

'Big R': Fireworks & twin 20s highlight holiday weekend

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Fireworks, modified twin 20s, and the Chris Moore Sportsman Memorial highlight the holiday weekend festivities this coming Friday night at the Ransomville Speedway. Parkhill Tree & Land Management, Niagara Hardwood Center, Hy-Tech Concrete, Sunset Bar & Grille, and JW Swanson & Associates will be presenting the program.

The Chris Moore Memorial for the Investor's Service DIRTcar Sportsman will be round four of the Sportsman Super DIRTcar Series Western Region. The top contenders on both sides of the border will converge on "The Big R" this coming Friday night. Brad Rouse won the first Western Region Canada race at Merrittville Speedway in May, while Phil Vigneri III won the first on U.S. soil at the Genesee Speedway in mid-June.

Moore was a lifelong resident of Ransomville, and was an all-

around racing fan. On Friday nights, you could find Chris cheering for his friends and family with a box full of cheeseburgers and something to say to make you smile. Chris grew up at the Big R with his family watching his great uncle and longtime Ransomville racer, Russ Zimmerman, and cousin "Rebel" Rick Gorhan go to battle on Friday nights. Great-grandfather Albert Zimmerman maintained machines and the grounds for the speedway from 1989-96. Papa, Ron Zimmerman Sr., started working on his brother Russ' No. 14 Bomber beginning in 1965 and later drove packing trucks for the speedway. Uncle "Smo" Al Zimmerman and uncle RJ Zimmerman pit crewed for multitime Ransomville Modified winner "The Franklin Flyer" Billy Decker, while Decker was driving for Adam Ross in the famed Bug Chaser No. 91.

With family ties to racing so deep, it was a matter of time be-



"Big R" fireworks display photo by Tom Stevens/courtesy of Ransomville Speedway

fore he would find a fit for himself in his hometown at the "Big R." Beginning in the 2018 season, Chris would join R. Harris Motorsports helping his brothers, Tyler, and Orval Harris, with the Sportsman car weekly

at Ransomville, Genesee, and at Land of Legends Raceway.

Unfortunately, Chris passed unexpectedly in July 2021. He loved racing at any level and, alongside his family, Ransomville Speedway would like to honor

him in a way that would mean the most to him: Having a memorial race in his honor for the Investor's Service Sportsman.

The July 1 program will also feature fireworks, plus twin-20s, for the Krown Undercoating Modifieds, plus a full card of racing. Pit gates open at 5 p.m. Grandstands open at 6 p.m., and racing will get underway at 7:15 p.m. Adult general admission is \$22, seniors (60-plus) and youth (12-17) are \$18, and kids 11 and under will be admitted free. Pit admission is \$35 for members or \$40 for the general public. More information can be found by visiting www.ransomvillespeedway.com.

Ransomville Speedway is located on Braley Road in the hamlet of Ransomville. "The Big R" is a 3/8th-mile DIRTcar-sanctioned facility that is the "Home of the Summer Nationals." Ransomville also features a 1/16th-mile go-kart track for action on the "Little R" on Thursday nights.

Lewiston Town Board moves on solar projects

New SRO contacts approved with Lew-Port, Niagara-Wheatfield

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The Lewiston Town Board is now on its summer meeting schedule, and the board's June session on Monday was a busy one.

Newsmakers included board approval on two pending solar energy projects in the town; contract approvals for school resource officers in the Lewiston-Porter and Niagara Wheatfield school districts; the swearing-in of a new Lewiston Police Department officer; and a road dedication in the new Essex Homes subdivision.

The board opened with a public hearing on a proposed 4-megawatt, ground-mounted, solar-grade utility facility by Montante Solar. This project would cover 17 acres on the southern end of the Niagara University campus, near the Witmer Road entrance. Envisioned to serve both as an energy producer for NU, as well as an on-site classroom facility for the college's environmental sciences department, the plan was called "a wonderful project" by Bob Morreale, NU's chief financial and innovation officer.

"Niagara University is proud to be part of this," he said. "The reason why we need this – and I think it's a wonderful project – is that students nowadays are looking for green energy, looking for usable energy. We're doing a lot of things at Niagara to keep ourselves competitive, and this is one of the bigger things."

