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Frontier House team drawing closer to construction start date

Pandemic, state approval has slowed progress

Lewiston's Fittante working on project

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When it comes to the Frontier House's reopening, the question is this: Do you want it done fast, or do you want it done right?

On Wednesday, architect Jim Fittante and Village of Lewiston Mayor Anne Welch said Ellicott Development and the Frontier House ownership team is still awaiting approval from the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) before the bulk

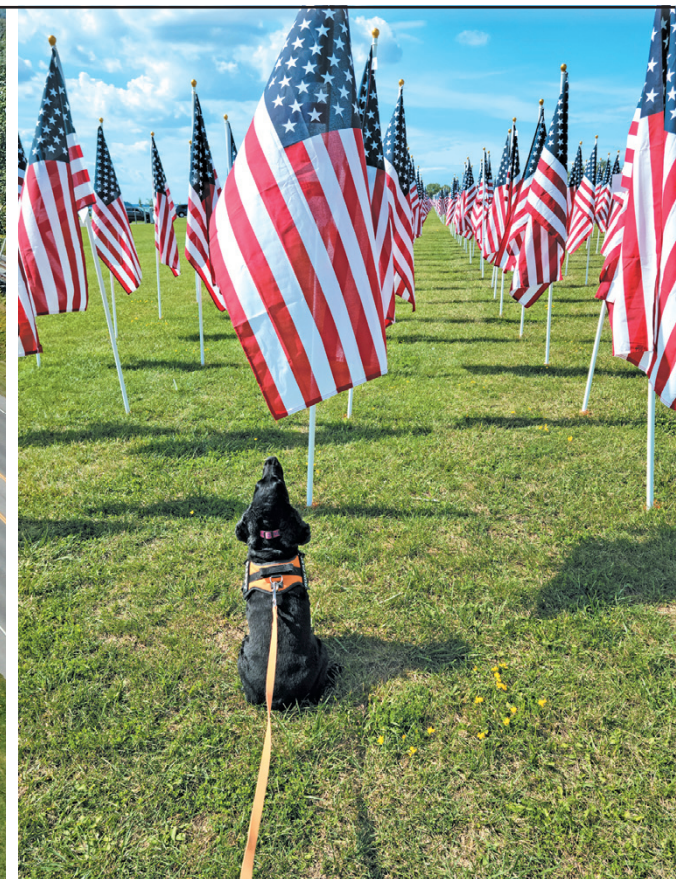
of restoration efforts can commence. They indicated a third project scope submission is under review.

"The main driver is Ellicott Development, and they have their whole team that has been great with everything they've been doing, working with my drawings," Fittante said. "They have a team, actually, for preservation, too, that's submitting everything to SHPO. ... And it's just going back and forth.

"SHPO is very thorough when it comes to historical buildings that are on the National Registry – and especially when we're trying to restore this all. Interior; I mean, it's down to pieces of trim, saving it inside. And then there's the big issues of the type of mortar's got to match. This thing's been repaired, temporarily, in the past with wrong mortar. That's caused more problems. That hasn't helped the building. SEE BED, continued on Page 8



Pictured is artist Chris Nenstiel's rendering of the proposed new look at the Frontier House in Lewiston. The goal is to make the structure look like it did back in 1824. (Image provided by Fittante Architecture)



Massive tribute to 9/11 held in NT

The Erie Niagara Sunrise Exchange Club hosted a Memorial Healing Field over the weekend, on the 20th anniversary of 9/11. A massive tribute was designed to honor and remember those who tragically lost their lives that day.

Organizers stated upward of 3,000 full-size flags were posted in uniform rows and columns. They said, "The scene of red, white and blue flags, flying amid the blue sky, will present an inspiring and memorable panorama that will draw the Buffalo-Niagara Falls metropolitan community together. Visitors to this majestic display will come, once again, to Gratwick-Riverside Park in North Tonawanda."

A press release added, "Our health care community has been on the front lines here at home tending to the needs of the sick and dying – many of whom lost their lives in serving our nation. To remember that our nation is still facing threats both in our country and abroad, we need to pause and remember we are Americans. And a strong united America can be an example to all that a strong nation, 'united for service,' can help all Americans."

For more, visit www.healingfield.org/eventnorthtonawandany21/.

Pictured: A view from above, courtesy of K&D Action Photo & Aerial Imaging. • Wheatfield resident Cheryl Raffel and her dog, Minnie, went to Gratwick Park Sunday for a walk and also to visit the Healing Field flag display, which was created to honor those lost on Sept. 11, 2001. (Submitted photo)

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