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Modern Disposal launches Lewiston cleanup on Saturday

Employees, families gather to clear winter debris from Route 104

Modern Disposal Services employees and their family members will be cleaning up winter debris along Route 104 in Lewiston this Saturday, April 17, as the weather shifts to spring.

During this Earth Day-inspired event, Modern trucks will accompany the cleanup crews as they collect debris roughly from Model City through Center Street in the village. Modern trucks will also sweep-clean the route after the pickup.

Modern will equip the 50 or so volunteers with safety gear and appropriate tools. The event will culminate with a catered lunch in Academy Park beginning at 11 a.m.

The Lewiston cleanup will be held rain or shine.

“We work and live in and around Lewiston and, as winter releases its grip, we want to see Lewiston’s main thoroughfare to look great,” Modern CEO Michael P. McInerney said. “We’re pleased so many employees signed up for this family event and we look forward to making this an annual effort locally to support the broader Earth Day coalition.”

Only employees and their families are involved. The company gratefully declines involvement by residents who want to volunteer.

Earth Day, begun on April 22,



1970, is April 20-22 this year. The theme is “Restore Our Earth,” with a focus on climate change.

With facilities in Model City, Blasdell and on Elk Street in

Buffalo, along with operations in Niagara Falls and Smithville, Ontario, Modern has more than 14,000 commercial customers and 300,000 residential customers.

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LEWISTON LOVE(S) CHICKS

After a week of frolicking in the window of Lewiston Love, at 478 Center St., 12 baby chicks were transported to their new home at Humble Homestead, 785 Lockport St., Youngstown.

All of the chicks will be organically fed and humanely raised to be egg-laying hens by next fall.

Lisa Mies and Leandra Collesano, owners of Lewiston Love, said they were thrilled to be able to have the chicks in their storefront window for the week leading up to Easter, and then to have the chicks re-homed with Brenda Bank and Dave Gombert at Humble Homestead.

All the chicks are adjusting well and love their new cozy coop.

Humble Homestead eggs are available at Natural Link in Lewiston.



IN THE NEWS

Reduce runoff, recycle nutrients into soil

Erie County, in partnership with the City of Buffalo, the Town of Wheatfield and the Western NY Stormwater Coalition, is once again offering rain barrels and compost bins to encourage households to reduce their environmental footprint through water conservation and reducing fertilizer use.

A press release said, “Rain barrels reduce stormwater runoff, water produced in heavy rainfalls that does not soak in to the ground and can transport many pollutants to local waterways. By using harvested rainwater for watering lawns, gardens and potted plants, rain barrels conserve water. As an added bonus, the natural nutrients in rain water make it far better for plants than tap water, which has chlorine and fluoride in it. With a rain barrel, gardeners can also minimize or eliminate their use of chemical fertilizers.”

“Home composting is a simple way to restore nutrients to soil. The addition of compost enriches soil, stimulates plant growth, and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers. Composting yard trimmings and food scraps has the added benefit of keeping those wastes out of our local landfills.”

For more information, visit www.eriecompostersale.ecwid.com.

Quantities are limited. Deadline to order is May 8.

HAL learns about wampum belts

The Historical Association of Lewiston’s next program is “The History and Reproduction of Wampum Belts.” Richard Hamell will present this event at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the First Presbyterian Church, 505 Cayuga St.

Hamell’s presentation will describe the history of wampum and its vital role in trade, diplomacy and as treaty documents, some of which still stand today. Though wampum had a monetary value, its sole purpose for the colonials was by no means limited to an economic role.

To the Native Americans, wampum was used for a multitude of purposes – not least of which was the binding truth to words “written” in wampum. So respected and important was it that an accompanying belt of wampum gave great solemnity to messages, speeches and agreements. A message delivered via a wampum belt is said to have been greater than a thousand words and it was accepted as truth. It was the seal – the proof of covenants made.

Hamell retired from Monroe

Community College in 2008 after a career of 39 years with the department of geosciences. He continues sharing geology programs within the communities, including the several indigenous cultural and historic centers in New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan. This particular subject of personal interest concerns the history and reproduction of wampum belts. Hamell has completed more than 120 different reproduction wampum belts, probably the largest collection of its kind. Photographs of his wampum belts have appeared in several publications: Iroquois: People of the Longhouse; Journal of Ethnohistory; Strong Stories – Two-Row Wampum; and other educational material. In 2016, he was honored by being adopted by the Peter Jemison (Seneca) and given the name: Haswe:donih – he makes wampum.

This community event is free and open to all. Guests can use the back entrance next to the church parking lot. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all present must wear appropriate facial covering and practice social distancing during the presentation. Hand sanitizer will be available. There will be a 100-person seating limitation. There will be no refreshments served at this meeting.



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