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## Lewiston Kiwanis Club cancels 2020 Niagara County Peach Festival



There will be no Niagara County Peach Festival in 2020. (Image courtesy of Bob Koshinski)

Annual Lewiston favorite nixed due to coronavirus pandemic

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It was only a matter of time. On Tuesday the Kiwanis Club of Lewiston announced its annual Niagara County Peach Festival is canceled for this year due to coronavirus pandemic restrictions. "The Kiwanis Club of Lewiston is saddened to announce we will

not be able to hold the Peach Festival this year," Chairman Dean Beltrano said. "After discussions with our vendors, the cancellation by our ride vendor – Amusement Rides of America – and for the safety of our members, volunteers and the community at large, the board of directors decided it would be in the best interest to

cancel the festival this year and come back stronger in 2021. We thank the community for their continued support and look forward to seeing you all at Lewiston's Academy Park Sept. 9, 10, 11 and 12 in 2021." 2020's event was scheduled to run from Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 10-13. The annual happening has

been organized and managed by the club for more than six decades. A decision on whether or not to hold the 63rd edition of the Peach Festival has been a hotly discussed topic among the Lewiston Kiwanis membership over the past several weeks, Beltrano noted.

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### Coronavirus New regulations for bars & restaurants

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, on a conference call Thursday, announced new regulations for bars and restaurants to ensure they are complying with state social distancing and face covering orders.

Statewide, these establishments will be subject to new requirements that they must only serve alcohol to people who are ordering and eating food, and that all service at bar tops must only be for seated patrons who are socially distanced by 6 feet or separated by physical barriers.

Under current law, only establishments that serve food are permitted to serve alcoholic beverages.

Citizens who see violations or are concerned can report complaints, including photos, to the State Liquor Authority at www.sla.ny.gov.

The governor said state officials have received thousands of complaints about people gathered at eateries and not following the safety guidelines.

"New Yorkers are outraged at these establishments," he said.

"This is a question of public  
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## Niagara Falls USA welcome plaza gets grand opening

Visitors will find a brand-new entryway at the oldest state park in America.

On Tuesday, Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul joined New York State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulesseid, Western District Director Mark Mistretta, Assemblyman Angelo Morinello and Niagara Falls Mayor Robert Restaino in officially opening a \$6.2 million welcome plaza at Niagara Falls State Park.

This project is the final piece of a nearly \$70 million revitalization of the landscape. Launched in 2011, the Niagara Falls State Park renovation plan was a multiyear commitment to renew the area in a manner that better reflects

Local and state officials joined together to officially open the \$6.2 million welcome plaza at Niagara Falls State Park – the final piece of a nearly \$70 million revitalization of the landscape.

noted park designer Frederick Law Olmsted's vision for the landscape. The plan renovated the park's major viewing areas, including Luna Island, Prospect Point, Lower Grove, Three Sisters Islands, North Shoreline Trail, Luna Bridge and Terrapin Point with new pedestrian walkways, enhanced landscaping, new benches, light posts and railings. SEE HOCHUL, continued on Page 10



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