

Lewiston Farmers Market makes 2020 debut



Jamie Symmonds opened her Lewiston Farmers Market on Saturday. Throngs of people came out – wearing masks and socially distancing, of course – to patronize local farmers and small businesses.

This year, the layout went perpendicular, as vendors both lined the Portage Road side of Academy Park and continued in past the bandshell and toward the Niagara

River Region Chamber of Commerce office.

Popular market items included fresh produce, baked goods, honey and, new for year No. 3, breakfast sandwiches from the neighboring Syros Restaurant.

Particularly heartening to see was the Brickyard team, which debuted a new Brickyard Brewing Company beer and sold barbecue foodstuffs.

A late-May fire ravaged the BBC's top floor and left smoke and water damage on the ground level and at the adjoining Brickyard Pub & BBQ.

Symmonds held a basket raffle to raise funds for the restaurant employees – and to thank Brickyard management, which has collaborated with her on this event since its inception.

(Photos by Mark Williams Jr.)

Lew-Port seniors take center stage



Though graduating Lewiston-Porter High School seniors can't physically walk across a stage this month, they will take center stage in Academy Park this weekend.

Or, at least their pictures will.

Thanks to the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce and Matt Villnave of Lewiston Digital, senior class yearbook photos are set to rotate across the front of the DiMino Tops Bandshell for all to see. The slideshow is expected to continue each night.

Chamber President Jennifer Pauly said future presentations will include graduates from local elementary schools. The Village of Lewiston approved the use of Academy Park for this purpose.

Last Thursday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo gave New York high schools permission to hold drive-thru ceremonies. Lew-Port seniors will be honored at such a celebration at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at Artpark.

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