

### Cerebral palsy fundraiser at BOCES Center raises funds, awareness



Charlie Dieteman with Bob Fritton's electricity/electronics class. From left: Ryan Hall (North Tonawanda) Alexander Slowik (Niagara Wheatfield), Kyle Kenny (Starpoint), Aiden Erwin (Niagara Academy/Niagara Wheatfield), Ronan Abbondanza (Lewiston-Porter), Michael DuMond (Starpoint) Donovan Cleaver (North Tonawanda), Dylan Gworek (Lewiston-Porter), Ken Cudney (Wilson) and Fritton.

Charlie Dieteman, a senior from Lewiston-Porter High School and a student in the conservation program at the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center, said he was thrilled his recent fundraiser for Empower raised \$636. Charlie has cerebral palsy. Empower's mission – to be a service provider that offers diverse programming and individualized

care and support to make people's lives better – is very near and dear to him. On March 25, which is Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day, Charlie asked his schoolmates and staff at the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center to show their support by wearing green and/or purchasing bracelets and ribbons for his fundraiser.

### KN95 mask giveaway by Lewiston Lions



The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many people, but it has not stopped the Lewiston Lions as well as other local clubs from continuing to safely serve their community. The Lions aim to do their part in ensuring a safe community for us all. Lewiston Lions club members recognize many people do not have access to new, replacement masks to wear during the COVID-19 pandemic. "While out in the community we noticed quite a few people, especially our senior citizens, in need of a new replacement mask," President Regina Cecconi said. "And we believe that having a replacement mask, of good quality, is essential in protecting our community against the spread of the COVID-19 virus."

In response, the Lewiston Lions will be distributing KN95 masks at no cost to area residents in two giveaway events at DiMino's Lewiston Tops, 906 Center St. Times

are 8-10 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday April 10.

Shown with a new KN95 mask is Carissa Cecconi, club secretary.

The Lewiston Lions is always looking to expand its team with people looking to help in their community. There are no mandatory time requirements or meetings; volunteer when available. Join now for only \$25, as Lions Club International has waived the new membership fee until June 30.

For more information, contact Regina Cecconi at 523-4567, email at thelewistoncommunitylions@gmail.com, or message the club through Facebook @Lewiston Lions.

Say You Saw It In The



### Popular Natural Link owner Walt Fuller passes

July 26, 1937-March 26, 2021

Walter John Fuller went home to be with his Lord on March 26, 2021.

He died at age 83 at home surrounded by his loving family, under the care of Niagara Hospice and his devoted personal aide. He is survived by his beloved wife, Judy (Crowell); and children Cliff (Cathy), Stephen, David (Cheryl), Tara (Joseph), Noelle (Anthony) and Heather. He leaves behind nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, all of whom he adored.

Walt was the son of Walter and Gertrude Fuller (Grimes) and the oldest of his six siblings: William, Lawrence (Karen), Gerald (Carol), Evelyn Johnston (Clifford) and (predeceased) Charles (Pat). He was born at home and grew up on the family farm in Johnson's Creek. Growing up on the farm, Walt was no stranger to hard work, and working on the farm instilled in him a love for being outdoors. Nick, his oldest grandson of whom he was especially proud, inherited his hard work ethic.

Walt's life centered on his wife and family, his love for them unwavering. He enjoyed family camping trips out west and in the Adirondacks; puttering around the yard planting and gardening with his Judy; and on a large



Walter John Fuller

workshop in his barn where you could find him working passionately on any one of his many projects.

A favorite hobby that brought him great joy was making birdhouses with his granddaughter, Judy. They would hang the birdhouses around the yard and spend hours watching the birds. Walt was also active with his son, Cliff, in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts when Cliff was growing up. He later followed this tradi-

tion with his grandson, Garrett, who is working on his Eagle Scout rank doing a project in his grandfather's honor.

Walt was a master butcher for over 57 years. After working for years for a local meat market, he ventured off and opened Walt's World of Meat in Tonawanda, then later moved his business to Lewiston where he opened The Natural Link.

Walt knew all of his customers by name and thought of them as friends. He took great pride in his work and thoroughly enjoyed the service he provided. Walt was a long-standing member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Lewiston where he served on the church council and spent years volunteering his time to help maintain the church and its grounds.

A celebration of Walt's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 915 Oneida St., Lewiston. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Niagara Hospice in Walt's name.

Arrangements entrusted to Hardison Funeral Homes Inc., Lewiston. Visit [www.hardisonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hardisonfuneralhomes.com) for online condolences.

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