Town of Niagara Lion’s Club to honor hometown heroes

At a recent Niagara County municipal historians meeting, Mayor Tom Tietjens and historian Christa Lutz discussed her participation in the national Hometown Heroes program. The program honors veterans of the U.S. military by displaying a picture of the veteran and a personal statement, along with their name, rank, branch of service and dates served.

Town of Niagara Historian Pete Ames said that a great way to honor the veterans from the Town of Niagara, so he went about gathering the information to move forward with it. He then joined forces with veteran Tom Tietjens, his wife Nancy, and Judge John Teixeira to help select the honorees to the Town of Niagara for 2021.

The banners are 18-by-36-inch, made of heavy duty vinyl, and will feature the veteran’s photo and information on both sides. The cost for the banner with attachment hardware is $50, which also includes shipping. Banners can be sponsored by family members, friends or an organization. Donations can also be made in any amount toward a veteran’s family by the March 1st deadline.

To be eligible, honored service members and women must:

- Have resided within the village limits of Town of Niagara, presently or at some time in their lifetime;
- Have served or are serving in the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, Marines or Navy; and
- Be presently serving, honorably discharged, MIA, or died in the line of duty.

Each banner will hang from Memorial Day through Veteran’s Day and then stored for safekeeping by the Parks Department, to be hung again the following Memorial Day.

Each family is responsible for the family and can be returned to them if requested at the end of the season, but will not be rehung again the next year if the family decides to keep it.

Lewiston Town Board returns to business

Session includes retirements, new Senior Center appointment

Lewiston Town Board conducted its first regular meeting open to the public on Monday at Town Hall.

The reconfigured session saw Town Board members as well as visitors adhering to strict social distancing guidelines by means of wearing masks as well as separation protocols throughout the meeting. Previous sessions were broadcast online via Zoom and closed to the public.

Newsmakers included Supervisor Steve Broderick and board members accepting with appreciation and regret two announced retirements. They include court officer Greg Schuey who retired April 20 from the Lewiston Town Court, and part-time officer and investigator Frank Previte from the Lewiston Police Department, effective July 1.

Previte said he sent this letter of resignation effective July 1 from the Lewiston Police Department, “Please accept this letter as notice of my decision to retire from the Town of Niagara Police Department, effective July 1. “This one time has been a very difficult decision to make. Over the last 36 years it is best for me and my family. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the residents of Niagara County and investigator. My heart and prayers will always be with you by my brother and sisters of the Lewis- ton Police Department.”

Thanking him for his service, Broderick commented, “John retired from us (earlier) and came back in a part-time capacity, you’ll still see him in our community.”

Penzotti remains as a member of Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1.

Next, the Town Board announced the appointment of Olick as the new senior center coordinator for the Town of Lewiston Senior Center. Olick takes the position of Senior Coordinator Debra Cesa- no who retired as director of the Senior Center earlier this spring.

Councilman Ben Geiben stated the new coordinator passed extended re- views and Niagara County Civil Service review to fill the town’s top candidate for the new position.

“The top candidates were sur- veyed for (their) interest and ability, and understand they will have to meet the town’s residency re- quirement. Interviews were conducted, references checked, and candidates were agreed to accept the position. (The) COVID-19 pandemic hit everything was out of order,” he said.

Geiben noted Carol Jacobs took over Collesano’s retirement, but could only serve for 90 days in this posi- tion due to Civil Service require- ments.

“A thank you to Carol Jacobs because of her loyalty of her background,” he said.

Town of Lewiston Senior Center coordinator Jennifer Olick is the Town of Lewiston senior citizen coordinator.”

Olick begins her service with the Lewiston Senior Center on July 1. Her pay rate approved Monday by the Town Board will be $20,352 annually.

In other news, the Town Board heard from developers of two major patio home projects in the Lewiston Town of Niagara Hometown Heroes program. (30 to 35 homes in phase one) was merely an adjustment of those homes already approved from the second phase of the Essex Ridge PUD construction.

“They’re not increasing density or anything on phase one. It’s just basically a different outline—a de- lineation from phase one to phase two,” he said.

Wicom units 2 and 3 will phase two, the board also approved for the Savior group to clear and ev- egation for the building of a road- way planned off Bronzino Drive to enable phase two of construction to get underway.

Wrapping up:

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