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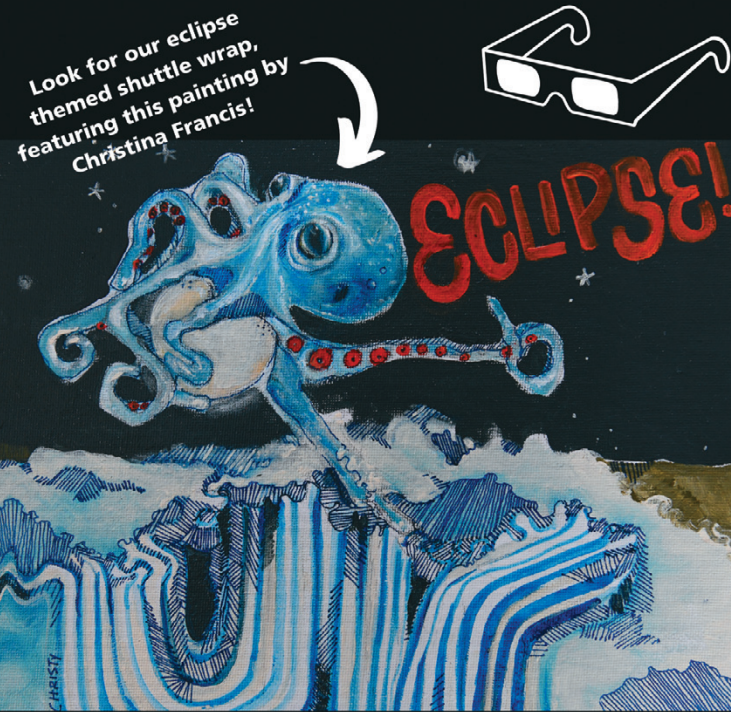
April 8, 2024



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Thursday April 4th to
Monday April 8th

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'Phantoms of the Opera Hall' on stage eclipse weekend

Press Release

On April 8, there will be a total solar eclipse – one of the most spectacular events in nature – and Lewiston is in the direct path of totality. To commemorate this event, the Opera Hall Players, who formerly presented the Marble Orchard Ghost Walks, have been rehearsing to a brand-new show: "Phantoms of the Opera Hall."

The show will be on stage at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 6-7, and at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at the Historic Lewiston Opera Hall, 732 Center St.

Tickets are \$15 per person, available online or at the Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce office, 895 Center St., Lewiston. For more information, email Phantomsoftheoperahall@gmail.com or visit on Facebook (Phantoms of the Opera Hall). The performance venue is on the second floor, accessible only by stairs.

This is a new production that features "spirits" from Lewiston's past who will share music, stories and tall tales about this architectural landmark. Given the awe-inspiring celestial event of the weekend, many tales are tied to the miseries and mysteries of the moon. Some of these spirits have not forgotten what this building once was, nor are they willing to let go even in death.

The Opera Hall housed the first telephone switchboard, library and masquerade ball. Benevolent organizations such as Sacarissa Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Good Templars had their meetings here – and it's quite proba-



"Phantoms of the Opera Hall" cast members: sitting, from left: Lynda La-Greca, Anna Frankovitch, Eva Nicklas and Don Bataralis; and standing, from left: Kathryn Serianni, Tim Henderson, Mystery Phantom, Marc Melzer and Claudia Carnes. Camera shy: Tim Walton and Will Howard. (Photo by Ray Lonsdale)

ble that many early Lewistonians were involved in secret activities of the Underground Railroad. Revival meetings were held after regular Sunday morning church services for poor families and the "River Rats" that lived at the river's edge. Lewiston also had its share of bawdy inhabitants and was a gossipy little place. ... Still is.

Local audiences will recognize the "Phantom" actors, having shared stories in the graveyard for so many years! Thespians include Don Bataralis, Claudia Carnes, Anna Frankovitch, Tim Henderson, Lynda LaGreca,

Marc Melzer, Eva Nicklas and Kathryn Serianni. Newcomers Will Howard and Tim Walton (Summer of '69) will add music and a little crazy to the production!

