



Youngstown Lions Easter egg hunt draws crowds

The Youngstown Lions Club celebrated the Easter holiday in style with its annual egg hunt last Saturday at Fort Niagara State Park. Organized by club members, the popular event saw a number of families with young children roaming park fields adjacent to the pool in a search of prized eggs with treats.

“We had a roaring good time at the Lions Easter egg hunt,” the club said. “We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for the festivities. It was a joy to see so many smiling faces as the children hunted for eggs.”

In the photos, a large group children gather at the age-designated starting points as the hunt begins; and the little ones join with parents in their frantic search for Easter treats. (Photos by Terry Duffy and the Youngstown Lions)

Town of Porter

‘Hometown Heroes’ banner program returns

The Town of Porter’s “Hometown Heroes” banner program has returned for 2024. Applications are now available at Town Hall or online at www.townofporter.net.

Open to sponsors throughout the town, including the Village of Youngstown and hamlet of Ransomville, the program recognizes the sacrifice and commitment of those who have served or presently serve in the military. Sponsorship is available to friends and families of service members, as well as community organizations or businesses.

The full-color banners measure 66-by-30 inches; are constructed of durable vinyl; are double-sided; and have a patriotic theme and photo of the service member. The banners feature the individual’s name, branch of service, and conflict or era of service. Also included is such information as the service member’s rank and

special honors received in their service time.

Banner cost for the individual or family sponsor remain at \$190 for 2024. This includes the banner, hardware for hanging, installation, plus end of season cleaning and storage at Town Hall.

For 2024 the banners will again be prominently displayed from Memorial Day through the fall along main roads. Last year’s inaugural program featured 75 banners mounted on utility poles throughout the Youngstown and Ransomville areas. The town said these would return in 2024 in addition to new purchases.

All applications for this year’s program should be completed and returned with related photos and payment to Town of Porter Bookkeeper Kimberli Boyer by April 30. Payments may be made in person or by mail via cash or check; no online payments are accepted.

Trash collection schedule changed due to eclipse

In other news, the town said garbage and recycling pickups have been rescheduled next week due to a number of planned April 8 eclipse events and the associated heavy traffic anticipated in the northern Niagara County area. As a result, trash and recycling pickups by Modern Disposal would be delayed for one day in all town residential areas.

In the Village of Youngstown, trash pickups are also being pushed back by one day, from Friday to Saturday for all residents. Superintendent Greg Quarantillo said the DPW would hold a special bush pick up on Tuesday, April 9. The village’s spring clean-up collections are set to begin April 29 and continue to May 27.

For more information visit townofporter.net or call 716-745-3730.

IN THE NEWS

Youngstown Free Library going local for eclipse

The Youngstown Free Library will be among the many organizations throughout Buffalo-Niagara getting into the eclipse excitement. What’s more, it is focused on keeping things local, with a number of fun, family events planned for River Region residents.

“Are you feeling overwhelmed by the giant eclipse events happening in Niagara Falls and Fort Niagara? We are here to provide a family-friendly alternative for locals!” the library shared. “Come to our small, chill, family-friendly event to celebrate the eclipse with your friends and neighbors! Bring your own lawn chairs to the Youngstown Free Library. We’ll provide eclipse glasses to the first 150 attendees.”

Director Sonora Miller said that, from 2-4 p.m. Monday, visitors can

check out the eclipse on the front lawn of the Red Brick on Lockport Street. The library will have hot dogs and water from the Youngstown Lions, plus Girl Scout cookies for sale; sidewalk chalking activities with the Youngstown Boy Scouts; even some glow-in-the-dark tattoos – a hit for the kids even if it’s cloudy, Miller said. Also decorating shields for eclipse glasses (to protect those young eyes), and some take-and-make craft kits for ages 5-10.

There will also be discussions on eclipse science from the Youngstown Girl Scouts, and a possible livestream of the eclipse inside the library. Visitors will

also find dedicated parking for the handicapped and families who need assistance.

“Escape the traffic issues,” Miller said. “We also encourage biking and walking to the library.”

For more information, visit the Youngstown Free Library on Facebook or call 716-745-3555.



Eclipse 2024

Eclipse event at Colonial Heights Free Methodist Church

Colonial Heights Free Methodist Church will host “an afternoon of adventure as we celebrate ‘Fun in the Shadow of the Sun/Sun’” organizers said. This activity will take place from 1-4 p.m. Monday, April 8. Free, certified solar glasses will be available for the first 150 participants. Free food, activities, and a bake sale will mark the event at 1310 Saunders Settlement Road (Route 31), Lewiston. Call the church at 716-297-5320 or text 833-337-7632 for more.

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