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32nd annual Liberty Drive Cleanup

The 32nd anniversary of the Liberty Drive Cleanup was held Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day). Coordinated by Wheatfield Councilman Larry Helwig, this was the largest group of Scouts attending the cleanup in the history of this event. More than 40 Cub Scouts and their families from Pack 824 in Cambria and Pack 833 in Wheatfield attended the cleanup on Liberty Drive.

Organizers said, "A special thank you to Precious Plate from Liberty Drive for providing the gloves, grabbers, vests, drinks, doughnuts, and bags and cash donations to both packs; Frontier Fire on Liberty Drive for providing the restroom facilities, pop and coffee; and the Niagara County Sewer District for providing the Dumpster.

The following scouts attended this cleanup exercise: Brennen, Ella, Jennifer and Mark Banks; Matt and Annemarie Evans; Patrick and Brayden Finnegan; Brian, Neven and Reinier Markovich; Tim and Jack Rider; Tim and Nate Synor; James Sorge; Chris and Belinda Pappal; Simon Zawistowski; Jen and Alex Guido; Joel, Alexis, Sam and Darcy Greinert; Nicole and Evelyn Majewski; and Max and Lee Farley Jr. (Submitted)

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Falls Historic Preservation Society training

The Niagara Falls Historic Preservation Society kicks off its new, seven-week tour guide training program on Saturday, May 6. The group will offer professional training and certification to individuals interested in becoming historical tour guides, chaperones, or reenactors.

Join others for a meet and greet from 2-4 pm. at the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center, 1201 Pine Ave., Niagara Falls. For further information, visit nfhps.org.

America's Native Nations come to Fort Niagara

Old Fort Niagara will host its first smoke dance competition, Native Nations at Niagara, on Saturday, May 13.

A press release stated, "The smoke dance was originally an Indigenous war dance, primarily danced by men, but has expanded within competition dance to include and highlight female dancers.

"Old Fort Niagara will be welcoming local and nationwide competitors to dance throughout the day."

Visitors will be able to watch as dancers compete for prizes; learn about traditional and historic Native regalia; and talk to Fort Niagara's interpretive staff about the connection that Fort Niagara has to the Haudenosaunee, and other Native communities during the site's almost 300-year history. Visitors will also be able to peruse a variety of native craftsmen, artisans and food vendors.

The press release added, "Old Fort Niagara would like to stress our gratitude to the participants and visitors for facilitating the sharing of Native cultures and knowledge. These perspectives have historically been overlooked and undervalued, and we look forward to continued collaboration with our local Indigenous communities to reinforce the importance of the Haudenosaunee's

historical presence at the Fort. "This event was made possible by the Museum Association of New York and our generous donors."

Domestic violence survivors' benefit at 3F Club

Blossom in NY Inc. invites residents to its "Every1 knows Some1 Spring Fling," taking place from 1-7 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Fin-Feather-Fur Conservation Society (3-F Club), 904 Swann Road in Youngstown.

The event is the first major benefit for Blossom in NY Inc., a non-profit organization based in West Seneca that is dedicated to assisting domestic violence survivors in Erie and Niagara counties build a foundation for the future.

"It will be hosted by Shy Guy Shawn from KISS 98.5, and we will have lots of great things going on like basket auctions, door prizes and more!" a Facebook post noted.

The event is open to the public. Tickets for the benefit are priced at \$20 advance sale or \$25 at the door, and include food and drinks, basket raffles and door prizes. To purchase tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/every1-knows-some1-spring-fling-tickets-562664202777>.

For more information, contact Sabrina at 716-940-8989 or Janice at 716-581-3996, or visit the Blossom in NY Inc. page on Facebook.

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