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Youngstown elections approach

Offices for mayor, village trustees to be filled

BY TERRY DUFFY
Editor-in-Chief

You've seen the campaign signs already on streets throughout the Village of Youngstown – the elections are coming.

Voting will occur Tuesday, May 17, for the Village of Youngstown elections, with the offices for mayor and two village trustees to be filled.

Caucuses for village offices took place recently by the two major parties, where candidates were selected and limited announcements formally made.

At this writing, village Democrats will see incumbent Village Mayor Raleigh Reynolds on the ballot for reelection, along with newcomer Krystal Stephens vying for one of the two open trustee positions.

On the GOP side, the Village of Youngstown/Town of Porter Republican Party announced its backing for Robert Reisman for the office of mayor, and candidates Catherine Stella and Robert Stortecky for the trustee seats.

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HART brunch set for May 21

The Home Assistance Referral Team's "Circle of HART's Brunch" is scheduled to take place from 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, in the parking lot adjacent to its office behind First Presbyterian Church, 505 Cayuga St., Lewiston.

A \$125 fee includes brunch for two, prepared by the Starry Night Café. The menu includes quiche, homemade banana bread, spring mix with feta and berries, granola parfait with fresh fruit, charcuterie with homemade crostini, two jars of custom jam, cookies (compliments of Elderwood Residences at Wheatfield), orange juice and Orange Cat coffee.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 716-754-8313, ext. 1004.

HART is celebrating 40 years of caring in the community in 2022.

Pontoon lifted out of Niagara Falls

On Wednesday, New York's Army National Guard used a CH-47F Chinook heavy lift helicopter to remove a pontoon from a portion of the New York Power Authority's "ice boom" at Niagara Falls. The New York State Park Police teamed with U.S. Army aviators from the New York Army National Guard's Detachment 1, Company "B" 3rd Battalion on the operation, which began Tuesday morning with scoping.

A 2019 high wind event caused a steel pontoon to break free from the New York Power Authority ice boom in Lake Erie. The pontoon became lodged in the upper rapids above the Bridal Veil Falls in the Niagara River. The removed section is 30-feet-by-30-feet and weighs about 3,500 pounds.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation said the pontoon didn't pose an immediate safety risk, but was removed to preserve the integrity of the viewshed of Niagara Falls.

The CH-47F Chinook helicopter is the Army's heavy-lift cargo helicopter. The Chinook can carry 32 troops plus aircrew, and slingload 13 tons of cargo underneath the helicopter. It has a maximum speed of 196 miles per hour.

Soldiers from the battalion deployed to Afghanistan several times, where their ability to carry heavy loads at high altitudes was critical to operations in the mountains.

On June 11, 2011, a CH-47D



Photo by Mark Williams Jr.; see more online at www.wnypapers.com.

from Company "B" extracted a boat from the Niagara River, which had become hung up above Niagara Falls.

A Canadian helicopter had been able to rescue the crew from the Park Police boat, which

had run aground while conducting a rescue operation on June 10. The New York Army National Guard CH-47 was called in to lift the 8,000-pound boat.

Information courtesy of State Parks

Art show to celebrate 12 new murals in Niagara County

'Niagara County By The Numbers: An Interactive Mural Trail' celebrated at Project 308 Gallery

In 2020, Lockport artist Mike Weber of Niagara County Entertainment partnered with Natalie Brown, program coordinator of the Carnegie Art Center, to create an interactive mural trail in Niagara County. The plan was for this project to feature a series of 12 new murals installed across the county (one per municipality) and painted by 12 different artists. Each mural would be a 5-foot-by-7-foot image featuring iconic imagery of each location – and could be colored in by passersby.

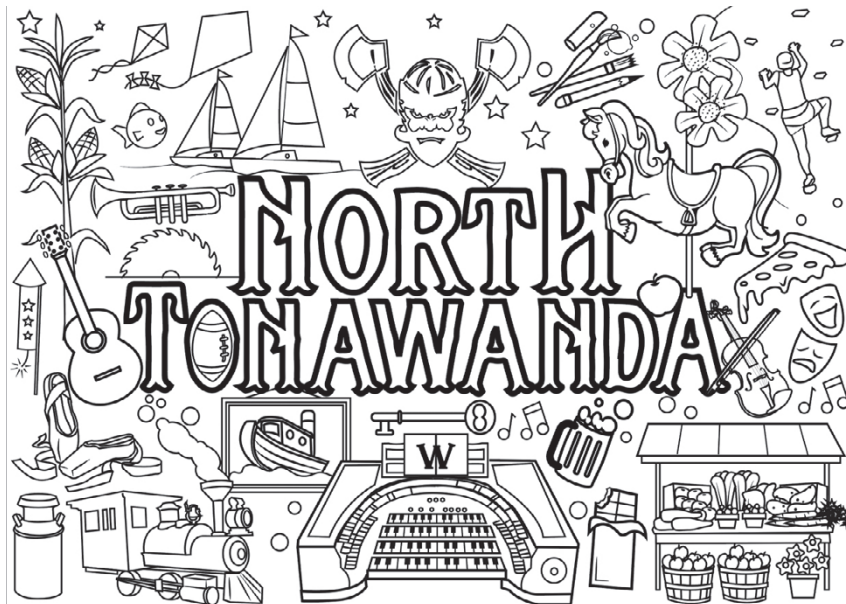
Eight out of the 12 murals are complete, with the final four to be done this coming spring. The public is invited to visit each mural and color the images with chalk. To celebrate the mural project and encourage the public to visit each mural this Summer,

an exhibition will take place at the Project 308 Gallery (308 Oliver St., North Tonawanda) featuring artworks by the 12 participating artists. The public is invited to the opening reception of the exhibition from 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 6.

A press release noted, "Starting May 11, several of the artists will offer discounts on future commissions. So, if you're looking to hire an artist, it's a good opportunity to shop the various skill sets on display. Simply take a selfie in front of the artist display and share that on social media – and, of course, tag them to receive the posted discount."

The list of where to find the 12 murals, their completion status, and the artist who is working on that mural includes:

- Town of Porter, Falkner Park
√ Artist: Timothy Martin
Mural is complete. All are wel-



come to visit and color it in.

- Town of Newfane, WAHI Studio parking lot
√ Artist: Jessica Tomaino (of WAHI Studio)

Mural is complete. All are welcome to visit and color it in.

- Town of Lockport, Daisy's Adventure Park at the Kenan Center

Shown is one of the mural designs. (Courtesy of Carnegie Art Center)

- √ Artist: Cindy Meal (owner of Lamplighter Art Gallery & Gifts)
Mural is not complete yet, but will be soon.

- Sanborn/Cambria, Niagara County Community College

- √ Artist: Michael Weber (Michael Weber Arts)
Mural is complete. All are welcome to visit and color it in.

- Town of Royalton, Gasport Volunteer Fire Co.

- √ Artist: Matt Duquette (12 Grain Studio)

Mural is not complete yet, but will be soon.

- North Tonawanda, Carnegie Art Center

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