Sponsors and cultural partners include Opera Hall Events LLC., Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce, Niagara Frontier Publications/Niagara County Tribune/Sentinel, the Lewiston Public Library and Cataract Printing.

Walton to participate
The upcoming production of "Phantoms of the Opera Hall" will bring local celebrity Walton back to his hometown when he takes on the role of the Rev. Lorenzo Dow.

Dow was a fiery preacher whose eccentric dress, style of preaching and fearless behavior attracted thousands of worshippers, including the faithful of Lewiston.

When offered the role, Walton said he "jumped at the opportunity" – and many say he was "typecast!"

Locals know or recognize Walton as a "rock star" of the "Summer of '69," a popular event that's been presented by Lewiston Council on the Arts since 2005.

Every summer, Walton returns to the area and spends his summers living on his sailboat in Wilson. And every year, he reunites with the guys he made music with in the 1960s for the "Summer of '69."



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Solar Eclipse Party!

April 8th noon- 5 pm

Join us for a once in a lifetime TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE event at our Town of Niagara Office. Bring your lawn chairs & cooler and enjoy a live band. Complementary hot dogs & eclipse glasses while supplies last*. Don't miss our llama petting area plus stop by our optical boutique & check out the latest styles & trends.

*Never look directly at a solar eclipse without ISO approved viewing glasses or you risk permanent damage to your eyes.

Office location - 5500 Porter Road NF NY 14304

Solar Eclipse 2024



What it is: On Monday, April 8, a total solar eclipse will encompass the western and northern parts of New York state with the roughly 100-mile-wide path of totality entering in the southwestern part of the state at just after 3:15 p.m. and departing Northern New York just before 3:30 p.m. Cities and towns within this path include Jamestown, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Watertown, Old Forge, Lake Placid and Plattsburgh. The entire event will last for up to 2½ hours, marking the time the sun is first obstructed to the last moments when the moon's shadow is cast. (Courtesy of the governor's office)

What you need to know to be safe: During the eclipse, it is especially unsafe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection. Doing so can result in serious injury. The partial phases of the solar eclipse can only be safely observed directly with specialized eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer – regular sunglasses are not a safe replacement.

Where you can find eclipse glasses: A limited quantity of I LOVE NY eclipse glasses are available at locations throughout the state, including NYS welcome centers and select service areas along the New York State Thruway. Distribution is limited to two pairs per person, while supplies last, with a limited amount distributed daily. The glasses were approved by the New York State Department of Health and carry an ISO certification. Glasses can also be purchased at many Tops Markets locations for \$1.99 with a BonusPlus Card.

Where to watch:
Niagara Falls State Park: From Thursday, April 4, through Monday, April 8, Niagara Falls USA will host NASA subject matter experts for discussions about the eclipse. The series of free and open-to-the-public programming will be held at various points of interest throughout the city. Niagara Falls will experience the beginning of the eclipse at 2:04 p.m., with full totality starting at 3:18 p.m., lasting 3 minutes and 31 seconds. The eclipse will wrap up at 4:31 p.m.

Village of Youngstown: Old Fort Niagara offers a great view of the western sky in a setting of centuries of history. Special programs precede the event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. These include musket and cannon firings, life of a soldier in the 18th century, 18th century domestic life demonstrations and 18th century military engineering. Lewiston-Porter will launch a weather balloon equipped with camera to record the eclipse at 100,000 feet. Launch time is 1 p.m. NASA officials will present in the officers' club from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Capacity is limited to 100 persons.

