



Above: The WNY Heroes Wall is unveiled in front of a large crowd in May 2022 at the North Tonawanda Farmers Market at Payne Avenue and Robinson Street. (Submitted photo) • At right: Viewing the WNY Heroes Wall at the North Tonawanda Farmers Market are, from left, Market Manager Chris Delprince, David Chevrolet owner Joe Smith and North Tonawanda Mayor Austin Tylec. WNY Heroes is one of two nonprofit charities that will benefit from proceeds from the North Tonawanda Corn Fest, to be held at the market from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. The other charitable organization is the North Tonawanda Athletic Association.



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 sponsor of the Corn Fest. And, naturally, the farmers who bring their produce to the market were on hand for the announcement.
 "This is what the NT Market is all about - bringing people together from all over Western New York to ex-

perience a day of fun, festivities, great food and entertainment," said Market Manager Chris Delprince.
 "It's actually a combination of things really bringing the community all together. It's to highlight not only our great farmers, but also the farmers market itself," he said. "It's pulling the business community together that's paying for the whole event, and also a couple of nonprofits will benefit from it."

WNY Heroes and the North Tonawanda Athletic Association are the two nonprofit charities that will benefit from the Corn Fest. Delprince said the two groups will be cooking the food for the festival.
 He pointed out there will be plenty of parking available, and signs will point the way. There's a large city parking lot in the back of the City Market. They will be setting up a 30-by-105-foot tent where people can get their corn and eat right under the tent. There will also be a beer and wine tent and a dessert tent. Other businesses are setting aside more

areas for additional parking.
 Delprince rattled off the food delights that will be available: "We're going to have - obviously - corn in many different ways (including steamed and roasted sweet corn and flavored corn). We'll have Italian sausage, hot dogs, dessert (including brownie sundaes)."
 Festgoers also will have the opportunity to buy a bag of fresh corn to enjoy at home.
 The headliner for the live entertainment is the energetic funk R&B party band Nickel City Pimp Choir, Delprince said.
 "We've got the Gateway Harbor who gave us their big space to use," he noted. The main stage and entertainment activities are sponsored by David Chevrolet, which also will offer giveaways throughout the event.
 There will be plenty of contests with a corn theme: a corn-eating contest, a corn-husking contest and a corn-hole contest, as well as a competition for the best corn dish, prepared by various NT Market farm vendors. Celebrity judges will determine the best culinary creation of the day. Also in the culinary category, there will be a but-

ter-making demonstration by Sunny Cove Farm.
 For the kids, activities include face painting and balloon artists. A variety of vendors will offer an assortment of gift items, food products, wine and more under the City Market grand pavilion.
 "It's a great community event to shine light on our North Tonawanda market and farmers and to bring something to North Tonawanda," Delprince said.
 "This is a Niagara County corn fest, so it's not just a North Tonawanda event," he said, noting it will be a fun day for the whole Western New York community.
 In his speech at the announcement of the event, Delprince highlighted the unique nature of Niagara County farming.
 "Located near the shores of Lake Ontario and benefiting from unique soil conditions, the farmers of the NT Market pride themselves on producing the finest fruits in the region, including grapes for wine, strawberries, apples, peaches and, of course, outstanding sweet corn," he said. "They declare that their corn, grown in Niagara County, stands out as the best-tasting corn in Western New York."



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Catholic Charities WIC to host Healthy Baby Festival

Annual events coincide with World Breastfeeding Week
 Guest Editorial by Catholic Health
 Expectant and young families are invited to attend one of three Healthy Baby Festival events hosted by Catholic Charities Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program this August. The festivals are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 1 at Allen Park in Jamestown; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 2 at Mang Park in Kenmore; and noon to 2 p.m. Aug. 4 - all at Hyde Park splash pad in Niagara Falls.

The Healthy Baby Festival is free and supported by several local community agencies, and sponsored in part by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York. It is held across the three counties offering activities for children and information for parents.
 Catholic Charities WIC hosts the events in celebration of World Breastfeeding Week (Aug. 1-7) to raise awareness about the significance and benefits that breastfeeding provides.
 "Anyone interested in learning

more about the importance of a healthy start for babies is welcome to attend, especially expectant mothers, families and caregivers," said Katie Constantino, breastfeeding coordinator for Catholic Charities WIC. "We have plenty of fun planned, in addition to important resources on infant and child safety, nutrition, breastfeeding and more!"
 In celebration of Catholic Charities' 100 years of serving Western New York, additional employees and staff will be on hand volunteering during each of these festivals and facilitating activities for families.
 WIC offers nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support, prenatal and postpartum support, referrals, and supplemental food vouchers. WIC services are

available through application to married or single parents, foster parents, or other legal guardians of a child under 5. All services offered are free of charge.
 Catholic Charities administers WIC in Chautauque, Erie, and Niagara counties. Last year, the program impacted more than 81,350 individuals across the three counties.
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