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## Frontier House work to shift indoors, with anticipated warm-weather start



Pre- and post-snowstorm, construction crews have diligently worked to repair the exterior of the Frontier House in Lewiston.

Mortar work nearing completion

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Most of the repair work at the Frontier House in the past 10 years has been performed behind the scenes, revealed only through second-hand accounts. But in recent weeks, exterior work has been readily evident and on display for all to see, with massive lifts, scaffolding and tarps surrounding the 198-year-old building.

Though Grand Island's Abraxas Inc. began repointing and replacing mortar in December 2020, this three-month stretch has produced the most activity seen at the Center Street site since the property was purchased Feb. 12, 2019, by Ellicott Development CEO Bill Paladino and Lewiston developers Bill Game and brothers Jerry and Jeff Williams.

"If COVID hadn't hit, it would have been done sooner," Mayor



Anne Welch said. "But I always had faith in Bill that he was going to do it. He said he was going to do it. He's a man of his word. And I knew he was going to do a great project out of it."

"I'm so excited to see it's finally really moving. And I stopped to talk to the contractors there the other day, and he said they had probably 60% or better of the mortaring done. And like I said, then once they get the outside done like that, they're going to start moving on the inside."

"I think everybody is so happy to finally see something happening with that building."

Ellicott Development Director of Development Thomas Fox said what onlookers have seen is "all masonry restoration work. Some repointing work; some reconstruction work; there were some issues structurally with the front façade that we're working on repairing before we can get to the inside and do a lot of that major work."

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## Niagara-Wheatfield Community Ed. opens Feb. 9



Community education presenter Sara Jeckovich, founder and developer of Grounded Matters, an all-natural skin and hair care business dedicated to the environment, at a workshop last fall. For more information, visit <https://www.groundedmatters.com/>.

Program includes online & in-person offerings

BY CINDY TRAVERS  
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The concept of schools as the center of community life goes back a century in the United States. Progressive educators of the time, including John Dewey, Jane Addams and urban planner Clarence Perry first envisioned the model of schools that serve as the center of neighborhood social life and the agent of neighborhood-based social services, while also educating children.

In response to the social disruption of American life with the coming of the industrial age, community-based education provided a source of creating both social cohesion and improving the lives of community residents. The "lighted schoolhouses" of Flint, Michigan, provided the next evolution of community

education in the 1930s. Under the name "community education," these programs were developed to serve children and working parents in the evenings. This became a model throughout the country.

The principles taught in community education training are still in use today. The need for community education as a resource and center of community life and learning is a necessary component in today's world.

Niagara Wheatfield Central School District continues to be a proud supporter of community education.

Our fall 2021 community education session was well received, and we are excited for new beginnings! Spring 2022 classes range from in-person to online classes. While some

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Lewiston-Porter High School Presents

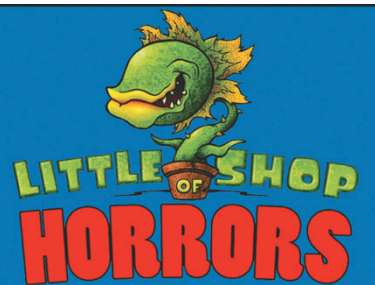
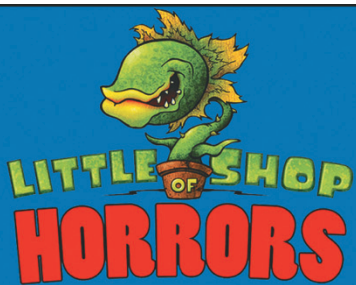
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