting students – it's not like some big marketing plan. It's not like we have some grand, like, 'Alright, we're going to roll out this campaign to get all these students to this place.' It's like, no, 'We're coming; there's going to be preaching; there's going to be worship; and we're going to baptize some people. Who wants to come? Tell your friends.' And 5,000 students show up. That's just the nature of what's going on on college campuses right now. It's a really beautiful thing to see."

Passion Music will bring its ministry – and new music from March album release "Just That Good" – to Darien Lake on Monday as part of the annual Kingdom Bound Christian music festival.

KINGDOM BOUND

Kingdom Bound returns to Darien Lake from July 27-29. For more information, or for tickets, visit www.kingdombound.org/.

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Passion's young audiences bringing enthusiasm back home



Clockwise: Passion Music • Passion, "Just That Good" • Kristian Stanfill (Images courtesy of Merge Public Relations)



"Just That Good," the song, "is just a response, a reaction, to what we're experiencing with Jesus in our own lives," Stanfill said. "I've experienced a lot of freedom and redemption. I've experienced the abundant life that Jesus has to offer; and it's, quite frankly, the greatest thing I've ever experienced in my

life, and this song is just an expression of that.

"And that's what these songs are on this album. It's just an expression of the goodness of God to us, his grace, his love, his mercy toward us in our life. These songs are just expressing our gratitude for that. But

these songs, they're also expressing the character of God: Who is he; singing about his holiness, his glory, his majesty, his beauty, in all these different ways.

"I think this, these songs – this record – is just a natural expression of what we're experiencing in our own lives. The through line – the thread of it all – is the joy of the Lord. I think you hear that in this record. In this album and this collection of songs, there's this theme of the joy of the Lord – and that is what I believe is really marking this generation and this time we're living in. People want to sing; people want to dance; people want to express this life that we have in Christ. So, that's what I think you hear on 'Just That Good.'"

Stanfill said, "We hope to take a little bit of that spirit of Passion – what you and I are talking about right now – we want to take that and do that at Kingdom Bound.

"Everywhere that we go, any chance that we have to lead, we believe that anything is possible – and I'm really not just saying that. If we're going to go lead at Kingdom Bound, or some conference, or Passion conference, or church on Sunday – wherever it is – we have to believe that God is going to move if we have faith. So, that's what we're coming to Kingdom Bound with – that kind of faith, that kind of belief."

He added, "We're really excited to be back with you guys. We had a really special time last time we were with you, and we look forward to being back."

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Christmas in July: Meet Taylor Kalupa, Mario Lopez’s romantic interest in Lewiston-filmed ‘Christmas at The Starlight’

Great American Media feature – formerly known as ‘Rewinding Christmas’
– set to air Thanksgiving weekend on Great American Family & Pure Flix

BEHIND THE SCREENS WITH JOSHUA MALONI

There is a saying that, “Behind every good doctor, there is a nurse.” Its meaning: Although the doctor gets credit, nurses are essential to patient care and treatment. The same can be said for Great American Media’s Lewiston-filmed holiday feature, “Christmas at The Starlight.” Though stars Mario Lopez and Tony Danza held the headlines while in town, it’s their costar, Taylor Kalupa, who is integral to the movie’s appeal.

By now, fans of aspirational rom-coms know it’s the strength of the female lead that determines the film’s ability to connect with audiences.

Fortunately, Kalupa is a virtuoso when it comes to Christmas cheer. In fact, the multi-multi-hyphenate – actor, writer, producer, dancer, model, Casa Antica patron – has worked with the genre’s “who’s who.”

- She cowrote the Candace Cameron Bure-Paul Greene feature “Timeless Tidings of Joy,” and the Bure-Eric Johnson film “A Christmas Less Traveled.”

- She’s costarring in the Laura Osnes-Ryan McPartlin movie “Silver Bells at Christmas.”

- She worked as crew for the Jillian Murray-led “Christmas in the Pines,” as well as Erin Cahill’s “Christmas on the Range.”

If cocoa is for closers, then Kalupa has earned her marshmallows.

Find out more about the California-born artist, and her time in Western New York, in this edited Q&A.

BTS: *We’ve been fortunate the past two years in that we’ve had a lot of productions come our way. Tell me about your Lewiston experience.*

Taylor Kalupa: It’s been wonderful. The cast and crew is amazing. Working with Mario and Tony and Dominic and the director, Jody, and everyone is awesome. And then being here, honestly, it’s like a breath of fresh air, because even for example the other night when we were doing a walk and talk scene, me and Mario, it was like a whole group of people in Lewiston were across the street (at the Brickyard Pub & BBQ) and just cheering after every take. Everyone is just so kind and really happy that we’re here to film, so it’s been really welcoming.

BTS: *We hear that a lot. We hear that people in other cities, maybe, see it so often that they’ve taken it for granted – or they just don’t care anymore. But in Western New York, it’s still a big deal. What did it feel like to be doing the walk and talk, and to be getting that kind of feedback from the people across the street? That was pretty raucous!*

Taylor Kalupa: Yeah, it felt amazing. It honestly kind of reminded me of, when you’re acting in this industry after a bunch of years – I mean, every time it’s really fun,



Taylor Kalupa with “Christmas at The Starlight” costar Mario Lopez. (Image courtesy of Platform Public Relations)

obviously, to come and work – but it was this really wonderful reminder of kind of what it felt like when I first got into acting. The excitement of first day on set or first movie I’m filming – it kind of brought that back – because when you realize that the people around the town are experiencing this and it’s such a big deal for them, it really just adds a level of gratitude that I get to do what I love and bring that kind of cheer to the people who live in the area.

BTS: *I know you have a pretty tight schedule, but did you get out in Lewiston?*

Taylor Kalupa: Gosh, I’ve been working every day, all day. I’m also filming a TV show that’s in Rochester at the same time. It’s called “Abilene.” It’s filming out there. I haven’t had a ton of free time, but something that did stand out is, after filming (at the end of June), Casa Antica, they were just so kind. They stayed open late for us. We got to go eat after we wrapped, and it was like this amazing Italian. They just kept bringing dish after dish, and it was just really special, and just very welcoming.

