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Lew-Port's Auer wins VFW scholarship

"To me, the flag is a breathtaking symbol of freedom, privilege, sacrifice, and pride," 18-year-old Graciana Auer proudly proclaimed when asked "What Does the Flag Mean to Me?" "It reminds Americans of all the soldiers who became heroes the minute they made the decision to serve and protect our country. Nothing in our lives is free, especially our freedoms. Every time I see a flag, I am reminded of the millions of people who made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives so that we may live a life of privilege. We are privileged to be a part of



Graciana Auer receives a ceremonial check from Veterans of Foreign Wars Downriver Post 7487 members, from left, Bruce Sutherland, Cmdr. Gordon Spencer and Bill Justyk.

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Eagle Scout working to bring dog park to Youngstown



Pictured, from left: Village of Youngstown Trustee Rob Reisman, Recreation Director Jeff Gruarin, Eagle Scout candidate Liam Robinson, Recreation Commission Treasurer Kyle Heath and Trustee Nicole Quarantillo. Winnie the pooch is in the foreground with Andrew Heath.

Submitted article

Many residents of Youngstown have been driving to Lewiston to make use of the dog park there for some time now. However, Youngstown's Veterans Park will soon be getting a dog park, too.

Eagle Scout candidate Liam Robinson of Boy Scout Troop 855 Lewiston, a Lewiston-Porter student and Town of Porter resident, has proposed a

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Lew-Port students fundraise for dog park

Christine Dumoulin, a fourth grade teacher at the Lewiston-Porter Intermediate Education Center, visited with the Lewiston Town Board Monday on behalf of students McKenna Regan, Charlotte Ryan and Zoe Woodhouse. All were involved in a fundraising project to improve the Lewiston Town Dog Park as part of their class work on passion projects.

Over past weeks, Dumoulin said the three students worked with Lewiston-area businesses, including the new Tim Hortons, Hurlin' 4 Curtins, the Spicey Pickle and Abor Tree and Land Care, where they sold dog treats to raise funds for park improvements, including increased shade for the dogs, a dedicated water source as well as a better entrance.

"We would love to work with the board to do whatever we can to provide shade and water for the dogs there," Dumoulin said.

She noted more than \$1,000 was raised by the Lew-Port students for the park.

Dumoulin is shown with the fourth-graders' "Zoe's Dog Treats" poster, Supervisor Steve Broderick and Town Board members John Jacoby, Jason Myers and Bill Geiben. (Photo by Terry Duffy)



The B-29 Superfortress, "FIFI," and the PT-13 Stearman were the first planes to land at Niagara Falls International Airport on Monday for the AirPower History Tour. (Photos by Michael DePietro)

AirPower History Tour lands at Niagara Falls International Airport

The AirPower History Tour (part of the B-29/B-24 Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force) has touched down in Niagara Falls. It aims to give spectators the opportunity to experience the history and grandeur of some of the military's most historic aircraft up-close and personal.

The show features two of the rarest World War II bombers functioning today. The B-29 Superfortress, "FIFI," is one of only two flying B-29s in the world. The B-24 Liberator, "Diamond Lil," was one of the first B-24s produced. She is the oldest World War II-era four-engine bomber in existence and one of only two B-24s still flying.

The two bombers are to be accompanied by a T-6 Texan and a PT-13 Stearman. The P-51 Mustang "Gunfighter" will also be making an appearance, scheduled to arrive at noon Fri-

day, July 2.

The event is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through July 5. Access to the ramp where the planes are parked is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children ages 11-17, and free for children 10 and under. Visitors to the ramp will be able to view all aircraft up close and tour the B-29 and B-24 cockpits when the aircraft are not flying.

Perhaps most exciting, attendees can actually take to the skies in the aircraft of their choice for an additional fee. For available times and seating availability, visit www.airpowersquadron.org/airplane-rides and save by booking rides online.

Riders must be at least 12 years of age and able to physically climb in and out of the aircraft under their own power. For more information, call the ride coordinator at 432-413-4100.

Visit www.AirPowerTour.org.



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