



# MARVELOUS DAY FOR A MARKET

The Lewiston Artisan Farmers Market kicked off a new season Saturday at Academy Park.

Despite a few hiccups – the Orange Cat Coffee Co. had a technical issue delaying its market debut, while a few other vendors weren't quite ready for the market just yet – crowds were plentiful – and people seemed pleased with the setup. Music was playing and patrons were eating breakfast sandwiches (until they sold-out), buying produce and mingling with friends – many of whom they couldn't see last year in the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

Now a summer staple, the Lewiston Artisan Farmers Market will operate on the Portage Road side of Academy Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 9. On Peach Festival weekend (Sept. 11), it will move across the street to the Griffon House. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/lewistonartisan-market>.



## IN THE NEWS

### New York Power Authority announces expanded reopening of Power Vista visitors center

**Increased hours & tour size**  
The New York Power Authority (NYPA) recently announced the expanded reopening of its Power Vista visitors center beginning this week.

In accordance with New York state indoor family entertainment centers guidelines, the visitors center, located at 5777 Lewiston Road, is open weekdays for tours of up to 25 people – including school groups, families, or individuals and groups who are traveling together. The tours will be a mix of guided and self-guided experiences with styluses distributed to keep the exhibits hands-free.

To protect visitors and NYPA employees, the Power Authority has added new safety precautions, including state-of-the-art indoor air filtration systems, visitor health screenings and temperature checks, and between-tour facility cleanings. All visitors must wear masks; tour guides will wear masks as well. Further information on health and safety entry requirements are available in the FAQ on the webpage.

NYPA has added a reservation system that allows for limited, timed, guided tours. Reservations are encouraged, but walk-ins can be scheduled if space permits. To make a reservation, or for further information, visit the visitors center information page on NYPA's website at [www.nypa.gov/niagara-power-vista](http://www.nypa.gov/niagara-power-vista) or call 286-6661.

Due to changing conditions in response to COVID-19, up-to-date information regarding the facilities will be available at [nypa.gov/VisitorsCenters](http://nypa.gov/VisitorsCenters). All NYPA visitors center events remain canceled until further notice.

### Bottle and can drive to help local animal rescue

Diamonds in the Ruff Animal Rescue is having a bottle and can drive Saturday, June 12, to raise funds for the adoptable dogs and cats in its care. There are two ways to donate returnable bottles and cans to this cause:

√ Drop off returnables to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center at 5714 S. Transit Road, Lockport, on June 12 during business hours and mention the "Diamonds in the Ruff fundraiser."

√ A DITR volunteer will pick up bagged returnables right from a patron's driveway. Email [diamondsintheruffny@gmail.com](mailto:diamondsintheruffny@gmail.com) to provide an address and schedule a pick up.

All funds raised go directly to providing the animals with major medical care, food and supplies, spay/neuter, professional training, and more while the organization searches for adoptive homes.

### AirPower History Tour in Niagara Falls

The distinctive rumble of radial engines from two of the rarest World War II bombers, the B-29 Superfortress "FIFI" and the B-24 Liberator "Diamond Lil," will be heard in the skies over Niagara Falls in June when they visit Niagara Falls International Airport as part of the AirPower History Tour of the Commemorative Air Force.

The two bombers are to be accompanied by a T-6 Texan and a PT-13 Stearman. The P-51 Mustang "Gunfighter" will also be making an appearance.

The AirPower History Tour brings the sights, sounds and stories of World War II aviation to airports across North America each year. Visitors to the ramp will be able to view all aircraft up close, purchase rides, and tour



the B-29 and B-24 cockpits when the aircraft are not flying.

The B-29, B-24 and accompanying aircraft are scheduled to arrive at noon Monday, June 28. The P-51 will arrive at noon Friday, July 2. The aircraft will be staged at Niagara Falls International Airport.

The event will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday, June 30 through July 5. Access to the ramp where the warbirds are parked is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children ages 11-17 and free for children 10 and under. The T-6 and PT-13 will be offering rides each day. The P-51 will be offering rides beginning at 1 p.m. Friday. The B-29 flies on Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 9 and 10:30 a.m. The B-24 flies on Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Cockpit tours of the B-29 and B-24 will be available each day beginning at 9 a.m., except on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, when they will begin at noon.

FIFI is one of only two flying B-29s in the world. She was acquired by the CAF in 1971 from the U.S. Navy Proving Grounds in China Lake, California. After a three-year restoration, she began touring in 1974 and has been entertaining air show audiences across the country ever since.

Diamond Lil was one of the first B-24s produced. She is the oldest WWII-era four-engine bomber in existence and one of only two B-24s still flying. She has been used to honor the greatest generation and educate future generations at air shows across the country for

almost 50 years. Rides may be booked in advance at [www.AirPowerTour.org](http://www.AirPowerTour.org) where additional information about the event may also be found. (Photo: CAF)

### Niagara SPCA to host car show

On the behalf of the WNY Hotrods & Classics Inc., the Niagara SPCA will host its second annual "Fast & Furryous Car Show." This all-ages fundraising event will take place from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, July 17, on the Niagara SPCA grounds, 2100 Lockport Road, Niagara Falls.

A press release stated, "We will have a lot to offer this day. On hand there will be a basket raffle, door prizes, 50/50, Justice League Superheroes, live music, food, vendors and much more. The awards portion for the car

show will be handed out around 5 p.m."

### Niagara Wheatfield Community Education recruiting instructors for fall classes

Niagara Wheatfield Central School District Community Education is planning fall 2021 classes and ask residents to share their talents, and for business owners to promote their local business with the community. Instructors can create their own content, set their own schedule/fee, and have fun! They can teach a class one time, or as many times as they like between Sept. 15 and Dec. 22.

For more information, visit <https://www.nwcds.org/page/community-education>, or contact Community Education Coordinator Cindy Travers at 215-3034 or [ctravers@nwcds.org](mailto:ctravers@nwcds.org).

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