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Le Roy Senior High Interim Principal Retained for Long Term Position

Tom Kopp appointed for three more years

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Le Roy Senior High School has ended the search for its new principal, and he was right there all along.

It was announced to faculty, parents and students on April 27 that interim high school principal, Tom Kopp, will be retained, ending a near five-month search for someone to take the job under a long-term commitment.

Kopp was appointed for the interim position by the Le Roy Board of Education following the departure of former senior high school principal Dr. David Russell in December, taking on the role with the understanding that it would be temporary and to end at the conclusion of the 2025-26 academic year.

During this time, the school district conducted a search for the long-term replacement for Dr. Russell, receiving 20 applications for the role.

However, over the course of his time with the school, Kopp has earned a place within the Oatkan Knight community, and after Superintendent Merritt Holly offered the position to him for the foreseeable future, he happily accepted.

"When Mr. Kopp started December 15, it was with the agreement and plan that he would come in and be an interim principal until June 30," Holly said. "During that time frame, Mr. Kopp and I checked in about where his thought was here and transitioning and getting ready for that new principal. There were 20 applicants for the position. Looking through them, it became clear how in watching Mr. Kopp in action, hearing from students, hearing from faculty, teachers, and then our parents, it became clear the connections he was making with students was where we wanted to be in this position. Obviously, with his over 40 plus years in education in a variety of levels, led to the solution and spot for the position had been sitting here. It came to whether he wanted to continue in doing that."

Building that connection with the students and faculty was a big reason as to why Kopp considered Merritt's offer of staying once the interim was over, and after some consideration, decided that the Le Roy school community was where he

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Tom Kopp.

Le Roy Native Rick Rapone Earns 100th Career Coaching Win With Notre Dame Baseball

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It was a night that the Notre Dame community won't soon forget on Tuesday, as Le Roy native and ND baseball head coach Rick Rapone earned his 100th career win with the Irish cruising to a 12-2 win versus Avon.

Avon scored first in this one after a few early missteps from ND pitcher Finn Davies allowed a River Hawk runner to take base on a walk and eventually make his way home.

However, he quickly recovered, going on to have a dominant performance from the mound where he notched 10 strikeouts while only giving up two hits, four walks and two earned runs across 5.1 innings.

Solid pitching from the mound by Davies opened up opportunities for the Irish offense, leading to the ND batters making it rain doubles and triples to the outfield that allowed them to run up the score, and close out the game in six innings.

Eli Grice had a day at the plate, recording both a double and a triple while scoring once and notching three RBIs.

Chase Antinore would tally three hits and three runs scored of his own, while Drew Beachel, Finn Davies, and Adyn Horzempa all recorded two hits and two runs scored each. One of Beachel's hits was a double, and Davies cracked a triple.

Rounding out the offense for the Irish was Preston Viele with two hits and a run scored, Evan Fitzpatrick with two hits including a double, and Jeremy Warner with a hit.

Antinore also closed out the game at pitcher in relief of Davies, and finished strong by getting two punchouts while surrendering no hits, no walks and no runs.

This win marked 100 total in Rapone's career, and more remarkably, he's done it in only a little over five seasons. Currently sitting at a record of 100-15, he sits at an 87 percent win rate for his career, and with a Genesee Region record of 68-4, holds a 94 percent win rate against local competition.

He has also claimed a whopping four Section V championships in those five seasons with the team, all coming in different classifications. The 2023 team he coached went on to win a Far West Regional title as well, advancing to the state final four that year.

Rapone mentioned how special it is to him to have hit this milestone in such a short amount of time, giving credit to all the great players he's been able to coach in his time at ND.

"It feels good, especially to do it in only 115 games," Rapone said. "I think the more impressive thing is only having 15 losses. Just shows that we've had tremendous players. It's all about the players. We've had great players, and those great players have been pitchers on top of it. So, it's all about the kids. They're the reason we did it. It's their show, not mine."

The ND talent has certainly shined under Rapone's leadership, as he has coached four consecutive GR player of the year winners, including Gavin Shrader in 2022, Bryceton Berry in 2023, Jaden Sherwood in 2024, and Evan Fitzpatrick in 2025.

