



# Count Down to Lewiston's Bicentennial Celebration

From now until July, the Historical Association of Lewiston and Lewiston Bicentennial Committee will team with Niagara Frontier Publications to highlight news, events and features commemorating Lewiston's first 200 years. These exclusive pieces will count down to a grand celebration, scheduled to take place July 1-4, 2022.

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## History on display in Lewiston

### 412 Dutton Drive: Gray House

In Lewiston, many homes have a value far beyond their material worth. Some people walk by them, oblivious to the history, but many others are aware of the great history that has been made and once lived within the houses.

However, some houses slide under the radar of even the most observant history buffs. One of these houses is a short distance north of the village, just north of Tryon's Folly, at 412 Dutton Drive. This is partly because it was moved back from the street it was originally on, for unknown reasons.

While relatively obscure, this was the home of the Lewiston abolitionist Arthur Gray. One of the stories from his abolitionist's history was when he met an African American freedom seeker looking for asylum in Canada by crossing the Niagara River. However, when Gray found him, the man was in a terrible condition, so he nursed him back to health. As a token of his gratitude, the man gave him his only possession in the world: the walking stick he had been carrying on his journey.

This walking stick is currently displayed in the Lewiston Histori-



cal Museum, and is one of many stories that show Lewiston's importance in the Underground Railroad.

Not much else is known about Arthur besides his ties to the Copeland family. Margret Copeland, whom he would marry, moved to Lewiston with her family in 1820 from Northern Ireland. The

Grays and Copelands were early settlers of Lewiston, but many moved out of Lewiston by the turn of the 20th century. This early history would be easily forgotten if the history of Lewiston didn't have so many dedicated enthusiasts and archivists.

### Bicentennial Weekend

Following the monument dedi-



At right: This is an undated but early picture of the Gray House. Arthur Gray was an active abolitionist and member of the local Underground Railroad activity. • Above: The Arthur Gray house as it looks today.

cation at the Old Stone Church cemetery I mentioned in our last article, music will be prevalent at Academy Park for the balance of the day. Afternoon bands are being settled now. Local band Reflector will perform in the afternoon, and the evening will end with a concert by The Tower.

There is just one more week before the Chiavetta's chicken

dinner sale on April 30. Get your tickets today, or some will be available on the day of sale at the Lewiston Town Hall.

Remember to keep in touch with the bicentennial website, [www.Lewiston200.org](http://www.Lewiston200.org), for details and complete schedules.

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## Nancy Price Memorial 5k Run slated for May 6 in Youngstown

The 28th annual Nancy Price Memorial 5k Run will be held Friday, May 6, at Veteran's Park on Third Street in Youngstown. The race will start and finish in front of the Youngstown Volunteer Firehall, featuring a scenic course through the village and beautiful Fort Niagara State Park.

The festivities begin with a half-mile "Kids Fun Run," which will be held at Veterans Park directly across from the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. starting at 6 p.m.

All participating children will receive a drawstring backpack.

This will be followed by the 5k for both the walkers and runners, which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The postrace celebration will take place at the firehall, with awards to be presented to the top individual male and female 5k finishers, along with team event prizes.

Registrations are now being taken online at [nancyprice.itsy-ourrace.com](http://nancyprice.itsy-ourrace.com). In-person registration will also be held between

5:30-6 p.m. on race day. This year, runners will have the option to register individually or in groups in the newly introduced three-person team challenge. Runners can also participate in the virtual race option that allows them to walk/run the 5k at their own time and location during the month of May. The first 100 registrants will receive a race T-shirt in their requested size.

All proceeds from the event will go toward the annual Nancy & Vicki Price Memorial Scholar-

ships, in memory of the individuals for whom the event is dedicated. Organizers said, "Both Nancy and Vicki were positive staples in the Youngstown community and helped build both the school and recreation programs up to what they are today. The scholarships are given out to graduates from the area who possess the values that both women held, and who are also active in the community."

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- Emotional stress, trauma or anxiety – say no to drugs & yes to safe, natural solutions.
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- Lack of sufficient sleep or relaxation, excessive workload, exhaustion.
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