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Memorial Day 2021

Hibbard's Original Frozen Custard donating cookie sandwich proceeds to VFW

BY JOSHUA MALONI

GM/Managing Editor

This weekend, when you purchase one of Hibbard's frozen sandwiches – you know, the ones with that world-famous "Original Frozen Custard" paired between The Village Bake Shoppe cookies – you'll be honoring those who have defended this country.

"Hibbard's Custard is going to give all of the proceeds from our cookie sales from Friday through Memorial Day to the VFW Downriver Post 7487 for their 'Circle of Honor' maintenance," owner Kris Trunzo said. "We just wanted to give back to our local veterans."

"It's very, very nice," Cmdr. Bill Justyk said. "I've known Kris and her family for many, many years and, to have support like this from Hibbard's and their family and then from the community, it's wonderful."

At 11 a.m. Monday, a Memorial Day ceremony will take place at the "Circle of Honor" in Academy Park. Though there won't be a parade or luncheon as in pre-COVID-19 years, "The program

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Downriver Post 7487 Cmdr. Bill Justyk and Quartermaster Vince Canosa flank Kris Trunzo of Hibbard's Original Frozen Custard. The iconic Lewiston eatery is donating proceeds to the VFW's "Circle of Honor," across the street at Academy Park.

After Niagara County rejects plan, AL Asphalt wonders 'WHERE CAN WE GO?'

BY MICHAEL DEPIETRO

Tribune Editor

Last week, the Niagara County Planning Board voted unanimously to reject a plan for an asphalt plant at 4660 Witmer Road in the Town of Niagara. It was the latest setback for AL Asphalt, the company behind the project.

The company received a go-ahead by the Town of Niagara last July. However, all previous OKs were rescinded last month after it was revealed New York state guidelines required county approval for the project since the site borders the City of Niagara Falls, Town of Lewiston and Niagara University. Following that decision, the DEC announced the status of AL's air permit application is on hold pending "additional SEQRA review by the town/county and DEC."

During the meeting, board member Walt Garrow led the questioning and ultimately recommended the board reject the project.

Roseanne DiPizio, general manager for the project, represented the company during the meeting. In a phone call this week, she said she took issue with many of the board's conclusions.

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Town of Niagara announces return of 'Music Mania Mondays'

A popular summer concert series is returning to Niagara County in 2021.

On Monday, Town of Niagara Supervisor Lee Wallace said, "It is with great pleasure and anticipation that the Town of Niagara is pleased to announce the return of our 'Music Mania Mondays' concert series. We are currently the process of developing a plan that will allow us to have our concert series and, at the same time follow the New York state requirements as they apply to the COVID-19 pandemic."

Below is the complete tentative schedule:

- July 3**
 ✓ 2 p.m., Black Crowes tribute band
 ✓ 4 p.m., Out On The Tiles (Led Zeppelin tribute)
 ✓ 6 p.m., Grand Illusion (Styx tribute)

- ✓ 8 p.m., Straight On (Heart tribute)

July 5

- ✓ 6:30 p.m., Seventh Sign
 ✓ 8 p.m., What A Fool Believes (Doobie Bros. tribute)

July 12

- ✓ 6:30 p.m., The Strangers
 ✓ 8 p.m., Disco 54 (disco tribute)

July 19

- ✓ 6:30 p.m., Rock Angel
 ✓ 8 p.m., Hotel California (Eagles tribute)

July 26

- ✓ 6:30 p.m., Impact
 ✓ 8 p.m., Nerds Gone Wild ('80s music)

Aug. 2

- ✓ 6:30 p.m., Black Widow
 ✓ 8 p.m., Turnstiles (Billy Joel tribute)

Aug. 9

- ✓ 6:30 p.m., The A-List Band
 ✓ 8 p.m., Against The Wind



Pictured is a past "Music Mania Mondays" concert event. The series is slated to return in 2021. (Photo courtesy of All Services WNY)

(Bob Seger tribute)

Aug. 16

- ✓ 6:30 p.m., The USA Band
 ✓ 8 p.m., Chicago Authority

(Chicago tribute)

Aug. 23

- ✓ 6:30 p.m., Meg and The Vandals

- ✓ 8 p.m., The BBC Band (Beatles tribute)

Dates, times and performers are subject to change.

Wallace said, "We will continue to monitor the daily and weekly updates and changes, as mandated by the governor as we prepare for our 2021 concert season, as well as those established by the Niagara County Health Department. In mid-June, we will announce the protocols and procedures that must be followed for those wishing to attend."

The series will kick-off with our Independence Day celebration, 'Pride in the Park,' on July 3. This is an all-day event followed by our spectacular fireworks display."

Concerts are held at Veteran's Memorial Community Park, 7000 Lockport Road. For more, visit <https://www.facebook.com/musicmaniamonday/>.

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