

# Comments on Wheatfield ZIP code situation

I read the article in the Tribune (Feb. 18) regarding the request from Councilman Helwig for one ZIP code for the Town of Wheatfield. When we moved here in 1988, we were told we would be getting a post office.

The only way to have one ZIP code for the entire town is to have a brick-and-mortar building within town limits. During Supervisor Cliffe's term, the town made a request to the Postal Service for a post office within town limits. That request was denied. The Town Board was advised that there was not enough population to

support it.

Also, there are three post offices within close proximity to Wheatfield – Sanborn, North Tonawanda and the Niagara Falls branch on Niagara Falls Boulevard near Williams Road. Our population in 2010 was approximately 18,000, and now in 2020 it has reached 19,800.

Your ZIP code determines which post office your mail is delivered from, as well as where mail and packages are picked up when requested.

Councilman Helwig states "they" don't want to hear from elected officials. No,

"they" probably don't, as this is not the first request from our elected officials. Our elected officials have already gone through this process and have been declined for reasons already mentioned.

So now, Councilman Helwig asks residents and businesses to do their work! Letters from residents and businesses will be compiled at Town Hall and sent to Rochester Postal Authority – those letters will be hand chosen by our town officials.

Congressman Jacobs has already contacted the USPO on behalf of the town. Let us not forget that Jacobs voted

against the USPO in his very first vote in Congress!

We all know in recent years the USPO continues to endure severe budget and staffing cuts in all levels of service. Seems unlikely they will approve a post office to be built in the Town of Wheatfield.

The "resident and business letter" plea from Councilman Helwig seems to be a way for town officials to use residents to do their job! It also saves face for them if the request is denied again.

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Wheatfield

# 'In the Loop': Lew-Port holds 'Celebration of Champions'

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President, Lewiston-Porter Board of Education

On Thursday, Lewiston-Porter High School was set to hold its "Celebration of Champions" event to recognize students who were on the high honor roll for the second marking period. By grade, the freshman class of 156 students had 49 students earn high honor roll status, and 64% of the entire class earned merit roll or above status.

The sophomore class of 166 students had 41 students earn high honor roll status, and 58% of their entire class earned merit roll or above status. The junior class of 155 students had 43 students earn high honor roll status, and 67% of their entire class earned merit roll or above status.

Not to be outdone, the senior class of 174 students had 75 students earn high honor roll status, and 76% of their entire class earned merit roll or above status.

At the "Celebration of Champions," the Class of 2022 Top 10 was revealed. This Top 10 is based on a seven-semester grade-point average.

This year's graduating Class of '22 Top 10 includes: Rajan Dev Singh, Julie Thomas, Katherine

Kremer, Jack Wagner, Lauren Lunshof, Rhiannon Furey, Joshua Long, Evan Hoffman, Ethan Alker and Sara Reese.

Congratulations to all of Lew-Port's exceptionally talented students!

While we celebrate the accomplishments of our high school students, it is hard to believe we have started the process of welcoming next year's youngest students. Kindergarten registration is now open, and universal pre-kindergarten applications will be available soon.

Kindergarten registration for the 2022-23 school year is now open. Children living in the district who will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1 can register for next year's kindergarten class.

The Primary Education Center now offers an online registration option. In addition to being able to fill out the registration form online, you can upload the necessary proof of residency documentation electronically. A home language questionnaire is also required to be filled out in addition to the registration forms. Registration will not be complete until the questionnaire is completed.



Lewiston-Porter High School staged a successful production of the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" over the weekend of Feb. 18-20. A total of 64 students were involved in the production, under the direction of Amanda Sharpe, Jamie Burritt, Carolyn Quigley, Kevin Duncan and Adrienne Cummings.

"The directors, cast, crew and pit orchestra at Lewiston-Porter wishes to thank all the parents, community members, sponsors, friends and family who came to see and support the show production," said Duncan, who serves as Lewiston-Porter orchestra teacher. "Congratulations!" (Submitted photo)

All forms and information can be found on the PEC's link at [www.lew-port.com](http://www.lew-port.com). You may also mail in registration forms to the district office. Once your child is registered and proof of residency is confirmed, more information will be forthcoming about kindergarten orientation, screening appointments, and a family and teacher meeting prior to school

starting next year.