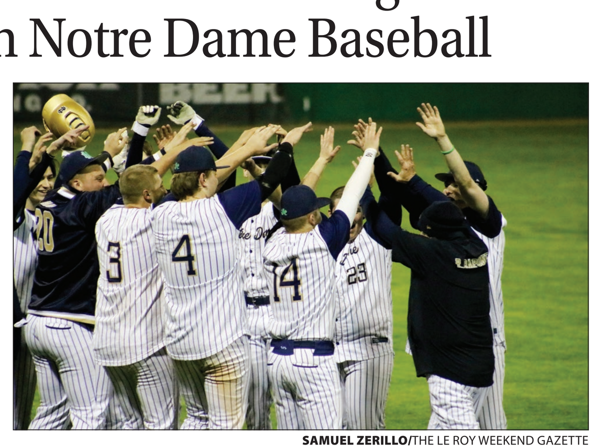
"The kids have bought in to the way we like to play and the style we like to play, and we try to make it as fun as possible too. So, I think that's been the biggest ingredient," Rapone said.

That talent on ND's roster Rapone described was on full display in Tuesday's game, as stellar play throughout the lineup helped the team extend its undefeated streak to 6-0.

"We're a very good offensive team, so scoring the runs is not surprising. But the pitching is what carries us. It's what carried us every year I've been the coach. Finn (Davies) is our number three pitcher, and he went out there and after a little bit of a shaky start, shut them right down for four innings in a row. He pitched a great game, and the pitching kept them where they were and gave us an opportunity to keep adding on," Rapone said.

Even with the Irish rolling the competition in the early part of the season so far this year, Rapone says that the team's ceiling is higher than even this.

"We're not a finished product by any stretch of the imagination. But, if we can keep building on what we're doing, I feel very confident that we'll be in the right spot when we get to the end of the season," Rapone said.



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The Notre Dame team rallies around head coach Rick Rapone to celebrate his 100th career coaching win on Tuesday.

Wedding Ring Stolen from Victim's Finger

Le Roy Police say victim was suffering from dementia

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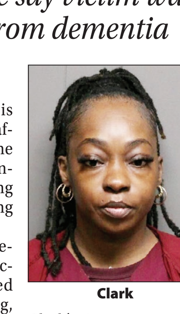
A Buffalo woman is facing felony charges after allegedly stealing the wedding ring off the finger of a Le Roy nursing home resident suffering from dementia.

The investigation began Nov. 11 after the victim's husband noticed the ring was missing, said Chief Greg Kellogg of the Le Roy Police Department. The victim was described as unable to care for herself or speak.

After months of follow-up, interviews, and repeated database checks with no immediate leads, Detective Kaden Vangalio traveled personally to Buffalo, Kellogg said. He went from pawn shop to pawn shop looking for the stolen ring himself.

Vangalio's persistence paid off when he found the ring at a pawn shop, Kellogg said. He also secured a bill of sale with Erica Champagne Clark's signature.



Clark

The ring was returned to its rightful owner.

Clark, 39, had been working at the nursing home at the time, police said. They described her as evasive and avoiding contact with investigators for months.

A warrant was issued March 30 and Clark turned herself in Monday.

Clark was charged with third-degree grand larceny and first-degree endangering the welfare of a physically disabled person. She was released and is to appear in Le

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Looking Back with Lynne

Asa Buell

By LYNNE BELLUSCIO
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Asa Buell was only seventeen when he was on the Continental line at the Battle of Germantown in Pennsylvania on October 4, 1777. General Washington's forces had suffered a major defeat at the Battle of Brandywine on September 11 when the British captured Philadelphia, the seat of the Continental Congress. This was followed by the American defeat at the Battle of Paoli on September 20. Sir William Howe, commander of the British forces, positioned two brigades under General James Grant and a contingent of Hessian troops commanded by General Wilhelm von Kynphaussen in Germantown. Washington commanded an army of 8,000 Continentals and 3,000 militiamen, and he was determined to surprise and destroy the British troops at Germantown. He divided his troops and planned to attack the British from several directions at dawn. But as dawn appeared, the troops were enveloped in a dense fog. Never-the-less, the Americans were able to drive back some of the British pickets who then took refuge in a large stone house, known as Clivedon. The Americans tried numerous assaults on the British position but were repulsed with heavy casualties. Another American division became lost in the fog and mistakenly fired on their own men. The American artillery prevented a disaster, and as nightfall fell and brought on darkness, the battle ended. The British suffered more than 500 casualties and Washington lost 700 men killed and wounded. Despite the British victory, the French and some Europeans were impressed by the determination and fortitude of the Continental Army and they decided to support the efforts of the Americans in order to secure their freedom.

