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Year 3 of military salute

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were amazing events for us. So, we're hoping to continue that."

Matt DiCamillo said, "DiCamillo Bakery is very proud to participate in something like this. Anything that's important to our troops and our community is important to us. Our whole family is supportive of it. We also have quite a few military veterans in our family, so it's personal, as well."

Mike Fiore said, "The Village Bake Shoppe has been blessed tremendously. So, it is our privilege and honor to be able to bless those who have laid their lives down for our country, and for those who have served – and we appreciate them so much. This is a little token for us to say thanks."

Erway noted, "We're fortunate to have the sponsors to help contribute to it, as well, and we don't want it to be limited to just coffee, or just pastries. It's our time to really give back and just say, 'Thank you for your service' – and also to support the local businesses. It's a nice initiative that we're able to tie in a few different benefits."

Response has been positive – or so Erway has heard. He has yet to attend a giveaway, not wanting to draw the spotlight away from the

military members.

Nevertheless, he understands the reactions have been "probably about 10 times more than what I expected."

"I'm fortunate in my business," The Webinar Agency, which, Erway explained, works primarily with online business owners. "I've also published a book called 'High Ticket Courses.' We serve the coaching market, the online coaching and course creation market. We serve those clientele. We help them publish, create and market their own online courses and coaching programs."

Erway said, "One of the reasons why I want to support local businesses is because I own a business in Lewiston. But it's not local – meaning, we've served only online businesses. And so, I wanted to find a way to help give back to Lewiston, and help contribute to Lewiston, while also supporting a cause that I believe in."

"And so, in 2021, our inaugural year, I had a feeling it was going to feel good. It felt right just to do it. But, until you hear the stories, you really don't understand how much of an impact it can make. Just something as simple as, 'Hey, this Fourth of July, we'll buy you a cup of coffee. Just come in and

enjoy – it's on us.' And then you hear the stories.

"Michael (Broderick) was telling me, last year, they had a family come in – because they knew it happened the year before – so they brought in their grandfather. The entire family – I think it was three or four generations – showed up. They sat down, they had a meal, had coffee, whatever. You know, it wasn't a huge, huge thing. But, what happened was, the grandfather sat down and, because it was such a special event for everyone, the grandfather started sharing stories that he had never shared to his family before.

"It was stories like that. It allows them to bond, and we can operate in the background and just say, 'Thank you.' And if we can help facilitate that, it's really cool. It's really special. And so, I'm glad that we are able to keep doing it every year."

Those looking to participate in the Erways' July 1-4 military appreciation event are encouraged to bring some form of military identification when stopping into The Orange Cat, The Village Bake Shoppe and/or DiCamillo Bakery. Be sure to mention the military promotion when placing an order.

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July 4 festivities

Celebrate the Fourth of July with these local family-fun and fireworks spectaculars:

- In Lewiston, fireworks will begin to fly at dusk, from atop the spoils plateau, on Tuesday, July 4. A rain date is set for Wednesday.
- In Niagara Falls, Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino will present a fireworks show Monday, July 3. Gates open at 9 p.m., and the display begins at 9:40 p.m. A rain date is set for Wednesday, July 5.
- In the City of Niagara Falls, July 4 fireworks will begin at dusk at Hyde Park.
- The Town of Niagara's "Music Mania Mon-

days" concert series will hold a special event on Saturday, July 1. The schedule includes: 2 p.m. Desire (U2 Tribute); Just Heart (Heart Tribute Band); 6 p.m. Gypsy Queen (Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band); and 8 p.m. Anybody Out There (Pink Floyd Tribute). The series is staged at Veteran's Memorial Community Park, 7000 Lockport Road.

• The Town of Wheatfield will present live music and fireworks on Tuesday, July 4, at Oppenheim Park. Sooner Tunes Productions will perform at 6 p.m. Fireworks will be on display at dark. Celebrate with your family and friends.



Free BPO concert on Saturday

The Lewiston Council on the Arts and DiMino's Lewiston Tops are teaming to present a free concert with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. The event is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, July 1, at the Alphonso I. DiMino Memorial Band Shell in Academy Park.

The BPO noted, "Join us for a free outdoor concert for the Lewiston community! Conductor Diversity Fellow Fernanda Lastra leads your BPO in a program of patriotic and classical favorites, and movie music from 'Frozen,' 'Star Wars,' and more."

Pictured is a photo of the 2022 BPO performance.

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