"That solar array of 4 megawatts at 17 acres is very impressive, and the students are going to use it as a classroom. We have 10-12 classes that are environmentally related; it's going to be a career path for our students. It will keep them here, give them jobs."

"There's environmental opportunities in this area; it's a great extra advantage Niagara has. We're excited about it."

Town Supervisor Steve Broderick expressed his and the town's support for the NU project, which he said underwent significant re-

views by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

"I support the project, and one of the reasons we created our solar law is to protect neighbors," Broderick said. "Well, this is a unique situation where there are no neighbors. The south part of the campus in the Town of Niagara is zoned industrial. So, we worked hard with Niagara, with our Zoning Board, Planning Board to get it just right."

The public hearing itself saw no negative comments on the NU project.

At the session, Town Board members went on to address various items in the project's site plan/special use permit criteria, covering such areas as environmental reviews, aesthetics, visual impacts and vegetation. All were found to be compatible with the neighboring area.

"We have no objections," Town Councilman John Jacoby said.

Soon after, board members went on approve the NU solar generation facility by a 5-0 vote.

Later, the board also approved the Borrego Solar site plan/special use permit to allow construction of a 5-megawatt, ground-mounted community solar energy system on a 59.5-acre parcel at 2600 Saunders Sanders Settlement Road – site of the Sanborn Area Historical Society and Farm Museum. The solar project will comprise roughly 42.7 acres in the central/southern portions of the property, and include two fenced-in solar arrays of 23.35 acres.

In his resolution, Jacoby said the Sanborn project met all specifications contained in the town's solar energy law, including those covering aesthetics and shielding.

"The project includes installation of a 320-foot temporary fence, with visual shielding erected by Borrego Solar ... on the east side of the installation," he said.

On a motion by Jacoby and Town Board member Jason Myers, the measure passed 5-0.

In other news from the session:

•The town announced an agreement has been finalized

with the Lewiston-Porter and Niagara Wheatfield school districts that will provide for school resource officers furnished by the Lewiston Police Department. Broderick said the move came as a result of the positive responses from Niagara Wheatfield, which, in past years, has utilized a designated SRO provided by the LPD.

"Niagara Wheatfield has been thrilled with our Town of Lewiston Police officer there as an SRO, full-time. They want a second," Broderick said.

He explained the contracts would be for five years – an increase from the town's earlier contract with NW that covered three years. They would entail the department hiring two new, full-time officers to cover the work with Lew-Port and NW. Funding for the SROs would be provided by the state, with some federal aid expected. Broderick said the Lewiston-Porter agreement would be for one school resource officer on the Creek Road campus. Similar to NW, this arrangement would not involve any cost to the town.

"The chief and I have talked about this; it will be identical to Niagara Wheatfield's, which

will not cost the Town of Lewiston any money," Broderick said. "This is a SRO. They currently hire off-duty Lewiston Police officers. They (Lewiston-Porter school officials) approached the chief ... and they're interested in putting a uniformed SRO officer just like Wheatfield does. It will be a permanent officer assigned to Lew-Port."

"It's a positive for the schools; we're happy with the way it's worked out," Broderick said of the second SRO for Niagara Wheatfield.

In a related area, the LPD swore-in officer Joshua Belin as its newest member at Monday's Town Board session. Belin previously worked with the New York State Department of Corrections. He will begin work in LPD's field officer training program.

•The Town Board approved a request for new road dedication in the new Essex Homes subdivision. Engineer Robert Lannon of GHD Consulting Services said the request cleared reviews by the town's water, sewer and highway departments, but there were still some State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES)-related items, and other

matters (grading, top soil and hydroseeding) expected to be finalized by Essex Homes by Oct. 15.

Located in the Patios at Essex Ridge subdivision, the new road would be known as Bridal Path Lane in the Village Green.

It was approved by a 5-0-board vote.



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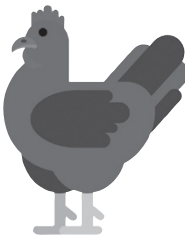
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Although many of us live to eat in our culture, much of our entertainment and pleasure centers around food. Unfortunately, billions of dollars a day are spent convincing us that we need the latest pre-made, processed, heat it up and serve it convenience foods. More often than not, there is little nutrition left in these "foods", and the amount of sugar and salt they contain does more harm than good.

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