I feel like I got to experience Lewiston. We went back there for dinner again, like on another night before we went to go see Tony perform (at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino), and just driving through the town and walking around, the shops are so cute. I really want to go.

BTS: *I’m glad you were able to go over to Casa Antica – they have really good food, and they do take care of their customers.*

As you said, you’ve done Christmas movies before. What did you like about this script? Obviously, there’s working with Tony and Mario, but what was it about this project?

Taylor Kalupa: I’ve acted in other Christmas movies, but I also have written a lot, so I’m usually writing a bunch of the Christmas movies. And so, getting to do one that I had nothing to do with the writing is really fun to step into.

Something about this script that really stood out is the family dynamic, I think, between Tony and Mario and Dominic (Lopez). I really loved the story element of Ava, which is my character, having spent her whole life not really feeling like any place was her home; moving around a lot; always moving for her job; never

planting roots; and her stepping into this world of seeing what it’s like to actually have this generational, family love that is such a strong unit, and getting to step into that. I really love that element of people realizing; and also, the really sweet element of community, and what being in a town and having the people around you support you means. I really love that element.

And of course, I love the music and the dancing. I’m a dancer. I don’t dance in this. Ava, my character, doesn’t dance. Maybe in the sequel? I’m a trained (dancer). I did competitive dance. Started with tap dance. So, getting to watch them do tap – it’s just really fun.

BTS: *Tell me more about working with Mario and Tony.*

Taylor Kalupa: Mario is the kindest. For how many times people stop him from the street and ask for photos, he is the most kind, generous person, honestly, I’ve been around on one of these sets. He stops and takes a photo with everyone. He’s so sweet to them.

And also, he’s such a great scene partner and someone to work with. I feel like we just had a natural chemistry and banter right off the bat. He’s just so down to earth. Very talented. I mean, gosh, we’ll film like a really lengthy scene with lines, and then it’s like, “Oh, we’re going to end 10 minutes early for lunch because Mario’s going to go film ‘Extra.’” He shifts into doing “Extra,” and I was like, “Did you practice this before?” And he’s like, “Oh, no.” It’s like second nature. I think he could do it in his sleep, he’s that talented.

So, it’s been really awesome getting to work with him. I mean, he’s been doing this for so long, and his talent and skill is just incredible.

And then Tony – I grew up watching reruns of “Who’s the Boss?” It was one of my favorite shows as a kid. And so, when I found out I’m doing this movie with him, I was so excited to meet him. I mean, he’s such a legend – and then he’s so kind. They’re both so kind – they’re both very similar in that regard.

Something that I noticed about Tony that I really want to take away from this, that I’m like, “I need to get better at this”: He remembers every single person’s name. So, from the first day on set, it didn’t matter if it was someone just delivering a coffee that wasn’t even working on the set. He would remember their name – and he makes sure to say it a couple times out loud, and then he’ll remember it later.

A lot of actors don’t care about people – especially after years and years and years of being that much of a star. It’s really refreshing to see someone who has that kind of a career care about every single person.

I have just the highest praises for both of them and working with them.



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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LLC Name: A-Ko Farms, LLC Date of Filing: 2/11/2026 County: Niagara SSNY Designation: NY Service of Process Address: 3320 Wilson Cambria Rd Wilson, NY 14172 Business Purpose: Orchard
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Alpha Cleaning Agency LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/7/25. Office: Niagara County. SSNY designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 9049 Zito Dr, Apt 7, Niagara Falls, NY 14304. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Bison Chimney Repair LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/22/26. Office: Niagara County. SSNY designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 6824 Plaza Dr, Apt 6, Niagara Falls, NY 14304. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Burco Properties LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/25. Office: Niagara County. SSNY designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 5943 Fisk Rd, Lockport, NY 14094. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Dayferts Storage HoldCo LLC has filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State on July 20, 2026. Its office is located in Niagara County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process will be mailed to The LLC, P.O. Box 25575, Rochester, New York 14625. The purpose of the LLC is any lawful activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Dayferts Storage LLC has filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State on July 20, 2026. Its office is located in Niagara County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process will be mailed to The LLC, P.O. Box 25575, Rochester, New York 14625. The purpose of the LLC is any lawful activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Deko-Group Renovations LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/9/25. Office: Niagara County. SSNY designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 9049 Zito Dr, Apt 8, Niagara Falls, NY 14304. Purpose: A
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of JBest Home Services LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/23/25. Office: Niagara County. SSNY designated agent of the LLC upon whom process

against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 6824 Plaza Dr, Apt 6, Niagara Falls, NY 14304. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of JOHNSON RENTALS, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 07/15/2026. Office location of the LLC: Niagara County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o the LLC, 76 O'Brien Drive, Lockport, NY 14094. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Little & Young Acquisitions, LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC), with an office located in North Tonawanda, Niagara County, New York by filing Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State (NYSS) on June 16, 2026. NYSS is designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS will mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her to 48 Ryan St, Buffalo, New York 14210. The purpose is to engage in any lawful business practice.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Marksman Power LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on: July 13, 2026 Office Location: Niagara County SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to: Marksman Power LLC, 5951 Robinson Road, Lockport, NY 14094. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of OZGEN LLC, Arts./Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 07/15/2026. Office location of the LLC: Niagara County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o the LLC, 76 O'Brien Drive, Lockport, NY 14094. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name of LLC: Sorrentino Property Services, LLC. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: 7/9/26. Office of the LLC: 5459 Upper Mountain Rd. Lockport NY 14094, Niagara County. The NYSS has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of process to the LLC at 5459 Upper Mountain Rd Lockport NY 14094. Purpose of LLC: mowing, clean up and maintenance of lawns. No specific duration attached to LLC
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of STN Homes LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/26. Office: Niagara County. SSNY designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 3024 Tyler Rd, Sanborn, NY 14132. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Timmy Trucking LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/25. Office: Niagara County. SSNY designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 353 Fredericka St, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Tupchik Heating & Cooling LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/9/25. Office: Niagara County. SSNY designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 397 Roger Ave, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Turtle Island Planning & Design LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/7/26. Office location: Niagara County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon

whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 941 Edna Drive, Lewiston, NY 14092. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name of LLC: American Septic Pro LLC. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: 4/13/2026. Office of the LLC: 2639 Lower Mountain Road, Ransomville, NY 14131 in Niagara County. The NYSS has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of process to the LLC at 2639 Lower Mountain Road, Ransomville, NY 14131. Purpose of LLC: any lawful purpose. No specific duration attached to LLC.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Connective Edge, LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC), with an office located in Niagara Falls, New York by filing Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State (NYSS) on May, 16, 2026. NYSS is designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS will mail a copy of any process against it served upon him to 3640 Haseley Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304. The purpose is to engage in any lawful business practice.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAUNCH CODES GLOBAL LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC), with an office located in North Tonawanda, New York by filing Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State (NYSS) on May 16, 2026. LEGALZOOM USCA, INC is designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS will mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her to 45 Main Street Suite 238 Brooklyn NY 11201. The purpose is to engage in any lawful business practice.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name of LLC: Small Town Farm LLC. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: 05/29/2026. Office of the LLC: 455 East Center Street Medina, NY 14103, Orleans County. The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of process to the LLC at 455 East Center Street Medina, NY 14103. Purpose of LLC: To carry on any lawful act of activity for which limited liability companies may be organized pursuant to the New York Limited Liability Company Law. No specific duration attached to LLC.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of 845 Onondaga LLC. Art. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 06/24/2026. Office Location: Niagara County. Street Address of principal business location: 1527 Ridge Rd, Lewiston, NY 14092. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o The LLC 1527 Ridge Rd, Lewiston, NY 14092. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of a Domestic Limited Liability Company Name of LLC: 3636 RANSOMVILLE ROAD, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the NY Dept. of State: 06/22/2026 Office of LLC: NIAGARA COUNTY The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 3095 HARLEM ROAD, CHEEKTOWAGA, NY 14225 Purpose of LLC: Any lawful activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LLC AGNELLO'S UNDERCOATING LLC Filed with SSNY on: 5/1/2026 Location: Niagara County SSNY designated as agent for service of process & shall mail to: Agnello's Undercoating LLC, 367 Schenck St, N Tonawanda, NY 14120 Purpose: Any Lawful
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY: Dashmesh Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, filed an Application of Authority with the

NYS DOS on June 17, 2026. The Articles of Organization for the LLC were filed with the State of Delaware Department of State on April 28, 2026. Pursuant to a Certificate of Existence issued by the State of Delaware Department of State dated June 4, 2026, the LLC is active in the State of Delaware. The NYS DOS is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The office of the LLC and address to which the NYS Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process shall be, 9100 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls, NY, United States, 14304, Niagara County. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any business permitted under law.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Data Airflow LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC), with an office located in Niagara County, New York by filing an Application for Authority with the New York Secretary of State (NYSS) on June 2, 2026. NYSS is designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS will mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her to 4290 W. Chinden Blvd., Garden City, Idaho 83714. The purpose is to engage in any lawful business practice.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of F+C HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/18/26. Office location: Niagara County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 717 Willow Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14305. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of G and S Trailer Rentals, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/26/26. Office location: Niagara County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 8400 Park Ave, Gasport, NY 14067. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of formation of HONEST CHIROPRACTIC, PLLC; Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 8, 2026; principal office is located in County of Niagara, State of New York; SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served; address SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is: 765 CAYUGA STREET, SUITE 3, LEWISTON, NY 14092; purpose of the PLLC is any lawful activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY JD Holdings & Wagner LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC), with an office located in Niagara County, New York, by filing Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State (NYSS) on May 14, 2026. NYSS is designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to: JD Holdings & Wagner LLC 501 74th Street Niagara Falls, NY 14304 The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of KATSBRAZACIALS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/13/2026. Office location: Niagara County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Reg Agent for SOP: Katrin Grudzinski, 18 Spruce St, Lockport, NY 14094. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name of LLC: Lake Ontario Life LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: 6/26/2026. Office of the LLC: 435 Powell Dr., Youngstown, NY 14174, USA. The NYSS has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of process to the LLC at 435 Powell Dr., Youngstown, NY 14174, USA. Purpose of LLC: This is for a Short Term Rental in the Town of Porter, NY. No specific duration attached to LLC.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Name: Laura's Lovely Ladies aka L3; Filed: 06/1/2026; NIAGARA COUNTY; Process Address: 813 Pasadena Ave, Niagara Falls 14304; Service: NY Secty/ State/copy to LLC at above address; Purpose: Any lawful purpose permitted for LLCs under NY Limited Liability Company Law.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name of LLC: Local Beans LLC. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: June 28, 2026. Office of the LLC: (1432 Quaker rd. Barker NY 14012, Niagara County). The NYSS has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of process to the LLC at (1432 Quaker Rd. Barker NY 14012). Purpose of LLC: (coffee shop, pick up only). No specific duration attached to LLC.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY: MANIANI & SONS HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, filed an Application of Authority with the NYS DOS on June 17, 2026. The Articles of Organization for the LLC were filed with the State of Delaware Department of State on April 28, 2026. Pursuant to a Certificate of Existence issued by the State of Delaware Department of State dated June 4, 2026, the LLC is active in the State of Delaware. The NYS DOS is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The office of the LLC and address to which the NYS Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process shall be, 6225 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls, NY, United States, 14304, Niagara County. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any business permitted under law.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ONDA VERA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 10, 2026. Office location: Niagara County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to Gabriella Feder, 6316 Green Valley Ln, Lockport, NY 14094. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.
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LEGAL NOTICE
RAMSDELL COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/1/2026. Purpose: Any legal purpose. Office location: Niagara County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. Address SSNY to mail copy of process to: 107 River Road, North Tonawanda, New York 14120. Managed by one or more members.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY RECOLLECTKITS LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC), with an office located in Niagara County, New York by filing Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State (NYSS) on June 2, 2026. NYSS is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS shall mail a copy of any process served upon him or her to 2430 Military Rd, Suite 685, Niagara Falls, NY 14304-1558. The purpose is to engage in any lawful business practice.
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LEGAL NOTICE
SITKA EQUIPMENT REPAIR LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/23/2026. Office: Niagara County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 619 102ND ST, NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14304. Purpose: Any Lawful
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Something Tasty, LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: June 7th, 2026 Office of the LLC: 394 Prospect Street, Lockport, Niagara County, NY 14094 The NYSS has been designated as the

agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of the process to the LLC at 394 Prospect St, Lockport NY. The purpose of the LLC is for any lawful purpose. There is no specific duration attached to the LLC.
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LEGAL NOTICE
GREAT LAKES AI LABS.COM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/03/2026. Office: Niagara County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: GREAT LAKES AI LABS.COM LLC, 505 Ellicot St #3013, Buffalo, NY 14203. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NorthShore Services LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC), with an office located in Lockport, New York by filing Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State (NYSS) on June 14, 2026. NYSS is designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS will mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her to 7293 Ridge Rd, Lockport, NY 14094. The purpose is to engage in any lawful business practice.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Telos Documentation Solutions, LLC filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on 5/5/26. Its office is located within Niagara County. The New York Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The New York Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process to Brian N. Lewandowski, Lewandowski & Associates, 721 Center Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224. Purpose: any lawful act.
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LEGAL NOTICE
YOUNGSTOWN CITY LIMITS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/31/23. Office in Niagara Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 320 Kerr St Lewiston NY 14174. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 25CV016316-590 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG SATHISH CHANDRAN, Plaintiff, V. BETSEBA DONADO CAMARGO, Defendant TO: BETSEBA DONADO CAMARGO Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: The Plaintiff, SATHISH CHANDRAN, has filed a Complaint seeking an absolute divorce upon the ground that Plaintiff and Defendant have lived separate and apart for more than one year next preceding the bringing of this action. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than thirty (30 days) after July 24, 2026, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This, the 24th day of July 2026. Jordan Bentley, Attorney for Plaintiff, Jetton & Meredith, PLLC, 817 E. Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 704-333-1114
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LEGAL NOTICE
Benson Property Group, LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC) by filing a certificate with the NY Secretary of State (NYSS) on 5/6/26. Office located in Niagara County. NYSS designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. NYSS shall mail process c/o the Company, 96 Northeast Avenue, N. Tonawanda, NY 14120. Purpose of LLC is to engage in any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of formation of Bush Trimming LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/11/2026. Office Location: Niagara County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to principal business location: 430 Burt Circle, Lewiston, New York 14092. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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SPCA PET OF THE WEEK

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He's a Shepherd/Greyhound mix, which means you're getting speed, curiosity, and a brain that's always looking for the next thing to do. Goku is still very much a puppy, and like a lot of teenagers, he explores the world with his mouth. Toys, hands, sleeves-if it's within reach, it's part of the investigation. Because of that, he's going to do best in a home without young kids and with people who are ready to give him structure, outlets, and a little guidance as he grows up.

The upside? This is a dog who will meet you wherever you are-hikes, runs, long play sessions, training work. He's not here for a slow-paced lifestyle. He's here for movement, engagement, and someone who appreciates a dog that lives life all the way out loud.

Goku would likely enjoy another



playful dog who can match his energy and help burn some of it off in a healthy way. Cats are unknown at this time.

He's fun, he's smart, and he's going to be a really good dog for someone who wants to put the time into him.

If you are interested, please give us a call at 716-731-4368, extension 0.



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39. Cecum, pl.
40. “Et tu, Brute?” speaker
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43. Siren, e.g.
45. * ____ camping, or camping without shelter
47. Siesta
48. “There it is,” † Paris
50. Gold or frankincense or myrrh, e.g.
52. *Fire starter
55. American chameleon
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61. Poet Pound
62. High school parent org.
63. Be off base
64. Ready for picking

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1. Eye infection
2. College party chant

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July 27 - July 31

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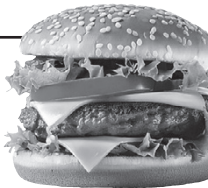
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FRIDAY, July 31 - Souper Seniors

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Rapids Theatre under new ownership

Rec Room management taking control off 100-year-old-plus venue; selection process draws ire of local politician & businessman

BY DAVID YARGER

For about three years, the historic Rapids Theatre in Niagara Falls has sat dormant – no lights, no camera, no action.

Recently, though, the Main Street venue received a chance for an encore, as downtown Buffalo bar Rec Room co-owners Chris Ring and Dale Segal received the keys to the concert hall.

The City of Niagara Falls most recently bought the theater out of foreclosure for \$800,000 in late-2024. Since then, the venue that once hosted the likes of Stone Temple Pilots, Eric Church, Snoop Dogg, Mac Miller, Fall Out Boy and Our Lady Peace has been empty.

Ring comes in with vast experience as a concert promoter. He is the owner of After Dark Entertainment, which hosts over 250 live shows across the state, including locations in Western New York, such as RiverWorks, Town Ballroom and Rec Room

Of the acquisition, Ring said, “I have extensive history booking shows at the Rapids already. I’ve been doing shows there since it was The (Pleasure) Dome, so I am super familiar with the venue and familiar with the capacity and the need for that venue in the marketplace. ...

The 1,200- to 2,000-cap venue really does fill a void that this market doesn’t have. When it shut down, the market would just lose tours. ... When it came back up for sale, we begun looking at what the situation was and threw our hat in the ring.”

Ring said his goal is to turn Rapids back into a national touring destination, but also open it up to the community for weddings, fundraisers and local events.

In a release shortly after the acquisition, Niagara Falls Mayor Robert Restaino said, “To secure operators for the two anchor buildings on Main Street in such a short time is a tremendous boost in revitalizing one of the most visible business districts in our city and we are confident that this will spur further investment and development in neighboring properties.”

As part of the bid, Ring also acquired 1701 Main Str. That location is on the corner just a few steps down from the theater. This space, Ring said, would hopefully be something similar to what Rec Room accomplishes now with weekly and biweekly programming, such as dueling pianos or karaoke, to name a few.

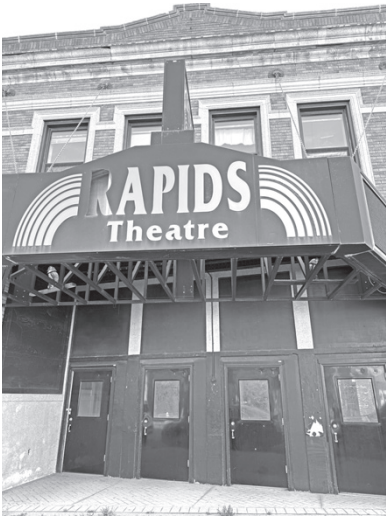
Additionally, Ring mentioned, with the acquisition, he hoped it would spark a transformation for a Main Street area that has, for the most part, been a ghost town for several years.

