



CanAm regatta returns to Youngstown

The Youngstown Yacht Club is set to hold its 10th annual CanAm Challenge and Great Lakes PHRF Fest on July 28-30, for two days of hosting competitors from all over the U.S. and Canada.

Organizers said, "As the largest sailing event on Lake Ontario, the CanAm Challenge and Great Lakes PHRF Fest is more than just a regatta."

Mike DeDario, chair of the 2023 CanAm Challenge and Great Lakes PHRF Fest, said, "We are

incredibly excited for this year's event, and look forward to welcoming our friends and neighbors to enjoy all Youngstown has to offer: the camaraderie, the good times and, of course, the excellent sailing."

A press release stated, "Great racing and a good time guaranteed, this year's event features live music by Tim Britt Band on Friday and Silver Arrow Band on Saturday."

"Bringing back the infamous

'beer line,' the weekend will also celebrate what would have been the 50th Level Regatta with a throwback party on Saturday, July 29. Open to the public, the party encourages guests to dig through their closets and resurrect past Level T-shirts and Mount Gay Rum hats for a contest awarding prizes to the oldest shirt and hat."

Registration is now open at www.yachtscoring.com. For more information, visit www.yyccanam.com or call 716-745-4230.

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Garden Club offering scholarship

The Youngstown Garden Club is taking applications for its \$500 scholarship award for 2023.

The scholarship is open to students in the 14174 ZIP code and intended to assist the student in the purchase of textbooks and supplies in the pursuit of higher education. Applicants must be a 2023 graduating senior from Lewiston-Porter High School or a Town of Porter resident; they may also be enrolled

in the horticulture program at Niagara County Community College.

The applicant should be planning to attend an accredited college or vocation school within 12 months, and demonstrate both a knowledge of gardening and involvement toward civic beautification.

Applications are available at the Lewiston-Porter High School guidance office, via email at youngstowngardenclub@gmail.com. Applicants may also contact Colleen Mary Summerville via text at 716-531-6701.

Garden Club program on butterfly gardening

Maxine Grimmer, a Niagara County master gardener, will present a PowerPoint talk about butterfly gardening in Western New York at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, at Youngstown Presbyterian Church, 100 Church St.

A press release stated, "This program aligns with the Youngstown Garden Club's mission to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening in all people, and to aid in the protection of native plants, trees and birds. Butterflies are increasingly threatened by habitat loss, pesticide use and climate change. By planting butterfly gardens, people can help conserve butterflies, as well as other native insects, and help perpetuate native plant species."

"In Ms. Grimmer's colorful presentation, she will teach us about 13 butterflies found in this area, including food sources for both the caterpillars and the butterflies. Attendees will learn the basics of attracting butterflies to their gardens, thereby playing a role in conserving these small, but mighty creatures."

Admission is free for members of all garden clubs, students and faculty. A \$5 fee for all others will be deducted from membership dues when an application for membership is submitted.

Wild Kritters sets date for annual basket raffle

Wild Kritters of Niagara County has set the date and location of for its annual basket raffle. The fun-

draiser is set for Sunday, June 4, at the 3F Conservation Club, 904 Swann Road, Youngstown. Tickets go on sale at noon, with the drawing beginning at 4 p.m.

There will be hundreds of baskets and gift cards, as well as large-ticket items up for grabs. Tickets are \$5 a sheet for gift cards and regular baskets, and \$5 each or three for \$10 for large raffle baskets. Food, beverage and baked goods will be available for sale. Educational animals will also be available for viewing.

Wild Kritters will support Feathers of Love again this year by offering a free sheet of regular tickets with the donation of three nonperishable (human) food items and ticket purchase. Feathers of Love is a nonprofit dedicated to helping mankind. This is limited to one offer per family.

Incorporated in 2008, Wild Kritters is completely volunteer-based. Its purpose is to rescue and rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife and return them to their habitat. For more information, visit www.wildkритters.com.

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