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Greetings fellow Alumni

Here it is April 2014. Officially "Spring" is here after one of the worst winter seasons western New York has seen in years. It is hard to believe that in approximately two months Lewiston Porter will have another graduating class. Hopefully this class will continue the "string" of 100% graduation rate.

But another cycle will begin. The new incoming Freshman class will have their Orientation session this up coming August. Last year the LPAA partially funded the second Freshman orientation/team building session at Camp Kenan (north of Lockport on Lake Ontario). I attended both events in a chaperon capacity.

The students are split into groups (purposely separating them from their immediate friends) and for two hours they participate in team building games that are coached by the Camp Kenan staff. Having worked for General Motors for over 43 years I personally had participated in many similar events. I never thought that they were worthwhile. I did not see how this type training would help my work output. Of course working at one company for as long as I did; I had become a "cynic."

Watching these first two orientation sessions changed my opinion. I was too "old of a dog to learn new tricks" but with these new freshmen entering an important stage of their evolution into adulthood this team training clicked. I was very entertained by how these young ladies and gentlemen interacted and really got involved with "winning" the various team events. My personal "score card" gave the girls the edge

in leadership and problem solving; the boys were more concerned with "image."

The reason I think it is an excellent entry level tool for freshmen is that it helps create a group of "strangers" into a class of " friends ". It's tough at that age to focus on the education you will need to define your life's career choices when you're dealing with being a teenager (hormonal and social insecurity). This two hour training session helped the attending students become less intimidated by their peers.

My motivation in writing this some graduating seniors. We also provide "Mini-Grants" to all grade level teachers who apply to LPAA for funds that allow them to purchase some supplemental teaching aids/ equipment (See the accompanying article in this Newsletter for more details). As the LPAA enters into it's sixth year of existence; we have reached a maturation stage in membership and fund raising. If any of our fellow Alumni have experience in areas that could help our organization to continue to grow in these two important areas; we would love to hear from you.

Please visit our website with all or any ideas that will benefit the educational process for all Lewiston-Porter' student popula-

Bruce Newton

LPAA Vice President

From the desk of the **Principal**

Wow! What a winter. This winter took me back to the Blizzard of 1977 and some other tough winters that followed that incredible storm. During our President's Week/mid-winter break, I had a chance to visit my parents in Fort Myers, Florida. Maybe I'm just getting old, but it finally hit me how nice it is to have that snowbird escape. It was the first time I thought to myself that I could envision being in Florida on a more regular basis. As I write to you, it seems we are finally coming out of the cold and the snow. It has been a very difficult start to the baseball, softball, and track and field programs at Lew-Port. I see the kids practicarticle for the LPAA Newsletter ing in the gym or running stairs or hallis that our organization does ways and you can just feel how anxious provide assistance to Lew-Port's they are to get outside. Hopefully, as we students at all levels and not just move into spring break and the Easter by providing scholarships to holiday, these programs will finally have a chance to kick into full gear.

> At Lewiston-Porter spring always means budget season. For schools across New York State the economic downturn of 2008 and the subsequent restrictions in state aid continue to have a residual effect on the budget process. Last year's budget process was horrific. Significant staff and program cuts were finally realized with all reserve funds finally drained. With the State of New York taking away 2.4 million dollars in financial aid, the district had no other choice but to go to staff and programs in order to balance the budget. I believe that 2013-14 was our trough in budgetary tough times. As the budget process has moved forward, the fiscal restraint that was initiated last year has had a positive effect. All signs point to a more positive budgetary process for the 2014-15 school year. Over the next few years I hope we can add back into our school program the Air Force Junior ROTC, 7th grade foreign language offerings, and more technology course work.

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Lew-Port Distinguished Alumni Award Nomination Form

The LPAA seeks candidates for its 2014 "Distinguished Alumni Award." Any Lewiston-Porter graduate of at least five years or more is eligible.

Harold Shippy of the LPAA steering committee reports that they are particularly interested in receiving nominations of worthy Lew-Port graduates who have moved away from the Lewiston-Porter area.

The induction ceremony of LPAA's sixth class will take place during Lew-Port's Homecoming Weekend this fall.

