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## Work begins on Frontier House restoration

Mortar work began this week on the Frontier House. Abraxas Inc. of Grand Island was tasked with bolstering the exterior of Lewiston's 196-year-old "crown jewel."

Abraxas has been awarded for the quality of its historic renovation projects. As the Frontier House is on the state and national historic registry lists, any construction must abide by specific and historically accurate standards.

The company is repointing the Frontier House exterior. It is removing old mortar while replacing missing pieces with a special blend to match what's remaining. While making the building more aesthetically pleasing, Abraxas also is stabilizing and weatherproofing the structure.

In February 2019, Hastings Lewiston sold the Frontier House to 4600 LLC Group. The team behind the acquisition included Ellicott Development CEO William Paladino and Lewiston developers Jeff and Jerry Williams, and Bill Game.

Mayor Anne Welch has had regular conversations with Paladino about plans to restore and reopen the property. Various ideas for the interior have been discussed, but nothing has been officially presented to the municipality's governing boards.

On Thursday, Paladino said, "We wish we were farther along but COVID has slowed us down and halted many projects in the region including this one."

Ellicott Development also owns the plaza under construction at Center, North Eighth and Onondaga streets. Crews have been vigorously working on building No. 3 (the largest unit on the north end) and building No. 1.

The latter will be home to a Tim Hortons Café and Bake Shop. A sign for the eatery was installed on Thursday. The store's opening is said to be imminent. Quest Diagnostics is open inside building No. 2.

The plaza parking lot was recently repaved and striped. An arrow was drawn on the Center Street entrance indicating it is a one-way road. (Photo by Joshua Maloni; see more at [www.wnypapers.com](http://www.wnypapers.com))



## Niagara County starting to see coronavirus spike 7-day average nears 9% positivity rate

BY JOSHUA MALONI

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Though Erie County has made statewide headlines over the past month for its high number of coronavirus cases, more attention is starting to shift to neighboring Niagara County – where 11.5% of people tested for COVID-19 on Tuesday were positive. The seven-day average at that point was 8.6%, which was second in New York (only trailing Allegany County's 9.1%).

Countywide, cases have increased significantly. Four weeks ago:

- √ The Town of Lewiston had 194 tests for the year. That number, as of Wednesday morning, expanded to 463, with 121 active cases.

- √ The Village of Lewiston had gone from 24 to 63, with 25 active cases.

- √ The Town of Niagara jumped

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## Town of Lewiston to hold public hearing on solar energy law

Changes include new provisions covering setbacks, screening of installations

BY TERRY DUFFY

Editor-in-Chief

The Town of Lewiston will review changes to its proposed local law, covering solar energy systems installations in the town, at a public hearing scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at Town Hall.

"We've made some changes," Supervisor Steve Broderick said of the local law the board would consider prior to its work session. The 14-page PDF is available for review on the town's

website, [www.townoflewiston.us](http://www.townoflewiston.us).

Broderick said modifications were made with regard to setbacks and screening covering solar installations. He explained no changes were made with respect to zoning considerations for utility-scale solar installations proposed in rural/agricultural areas of the town – an issue that has seen opposition from neighboring residents of such installations at past Town Board sessions.

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## NCCC unveils new EOP office, collaboration with Niagara Falls High School

Submitted by Niagara County Community College

While the educational opportunity program (EOP) has been around since former New York State Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve started it in 1967, it is relatively new to Niagara County Community College. The program started at NCCC in August of 2016 with the goal of providing academic workshops, tutoring, counseling, advisement and financial assistance to historically under-served students who require additional academic support.

Currently, the NCCC EOP has funding through the State University of New York Office of Opportunity Programs to support 70 students.

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New NCCC EOP Coordinator Angela Jackson is shown with a student.

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