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James H. Chase



James H. Chase, age 81, of the City of Tonawanda, passed away on Aug. 13, 2023.

He was born on May 5, 1942, in the City of Tonawanda. Most everyone knew him as Jim (Jimmy), but his best names were Dad, Grandpa and Big-Pa to his two great-grandsons.

Jim had a big personality and was known for his love of family and his ability to make people laugh. He knew everybody, and everybody knew him. Jim had a special knack for connecting with people either with a joke or a

tease. You knew never to take him seriously.

He was a long-standing member of the Delaware Hose Co. No. 2 in Tonawanda. He looked forward every year to bringing out his uniform to walk or ride in the Fireman's Day Parade.

Jim was a foster parent with his wife, Anne, for over 40 years. Jim is survived by his wife of 62 years, Anne (nee Crawford); his sister, Wanda Chase; his children: Patty (Jeff), Peter (Lorene), Michael (Richard), Jonathan (Amy), Jillian (Lee), Robby and Tanya; foster

children: Jennifer, Vivian, Tami, Brian and Samantha; eight grandchildren: Christy (Jonathan), Samantha (Mark), Sarah, Randy (Becca), Luke (Sierra), Chase, Logan (Baylee) and Christopher; and two great-grandchildren: Trevor and Zander.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial celebration of Jim's life will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Adams Firehall, 7113 Nash Road, North Tonawanda. Please join the family for a causal lunch – and raise a

glass of beer to honor and remember James H. Chase, a remarkable man who brought joy and laughter to all who crossed his path.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to the Adams Volunteer Fire Co., Bergholz Volunteer Fire Department or to Tri-Community Ambulance Services. Donations can be sent to Adams Fire Co., 7113 Nash Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. They will be divided amongst the three volunteer companies that assisted over the past few years.

IN THE NEWS

Becker Farms & Vizcarra Vineyards seek stompers to fight pediatric cancer

Becker Farms and Vizcarra Vineyards are registering teams to "Stomp Out Pediatric Cancer" in observation of Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month. Each team of six will participate in a relay race to see who can stomp the most juice from fresh, estate-grown concord grapes at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9. For each team and spectator ticket purchased, a portion of the ticket goes to the Courage of Carly Fund of Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Tickets include a full day of activity, including grape-stomping contests, food and prizes, a 50/50 raffle draw, a live DJ and band, and fall-themed events.

Becker Farms and Vizcarra Vineyards is a fifth-generation, family-owned, 340-acre working fruit and vegetable farm that sells most of its products directly to the public. The "Concord Grape Stomp" returns after a short hiatus following 14 years of this annual contest and family fun day.

A press release noted, "This year, a portion of the ticket proceeds will support the Courage of Carly Fund, which gives children with cancer and blood disorders the fighting chance they deserve by providing children, teens and their families everything from unforgettable moments and family events to financial support and promising scientific research. Fall-themed events include access to the garden market, beer garden, brew pub, apple barn, playground, petting zoo, mega slide, jumping pillow, goat races, pedal carts, mountain slingshots, wagon rides and more."

"We are pleased to offer this unique grape-stomping experience again," said Amanda Vizcarra, director of hospitality at Becker Farms. "This year is extra special for us as we gather for a day of fun and friendly competition while donating funds to an organization that has been instrumental to the WNY community, Roswell Park, and the Courage of Carly Fund."

Tickets are \$240 for a team of six people. Spectators are \$15, with advance purchase requested, with \$5 of each ticket going to the Courage of Carly Fund.

Becker Farms donated 200 tick-

ets to the organization for those impacted by pediatric cancer to enjoy the farm all weekend.

Apple picking and visits to the farm without ticketing continue weekdays. For more details and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/vizcarrafamilyvineyards/973394>. For more information about the Courage of Carly Fund at Roswell Park, visit <https://courageofcarlyfund.org/>.

