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**NIAGARA COUNTY'S YEARLONG BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
CONTINUES WITH 5K RUN ON APRIL 19**

NIAGARA COUNTY NY – As part of the yearlong celebration of the Niagara County Bicentennial, the Bicentennial Commission will present the Bicentennial 5K Run on **Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.** The course will tie the old and the new back together with the race course beginning in Erie County and finishing in Niagara County. Erie County was formed from the southern portion of Niagara County in 1821.

The race begins at Tonawanda Creek Road in Erie County near Campbell Boulevard and ends at St. Paul's Church on Old Campbell Boulevard in Wendelville. To pre-register, download an application at www.Niagara2008.com or visit the Niagara County Historian's office at 139 Niagara Street in Lockport. The pre-registration entry cost is \$15 or \$20 the day of the race. Last chance registration and race packets will be available the day of the event on April 19 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Wendelville Volunteer Fire Company on Campbell Boulevard in Pendleton. The Bicentennial 5K Run is a U.S. Track & Field sanctioned event with timing and the finish line provided by John Beishline of Western New York Finish Line Services.

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Following the 5K race, special Bicentennial commemorative awards will be given to the overall winner, overall men and women and to the winners of each age group, male and female. In addition there will be feature food and refreshments at the Wendelville Fire Hall.

Sponsors for the Bicentennial 5k run include M&T Bank, Grigg-Lewis Foundation, Inc., Calamar, Tops Markets, Mark's Pizzeria and Summit Print & Mail.

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