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Welcome to Independent Perspective, a public affairs presentation of Western New York Independent Living (WNYIL). Our guest today is Mike Benzin, executive director of Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service (NFRRS), and I'm your host, Ernie Churchwell. Welcome to the program, Mike.

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Thank you, Ernie.

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Our pleasure to have you. I guess you've got the entire lowdown about an exciting activity which is based in radio reading that helps enable you to continue bringing this fine service to people across the Niagara frontier.

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And in case there's somebody who hasn't heard of you, just what valuable activity does radio reading service do for the community?

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Well, as you know, as many of the listeners know, the NFRRS reads newspapers, magazines, books and other publications online and on air for people who are blind or have a print disability and by print disability, we mean that they have difficulty holding a book, turning a page, things like that.

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Sounds like a truly valuable service.

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And of course, like anything else in life, money is required to continue the service.

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And to that end, you've got a meat raffle coming right in the future. What can you tell us about that?

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Well, meat raffles are tremendously popular here in Western New York. I think there's one every day of the week, seems like and we're no different. It's a way to raise money

to fund our programs and services. And it's a way to have a little bit of fun. We're hosting a meat raffle on Friday, November 1st.

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At the Knights Events Center that's at 2735 Union Rd. near the intersection of Williams St. in Cheektowaga, the doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the first spin will be at 7:00 p.m.

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But it's a meat raffle. We're selling tickets for \$10, and with that \$10, you'll get some pizza.

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You'll get a couple drink tickets and the opportunity to participate in the meat raffle. Tickets will be \$15 at the door, or you can buy a table of 12 seats for \$100 and save 20 bucks.

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And I believe you have some activities that the young ones will enjoy in case they don't feel like bidding on different types of meat.

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Well, we'll have a basket auction which are very popular and we've got some very cool things going in the basket auction. The door prize is a pop up 10 foot by 10 foot Buffalo Bills tent that's great for tailgates and backyard parties and stuff like that. The event is the day after Halloween, so folks still have their Halloween costumes and they're still in good condition. We'll have a costume contest for folks that want to extend their Halloween celebration a little bit more, but the big thing is the raffle.

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We'll have 12 rounds of raffles during the event, with three spins of the wheel for each round, and each spin will have a variety of different packages of hot dogs, hamburgers, pork loin, chicken, shrimp, steaks, all the different kinds of things that that you see at a meat raffle. So, it'll be a lot of fun.

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Sounded like an exciting event and people can, I think you said they could buy the tickets in advance or at the door, but if they might run out so people would be well advised to get their tickets in advance if they can.

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Absolutely. And they can find their tickets on our website at [nfradioreading.org](http://nfradioreading.org). Just click on the give button and choose your option. You can buy as many tickets as you want at \$10 each. You can buy a table or multiple tables at \$100 if you want to be a sponsor.

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And get some extra recognition for you or for your company. Their sponsorship levels that people can choose from, or they can just call us if they don't have access to the web or it's not convenient for them.

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They can call us at 716-821-5555 and we'd be happy to talk to them about everything they need over the phone.

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And so, if people have questions about the event, I guess that's the same number that they would call.

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Absolutely 716-821-5555.

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Well, thank you so much for laying down the big picture of NFRRS, meat raffle and all the best to you when the event occurs.

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Thank you, Ernie. Go Bills.

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