Gooch had interest in site

Ring and co. did have competition in the race for Rapids, as 7th District Niagara County Legislator and CEO of JG Productions & Entertainment Jesse Gooch submitted a bid for the building.

Gooch said as soon as he saw a chance to purchase the old Niagara Falls landmark, he wanted to jump on it, as it brought back a ton of memories.

“I have an emotional and passionate connection to this particular project, building and that area,” Gooch said. “My grandfather used to work in the Jenss building on weekends. ... My grandmother would take me to Slipko’s on Main Street and then she would take me to see my papa at the Jenss building, and right across the street was the Rapids Theatre. So, I remember that as a little kid – I



The site of the former Rapids Theatre, at 1711 Main St., Niagara Falls.

have childhood memories of what it used to be before.”

The City of Niagara Falls used members of the Main Street Revitalization Committee as the election committee to decide who would eventually receive the rights to the building. This included Restaino, Executive Director Andrea Klyczek, Director of Business Development Morgan Genovese, Director of Business Development and Retention Jeremy Geartz, Vice President of Government and Community Relations Karen Kwandrans and Deputy Director Erin Corrao. There were two presentations, one by Gooch and one by Ring and his team.

In a recent Facebook post, which has received over 100,000 views, Gooch went into detail on the elaborate presentation he gave the committee. In his post, he mentioned a couple members not giving much attention at all to his ideas and initiatives for the building.

“With my years of business experience, construction and hosting one of Western New York’s largest outdoor free concert series in the summertime (NT’s ‘Thursdays on the Water’), my legislative experience, along with my community involvement, the theatre would be a perfect fit for me,” Gooch wrote in the post.

Additionally, Gooch said he spent several months getting a team in place for this endeavor and assessed the building at about \$500,000, leading to his bid of \$200,000, which he stated, was \$200,000 more than the offer from Ring and Segal. On top of that, Gooch said he has yet to receive a refund from his \$10,000 application fee, which is supposed to be returned if the bid loses.

Staying local was something that struck home for Gooch in this entire process. In his post, he stated he was going to utilize three Niagara Falls catering companies for food; his sound engineer lives in the Falls and has experience working at the theater; the Niagara Falls Police would operate as security; and he would work with Niagara University to give students firsthand apprenticeship training experience.

“It’s extremely important. I have a vested interest in this community, and I have been able to prove it,” Gooch said. “I’ve always felt that, when you have a local developer wanting to build something locally, I think, naturally, they’re going to put a little more attention, love and care into it because it’s in their backyard. ... It’s in the county that I represent.”

Gooch said he submitted a FOIL request to see Ring’s presentation and plans for the building, but has yet to receive the information. The winning bid was said to have scored higher with the selection committee.

The legislator added that, through-

out his years in the business, he felt this was the least transparent process he has ever been through.

“There was zero transparency compared to other proposals I have been a part of,” Gooch said. “Communication was terrible. ... I asked how the scoring system works and I got very vague answers on it. If I would’ve known what I was getting scored on, maybe I would’ve done my proposal differently. Maybe the other guy was explained it a little differently and he focused on those areas.”

Ring responds

Of Gooch’s comments, Ring seemingly didn’t take much offense, and noted that he felt very confident that the city made the right choice, noting his years in the music industry.

“I thought the process was fine and fair,” Ring said. “I don’t know what wouldn’t have been fair with the process. ... I’ve been in the music business here in Buffalo for almost 30 years booking national acts, doing high-profile events – I was the first to go into the Outer Harbor where The Pier used to be and we built the stage from the ground up. My business partner has 25 years operating venues in hospitality. ... When it comes to programming a 2,000-capacity venue on a national stage, relationships come into play in this business – there’s only a handful of people that do what we do in this market. ...

“Selfishly, I think the city made the right decision. When you compare the resumes, PowerPoints aside or whoever came in to stand by his side, I think the city made the right decision.”

Moving forward, Ring said he has high hopes for the concert building – admitting it will take work to get it back where it once was – but he seemed confident the Main Street staple would again host big-name acts.

He said he is willing to work with local businesses and he wants to do what’s best for the project and take the best bids.

“Looking at the long-term plan, what’s best for Niagara County is getting it open and running and re-establishing it as a premier place to play for national touring bands, and I think that’s what we’re going to do,” Ring said. “We’re going to open the room up to other promoters, whether it’s national promoters or regional local promoters to get shows in the room. If Jesse wanted to do shows in the room, I’d be happy to have him if he wanted to be a promoter. I know he runs the shows in North Tonawanda, and if he wanted to continue to run a series like that year-round, we’d be more than happy to house the shows.

“It’s not a venue that’s just built for local music. It’s a big room – 2,000-capacity, million-dollar sound system. There’s just certain overhead that comes with running a facility of this size. With that comes a level of acts that are going to play that room.”

Ring noted he never thought acquiring the building would become a reality, but as far as ownership stakes, it ranks near the top in his professional career.

“I’m looking to take it back to the glory days. I’m really looking forward to it; it’s exciting. I’m really looking to help redevelop the community,” Ring said.

According to concertarchives.org, the last show at Rapids Theatre was Rob49 on Jan. 27, 2024.

