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Counting down to Lewiston's bicentennial

Smith Home has ties to Lewiston founders

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 July 1-4, 2022.



155 S. Fifth St.:
"Smith Home"

PART II

This is the second of 14 stories about homes in Lewiston, which will be at least 200 years old during our celebration of the bicentennial July 1-4, 2022.

Whether you are a lifelong resident of this community, just unloading your moving van, or anywhere in between, please mark your calendar for this fun-filled weekend coming up this summer.

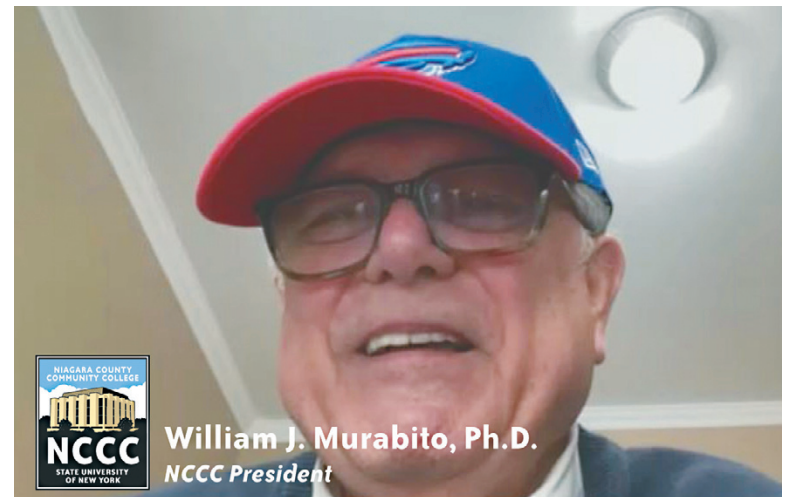
155 S. Fifth St.: 'Smith Home'

Situated in the heart of the village at the southwest corner of South Fifth and Plain streets, the house consists of two wings. The first wing, or north section (along Plain), is a large rectangular wing with a center chimney built in 1817 by Dr. David Smith. He was the minister for the first Religious Society in Lewiston, first minister

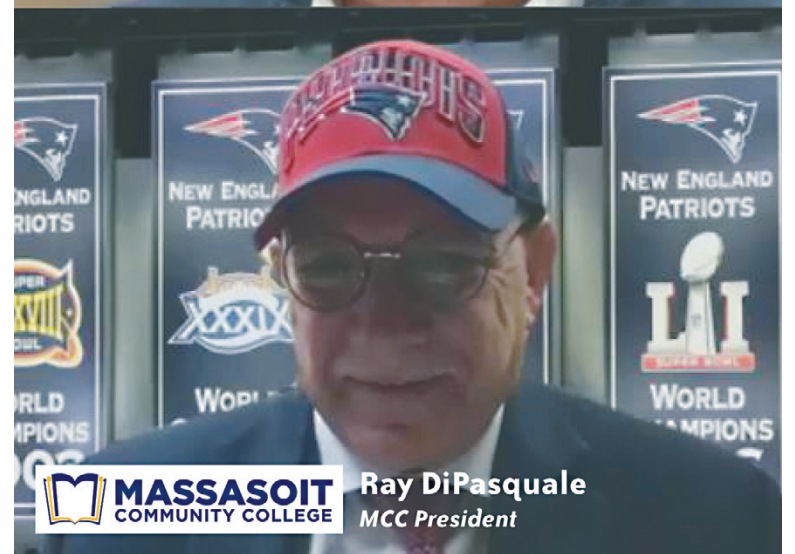
of the Presbyterian Church, and also a founder for the first Episcopal congregation.

Outside of religious affairs, he was a prime mover in getting the Lewiston Academy built, and was its first principle. The original section of the house became known as the Presbyterian manse and also as the "Preachers House." It is said the date, 1817, is carved in
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NCCC president challenges MCC president to friendly wager for Bills playoff game



William J. Murabito, Ph.D.
NCCC President



Ray DiPasquale
MCC President

Via a Zoom meeting on Wednesday morning, Niagara County Community College President William J. Murabito challenged Massasoit Community College President Ray DiPasquale to a friendly wager on the outcome of the playoff game between the Buffalo Bills and the New England Patriots.

MCC is located deep in New England Patriots' territory in Brockton, Massachusetts. DiPasquale logged into the virtual meeting wearing a Patriots hat with a custom background featuring the Patriots Super Bowl banners.

Not one to be outdone, Murabito confidently sported a Buffalo Bills hat in support of the hometown team – and made a wager of chocolate orange sponge candy handcrafted by students at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute, a division of NCCC.

This Western New York specialty will be sent to Massasoit in the event the Bills lose on Saturday night – though Murabito taunted, "I don't expect a need to

send those to you." Amused by the comment, DiPasquale gestured behind him and said, "See those championship banners?" Though he noted his confidence in New England's rookie quarterback, Mac Jones, DiPasquale offered gourmet chocolates created by students in the MCC culinary program as his part of the wager – should the Patriots be defeated.

Certain of a Buffalo Bills victory, Murabito announced, "We are looking forward to those chocolates!"

One thing both presidents agreed upon is that it would be a great game between the two rival teams. While the weather forecast is expected to be incredibly cold in Orchard Park for the game, the sweet wager between the two colleges is just an example of the warmth of the fans behind each team.

Buffalo and New England split their two-game season series, with each team winning on the other's home field. (NCCC photo)

Niagara Wine Trail celebrates 'Be Mine With Wine'

How sweet love is! Bring your sweetheart, family or friends to celebrate Valentine's Day on the Niagara Wine Trail, on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 20, from noon to 5 p.m. "Be Mine With Wine," is a unique wine and "sweet treat" pairing experience.

Each two-day tasting pass allows guests to sample three wines and a special chocolate or mini dessert at each of the following 11 locations:

- √ A Gust of Sun Winery
- √ Bella Rose Vineyard & Winery
- √ Honeymoon Trail Winery
- √ Leonard Oakes Estate Winery
- √ Long Cliff Vineyard & Winery
- √ Mayer's Lake Ontario Winery

√ Niagara Landing Wine Cellars

√ Shultze Vineyards & Winery

√ Victorianbourg Wine Estate

√ Vizcarra Vineyards at Becker Farms

√ The Winery at Marjim Manor

Tasting passes are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance at www.NiagaraWineTrail.org. Deadline is Feb. 17. Must be 21 years of age to purchase and participate. Groups are limited to four people. Participants will choose the day and specific winery in which to begin their self-led tour.

"We are happy to continue this Valentine's Day tradition along the Niagara Wine Trail this year," said Shane Gustafson, president of the Niagara Wine Trail. "By spreading out the tasting passes

over two days, guests are able to visit many, if not all of the 11 participating wineries in a safe and intimate environment."

Guests should notify their starting winery of the time they will arrive. They are also encouraged to make telephone reservations at each winery they intend to visit over the two days, keeping in mind that some tasting rooms have limited occupancy.

"We'd like to accommodate each guest in a fun, comfortable and timely manner when they arrive," Gustafson said.

The list of sweet treats is featured on the Niagara Wine Trail website. For more information or to purchase tasting passes, visit www.NiagaraWineTrail.org or follow the Niagara Wine Trail on Facebook and Instagram.

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