

Old Fort Niagara: 'Winter Warriors' event highlights winter survival skills

On Saturday, Jan. 16, Old Fort Niagara presents "Winter Warriors," a day of family-oriented programming focusing on how people survived on the 18th century frontier during the winter months. From 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., visitors can learn how soldiers and Native Americans traveled hundreds of miles through sub-zero temperatures to conduct raids on enemy settlements. Living history demonstrations will include snowshoeing (weather permitting), fire starting, food preservation and preparation, fur trading and shelter building. Programs will also illustrate

what clothing and gear would be needed to survive in the woods for weeks at a time. Educators from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will present the history of the snowshoe and describe how different types of snowshoes were used for a variety of terrain. The program also explores how soldiers and civilians stationed at a frontier fort would pass the long winter months and how Native Americans in nearby villages coped with winter and fed their families. Visitors are invited to spend

the day outdoors in a safe, well-ventilated environment and learn about how people coped with winter during the colonial era. All activities will be inside the walls of Old Fort Niagara. Masks are required and visitors are asked to practice social distancing and dress for the weather. Complimentary hot chocolate will be available at the Visitor Center. Tickets to the event are available at the door and are included in the fort's regular admission of \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 6-12. For more information, visit www.oldfortniagara.org.

Porter officials begin term



As 2021 opened, the Town of Porter conducted a brief swearing-in ceremony for recently elected town officials. In the photo, Porter Deputy Clerk Elaine Porto administers the oath of office for Porter Councilman Jipp Ortiz and Town of Porter Judge Wayne Pollow (Submitted photo)

Lewiston Dance gives back

Families from the Lewiston Dance Center helped their neighbors in need this holiday season. Lewiston Dance held a hat and glove tree and a food drive to benefit the Lewiston community. Proceeds were earmarked for the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce.

"We are so proud of how our dance families stepped up to make this a great collection. We don't just teach dance steps here at our studios," owner Rachel Novelli said. "These dancers are learning time management, teamwork, self-worth and social responsibility. The way things are for all of us right now, helping to teach social responsibility and what it means - to our dancers and the community - is important. We are worried about our young people and how COVID has affected them, from their physical beings, to their state of mind. We are doing our part by keeping them active and engaged in a safe environment. We think that a normal routine and physical activity is especially important to them now."

Lewiston Dance, located at 781 Cayuga St., is accepting students for its second term (January-May).



FeedMore WNY receives \$100,000 donation from Kohl's

Kohl's Cares grant to FeedMore WNY part of \$5 million in gifts from Kohl's to nonprofits nationwide. FeedMore WNY recently received a \$100,000 grant from Kohl's to help the hunger-relief nonprofit continue its COVID-19 response efforts and meet the increased demand for food assistance throughout Western New York as a result of the pandemic.

"We are incredibly grateful to Kohl's for this generous grant, which will allow us to provide more nutritious food to hungry children, families, veterans and older adults throughout Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties," said Tara A. Ellis, president and CEO of FeedMore WNY.



Winter Warriors at Old Fort Niagara
Sat., Jan 16th, 2021
10:30am to 2:30pm
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