For more information contact Harold Shippy at 745-9703 or email hssn@roadrunner.com

Nomination Deadline May 15. 2014

Nominee		Class of
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City	State	ZIP Code
Phone	E-mail	
Briefly describe the (attachments welcome	me)	aduate in the field of endeavor
Name and address o	of person submitting nomin	ation: Lew-Port Class of
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	State	ZIP Code
Phone		

Please feel free to duplicate this form and send in as many nominations as you like. We want to recognize as many deserving alumni as possible.

Return this form by May 15th to: Harold Shippy

739 Youngstown-Lpkt. Rd.

Youngstown, NY 14174

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Lew-Port Football Alumni Sponsorship

"Alumni Team"

We are asking the Lew-Port Football Alumni to sponsor a position for the 2014 football season.

With your \$50 donation you get your name on the Alumni Team in the program at home games and on the website: www.lew-portfootball.com

Tail Back	Full Back	Quarterback	Wide Receiver
Tight End	Left Tackle	Left Guard	Center
Right Guard	Right Tackle	Place Kicker	Punter
Left Defensive End	Left Defensive Tackle	Rt Defensive Tackle	Rt Defensive End
Lt Outside Linebacker	Inside Linebacker	Rt Outside Linebacker	Left Corner
Right Corner	Strong Safety	Free Safety	Kick Returner
Punt Returner			

Please make your check payable to **Friends of Lew-Port Football**: include your year of graduation and the position you are sponsoring. Mail to: LPAA: Attention: Ann Johnston, 4011 Creek Road, Youngstown, NY 14174.

The Friends of Football are grateful for your support in helping us purchase football equipment for the team at a time when the school budget does not have the resources.

Alumni Association Scholarship Announcement

One of the preferences of the Alumni Association, was to sponsor scholarships to honor deserving Lewiston-Porter graduates each year, who demonstrate potential for future academic and life success. Through the collaboration of the Lewiston-Porter Guidance Office and members of the LPAA, the criteria for selection as established.

The applicants must be students graduating from Lew-Port during the school year. They must be enrolled and actually attend an accredited community college, vocational school or university within twelve months of graduation.

Each applicant will be evaluated in academic achievement, school activities, community activities, employment or hobby experience, motivation recommendation from faculty, employer or community leaders and financial need.

The following scholarships are being offered this year from the LPAA:

Two scholarship from the Alumni Association
Jason Raby Memorial Scholarship
Class of 1958 Memorial Scholarship
Margaret Tower James Scholarship
Waste Management Scholarship
1,000.00
1,000.00

Please contact the Lewiston-Porter Guidance Office for complete details that are contained on each application form for each scholarship chosen.

All scholarships awards will be announced on Senior Recognition Night in June.

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These programs, as well as programs like the After-School Assistance Program, after-school intramurals, and Music-In-Action, provide an important outlet for those students that are not involved in sports or athletic programs. We must continue to strive to find important outlets for all students at our schools. For those of you that are Lewiston or Porter residents, I hope you will be able to support our school budget on Tuesday, May 20th.

Our International Studies program continues to remain as vibrant as ever. This year we have hosted students from Germany, France, and China. When we return from spring break, we will host a group of 20 students from St. Benoit High School in Istanbul, Turkey. This latest addition to our international partnerships is a joint effort with Niagara University. Niagara University has been actively recruiting international students for admission to Niagara. The relationship with St. Benoit came as a result of Niagara's international recruitment efforts in Turkey. St. Benoit is a high performing, private school located in Istanbul. I am very optimistic for the future of this partnership. St. Benoit is very much interested in forming a reciprocal relationship, so I hope I am able to tell you about a Lew-Port student exchange to that region of the world in the very near future.

As we continue to move into the spring and our final marking period, our senior season is starting to kick into high gear. Our senior prom this year will be held on Friday, June 6th, at the Tonawanda Castle. The seniors are starting to get very excited for all the festivities. Let's hope we can keep them focused with their academics and get them all to the stage at Art Park on June 27th.

I want to remind all alumni that the date of our signature fundraiser, the Jason Raby 5K Memorial Run, is Saturday, July 26th, at 11:00am in front of the High School. The race is part of the growing Dimino Running Series, a collaboration of 10 local races in our area. Please find a link to the application on the Alumni page on the Lew-Port website.

