

Cannabis issue remains unsettled on Tuscarora Nation

Roadblocks still possible

BY TERRY DUFFY
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The cannabis dispensary sales issue on the Tuscarora Nation carried into its second week, as disagreements between tribal leaders and select gas/convenience retailers over sales of cannabis products remain unsettled.

According to news reports and information received from the Tuscarora Clanmothers tribal council and area police, the threat of blocked roadways on the nation to nonresidents continues.

“Due to the refusal of the illegal cannabis dispensary busi-

nesses to close, Tuscarora roads will be blocked to non-residents,” the Clanmothers announced last week. “The Tuscarora Nation seeks a peaceful resolution to the flagrant disregard to our collective sovereignty.”

Tuscarora Clanmothers officials maintained their silence this week, as threats of potential road closures prevailed in the community. Meanwhile, area police said they continue contact with the Tuscarora Nation in hopes of settling the matter.

Lewiston Chief of Police Frank Previte said his office, together with the Niagara County
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Traffic remains hot topic as Town of Niagara leaders continue Amazon facility discussion

BY TIMOTHY CHIPP

Progress continues regarding plans to bring an Amazon shipping and warehouse facility to the Town of Niagara.

The latest step in a long process came Wednesday when representatives for Amazon came before the Town of Niagara board to discuss plans for the proposed site at 8995 Lockport Road.

Discussion during the Town Board’s work session Wednesday featured a popular presentation by company representatives both from Amazon and affiliate partners like Phillips Lytle LLP and JB2 Partners LLC.

It laid out the preliminary site plan, detailing what footprint the proposed 650,000-square-foot facility might have.

Town Board members who spoke were both complimentary of the project and the benefits such a facility could have for the economy, but also hesitant due to some traffic concerns, especially regarding the truck traffic both coming to and leaving the facility should it come to pass.

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Amazon is looking to build a shipping and warehouse facility in the Town of Niagara. (Amazon photo)

YBPA updates members on 2022 happenings



Catherine Stella joins with Cheryl and Mark Butera at the business association’s spring meeting this week at Ray’s Tavern. (Photo by Kevin and Dawn Cobello, K&D Action photo and Aerial Imaging).

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It was close to a full house Tuesday evening as the Youngstown Business and Professional Association held its spring membership meeting at Ray’s Tavern on Lake Road in Porter.

Rescheduled from this past winter due to continuing safety concerns over the coronavirus,

the session included a number of news items and announcements as YBPA planning continues for 2022.

“Since the October meeting, the board has met many times and in person,” Secretary Mark Butera said.

Among the happenings:

- He noted YBPA would be taking nominations for its 2022
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Lewiston man to be featured on ‘Antiques Roadshow’

Lewiston resident Lloyd Draper will appear on the PBS hit “Antiques Roadshow” at 8 p.m. Monday, April 25. The program airs locally on WNED.

He said, “I am a longtime resident of Lewiston and retired school teacher at Niagara Wheatfield. Last October, I traveled to Hamilton, New Jersey, to be filmed in a local park named ‘Grounds for Sculpture.’ I was asking the appraisers to look at a rare WWII U.S. Navy helmet worn by my great uncle, Capt. James Earl Arnold, who was assigned as the Navy officer in charge of the allied invasion of Utah Beach at Normandy, France, and one of the most historic battles and a turning point of WWII.”

He teased, “You will have to watch to see what I found out about our family heirloom.”
 For more, visit <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/roadshow/>.

Draper, center, is shown with his daughter, Debi Morrison, and appraiser Jeff Shrader at the filming site. (Submitted photo)



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