



LEVEL art gallery opens at Lewiston-Porter

On Wednesday evening, the Lewiston-Porter School District hosted a ribbon-cutting for its new LEVEL gallery. Located at the Center for the Arts at Lewiston-Porter High School, the new art space will operate under the direction of the art department. It will serve as the new home for the annual district art show, in addition to showcasing student artwork throughout the year and hosting community events.

In the photo, Superintendent Paul Casseri joins with district administrators, local officials and visitors as the ribbon is cut to officially open the new gallery. (Photo by Mark Williams; see more on Page 4)

YBPA holiday cheer in Youngstown

The Youngstown Business and Professional Association announced has finalized its grant project, funded through the YBPA's participation in the annual Niagara County William G. Mayne Business Community Enhancement Program.



"Today we finalized the YBPA grant project, which began with the purchase of brand-new U.S. flags and village flags, Youngstown/Porter rack cards, and today with the arrival of 25 new replacement 36-inch LED snowflake lights for the Village of Youngstown and Porter," YBPA President Cheryl Irish-Butera said.

She added, "As everyone is well aware, the problems in getting items shipped in

time for the holidays affected our mission. These snowflakes were ordered for arrival in October! They (fortunately) arrived today - all 25!

"With the help and support of the grant writers, we were given an extended timeline because of shipping delays,"

Butera said the shipments were extended to allow YBPA to stay within the Dec. 31 timeline date for delivery.

"We are happy to report we did achieve our goal today," Butera said. "We look forward to seeing these gorgeous decorations for several years to come. As president of the YBPA, and our entire board, we wish a very happy and safe holiday season to all."



Celebrating the season

The Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas had a festive good time at its recent holiday mixer at Webster's Bistro and Bar. (Photo by Heather Bellini Photography LLC; see more on Page 20)

Jacoby declared winner in Town of Lewiston Board race

State Supreme Court rules in ballot recount

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Monday evening's Lewiston Town Board work session was somewhat low-key, with Supervisor Steve Broderick absent and a number of town officials attending the meeting via Zoom.

However, there was some news from the session. It was learned that incumbent John Jacoby, a popular one-term board member, was declared the ultimate winner in the November election following a ballot recount and a court-monitored final determination triggered by a computer error.

Initial results from the Nov. 3 count revealed Jacoby, who ran on the Democratic/Working Families lines, lost the race to Republican candidate Steve Boddecker by 78 votes.

A recount was initiated. A rescan of the ballots initially found Boddecker won the race by 18 votes, which prompted a second look, according to another media report. However, upon a further review of discrepancies of the ballot scans, which involved an analysis of how the ballots were filled in by voters, State Supreme Court Justice Frank Sedita III determined Jacoby won the election by 25 votes.

"On election night I lost by 78 votes; after



Lewiston Councilman John Jacoby (Submitted file photo)

the ballots were recounted I was down by 19. ... As about 11 a.m. this morning (Tuesday) I won a second four-year term on the Lewiston Town Board," Jacoby said on his Facebook post. "Special thanks to Amy Witryol and Diane Perri Roberts, who alerted us to the confusion that some voters experienced!"

Broderick said Boddecker had informed him earlier that he completed the sale of his Lewiston home and was in the process of moving out of town. Boddecker did not contest Sedita's final decision.

In other news from Monday's session: Robert Lannon of GHD Consulting Services Inc. said he submitted a proposal to conduct a townwide drainage study and was seeking board approval to move further.

"I'm not asking that any board action be taken tonight; but I've submitted for your collective review," Lannon said.

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