

Erie County Technical School & the Erie BayHawks Collaborate on Replica “Flagship Cannon” to Enhance the Fan Experience at Erie Insurance Arena

The Erie County Technical School, in partnership with the Erie BayHawks, today unveiled a project the school just completed for the Erie BayHawks named the “Flagship Cannon.” The replica cannon was designed to resemble those that were used on battle ships in Lake Erie, including the Flagship Niagara, and includes a bass drum that will provide the boom of the cannon. The cannon drum will be used at BayHawks games this season.

“The Erie County Technical School was extremely excited to work with the Erie BayHawks to create a replica of an Erie battle ship cannon. The project was an outstanding collaboration of several majors at ECTS including metal fabrication technology, auto body repair, and the construction trades,” said ECTS principal Joe Tarasovitch.

“The work done by the ECTS students and faculty is outstanding and they should be very proud to know their craftsmanship will be on display at every BayHawks game,” said BayHawks team president Matt Bresee. “We’re honored to take possession of it and our fans and players will enjoy hearing the boom of the Flagship Cannon during games.”

ECTS instructors Mark Cyphert (metal fabrication technology), Ken Balsiger (auto body repair) and Dave Yanosko (construction trades) collaborated on the project’s creative design, and several ECTS students performed much of the work on the replica cannon. Contributing students include:

Auto Body Repair

- Cheyanne Lombardozi, *Union City*
- Austin (Tyler) Sutter, *Girard*
- Josh Swanson, *General McLane*
- Anthony DiNicola, *McDowell*
- Amber Budathoki, *McDowell*

Construction Trades

- Zach Culbertson, *Harbor Creek*
- Ryan Bem, *Seneca*

Metal Fabrication

- Zach Lewis, *Fort LeBoeuf*
- Trevor Birch, *General McLane*
- Dakota Smith, *Seneca*
- Andrew Magee, *McDowell*
- Brendan Ferris, *Girard*.

The cannon will be transported to Erie Insurance Arena and will be in action at this Friday’s home opener against the College Park Skyhawks beginning at 7pm.

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