

Refurbished Alfred Village Bandstand Dedicated Sept. 16

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Alfred, NY - The Alfred Village Bandstand, located on the Alfred University campus at the corner of South Main Street and Saxon Drive, was dedicated Sept. 16. The bandstand received a facelift this summer, thanks to the generosity of Tom and Jo Ann Kester Ingle, members of the Alfred University Class of 1960. "We appreciate so much the generosity of the Ingles which allows us to enhance the bandstand that is so widely used by the entire community," said AU President Edward G. Coll, Jr. The bandstand was originally built nearly 20 years ago as a community-wide project. Since then, it has been the site of a variety of events, from weekly band concerts during the summer, to arts and crafts shows, drama and dance performances. The area surrounding the bandstand has come to be known as The Village Commons. "The rejuvenated bandstand will be a place for students and the community to enjoy for recreational purposes and public gatherings," said University Physical Plant director Bill Dillon. "This project improves an already wonderful structure and makes it a better asset for the University and the Village of Alfred." Major aspects of the facelift included replacing the roof trellis and floorboards, cleaning and staining the support beams, refinishing the floorboards in the main section of the bandstand, replacing the plywood steps on the north end of the structure with red brick, and laying red brick from the south end of the structure to the existing pathway to campus. A trellis and a small stone wall were added to the south end of the bandstand. Imbedded in the wall will be a plaque commemorating the restoration and recognizing the Ingles for their gift. The Almond firm of Simpson & Carlo provided the architectural design for the bandstand project. Restoration was done by Allegany, NY, based Duggan and Duggan General Contractors, along with members of the AU Physical Plant crew.