

# Memorial Day parade & luncheon on hold until 2022

By Lewiston's Memorial Day Remembrance Committee Inc.

Every Memorial Day since 2016, we have remembered our fallen veterans with a Memorial Day parade, community luncheon and a veterans memorial ceremony at Academy Park.

Unfortunately, the celebration in 2020 was canceled due to the virus and, more unfortunately, the Remembrance Committee has decided to cancel the event again in 2021.

The Remembrance Committee decided that, due to the

COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of the availability of vaccinations for everyone by Memorial Day, that the full parade and community luncheon would not be appropriate. Those who have attended for the past few years would understand that, with the size of the crowd (over 500), it would definitely be difficult to ensure safe distancing.

Each year's event requires a great deal of upfront work. Parade participants need to practice. The dancers need to perfect their routines. The Lewiston Cho-

raleers need to rehearse. In addition, the meal provided by the Brickyard companies, the dessert by Hibbard's, the water by Tops Markets and all the other donations in money and in kind would be wasted considering the low turnout that would occur without vaccines for everyone.

The good news is that the structure of the Remembrance Committee is intact. All those parade participants, the marchers, the Kiwanis parade marshals, the Air Force Color Guard, the Bugles across America taps player, the

dancers, the reenactors to fire the musket salute and so many others who spent so much time to present our program to you are ready to do it again as soon as it is safe. The donations of money for the celebration of 2020 remain safely in the bank.

As part of the celebration, Lewiston's VFW Post 7487 has presented the veterans wreath ceremony according to VFW standards and procedures. I am sure the VFW will honor our war dead with a VFW memorial ceremony on May 31.

Lewiston's Memorial Day Remembrance Committee will do our best to provide our parade, lunch and remembrance ceremony in honor of our war heroes on Memorial Day 2022.

Thank you for your past support and encouragement.

*Lewiston's Memorial Day Remembrance Committee*  
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**Anne Welch, Vice Chairman**  
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**Claudia Marasco, Publicity**  
**Dale Williamson, Treasurer**

## LEWISTON POLICE BLOTTER

The following activity occurred Monday, Feb. 8, to Saturday, Feb. 13, as reported by the Lewiston Police Department. LPD reported 209 response calls during this period. For more information on arrests and other activity, visit the Lewiston Police Department's mobile app or its page on Facebook.

### Monday, Feb. 8

- **400 block of Onondaga Street, noise complaint** – Caller to 911 reported subjects in an upper residence were jumping up and down and making a lot of noise. Patrol responded; no interview.
- **4400 block of Creek Road, suspicious activity** – Officer initiated call. Patrol reported an unoccupied, locked vehicle with its lights on in the driveway. Patrol knocked on the house door with negative results. Patrol cleared call.
- **2900 block of Upper Mountain Road, damage to property** – Caller to 911 reported a truck window was broken overnight. Report taken.
- **2200 block of Mount Hope Road, overdose** – Patrol responded to a 911 call from a female. No further information.

### Tuesday, Feb. 9

- **2200 block of Mount Hope Road, attempt to locate/be on the lookout** – Caller reported a silver 2014 Toyota Corolla with heavy front-end damage. Vehicle possibly being operated by a female suspected of being under the influence of an unknown substance. Patrols responded.
- **Creek Road/Scovell Drive, traffic complaint/investigation** – Caller to 911 reported a red SUV heading north on Creek Road, all over the roadway. Patrol checked area, with negative results.
- **Niagara Scenic Parkway/Pletcher Road, traffic complaint/investigation** – Officer initiated call. Patrol reported a blue pickup was driving on the bike path along Pletcher Road and parkway.
- **Varsity Drive, damage to property** – NU student whose vehicle was damaged on campus was requesting a report.
- **5300 block of Military Road, Mount St. Mary's Hospital, assist** – Call to patrol reported four general fire alarm detectors going off at the address.
- **Locations on Military/Old Military roads, Niagara Scenic Parkway/Ridge Road and Upper Mountain Road/Bronson Drive, vehicle/traffic stops** – All pullovers officer initiated. Patrol reported one driver was cited for an unregistered motor vehicle; uniform traffic ticket issued for Lewiston Town Court. The rightful owner and driver of two other vehicles listed were issued warnings for speeding.
- **Ridge/Creek roads, assist public** – Officer initiated call for a suspicious vehicle; no further information.

### Wednesday, Feb. 10

- **2200 block of Saunders Settlement Road, Niagara Wheatfield Senior High School, harassment** – Officer initiated call. Patrol reported school officials were handling the issue with students.

Nothing found.

