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Le Roy Youth Football & Cheer Ready to Kick Off the 2025 Season

By STEF GROSSMANN
Contributing Sports Reporter

The energy is bouncing, the pads are popping, and the cheers are growing louder as Le Roy Youth Football & Cheer is officially underway.

After a highly successful 2024 season, our program is gearing up for another big year, as we prepare to announce the dozens of Le Roy kids who will compete alongside the opponents to represent the Le Roy community on the gridiron, cheer on the sideline, and bring home the trophies we've worked hard for.

Our coaches are lining up rosters full to have well-rounded teams ready for Saturday, August 9, as our boys and girls have already been practicing for the big day with dedication and hard-hitting drills. Our cheer teams are also hard at work, using as our athletes and coaches gear up for competition the unrivaled incredible year of growth, preparation, and commitment.

Last year set a high bar for our young athletes and coaches, dominating the competition and walked away with the Western New York Championship. Our boys put up not just wins, but dominant wins, showcasing the kind of football skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship we want our athletes to carry with them.

Our cheer teams also made their mark, bringing home the Western New York Championship, proving that our cheer program is not just about spirit and tradition, but about skill, strength, and leadership.

This year's ultimate prize—a chance to compete in the state championship—is our new mission as we continue to grow and refine our program. We're also working on a new home for our cheer teams, ensuring they have the space they need to practice and perform at their best.

We invite all families, coaches, and community members to come out and support these young athletes as they chase greatness. Our organization is more than just sports and talent, it's about building a strong, supportive, and unforgettable season for our kids and their families.

Le Roy police officers come together for a group photo before the event kicks off.

Le Roy Police Department Participates in 1st Annual Sgt. Sanfratello Memorial Ride

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Photo by Tim Fitzsimons

Le Roy Police Officer Le Roy Lt. Jake Ott (MPA — Sgt. Thomas A. Sanfratello, The Le Roy Police Department was proud to participate in the inaugural Sgt. Sanfratello Memorial Ride in honor of a man who left a lasting impression on the community he served, but on a friend.

Ott, who is a friend of people who left an impact, learned the turmoil on handling — and the aftermath of — emergency vehicles — a sense of reminder of just how fast those impacts can, and, sadly, do, occur in our community. People are psychologically affected by the departments we foster in our community, and the impact on those who are injured or killed. It was something special.

Ott, who is a friend of Lake, a place where many of us worked details together, and who, over the years, it brought back a lot of memories. Riding in the ride, he remembered the camaraderie, the friendships, the comradeship, and Tim's dedication to his job, his family, and his friends.

He's grateful to the organizers and everyone who made today happen. Events like this don't just honor someone's legacy—they keep the spirit of brotherhood alive and remind us why we do what we do.

Riders came from far and wide to participate in the ride on Saturday.

Le Roy patrol vehicles lined up to participate in the 1st Annual Sgt. Sanfratello Memorial Ride.

Charges Filed in Le Roy Chase

Police Say Heale Sped Off After Being Awakened at Park and Ride

By SCOTT DICKMIT
Staff Writer

Charges have been filed against a man who allegedly fled from a traffic stop at speeds of more than 100 mph on Saturday, July 26.

Jeffrey Heale, 34, of Le Roy, including, stated, and admitted to the charges, Genesee County Jail.

Le Roy Chief Greg Schlegel, who was the first officer on the scene, said he had been tracking Heale since June 14 in Le Roy.

Officer Kevin Smith was on patrol at the PM Park-and-Ride on Lake Street when he spotted Heale parked and asleep in a white car. Smith said he ran the license plate and found the vehicle was registered to Heale.

Smith said he called Heale's cell phone and left a voicemail. Heale woke up and left the parking lot, Smith said.

Smith said he then saw Heale drive through a stop sign at the intersection of Lake Street and Main Street, and he activated his lights and siren to pull Heale over.

Instead of pulling over, Heale sped off, Smith said.

Heale was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation, reckless endangerment, and failure to stop for a police officer, according to Schlegel.

Heale was also charged with a misdemeanor and a felony for allegedly fleeing a police officer in a manner that chase, including stop possession and failure

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