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Ransomville Speedway puts 2020 season 'on pause' due to COVID-19

All racing events at Ransomville Speedway have been postponed indefinitely due to continued restrictions put in place by New York state to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

The "New York State on PAUSE" executive order, which is in effect until May 15, has closed all nonessential business and canceled nonessential gatherings

of individuals of any size for any reason. When the "PAUSE" order restrictions for this area are lifted, there could be continued restrictions on gatherings for public events.

A press release said, "Speedway management and track officials will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments to the season schedule once restric-

tions are lifted. These decisions will be made in the best interest of the health and well-being of our competitors, staff and spectators. Racers and fans should continue to follow the official Ransomville Speedway website and social media channels for the latest updates to the 2020 season.

"Be assured that Ransomville Speedway will be ready to go

when the time is right. Thank you for continued patience and understanding."

Ransomville Speedway

Opened in 1958, Ransomville Speedway is located on Braley Road in the hamlet of Ransomville. "The Big R" is a 3/8-mile DIRTcar-sanctioned facility that is the home of the Summer Nationals. Ransomville also features

a 1/16-mile Go-Kart track for action on the "Little R" on Thursday nights.

For more information, visit www.ransomvillespeedway.com; call 791-3602 or 791-3611; and on social media, follow on Twitter @Ransomville and "Like" on Facebook.

'Good Neighbors Against COVID-19': Win dinner with Thurman & Patti Thomas in online raffle fundraiser for Child Care Resource Network

The Giving Project has launched a fundraising campaign called, "Good Neighbors Against COVID-19," which will benefit the Child Care Resource Network. CCRN is an essential resource for the Western New York community during the pandemic as it is connecting essential workers such as doctors, nurses and grocery store workers with child care services. The organization teamed up with Thurman and Patti Thomas to put together a spe-

cial raffle prize: Dinner with them at Mullberry Italian Ristorante.

Including dinner with Thurman and Patti Thomas, The Giving Project has collected a number of unique prizes up for grabs, including a signed cleat from the Buffalo Bills; a Buffalo Sabres hockey stick signed by Rasmus Dahlin; a trip to see a filming of an episode of the CBS sitcom "Mom," which was donated by Nicholas Bakay; beautiful pieces of artwork by local artists Jane

Foley Ferraro and Jen Dowdell; a \$100 Amazon gift card sponsored by E.B. Howard Consulting; and three-pack of shirts from 26 Shirts. Each donated prize will be featured on the "Good Neighbors Against COVID-19" campaign page and on its own page, which includes a prize description and highlights the business or individual making the donation.

"This is a fun way for the community to give back to a worthy cause that is having a direct im-

pact on Western New York during this time - it's like a virtual basket raffle," said Joseph Castle, founder of The Giving Project. "The Child Care Resource Network is delivering an essential need to our community during this time, so we wanted to increase awareness about their services, their needs, and their hard work during this time."

The Child Care Resource Network is an overall advocate for the children of Erie County and

Western New York. Its mission is to promote quality, affordable, accessible care and learning for all children by supporting and empowering families, caregivers, education professionals, and employers.

The fundraiser will be held through May 15. Those who visit the page can enter to win a \$20 Wegmans gift card through free entry.

Learn more at givingproject.com.

2020 NFL Draft most watched ever; sets new all-time highs for media consumption

The unique presentation of the 2020 NFL Draft established new all-time highs for media consumption in every category. With over 600 camera feeds from homes across the U.S., all telecasts of the 2020 NFL Draft reached more

than 55 million total viewers across Nielsen-measured channels over the three-day event, up 16% vs. 2019. An average audience of over 8.4 million viewers watched all three days of the 2020 NFL Draft across ABC, ESPN,

NFL Network, ESPN Deportes, and digital channels easily breaking the previous high of 6.2 million viewers in 2019 by 35%.

Each day of the 2020 NFL Draft established new highs as an average audience of over 15.6

million viewers watched round 1 on Thursday (up 37% vs. 2019), over 8.2 million viewers watched rounds 2 and 3 on Friday (up 40% vs. 2019), and over 4.2 million viewers watched rounds 4-7 on Saturday (up 32% vs. 2019).

All seven rounds of the 2020 NFL Draft were presented across ABC, ESPN and NFL Network - the second straight year The Walt Disney Company partnered with the NFL to offer a multi-network presentation of the entire draft.

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