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COUNTING DOWN TO LEWISTON'S BICENTENNIAL

Over the next six months, 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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476 Center St., then and now.

In case you have not yet heard, the four days from July 1-4, 2022, we will host one of Lewiston's grandest parties in many years, our bicentennial celebration. Mark your calendar now – do not miss it!

As we prepare for a fun-filled weekend, the Bicentennial Committee, which has been hard at work for two years, thought you all may enjoy hearing about buildings in our community that were existing when the village was formed in 1822. Today, we begin with the first presentation. Thirteen more will follow as we build toward this party.

Before diving in, we want to acknowledge the efforts of Austin Heinz, who accepted a position with the Lewiston Museum as intern in the summer of 2020. Under the direction and supervision of Museum Curator Tom Collister, Austin researched and developed the key information for these buildings, their owners and historical details for these publications. The board and members of the Historical Association of Lewiston, and the Lewiston Bicentennial Committee are grateful for his talented efforts.



476 Center St., 'The Little Yellow House'

In the middle of the village, there sits a small house that hasn't gone through any major changes in two centuries. In 1816, the building known as the "Little Yellow House" was constructed on 476 Center St., where it still stands today. Benjamin Barton and Peter Porter, two notable names in Lewiston's rich history, sold the lot to David Shockney for an initial payment of \$250 with the stipulation that he create a "liv-

able" home in no more than two years. He satisfied their definition of livable – but only barely. This is SEE COUNTDOWN, on Page 2



JULY 1-4, 2022

Wheatfield takes stand on cannabis law



BY MICHAEL DEPIETRO

On Monday, the Wheatfield Town board announced that, although the municipality elected not to opt out of New York State Cannabis Law Section 131 – which would have flatly prevented marijuana retail sales and on-site consumption establishments from operating – due to a lack of

specifics from the state. It will go forward with its own regulations regarding where and how such establishments could operate.

The town will look at ways to modify its zoning ordinance and special use permits requirements in ways that would allow such establishments to operate

SEE WHEATFIELD, on Page 13

Holiday helpers



Volunteers helped make this year's Youngstown-Porter Christmas Baskets program a success, as local families in need were assisted in time for the holidays. Find more information and see additional photos inside today's paper.

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