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A 'huge comeback' for Lewiston Kiwanis

NIAGARA COUNTY PEACH FESTIVAL OPENS THURSDAY

BY TERRY DUFFY
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The return of a long-time Lewiston favorite is less than a week away.

As we all know, COVID-19 has taken its toll on everyone, with tragedies and disruptions to our lives over the past year that are too many to count. As we continue our rebound, we welcome and appreciate more the enjoyable times in our lives – one of which is returning in just six days: The 63rd edition of the Niagara County Peach Festival.

After being canceled due to COVID-19 last year, the Peach Festival will open Thursday evening, Sept. 9, and run to Sunday evening, Sept. 12, at Lewiston's Academy Park on Center Street. It is presented by the Kiwanis Club of Lewiston. Returning will be many of the treasured good times and experiences of past decades. The event will also bring new attractions, marked by a completely new layout at Academy Park, and many fun, safe



From left, Peach Festival Chair Dean Beltrano, Village of Lewiston Mayor Anne Welch and Festival Advisory Chair Jerry Wolfgang enjoy peaches from Niagara County's Bittner-Singer Farms. (Photo by Terry Duffy)

and family-oriented experiences visitors can look forward to.

"I'm really excited this year about the Peach Festival," said

President Lee Allan at a recent Kiwanis press event welcoming the return of the annual event.

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42nd annual Antique and Classic Boat Show Sept. 11 at Buffalo Launch Club



After last-year's break due to COVID-19, the Niagara Frontier Antique and Classic Boat Show will continue for a 42nd year on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Buffalo Launch Club, 503 E. River Road, Grand Island. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show will feature Turcotte Gar Wood Custom Boats of Brant Lake.

"This is one of the biggest antique boat shows in the country. We get people from all over the country and, before the border was closed, from Canada as well," show spokesman Rocky Nagel said. He noted organizers expect more than 100 boats and an equal number of spectators. There is no admission charge, but the Launch Club charges a \$10 parking fee.

There will be a kid's camp, and a model boat club show in the swimming pool. From 1-3 p.m., there will be a series of seminars inside the Launch Club, including "History of Gar Wood Boats" by the Turcotte brothers, and "Erie Canal History, and Building of the Long Shed and Packet Boat" by the Buffalo Maritime Center.

Memorial Healing Field on 20th anniversary of 9/11

This year, on the 20th anniversary of 9/11, The Erie Niagara Sunrise Exchange Club will present a 9/11 Memorial Healing Field to honor and remember those who tragically lost their lives that day.

A press release noted, "To represent the magnitude of loss, we will assemble a solemn formation of 2,000 to 3,000 full-size flags on Sept. 10, 11 and 12, 2021. Posted in perfect rows and columns, the stars and stripes will fly in tribute to the victims of 9/11. 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."

This year, the 9/11 Memorial Healing Field will recognize and honor the military, first responders and health care community.

Again, the press release stated, "Our health care community has been on the



The 9/11 Memorial Healing Field will pay tribute to those lost on Sept. 11, 2001. (Image courtesy of The National Exchange Club)

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 Amer-

icans. And a strong united America can be an example to all that a strong nation, 'united for service,' can help all Americans.

The following is a brief outline of events:

√ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, opening ceremony; tribute to health care workers

√ 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 11, tribute to first responders, police and fire personnel

√ Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, tribute to all military; closing ceremony; concert

The National Exchange Club has been called "America's Service Club," as the name "exchange" was selected because the group wanted to exchange ideas and information with like-minded individuals about how to better serve their communities. The motto is "unity for service," and the four pillars are Americanism, community service, youth programs and the prevention of child abuse, which is the group's national project.

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



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