

Previte remains hopeful for resolution

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 Sheriff's Office, continues to discuss the impasse with tribal leaders. "So, obviously whatever determination, we're taking it step by step; hopefully, we can get their cooperation to help us solve this."

As far as residents who may plan to visit the Tuscarora Nation for gas purchases, or drivers simply traveling along these roads, Previte said that, as far as he's concerned, the reservation remains accessible. But he also advises travelers to remain cognizant to any situations they

may encounter.

"Be observant in case there's any obstructions that they come across, an unsafe situation or anything - let us know," Previte said. "Just to be observant in case there's any road obstructions. ... We don't believe there's anything at this point. But just to be observant and aware."

He added, "If there's any roads being obstructed, please let us know."

He said, "We've gone back and forth with them; we've kept abreast what's going on," and law enforcement hopes for a positive

resolution to the conflict.

As far as any police interactions with the cannabis dispensaries, Previte said, thus far, police have kept their distance.

"The nation has done more of that," he said. "We have not communicated directly with the businesses. Our investigation will start now as far as what is happening."

In the meantime, Previte said, "The roads are open and safe at this point. ..."

"Everything up there remains on hold at this point. We're continuing to work with them."

Niagara County recognizes National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Niagara County Legislator Mike Hill, chairman of the Community Safety & Security Committee, presented a proclamation to Niagara County Sheriff Michael Filicetti, Undersheriff Michael Dunn and Director of Emergency Communications Marc Kasprzak, in honor of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, celebrated April 10-16.

"Our public safety telecommunicators are often the first line of contact for many people in emergency situations, and we cannot thank them enough for all that they do to keep our community safe," Hill said. "Their ability to calm people down, to give lifesaving instructions and to direct responding officers where to go is the foundation of our emergency response effort. Our community appreciates their hard work and dedication."

Hill said the dispatchers in the Niagara County Sheriff's Office handled 305,311 phone calls in 2021, which is 837 calls per day. Of this, 105,830 were emergency (911) phone calls, while 199,481 were non-emergency.



Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station to plan construction on main gate

The 914th Air Refueling Wing, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS), is currently planning construction on the main gate, located on Lockport Road and Entrance Avenue.

A press release noted, "The contract to begin construction has not yet been awarded, so it's unknown when the project is scheduled to begin, but base leadership expects the project to last between 18 to 24 months."

"During construction, the main gate is expected to be closed to all traffic. During higher traffic - normal duty hours - The Tuscarora Gate, on the northwest corner of

the installation, is scheduled to be used for inbound traffic only; and the Walmore Gate, on the east side of the installation, is scheduled to be used for outbound traffic only. During lower traffic, non-duty hours, the Tuscarora Gate is scheduled to be used for inbound and outbound traffic.

"We're looking to mitigate as much traffic congestion as possible during this process," said Col. Christopher Witter, 914th Mission Support Group commander. "By opening the two gates, we'll be able to decrease traffic congestion both on and off base."

NFARS continued, "The main

gate project is imperative to maintain the security and integrity of all assets critical to executing their mission in support of national defense. Base leadership is working to deconflict traffic pattern congestion with any other major projects scheduled to take place nearby NFARS."

Witter said, "Our Defender's sole responsibility is the protection and safety of our assigned assets and personnel. It's incredibly important we protect them to the fullest capability possible to ensure we execute our strategic mission, and this main gate is critical to ensuring our mission's success."

LEWISTON POLICE BLOTTER

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• **Locations at N. Fifth/Onondaga streets; N. Fifth/Mohawk streets; and at N. Fifth/Ridge streets vehicle/traffic stops** - Calls officer initiated. All drivers cited for failure to stop at a stop sign. Uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court.

Friday, April 8

• **Ridge Road/Northridge Drive, MVA-property damage** - Caller to 911 reported a two-vehicle PDA; Patrol on scene; no further information given. Report taken.

• **900 block of Upper Mountain Road, sex offense** - Patrols responded to a phone complaint. No further information.

• **4600 block of Model City Road, theft** - Patrol responded to a 911 complaint; no further information.

• **400 block of Lake Road, Youngstown, assist** - Caller to 911 reported six juveniles on location at a vacant residence, wearing hoodies. Caller also reported hearing windows being broken; patrol checked area with negative results.

• **Locations at Saunders Settlement/Chew roads; Lewiston Road/Fort Gray Drive; and Upper Mountain Road/Callan Drive, vehicle/traffic stops** - All calls officer initiated. Violations per stop included driver cited for tinted windows; driver, unspecified offense; and driver issued warning for vaping pen/cell phone use. Uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court.

Saturday, April 9

• **100 block of N. Fourth Street, alarm burglary** - Patrols on location for a residential kitchen alarm; property secured.

• **700 block of Center Street, MVA-property damage** - Caller reported a two-vehicle accident; no further information.

• **1600 block of Saunders Settlement Road, assist public** - Caller to 911 suspects his wife's granddaughter entered the residence and removed pictures off a table and took his dog. Patrol responded; no further information given.

• **2400 block of Lockport Road, motor vehicle theft** - Patrol on location for a 911 call; no further

information.

• **Saunders Settlement Road/Hewitt Drive, vehicle/traffic stop** - Call officer initiated. One in custody for aggravated unlicensed operation. Appearance tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court.

Sunday, April 10

• **100 block of Lockport Street, Youngstown, suspicious activity at a Laundromat business** - Caller reported a suspicious male on location looking through garbage; subject also removed a fire extinguisher from the wall. Responding patrol found said male on location, subject was not doing laundry. No further information given.

• **S. Fourth/Tuscarora streets, premises check** - Patrol reported observing numerous vehicles in the Artpark parking lots and also on Water Street behind The Silo; #SmellFishSzn.

• **1100 block of Saunders Settlement Road, vehicle/traffic stop** - Call officer initiated. One in custody for aggravated unlicensed operation. Appearance tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court.

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