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Le Roy Native is 'Leading the Way' For Women's Golf

Francesca Fuller given prestigious award by RDGA

By SAMUEL ZERILLO
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"Growing the game is by far the most important thing to me."

That's what Francesca Fuller, a Le Roy native and Notre Dame High School graduate, had to say after recently receiving the Rochester District Golf Association (RDGA) Leading The Way Award.

Fuller has been serving in the role of President at the Women's RDGA for seven years now, and has spent that time working to make the game a more inclusive space for female athletes.

Golf often carries the stereotype of being more of a "men's" sport, however Fuller's main mission has been to break down that wall and encourage women to give it a try.

One of those ways Fuller has encouraged local women to get involved is through "Nine and Dines," local events where women and their partners can come and do a fun couple's night at local golf courses.

"(Through the Nine and Dives) it was a little bit eas-



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Francesca Fuller after receiving the Rochester District Golf Association (RDGA) Leading The Way Award on August 24.

said. "Hopefully, in the next few years, she would be able to do some of the junior golf events and making sure that there's a place for her that fair and equitable and protecting the game."

All this work Fuller has done to get more women on the golf course has given her a special reputation among her friends and colleagues.

"My best friend actually said that I'm like a pyramid scheme of getting women's golf together, because I got her into golf and then she got two of her friends into golf who just recently talked two of their friends into golf. So, it has had a trickledown effect which is obviously exactly what we want to see," Fuller said.

That reputation helped lead to her receiving the Leading The Way Award by the RDGA, which was given out during the association's Women's Open at the Monroe Golf Club on August 24.

During the ceremony, the names of other women who won the award in the past and helped move the game for-

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vocate that local golf courses, such as the ones in Le Roy, Stafford and Batavia, provide tees that are more tailored for women golfers.

"I've also worked hard to make golf fair and equitable by encouraging courses to build tees and put in more tee boxes for women, because a lot of the clubs, as you can imagine, were initially built for men," Fuller said.

"A lot of our local clubs in the greater Rochester area, not just the GLOW region, are 100-plus years old, and the original designs were designed for men. They sort of stuck the women on senior tees and playing on just way too long of tees for what the

don't even really keep score and they're not necessarily even playing all nine holes, but they're getting out and getting a night away from the kids and sort of taking a break and getting together with other women and chit chatting while you golf and learning as you go," Fuller said.

Another big draw is that unlike other women's sports like volleyball, golf is something that people can keep doing to stay active as they continue to get older.

"You don't typically see a lot of 50-year-old lacrosse leagues for women or 50-year-old volleyball leagues," Fuller said. "Not that there's not, but you typically age out of those

learn the game, something that they otherwise wouldn't get at their home school districts.

"The RDGA has a really great youth program that meets on Sundays and promotes young kids, like 5-18, to get out and golf. And I think that we're seeing more people stick with it from, from growing the game from their parents and the RDGA, which is wonderful," Fuller said.

The focus on youth opportunities comes with a special emphasis for Fuller, having a three-year-old daughter herself.

"I want to make sure that the game is protected locally for her to excel at it," Fuller

time working with the WRDGA very rewarding and encourages her to continue her work on into the future.

"I think that the main reason that I've stayed this long is I've implemented quite a few changes and ideas that have worked well and are pretty well received and have had a lot of great support from my committee," Fuller said.

"Mostly, I'm just very passionate about women's golf and maintaining its integrity and future. I think that we've done a lot of really great things with that and I'm happy to continue making sure those changes happen and stay in place."

'Sneak Peak' Into New Hope Center Location

Organization moves forward with construction, eyeing grand opening in early October

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Hope is on the horizon in Le Roy.

Back in January of 2026, the Hope Center of Le Roy made the move to purchase a much larger location at 54-56 Main Street with plans to expand its existing programs and even add on new ones.

Now, months of work within the new space is close to an end, with Hope Center Director Gina Lathan projecting a grand opening for the first weekend of October.

The new space is set to feature a number of tutoring rooms, a conference room, a fully equipped kitchen that can be utilized for cooking classes and the Hope Center's Senior Moments Respite Program, and a larger

with the organization's main goal of being able to build up its core programs, such as the aforementioned tutoring.

"At our old space we could only have like three students at a time, maybe four, including some in the hallway. But here, we'll be able to tutor like 15 students at a time," Lathan said. "The dream would be to have a calendar where there's something going on here every single day, where our previous space really wasn't conducive for that."

Originally, Lathan had planned to open the new space to the public sometime during Oatka Festival weekend in July, however a few hiccups and delays made that first date unobtainable.

