



Lions thank community for Earth Day assistance

The Lewiston Community Lions would like to thank everyone who participated in the Village of Lewiston Earth Day Cleanup and Community Picnic. Special thanks to Lewiston Scout Troop 855, Kiwanis Builders and Key clubs, and Niagara County Peach Queen. Big thanks to Lewiston Tim Hortons for keeping our volunteers warm with hot chocolate and coffee; and to the village for providing the cleanup supplies.

Piper continues work at Village of Lewiston cemetery grounds

As village historian, it has been a busy time for me since the dedication of the potter's field monument and memorial bench last July. I have been continuing with cleaning the cemetery grounds and getting ready for my current project to be unveiled and dedicated on Sunday, May 28, at 1 p.m. in the Oakwood section of the newer cemetery. The bronze historical plaque has arrived, and will soon be mounted on a boulder near the grouping of oak trees that shade the grounds.

With the outpouring of support I received for the potter's field project, I decided that the complete history of the cemetery should be told – from the original cemetery to the current cemetery, which was expanded into its current size in the 1870s with the purchase of the lower section from Maria Fraser Hotchkiss. The

additional land can accommodate the need for more burial space for the residents of the growing village. It was to be laid out in the shape of a cross when viewed from the top of the hill in the original cemetery. The land then surveyed into burial plots, to be sold to the residents of the village.

With yet another project in the works, to be announced at a later date, I have taken it upon myself once more to raise funds to place another memorial bench near the plaque in memory of all those who repose within its hallowed ground. This will offer a place of solitude for those who come to pay respects, and for families to be able to rest and reflect on their loved ones or life in general. It will again be of light gray granite to complement the other benches already in place in other areas, so as to have a place to rest in all three sections of the current cemetery.

The estimated cost to make this again a reality is \$1,250, which includes the bench and its permanent placement for all who pass through the grounds to enjoy.

In addition, I have been acquiring pieces for the museum collection in addition to the items that have been graciously donated by local residents for preservation and to be enjoyed by all who wish to view and enjoy. Among the items, I have added to the veteran's memorial display in the main hallway of the Red Brick Building, and a gallery of Niagara Falls through the ages in the hallway on the second floor, as well as the main hallway display. I have received a number of inquiries for family records of village residents, most of which have been completed, sometimes with assistance from Tom Collister of HAL.

In closing, I hope to be able to add another bench for residents

and visitors alike. I was met with an outpouring of donations to complete my last project. I am hoping the same will help me realize my goal to fulfill my next project.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so at the Village Clerk's Office, or a check by mail payable to the Potter's Field Monument Fund.

I give my heartfelt thanks to those who have encouraged me along the way with my endeavors and/or have donated to make my projects a reality for the village.

Hope to see everyone at the dedication ceremony, as I ac-

knowledge those who helped make this project a reality.

Russ Piper
Village of Lewiston Historian

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Memorial Day committee working on May event

Members of the Memorial Day committee gathered for a photo and a meeting on Wednesday. For the first time since 2019, the parade will return to Center Street in the Village of Lewiston. Following the procession, Veterans of Foreign Wars Downriver Post 7487 will hold its annual observance ceremony at the "Circle of Honor" monument in Academy Park.

Memorial Day is May 29. The parade is set to run from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Pictured, at the "Circle of Honor," VFW Quartermaster Vince Canosa speaks to committee members Bonnie Myers; Village of Lewiston Board members Vic Eydt, Anne Welch and Tina Coppins; and Dean Beltrano.

Standing in front of the eternal flame, from left, are Myers, Eydt, Welch, Canosa, Coppins and Beltrano.