

# Fashion Outlets team gives back



The Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls management team recently volunteered on site at the Niagara Area Habitat for Humanity's new house construction, on 61st Street in Niagara Falls. In addition to volunteering, the Fashion Outlets presented a check for \$2,000 to help with the project.

A press release noted, "The Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA have been celebrating a summer of 'Kindness is Fashionable' activities, which included hosting the Niagara County SP-CA's resident Lloyd the Dog for a mall-walking session, completing a 'Kindness is Fashionable' public art mural inside the mall, and a backpack giveaway for local students."

In the check presentation picture, from left: Marco Notaro, community outreach director for the Niagara Area Habitat for Humanity; Jennifer Miller, operations manager at the Fashion Outlets; Sue Swiatkowski, marketing manager at the Fashion Outlets; and Don Koglmeier, project manager for the Habitat for Humanity site.

Also shown: Fashion Outlets General Manager John Doran and Jennifer Miller work with Don Koglmeier to prepare to install basement stairs at the site. (Submitted photos)



## Ransomville Speedway adjusts race schedule

Ransomville Speedway is making an adjustment to the end of its 2022 race schedule.

On Friday, Sept. 9, the Mateo Hope Street Stock King of the Hill will take place with the Krown Undercoating Modifieds racing schedule in a Big Block Modified/Small Block Modified Shootout.

Ransomville management said the Modified Shootout purse in this event would be the same weekly purse as the Land of Legends Raceway held in Canandaigua. Prize monies for the Mods include \$2,000 to win, \$1,250 for second, and \$1,000 for third.

Also on the card that evening will be a Sportsman/Novice Shootout for the Investors Service Sportsman/Kevin's Carpet Cleaning Novice Sportsman, and the season championship race for the Sunflowers of Sanborn Mini Stocks.

For Sept. 9, pit gates open at 5 p.m., grandstands open at 6 p.m., and racing would get underway at 7:15 p.m.

In the event of a rainout, Ransomville said the rain date would be on Friday, Sept. 16. Should this race be completed as scheduled on Sept. 9 it would mark the close of the season.

For more information on schedule changes, contact the Speedway office or visit [www.ransomvillespeedway.com](http://www.ransomvillespeedway.com)

## Clerk advises pistol permitseekers of pending changes

Niagara County Clerk Joseph A. Jastrzemski reminds county residents who are planning to submit an application for a pistol permit that they will need to their paperwork by Aug. 31. Those who fail to do so will be required to start the permit process over again when new state legislation takes effect Sept. 1.

"There are a lot of unanswered questions and significant concerns about this state legislation but the one thing we know for sure is that the current applications cannot be accepted after Aug. 31," Jastrzemski said. "So, if you started your application

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and it's laying at home on your desk, I highly recommend you complete it and get it submitted right away or you run the risk of having to start over."

According to Jastrzemski, not only will there be a new application formulated by the State Police on Sept. 1, but the entire permit process is going to be more complicated with a whole new level of bureaucratic involvement and additional requirements.

"We will continue to distribute the current applications right through this month, so if you have been thinking about applying, you may want to get an application from our office, and, again, complete and submit it by the end of the month," Jastrzemski said. "All applications in the system by Aug. 31 will follow the current permit process."

The application can be found at <https://www.niagaracounty.com/Departments/Pistol-Permit-Office>. Jastrzemski noted the pistol permit office, which is usually closed the public on Wednesdays, would now be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays through the end of August to accept applications.

## Niagara Gospel Mission starts program to help homeless veterans

Niagara Gospel Mission, at 1317 Portage Road in Niagara Falls, has added a veteran-specific program to include a veteran-only, eight-bed emergency dorm, a support group with local veterans, and assistance in connecting with Veteran Affairs.

"Service members face dangers

and unbearable living conditions overseas for our freedoms. It's a shame they face the same thing here. We are going to help fix that!" Development Director John Cooper Jr. said. He is coordinator for the new program.

Cooper added, "As a combat veteran myself, I know the issues that come with readjusting after war. Unfortunately, these men have struggled with that, and we want to do our part in helping them. They served us; it's time we serve them."

A press release stated, "Military veterans make up 7% of the United States population and 11% of the homeless population. HUD estimates that 39,500 veterans are homeless on any given night in the United States. Currently, 15% of Niagara Gospel Mission's (NGM) clients are veterans. The need is growing as more service members get out of the military."

"To help homeless veterans in Western New York, NGM's new program will include an eight-bed veteran-only emergency shelter. The program also includes a veteran support group where veterans from Niagara Falls and the county can get together to encourage and help each other cope and adjust to society after war. NGM will work closely with the Veterans Affairs Clinic in Niagara Falls to connect veterans with all the VA has to offer."

Cooper said, "With their struggles from war and in the current economy, Niagara Gospel Mission wants to help those who served our country and kept us free. We welcome cash and in-kind donations as we launch the new initiative this September."

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