

Heart, Love & Soul debuts Daybreak

Daybreak at Heart, Love & Soul has opened for services to the community, including case management, acute nursing care and health care coordination, showers and laundry for those experiencing homelessness, housing linkage and referral, homeless street outreach, and connection and referral to partner agencies.

Services are available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Walk-ins are welcomed, but making an appointment by phone at 716-282-5687 is encouraged.

Daybreak, a one-stop center for health and social services, was conceived by a taskforce of providers from the Niagara County Coalition for Services to the Homeless. Beginning in 2011, discussions revolved around barriers to services and gaps in service coordination that adversely impacted clients. The taskforce determined a one-stop center would reduce barriers to access and improve the circle of care around clients facing multiple challenges.

"With the opening of Daybreak, Niagara Falls residents will have better access to the services they need to address the challenges of poverty and social injustice. The



Daybreak at Heart, Love & Soul (Image courtesy of the agency)

beautiful new center connected to our main building truly reflects the dignity of our guests, who may find services all in a single location," said Mark Baetzhold, executive director of Heart, Love & Soul. "This new program that was collaboratively envisioned brings the resources of Heart & Soul and 30 partner agencies together in this innovative space. Guests can access the services they need, and provider agencies involved in peo-

ple's care can work better together for their benefit and success."

Daybreak is located at the Sister Beth Brosmer Center, 924 Niagara Ave., Niagara Falls.

Founded in 1983, Heart, Love & Soul is a food pantry, dining room and social care provider located in the north end of Niagara Falls. With a mission to nourish all in need – body, mind and soul – the organization provides daily hot meals, groceries, health care coordination, case management, and housing and outreach services. Now, Daybreak offers a single point of access for housing, health and wellness, behavioral health, employment, education, legal and other services.

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REOPENING:

Indoor family entertainment centers March 26, outdoor amusement parks April 9 & camps can plan for summer

√ 25% capacity limit in indoor family entertainment centers and places of amusement; 33% capacity limit in outdoor amusement parks

√ Face coverings and social distancing required for customers and staff; health screening with temperature checks required for all customers prior to entry

√ Day and overnight summer camps can begin to plan for reopening; Department of Health will issue guidance in coming weeks

Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday announced indoor family entertainment centers and places of amusement can open with a 25% capacity limit beginning Friday, March 26. Outdoor amusement parks can open with a 33% capacity limit beginning Friday, April 9.

All facilities must submit reopening plans with health protocols to the local health department. Face coverings and social distancing will be required for all customers and staff, and customers will be required to have a health screening with temperature checks prior to entry.

Additionally, day and overnight summer camps in New York can begin to plan for reopening. The Department of Health will issue specific reopening guidance, including details on timing, in the coming weeks.

"In New York, we base our decisions on the science and data and adjust as the virus adjusts," Cuomo said. "With continued decreases in the infection and hospitalization rates, we have been able

to take steps toward beginning our post-COVID recovery and we are excited to now be in a place where we can bring back our recreational industries with safety protocols in place. As we've said time and time again, our success will be dictated by our actions and, as long as we stay united and keep carrying this momentum forward in a positive direction, we will be able to see more and more sectors of our economy reopen."

In addition to face coverings, social distancing and mandatory health screenings, all indoor family and entertainment centers and places of amusement, and outdoor amusement parks, must follow these guidelines:

√ Contact information must be collected from each party to inform contact tracing, if needed;

√ High-touch areas, attractions, and rides must be cleaned and disinfected frequently throughout the day;

√ Attractions must close if they cannot ensure distancing and be frequently cleaned/disinfected;

√ Sufficient staff must be deployed to enforce compliance with rules, including capacity, distancing and face coverings;

√ Tickets should be sold in advance, and entry/exit and waiting times should be staggered to avoid congestion;

√ Indoor areas must meet enhanced air filtration, ventilation and purification standards; and

√ Retail, food services and recreational activities must abide by all state-issued guidance.

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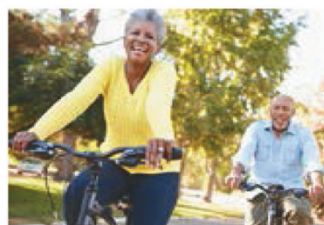
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'Big R': Plans for 2021 continue

Ransomville Speedway hosted a driver's meeting to officially kick off the 2021 season. Drivers and crew members from the Krown Undercoating Modifieds, Investor's Service Sportsman, Ki-Po Motors Street Stocks, Sunflowers of Sanborn Mini Stocks, and the Kevin's Carpet Cleaning Novice Sportsman were on hand to go over any rule changes and procedures for the 2021 campaign.

Track General Manager Jenn Martin led the meeting and took questions asked by those in attendance.

"We are focusing this year's schedule on our local racers," she said. "Yes, we are hosting the NOS Energy Drink World of Outlaws Sprint Cars and the Big-Block Modified Super DIRTcar Series, but the majority of our race schedule features our weekly competitors."

DIRTcar and Ransomville Speedway memberships are still available for purchase. Pit parking reservations are also available. For those who missed the meeting and still in need of a membership, or to reserve pit parking, call the speedway office at 791-3602.

The 2021 season will begin with the scheduled test, tune and time set for Friday, April 30, with the 2021 season opener scheduled for the following week (Friday, May 7). For a copy of the full tentative schedule, visit www.ransomvillespeedway.com.