Some of those issues included losing the original

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California Man Killed in Wrong-Way Thruway Crash Near Le Roy

By BEN BEAGLE
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A California man was killed late last Friday night in a three-vehicle crash on the Thruway near Le Roy, reports State Police.

A preliminary investigation indicated a pick-up truck operated by Josias Perez, 26, of Caruthers, Calif., was traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes of the Thruway just before 11 p.m. when it collided with an SUV. A tractor-trailer was also involved in the crash, police said.

The SUV driver, identified as Katie L. Briggs, 44, of Canandaigua, was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester with internal injuries.

The two occupants of the tractor-trailer were not injured.

The Le Roy Fire Department, in a Facebook post, said one vehicle was on fire and the driver trapped when firefighters reached the scene at 10:51 p.m. The fire was quickly controlled and the driver extricated, the post said.

The post did not identify which vehicle was on fire.

The crash occurred near mile marker 379.7 in the town of Le Roy. State Police responded at 10:48 p.m.

Thruway Exit 47 for Le Roy is at mile marker 378.56, according to the Thruway Authority website.

The investigation remains ongoing.

The State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Troop A and the Collision Reconstruction Unit are assisting with the investigation.

The eastbound lanes of the Thruway were closed temporarily for crash reconstruction.

Le Roy Ambulance service and Mercy EMS provided medical services on scene. Mutual aid was requested from Bergen Fire Department and Pavilion Fire Department.

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Le Roy Academic Institute



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Photo of the LeRoy Academic Institute.

By LYNNE BELLUSCIO
Special to The Le Roy Weekend Gazette

Education has always been a priority in Le Roy.

The village and the Town in the early 1800's had small schools for young students. These "one room" schools provided basic education – reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Education was also provided in "the Round House,", the former Masonic Temple building on West Main Street. Some of the older Le Roy family boys attended school at the Round House.

By the 1860s there was an interest in providing a broader educational opportunity for students. In late 1863, the Le Roy Academic Institute was granted its charter, and the first term in instruction began on January 5, 1864.

The school was located in a large home on West Main Street, now the American Legion building. It was both a boarding school and a day school for both boys

and almost immediately Duncan McPherson began construction of a large wooden school building. The school could accommodate 250 pupils.

The first catalogue included a description of the Boarding House: "The mansion on the same premises with the Academy, formerly occupied by the Rev. Dr. Cox, has been fitted up and furnished for the accommodation of boarding pupils."

The boarding pupils were under care of a "competent and experienced Matron and Mr. Russell. . . . Only members of the school are admitted into the family as boarders and they enjoy, under proper and needful regulations, everything which can minister to their comfort or facilitate their improvement."

The pupils ranged in age from 8 to 25 and were divided into four grades. Courses included "English language, and literature, mathematics, natural and

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field had in mind when he defined a college as a 'log of wood with Mark Hopkins at one end and a boy at the other.' Mr. Russell came out to Le Roy from Massachusetts in the early enthusiasm of his love for teaching. He brought a number of new-fangled ideas into the benighted town. He used crayons instead of chalk, had a feather duster to dust off the seats and desks, three sharpened pencils in your pocket . . . and beyond all these insignificant details, he brought the notion that going to school was something of a pleasure instead of a penance. It was the kindergarten idea, long before the word 'kindergarten' had been heard outside of Boston. Reading, writing and arithmetic with some little geography, had been our curriculum; we now began to study literature, though he called it simply English grammar. We took up drawing and singing, to the great disgust of some of the more old-fashioned of the

idea that they ought to be as much interested in their work as the teachers who were over them and that any breach of order which broke up the study period was as much a loss to the student as it was to the teacher. The study room which was large and contained as many as seventy-five or a hundred pupils, was often left without any teacher at all in control. If during the absence of the teacher some unruly scholar broke a rule, he was promptly called to account by some member of the school, who believed that decorum was better than disorder. This was the acme of school discipline, but I am bound to say that it was not always wholly successful, for there existed (as there always exists in any body of men young or old) a disposition not to criticize each other . . . I remember particularly well the matter of the introduction of singing into the school, I have cause long to remember it. It did

some disagreeable tasks in my life, but I never found one that required the resolution which I had to summon to face that school and lift up my voice in song. Then first I realized 'That this world was not made for me.' That general laws required general obedience and that the first lesson to be learned in a democracy is that you are probably no exception to the ordinary run of folks. Since that day I have not had much patience with special privilege."