Universal pre-kindergarten applications will be available starting at 9 a.m. March 7 in the PEC office and online on the PEC page. UPK is open to all Lew-Port children who turn 4 years of age (but not age 5) by Dec 1. The application process closes at 4 p.m. April 8.

You must fill out an application

to be eligible to register for UPK due to a limited number of spaces available in the program. Once accepted into the program, families can register their children. Registration for accepted students opens May 1. The UPK program is held in the PEC and runs from 8:55-11:25 a.m. weekdays. Morning transportation is available for students 4 years of age and up. However, students must be picked up at dismissal (unless enrolled in the full-day program if applicable). Please refer to the PEC page on the L-P website for more details.

This is the final week of the "One District, One Book" community scavenger hunt. Families can stop into Stuart's Sports this week and find the whangdoodle to receive 10% off their purchase (excluding varsity jackets). The "OBOD" program will conclude March 4 with an in-person "Family Night Reading Celebration" at the PEC for pre-K-sixth grade families. Advance ticket purchase of take-home Spicy Pickle dinners are being sold by the PTSA. Proceeds will benefit future literacy student enrichment programs.

Have a great week Lew-Port!

# Nominations sought for Mamie Simonson Volunteer of the Year Award

SUBMITTED BY RITA GEIBEN

When members of the Friends of the Library think of community service and volunteerism one person comes to mind: Mamie Simonson. She was the backbone of our organization for years. Not a project, fundraiser or event took place without Mamie Simonson's involvement and always with her beautiful smile. Mamie passed away in 2016 and is fondly remembered by all of us.

To honor Mamie and to continue her legacy, this past year her son, Lee Simonson, donated \$1,000 to start up a program to honor a "Volunteer of the Year" in

memory of his late mother. Each year, a volunteer will be chosen from nominations from members of the Friends of the Library, library staff, board of directors or the general public to be recognized for the volunteer work with the Lewiston Library.

The Friends established a committee made of Friends officers and one member from the Friends committee to review nominations and to choose a recipient. The criteria that will be reviewed consists of specific actions or events the nominee was involved in, as well as overall strong volunteer qualifications.

Nomination forms can be found on the Lewiston Library website, [www.lewistonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.lewistonpubliclibrary.org), the Lewiston Library Facebook page, or nomination forms can be found at the library front desk. Nomination forms were also included in the Friends of the Library February newsletter.

Friends of the Library are always looking for new members. If you are interested in attending a meeting and finding out what exactly the "Friends" do for our local library, we meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Room. We would love if you could join us.

If you would like more information about the Friends of the Library, the Volunteer of the Year program, or would like to receive

a nomination form, please contact JoAnne Lotterio, president of Friends of the Library, at 716-531-2313 or at [lotteriojo@aol.com](mailto:lotteriojo@aol.com).

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Applications are being accepted for the position of:  
**PART-TIME FIRE INSPECTOR**  
For the Town of Lewiston.

Applicants can be Lewiston residents or from contiguous towns.  
Applications are available at the Lewiston Clerk's Office:  
**Lewiston Town Hall, 1375 Ridge Road**  
and must be received by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Requirements:** Minimum age of 21-years, NYS Driver's Licence, own vehicle, cell phone. Applicant should be neat, personable and possess good public speaking skills. Able to respond to complaints/calls after normal business hours. One year experience in building construction activities, or four years as a volunteer firefighter, or two years as a career firefighter. NYS Certification as Code Enforcement - Fire Inspector will be required.

**Job Description:** Fire safety inspections of all public buildings, private businesses, schools and multi-family dwellings. Speaking to groups on fire safety and Annual Fire Prevention Week activities. Assist fire departments with investigation of fire origin and cause. Review subdivision and new building plans for fire safety. Attend necessary meetings of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. For more additional information call the Town Clerk's Office at 716-754-8213 ext. 256.