

# Once-in-a-Lifetime Total Solar Eclipse Appears on April 8, 2024

## Lewiston to Commemorate a “Step Back in Time”

### Center Street will transform into a 19th Century “Frontier Village”

Unless you were born before 1925, the total solar eclipse that will appear in Lewiston and Western New York on April 8, 2024, will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Tens of thousands of people from around the world will converge on our region to experience a rare natural phenomenon when the moon blocks the sun's rays. For 2-1/2 hours on the afternoon of Monday, April 8, Center Street will be shrouded in partial or total darkness. Community leaders and volunteers are making plans to celebrate this event by turning Lewiston into a Frontier Village.

#### Eclipse Event Highlights

Volunteer event planners are working to provide Lewiston residents and visitors a unique experience, without upstaging nature's amazing show.

— 19th Century demonstrations will portray a “living history” Frontier Village.

— Street lighting will be turned off, and businesses will be encouraged to turn off interior and exterior lighting during “totality.” The only light will be from candles.

— Church bells will be ringing before and after totality.

— A new play, *Phantoms of the Opera Hall*, will be presented at the Opera Hall, 732 Center Street, on April 5 & 6 at 7pm, and April 7 at 2pm. Meet the phantoms whose stories were shaped by the moon! For reservations email: [PhantomsoftheOperaHall@gmail.com](mailto:PhantomsoftheOperaHall@gmail.com)

As the eclipse draws closer, stay tuned to local and social media for more announcements and updates on event schedules and highlights.

#### Eclipse Tips

— If you are making hotel, restaurant or travel reservations for friends and family, make them early.

— Safety first! Don't look directly at the eclipse without protective eyewear, and please don't try taking a photograph of the eclipse unless you are trained and your camera is specially equipped with filters. (Go to [MrEclipse.com](http://MrEclipse.com) for advice.)

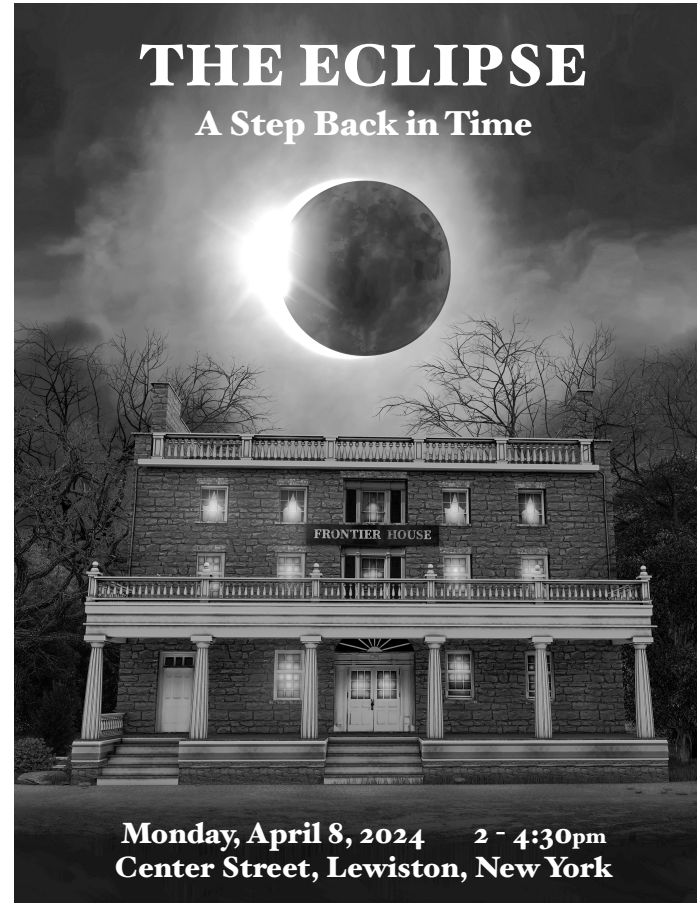
— Get safety glasses to bring to the event. Supplies may run out so check local stores or Amazon to get your glasses.

#### What if it's cloudy?

No problem! Center Street will be shrouded in darkness and the clouds will only add to the mystique.

You'll experience Lewiston like never before with vintage "Era of Good Feelings" entertainment, performances, and displays, while the warm glow of flickering candles and lanterns illuminate smiles up and down the street.

Mark your calendar for this once-in-a-lifetime event!



Monday, April 8, 2024 2 - 4:30pm  
Center Street, Lewiston, New York

### Lewiston Eclipse Times Monday, April 8, 2024

Partial Eclipse: 2:04 - 4:32pm (2 hrs. 28 min.)

Totality: 3:18:24 - 3:21:41pm (3 min. 17 sec.)

Speed of moon's shadow: 2,280 mph

Width of path of totality: 110.9 miles



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