Have a great spring. Go Lancers.

Paul Casseri, High School Principal

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Dena Armstrong and Pat Rose

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Allie Massaro and Janet Kwarciak

2013 Athletic Hall of Fame

Dena Elia Armstrong Coach Girls Soccer

Dena was the pioneer of the girls 'soccer program at Lewiston-Porter. She was the first-ever coach of the team when it began in 1979, and started the very rich tradition of Lew-Port Girls Soccer that has lasted for over 30 years. This was very significant, as girls' sports programs in high schools were sparse in that time period. During her six years at the helm of the program, Dena managed to accrue an amazing 74-6-6 record. After winning six consecutive Niagara Frontier League and Section 6 titles with undefeated records, her only six career losses occurred when the team traveled to the Regionals to face the power house teams from Section 5.

At the same time that she was coaching the girls team at Lew-Port, Dena was serving as the Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Niagara University. She left the Lancers in 1983, when she started the Women's Soccer program at Niagara University, and served as their Head Coach. Dena is a Vice President at Sevenson Environmental Services in Niagara Falls. Her husband Jack served as the TV Color Analyst for the Toronto Raptors. They live in Lewiston with their three sons, Kevin (17), Brian (16) and Tim (15).



Dena with some of her former Lew-Port players

Allie Massaro Class of 2003

Allie is one of the most decorated female athletes that Lewiston-Porter has seen in decades. In a time period when three-sport female athletes were rare, Allie played volleyball, basketball and softball, earning a total of eight Varsity letters; and she excelled at all of them.

In her 2002 senior year, Allie led one of the most successful runs in Lew-Port volleyball history. The team was NFL Champions and Sectional Champions, before being defeated in the Regionals, Individually, Allie was 1st Team All-League, 2nd Team All-Western New York and 5th Team all-State, and the NFL Player of the Year in both her junior and senior seasons. In basketball, Allie was also dominant. She averaged 15 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals per game in her senior season. She was a member of the Empire State Games bronze medal winning Western Team in 2002, was 1st Team All-League, Al-Western New York Honorable Mention, and Western New York All-Academic Team. In softball, Allie was again the prolific player on any team she played on. She finished with a career batting average of almost .400, and led her team in runs, hits, and RBI's each of the three seasons that she was on the team.

Off the field, Allie had as much success as she did on the field. She was the Hewitt Award winner, Western New York Business First Honors, a NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete, USAA All-American Scholar and was on the All-Western New York Academic Team. Upon leaving Lew-Port, Allie went on to Hamilton College, where she continued her athletic prowess. She played both volleyball and basketball there, leaving Hamilton with the fourth highest number of digs and is ranked third all time for service aces in school history, in addition, to earning All-Academic honors all four years.

After having earned her Bachelor of Arts



Deb Pauline, Haley's Mom and Mark Johnson



Jim Walker and Tom Mooradian

degree at Hamilton College, Allie also earned a Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Buffalo. Currently, Allie is a Neurology Resident at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA, where she will graduate next year with the goal of pursuing a Neurocritical Care Fellowship.

Haley Mercer — Class of 2001

Haley has been widely regarded as one of the best all0around athletes that Lew-Port has seen in years. She earned a total of 14 letters in three sports, Track and Field, Soccer, and Basketball.

In Track, Haley was a five-time 1st Team All-NFL selection, was the three-time League Champion in the Open 400, and four-time League Champion in the 1600 Relay. She was a three-time Section 6 Champion in the 1600 Relay and two-time winner of the High Jump. Haley qualified for the State Championships four times, placing in the 1600 Relay in 8th grade and her senior year, and the High Jump in her junior and senior years. As a 9th grader, she was a member of the State Champion 1600 Relay team. She still holds the school records in the 400 and 1600 relays. In addition to her success in Track Haley also earned five letters in soccer, and was a member of four NFL and three Section 6 Championship Teams. Haley was also 2nd Team All-Area selection as a senior and was member of the basketball team for three years.

