

All Lewiston seats to be contested

Voting Results

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

For mayor –

√ **Anne Welch**, nominated by Richard Soluri and Ron Winkley
 Claudia Marasco, nominated by Jackie Sutherland and Chris Salada

For trustee (2 positions) –

√ **Vic Eydt**, nominated by Nick Conde and Bill Geiben
 √ **Jim Fittante**, nominated by Steve Broderick and Rita Geiben
 Tina Coppins, nominated by Jackie Sutherland and Chris Salada

DEMOCRAT CAUCUS

For mayor –

√ **Claudia Marasco**, nominated by Tina Coppins and Fran Flanagan

Anne Welch, nominated by Karen LaDuca and Robert Giannetti

For trustee (2 positions) –

√ **Tina Coppins**, nominated by Robin Haskell and Sandi Brillhart
 √ **Savana Bevacqua**, nominated by Claudia Marasco and Tina Coppins

Jim Fittante, nominated by Margie Pryce and Joshua Kilmer

Vic Eydt, nominated by Joshua Kilmer and Sandi Brillhart

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“And I really am about lifting people up. And so, anybody that works for the village, or takes on a new position, or joins the board, I want those people to feel welcomed. I want the people that come to the board meetings to feel welcomed.”

Marasco said she sought advice from three recently deceased longtime Lewiston leaders – former Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman H. John Ritter, Trustee Ken Kenney and Deputy Mayor Bruce Sutherland – in making her decision to run for mayor. She said she has the blessing of their widows.

“I want to see a vision in this community,” Marasco said. “It’s not just about a few people. We are together. I am one of you.”

She added, “I really believe I work for the people. They are our greatest asset. It isn’t about the developers; it’s none of that. They are the greatest asset, because they’re valuable; they’re capable; and they count. And I want to see them involved.”

At the Democrat caucus, Marasco was nominated by Coppins and former Lewiston Town Council candidate Fran Flanagan.

Robert Giannetti called Marasco a “fine person” and said she “has done a real fine job beautifying the Peace Garden and other places in the community.”

Marasco’s name also was put forward at the Republican caucus. Voter Jackie Sutherland – Bruce’s wife – said, “She has great vision for the village. My husband and I both would talk with her at length before he passed.”

Welch was nominated at the Republican caucus by four-term Mayor Richard Soluri and former trustee and Village of Lewiston Police Department Chief Ron Winkley.

Soluri said, “I’m very proud to be here for the reason that I’m here – to nominate our old clerk, and now our mayor. I’m very proud to do this. You are getting more than your share of Annie’s pay.”

Upon receiving her party’s nomination, Welch said, “First of all, I just want to thank you all for coming, and supporting me. It’s a little nerve-racking, but thank you for coming and support. I will promise to do the best I

can for another four years; try to keep moving forward. I think we’ve accomplished a lot in four years. I would just like to continue to get more accomplished and more done.”

She added, “I’m just going to try to continue to do the wishes of the residents, the businesses, and everybody. I have an open-door policy. I’m at work every day. Anybody that needs to come in to see me, they’re more than welcome to come.”

Welch also was nominated at the Democrat caucus.

Karen LaDuca said, “I think that Anne’s doing a wonderful job. I like the direction Lewiston’s going in right now. I think she deserves the right to continue on and finish what she started.”

Giannetti said, “It’s been a very fine experience working with her, and I fully support her beautification efforts and the effort to bring original art into the village in all of its forms. Aside from that, she is very effective in everything I’ve seen. There are problems, but anyone and everyone has problems. I think she deserves a lot of credit for so many things.”

Republicans caucused first, at 6 p.m. in the Red Brick Municipal Building gymnasium. They conducted their votes by show of hands, with a perceived 75% approval netting the selected candidates their respective endorsements. Democrats caucused at 7 p.m. in the Morgan Lewis Village Boardroom, and opted to use a paper ballot to pick candidates.

•*The Conservative Party caucus was scheduled to take place Thursday night after the Tribune/Sentinel went to press. Results will be added to the online version of this article at www.wnypapers.com.*

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WellNow: Lewiston expected to get urgent care center in 2023

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WellNow Urgent Care has completed its purchase of 860 Center St. Once built and operational, the now-vacant parcel – situated in between APlus/Sunoco and Lewiston Family Dental – will provide another quick-care treatment option for residents.

Public Relations Manager Annie Keller said, “It’s still early in the process, but we anticipate a 2023 opening for our upcoming center in Lewiston.”

She continued, “We’re very excited to be bringing convenient care to the Lewiston community. We recognized that there was a need and opportunity to provide local residents with greater access to quality care with shorter wait times, walk-in service and lower costs than the traditional emergency room. As most people have experienced at some point, injuries and illnesses tend to happen at the most inconvenient times, including evenings and weekends. WellNow Urgent Care is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., with extended hours available at some locations. We also offer virtual care 24/7, so patients can receive the care they need anytime.”

“Our goal is to make it easier for patients to get the treatment they need quickly, close to where they live and work, and get back to their lives instead of waiting for hours in an emergency room or delaying care.”

“The WellNow Urgent Care in Lewiston will provide timely walk-in treatment for a wide range of non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses such as sprains, burns, cuts, lacerations, colds and flu, strep throat, sinus infections, allergies and more. We also provide on-site X-rays and physicals. COVID-19 PCR testing with next-day results is available at all WellNow locations. Most insurance is accepted, and we offer competitive



Pictured is the WellNow Urgent Care site on Niagara Falls Boulevard.

self-pay rates for patients without insurance.”

Architect and Historic Preservation Commission member Jim Fittante presented the business proposal on behalf of WellNow.

The project was discussed at more than a half-dozen HPC, Planning Board and Village Board of Trustees meetings, from December 2021 through this month.

A major concession asked for and approved by the applicant was not using a secondary road, leading from this property at 860 Center, extending behind the gas station/mini-mart, and extending onto North Ninth Street.

In addition, Fittante said fencing and shrubbery would be installed on the north side to shield neighbors on Onondaga Street.

Proposed hours of operation at this branch are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

Upon approving the proposal on Feb. 21, Mayor Anne Welch said, “I think it’s a great addition to the village. ... There’s no competition with any of the other businesses. I think it’s really needed in the village.”

The parcel has been vacant since April 2012, when the build-

ing that now houses the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce office was transported from the site and moved across the street to Academy Park.

Emery Simon formerly owned the almost 1-acre site.

“I think it’s going to be a good fit for the village,” Simon said. “I am in the mode of trying to sell everything I have, in businesses, to retire. I think it’s a good fit for the village. I think they’ll be a good business, a good taxpayer. I think it’s got nothing but good written all over it.”

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Spring is in the Air

Spring is here. Just as the dust begins to fly inside, pollen starts to fly outside. Seasonal stresses, such as pollen sensitivity, are one of the most common problems in the United States. Pollen, a fine, yellowish powder from flowering plants, budding trees and grasses, is very prevalent in the spring air. **The beauty of spring burdens many with itchy, watery eyes, headaches, runny or clogged nose, sneezing and coughing; making this time of year miserable.**

To help cope with pollen, many people choose to limit their exposure by closing their windows, using air conditioning and showering after outdoor activities to remove pollen from skin and hair.

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