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## Tricentennial of first French trading post celebrated at Artpark



On behalf of the Magazin Royal 300 committee, I would like to thank the organizations and individuals who made this past Saturday's 300th anniversary commemoration a success. On Sept. 12, about 100 people gathered at Artpark to mark the tricentennial of the establishment of the first French trading post on the Niagara.

Several organizations planned for well over a year to mark the anniversary. These included the Historical Association of Lewiston, Artpark & Company, the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area, the Tuscarora Nation and Old Fort Niagara. Financial sponsorship was provided by the Niagara Falls

National Heritage Area and Lactalis American Group Inc.

The day began with two canoeists departing Old Fort Niagara with a cargo of period trade goods. After fighting the Niagara's strong current for a little over four hours, the canoe arrived at the base of a gully at Artpark. Opening ceremonies featured remarks by Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, historian Jamie Jacobs representing the Seneca Nation, Neil Patterson Sr. representing the Tuscarora Nation, and Pascal Soares, honorary consul for New York, government of France. Remarks were followed by a reenactment of Louis-Thomas Chabert de Joncaire's landing and



meeting with Native Americans. The day also included a terrific display of original artifacts by the Historical Association of Lewiston, musket demonstrations, a display of wampum by Richard Hamell, native dancing and historic cooking. The program concluded with

the arrival of Lawrence Claessen, representing the Province of New York. Claessen demanded the French demolish the Magazin. The ranking French officer, Louis LaCorne, refused as the commemoration ended.

The tricentennial of the Magazin Royal was indeed a significant milestone in the history of our region. Local people can be proud that the anniversary did not go unnoticed. For those who were unable to attend, a video is in production that will be posted on YouTube.

*Robert L. Emerson*  
Executive Director  
Old Fort Niagara

Photos by Wayne Peters

### Town Clerk's Corner

• School tax collections began Sept. 1. For more information regarding your tax bill, contact the following individuals: the Niagara Wheatfield School District – Rebecca Ashby at 215-3024 or the Lewiston-Porter School District – Debra Coulter at 286-7243. School taxes are not collected at Lewiston Town Hall.

• Town brush pick-up ends Oct. 16; this will resume in the spring. Residents are asked to please follow these guidelines: Branches must measure 10 feet or less in length, and all branches must be no larger than 3 inches in diameter. All

**TOWN CLERK'S CORNER**



Donna R. Garfinkel

### Town of Lewiston news and notes

branches must be piled as neatly as possible with all cut ends facing the road, piled as close to the road as safety permits, approximately waist high. This enables crews to pick them up quicker and easier. Do not place brush on the road, as this creates a safety hazard.

The Town Highway Department does not pick up rocks, stumps, lawn sweepings, twigs, vines, building materials, rubbish, etc. Please do not put these items out with your branches; they will not be picked up. There is no need to call; highway crews are in your neighborhood on a regular rotation.

Residents are advised this service does not include trees in wooded areas behind homes. If you utilize the services of a contractor, they are responsible for cleanup of the trimmings.

• Niagara County-certified early

voting polling sites for the Nov. 3 general election are as follows: the St. John De LaSalle Center, 8469 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls; and Cornell Cooperative Extension, 4487 Lake Road, Lockport. Both sites are open to all registered voters in Niagara County on the following dates and times: Oct. 24 and 25 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Oct. 26 and 27 – noon to 8 p.m.; Oct. 28 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Oct. 29 and 30 – 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• The Lewiston Senior Center, 4361 Lower River Road, is now open to serve the Niagara County Nutrition Lunch Program. The site offers this program from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekdays.

• Lewiston Town Hall is now open to the public. When entering, please stay in the front foyer. Simply ring the bell and a staff member will

come to you.

• Attention Lewiston snowbirds: The U.S. Postal Service will not forward water bills while you are away. To avoid receiving your water bill late, or the possibility of not receiving it at all, the Town of Lewiston Water Department asks anyone who leaves for the winter to contact the Water Department with your winter mailing address. Upon your return, contact them again to change the bill back to your home address. This is also important for your town and county tax bill.

• Finally, the town's "Drive-Up" mailbox located across from the main entrance to the Town Hall is a convenient way to make payments of water bills and dog licenses. Place paperwork/bill along with payment, in check form, in the box.

Feel free to contact the town clerk's office at 754-8213.

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