Ring and crew’s next step will be seeking bids for projects related to the theater.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Wheatfield on August 3, 2026, at 6:50 p.m. at the Wheatfield Town Hall, 2800 Church Road, North Tonawanda, New York, 14120, regarding the adoption of a proposed Local Law 2-2026, entitled: **A Local Law Establishing a Six-Month Moratorium with an Option to Extend up to Another Six Months on Applications and Approvals of Accessory Structures with a wall height exceeding 10 feet, retroactive to July 20, 2026.** Anyone interested may attend and be heard. Kathleen Harrington-McDonell
Wheatfield Town Clerk
Tribune/Sentinel
July 24, 2026

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Notice of Public Hearing By order of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Youngstown, 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown, NY, a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The purpose of this hearing is to allow all interested parties to be heard regarding the adoption of the 2022 Part 1203 Model Law, the updated New York State Uniform Fire Prevention & Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Code which became effective December 31, 2025. Angela Skimin
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July 24, 2026

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- 4600 block of Model City Road, assist public** – Caller reported visiting the ex's residence to remove belongings and was assisted by her children. Caller said ex is now accusing him of stealing items and threatening him. Patrol advised caller to contact Niagara Falls Police Department for standby assistance.
 - 4100 block of Lower River Road, forgery** – Caller reported a credit card fraud. Patrol said the caller lost a credit card on Sheridan Drive and an unknown party acquired the card and used it. Caller advised to contact Amherst Police Department for report.
 - LPD patrol activity** – Calls officer initiated. Vehicle/traffic stops for motor vehicle violations. Two drivers cited with UTTs issued for town court. One warning issued.
- Tuesday, July 14**
- 3600 block of Ransomville Road, check welfare** – Caller reported a male sitting in front of a building with an unknown item in his hand. Patrol responded and found two males sitting in a parking lot, chatting and enjoying the summer weather. All 10-4.
 - 700 block of Oneida Street, theft** – 911 caller reported a care-

- giver took a wallet overnight. Report only. Officers reported all 10-4.
- 700 block of Pletcher Road, suspicious activity** – Caller said two males approached residence earlier. Officers checked camera and observed subjects walking up to a garage, point at a camera and depart the property on foot. Area checked with negative results. No report.
 - 300 block of S. Second Street, theft** – Caller reported a vehicle break-in. Vehicle insurance information, registration, garage door opener, cash and personal items all reported missing over past two weeks; exact date unknown. No property damage reported. Complainant said vehicle typically unlocked at night. Patrol advised to start locking vehicle at all times. Report taken.
 - LPD patrol activity** – Calls officer initiated. Vehicle/traffic stops for motor vehicle violations. Ten drivers cited with 11 UTTs issued for town court. Four warnings issued.
- Wednesday, July 15**
- Susies Lane/Upper Mountain Road, check welfare** – 911 caller reported a driver in a tan Denali appears to be nodding off. Officers said a female was working on a computer in the vehicle and trying for better internet reception. All 10-4.
 - 5300 block of Military Road, hospital, disturbance, not domestic** – 911 caller reported being kicked out of the facility. Subject refusing to leave and wants treatment. Subject later picked up by a gray

- vehicle per hospital security. Officers said the male had been admitted to a rehab facility, checked himself out, and sought readmittance at hospital. Subject not allowed entry without proper check-in, per hospital staff.
- 100 block of N. Water Street, assist** – Officer initiated. Patrol reported juveniles swimming at the boat launch. Subjects advised to cease and leave area. They complied.
 - LPD patrol activity** – Calls officer initiated. Vehicle/traffic stops for motor vehicle violations. One driver cited, UTT issued for town court. Report taken. Six warnings issued.
- Thursday, July 16**
- 700 block of Chicora Drive, suspicious activity** – 911 wireless caller returned home and found three unknown males, dressed in black, attempting to break into vehicles. Subjects fled in different directions when approached. No entry made. Officers checked area with negative results.
 - Center Street/Ridge Road, check welfare** – Customs/Border Patrol reported a female sitting on the ground with her head down. Officers checked area with negative results.
 - Creek Road/Jefferson's Way, vehicle/traffic stop** – Officer initiated. Driver cited by officers with driving while intoxicated; aggravated driving while intoxicated, per se; and failure to use designated lane. UTTs issue for town court. Report taken.
 - 900 block of Creek Road, as-**

- sist public** – Caller reported a landlord-tenant dispute over a leaking pipe. Caller advised said complaint was a civil issue and to recontact patrol if further assistance is needed.
- LPD patrol activity** – Calls officer initiated. Vehicle/traffic stops for motor vehicle violations. Six drivers cited with eight UTTs issued for town court. Five warnings issued.
- Friday, June 17**
- E. Eddy Drive/Mary Lane, suspicious activity** – Officer initiated. Patrol located a black Dodge Durango with no front plate that matched a suspicious vehicle description from previous incident. Vehicle belongs to a local resident and not involved.
 - 800 block of Center Street, assist** – Per dispatch, caller reported kids blowing off fireworks. Officers located six juveniles on the roof of urgent care. Subjects advised to contact parents for ride home and warned of consequences if activity continues. No damages observed on roof.
 - 4000 block of Dickersonville Road, fire** – 911 caller reported white smoke from the rear of a house, fire alarm going off and flames inside. Police and fire responded and all parties evacuated. Fire extinguished. Investigation pending.
 - 1600 block of Brailey Road, airplane crash** – 911 report. Fire responded.
 - LPD patrol activity** – Calls officer initiated. Vehicle/traffic stops for motor vehicle violations. Eight driv-

- ers cited with UTTs issued for town court. Reports taken. Four warnings issued.
- Saturday, July 18**
- 400 block of Fort Gray Drive, suspicious activity** – 911 caller reported a male running through yards; subject aggressively panhandling. Officers responded.
 - 2500 block of Lower Mountain Road, MVA-injuries** – 911 caller reported a male thrown from a motorcycle. Statement taken. Male allegedly travelling at high rate of speed, lost control of vehicle and entered ditch. Bike destroyed and male declined EMS treatment for injuries. Driver cited for failure to use designated lane; operating out of class; and uninspected motor vehicle. UTTs issued for town court. Report taken.
 - LPD patrol activity** – Calls officer initiated. Vehicle/traffic stops for motor vehicle violations. Ten drivers cited with 14 UTTs issued for town court. Report taken. Three warnings issued.
- Sunday, July 19**
- Center Street/Portage Road, assist public** – Caller requested patrol regarding non-permitted equipment at festival. Males on location with religious signs and speaking into microphone. Subjects within their constitutional rights, per patrol.
 - LPD patrol activity** – Calls officer initiated. Vehicle/traffic stops for motor vehicle violations. Seven drivers cited with UTTs issued for town court. Three warnings issued. Report taken.