Nothing is known about Asa Buell's participation in the Battle of Germantown. He left no diaries or communication of any kind. After the battle, General Howe did not pursue the retreating Continentals and instead had his troops clear debris from the Delaware River. Howe tried to draw the Continental army into battle at White Marsh, but Washington chose not to engage his troops and instead withdrew to Valley Forge for the winter. It is assumed that young Asa Buell suffered through the long cold winter at Valley Forge. The following June, on the 28th, 1778, Buell was part of the Continental forces at the Battle of Monmouth in New Jersey. This time the British forces were under the command of General Sir Henry Clinton. Washington was joined by several commanders including Charles Lee. The American forces were 14,300 strong and were outnumbered by the British forces of 17,660. It was the last battle of the Philadelphia campaign. The June weather was unbearably hot. The battle began badly for the Continental forces when Lee began an unsuccessful attack on the British. He was forced to retreat until Washington arrived with the main body of the army. At the end of the first day, both armies were encamped within a mile of each other. During the night the British slipped away unnoticed. The battle was considered strategically irrelevant. Both sides sustained heavy causalities, many because of the heat. Lee took the blame for tactical errors and Washington had him arrested and court-martialed.

So, what is known about Asa Buell, whose name is on the Soldiers' Monument on Trigon Park. He was born on January 10, 1760, in Killingworth, Connecticut and was only ten when his father died. When the war with the British broke out, Asa enlisted in the Continental army for three years. After the war ended, he returned home and on December 30, 1784, married Mercy Porter in Haddam, Connecticut. They had nine children and lived on a farm on Roast

Meat Hill. (There are many different stories about the origins of Roast Meat Hill, but it was a name used early in the 1700s. In 2022, PETA sought to have the name of the road changed to "Roast Vegan Hill". There is also a "Cream Pot Road" nearby.) He was a commissioned Captain in the state militia and was elected to the Connecticut State Legislature in 1802. At some point, he decided to move his family to Western New York. In 1805, he drove a sleigh west and bought 22 acres near Le Roy and then returned to Connecticut to get his family. Heman Alden Buell, one of Asa's sons, later recalled that they left home on September 18, 1806. Heman was only six years old. The whole family traveled in a cart drawn by two yoke of oxen with a provision chest in front. That was the seat for his father Asa, Jeremiah, his brother, and Heman. Behind there was a seat for Mercy, his mother, Thankful, his sister who was 20, and 12-year-old Clorinda. It may have taken a month to reach their new homestead in Le Roy. Asa Buell is listed as one of the first town supervisors in Le Roy. One of his sons, Asa Porter Buell was killed with General Davis at the sortie of Fort Erie during the War of 1812.

Captain Asa Buell died May 24, 1827, at the age of 67 years and was buried in the cemetery which now bears his name. His gravestone is still standing with a DAR plaque nearby. His wife, Mercy Porter Buell, died December 9, 1843, at the age of 84 and was buried in the Buell cemetery with other members of their family: Thankful Buell, 1786-1843; Lucretia Buell Pierson Hatch, 1792-1865; Clorinda Buell 1794-1871; Heman A. Buell 1800-1875; Asa Porter Buell, 1790-1814, who died during the War of 1812, whose gave is marked with a 1812 marker.

