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Olcott Lions 'Swim for Sight' set for Sunday

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Pictured is a scene from the 2019 Olcott Lions' "Swim for Sight" at Olcott Beach. (File photo by Wayne Peters)

BY TERRY DUFFY
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COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease and, with that, a number of popular community events are making their comeback.

The latest is from northern Niagara County where officials with the Olcott Lions Club announced the annual "Swim for Sight" – typically a late-winter favorite held in March on the shores of frigid

Lake Ontario – would be a pre-Memorial Day weekend happening this year. Now in its 51st year, the annual swim (minus a 2020 disrupt) will be held this Sunday afternoon in the Lake Ontario waters off Krull County Park at Olcott Beach.

"We are thrilled ... following the vaccines rollout to help us get back to our new normal of being able to do events," Olcott Lion and Event Chairman Bill Clark

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Discover Niagara Shuttle season begins Memorial Day weekend with all-new route to Lockport



The Discover Niagara Shuttle (Image courtesy of the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area)

BY MICHAEL DEPIETRO
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The Discover Niagara Shuttle, the complimentary hop-on/hop-off service that connects visitors and residents to more than a dozen stops between Niagara Falls and Fort Niagara, is set to kick off its sixth season. This year promises to be its most exciting yet, with new routes, new stops, and new places to see along the way.

The shuttle will begin picking up riders Memorial Day weekend (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, May 28, through Monday, May 31). It will continue to run weekends-only until June 25. Then, from June 25 until Labor Day, it will return to regular service: four vehicles running the route seven days a week. After Labor Day, it will go back to weekends only.

Outfitted with bike racks, complimentary Wi-Fi and digital information screens to learn more about the area, the shuttle provides a convenient way to experience

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Lewiston Artisan Farmers Market expanding for 2021 (and adding Orange Cat Coffee)



BY JOSHUA MALONI
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When the Lewiston Artisan Farmers Market returns to Academy Park this summer, patrons will find more vendors, a return of activities, and the addition of one notable village staple: The Orange Cat Coffee Co. coffee.

"During the past few years we've watched the Artisan Farmers Market grow and become a buzzing little hub in the village, and we've been so happy to have this addition to our village vibe," Orange Cat owner Michael Broderick said. "Since the market is truly focused on locally produced goods and businesses, it sets itself apart from many other markets around WNY.

The Orange Cat Coffee Co. is among the vendors this summer at the Lewiston Artisan Farmers Market in Academy Park.

"When we were asked to join again this year, we decided to jump on in hopes of helping to continue showcasing the value of community-based businesses and events. Lewiston has always been a very special place, and this market is a perfect fit for many of our farmers and artisans, as well as a wonderful way to meet the needs of the larger community that supports it."

Market organizer Jamie Symmonds of Willow Consulting said, "I do have music coming back. You'll see some musicians there throughout the season. And I'm also bringing back fitness classes in the park. Embody Health & Wellness, which did the first two years, is coming back this year. The second and third Saturday of each month, there will be a class in the park."

She noted, "As for this year, we have 18 full-time vendors, which is the most we have ever had." Symmonds also expects to have upward of two-dozen part-time vendors. "I can say we absolutely have more vendors so far this year, and there are several pending at this point."

The Lewiston Artisan Farmers Market will operate on the Portage Road side of Academy Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, June 5 through Oct. 9. On Peach Festival weekend (Sept. 11), it will move across the street to the Griffon House.

Symmonds is still working with county health officials to determine the final layout, as well as how products will be displayed. Last year, patrons couldn't handle produce due to coronavirus safety restrictions.

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