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Tickets now available for 'Phantoms of the Opera Hall'

Tickets are now available for "Phantoms of the Opera Hall," to be presented at the Historic Lewiston Opera Hall from April 5-7 – prior to the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8.

Organizers said, "The Opera Hall Players are proud to present this new production that features 'spirits' from Lewiston's past who will share their stories and tall tales centered around the history of the Lewiston Opera Hall. Given the awe-inspiring celestial event

of the weekend, many tales are tied to the miseries and mysteries of the moon."

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. each night. There is a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Seating is limited. Tickets can be purchased online at:

<https://business.upwardniagara.com/ap/Events/Register/WpMXJE9r>.

Please note: The performance venue is on the second floor, accessible only by stairs.

The Historic Lewiston Opera Hall is located at 732 Center St.

"Phantoms of the Opera Hall" is sponsored by Opera Hall Events LLC, Niagara Frontier Publications and the Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce

For more information or sponsorship opportunities, email Phantomsoftheoperahall@gmail.com. Find the show on Facebook: "Phantoms of the Opera Hall."

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sold molasses and white fish by the barrel and "a ready supply of liquor."

Storeowners Calvin Hotchkiss (currently DiCamillo's) and Amos Tryon (Apple Granny) listed the following prices for their goods: ham, 9 cents a pound; rye, 50 cents a bushel; whiskey, \$28 a barrel; corn and beans, 6 cents a bushel. These items came with the disclaimer that they would be sold for "either cash or suitable exchange." Custom tailoring, including expedited cuttings and fashions were offered by village tailor

Mark Your Calendars

"Phantoms of the Opera Hall"

Lewiston Opera Hall, 732 Center St.

7 p.m. April 5-7, and 2 p.m. April 7

Follow the "Phantoms of the Opera Hall" on Facebook

and UGRR stationmaster, Josiah Tryon.

There were many early resi-

dents that didn't gain the notoriety of the Bartons, Porters or Scovells. Their contributions were nevertheless important to the quality of early village life. Oliver Grace, an Irish immigrant, answered the door whenever opportunity knocked. His active memberships in organizations like the Masons, Good Templars and Oddfellows speaks volumes of his standing in the community. These organizations met on the second floor of the Opera Hall, which, too, has survived the test of time. Oliver Grace's name can be found in bold letters at the heading of the 1824 Sentinel edition as its publisher.

Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 2024 campaign

Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 recently announced a new recruitment and retention initiative aimed to improve staffing. According to a fire company press release, this new category of membership allows for the recruitment of perspective members and retention of current members who are very busy or live out of Lewiston No. 1's service district.

Under the new arrangement, fire company members can now schedule their duty time to satisfy membership requirements instead of a call response percentage, which is uncontrollable.

What does this mean for a potential or current member? If they can dedicate 16-24 hours of service per month to fire and EMS service, they are very much welcomed to join Lewiston No. 1.

"Lewiston 1 is proud to be one of the first Niagara County companies pioneering such an initiative," said Barry Beebe, Lewiston No. 1 president. "With the shortage of volunteers, we had to come up with an innovative way to help staff our rigs. The hope is that this will open the door for more volunteers ready and able to respond to your emergency. Fire companies around NYS, as close as Erie

County, have had great success with these types of changes, and we hope to mirror that for our community."

Located on North Sixth Street in the Village of Lewiston, the recently renovated Lewiston No. 1 fire station is outfitted with sleeping quarters, a fitness center, full kitchen and lounge area, which allows for those from out of the immediate area to volunteer in the comforts of the station – or those who live close, from home.

"Lewiston 1, along with every volunteer fire and EMS agency, are always recruiting, join today!" the press release stated.

"I am very proud of our company's dedication to the community in which we serve," EMS Chief Matthew Grainge said. "This is another progressive move to continue serving the Town and Village of Lewiston. We currently operate two ALS-paramedic-level ambulances and a response truck. As volunteerism around the country continues to struggle, Lewiston 1 feels it, too. Our hope is that a duty hour program, along with many other incentives, will help bring in new applicants – especially those EMT and paramedic inclined! All training and recertification is provided."

Fire Chief Spencer Lilly called the fire company's new arrangement a benefit for Lewiston No. 1 and for the community.

"Being a volunteer firefighter and EMT is becoming more and more demanding," Lilly said. "With increased training requirements and call response, time dedication away from your family can be challenging. Allowing members to schedule their duty time on a monthly basis is a win-win. Planned participation and proactive staffing for emergency calls helps us help you.

"We invite all interested or just looking to learn more, to contact us today, or visit www.lfd1.com."

Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 is staffed 100% by volunteers from the community. When a call goes out, members drop what they are doing, leaving their families, and work to respond to emergencies in the area. On top of responding to calls, members are continuously training to bring the best quality service to residents when needed most.

No experience is necessary, and all training is provided free. Visit www.lfd1.com to download an application, or email chief@lfd1.com for more information.

State Parks seeks lifeguards for summer season

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation lifeguard exams are scheduled in the Niagara Region.

Testing is required for anyone wishing to work as a lifeguard at any New York state park and will take place at Hamburg Middle School 360 Division St., as follows:

- √ 4:30-8 p.m. Jan. 12, March 15, April 19
- √ 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 24

Prior to employment, successful candidates must be at least 15 years of age and must furnish proof of completion of "CPR for the Professional" and completion of the American Red Cross lifeguard training, which includes first-aid, with a certificate for the waterfront module or equivalent courses. Successful candidates will also need a physician's certification of adequate physical fitness, including a minimum of

20/40 uncorrected vision, after receiving a conditional job offer.

Lifeguard positions in the Niagara Region will be available at Beaver Island, Woodlawn Beach, Evangola and Fort Niagara state parks and will pay between \$20 and \$24 an hour.

For more information or to register for the test, contact Paquette at 716-475-6419 or Benjamin.Paquette@parks.ny.gov.