The Buells joined the small community of early settlers in what was known as the Ganson Settlement. John Ganson had also served in the Revolutionary War and had come to the area where he operated a tavern in 1797. The Buell homestead was just down the road from the cemetery that would bear their name. The homestead was maintained by Asa Buell's son and appears on the 1856 map. More than likely, their early home was a log cabin, like the others in the settlement, but once the dam was built across the creek, a sawmill was built next to Stoddard and Platt's grist mill. Barns and houses were built of sawn lumber with framed windows and doors. Kiln fired brick allowed for fireplaces, chimneys, and brick smoke houses. John Ganson died only a couple of years after the Buells arrived, but his son continued to operate the inn and helped establish the Eagle Hotel. This year, 250 years after the Declaration of Independence, both men will have a flag with thirteen stars and thirteen stripes displayed on their graves. And once the weather warms up a bit, the gravestones will be cleaned.

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The Battle of Germantown, painting by Alonzo Chappel.

Principal

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wanted to be.

"Originally it was simply a six-month position, you come in and the train is on this track, and you keep it on the track. Don't let it derail. And as I got a month or two into it, I started to make some real connections with our faculty and with students as well," Kopp said. "And I talked to my wife about it, and she said, 'listen, if you have the energy and you really like that school system, what's holding you back?' And I think along with the faculty and certainly the administrative team and Merritt (Holly), there is a real clear vision and mission here, and it aligns with what I want to do as far as education."

It wasn't just Kopp's resume that carried the decision from Holly, but observing Kopp in action.

"Having 40 plus years' experience is one thing, but then I had the opportunity to watch Mr. Kopp, from December to now, interact with students. And one thing that was clear to me, we all want clear expectations of where we stand. Mr. Kopp has provided our students with clear expectations of what he expects," Holly said. "In the time he's been here, he's gained respect from teachers, staff, students, the board of education, our community. And that goes a long way because administration is one of the toughest positions out there."

Merritt is confident that Kopp will continue to grow and expand the many programs and extra curriculars that he believes makes the Le Roy school district so great.

"We have a ton of clubs that provide opportunity for students to be able to choose and be a part of something here at Le Roy Central School. That's the part where Mr. Kopp will grow that and continue to improve on that," Holly said.

Kopp believes that for a rural town like Le Roy, the school should be the center of the community, and he plans to promote that vision after taking on this new role.

"I've always felt that in rural school systems, especially, that the school district is the hub of the community. And it really needs to be. It's where your future is. And so, we want to be as open as we can be to our community. And it'll continue," Kopp said.

From day one, Kopp is excited to do his part in helping the school district and faculty continue working together to stay on course of its mission.

"I would say that one of the first priorities is to make sure that our faculty are all on the same page, that we're all rowing in the same direction. We're all in the same boat, but if oars are going in different directions, you're not going anywhere. So, we want to make sure that everybody who's operating an oar in this boat is all rowing the same direction," Kopp said. "And I think the bottom line is, and I think that our teachers recognize that, is that we always make decisions on what's best for a student. And as professionals, we adjust when we have to adjust because that's what we're expected to do."

Kopp is set to serve in a three-year probationary appointment, and will officially transition from interim to the official senior high school principal on July 1, 2026.

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Roy Town Court at a later date.

Police did not identify the nursing home.

"When I was made aware of this case, I was extremely disturbed and angry because you immediately picture your own mother or grandmother — someone who cannot protect herself — and think about this happening to them," Kellogg said. "A wedding ring is not just jewelry. It represents a lifetime of memories, and you cannot replace that with money ... What makes this even worse is that this happened in a place where families trust their loved ones will be safe and cared for."

Kellogg praised Vangalio's work, saying he stayed on this case, followed every lead, and found the ring personally.

"This may not be the biggest case we handle, but for that family, getting that ring back meant everything," he said. "We will always protect the most vulnerable people in our community and hold accountable those who take advantage of them."

Anybody who believes they may have had property stolen, or has any additional information related to the investigation or Clark, are asked to contact Le Roy police at (585) 345-6350 or Vangalio directly at kvangalio@leroy-police.org.

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Liberty Pumps Honored for 61 Years of Growth

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In 1965, Fred Cook was working as a salesman in Buffalo when the oil burner company he worked for put its sump pump business up for sale. Cook took a chance and bought it — and 61 years, two generations and millions of dollars of investment later, Liberty Pumps is one of Genesee County's largest manufacturers.

On Friday, the company was named Economic Development Partner of the Year by the Genesee County Economic Development Center. Speakers lauded the company's innovation, employee ownership and investment in its Bergen factory.

