

Mount St. Mary's marks EMS Week



Every year, Mount St. Mary's celebrates Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week with a dinner celebration and awards presentation. Though the hospital was unable to hold this special event in 2021, community partners were still honored with well-deserved awards for their hard work and dedication.

Niagara County Emergency Services and Niagara County Department of Health were awarded with Agency of the Year awards. This award is given to community partners that go above and beyond the call, both on a patient care level and on a collaborative level with MSM; for their commitment to the health

and safety of the community through contributions to quality patient care.

Niagara County Sheriff Michael Filicetti wrote the nomination, which focused on the DOH and Emergency Services response to the pandemic, and of the positive relationship between his office and theirs, as well as the community.

Just a few of his thoughts from his nomination read: "Both Public Health and Emergency Services immediately stepped up to the plate to fight the unknown facing us. ... They provided solid recommendations and plans based on expertise and instinct. ... To say their vaccination efforts have been amazing would be an understatement. The efficiency and capacity of these operations have been top notch ... they have not wavered in their dedication and commitment to change the course of COVID. I am nominating these two departments because they have collectively saved lives and went above and beyond. This award is about exceptional, life-saving work performed by a dedicated crew, which is exactly what they have done and continue to do."

Pictured, from left: Dan Leven, Deputy Fire Coordinator; Jonathan Schulz, Director of Emergency Services; Niagara County Sheriff Michael Filicetti; Elise Pignatora, Director of Public Health Planning and Emergency Preparedness; Laurie Schoenfeldt, Director of Nursing Services; Vicki Pearson, Deputy Public Health Director and Director of Financial Operations; Daniel J. Stapleton, Public Health Director; CJ Urlaub, President of Mount St. Mary's Hospital; Lori Dufresne, Catholic Health System Director of Emergency Services.

Rotary Club active in challenging year



On June 30, Tom Gerbasi's first act as Rotary Club assistant district governor was to install Leslie Scibilia as club president of the Bi-National Rotary Club of Lewiston & Niagara-on-the-Lake (pictured). Scibilia said she hopes to continue Rotary's humanitarian projects in the communities it serves on both sides of the Niagara River, as well as in the wider world.

This past year, despite the pandemic, the Rotary Club was able to participate in a multistate Great Lakes Watershed cleanup, save the lives of children in poverty-stricken nations afflicted with congenital heart disease, and help to alleviate hunger locally.



Helping hands

Local good Samaritan Steve Denn helps Ohio tourists get back to Niagara Falls. Denn, watering the new grass along his Lower River Road property, was approached by the tourists who were in need of water for their 1909 Stanley Steamer Model R. The vintage vehicle holds 20 gallons and gets one mile per gallon. Denn was told that his water hose was "like gold." (Photos courtesy of Bill Geiben)



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Multi-day Tours

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1 **NEW** - (2 days) Finger Lakes/Skaneateles Boat Cruise/ Belhurst Castle/Wine tour & tasting

Sept. 14-16 - Ohio Amish/2 shows/Antiquing/Flea Mkt.

Sept. 28-Oct. 4 - Memphis/Graceland/Nashville/Grand Ole Opry

Nov. 8-10 - Amish Holiday-Lancaster, PA - "Queen Esther" & Christmas Show

Nov. 14-21 - Caribbean Cruise

Nov. 26-30 - Nashville Country Christmas - Opryland Hotel/Grand Ole Opry Oak Ridge Boys Dinner Show/Gen. Jackson Showboat

Bus pick-ups in N. Tonawanda & West Seneca

Ramblin' Lou Family Band Concerts

July 15 - Ramblin' Lou Family Band Free Concert at Veterans Park - Depew 582 Terrace Blvd. 7-9pm Bring your lawn chair & enjoy!

Aug. 11-22 - Erie County Fair - Daily Show 6:00-7:15pm (not appearing 8/17 & 8/18)

Dec. 11 Ramblin' Lou Family Band Christmas Show & Live Radio Broadcast 11am-1pm Luncheon/ Show at Classics V - Amherst, NY Tickets \$39.00 pp

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Invite you to the Public Hearing for the

US Route 62 (Niagara Falls Boulevard) at NY Route 429 (Ward Road) and Witmer Road Project

Project Identification No. 5308.37

Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 4:00 to 6:30 PM
Formal presentation at 5:00 PM

Town of Wheatfield Community Center
2790 Church Road, Wheatfield, NY 14120

You will have an opportunity to submit oral and written comments on the Draft Design Approval Document for the project.

For more information or to download the Draft Design Approval Document (available on July 7, 2021) please visit <https://www.dot.ny.gov/Rt62WardWitmer>

The Draft Design Approval Document will be available for review and copying beginning July 7, 2021 at the Wheatfield Town Hall, 2800 Church Road Upper Level, Wheatfield, NY 14120 and the North Tonawanda Public Library, 505 Meadow Dr, North Tonawanda, NY 14120