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YBPA marks milestone in Youngstown

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doctor's retirement. Today it's a brand-new business called Three Little Hens Baking Company.

The Ontario House, aka "Stone Jug," has always been a hotel, restaurant and bar. The Jug is the oldest standing building in Youngstown. It was once owned by the Wojcik family, but now is owned and operated by the Costello family.

Ye Old Fort Inn, at 110 Main St., was well known for great dining but, today, has been turned into a duplex. 200 Lockport St. was B-Kwik, but then became Melloni's Market, and today is the site of Griffon Brewery. In 1976, 214 Lockport St., was the location of Barnum's Pharmacy, which later became Rite Aid (which closed

in 2024). Then, on the east end, there was Danny's Restaurant and Ice Cream, which, for some years, was the Baptist church and today is Youngstown Marketside. In the former Rite Aid space plans are being discussed for a new retail shopping store.

At 409 Main St., was Dan's Grooming and Style for many years. Today, it is the location of Peace of Mind Wellness & Counseling Services. At 140 Lockport St., was The Settlement Cleaners of Youngstown, which was also a laundromat. Today, it is the location of Legacy X Fitness. In 1976, located at 113 Lockport St. (originally the village post office), was Yankee Spirits Liquors & Wines, which relocated to North Tonawanda and, in 2003, the store became

Anchor Spirits & Wines. At 435 Main St., was then Youngstown Design Center but, today, it is the location of The Dory Trading Post.

On the waterfront back then was Pierce Marine, which offered ferry service to Niagara on the Lake in Canada. It was a small motorboat that offered that service for a mere 25 cents and, for 50 cents, you could bring your bicycle! (9/11 changed that). Now at that location is The Wicked Worm LLC bait and tackle shop. RCR Yacht's Inc. was then and still is located at 223 Lockport St. The Youngstown Yacht Club was and still is located at 491 Water St. In 1976, the Youngstown Cold Storage, at 701 Nancy Price Drive, was active, but that has since been demolished and now is the site of the new Riverview Landing con-

miniums.

The Youngstown Business and Professional Association has always been supportive of the local events such as "Christmas in the Village," the Labor Day parade (including the once-popular Labor Day field day), even the Youngstown community picnic and fishing derby.

Currently, the YBPA sponsors the Neil Riordan St. Patrick's Day Parade in March, the Here Comes Summer Street Dance & Car Cruise in June, the YBPA golf tournament fundraiser and, in September, we celebrate the Youngstown/Porter Business of the Year and Community Service Award ceremony.

Last year, we made donations to the Inter Community Services

food pantry in Ransomville for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Every year, we apply for the William G. Mayne, Jr. Business/Community Enhancement Program. The money is matching funds put toward beautification of brick-and-mortar projects. One of those projects was the pretty blue and white Christmas snowflake lights that adorn Main Street, Lockport Street and inside Falkner Park.

This year, we will be making improvements to the Falkner Park pavilion in time to celebrate the summer free concerts organized by Dotty and enjoyed by everyone!

Submitted by Cheryl Irish-Butera (board member) and Dotty Riordan (vice president) for Youngstown Business and Professional Association Inc.

Grant to support sport sampling in Village of Youngstown

Press release

The Friends of Youngstown has received funding for summer programming from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation's Legacy Fund, held at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. The grant will support sport sampling for three weeks in July and August, at no cost for children entering grades 2-7.

"The funding we received in 2025 provided local families an opportunity to learn about street hockey, baseball, and disc golf from experienced coaches," said Jeff Gruarin, recreation director. "We had great feedback last year, and we're excited to be able to offer this again."

Anyone interested in participating should visit the Village of

Youngstown Recreation Program online to learn more and register: <https://www.youngstownny.gov/229/Sport-Sampling-Ralph-Wilson-Legacy-Fund>.

For more information, contact board member Shana DiCamillo at shanadicamillo@gmail.com.

The Friends of Youngstown is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the community of Youngstown through efforts to revitalize, improve, and ensure long-term sustainability. Its focus is on promoting active lifestyles, preserving the historical significance, and environmental efforts to ensure a healthy and thriving community for generations to come.

More information can be found online at foy14174.com.

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