

# 2023 'Lewiston Jeopardy' features battle of past champions

Submitted on Behalf of the Historical Association of Lewiston

They call it the "most entertaining two hours in Lewiston," and this year it will feature, for the first time, two former champion teams facing off in a battle of wits, skill and speed at "Lewiston Jeopardy." The event scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at the Brickyard Brewing Company. Not to be underestimated, two other teams with vast knowledge of Lewiston's culture and history will be looking to steal the crown from the former champs.

The popular beer and pizza night "fun"draising tournament is hosted by the Historical Association of Lewiston and is open to the public. Reservations are \$45 per person and can be purchased over the phone at 716-754-4214. Early reservations are encouraged because volunteer organizers expect another full house.

The contest, modeled after the "JEOPARDY!" television show, features clues about all things Lewiston and Western New York. In addition to the teams, the audience also participates in the contest.

Last year's championship team, led by Mayor Anne Welch, includes Deputy Mayor Vic Eydt and Village Historian Russ Piper. The mayor said, "It took us three years to grab the title from our worthy opponents and, despite the friendly and lively competition, we all stand united behind our Historical Association and museum. We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship while saluting Lewiston's rich history."

Former two-time champion Sandy Blackwell Yates and her teammates, consisting of Ralph Borelli



This year's "Lewiston Jeopardy" team captains practiced their buzzer skills recently in a show of support for the Historical Association of Lewiston. From left: Sandy Blackwell Yates, Peter Coppins, Anne Welch and Curt Stuart. The contest, which features both team competition and participation from the general audience, will take place at the Brickyard Brewing Company, on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m.

and Tim Miller, are sponsored by Lund Leather. Yates said, "We'll see what Lady Luck has in store for us this year. We'll do our best to get our trophy back and have some fun in the process. Some clues are hard, others are easy, but they are all fascinating. Lewiston really is a great place to call home."

Long-time businessman Curt Stuart of Stuart Sports will be sponsoring and leading a team composed of Michael Vitch and

real estate agent Lisa Lannon. Stuart said, "No one can give wrong answers faster than we can, but at least we'll be wearing clean shirts. Get those buzzers ready!"

Lifelong resident Peter Coppins is heading up a team called "North of Center" and will be joined by Daniel Gibson and Bill McEvoy. All the team members live in the village, north of Center Street. Coppins said, "We're proud to be a part of this event and part of a

community that is one of the best small towns in America. We look forward to a spirited competition while enjoying our pizza and beer. Watch out everyone! This year, it's our turn!"

Sponsors to date include Rocco & Carla DelGrosso of Krislyn Co. LLC, Niagara County legislators Rebecca Wydysh and Irene Myers, Michael Ragusa of Vision Financial Group, Hardison Funeral Home, Jeff and Marla Williams,

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The evening also highlights annual awards, a cash raffle and auction. This year's auction features a very rare original January 1814 newspaper from Baltimore that describes the British attack on Lewiston in December 1813 during the War of 1812, in addition to a rare autographed first edition book by Margaret Robson titled "Under the Mountain," considered to be the bible of Lewiston history. A couple of original watercolors by local artist Tom Hanna will also be auctioned.

## IN THE NEWS

### Lew-Port alums set Raby Family Memorial Race

The Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association is sponsoring its annual Raby Family Memorial Race and 1-Mile Fun Walk at 11 a.m. Sept. 16. For the first time, this race will be held on the newly designed Lew-Port cross-country course.

Trophies will be awarded to top-finishing male and female students, as well as the top three places for male / female in individual open categories 10 and under through 80 and over. This family race also includes the top three in each family division: husband/wife, father/daughter, father/son, mother/ daughter, mother/son, brother/brother, sister/sister, and brother/sister. All walkers receive a medallion.

More race information, includ-

ing pricing, can be found at [bufalorunners.com](http://bufalorunners.com) and <https://runsignup.com>.

### NFMMC awards Junior Volunteer Scholarship

Jaclynn Tato, a June graduate of Lewiston-Porter High School, is the recipient of Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center's Junior Volunteer Scholarship.

A Ransomville resident, Tato volunteered 240 hours over three years, working in patient escort, nursing, administration, the P3 Center, and Child Advocacy Center.

She will enter Carnegie Mellon University this fall, majoring in chemistry while on a premed track with the eventual goal of becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

"My experience as a junior volunteer enriched my life by facilitating my understanding of what a hospital environment is like," Tato said. "It has confirmed my desire to continue down the career path I defined for myself in the seventh grade."

The \$500 scholarship, co-sponsored by the Medical Center Auxiliary and Foundation, has been awarded since 1999 to a graduating high school senior who has

volunteered for at least two years and 100 hours at Memorial or the Schoellkopf Health Center.

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