

# Favorites Pizza named best in Western New York

Popular Lewiston pizzeria takes top pie pole position in NFP's annual contest

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Over the course of the local professional football team's season, Niagara Frontier Publications asked readers to vote for the best chicken wings, pizza, and place to watch a sporting event. This year's winners include:

**WNY's Best Pizza – Favorites Pizza & Wings**  
**Two locations: 781 Cayuga St., Lewiston; and 3034 Sweet Home Road, Amherst**

Halfway through an interview on Wednesday, Aurora Campbell, a manager at Favorites Pizza & Wings in Lewiston, stopped to observe another Josh.

"Josh was just in here. His favorite pizza is Hawaiian with hot peppers on it," Campbell said.

Now, it's not that this customer is well-known, necessarily. Rather, it's the idea of getting to know customer, well, favorites, that is important to the eatery team.

"We know them all really well," Campbell said. "We have a lot of regulars coming in and out, and it's just amazing. Most of the time, us girls, we know their order before they even come in. They're consistent. They're happy. They love it."

What makes this remarkable is that customers are not just choosing items from a small menu. No, at Favorites, there is more than two-dozen types of specialty pizza on the menu and, typically, up to a dozen-and-a-half

different types of pizza slices – plus dinner items and more than 50 different sorts of subs.

"We take what our customers give us, and we take note of that, and we really just love to accommodate them no matter what," Campbell said.

"We all like being creative," manager Austin Regis said. "If we come up with something, we can just put it on the menu or run it as a special, and that's why the customers come because, if a customer comes in with a suggestion, we can run it as a lunch special or put it on the menu."

"If we have it, we're going to make it," Campbell said. "If we're able to make it, we will do whatever we can. We're customer-based. That's all we care about: the customers."

In turn, those customers voted Favorites as WNY's Best Pizza.

"Honestly, it means everything, just because our customers are so loyal," Campbell said. "They're everything to us."

Now, Favorites can get busy – particularly at lunch and dinner, and on those game days. Even then, "We're very accommodating; we don't say no to anybody," Campbell said. "So, whatever they want, we will give to them and we will make it work."

While it might be daunting to watch the crew hustling around the open kitchen, Campbell pointed out, "Our guys are amaz-



Favorites Pizza & Wings managers Austin Regis and Aurora Campbell show off some of WNY's Best Pizza.

"We're a well-oiled machine," Regis said.

"We are a machine," Campbell emphasized. "If you come in on game day, on Sunday, it's just like everyone is just where they need to be all the time. They're working hard. They don't sit down for hours."

Favorites offers New York-style thin-crust pizza, plus deep-dish and pan pizzas.

Campbell said pies are more popular than trays, and the top-selling slice is the award-winning honey-garlic chicken with bacon.

Her, ahem, favorite is the broccoli cheddar. Regis prefers traditional cheese and pepperoni.

In addition to its pizza, the Lewiston location is celebrated for its community support.

Campbell noted owner Charles Brigham's generosity.

"I am so proud to work in this place," she said. "He gives to the schools; anything for the kids, he'll do – it's no question. He will do whatever it takes. I handle the donations, and the donations he gives out, it's so humbling to see, and it's just amazing."

More than 700 votes were cast in this contest. Stay tuned to see who won the other categories.

ing. I mean, they're the best. I would put them up against anybody around. They kill it. We'll have hundreds of slips on the board and they don't (flinch).

They're hard workers, and we appreciate them more than anything.

"Our customer service – we pride ourselves on that."

## IN THE NEWS

### Chili cook-off benefits Youngstown Library

Submitted by the Youngstown Free Library  
Are you a resident of Youngstown and Town of Porter and enjoy trying out various types of chili, and/or have a favorite chili recipe to share? How about entering your delicious chili into a fierce competition in the early afternoon of Super Bowl Sunday on Feb. 11 at Bandana's Bar & Grill at 930 Lake Road in Youngstown? The game doesn't start until 6:30 p.m., so you'll have plenty of time to get home for the Super Bowl.  
If you have an amazing chili recipe, you are invited to bring a pot of your best chili to Bandana's by 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 11, but be sure to call Bandana's at 716-745-1010 in advance to register. All are also invited to come on Super Bowl Sunday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. to try the delectable chilies. Sample more than a dozen chilies for only \$10, and vote for the best one.

All proceeds go to the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit whose mission is to support the Youngstown Free Library.

### Ladies First Jazz band concert at Youngstown Presbyterian Church

Ladies First Jazz: Six Piece group, the all-woman jazz band based in the Buffalo area, will present a concert at the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. The group includes Youngstown's Claudia Andres on keyboard.  
Admission is free and the event is open to the public, but a free-will offering will be available. Contributions are gratefully accepted, and will be used to fund future concert and musical events.  
The church is located at 100 Church St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

### State Parks Greenway Standing Committee meeting dates

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Niagara River Greenway Standing Committee has announced its meeting dates for 2024: Feb. 14, April 10, June 12 and Sept. 11. Meetings will all be held as needed at 11 a.m. at DeVeaux Woods State Park, 3160 DeVeaux Woods Drive, Niagara Falls. More information can be found at <https://parks.ny.gov/newsroom/meeting-notices/>.  
The State Parks Standing Committee receives funds from New York Power Authority as part of a settlement agreement related

to the 50-year license received by NYPA in 2007 for the operation of the Niagara Power Project. In addition to the State Parks Standing Committee, three other standing committees were created to disperse funds those groups received in other settlement agreements with NYPA: Greenway Ecological Standing Committee, Host Community Greenway Fund Standing Committee, and the Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee.

To learn more about State Parks, log onto [www.parks.ny.gov](http://www.parks.ny.gov). To learn more information about the Greenway Commission, visit [www.niagararivergreenway.com](http://www.niagararivergreenway.com). For more information about NYPA and the relicensing of the Niagara project, see <http://niagara.nypa.gov>.

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