Students and some of the faculty boarded at the house. Professor Russell lived with his wife in the first room to the left as you enter the front door. Their room was connected to the second floor by a circular staircase to the room above. (A portion of the staircase can be seen through a hatch door in the vaultroom on the west side of the house. The Russells lived in the house for nearly 10 years and two of their children were born

described were Miss Willey from Dansville and Miss Curtis from Springwater, Minnesota. "Miss Curtis was 'the most brilliant girl connected with the Academy in my day. She later married a comptroller of the U.S. Treasury. Miss Willey was a very handsome girl. She too married money. I remember her particularly as she was the only scholar who ever dared talk back to Mr. Russell."

Hattie also remembered Mr. Blennerhassett, a language teacher 'with a marvelous memory and absolutely devoid of any practical acumen whatever.' Hattie's sister told with great glee "of seeing him walking home from town with a can of oysters in his hand, holding it out at arms-length walking in the middle of the road and beseeching people not to touch it for he couldn't open it himself so he had to have it opened when he bought it and he was in such a mental terror lest he spill some of the contents."

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Mary, was always regarded by the other girls as an informer tho' she was absolutely guiltless . . . " Two other students that Hattie

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Le Roy American Legion Announces 2026 'LeRoyan of the Year'

Deacon David Ehrhart Sr. selected as winner of prestigious award

By PRESS RELEASE
Botts-Fiorito American Legion Post 576

Botts-Fiorito American Legion Post 576 of Le Roy would like to announce with great pride and pleasure that Deacon David Ehrhart Sr. has been selected as the winner of the 56th LeRoyan of the Year Award.

The "LeRoyan of the Year" is to recognize people who demonstrate the following qualifications and attributes:

- The man, woman, or child who exemplifies the true spirit of Americanism, its ideals, love of the flag and country, regardless of race, creed, or color.
- Good citizenship – by carrying out these principles, often beyond that expected of him or her.
- Service to community – signified by excellence in life of purpose and accomplishment.

Dave has been a lifelong LeRoyan and has four chil-



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Deacon David Ehrhart Sr.

after 30 years.

Dave's service to this community started in the Boy Scouts of America in his youth and continued for some 40 years, as both a scout and a scout leader.

way to Fire Chief from 1993 to 1995. He has also been a member of the Oatka Hose Company for 55 years and a charter member of the Le Roy Volunteer Ambulance with duties as builder, driver,

also started Deacon Dave's Closet, where he collects and loans items such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, canes, and other items for handicapped or elderly individuals.

He has been an active volunteer for over 20 years at Crossroads House in Batavia, where he can be found every Tuesday doing patient care. Dave is also active in the Northwoods Sportsman's Club, the Sons of the American Legion, and the Le Roy Food Pantry.

To honor Dave, the 56th annual LeRoyan of the Year Award dinner will be held on October 24, 2026, at the American Legion located at 53 West Main Street in Le Roy. Social hour is at 6 p.m., with dinner being served at 6:45 p.m.

A limited number of tickets will be available starting on Sept 21, 2026 at the American Legion. Tickets can be purchased Tuesday–Satur-

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neighbors, among others. She was proud to have been a sponsor, with her husband, of a child through the International Childcare Ministries for many years.

As well as being an important supporting partner of her husband's volunteer activities. Helen was a longtime member of Northgate Free Methodist Church, and the Roanoke Community Church.

She worked from a young age through her adult life at:

Reida) and sister, Mary Lou Sweeney and many brothers-in-laws and sisters-in-law and their spouses.

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Bills Release First Injury Report, Name Captains in First Practice Ahead of Opener

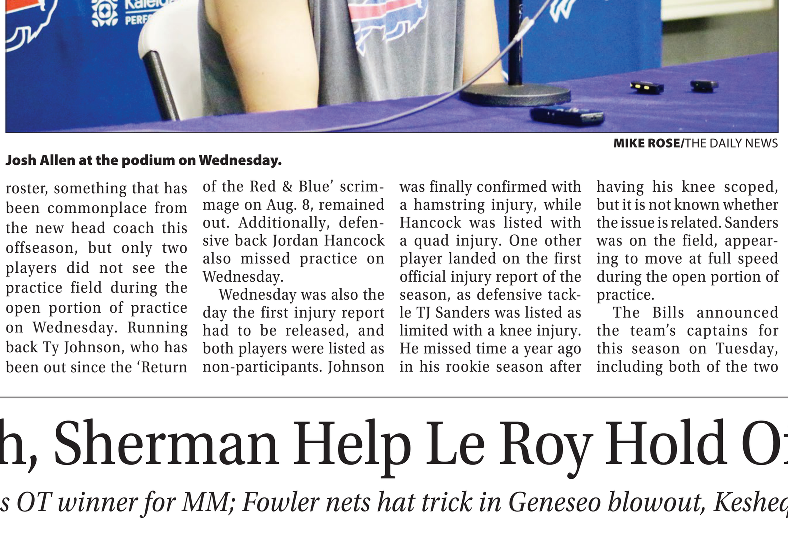
By MIKE ROSE
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It is officially regular-season game week for the Buffalo Bills. The season kicks off at 1 p.m. Sunday in Houston against the Houston Texans, a team that has had the advantage in the Bills' matchups in recent years.