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name of LLC: Derrymore West Capital, LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: 7/10/2026. Office of the LLC: Erie County. The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 3006 Stony Point Road, Grand Island, NY 14072. Purpose of the LLC: Any lawful purpose permitted for LLCs under NY Limited Liability Company Act.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Frontline Systems Consulting, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of New York (SSNY) on 7/7/2026, Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 18 Topaz Ct, East Amherst, NY 14051. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
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July 24 and 31 and August 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name of LLC: Janae Garofalo DDS PLLC. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: 07/06/2026. Office of the LLC: 75 Greenspring Court, West Seneca, NY 14224, Erie County. The NYSS has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of the process to the LLC at 75 Greenspring Court, West Seneca, NY 14224. Purpose of LLC: Dentistry and/or any lawful purpose. Duration of LLC: No specific duration attached to LLC.
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July 24 and 31 and August 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
Name of LLC: Patel Business Holdings NY, LLC. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: 05/18/2026. Office of the LLC: Erie County. The Secretary of State of New York (NYSS) has been designated as the agent upon whom the process against the LLC may be served. The NYSS may mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to: PO Box 27, Clarence Center, NY 14032. Purpose of LLC: To engage in any

lawful business practice.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Phoenix Development Ventures LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Department of State on July 13, 2026. Office location: Erie County, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process to: Phoenix Development Ventures LLC 130 Palmer Avenue Buffalo, NY 14217 Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.
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July 24 and 31 and August 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PRECISION FRAME & BUILD LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC), with an office located in West Seneca, New York Erie County, by filing Articles of Organization with the New York State Secretary of State (NYSS) on December 28, 2025. NYSS is designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS will mail a copy of any process against it served upon him to 2022 Transit Rd, Buffalo, NY 14224. The purpose is to engage in any lawful business practice.
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July 24 and 31 and August 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
Estridge Law Firm, PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with NY DOS July 2, 2026. County: Erie Co. SSNY is agent for process & shall mail to: 5949 Camp Road #1176, Hamburg, NY 14075. Purpose: law.
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July 17, 24 and 31 and August 7, 14 and 21, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. On June 18, 2026, Articles of Organization of 1783 Kenmore LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY). The office of the limited liability company (LLC) is located in Erie County. The SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process upon it to: 2080 Military Road, Tonawanda, New York 14150. The duration of the LLC is perpetual. The purpose of the LLC shall be to engage in any lawful act or activity for which LLC may be formed under the LLC Law.
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July 10, 17, 24 and 31 and August 7 and 14, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of AUNG MARKET LLC, Arts. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 07/21/2020. Office location of the LLC: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o the LLC, 706 Tonawanda St., Buffalo, NY 14207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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July 10, 17, 24 and 31 and August 7 and 14, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
BRH SERVICES LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 5/14/2026. Off. Loc.:

Erie Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to, The LLC, 11585 Broadway, Alden, NY 14004, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.
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July 10, 17, 24 and 31 and August 7 and 14, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
CRESCITA ADVISORY LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 5/12/2026. Off. Loc.: Erie Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to, c/o The Company, 24 Stonewood Drive, East Amherst, NY 14051, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.
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July 10, 17, 24 and 31 and August 7 and 14, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
JUSTIN GARVELLI MASSAGE THERAPIST, PLLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 4/22/2026. Off. Loc.: Erie Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The PLLC, 2917 Main Street, Unit 301, Buffalo, NY 14214, USA. Purpose: Massage Therapy.
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July 10, 17, 24 and 31 and August 7 and 14, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
Kenmore Avenue Automotive LLC's articles of organization were filed by the NY Department of State on 6-10-26. Its office location is in Erie County. Its purpose is any lawful purpose. NY's Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. The secretary shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 110 Fernwood Lane Grand Island, NY 14072.
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July 10, 17, 24 and 31 and August 7 and 14, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
Peaches & Key's Master Barbershop n Salon LLC's Arts of Org were filed by the NY Dep't of State on 12/11/25. Its office location is Erie County. Its purpose is any lawful purpose. NY's Sec'y of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. The Sec'y shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 656 Broadway St., Buffalo, NY 14214.
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July 10, 17, 24 and 31 and August 7 and 14, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of SP DEVELOPMENTS WNY LLC, Arts. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 06/24/2026. Office location of the LLC: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o the LLC, 100 Willow Ridge Drive, Buffalo, NY 14228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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July 10, 17, 24 and 31 and August 7 and 14, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of formation of 716 Auto & Collision LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (NY) on 05/26/2026. Office location: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 515 Pavement Road Unit #14 Lancaster NY 14086 Purpose: any lawful activity.
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June 26 and July 10, 17, 24 and 31 and August 7, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of XUKO ENTERTAINMENT LLC Articles of Organization filed with the NY Secretary of State on 4/27/2026. Office location: Erie County. Secretary of State designated agent for service of process. Mailing address: 11 NAGEL DR, CHEEKTOWAGA, NY, 14225, USA. Purpose: any lawful activity under NY LLC law.
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June 26 and July 10, 17, 24 and 31 and August 7, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
Faust in the Head, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of New York (SSNY) on 3/4/2026, Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 92 North End Ave, Kenmore, NY 14217. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
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LEGAL NOTICE
Heritage Hills Farm of WNY, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of New York (SSNY) on 5/11/2026, Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 4354 South Newstead Road, Akron, NY 14001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of LAW OFFICE OF AMANDA SCOTT, PLLC, Arts. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 06/11/2026. Office location of the LLC: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o the LLC, 6500 Main St., Ste. 5, Williamsville, NY 14221. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
Dispatch
June 19 and 26 and July 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
Nutrition with Maria-Elena PLLC has been formed as a professional limited liability company (PLLC), with an office located in Erie County, NY by filing Articles of Organization with the New York State Secretary of State (NYSS) on April 10, 2026. NYSS is designated as an agent for the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS will mail a copy of any process to the PLLC at 84 Christen Ct, Lancaster, NY 14086. The purpose is to practice the profession of dietetics/nutrition.
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June 19 and 26 and July 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of GREATER NIAGARA CARPENTRY & JOINERY, LLC, Arts. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 06/01/2026. Office location of the LLC: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o the LLC, 149 Chenango Street, Buffalo, NY 14213. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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June 12, 19 and 26 and July 10, 17 and 24, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of HEAT EXCHANGER SPECIALISTS, LLC,

