

## Youngstown Lions donate to FeedMore WNY

Youngstown Lions Club Secretary Suzanne DeJoseph, who is a driver for FeedMore WNY, delivers a check for \$250 to FeedMore WNY Site Assistant Cheryl Sears Fulton at the Lewiston Senior Services Center, prior to her meal run. Earlier, a number of Youngstown Lions had volunteered to drive meals to area recipients.

"The motto of the Lions is 'We Serve,'" Youngstown Lion Ernie Lavigueur said of the club's latest community effort. (Submitted photo)



## Niagara Hospice

### Spring bouquet sale supports Niagara County families

Online presales available until Feb. 24; walk-up sales are March 1-7

Staff and volunteers from Niagara Hospice are gearing up for the 2021 spring bouquet sale that runs March 1-7. This annual fundraiser, supported by many community partners, raises awareness for Niagara Hospice's mission of providing expert care and support to families facing a terminal illness while spreading beautiful spring blooms throughout Niagara County.

The bouquets are \$10 each and proceeds go toward supporting patients and families.

With social distancing measures in place, Niagara Hospice is providing alternative ways to buy bouquets to keep everyone safe.

Walk-up sales are available at a variety of community organizations and businesses from March 1-7. Orders via mail-in form are available until Feb. 19, while orders at NiagaraHospice.org are open until Feb. 24. For advance orders, Niagara Hospice is offering curbside pickup March 3-6 at the Niagara Hospice administration building at 4675 Sunset Drive, Lockport. This year, home delivery is available for Niagara County residents for a \$5 fee.

"We will have several community walk-up locations during the week of March 1-7 where people can purchase their bouquets, and we added extra ways to purchase bouquets this year based on each

supporter's level of comfort," Niagara Hospice Special Event Coordinator Allison Bolt said.

Niagara Hospice is also offering the community a virtual option to support the sale. Individuals can make a contribution with a personal dedication and photo in an online bouquet at [VisuFund.com/SpringBouquet](http://VisuFund.com/SpringBouquet). For more information or to purchase bouquets, contact Bolt at 280-0766.

Since 1988, Niagara Hospice has provided expert end-of-life care and caregiver relief to more than 28,000 Niagara County families facing a terminal illness. Doctors, pharmacists, nurses, social workers, counselors, aides and volunteers collaborate to bring comfort, dignity and support that enhances quality of life for families during challenging times. Services are available in family homes, nursing homes, hospitals, David's Path at Schoellkopf Health Center in Niagara Falls, Jeanne's House at Northgate Health Care Facility in North Tonawanda and Niagara Hospice House in Lockport. Niagara Hospice is the only Western New York hospice accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care. No one is denied care due to inability to pay, as Niagara Hospice raises funds to offset costs for individuals who are underinsured or uninsured. Anyone can make a referral or support the organization at [NiagaraHospice.org](http://NiagaraHospice.org) or by calling 439-4417 or 716-HOSPICE.

## Town of Lewiston

### Turning the dirt at River Road Park



The Town of Lewiston officially began work on its new riverfront park across from the Lewiston Senior Center on Wednesday with a turning of the dirt by town officials. Shown next to an excavator at the groundbreaking are, from left: council members Bill Geiben and Jason Myers, newly appointed Attorney Al Bax, newly appointed Councilman Rob Morreale, Highway Superintendent Dave Trane and Town Supervisor Steve Broderick.

Look for the construction activity at the Lower River Road Park to intensify over coming months. (Photo by Terry Duffy)

### Niagara County clerk reminds pistol permit holders to recertify

Niagara County Joseph A. Jastrzemski recently noted that, under the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of Jan. 15, 2013, pistol permit holders must recertify every five years with the New York State Police Office. That means those who received their permits in 2016 must recertify by the date of issuance on their permit.

"Regardless of how many of us feel about the SAFE Act, it is the

law and so I do not want to see any law-abiding gun owners put their permits in jeopardy by failing to recertify," he said. "I would also add anyone from previous years who may have forgotten to recertify to do so immediately."

Jastrzemski said that, according to county records, there are more than 1,700 pistol permit holders who are required to recertify. To recertify, visit [www.troopers.ny.gov/firearms](http://www.troopers.ny.gov/firearms).



## Correction

Last week's Tribune/Sentinel report on the Lewiston Town Board ("Town of Lewiston announces changes") contained some misinformation with regard to newly appointed Councilman Rob Morreale.

The article listed Morreale as a Democrat when, in fact, he reaffiliated as a Republican following his last run for the Lewiston Town Board, in 2019.

The Tribune/Sentinel apologizes for any inconveniences to Councilman Morreale or our readers.

### ATTENTION TOWN & VILLAGE OF LEWISTON PROPERTY OWNERS

For the STAR (New York State School Tax Relief Program) and other Real Property Tax Exemptions

The School Tax Relief (STAR) program provides eligible homeowners in New York State with relief on their property taxes. If you are a STAR recipient, you receive the benefit in one of two ways:

- the **STAR Credit** program (open to any eligible homeowner whose income is \$500,000 or less)—you receive a check in the mail from the Tax Department. **If you are new to the STAR program, you must** register online at [www.tax.ny.gov/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star) or by calling the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance at (518) 457-2036.
- the **STAR Exemption** Program (now closed to new applicants)—you receive a direct reduction on your school tax bill in the form of a property tax exemption. The income limit for the Basic STAR Exemption is \$250,000.

If you currently receiving the **STAR Exemption**, you may change to the **STAR Credit** to receive a check instead; you may receive a greater benefit, and your check will never be less than the STAR Exemption benefit. The STAR Credit amount may increase by as much as 2% each year, however the value of the STAR Exemption savings will not increase. Should you choose to change to the STAR Credit program, you must call New York State Department of Taxation and Finance with any issues that might arise regarding receipt of your check.

**If you were enrolled in the STAR Exemption Program for your current residence prior to March 1, 2015** and wish to remain on the Exemption Program renewal is automatic except for the following reasons in which case you must reapply:

- You are receiving the Basic STAR Exemption and wish to apply for the **Enhanced STAR Exemption**. To qualify for the Enhanced STAR, you must be turning at least 65 years of age in 2021 and the 2019 combined adjusted gross income (minus taxable IRA distributions) of all owners and any owners' spouses residing on the premises cannot exceed **\$90,550**.
- You are seeking to restore a STAR Exemption that was discontinued due to failure to meet the income standard.
- You continue to own property but have filed a new deed due to divorce, surrender of interest by a co-owner, survivorship, trusts or if you added another owner.

**Low-Income Exemption for Senior Citizens:** For homeowners 65 years of age or over with total income of \$28,499.99 or less. New applicants must apply no later than March 1, 2021. This exemption **MUST** be filed annually, however this year due to Covid-19 related legislation, those who received this exemption in 2020 will automatically renew for 2021. You will not need to renew until 2022.

**Disability and Limited Income Exemption:** Applicants must have Social Security Disability award letter and proof of 2020 income. Total income cannot exceed \$25,900. Renewal applications **MUST** be filed annually, however this year due to Covid-19 related legislation, those who received this exemption in 2020 will not need to renew until 2022.

**Veteran's Exemptions:** Available to qualifying Veterans and un-remarried widows of qualifying Veterans. Applications are available through the Assessor's office by request. You must provide a copy of your DD-214 along with your application.

All new applications must be filed no later than March 1, 2021. This year due to Covid-19 we are accepting applications by mail only.

For more information and applications please visit our website at <https://www.townoflewiston.us/assessors-office> or contact Heidi Seguin at 754-8213, ext. 232.

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