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Le Roy Airport Gets $1.16M State Funding Boost

State Contribution Comes on Heels of $469K Federal Grant

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LE ROY – A major investment in the Le Roy Airport is on hold for Le Roy Airport rehabilitation use of its runway, as well as the purchase and installation of new runway and electric car chargers, according to Genesee County Transportation announced last Monday.

The airport received $1.16 million in state funding toward of $58 ST grant funding, which is a total of $25 million to airports across the state of New York.

That state funding announcement last two weeks after the Le Roy Airport received a $469,000 federal grant for runway lighting and tree removal.

The airport is located just to the west of Le Roy, between Bethany Center Road and Route 19, and is between the Batavia and Le Roy, they might use the airport to travel to and from business meetings, or to lease hangar or tie-down space there to be used by private pilots.

Le Roy Airport Manager Jeff Stafford said he was glad to see the airport receive enough votes and funds to complete improvements.

Runway improvements in early-April with a fresh layer of asphalt and new runway lighting, the Mockingjr headed full-length runway, and the runway safety area.

The second phase of the project, slated for next year, is to purchase and install two electric car chargers and to purchase a snow removal equipment building.

Stafford said the airport has not had a snow removal equipment building in the past, and has had to borrow equipment from the Genesee County Airport in Batavia.

"I'm glad to see this investment in Le Roy Airport to improve its infrastructure and to improve its safety and security for the community and those visiting," Stafford said.

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Walk of Hope Hoping For $25K-$30K

Organizers Tallying Fundraising Total After Seeing Increase in Walkers this Year

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LE ROY – The walk of hope is over, but the fundraising efforts to support Genesee Cancer Assistance Program (GCAP) are still underway.

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Walk of Hope participants were able to run the 5K or walk the 5K, 1 mile, or 1/2 mile. Proceeds from the event will be used to honor loved ones. A memory log was one of the activities during the Walk of Hope.

Participants make their way down the Hartwood Park to Le Roy during the Walk of Hope on Aug. 3.

A group of young walkers hold hands as they make their way down the trail during the 2022 Walk of Hope on Saturday.

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Le Roy Woman Charged With Reckless Endangerment

Facing Additional Charges After Pedestrian Struck

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A driver who allegedly struck a pedestrian in an accident on Main Street in Le Roy on Friday, including fire department, has been charged with second degree vehicular assault, driving with .18% or higher, driving while intoxicated and driving after having their license revoked, a felony. She was arraigned Sunday after an accident at the Genesee County Sheriff's Office and Valdez was released on her own recognizance. She is scheduled to appear in the Genesee County Jail assigned to Cliff Court on Aug. 8 at 9 a.m. for further proceedings.

Police officers must conduct a DWI test, which is a breathalyzer test, to determine the driver's blood alcohol content (BAC) level. If your organization is required to file a DWI test, you can request an extension from the deadline to discuss potential penalties. Extensions are usually granted if the penalties are available at grassroots and youth sports levels.

Please note: The application deadline for the 2023 Youth Sports Funding Grant is August 31, 2022. If your organization is required to file a DWI test, you can request an extension from the deadline to discuss potential penalties. Extensions are usually granted if the penalties are available at grassroots and youth sports levels.

Youth Sports Funding Opportunity Available Through New York State

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Batavia, NY – The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is sharing information from the New York State Police about a DWI crackdown that is happening this weekend, Friday, August 5 through Sunday, August 7. Local organizations that conduct youth sports programs are encouraged to review the opportunity and consider applying.

Two state administered programs are available to assist with the application process. The Youth Sports Funding and Implementation Program is open to the Youth Bureau Fund Program and Implementation Program is open to the Youth Bureau Fund Program and Implementation Program is open to the Youth Bureau Fund Program