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## Gearing up for GardenFest

Event celebrates 'Helping Lewiston bloom for 95 years'



DiMino Tops Lewiston is sponsoring the open gardens portion of GardenFest. Shown in the picture, from left: Barbara Carter, Sharon Low, Anthony DiMino, Judy Talarico and Susan Hofert. (Photo by Robert Albee)

Lewiston GardenFest, presented by Lewiston Garden Club, is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 18-19. The Center Street festival includes more than 60 vendors selling flowers, plants and handcrafted art and garden essentials, along with a garden walk, speakers, a container garden contest, and more activities throughout the weekend.

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### Where the Money Goes

On Monday, May 16, approximately 20 members of the Lewiston Garden Club broke out their shovels, spades, pots, planters, and green thumbs for their annual planting day throughout the Village of Lewiston. Gardens were spruced up, weeds pulled, and hundreds of flowers planted by the all-volunteer group. Members will continue to water and maintain these plantings through the end of the summer.

Pictured are volunteers at the Lewiston Museum (469 Plain St.)



## 'Thursdays on the Water' announces concert lineup

Top local bands take stage weekly, with Filter headlining Aug. 4



Pictured at the "Thursdays on the Water" press conference are, from left, Jesse Gooch; Leandra Herzog and Tammy Heim of Diamonds in the Ruff Animal Rescue; and City of North Tonawanda Mayor Austin Tylec.

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"Thursdays on the Water" returns to North Tonawanda with eight weeks of outdoor concerts starting July 7. Series President Jesse Gooch held a press conference Wednesday at the venue to announce this year's musical acts.

"We're excited to be back again for another amazing year at Gratwick Park for 'Thursdays on the Water.' Our team has continued to work hard to produce another amazing concert series – a free concert series – here at Gratwick Park," said Gooch, a Niagara County legislator and owner of Painters Plus.

The lineup includes:

√ July 7: Opening act: River Rocks, headliner: The Thurman Brothers perform an Allman Brothers tribute

√ July 14: Rusty Nickel, Desire (U2 tribute)

√ July 21: 77 Stone, Strictly Hip (The Tragically Hip tribute)

√ July 28: Scorch (Weezer tribute), Nerds Gone Wild

√ Aug. 4: Feature event: Seven Day Faith, Filter (VIP front-of-stage tickets available starting next week)

√ Aug. 11: Country night with 90 West and Fried Chicken (Zac Brown Band tribute)

√ Aug. 18: Dave Matthews Band Tribute (two sets)

√ Aug. 25: Stealing, That 80's Hair Band

Concerts begin at 5 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. at 1300 River Road.

Speaking of the homegrown talent, Gooch said, "I've been involved with the local music for a long time, and I know a lot of the local bands. A lot of them are just great. Some of them still need to get discovered. And we just feel that we strategically line up our opening bands with our headlining bands, and give everybody an opportunity to see what great local talent we have here in Western New York. We have many amazing musicians, many amazing local bands, and this is a great place and opportunity to showcase them in front of thousands of people every Thursday."

Jeremy Hoyle of Strictly Hip said Gooch has a history of organizing concerts "for all the right reasons" and "for the community."

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