

Fish fries return to 3F

Popular 3F restaurant now operated by Destino's Catering

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Great news for seafood lovers! Fish fries have returned to the 3F Club on Swann Road in Lewiston.

The Fin, Feather, and Fur Conservation Society Inc. on Swann Road has teamed with Dana Destino-Joyce of Destino's Catering Co. to reopen the 3F kitchen to the general public.

"We are open for members and their guests on Fridays," said John Wood, 3F bar manager.

Dana Destino-Joyce of the Town of Niagara will operate the kitchen. The new business continues her family's tradition of dinner fare offered at a decent price.

"I have been in the restaurant business for 20 years; it has been in the family," Destino-Joyce said as she spoke of her father's and uncle's background in the restaurant trade, which includes Destino's/Gramma D's Pizzeria on Creek Road, as well as her service as an executive chef at the Niagara Frontier Golf Club.

"It's been in our blood. My grandmother cooked every Sunday for us. That was a just a big, big thing, Sunday dinners."

Destino-Joyce called the return to food service at 3F ideal.

"Actually, one of the old workers who used to work for my father, he called," she explained. "And my father said, 'Well, my daughter is looking,' because I used to be the executive chef over at the Niagara Frontier Golf Club. I recently left there and I was trying to get back in the kitchen. This just worked out perfect, perfect timing."

So what of those menu offerings?

Destino-Joyce said she offers a little bit of everything: typical goodies from the fryer, such as mozzarella sticks, pizza logs, fries and fingers and wings; a variety of sandwiches and wraps; soups and salads; and dinner items. Here, diners will find such selections as chicken cutlets, pasta and meatballs, chicken piccata, a 12-ounce strip and, of course, that Friday fish fry.



Dana Destino-Joyce of Destino's Catering Co. and her staff welcome guests to check out the fish and the new 3F restaurant, which is open to the public on Fridays.

All items are swiftly becoming popular for 3F members and guests.

"The cutlets; we're selling a lot of cutlets, the chicken piccata is good, too. But the Philly is probably our best seller," Destino-Joyce

said. "Our fish and our beef on wecks are also flying out the door as well."

And the fish? Destino-Joyce offers giant-size portions – a choice of broiled, Cajun, lemon pepper or the typical beer-battered. Each

comes with a choice of coleslaw, potato salad or fries, plus lemon, roll and butter.

Opened since late September, "business has been great," Destino-Joyce noted. "All the members have been wonderful."

She added, "We didn't really throw out the big promotions; I wanted the members to have a chance to try us. We haven't really discussed events yet. We're seeing how things go."

Wood said, "We're trying to make it all work."

3F President Chris Cooper added, "I think it's turning out well; very good. The portions are good to the pricing. Very good food; I love the food. I've tried the chicken; I'm not disappointed with anything I've eaten so far."

Hours? "Right now, we are open Wednesday from (noon) to 8 p.m. Fridays, we serve from 2-9 p.m., with an early-bird special from 2-4 p.m., \$1 off your fish fries," Destino-Joyce said.

For more, contact Destino-Joyce at 236-5808 or destinoscatering-co@gmail.com.

IN THE NEWS

Youngstown Halloween parade on Saturday

The Village of Youngstown Recreation Commission invites families to partake in the return of its annual Halloween extravaganza. After being canceled last year due to COVID-19, the event returns Saturday at Falkner Park on Main Street.

"The Youngstown Recreation Commission is hoping for good weather and we are super-excited to welcome kids and families back for our annual Halloween extravaganza," member Michelle Deutschman said.

Registration for the costume contest will open at 12:30 p.m., with the community parade led by the Youngstown Police Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. beginning at 1 p.m. from Falkner Park.

The parade route will start at the park on Second Street, cross Lockport Road down to Hinman Street, and return to Main Street, where the business community will welcome trick-or-treaters with Halloween goodies.

Following the parade, there will be games, prizes and pre-packaged treats and drinks for everyone at the park. The costume contest winners will be announced and prizes awarded.

"Another twist this year is that we are welcoming well-behaved dogs to our outdoor celebration in honor of the construction and development of the new dog park in Veterans Park by Eagle Scout Liam Robinson," Deutschman said. "We are hoping to see dogs in costumes, as there will be prizes in dog categories as well."

"Enjoy the dog park, and thank you, Liam, for working to improve the recreational offerings in our community for dogs and their owners."

Niagara Arts Guild fall show begins

The Niagara Arts Guild, a 73-year-old organization comprised of practicing artists, announces its fall show and sale will take place Saturday, Oct. 30, at the History Center of Niagara,

215 Niagara St., Lockport. A reception with refreshments runs from 2-4 p.m.

Show chairs are Maggie and Phil Eaton. The works of art include visual arts and sculpture, and are juried. The show continues Monday through Saturday through Nov. 27.

Ransomville Speedway to host awards banquet Dec. 4

Tickets are on sale for the 2021 Ransomville Speedway awards banquet, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4. The event will take place at the Lewiston No. 2 Fire Co. hall, located at 1705 Saunders Settlement Road. Dinner will take place at 5:30 p.m., with the awards ceremony beginning at 7 p.m. Donna Eick will cater the banquet and provide an open bar.

All awards and plaques will be going to Ransomville Speedway members. Drivers questioning their membership status are encouraged to call the Ransomville Speedway office at 791-3602.

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