

# LET'S DO MORE IN 2024!



NFP team will be off Christmas week; newspaper production, delivery to resume Jan. 3

It was 12 months ago when we heralded 2023 as "the year of we" – noting our vocation takes a team effort.

Simply put: We strive to be your first, best and favorite source of local news – but we can't do it alone. Without our valued readers, subscribers and advertisers, we couldn't exist.

Thank you for joining us on our journey – as part of a grand "we" – working together to make this community even better.

In 2024, we want to do even more: More news coverage, more in-depth stories,

more photos and videos – more of what you rely on to be informed, educated, empowered and entertained.

We hope you will continue to partner with us in making this goal a reality.

Our mission statement bears repeating: With your help, "we" will continue to offer the hometown news you've come to expect, deserve, and want to see in your community conversations.

It's going to be a big year.

Our reporters, designers, ad reps, carriers and office staff are taking a much-needed holiday rest to recharge and get

back to working for you. Then, it's all-hands-on-deck for more, more, more in 2024.

Following this issue, our offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 22, through Monday, Jan. 1.

You can look forward to a new issue of the Grand Island PennySaver on Jan. 3, the Island Dispatch on Jan. 5, and the Niagara County Tribune/Sentinel on Jan. 5.

Happy holidays from your friends at NFP.

We can't wait to show you what we've got in store for 2024.

## L-P elementary retired teachers, staff help brighten holidays



The Lewiston-Porter retired elementary teachers and staff recently held their holiday luncheon at Tin Pan Alley in Lewiston. The group generously donated plenty of gifts and store gift cards to the Youngstown/Town of Porter Christmas Basket Program, as members have done for several years.

"The gifts and some gift cards will go to needy local children, and the food gift cards will go to local needy families," Beverly Roach said. "The group also buys and donates school supplies for needy Lewiston-Porter Elementary students every September."

Pictured, the L-P staffers gather at Tin Pan for a group photo. (Submitted photo)

## New Niagara County ambulance service fully operational



Submitted by the Public Information Office

Niagara County Legislature Chairwoman Becky Wydysh on Monday announced the new Niagara County ambulance service answered its first call this past Sunday and is now fully operational to serve Niagara County residents. The county has two ambulances in service.

"Over the last several years, we have faced the dual problems of a declining number of volunteer firefighters coupled with more regulatory demands on those same volunteers," Wydysh said. "This is a problem across the state, and the result leads to longer response times for citizens who need help. The county had to

establish an ambulance service to supplement our volunteers."

Wydysh thanked the county's volunteer fire companies for their patience as the county was taking the necessary steps to put the new ambulance service in place.

Niagara County Director of Emergency Services Jonathan Schultz said the new service is comprised of two crews and a supervisor with a service that covers from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. for one crew, and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the second crew every day of the week.

"We extensively reviewed our data on EMS calls and it came as no surprise that the toughest challenge for our volunteer com-

panies is to respond to calls during the workday," Schultz said. "So, we worked closely with our Fire Advisory Board and our fire chiefs to devise a schedule to fill in those gaps. I want to stress we view the county ambulance services as supplemental to the great work already being done by our volunteers."

Schultz said that, over the past month, the county has hired six EMTs, four paramedics, two supervisors and a division manager for the ambulance service.

"Our new team was excited to finally begin serving the people of Niagara County, and we have already answered more than a dozen calls," he said.



### Gnomes on display in Youngstown

Youngstown's Main Street merchants are spreading cheer and good wishes this holiday season with the help of Xmas gnomes. Check them out, as you're visiting the village this weekend. (Submitted photos)



*Christmas Eve*  
**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 10 AM**  
**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT 6 PM**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
 Lewiston Assembly of God  
 4754 Creek Road  
 Lewiston, NY 14092  
 lewistonassembly.org

### Christmas Mass Schedule

A Family of Parishes:

**Divine Mercy** - 2437 Niagara St., NF  
**St. John de LaSalle** - 8477 Buffalo Ave., NF  
**St. Mary of the Cataract** - 237 Fourth St., NF  
**St. Vincent de Paul (Prince of Peace)** - 1055 N. Military Rd., NF  
**St. Leo's** - 2748 Military Rd., NF

**Holy Family:**  
**Mt. Carmel** - 2499 Independence Ave., NF  
**St. Joseph** - 1413 Pine Ave., NF

Sunday, December 24, 2023	Monday, December 25, 2023
4:00pm St. Vincent de Paul (Prince of Peace) <i>(with LFF Children's Christmas Pageant &amp; Mass)</i>	Midnight Mass: St. Mary of the Cataract
4:00pm Holy Family (St. Joseph)	Midnight Mass: St. John de LaSalle
5:00pm St. John de LaSalle	10:00am Holy Family (Mt. Carmel)
5:30pm St. Mary of the Cataract	10:30am St. John de LaSalle
6:00pm St. Vincent de Paul (St. Leo)	10:30am Divine Mercy
10:00pm St. Vincent de Paul (Prince of Peace)	11:45am St. Vincent de Paul (Prince of Peace)
	12:00pm St. Mary of the Cataract