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Scout project planned for Camp Windy Meadows

Submitted by the Lewiston Garden Club

Nikki Faller is a Girl Scout with a mission working toward the Gold Award. You may have seen her recently in Hennepin Park raising funds for her project by having a bake sale during a concert event.

The Gold award, the highest award in Girl Scouts, takes a minimum of 80 hours to complete. Gold Award projects benefit the community and have a lasting effect. Her project is to create a new space in the Memory Garden at Camp Windy Meadows.

This camp, owned by the Girl



Nikki Faller

Scouts of Western New York, is located on Cambria Road in Lockport. The path will have a bridge with a gravel path leading to it. It will be lined with hostas or other perennials and rocks that will be painted with words and phrases that reflect the many positive aspects of being a Girl Scout as well as the Girl Scout Law. The Girl Scout Law states, "I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly

and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout."

Nikki, a member of Ambassador Troop 70097, is a senior at Niagara Wheatfield High School. Future plans include college attendance with coursework in psychology. Her mother, Barb, is a co-leader of the troop along with Megan Sommer.

Barb stated, "I'm so proud of

Nikki for wanting to create this new space in the Memory Garden. It honors so many people who have contributed to Girl Scouts. We love Camp Windy Meadows and are looking forward to creating this new space for people to come and enjoy it."

The Lewiston Garden Club plans on supporting Faller's project with funds raised during GardenFest 2021. This group is always looking to support youth who make a positive impact on our environment through grants and a limited number of scholarships for qualified candidates.

Work continues at Lewiston cemetery

Earlier this year, the First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston announced a National Register of Historic Places designation for the Old Stone Church and adjacent Village Cemetery at 505 Cayuga St.

The Old Stone Church, opened in 1817, is Lewiston's oldest and most historic church and played a significant role in assisting escaping slaves reach freedom in Canada on the infamous Underground Railroad. The church and cemetery stand as iconic symbols of the village's historic heritage.

The cemetery, known locally as the Marble Orchard, is the oldest public cemetery in Niagara County and the resting place for Lewiston's founding settlers and notable citizens. Many gravestones have birth dates going back to the 1700s.

Village of Lewiston Historian Russ Piper recently provided an-

other update on work to clean, renovate and display the cemetery grounds.

He wrote, "The Village of Lewiston will celebrate its bicentennial in 2022. As current village historian and a seventh-generation descendent of the Piper family, I am working in phases in an attempt to clean up and restore the village cemetery."

"Currently, I have worked on clearing the brush and overgrowth along the stone wall of the original cemetery on the east side portion. In doing so, thus far I have discovered or uncovered over 30 grave markers that have been hidden beneath or partially buried into the ground."

"This is the start of what I hope to get accomplished before the celebration. In conversation with the DPW, I will be receiving some

much-needed help to clear away the trees and remaining debris, allowing the original wall to be seen once more. We are also hoping to possibly upright some of the markers that have started to lean or have fallen over completely."

"Since there is no outside source of funding available to restore it the way I would want to see it done, with help from the DPW crew and myself, we will attempt the best job we can. Albeit, it will add to the improvements already under way."

"Since the cemetery is already 200 years old, it is important to be able to showcase its history and those prominent and ordinary souls who rest within its hallowed ground. As the cast members of The Marble Orchard Players portray the famous and not so famous people who helped shape Lewiston's history, bringing their

characters back to life and share 'secrets, scandals, and scoundrels' who are very much a part of Lewiston's history while allowing the 'skeletons' to sleep in eternal peace undisturbed in their eternal resting place."

"As so many prominent and historical souls seek eternal rest and peace within its landscape, it is important to me in my role as village historian to oversee preserving the rich history of Lewiston for future generations to enjoy. With this in mind, I created the 'The Lewiston Local History Museum' in the Red Brick School with my lifetime collection of local history of our area for all to enjoy the artifacts within."

"It has been a lot of hard work thus far to reach this phase, but also a labor of love to honor and respect those who rest in eternal repose there."

Thumbs up for Town of Lewiston Police Department escort

Thumbs up and a thank you for a police escort to ensure the safety of students to the Sanborn Farm Museum. This not only allows school children to get a hands-on look at some of Sanborn's farm heritage, but it also allows them to have a positive interaction with police at a young age and hopefully beyond.

*Ron Craft
Museum Board Member*



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