

Event designed for veterans

Continued from Page 1

Representatives from the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station and the Niagara County Sheriff's Office will also be on hand to talk to the public.

Families and kids will be happy to know that Steaksters food truck and Jaime's ice cream truck will be there selling refreshments.

Tom Kontak, chair of the Wheatfield Veterans Memorial group, said the July 1 event "is just a nice opportunity to get together." This is the second time the event has been held.

He said kids will have a chance to sit in and pretend they are driving the Army trucks, the fire engines and even in the "crash truck," the fire truck from the Air Reserve Station that responds first to any kind of incident that they would have on the runway.

There will be a tented area with tables and chairs – a place to cool down if it's hot that day.

The Wheatfield Veterans Memorial was dedicated on Aug. 7, 2021. Kontak has helped coordinate the memorial effort since 2018. He said the summer event is held "to bring veterans together – because there are many in Wheatfield and the surrounding areas – and also to get the young people involved."

He said even small children, ages 7 to 10, can be educated by the experience: "Let them see what the military has done for the country."

One way that can happen is for them to see two artifacts that have been brought to the site – a Vietnam-era UH-1 Huey helicopter and an M-60A3 Army tank from



about 1959.

"The Huey helicopter, which we refurbished between 2018 and 2019, is a product from the Bell Aircraft plant right here in Wheatfield," Kontak said. "The engineering portions were done here, some test flight was done here, but more of the assemblies for the Huey helicopter were done by Textron in Texas." Textron acquired Bell Helicopter in 1960.

Volunteers from the Wheatfield Veterans Memorial Inc.

did all the work to refurbish the helicopter.

"Our group is all military, and they all have experience with the various facets," Kontak said. "Crew chiefs know just about every nut and bolt on those Huey helicopters. ... I was fortunate out of the group that I had four crew chiefs. We had such a vast amount of experience, if somebody were to take a helicopter apart and lay all the parts out, these guys could put this thing all back together again."

He also had an engineering captain and a pilot in the group.

The Army tank had been used for training out of Fort Drum in New York, Kontak said.

The memorial is an ongoing project, and Kontak said donations can be made to: Wheatfield Veterans Memorial, 2800 Church St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

Also supporting the event are: American Legion Post 1451 in Wheatfield, WNY Purple Heart Chapter 264 of Lockport, and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 77 of Tonawanda, which Kontak belongs to. He served during the Vietnam War from September 1966 until September 1972 as a medical specialist 4th class.



FATHER'S DAY SALE

Now Thru June 30

Don't settle for the other guys price! We sell for less everyday!

50% OFF
All Annuals, Hanging Baskets, and Veggies



Buy 1 Get 1 Free Boxwood, Weigela, Spirea and More! Mix and Match



35% OFF
All Ninebarks, Lilacs, and a lot more



FREE 1 GALLON PERENNIAL with \$50.00 purchase and this coupon
Expires 6/19/23

Stedman's Landscaping
Free Consultation - 5 year guarantee
Best in the Industry
Competitive Pricing
Experienced and Professional

Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 10am-4pm
STEDMANNURSERY.COM




2857 Main Street, Rt. 78, Newfane, 716-778-8540

Wayside

Landscaping & Nursery
716-297-3811

Serving Erie & Niagara Counties Since 1968

Mon-Fri 8am-6pm
Sat. 8am-5pm • Sun. 10am-5pm
Fathers Day Hours 10am-5pm

WNY's Premier Landscape & Garden Center

FATHER'S DAY SALE!

<p>Lace Leaf Japanese Maple Trees SALE \$99.00 <small>Reg. \$149.99</small></p>	<p>Knockout & Drift Roses SALE \$29.99 <small>Reg. \$39.99</small></p>	<p>Large Selection Amish Hand Crafted Polywood Patio Furniture</p>
<p>Pyramidal Boxwood \$69.99 <small>Reg. \$79.99</small></p>	<p>Little Princess \$19.99 <small>Reg. \$29.99</small></p>	<p>10% OFF In Stock Items Only</p>
<p>Green Velvet Boxwood \$29.99 <small>2 gallon</small></p>	<p>Select Hanging Baskets 2/\$45</p>	

While Supplies Last Limit 5 per person • Sale Ends June 30th

Visit Us at the Lewiston Garden Fest June 17th & 18th
8962 PORTER ROAD, NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14304
WWW.WAYSIDENURSERYINC.COM




H.A. Treichler & Sons, INC.

A Family Tradition Since 1854

716-731-9390

2687 Saunders Settlement Rd. (Rt 31) Sanborn
Open Everyday 9am-5pm
We Grow Our Own!

Open All Fathers Day Weekend

<p>Thousands of 4 1/2" Pots</p> <p>PW PROVEN WINNERS \$4.29 each</p>	<p>Geraniums</p> <p>\$4.29 each</p>	<p>MULCH Red, Black or Brown 1.5 cu. ft.</p> <p>\$3.99</p>
<p>Large Selection of Patio Pots</p>	<p>Large 10" Hanging Baskets</p> <p>\$22.99 each</p>	<p>ANNUALS Mix or Match Impatiens • Marigold • Begonias Snaps • Zinnia • Herbs</p> <p>\$4.49 <small>\$16.99 6 Pack Flat [Full]</small></p>
<p>VEGETABLE PLANTS Onions • Cabbage • Lettuce Vegetable Seeds by Bulk</p> <p>\$2.49 <small>4 Pack</small></p>	<p>NEW LARGER GARDEN CENTER</p> <p>Miracle-Gro Scotts PW PROVEN WINNERS</p>	<p>Hundreds of 1-Gallon & Potted Perennials</p> <p>1 Gallon \$11.99 each</p>

SENIOR DISCOUNT AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAY
MILITARY DISCOUNT EVERYDAY (WITH ID)



THE NIAGARA SAUSAGE CO.
Sausage Made to Order & More...

Father's Day Special
Fresh **Polish Sausage**



\$4.50 per lb.

Prices good thru June 20, 2023

5611 Lockport Road, Town of Niagara
Call Bryan or Norm 716-298-4422
theniagarasausageco@aol.com