Upon graduating from Lew-Port, Haley attended the United States Military Academy at West Point on a full four year scholarship, where she ran Track for three years before suffering a knee injury. In her first year a West Point, she earned a Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award. She graduated from West Point and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army as an Engineer Officer. Presently, Haley is a Captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and has spent two years deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, returning this past September.

Tom Mooradian — Class of 1981

Tom was unquestionably the best football kicker that Lewiston-Porter had ever seen As a junior, Tom was an All-Area Niagara Gazette selection as well as a Division 3 All-Star. He also set what was, at the time a school record 41 yard field goal. In his senior year, he continued to shine for the Lancer football squad. He broke his own school record, with a new school and league record 42 yard field goal, leading the Lancers to a 3-0 victory over legendary Coach Gene Masters' Grand Island team. In season, Tom was honored as the Buffalo News player of the Week and the Channel 7 Super 7 Athlete of the Week. He concluded the 1980 season with his team making an appearance in the Sectional Finals at Rich Stadium, thanks in large part to his three game winning field goals during the season. In his senior year, Tom was named an All-Area Niagara Gazette player, All-Western New York Courier Express, All-Western New York Buffalo News and a 3rd Team All-State selection. In addition to football, Tom was also a stand out hockey player for the Lew-Port Club Team that won the 1979-1980 National Championship.

After graduating from Lew-Port, Tom played two years of semi-pro football in Syracuse, before having NFL tryouts with the New England Patriots and New York Giants in 1985. For the past many years, Tom has been co-owner of Mooradian Rug Company in Niagara Falls, He and his wife, Linda live in Lewiston and have two sons, Tom (Class of 2008 and Connor Class of 2013).



Mark Johnson, Dena Elia Armstrong, Tom Mooradian, and Allie Massaro

LPAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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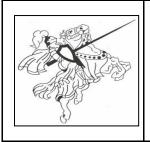
NCCC President James P. Klyczek presents the President's

Kristine Ripson: Wins NCCC President's Cup & All-American Honors

Lew-Port Class of 2011 and NCCC athlete Kristine Ripson received the Niagara PAL Female Athlete of the Year award for her accomplishments on the women's volleyball and basketball teams. Kristine was named 3rd team All-Western New York Athletic Conference and finished the year ranked in the top 20 nationally in hitting efficiency (0.410), kills per set (2.5), points per set (3.9) and blocks per set (1.1). She also led the Timberwolves to the Region III championship and a sixth-place finish on the 2011 NJCAA Division III National Tournament. Following her sophomore campaign, Kristine earned 1st team All-American, Region III MVP, 1st team All-Region, and 1st team All-Western NY Athletic Conference. She finished among the top five nationally in hitting efficiency (0.470), kills per set (4.7), points per set (6.5), and blocks per set (1.3). She continued her success on the basketball court, averaging 17.5 points and 11.9 rebounds per game

for the Thunderwolves during the 2012-2013 season. Currently, Kristine is averaging 16.2 points, 11.5 rebounds and 3.6 blocks per contest who have spent time in the national ranking for the first time in school history. Kristine is a tremendous student, holding a 3.5 grade-point average and an associates degree in Business Administration. In 2013, she was awarded the prestigious NCCC President's Cup, which is annually given to the school's top student-athlete. Ripson had a career-high 38 points, 13 rebounds, four assists, four steals and three blocks in a 72-70 win over Mercy Hurst Northeast, the Thunderwolves' first win over their WNYAC rival in over decade. She also had 27 points, 17 rebounds, four steals and four blocks in a win at Lorain (Ohio) and 15 points and 10 rebounds in a loss to ECC.

Congratulations to NCCC Volleyball player Kristine Ripson for receiving All-American honors. Ripson was also named 1st Team All-Region, 1st Team All-Conference, and Region III Player of the year. She finished her career at NCCC with 646 kills, 937 points and 212 blocks. In addition, Kristine is a two-sport athlete, and was just named NJCAA Region III Athlete of the Week for Women's Basketball.



