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Tuscarora Nation OKs road closures

LPD, Niagara County DA determining legalities of matter

BY TERRY DUFFY
Editor-in-Chief

The Tuscarora Nation announced has chosen to close its roads to all non-residents, effective immediately. The matter involves cannabis sales activities, which officials are not in favor of, ongoing at various smoke shop businesses on tribal lands.

In a release, Clanmothers of the Tuscarora Nation said, "Cannabis dispensaries are not allowed on the Tuscarora Nation territory, based on traditional protocols of the clans of the Tuscarora Nation."

... "Due to the refusal of the ille-

gal cannabis dispensary business to close, Tuscarora Nation roads will be blocked to non-residents. The Tuscarora Nation seeks a peaceful resolution to the flagrant disregard to our collective sovereignty."

The Clanmothers said they have discussed the matter with federal, state and local law enforcement, and the decision is to restrict outside traffic.

When contacted, a Tuscarora Nation official declined any further comment on the issue.

In response, the Lewiston Police Department, as well as the

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Niagara Wheatfield holds active shooter training drill



The Niagara Wheatfield Central School District recently hosted a full-scale emergency training and active shooter drill at the Colonial Village Elementary School and Tuscarora Elementary School.

The training exercise, held during the NWF superintendent's day break, included approximately 70 members of law enforcement and first responders. Included were the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, Niagara County Emergency Services, the Lewiston Police Department, U.S. Border Patrol/Department of Homeland Security, New York State Police, Lewiston No. 1 and No. 2 fire companies, Niagara Active Fire Co., Tri-Community Ambulance and Mercy Flight EMS.

School Superintendent Daniel Ljiljanich, administrators, staff and invited observers were walked through the exercise by Lewiston Police Chief Frank Previte. He explained tactics and responses of the responders. A debriefing for participants and observers followed.

"Our district is so fortunate to be able to partner with dedicated first responders who regularly devote their time to make our schools safer places for our students, staff and community," Ljiljanich said. (Materials courtesy of Lisa Bielmeier/Orleans/Niagara BOCES).

Hibbard's Original Frozen Custard opens

LEFT OF CENTER

By Joshua Maloni

As The Bangles once sang: The leaves are brown, and the sky is a hazy shade of winter.

But hang on to your hopes, my friend. ... Yes, look around. The grass is high, the fields are ripe – and the custard is churning.

Hibbard's is open!

Lewiston's world-famous, Barenaked Ladies-endorsed sweet shop served its first custard of the season at one minute to 11 on Monday morning. Joe Woodbury of the Tuscarora Reservation was first in line.

"I've been coming here for nigh unto 60 years," he said. "My dad brought me here. Now I bring my kids. Now I've got a granddaughter. We just like the atmosphere around here, the quaint town persona."

He noted, "I like the taste. I had one the other day (from somewhere else); it was just really heavy. I just really like the way this tastes overall."

Woodbury said, "My granddaughter wants black raspberry. I always go with vanilla. And my son wants cookie dough."

In addition to traditional custard flavors, Hibbard's also offers a rotating cast of colorful creations, including a "Cookie Monster"-inspired mashup, and "Big Barenaked Bang," which was inspired by Canada's own BNL. This summer, pistachio has been promoted to a daily flavor.

Hibbard's Original Frozen Custard, celebrating its 83rd year in 2022, opens with operating hours of 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. It is located at 105 Portage Road, right across from the Tuscarora Heroes and "Circle of Honor" monuments. Visit online at www.hibbardscustard.com.

Above: Stephanie Sawyer and Dan Buchner showcase a pistachio custard cone. The popular flavor is now offered daily at Hibbard's Original Frozen Custard in the Village of Lewiston. At right: For the second year in a row, Joe Woodbury was the first customer of the season at Hibbard's Original Frozen Custard.




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