- **4600 block of Hickory Lane, forgery** – Caller reported a fraud complaint. Report taken.
- **Northridge Drive/Ridge Road, traffic complaint/investigation** – Caller reported vehicles parked on both sides of the roadway. Vehicle moved; no hazard.
- **Locations on the 1300 block of Upper Mountain Road, Saunders Settlement/Chew roads, and Upper Mountain Road/Callan Drive, vehicle/traffic stops** – All pullovers officer initiated. Violations in order included driver and rightful owner both cited for uninspected motor vehicles, and rightful owner, speed in zone, vehicle clocked at 53 mph in a 35 mph zone. Uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court.

### Thursday, Feb. 11

- **4200 block of Lower River Road, animal complaint** – Caller reported a dead deer in the southbound lane, just south of Stella Niagara. Crews contacted for removal.
- **1700 block of Saunders Settlement Road, traffic complaint/investigation** – Caller reported a green colored vehicle heading westbound with its four-way flashers on. Vehicle had a flat tire and was traveling at 5 mph.
- **3100 block of Saunders Settlement Road, traffic complaint/investigation** – Caller reported a vehicle was all over the roadway and speeding.
- **700 block of Mohawk Street, forgery** – Male caller reported New York state unemployment fraud. Patrol's report only.
- **4700 block of Westwood**

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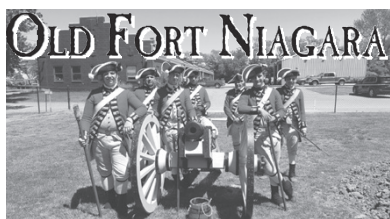
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**Drive, forgery** – Female caller reported a fraudulent unemployment claim. Report taken.

- **5200 block of Paddock Lane, assist public** – Caller reported an attempted break-in that occurred 10 days earlier in the garage building of the condo complex. Patrol spoke with complainant who said the lock on a garage was broken off, but no items taken. Patrols to check area.
- **2300 block of Langdon Road, assist public** – Caller to 911 reported a vehicle went into a ditch; male seen walking around vehicle.
- **Creek Road/Hillside Drive, assist public** – Officer initiated call. Patrol assisted an individual found sitting at an intersection, attempting to return to Niagara Falls.
- **University Drive, NU campus, vehicle/traffic stop** – Officer initiated call. Patrol reported observing a vehicle on Water Street when a second vehicle with Arizona plates pulled up next to it. As patrol stopped in a parking area for a plate check, both vehicles left. Patrol followed the second vehicle that headed up Lewiston Road to Niagara University. Patrol said the vehicle had failed to maintain its lane and failed to signal its turn onto University Drive. Vehicle stopped and driver questioned; negative results reported. Driver released with a warning for vehicle/traffic violations.

### Friday, Feb. 12

- **Townline Road/Niagara**



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**Street, MVA property damage** – Caller to 911 reported two vehicles involved; towing service contacted to remove vehicles.

- **Military/Upper Mountain roads, MVA property damage** – Patrol writing report and completed accident exchange info.
- **5000 block of Dana Drive, forgery** – Caller informed a Social Security number was being used for unemployment and tax appointment purposes. Report taken.
- **1300 block of Ridge Road, forgery** – Caller wanted to speak with patrol regarding a credit card being opened in her name, and harassing phone calls. Report taken.
- **Locations at Saunders Settlement/Military roads; the 1800 block of Saunders Settlement Road; Saunders Settlement Road/West Street; Saunders Settlement/Tuscarora roads; and Creek/Pletcher roads, vehicle/traffic stops** – All calls officer initiated. Violations in order included: one suspect in custody, no further information; driver warned on speed in zone; one in custody for aggravated unlicensed operation third; driver in custody for aggravated unlicensed operation and operating while registration suspended/revoked; and driver cited for speed in zone, vehicle clocked at 65 mph in a 50 mph zone. Uniform traffic tickets issued to all violators for Lewiston Town Court.

### Saturday, Feb. 13

- **5100 block of Military Road, trespass** – Officer initiated call. Female reported an unknown package was left in the breezeway, possible trespasser issue. Patrol listed the suspicious item as a naked garden gnome. No report.
- **4100 block of Ridge Road, accident hit-run** – Caller to 911 reported a small white truck struck a mailbox and continued westbound on Ridge Road. Patrols checked Ridge Road westbound and out to Ridge Road/Route 429, with negative results.
- **4600 block of Creek Road, disturbance not domestic** – Caller to 911 reported a male, 18, was beaten up at a party. Patrol encountered a Valentine's Day gathering and a fight. Subjects stated they were just messing around with each other; no charges issued at this time. Patrol cleared.
- **Locations at Upper Mountain Road/Annover Drive and Saunders Settlement Road/S. Hewitt Drive, vehicle/traffic stops** – Calls officer initiated. Violations in order included: rightful owner, speed in zone, vehicle clocked at 53 mph in a 35 mph zone; and driver, improper plates, unregistered motor vehicle, and speed in zone, vehicle clocked at 61 mph in a 45 mph zone. Uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court.

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