Lancer Memory Lane

Courtyard



\$100

The Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association is proud to announce the creation and development of Lancer Memory Lane and Courtyard. The Lane and Courtyard have been constructed of beautifully engraved bricks designed to enhance Harry Blakeslee Stadium. This is your opportunity to honor Alumni, Faculty, Family, Friends and Community Partners by purchasing the tribute bricks, making them part of Lewiston-Porter History. We have several pricing options. All proceeds support the many initiatives underway with your Alumni Association. These include scholarships, teacher mini-grants and freshman orientation. All pro-

gramming is in support of the success and achievement of students in the Lewiston-Porter Central Schools.----

Order Form

Name of Purchaser_____ Small Brick (4" x 8") Street Address 3 Line Inscriptions \$100

Phone Large Brick (8" x 8")

City, State, Zip

E-Mail

NOTE: There are only 13 letters available per line including punctuation. Include your

desired inscriptions for the bricks on form.

Veteran Honor Large Stone at Flagpole \$500



Large stone on Wall 6-Line Inscription



For further information contact: Paul Casseri, High School Office @ 286-7262



IN HONOR OF THE BRAYE MEMBERS OF THE TUSCARORA NATION WHO DEFENDED AND SAYED LOCAL RESIDENTS DURING THE WAR OF 1812

6 Line Inscription \$250

ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 19, 1813, LEWISTON WAS ATTACKED BY BRITISH FORCES AND THEIR NATIVE ALLIES FROM CANADA. THE BRITISH HAD CAPTURED FOR INLAGARA HOURS EARLIER AND WERE INTENT ON DESTROYING LEWISTON, IN RETRIBUTION FOR THE BURNING DOWN OF NIAGARA ON THE LAKE (THEN CALLED NEWARK) DAYS EARLIER BY THE AMERICANS.

POORLY DEFENDED, LEWISTON RESIDENTS COULD ONLY RUN FOR THEIR LIVES IN HOPES OF ESCAPING THE ATROCITIES. CIVILIANS WERE KILLED IN THE RAMPAGE AND TORMENTED PARENTS FOUND THEMSELVES HELPLESS IN TRYING TO SAVE THEIR CHILDREN.

AT THE MOM**ENT WHEN LEWISTON CITIZENS HAD LOST HOPE**, A SMALL GROUP OF TUSCARORA MEN RAN DOWN FROM THEIR VILLAGE ATOP THE ESCARPMENT AND OFFERED THE FIRST RESISTANCE THE ENEMY HAD SEEN. THEIR INGENIOUS TACTICS GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT "THEIR NUMBERS WERE LEGION." FEARING A TRAP, THE ENEMY STOPPED IN ITS TRACKS, ALLOWING TIME FOR THE CITIZENS TO ESCAPE.

DESPITE BEING OUTNUMBERED 30-TO-1, THE TUSCARORA HEROES RISKED THEIR LIVES, TOOK THEIR COURAGEOUS STAND, AND CAME TO THE AID OF THEIR LEWISTON NEIGHBORS, SAVING THE LIVES OF DOZENS OF GRATEFUL CITIZENS.

The Tuscarora Heroes monument, the brainchild of Lee Simonson and Creation of artist Susan Geissler, is at the intersection of Center Street and Portage Road.

Niagara Gazette
Players of the Year
From Lew-Port

Jernard Jackson Craig Paige Basketball

Tyler Roskwitalski Bowling

> Ryan Lasky Zach Dowsey Boys' Hockey

Ryan Monteleone Swimming

Ryan Kromer Wrestling

Remember When:

In 1954-55 Lewiston-Porter and Newfane tied for the Niagara Orleans High School Basketball League championship when both teams finished with 8-2 records. Lew-Port lost a chance for their third straight undisputed title when they dropped the final two games to Wilson and Newfane by a total margin of three points after eight straight wins.

Lewiston-Porter wins its first sectional title in the three-year history of the new central school by defeating Allegany 57-53, in Class A. Lew-Port displaying a whistling fast-break, rolled to a 29-24 halftime lead over Allegany. A four-point play by rugged Rod Kaumeyer featured the second quarter. He drove for a basket and was fouled after the shot, calling for the bonus situation. Both conversions gave Lew-Port a 25-19 margin.

