

'Saturday for Soldiers' in Youngstown

The ninth annual "Saturday for Soldiers" event was held at The Ontario House (Stone Jug) last weekend. Organized by Colleen Mary Johnson Summerville, the event benefits local veterans and active duty service members in need.

Many people and lots of families came out to sign Christmas Cards to be distributed to service members and veterans. Items such as toiletries, socks, candy and other items were collected to make care packages to brighten the holidays.

"We collected over 500 items and wrote out over 800 cards to be sent to active military," Johnson Summerville said. She credited the event's success to the strong community participation. "I was very pleased."

Johnson Summerville is shown directing some young visitors making homemade cards. (Photo by Wayne Peters)



Lewiston Lions, VFW partner for veterans

The Lewiston Community Lions and Lewiston VFW Downriver Post 7487 are collecting toiletry items to assist local female and male homeless veterans and those in the VA hospital and shelters.

This collection drive will run through Dec. 6. Donations bins are located outside the Deal Realty office at 451 Center St. and Orange Cat Coffee Co. at 703 Center St. Donations can also be dropped off at the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce, 895 Center St., during business hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Travel and full-sized request-

ed items include toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, lip balm, hand sanitizer, wipes, facial tissue packets, shampoo and lotion. Included is a special request to remember female veterans with donations of feminine products (tampons and sanitary pads), and size 1 and 2 diapers.

"Donations are greatly appreciated; even a small item can help make a difference," Lewiston Lions President Catherine Stella said.

For more information, contact Stella at 716-807-5577 or Lewiston VFW Downriver Post 7487 Adjutant Vince Canosa at 716-343-4358.

The Lewiston Community Lions continues to serve the community and beyond, providing donations, service and supplies where necessary. The Lions realize a member's time may be limited due to family and work obligations. As such, attendance at meetings (virtually or in-person) is not mandatory. Members are asked to volunteer and participate depending how much or little their schedule affords.

To become a member of the Lewiston Lions, contact Stella, or message the Lewiston Lions on Facebook.

Ransomville Festival Parade this Sunday

Coinciding with the kickoff of the Christmas shopping season, officials of the Ransomville business community are throwing out the welcome mat to River Region residents to check out the hamlet this Sunday, Nov. 28.

On that day, the Ransomville Festival Parade will take place along Ransomville Road. Event organizer Ruth Ann Buzzard reports the afternoon event opens with cookie decorating and crafts from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ransomville Free Library, 3733 Ransom-

ville Road. The parade itself gets underway at 3 p.m., and continues up the street to the Hardison Funeral Home.

Expected to be led by the New York State Police, the parade will showcase Ransomville pride, with such organizations as O. Leo Curtiss American Legion Post 830, the Ransomville Volunteer Fire Co. Ransomville Garden Club, "Step in Time" singers, Ransomville Speedway, Rob and Jean of RK Motorsports, Farmers Feed America and Santa's Sleigh Team

all participating.

Activities to check out include a Marine Corps Toys for Tots collection drop-off at the Ransomville firehall; a picture walk featuring the "The Gingerman Story" along with the Ransomville Garden Club's gingerbread house; and children's events featuring the jingle bells and flags of Santa's Sleigh Team and all his reindeer.

Buzzard said the little ones will be able to visit with Santa following the parade at 3:30 p.m. at the

Ransomville firehall, where there will be picture-taking opportunities for the little ones with Santa. Also, look out for wreath judging,

plus free cookies and hot chocolate and coffee.

The event is open to the public. Everyone is invited to stop by.

State Police traffic safety campaign this weekend

State Police, local law enforcement to increase patrols to prevent impaired & aggressive driving during holiday period

Gov. Kathy Hochul on Tuesday announced the New York State Police and local law enforcement agencies will participate in a special traffic safety initiative to prevent unsafe driving behaviors as the winter holiday season kicks off. The Thanksgiving weekend initiative runs from Wednesday,

Nov. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 28.

"As we look ahead to celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends, many of us will be spending time on the road, and it's critical we do everything we can to ensure that holiday travel can be done safely," Hochul said. "Getting behind the wheel while impaired by drugs or alcohol does nothing but put lives at risk. This year, make the responsible choice and help keep your fel-

low New Yorkers safe by having a plan to secure a safe and sober ride home."

In an effort to ease travel during the busy weekend, temporary lane closures for road and bridge construction projects on state highways will be suspended through 6 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29. Motorists are advised that some work may continue behind permanent concrete barriers for emergency repairs.

The Youngstown Village Diner
425 Main St., Youngstown • 716-745-9858

~ WEEKLY SPECIALS ~

MON CLOSED

TUE 6AM-8PM - Spaghetti and Meatballs, Chicken Parm, Eggplant Parm, Penne Parm

WED 6AM-8PM - Swedish Meatballs over Egg Noodles, Hot Turkey Sandwich or Fish

THURS 6AM-8PM - Chicken Pot Pie or Fish - Haddock - Battered, Breaded, Baked

FRI 6AM-2PM - Haddock, Fish Sandwiches, Tuna Melts & New England Clam Chowder

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TOWN OF PORTER

MIDNIGHT - 6 AM

DECEMBER 1ST - APRIL 1ST

Village of Youngstown
Between the hours of Midnight to 8:00AM
December 1st thru April 1st.

David P. Burmaster
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