

## Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt Recognizes Rudy's Café

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Today, Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt recognized Rudy's Café as his Small Business of the Month for March. Rudy's Café, located in Medina, has been a staple of the community for three generations, serving residents from around Orleans County and across all of Western New York for decades.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, times were difficult for Rudy's. However, thanks to their wonderful customers, survival has been made possible through take-out dining and gift card purchases.

Rudy's Café is so much more than just a local dining establishment, however. The establishment has played a large role in serving local seniors and providing assistance to other small businesses in town. Thanks to the helping hands of local residents, they have donated over \$1,000 in gift cards to local police, fire, and first responders. The establishment has also been instrumental in giving back to front-line workers, catering to Medina Memorial Hospital's medical professionals. Rudy's continues to give back, having donated to various national health organizations over the years, such as the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

"It's my honor to recognize Rudy's Café as my Small Business of the Month," said Sen. Rob Ortt. "Not only do they serve up great food, but they also embody what it means to be a community establishment. The COVID pandemic has been extremely difficult for small businesses across our nation and specifically family-owned restaurants. I am thrilled to see Rudy's has been able to adapt and survive and look forward to stopping by for a delicious meal for years to come."

Rudy's was established by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Debra Russo in 1988 and was operated by their daughter Kelly until October of 2019. The establishment is now operated by Kelly's son Brody and his siblings.

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