Allegany, with Phil Smith, Tom Forness and Tom Birminghame combining talents, rallied in the third quarter. Birmingham's corner shot gained a 33-33 tie and it was close almost to the wire. A jump by Lew-Port's Bill Vrooman gained a 41-41 lock just before the period ended.

Pete Johnston scored on a fast break and Glen Quarantillo made good with a rebound to break a 45-all tie midway in the fourth quarter, Vrooman's steal for a basket gave the Lew-Port team a 52-47 margin with three minutes left.

Forness converted two free throws for Allegany to cut their deficit to three points, 52-49. Lew-Port then sewed up the game. Kaumeyer drove all the way underneath the hoop to score and Quarantillo stole the ball for another basket and a 56-49 lead.

Quarantillo was high scorer for Coach Bob Brado's Lew-Ports with 18 points, Kaumeyer added 14 points and led the rebounders with 15 although Allegany had the team edge 48-43. Vrooman contributed 12 points.

The **Lewiston-Porter junior varsity** went unbeaten for the third straight year with a 25-19 win over Newfane for 30 consecutive victories in league play.

Gazette Sports Writer: Bob Webber



Buffalo Memorial Aud Class A Game—#42 Pete "Butch" Johnston, #35 Rod Kaumeyer, Other LP Player Bob Torres **1978** Lancers win state berth: It's official, Lewiston-Porter will be the Section VI Class AA representative in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Basketball Championship. The Lancers earned the state tourney berth with a tough 64-61 verdict over Bennett High School. In the AA state qualifier.

Lew-Port will be making its' historic journey to NY State's first tourney since 1930 Monday night as the Lancers face the Section V representative. In a jubilant locker room speech after the game, Coach Walker made that point crystal clear. "People have been saying all year long that we're so good that we'd better make the state tournament. I've felt the pressure and I'm sure all of you have at one time or another. Now the pressure's off. We can go to Rochester, relax and enjoy playing good basketball. We can play way we know we can." Walker's Lancers proved themselves to be a genuine powerhouse against the tall quick Tigers. They dominated both backboards with a 43-22 margin in rebounds. Lew-Port's 6-11 center, Jim Johnstone, was the same Johnstone who terrorized Lackawanna in the Section VI Class A semifinals. The talented senior threw in a game-high 20 points on a variety of shots and ripped down 21 rebounds, 11 off the offensive glass.

Rochester: Section V team's made it 3-0 night as Rochester-East turning on the speed when Lewiston-Porter's 6-11 Jim Johnstone found foul trouble, came on in the fourth period to defeat the Lancers, 65-62. Lew-Port which finished 20-3 led for most of three periods but the writing was on the wall when Johnstone drew his third and fourth personal seconds apart early in the third quarter and went to the bench.

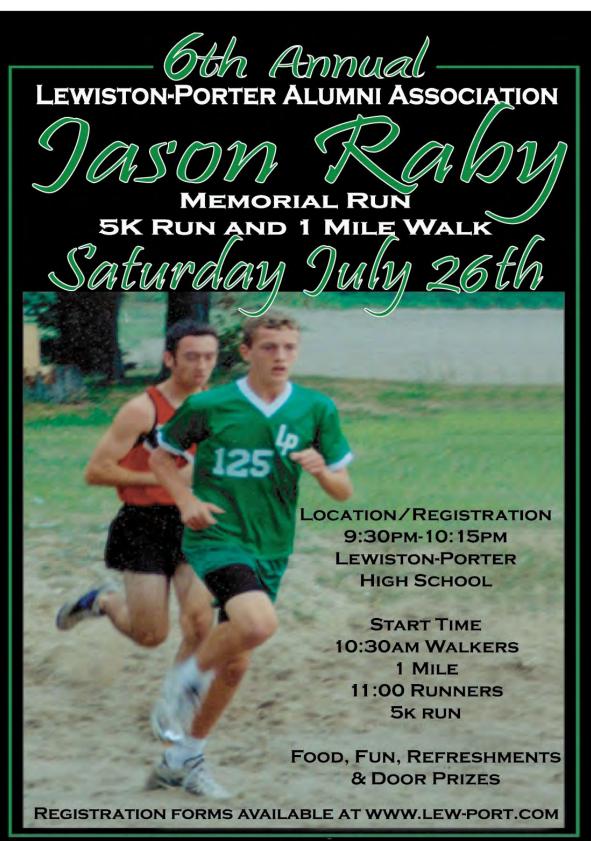
The Lancers were up 35-28, when the infractions occurred. By the time Johnstone returned to start the fourth period, East was holding a 40-38 lead.