That said, the Bills will look different on both sides of the ball under first-year head coach Joe Brady and new defensive coordinator Jim Leonard.

"I don't think anything is tied," Brady said. "It's year one for us, and there's nothing that we're going into this year with the mindset of, ' Oh man, this is what's happened in the past year, right? Like, a lot of these guys haven't even been here, so I don't think it's anything. We just gotta make sure we're locked into our details, and it's gonna be an incredible environment; it always is down there. Two good teams that were in the playoffs last year. I don't know if that has any bearing this year, and so it'll be a great test for us."

Brady wouldn't give up anything regarding the injury status of the team's



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Josh Allen at the podium on Wednesday.

roster, something that has been commonplace from the new head coach this offseason, but only two players did not see the practice field during the open portion of practice on Wednesday. Running back Ty Johnson, who has been out since the 'Return

of the Red & Blue' scrimmage on Aug. 8, remained out. Additionally, defensive back Jordan Hancock also missed practice on Wednesday.

Wednesday was also the day the first injury report had to be released, and both players were listed as non-participants. Johnson

was finally confirmed with a hamstring injury, while Hancock was listed with a quad injury. One other player landed on the first official injury report of the season, as defensive tackle TJ Sanders was listed as limited with a knee injury. He missed time a year ago in his rookie season after

having his knee scoped, but it is not known whether the issue is related. Sanders was on the field, appearing to move at full speed during the open portion of practice.

The Bills announced the team's captains for this season on Tuesday, including both of the two

captains from a year ago: quarterback Josh Allen and inside linebacker Terrel Bernard. Additionally, tight end Dawson Knox, outside linebacker Bradley Chubb, long snapper Reid Ferguson, and safety/special teams ace Sam Franklin were also announced as captains.

Looking ahead to facing the Texans at Reliant Stadium, which has been a house of horrors for the Bills, with Josh Allen at the helm and four losses there, Allen is not concerned with past performances.

"I think every game has its own flow, got their own situations that you have to handle and take care of. They've had some really good defenses in the past, and it's no different now," Allen said. "But obviously, I wanna go out there, I want to play the best that I can play and want to help our team win a football game. And that's obviously what it comes down to. If that's me completing 30 balls or handing it off 40 times, whatever it takes for us to win this game is what I'm willing to do. And they're gonna make it tough for us."

Bunch, Sherman Help Le Roy Hold Off Y/P

Barnhardt scores OT winner for MM; Fowler nets hat trick in Geneseo blowout, Keshequa, Hornell roll



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Kendall Bunch (10, in the middle being hugged) celebrating with teammates after scoring a goal against Pavilion/York.

By AIDEN LOCKE
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The Le Roy Oatkan Knights squeezed out a 3-2 win on the road over York/Pavilion on Tuesday. Late goals for both sides created drama down the stretch in the back-and-forth contest.

"Great teamwork, great effort and another strong performance," Le Roy head coach Beth Luckey said.

Up 2-0 with ten minutes to play. Le Roy cracked defensively for the first time. Cecelia McEntire scored with 9:40 left in the second half to make it a 2-1 game.

Le Roy responded quickly with a goal from Bailey Caton to push the lead back out to two.

York/Pavilion's late pressure was certainly felt, but Le Roy weathered the storm to keep their opponents at bay.

Despite the new two-goal deficit. York/Pavilion fought to the bitter end. Their effort was rewarded with another late goal by way of a Gianna McClain free kick in the final two minutes. The late surge of offense wasn't enough for York/Pavilion to level or take the lead of the game.

Le Roy's earlier offense came from Jenna Sherman and Kendall Bunch, each scoring and assisting on their respective goals. Bunch added a second assist on Caton's late goal. Bunch finished with a goal and two assists on the day.

Pavilion/York goalkeeper Sophia Jett made several key saves down the stretch to keep them in the game.

Le Roy improved to 2-0 and set their sights on another road matchup. This time around, with Geneseo. That game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. on Monday at Geneseo High School.

