

Lewiston Council on the Arts moving headquarters to Red Brick



Lewiston Council on the Arts "wishes to thank these strong, energetic and helpful individuals that are helping us move to our new location at the Red Brick School." In the photo, front and center: Jennifer Rossman; second row: Elder Brennan Jensen, Travis Mis, Nate Meigs, Robert Haskell, Elder Matthew Floodeen and Elder Nathaniel Blake; and back row: LCA staffers Kathryn Serianni, Tim Henderson, Irene Rykaszewski and Eva Nicklas. (Photo courtesy of LCA)

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The Lewiston Council on the Arts is moving from the "Big Yellow House" on Ridge Street to the top floor of the Red Brick Municipal Building (above the clerk's office) at 145 N. North St.

"It's a beautiful space; a freshly painted corner office where the sun streams through huge, new windows. It feels like home, because it's located right across the hall from where we first started more than 25 years ago!" Executive Director Irene Rykaszewski and Artistic Director Eva Nicklas told NFP in an email.

Of course, the current LCA office is located within a house that has rooms for costumes, props and other items used in a variety of festivals and events. Fortunately, "The village also gave us a convenient storage room right across from the office," Rykaszewski and Nicklas said. "On a positive note, this move has forced us to edit, downsize, reorganize and prioritize, and will get us poised for the next phase of the organization."

Materials have begun to be moved, and "Internet and phone

service is being transferred on Friday, Nov. 5," Rykaszewski and Nicklas said. "We may still have a few things left to bring over, but we'll be working out of the new office after that."

LCA's phone number (754-0166), website (www.artcouncil.org) and email addresses (director@artcouncil.org, artstaff@artcouncil.org) will remain the same, while the mailing address will be P.O. Box 1, Lewiston, NY 14092.

The Village of Lewiston owns the "Big Yellow House." Mayor Anne Welch said the municipality will sell the building.

"I have a package that I'm going to send out to all the Lewiston Realtors - to be fair - and ask for their proposal to sell the house," she said. "And then (village counsel) Joe Leone will choose which one, because he's also a real estate attorney."

"I said, 'I don't want to be involved in it.' Because I don't want people saying, 'Well, it's your cousin or friend, or she likes them better than she likes us.' Everybody can have their chance at it."

She noted, "There's interest in it already."

Welch also reiterated what's been said at Village Board meetings for several years now: The municipality doesn't want to be in the real estate business.

"I said, 'We really shouldn't do this.' And Joe Leone agreed with me, and we just took it from there," Welch noted. "I said, 'Let's sell this house.' It's zoned restricted business, so it can be commercial. It's a great place for an office or whatever. And we'll maintain the courtyard and the 'Little Yellow House' in front. We'll keep that. The property line will be just off the back of the house, just to give them access to the back. But other than that, the courtyard will stay the same."

Welch said she would speak with Treasurer Stephanie Longwell with regard to where building sale monies would be transferred. "It will be nice to have a chunk of money to use for different projects in the village."

The LCA did not pay rent to the village for use of the "Big Yellow House." Welch said that arrangement will continue at the Red Brick.

Electricity/electronics class helps out at Niagara Career and Technical Education Center



The maintenance staff at Orleans/Niagara BOCES has been so busy over the course of the school year and summer, there were a few projects they did not get to. One of them was wiring the storage building at the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center with electricity.

"There was a panel that you had to walk all the way into the back of the building to flip on, which connected to an extension cord and plug to a string of caged work lights. It was sometimes difficult to navigate through the building, especially if it was dark out," teacher Logan Spain explained. "So, I asked if my class could take on the wiring of it. I thought it would be a good project for them and help out the maintenance staff and save them money and time."

Spain's class and a small group of the building maintenance management students in Vinnie Piaskowski's class have spent several days wiring the building. The students are enjoying getting hands-on experience.

"I think they are excited about the fact that this will be permanent structure," Spain said. "They will always be able to look at this building and know that, because of them, it has electricity."

Pictured, from left: Spain, Cameron Davidson (Wilson High School), Sean Uhrich (Lewiston-Porter), Kevin Peck (Wilson), Vincent Burke (North Tonawanda), Lucas Smith (North Tonawanda), Jacob LaPresta (Lewiston-Porter), Ian Nugent (Wilson), Chris Rathman (Starpoint), Michael Kindron (North Tonawanda), Elizabeth Wilcox (Wilson), Greg Marshall (Niagara Falls), Owen Becigneul (North Tonawanda), Travis Franke (Starpoint), Derek Kennedy (Niagara Falls), Gabriel Christopher (North Tonawanda) and Matt Brown (Lewiston-Porter). Working in the background: Tristan Watts (Niagara Falls).

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