Town of Wheatfield: The Town of Wheatfield Lions Club will host a viewing event for the solar eclipse from 2-5 p.m. at Five Senses Park, 6535 Ward Road. It will include refreshments, moon pies, sun chips, hot dogs, burgers and beverages. The cost is \$2 per car for park entrance. Glasses will be available to purchase for \$3. Participants are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

City of Buffalo: Tops Friendly Markets and the Buffalo Bisons will host a total eclipse event at Sahlen Field. Gates open at noon, with on-field demonstrations beginning at 12:45 p.m., and live streaming on the 80-foot Bisons center-field scoreboard from the NASA Space station. Tickets are available at www.bisons.com/eclipse (where there is a \$1 service charge), at the Sahlen Field box office, or at select Tops locations. NASA will also be distributing a limited number of solar eclipse glasses to the first 2,000 of guests.

The New York Power Authority will host scientists and experts from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and an astronaut from the Canadian Space Agency at the Niagara Power Vista for free, pre-eclipse educational programming from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 4-7, leading up to the 2024 total solar eclipse on April 8. Additionally, Canadian Space Agency Astronaut Jeremy Hansen, who is expected to circle the moon in 2025 as a mission specialist on the Artemis II flight, is scheduled to visit the Niagara Power Vista on April 7 (between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.). Hansen will become the first Canadian to leave the Earth's orbit to fly around the moon. The Niagara Power Vista is one of several community locations providing NASA-coordinated pre-eclipse programming. The pre-eclipse programs will conclude with a viewing event at Niagara Falls State Park, during which NASA – in collaboration with the Canadian Space

Agency – will provide live eclipse coverage, meet-and-greets with members of the space organizations, and host various exhibits. The event is free and open to the public. The public can obtain free, NASA-approved solar eclipse glasses at the Niagara Power Vista after watching safety and instruction videos. The videos will play in the Niagara Power Vista classroom daily from 3-4:30 p.m.

Watch at home: ABC News and National Geographic present "Eclipse Across America," airing live beginning at 2 p.m. on ABC, ABC News Live, National Geographic Channel, Nat Geo WILD, Disney+ and Hulu, as well as network social media platforms. The special will be anchored by "World News Tonight" anchor David Muir and "ABC News Live Prime" anchor Linsey Davis. Spanning 10 cities across North America, "Eclipse Across America" will broadcast from locations experiencing the phenomenon firsthand, including: Niagara Falls – Approximately 3:18-3:22 p.m.

Other events: Village business owners are hosting a special "Total Eclipse of Lewiston" event from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7. As part of the promotion, patrons can enter to win a grand-prize basket. Organizers stated, "No purchase necessary; all you need to do is stop by as many shops as possible and enter to win."

Find a full list online at www.wnypapers.com/eclipse.



A total solar eclipse is about as bright as the full Moon – and just as safe to look at. But the Sun at any other time is dangerously bright. View it only through special-purpose solar filters that comply with the transmission requirements of the ISO 12312-2 international standard for filters for direct viewing of the Sun.

Beaver Island festival scheduled for April 8

By Alice Gerard

A festival is planned for Beaver Island State Park on April 8, said Tammy Papia, director of catering and events for Montana International, LLC, services provider and operator for Beaver Island State Park and Big Six Mile Creek Marina. "It's an all-day event, giving people activities to do while they're waiting for the eclipse to actually take place." There is no admission fee to get into the park, and 1,000 parking spaces are available. Activities will begin at 9 a.m.

Activities include a performance by Grand Island band Ransom Road, a 5k fun run, kayak rentals, beach volleyball, a craft and vendor fair,

a beer tent, and much more. Food and beverages will be available from vendors, as well as from restaurants in the park. In addition, the Grand Island Historical Society will hold an open house at its museum at River Lea, which will include house tours.

Montana International is looking for more vendors interested in being part of the event. Any vendors interested should email Papia at tammy@thefalconwood.com

"Beaver Island State Park is one of the amazing places to view the total eclipse," said Cyndy Montana, owner/operator of Montana International.

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE PATH April 8, 2024



Location.....	Buffalo, NY
Partial Begins	2:04pm EDT
Totality Begins	3:18pm EDT
Maximum	3:20pm EDT
Totality Ends	3:22pm EDT
Partial Ends	4:32pm EDT

Craft Show • Food & Drinks
Live Music • Kayak Rentals
Kids' Activities • Fun Run

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