

Welcome to Lewiston, EJS Great Lakes Dive Solutions

The Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting for EJS Great Lakes Dive Solutions. Owner Ed Stefik worked with the Niagara Small Business Development Center on his business plan to make the business a reality. To celebrate the new business, Ed wore his dive gear, coming out of the Niagara River in Lewiston with the ribbon-cutting scissors to celebrate!

As a veteran-owned business, EJS Great Lakes Dive Solutions specializes in retrieving lost items submerged, hull cleaning and video inspections. It will assist customers with their underwater needs with certified expertise. Follow on Facebook.

Pictured: Elected leaders and fellow business owners came to support Ed and his family. (Image courtesy of the Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce)



Lewiston Estates & Antiques owner Richie Pysz

Lewiston Estates & Antiques marks 1 year in Lewiston

Lewiston Estates & Antiques is celebrating its first anniversary at 621 Center St. – the Kelsey Tavern building that also features Century 21 and Giusiana Architects & Engineer.

Owner Richie Pysz opened in August 2023. He and his team offer estate sale services to the surrounding communities and devote themselves to making a stress-free experience for anyone in need of liquidating a property.

He said the retail store “is

filled with wonderful treasures that we love sharing with anyone who walks in the doors.

“I decided to open the store when the Country Doctor Antiques closed while I was a vendor there. I loved the business so much and seeing how happy customers were finding items in the store – and how it reminded them of fond past memories. I had to reopen in this new, beautiful location.

“Our store has eight different booths offering a variety

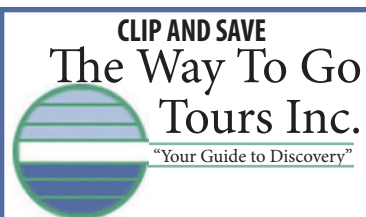
of vintage/antique/collectible/jewelry/furniture and items of all kinds. Our merchandise is always changing – something new to see each time you come in! You won’t leave without finding a treasure! We also purchase items, if you’re looking to clean out that old attic.”

Store hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 716-246-2208 for free estate sale estimates, or follow on Facebook and Instagram.

IN THE NEWS

Franciscan Sisters celebrate 150 years

Press Release



MOTORCOACH TRIPS:

- Aug 14** - Grand River Cruise with Blazing Fiddles
- Aug 22** - Conneaut Lake & Northwest PA
- Sept 5** - Conewango Valley Amish
- Sept 9-11** - Falling Water & Flight 93 - PA
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- Oct 1-4** - Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom -Fall Foliage
- Oct 12** - Christmas in the Woods
- Oct 16** - Letchworth State Park & The Glen Iris Inn
- Oct 23** - National Comedy Center, Jamestown, NY

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The Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity, located at Stella Niagara near Lewiston, are celebrating 150 years of ministry in the U.S.

On June 5, 1874, four sisters arrived in New York from their province in Germany to teach German immigrants at St. Ann and St. Michael Parishes in Buffalo.

Since that time, the sisters have served in various capacities throughout the U.S., including the establishment of schools, orphanages, hospitals, food banks and homeless shelters, refugee assistance and service to the marginalized.

Notably in Western New York, the sisters currently sponsor Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, Stella Niagara Education Park, Francis Center’s women’s respite and children’s programs, and the Center of Renewal at Stella Niagara.

The Franciscan Sisters at Stella Niagara invite the public, friends and benefactors to join a Mass of celebration at 10 a.m. Aug. 4 at the chapel in the motherhouse. A reception, with tours of the campus, will follow. Additionally, a short film produced by Sister Diane Giannada, titled “Leonarda’s Journey,” will be shown to those who wish to learn more about the founding sisters. Space is limited; registration is required by calling the advancement office at 716-754-2193.

Stella Niagara is located at 4421 Lower River Road and online at www.stellaosf.org.

Old Fort Niagara hosts ‘Sounds of the Citadel’

Old Fort Niagara Press Release

On Saturday, Aug. 3, from 7-9 p.m., Old Fort Niagara will present an evening of musical entertainment with concerts by two popular bands: The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps and the Mackenzie Highlanders.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps consists of students, ranging in age from 12-18, who are dedicated to preserving the ancient arts of color guard, fife and drumming through live performances at parades, historical and patriotic celebrations, concerts, cultural affairs, and other civic events. Each year, the corps performs at numerous forts, musters and historical sites throughout the Northeast and Midwest.

For more than 75 years, the Mackenzie Highlanders have been performing throughout the Niagara Frontier. Based in Youngstown, the Mackenzies regale the audience with Celtic favorites. The band participates in 15 to 20 performances a year and wears modern Mackenzie kilts and the Stag’s Head badge to commemorate the Seaforth Highlanders.

Tickets for the program are the general admission to Old Fort Niagara. Tickets purchased earlier in the day on Aug. 3 will be honored for the performance. Members of the Old Fort Niagara Association are admitted free.

For more information, visit www.oldfortniagara.org.

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