Arts. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 05/29/2026. Office location of the LLC: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o the LLC, 6500 Main St., Suite 5, Williamsville, NY 14221. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of MELISSA LAVIGNE, LCSW, PLLC, Arts. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 06/01/2026. Office location of the LLC: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o the LLC 4476 Main Street, Suite 201, Buffalo, NY 14226. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of VIOLET GREY FLIPS, LLC, Arts. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 06/05/2026. Office location of the LLC: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o the LLC, 6500 Main Street, Suite 5, Williamsville, NY 14221. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of VIOLET GREY HOLDING, LLC, Arts. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 06/05/2026. Office location of the LLC: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o the LLC, 6500 Main Street, Suite 5, Williamsville, NY 14221. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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June 12, 19 and 26 and July 10, 17 and 24, 2026

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July 17 and 24, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF A MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 6, 2026 BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Grand Island will hold a meeting and public hearings on the matters set forth below on AUGUST 6, 2026 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Also, a ZOOM link that will be accessible either with a computer, smartphone, or tablet with internet connection at the follow:
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3946 6049. This link will be available in hyperlink version on the Town's website at <http://www.grand-island.ny.us/> so that the meeting may be joined with a simple click. Alternatively, the meeting may be joined by telephone by dialing 646-558-8656 and entering password 81839466049. The Zoning Board of Appeals will immediately begin accepting written public comments on the below matters by e-mail at rtollner@grand-island.ny.us, by fax at 716-773-9618, and by U.S. mail to the Town Clerk at 2255 Baseline Road, Grand Island, NY 14072. Public hearings will be held for the following matters in numerical order:
1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on an application for a Variance filed by Paul Harper for the height of a fence in the required front yard setback at 4027 East River Road.
2. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on an application for a Variance filed by Jenell Nicole Duxbury for the height of a fence in the required front yard setback of a corner lot at 208 Hennepin Road.
3. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on an application for a Variance filed by John Childress for a front yard setback for the construction of a front porch deck at 5124 East River Road.
4. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on an application for a Variance filed by Gregory Chamberlain for a side yard setback for the location of a detached garage at 2953 Stony Point Road.
5. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on an application for a Variance filed by Brian O'Keefe for a side yard setback for the location of a detached garage at 233 Tracy Lane.
6. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on an application for a Variance filed by Anthony Klima for a front yard setback and third accessory structure for the location of a shed at 2101 Fix Road.
Copies of the referenced variance applications are available at Town Hall. Residents who do not wish to speak at the public hearings, but wish to watch the proceedings, may do so on the Town's YouTube channel, accessible by link on the Town's website <http://www.grand-island.ny.us>.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND
By: Robert Mesmer, Chair
Dispatch
July 24, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW INTRO #4 OF 2026, AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND CODE REGARDING MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES
LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Grand Island will hold a public hearing at 8:00 p.m. on August 3, 2026, at Town Hall located at 2255 Baseline Road, Grand Island, New York for the purpose of considering and possibly adopting a Local Law Amending Chapter 386 of the Town of Grand Island Code, regarding Motor-Driven Vehicles, to include E-Bikes and Scooters. Copies of the proposed Local Law can be reviewed at the Town Hall. At the time and place stated above, all interested members of the public shall be heard.
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People are encouraged to bring their own mahjong sets and to share their own stories as part of the socializing.

The evening starts at 5:30 p.m. with sign-in and open socializing, followed by a mahjong show-and-tell at 6 p.m. and a history-of-mahjong presentation at 7 p.m.

The show-and-tell will highlight several sets from different eras and styles, including a vintage 1920s bone-and-bamboo export set, a late-20th-century Cantonese-style set, and an American mahjong set, with jokers and other features unique to the U.S. version. Owners will be on hand to share personal stories about how, where and when they acquired their sets.

Displays and accessories will include a 3-D-printed mahjong rack, mahjong mats and a mahjong table, so visitors can see the game's equipment up-close.

The evening is intentionally social – attendees can chat over pre-

MAHJONG MARKERS

VARIETIES: There are more than 40 different variations of mahjong. Most play American mahjong, which is different from the Chinese mahjong played at two Grand Island venues.

ON GRAND ISLAND: The Chinese mahjong group that started on Grand Island is a grassroots group that has no dues, sponsors, elected officers, funding or fundraising.

MEETING TIMES: The Grand Island mahjong group meets at 1 p.m. Mondays at the Grand Island Golden Age Center, 3278 Whitehaven Road; and at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Western New York Welcome Center, 1999 Alvin Road.



Tools of the trade for the game of Chinese mahjong include tiles, chips, labels and cases. (Submitted photo)

mium Perry's ice cream sundaes while hearing owners' stories and learning about mahjong's global history.

The date of the "International Mahjong Night" is close to the official Aug. 1 celebration of "International Mahjong Night" in the U.S. and Canada. One of the local players learned about it on the TV quiz show "Jeopardy!".

Grand Island's group of mah-

jong players meets twice weekly: at 1 p.m. Mondays at the Grand Island Golden Age Center, 3278 Whitehaven Road; and at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Western New York Welcome Center.

It's not just a Grand Island group, though. People attend from various parts of Western New York, including Lewiston, Niagara Falls and beyond.

John Chin is one of the found-

ers of Grand Island's informal Chinese mahjong group that started just a couple of years ago. He said the game of mahjong originated in China in the 1800s and then gained popularity in the 1920s as American mahjong, but with different rules and procedures.

Chin explained that, like poker, mahjong has many forms and is both competitive and fun.

"Mahjong is a more family-and-

friends type of game," he said.

Chin said the game caught on with Western New York-area players soon after he taught a course in mahjong in 2024 at the Grand Island Memorial Library.

When they play mahjong out in the open at the Welcome Center, Chin said, "People walk by and say, 'Oh, we want to learn.'"

He added, "A lot of the players, themselves, have brought their friends and family, as well."

Chin said the players who meet comprise a diverse group that skews toward older adults of varying backgrounds. The number of players who show up varies, but a well-attended night can include seven tables of four players each. Newcomers are welcome and the regulars are willing to teach those unfamiliar with the game, Chin said.

He noted the group has filed an application to be part of University Express, which offers free educational classes for older adults in Erie County.

Chin has even written a song about mahjong, showcasing its international appeal. You might just hear it if you attend the July 30 event.

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