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(owner Amy Roush), depicting a scroll of historic Youngstown. Next, Ali created the mural across the street at Anchor Spirits Wine shop, which also depicts the history and story of Youngstown – including a soldier originally created by our local legend, William “Bill” Suitor. And most recently, the entrance to Peace of Mind Wellness & Counselling Services, owned and operated by Colleen Mary Johnson Summerville at her office located at 409 Main St., in the Village of Youngstown.

Last year, we celebrated the opening of three new businesses. We now have the Sister and Brother Children’s Apparel (431 Main St.) owners Lisa and Mark Leffler; Hill of Beans Coffee Stop owners Lewis and Karen Bean (440 Main St.); and Barker Outdoors (located at 105 Lockport St.) owners Jeffery and Santina Barker.

As reported by NFP, our YBPA was able to secure the William G. Mayne Jr. grant before the end of 2021. One of the items we secured were beautiful 36-inch LED snowflakes to celebrate the holiday seasons for years to come. Three of our members who are located on the outskirts of the village have purchased their own snowflake (idea started by none other the Pat Stack, owner of Somewhere – Youngstown): Somewhere, also Ray’s Tavern on Lake Road, and Bandanas on Old

Lake Road. This shows the bond we all have to be seen as “belonging” to an all for one, and one for all team.

Coming this year is something Youngstown has been without since 2018 – a grocery store! Youngstown Marketside, located at 230 Lockport St., plans to open April 1, per a Buffalo Business First report on Jan. 18. “Majority owner” Daniella Vanoni is from Youngstown and hopes to offer all that we have been missing, including a café and bake shop. Daniella is our newest YBPA member. Our community could not be more excited!

Thanks to our VP Dotty Riordan, our free “Concerts in Falkner Park” were able to entertain last summer and plan to return this year as well. Great news as well for Victoria’s Family Hair Care is the return of Chrissy Parish offering hair/makeup/and nail services (we missed Chrissy).

Not to forget That Barber & Co located at 434 Main St.

Members Ken Scibetta and Ed Webster are working toward opening a brewery and restaurant on Lockport Street. Certainly, their plans were slowed down by the many COVID-19 issues, including the shutdown, but we are hopeful for movement in 2022.

One year ago, we used our grant monies to secure our own website and email account through working with Matt Villnave, owner of Lewiston Digital LLC: www.

youngstownny.com and ybpa@youngstownny.com. Only \$50 per year membership fee.

This year, the YBPA will hold its annual O’Riordan St Patrick’s Day parade on Saturday, March 19, beginning at noon, meeting on Hinman Street. This parade is led by the OFN soldiers with director Robert Emerson at the lead. We end at the Ontario House for fun, prizes and Irish music.

Also, our second major event is the YBPA 12th annual Street Dance and Car Cruise with the Thurman Brothers Band. We always have a big turnout, and this band has a huge following. We’re lucky to have them in our own backyard. All of the local businesses are open that night from 6-10 p.m. (whether they belong to YBPA or not) because it’s fun, it’s free, and it’s the beginning of summer.

The YBPA is a volunteer association – nobody is a paid staff. All we accomplish is due to hard work and good folks who truly take pride in our little slice of heaven known as Youngstown, New York.

We are looking forward to 2022.

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Ransomville Speedway to host drivers meeting Jan. 29

Ransomville Speedway will host driver meetings for all classes on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Ransomville Fire Co., 2521 Youngstown Lockport Road.

Meetings will start at 10 a.m. for the Sunflowers of Sanborn Mini Stocks. At 11 a.m., drivers of the KiPo Motors Street Stocks will meet. Noon will be the meeting for the Investor’s Services Sportsman and the Kevin’s Carpet Cleaning Novice Sportsman. The final session of the day will begin at 1 p.m. for the Krown Undercoat-

ing Modifieds.

Speedway memberships, along with DIRTcar memberships, will be available for purchase, as well as chances to reserve pit pads/parking for the 2022 season.

Ransomville Speedway officials including tech inspectors and the race director will be present to answer any questions.

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