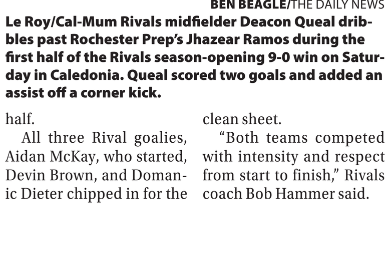
York/Pavilion will reset and go again. They have a quick turnaround with Keshequa coming to town on Thursday. That game starts at 5 p.m. at York High School.

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Rivals Boys Soccer Open With Win Over Rochester Prep

By DAILY NEWS STAFF
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The Le Roy Caledonia-Mumford Rivals Boys' Varsity Soccer team scored three goals in the first 15 minutes enroute to a 9-0 victory over the Rochester Prep Tigers in their season opener at Hamilton Field Sports Complex.

Six different players scored for the Rivals, including Deacon Queal,

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Le Roy's Harper Holly goes for a kill at the net.

Defending Champion Le Roy Girls Volleyball Rolls Hornell in Opener

By MIKE ROSE
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The two-time defending Section V Class C1 champions picked up right where they left off on Thursday night.

Le Roy girls volleyball rolled in its opener, taking down Hornell in three sets by scores of 25-16, 25-10, 25-11.

"First win is great because then those first jitters are gone," Le Roy head coach Sue Staba said. "Even for me coaching, getting everything organized, you get those first-game jitters done, and then I feel like the next game you can go in a little smoother because you already had all those feels."

The Oatkan Knights graduated some key contributors from last season with a five-senior class, but Staba and the team started the work to fill in the gaps and make sure to keep things rolling after having gone a combined 41-7 over the two title-winning seasons.

"We started back in spring, in April, to start working together because we knew we had some replacement spots to fill," Staba said. "I played around with a few different things, and every year is a new year. So yeah, we won last year, but every year is a new year, and it's a brand new goal. So we just keep our eye on the prize and go from there."

Two-time Section V Class C1 MVP Shea Williams led the way with 10 kills and four digs in the victory. Staba is thankful to have the junior back in the lineup to help make whatever other moving pieces around her land a little easier.

"It's a great feeling, and to know she's only a junior is even better," Staba said. "She's swinging great. She's got control of that court."

Heather Reschke helped lead a dominant night serving with nine service points and seven aces. Kylie Wilson added eight service points, three aces, three kills and four digs, Harper Holly drilled six aces, two service points, six kills and two blocks and Emma Saeva tacked on four service points, two aces and a kill. As a team, Le Roy totaled 22 aces across the three sets.

The first league win was part of what will be a gauntlet of a schedule for Le Roy this season, something that Staba says is intentional.

"We have a hard league, but we also brought in a lot of Monroe County schools that we're hoping, between league and those schools, we got Webster Thomas, HAC, Bloomfield; playing them is just helping us prepare for sectionals for that postseason. We want to play those hard teams so we are prepared for the postseason," Staba said.

LR/C-M Football Edges Out ER/Gananda

McClurg, Christ lead Rivals on offense, while Silvernail adds 95-yard pick six

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EAST ROCHESTER — The Le Roy/Caledonia-Mumford Rivals opened the new season with a road matchup against East Rochester/Gananda on Friday, and behind stellar performances from the trio of Brady McClurg, Jude Christ and Austyn Silvernail, the team was able to capture a narrow 28-24 win.

McClurg got the start at quarterback, going 2-for-2 through the air for 70 yards while also rushing 12 times for a 104 yards and a touchdown.

Christ was also a key piece to the offensive attack, taking 13 carries for 97 yards and a team-leading two touchdowns. He also came down with a catch for 31 yards.

Also contributing on the ground was Brennen Weber with two carries for 65 yards, Roland Goodenough with six carries for 35 yards, and Zach Boop with four carries for 15 yards.

Donovan Gaillard was on the receiving end of McClurg's other completion, racking up 39 yards on the play.

On defense, Silvernail shined for the Rivals by notching eight tackles and providing the highlight play of the game by taking an interception 95 yards for a touchdown.

Other leaders on the defensive side for LR/C-M were McClurg with six tackles, as well as Eli Prevost and Austin Metzger with five tackles each.

The Rivals now begin the year 1-0 with the win and will look to keep things rolling into another road game against Bath-Haverling (0-1), set to start at 7 p.m. Friday.

ER/Gananda falls to 0-1 and will next travel to play Geneva (0-1), also set to begin at 7 p.m. Friday.



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Jude Christ runs past the ER/Gananda defender.

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