

# Lewiston Garden Club elects members



During the February meeting of the Lewiston Garden Club, members created floral arrangements and elected new officers.

Seated at the table starting from the front left in a clockwise direction: Mary Lostracco, Jacquie Lodico, Barbara Landree and Judy DiCamillo with their floral creations for March.

New officers elected to serve for the club's 95th year of operations are as follows: President Sharon Low, 1st Vice President Judy Talarico, 2nd Vice President Nicole Johnson, 3rd Vice President Landree, Recording Secretary Marianne Gittermann, Corresponding Secretary Tasia Fitzpatrick and Treasurer Doreen Albee. (Submitted photo)

# Youngstown Free Library has COVID-19 tests available

Niagara County Legislator Irene Myers, left, delivers coronavirus test kits to Marlene Wessel and Karen Johnson of the Youngstown Free Library. The kits are available to any resident, free of charge, during the library's regular business hours.

The library is located at 240 Lockport St.



# Niagara Falls City School District, NCCC team up to celebrate Women's History Month

Twenty-five New York state colleges are sponsoring 31 primary and secondary schools to create one of the nation's largest Women's History Month collaborations. The program, titled "The Women's Empowerment Draft," uses a pro-sports theme to build enthusiasm for historic icons, specifically those with New York state schools named for them.

"The Women's Empowerment Draft" is a program of Alfred University's "Art Force 5." It was founded in 2020 to celebrate the centennial of the 19th Amendment. Each day in March, a different school and partnering college will be challenged to pay tribute to the women they drafted.

Dan Napolitano, program director and associate dean at SUNY's New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, said, "This program demonstrates the power of collaboration between NYS colleges, K-12 schools, and hopefully profes-



NCCC student Sonia Swann shows off the 2022 "Women's Empowerment Draft" poster and Bloneva Bond jersey. (Submitted photo)

sional sports organizations."

Niagara Street Elementary School will join the draft to honor Bloneva Bond, the first Black woman elected to the Niagara Falls School Board, and past president of the Niagara Falls Chapter of the National Asso-

ciation for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Niagara Street School is sponsored by Niagara County Community College (NCCC). Both will pay tribute to Bond on March 29 using the hashtag #WEdraft2022 on their social media pages. In addition, a Bond mosaic will be unveiled at NCCC's dining commons at 4 p.m. March 29. To culminate the celebration, as of Sept. 1, Niagara Street School will be renamed Bloneva Bond Primary School.

"School naming is the highest honor the Niagara Falls City School District offers, and I'm excited that we have selected such a deserving individual," NFCSD Board President Russell Petrozzi said. "Bloneva Bond's legacy is an exceptional example for our students to follow, demonstrating the importance of serving one's community and supporting the education of our youth."

The 31 names featured include well-known heroes such as Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks and Eleanor Roosevelt, plus lesser-known trailblazers such as pioneer Lady Deborah Moody, lawyer Jill Chaifetz, and Assemblywoman Cynthia Jenkins. For more information, visit [www.artforce5.com/wedraft](http://www.artforce5.com/wedraft).

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# Memorial now offering in-house dialysis to patients

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center is now offering in-house dialysis service to medical center patients. Inpatient dialysis treatment will now be administered by Memorial staff throughout the medical center's campus, eliminating the need for an outside renal contractor.

With a capital investment of \$200,000, the newly purchased Tablo dialysis machines will be located in the medical center's emergency department, intensive care unit, and cardiac/stroke unit. Designed to offer a better patient and provider experience, the new machines feature touchscreen guidance, portability, wireless connectivity for real time data, and a quick 15 minute set up time, meaning an earlier start and better treatment outcome.

NFMMC said that, in addition to newly purchased and upgraded equipment, this investment also means added clinical jobs that specialize in performing renal services.