

Ransomville Lighting of the Wreaths is next Sunday

Daylong activities include Santa visits, open houses, community parade

The Ransomville community invites all to kick off the 2024 holiday season in style, with a number of enjoyable family programs taking place Sunday, Nov. 26, in the hamlet.

According to organizer Ruth Ann Buzzard, Ransomville's day-long Lighting of the Wreaths Festival celebration includes holiday activities scattered throughout the day, and a small but very busy parade set to begin at 3 p.m. along Ransomville Road.

The day gets underway starting at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast at American Legion O. Leo Curtiss Post 830. From there, it's a literal smorgasbord of holiday events: Marine Corps Toys for Tots collections at Post 830 and the Ransomville Free Library; a host of activities at the Ransomville fire-hall, such as photos with Santa, magic acts by Patrick Holman with clowns and face painting, the RVFC quilt raffle, plus visits by the Niagara County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, New York Power Authority and Wild Kritters.

That's not all. During the afternoon there's a basket raffle at the Ransomville Baptist Church; a craft and vendor fair at Jills Play Yard; cookie decorating by the Care-n-Share Food Pantry at the Ransomville Free Library; plus music, crafts, voting for the Ransomville Wreath Contest, face painting and clown visits for the little ones.

A number of Ransomville businesses will hold open houses, including Stevenson's Hardware, which will hold a of the Bald Eagle wood carving raffle; and at



Visits by Santa Claus are among the many activities planned at the Ransomville Lighting of the Wreaths Festival set for next Sunday. (File photo)

Ransomville Family Chiropractic, the Ransomville Historical Society, Heritage Manor and Patties Cut Above.

The Ransomville Festival Parade begins at 3 p.m. from the Ransomville Free Library and continues to the Hardison Funeral Home along Ransomville Road. Many participants are expected, including the New York State Police; the Ransomville Fire Co.; Post 830 members; the Niagara County 4-H with a Farmers Feed American banner; the

Hoover Dairy cow; Sunflowers of Sanborn; balloon floats; the Ransomville Garden Club; area Boy and Girl Scout troops; the Niagara County Mounted Police; KiPo Motors of Ransomville with R&K Motor Sports; Ransomville Speedway; the Justice League of WNY; and of course, a visit by Old St. Nick.

"The parade finishes at the Hardison Funeral Home where we will all gather to sing 'Silent Night' and 'God Bless America,'" Buzzard said.

Following the parade, closing activities will take place at the Ransomville Baptist Church at 4:30 p.m. Stop by for performances by the Wilson Chorale, plus the results of a number of daytime events including the wood carving raffle, the quilt raffle, and the Ransomville wreath decorating and coloring contests.

The day closes with the Ransomville Lighting of the Wreath ceremony.

All events are open to the public.

IN THE NEWS

Tree-lighting ceremony in Lewiston

The Lewiston Council on the Arts and Lewiston Beautification will present the 33rd annual holiday tree lighting starting at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at the Alphonso I. DiMino Memorial Band Shell in Academy Park.

This year's event will include performances by Harmonia, the St. Peter's R.C. School choir, the Greater Niagara Ballet Company, Lewiston Dance Center and Janet Dunstan's Dance Academy. Plus, there will be a special community sing-along with some famous faces.

For more information, visit www.artscouncil.org.

NY Power Authority fishing piers to close for winter season on Dec. 3

The New York Power Authority fishing facilities, including the fishing pier and lower parking area at the base of the Power Authority's Robert Moses Niagara Hydroelectric Power Plant, will close for the season, at dusk, Sunday, Dec. 3. In addition, the fishing pier near the Upper Mountain Fire Co. at the Lewiston reservoir and the fishing pier at the water intakes along the upper Niagara River will close for the season.

For the remainder of this season, the piers may close for safety reasons in freezing temperatures

or snow conditions.

The fishing facilities will reopen in the spring when snow and ice have sufficiently cleared. The fishing cleaning station will reopen once the threat of freezing temperatures has passed.

For information on the NYPA fishing piers, call 716-286-6662 for a recorded message.

Nearly 800 drivers at risk for losing license

Submitted by the Public Information Office

Niagara County Clerk Joseph A. Jastrzemski said time is running out for the nearly 800 motorists in Niagara County who renewed their license between March 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021 (during the COVID-10 pandemic) by self-certifying their vision but failed to submit their results.

"New York state will begin suspensions of drivers' licenses on Dec. 1 for those who have ignored repeated requests to submit the required vision test," Jastrzemski said. "This is our last call to get this

done and avoid suspension."

Jastrzemski said the fastest and easiest way to comply is to visit a local DMV office where a person can have their vision checked free of charge. DMV employees will handle submitting the results to the state. Alternatively, a person may be tested by an approved provider and the provider will submit the results to the DMV. If one passes a test from a provider not approved by the DMV, the provider must complete a vision test report and the applicant must submit it.

Submissions to DMV can be made electronically or by mail. All the information, instructions, list

of approved providers and submission link/ mailing address can be found at <https://dmv.ny.gov/driver-license/vision-information>.

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