

North Tonawanda unveils historical marker on Teddy Roosevelt's 163rd birthday

On Oct. 27, City of North Tonawanda officials unveiled a new historical marker downtown on the anniversary of Teddy Roosevelt's birthday. A campaign stop was recently discovered by Niagara County Legislator Rich Andres while examining archives of The Evening Post where then-governor and vice-presidential candidate Teddy Roosevelt addressed a crowd of 7,000 citizens on Webster Street near the end of the 1900 presidential campaign.

"Thanks to Legislator Andres, we have discovered another piece of our local history to be proud of," Mayor Arthur Pappas said. "To stand here today, and to imagine these streets packed with thousands of people, listening to the historical giant Teddy Roosevelt, is incredible."

New York State Sen. Rob Ortt said, "Theodore Roosevelt is an American icon who had the knack of finding himself at the center of several monumental points in American history. Whether it was his election to the New York State Legislature at the young age of 23, his experiences fighting for his country and exploring the American West, or his time serving as president of the United States - which he ascended to right here in Western New York - Teddy Roosevelt's life will forever be woven into the fabric of American history."

"I am so proud to have joined the City of North Tonawanda in unveiling this new commemorative plaque and ensuring that the history of North Tonawanda and the life of an American hero are



From left: Common Council President Bob Pecoraro, New York State Sen. Rob Ortt, Niagara County Legislator Rich Andres, City Clerk-Treasurer Donna Braun and Mayor Art Pappas. (Submitted photo)

remembered for generations to come."

Andres said, "Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. Theodore Roosevelt has a rich and influential connec-

tion to Western New York, and I'm proud that North Tonawanda can be included in the 26th president's legacy. I'd like to thank the Pomeroy Foundation for awarding us this marker."

"As residents, it is our duty to keep our local history alive so it can be preserved for future generations."

The marker was made possible by the William G. Pomeroy

Foundation, whose mission is to preserve local history in communities across the country.

For those interested in seeing the marker in person, it is located at 110 Webster St.

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Solar power coming to Lew-Port

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It has been a busy, but short week on the Lew-Port campus.

The first 10 weeks of school are officially over. Secondary families should check PowerSchool for grades. Hard copy report cards will not be sent home. As a reminder, parent-teacher conferences are scheduled at the secondary level on an as-needed basis.

If you are having any trouble accessing PowerSchool or have any questions, please reach out to the guidance office in the middle school and high school. Elementary students will conclude their first trimester in the beginning of December. Hard copy report cards will be sent home with the children, in addition to information about parent-teacher conferences.

On Monday, the Board of Education held its November work session. At that meeting, the board approved a new contract that will bring solar power to the district. This new project will outfit the

Primary Education Center and Lewiston-Porter High School roofs with solar panels that will help power the district. Installation is planned for the summer of 2022, with the project set for completion and energy startup to be produced by early fall 2022. This will not only help to offset the cost of electricity, but will help reduce the carbon footprint of the district. Once up and running, the district website will have a link that will provide up-to-date, real-time information about the amount of energy being produced and how much is being used.

On Wednesday, there was a special dedication ceremony for the new Lewiston-Porter Veteran's Memorial in front of the high school. This new outside space was made possible by the Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association to honor all who have served in the armed forces and to remind students that freedom is not free. Following the dedication ceremony, the Lew-Port historical club hosted

its annual Veterans Day dinner and basket raffle. Veterans and their guest were treated to a complimentary dinner to thank them for their service to our country.

The high school music department has hosted two fall concert events recently in the auditorium. The orchestra and band performed on Nov. 3 and the chorus performed Nov. 9. The students sounded wonderful and families were once again able to enjoy the experience of watching our musicians perform live. The music department will continue to host concerts, with many upcoming performances scheduled for the month of December. Please check the district calendar if you are interested in attending any of these events.

Lew-Port girls' soccer is headed to the state championship this weekend in Cortland. Last weekend, the Lancer girls won the Far West Regional Championship in Class B with a 5-2 win over Palmyra-Macedon. This will mark the first state semifinal appearance for the girls' varsity soccer team since 1996! Good luck girls!

Upcoming Dates

√ Tuesday, Nov. 16 - Monthly early release day. Secondary students will be dismissed at 1:14 p.m., and elementary students will be dismissed at 2:25 p.m.

√ Friday, Nov. 19 - Faculty planning day. No student attendance.

√ Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 24-26 - Thanksgiving holiday recess.

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