

Syros Restaurant reopens



Bechara Cobti at Syros Restaurant in Lewiston.

Syros Restaurant reopened last Friday at 869 Cayuga St., Lewiston. The restaurant had been closed for about a week, upon an employee testing positive for the coronavirus. Owner and chef Bechara Cobti said the Greek/American eatery was professionally cleaned, and returning employees had tested negative.

In fact, his son, Eli, posted pictures of the deep-clean on Facebook and wrote, "WE HAVE SAFELY RE-OPENED FOR BUSINESS!"

"On Sunday night the Syros Family learned that one of our employees had tested positive for COVID-19. We shut down operations and began testing immediately. ALL EMPLOYEES WHO CAME INTO CONTACT WITH SAID PERSON IN THE DAYS LEADING UP TO THE POSITIVE RESULT HAVE RE-

CORDED A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT!

"Mark Cerrone Inc, the same company that sanitized the Buffalo Bills' stadium, performed a deep clean at the restaurant in Wednesday, November 12. We are continuing to work in conjunction with the Niagara County Health Department to ensure that we are complying with and surpassing all NYS guidelines."

Bechara Cobti said, "We want to make sure everything is clean and everyone is negative. ... We don't want to take chances."

He added, "We don't care if we lose a little bit of business; we want to do it right, because we care about everybody."

"We can't wait for (customers) to come in, and we are ready for them!" Cobti said.

Culinary arts students assist Salvation Army with Thanksgiving meal

Culinary arts students at the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center are continuing a holiday tradition that helps out the Niagara community.

Recently, the Lockport Salvation Army delivered 50 turkeys to the Orleans/Niagara BOCES center for students to roast, carve and prepare for their Thanksgiving dinner as they have over the past several years.

"We really enjoy doing this for a number of reasons," said instructor Robert Ihle, who runs the program with Caitlin Kuchharski. "Not only do the students get valuable skills on how to prepare the bird, they are giving back to the community and ensuring that those less fortunate are able to enjoy a traditional holiday meal. We are always glad to help out."

This year's feast, prepared by the students, included homemade stuffing and gravy to feed more than 300 guests.

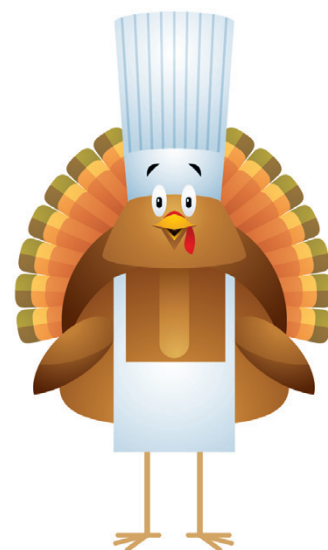
Shown are high school juniors Will Manth (North Tonawanda), Nick Strager (Niagara Falls), Ayden Casey (Niagara Wheatfield) and Javon Coulter (Niagara Falls).



'Operation: Rock Out Hunger' to provide food, spread hope

To help make sure neighbors in need have enough to eat this holiday season (amidst the pandemic), "97 Rock," Kaleida Health, WKBW "7 Eyewitness News" and FeedMore WNY are hosting the 15th annual "Operation: Rock Out Hunger" food and fund drive. From 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, through 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, "97 Rock's" DJ Jickster is living in a FeedMore WNY trailer in the Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital parking lot, 1540 Maple Road, Williamsville. He is collecting donations of non-perishable food, frozen turkeys and monetary donations to benefit FeedMore WNY.

"Helping FeedMore WNY provide nutritious food to our hungry community members has always been important to me, but this year it seems even more critical that we continue to host the 'Operation: Rock Out Hunger' food and fund drive," DJ Jickster said. "There are so many people in Western New York who are struggling to get by right now because of the COVID-19 pandemic. I encourage everyone to stop by 'Rock Out Hunger' in order to make a safe, contactless donation to help feed their fellow neighbors in need."



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