NYS ag. commissioner announces applications for FreshConnect CSA for SNAP grant

New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball recently announced applications are open to New York organizations for the FreshConnect CSA for SNAP program. This program will help to give Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants in New York increased access to weekly shares of fresh, locally grown produce through community-supported agriculture (CSA) initiatives by defraying up to half the cost, while also lending additional support to New York's farmers and producers.

A press release stated, "This program builds on Gov. Kathy Hochul's goal to boost demand for New York agricultural products, bolster New York's food supply chain, and ensure all New Yorkers have access to fresh, local foods."

Ball said, "We're working hard to ensure that all New Yorkers across the state can access fresh, nutritious produce grown by our hard-working farmers. The FreshConnect CSA for SNAP program is a great addition to our programming, helping our residents enrolled in the SNAP program to have more access to the bounty of New York's farms. I encourage all eligible organizations to apply to be a part of this great program and help their neighbors in need."

The press release explained, "The FreshConnect CSA for SNAP program will help SNAP participants working with awarded organizations better access the popular CSA model. The purchase of weekly CSA shares using SNAP funds will be offset to lower the cost to consumers, while still providing the farmer with the full price of the food. Up to 50% of the cost of a weekly share purchased by a SNAP

recipient with their SNAP benefits may be paid by awarded organizations through this program.

"Awards for this opportunity will be made on a rolling basis until funds are depleted. A total of \$250,000 in funding is available through this request for applications. Applicants may request a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$50,000."

Applications must be submitted through the Grants Gateway by 3 p.m. Oct. 20. Learn more at <https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfa-0307-fresh-connect-csa-snap-program>.

Memorial introduces EMS alert system to streamline services

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center recently announced the implementation of an EMS alert system designed to optimize patient hand-off procedures and establish seamless coordination with pre-hospital care providers prior to their arrival at ER 1, emergency services at NFMCC.

A press release explained, "This initiative ensures that EMS teams are continuously available to respond to emergencies without being tied up in extended travel times to Erie County. The EMS alert system addresses the challenges faced in the past, where ambulances had to navigate extended travel times to neighboring counties, affecting response readiness within Niagara County. With the introduction of this efficient system, these delays are minimized, resulting in faster response times and enhanced emergency care for residents of Niagara County."

It added, "The EMS alert system further reinforces the commitment to keep health care local by retaining EMS crews within Niagara County, and significantly reducing the number of ambulances leaving the county due to patient transfers."

The EMS Alert system is the result of a collaborative effort between NFMCC and various key stakeholders, including the Niagara County fire coordinator's office, emergency management officials, and the Niagara County EMS Council.

The press release said, "Its primary objective is to expedite ambulance-to-ER transfers and reduce patient transfer times, ultimately assisting EMS partners in returning to service more promptly."

NFMCC CEO and President Joseph Ruffolo said, "Memorial believes in unity with our EMS partners. The EMS alert system allows for real-time inquiry and information access to provide accurate patient transfer wait times to empower EMS personnel to make informed decisions and allocate resources efficiently."

The hospital added, "NFMCC takes immense pride in its strong partnership with local EMS teams. As the only full-service hospital remaining in Niagara County, the medical center offers a comprehensive range of essential services, including the region's only cardiac catheterization lab, accredited primary stroke center, comprehensive orthopedic center, and labor and delivery services. These critical services are available to the community and EMS providers

within Niagara County, eliminating the need to venture unnecessarily into Erie County.

"To foster better communication and outreach, NFMCC has sent a copy of the attached letter and reference cards to every Niagara County fire company, including municipal and volunteer units, irrespective of whether they have an EMS transport unit. Additionally, numerous commercial EMS providers have also received these materials.

"NFMCC remains committed to enhancing emergency response capabilities and providing top-notch health care services for the Greater Niagara Region. The EMS alert system is a significant step towards a safer and healthier community, solidifying the hospital's position as a trusted partner in times of need."

Dear Mom,

We cannot bring the old days back, when we were all together. But loving thoughts and memories will stay with us forever.

We miss you Mom.

Love,
Teresa, Rosann, Maryanne and Dominic
and families



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