Johnstone quickly tied it, but Tony Webster, who scored 16 of his game-high 28 points in the second half untied it and the Oriental never looked back. "When Johnstone got those two fouls, that was the ball game," said Coach Walker.

"I don't care how fast East moves the ball, we can't play without him against a good ball club." "Until then, I thought East was in trouble. They have to be in the lead to do the things they do best." Johnstone ended up with 24 points and nine rebounds, but half of his total came when the issue was no longer in doubt.

By: Bob Lewis

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Once a Lancer Always a Lancer

News Around Lew-Port Campus

Submitted by Tina Oddy

December 19, 2013 proved to be an exciting day for 650 students from Lewiston-Porter, Wilson, Tuscarora Indian School, and Stella Niagara Education Park. Students participated in a two part educational program as part of the 200th Anniversary of the British Capture of Old Fort Niagara and the burning of Youngstown, Wilson, and Newfane. The Youngstown Tourism & Tours Committee worked in conjunction with Old Fort Niagara and the villages of Youngstown and Wilson to provide this valuable learning experience.

When the students arrived at the gates of the Fort, they were greeted by uniformed soldiers, blocking their entrance with muskets. The students stopped in their tracks and a hush could be heard through the crowd while soldiers asked them questions testing their knowledge of the assault on Fort Niagara. As classes "passed the test" they were granted entrance into the Fort. Bob Emerson, Executive Director of Old Fort Niagara, provided an informative and compelling account of the British attack. He described how the Fort was captured and demonstrated weapons and tactics employed in the assault. It was an amazing show with military marches, musket demonstrations, and cannons firing. Students also had an opportunity to meet re-enactors and explore the French Castle and some of the surrounding buildings.

The second part of the educational program consisted of a variety of learning stations that offered activities, interpreters, and events to help students understand and experience everyday life in the 1812 era. The Red Brick School, St. John's Episcopal Church, the First Presbyterian Church and St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church provided perfect venues for this part of the program. Students were excited to receive a haversack to store souvenirs and other items they collected throughout the afternoon. Students learned about maps, map making, and surveying. In addition to reviewing the town's geography they also learned about the people who lived in the town of Porter and the hamlet of Young's town. They were able to meet Agnes Greensitt, Issac Swain, Reuben Wilson, Elijah Doty, and other local residents from 1813. Re-enactors were dressed in authentic period clothing and used props to help make these historic men and women come alive. The sound of children's laughter could be heard while they used quill pens to diligently work on calligraphy and perfect their penmanship.



Students
practice their
writing
technique with
a quill pen.



At a few of the venues, the Niagara Artillery Battery was able to provide an enriching opportunity for students to participate in military drills. Students stood at attention, their eyes on the soldiers, careful not to miss a command. They followed orders while they learned about the life of a soldier and performed drills with wooden muskets at their

sides.



Other stations included learning about the history and significance of the 1812 Flag, the importance of the Tuscarora Nation in saving American lives during the burning of the region, music of the era, and discussions from the author of *River Burning*, Norah Perez. In addition, the students were able to watch a special viewing of the film, *Niagara on Fire*, presented by the Niagara-on-the Lake War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee. These engaging educational stations offered an extraordinary opportunity for students to be immersed in the learning process and to experience part of our local history.

As Lewiston-Porter 7th Grader, Kiarra, wrote in a thank you note, "It was fantastic! I loved everything about it, and I learned so many new things!"

Students take time to eat their bag lunches at the Presbyterian Church before returning to school.



Lew-Port Alumni Mini-Grant Program



LPAA awarded \$3,449.49 in teacher grants for 2013-2014. In the Primary Education Center: Tina Rodriguez: IPad Apps to Enrich and Educate a Child for the Twenty First Century, Maryann Parker: Document Camera for Literacy Instruction, Rebecca Orsi and MA Team, Math Module Mania, Angela VanEgmond, RAZ-Kids, An Online Reading Program, and Sandra Rauber, Therapeutic IPad for Speech Language Program.

