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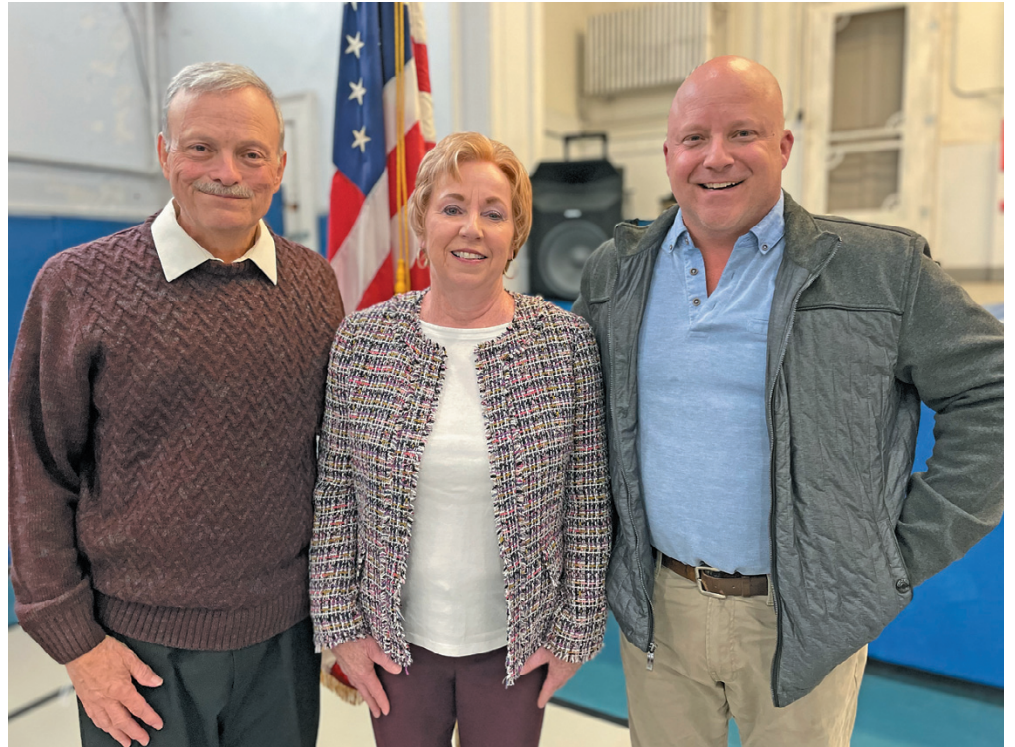
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Claudia Marasco to challenge Anne Welch for mayor in Lewiston

Democrat, Republican parties caucus and choose candidates for June election



The Democrat ticket: Tina Coppins, Claudia Marasco and Savana Bevacqua. • The Republican slate: Vic Eydt, Anne Welch and Jim Fittante.

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GM/Managing Editor

Four years after campaigning alongside Anne Welch, Claudia Marasco will challenge the incumbent for the office of mayor at the June 21 election.

Marasco received the Democrat Party endorsement at Wednesday's Village of

Lewiston caucus. Also that night, Welch, seeking her second term, won endorsement at the Republican Party caucus.

Deputy Mayor Vic Eydt and Historic Preservation Commission member Jim Fittante are the GOP selections for trustee. The Democrat Party picked property manager Tina Coppins and Planning Commission member Savana Bevacqua.

The two available seats are those of Eydt and Marasco.

Each position – mayor and trustee – carries a four-year term.

Marasco said, "I would like more of a leadership role here, and I would like to facilitate some different ways of approaching the inner workings of the government. I really feel that it needs to be more com-

munity-based, and very ethical, and I want to see much more communication.

"I am authentic. What I'm going to say to you, at that time, I'm going to gather my facts and my data. It's not going to be like, 'Well, this is the way we do it. We've always done it this way,' or, 'This is this is how the codebook is; it's my interpretation.'

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Milling, paving to begin on Center Street

Road will remain open while work is underway

BY JOSHUA MALONI

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The Village of Lewiston announced the next phase of rebuilding Center Street will commence Monday, May 2. Milling is scheduled to take place for a week, followed by a week of paving.

Center Street will remain open to traffic, but there will be temporary lane adjustments and/or closures. In addition, on-street parking from Ninth to Fourth streets will be extremely limited – if not altogether prohibited – as construction work will take place from curb to curb.

Mayor Anne Welch said, "Nothing is going to be shut down."

Lewiston Police Department Chief Frank Previte said, "As far as enforcement or monitoring, they, obviously, set up whatever their traffic pattern is going to be for the day. And if they have an issue, they're going to put the information out. We're also going



to put something out on our signs to try to educate the public, as well, to let them know what's going on. But if they get an issue where something's in the way, then we'll try to contact an owner and get them

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High water levels remain a concern on Lake Ontario

IJC continues reviews of Plan 2014

BY TERRY DUFFY

Editor-in-Chief

High water levels on Lake Ontario are again making news.

Last week, officials with Niagara County Fire Wire put out the call for assistance from its volunteer fire company membership from throughout the county. "All available personnel requested to Olcott Beach to load sandbags," its Facebook post stated.

So what is going on? According to the post, the call to sandbag at Olcott was seen as a preventative measure to ward off potential high lake levels from snowmelt in

the Great Lakes basin and high waters in feeder creeks. Currently, lake level measurements taken at Oswego on the eastern end are showing at 2 feet higher than last year, according to recent data from noaa.gov.

While flooding preparations have returned on Niagara County's northern shore, it has not yet reached an action point on the lake for the drastic responses as seen in the years from 2017-19. That could change, dependent on precipitation patterns this spring/summer, and impact not only on

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