In the Middle School: Mike Antonelli, Safe Dates.

High School: Christine Fike, Laser Printer and Cartridges for Self-Contained SE Class.

District Wide: Amy Ferrari, Therapeutic IPad for Physical Therapy and Carole Matthews and Sue Francis, Therapeutic IPad for Occupational Therapy.



Tina Oddy, Class of 1983, was named Village of Youngstown Citizen of the Year

Tina works as a consultant teacher for the Lewiston-Porter Central School District and was awarded the 2013 Lewiston-Porter Meritorious Award. She has served the Village of Youngstown for almost twenty years and currently is the

chairwoman of the Youngstown Recreation Commission. She started her relationship with the village as a summer job supervising in Falkner Park. Commission projects and programs have included Falkner Park Revitalization, The Nancy Price Scholarship, Community Picnic, Children's Summer Program supervisor, Nancy Price Memorial 5K Run and many holiday special events.

Tina was inducted into the Lewiston Kiwanis in 2013. She is involved in the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee and serves as the Builders Club liaison at Lew-Port. The Builders Club is a Middle School club that serves the community as volunteers.

Born and raised in Youngstown, she knew that this was the place where she wanted to raise her family with husband, Tom. They have three children James, Karissa and Karalyn. Tina feels making a positive difference for all has kept and will keep her involved.

Jason Raby Memorial 5K Run & Walk

The Jason Raby Memorial 5K race is being held at Lewiston-Porter Senior High School on Saturday, July 26th @ 11:00 a.m. The Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association has sponsored the Jason Raby Memorial 5K Run and one mile walk since 2009. During his time at Lewiston-Porter, Raby epitomized the ideals of hard work, commitment and dedication. He was an outstanding cross country, track and basketball athlete. His life provides a great example for all members of the Lewiston-Porter community and the Western New York and Southern Ontario running communities. His dad, Gary Raby, Sr. and sister, Jennifer are Lew-Port graduates and long-time cross country and track and field coaches at Lew-Port. Their commitment to the school, and the love family and community and wanting to give back to the community, has made this run a very special event.

The Jason Raby 5K brings a unique family style atmosphere to running. It brings all people together regardless of abilities or back ground for the love of running and the hard work for a common goal. Jason will be proud and smiling for the family divisions: (Mother/Daughters, Mother/Sons, Father/Daughters, Father/Sons, Sister/Sister, Brother/ Brother, Brother/Sister, and Husband/Wife). Lew-Port Alumni, female and male students awards at no extra charge. A low student rate and entry fee for age group. The Raby family is looking forward to meeting old friends and making new friends and seeing all high school and college runners that I've coached with and against and how they have grown.

The proceeds from the race support the Alumni Association scholarships and the Mini Grants Program which funds in classroom education programs and other in classroom program and countless needed tools. The LPAA proudly supports and puts on the fifth annual Jason Raby Memorial 5K race. The race begins and finishes on the Lewiston-Porter campus. The course is pancake flat and fast. Come out and join the run on Saturday, July 26, at 11:00 am.

Overall Male/Female \$300 each, Masters Runner age 40-59 years \$200, Veterans Runner Male/ Female \$200, Jason Raby Trophy and \$150 for one runner who runs all seven races, and Age trophies for three places in five year age groups.

Thank you Mr. Anthony DiMino and TOPS of Lewiston for your generous support for the Jason Raby Memorial 5K race, LPAA and the DiMino Lower River Running Series.

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Jason Raby 5K Run & Fun Walk Saturday, July 26, 2014

LPAA is sadden to announce the passing of our Secretary, Mary Grace Baker Luff. Mary was a 1960 graduate of Lew-Port and served her community as a member of the Town of Porter Republican Committee, a Trustee on the Village of Youngstown Library Board, a member of Youngstown Yacht Club. Mary worked tirelessly as a LPAA member serving on the mini grant selection committee, Raby 5K, and the LPAA Gala. Mary will be deeply missed.

LPAA is looking for alumni interested in serving on the LPAA Board