Growth has been a constant since the company's founding. By 1972, Liberty Pumps had doubled its size from 1965. Cook quickly realized that the seasonal nature of the sump pump business could be offset by expanding into sewage pumps. Through the 1980s, the introduction of new sewage pump models, the use of automated CNC machining and the introduction of robotics helped Liberty Pumps grow. The company expanded into the Canadian market in the early 1990s, and today, it sells pumps in more than 30 countries, manufactured in its 350,000-square-foot Bergen plant.

Charlie Cook — Fred Cook's nephew, who took over operations in 1975 and now serves as chairman of the board, with his daughter, Robyn Brookhart, serving as president and CEO — said that the company's culture keeps him coming into the office each day.

"I know what you're thinking: 'When is he gonna get out of there?'" he said Friday. "The reason I still go in is, I really enjoy the people. I'm just amazed at the talent we have in the building, and just watching people function with their own talents and skills gives me a lot of pleasure."

Cook said the company's growth depended in large part on the support it received from the GCEDC and its predecessor, the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency, when it needed support constructing the Bergen plant in the late 1990s.

"We'd gotten educated on how critical workflow is, and so we had a chance to design a building that would be just perfect for us, but I had no idea how to do it — we hadn't been through a project of that magnitude, ever," Cook said.

So he called John Dwyer, then executive director of the Genesee County IDA. Dwyer had a site in mind, and even a name: Apple Tree Acres.

"There was no road there, no infrastructure, no nothing — it was just vacant farmland. It was amazing, the collaboration that came together in order to make this happen," Cook said. "We had the IDA, of course; the county, the town and village of Bergen all on board, and obviously the farmer."

From there, Dwyer and the IDA sought state funding to support the industrial park's construction.

"We had all this infrastructure expense that we were looking forward to and were hoping for reasonable participation by the state," Cook said. "John was doing the legwork with the state, and they gave him a proposal for an amount of money for that infrastructure, and John said, 'No, I'd be embarrassed to give that to Mr. Cook. You go back to the drawing board.' And sure enough, they did, and they doubled it."

Presenting the award Friday, Genesee County Legislature Chairman Christian Yunker described Liberty Pumps as a "great company and great team."

"Liberty Pumps is more than a part of the community," he said. "From a home base in Apple Tree Acres Business Park, they've grown into the leading American manufacturer of specialized high-quality pumping solutions for groundwater, wastewater removal and both residential and commercial. Time and again, the GCEDC and the GGLDC have been proud to participate and support that group," he said, referring to the Genesee Gateway Local Development Corporation.

The award comes after a year that Chris Suozzi, GCEDC's executive vice president of business and workforce development, described as one of steady progress.

Suozzi highlighted GCEDC's work supporting expansion at Apple Tree Acres in Bergen, Graham Corporation, H.P. Hood in Batavia and Rochester Davis-Fetch Corp. in Le Roy, as well as progress in supporting housing development.

His comments were echoed by GCEDC President and CEO Mark Masse, who used his speech to argue for the benefits of economic development.

"I hear people all the time say, 'I like things the way they are.' If you don't change, you are going to be left behind, so we have to continually look for opportunities to move forward," Masse said. "We have to continue to adapt and change with what the markets and the industries need. The journey to rebuild our economy, not rely on one employer and create economic diversity is a long one, but it's working — and it's working because we're all in this together. Change is difficult, but staying where you are is even harder."

Masse spent much of his speech discussing the proposed $19.5 billion Stream data center slated for the GCEDC-owned Science, Technology and Advanced Manufacturing Park in Alabama, which is set to receive $1.45 billion in taxpayer incentives from GCEDC.

"In short, the proposed project would invest $19.6 billion — with a B — in our community, employ thousands of skilled trades professionals to build three 700,000-square-foot data center buildings and create over 125 direct careers to operate these high-tech facilities," Masse said. "Stream's proposal would also generate over half a billion — again with a B — in new revenues directly to municipalities and schools. They would also fund the completion of electrical infrastructure available to all current and future businesses at STAMP. There have been a lot of things said about this project by others about STAMP and the GCEDC, most of which has been wholly incorrect. Misleading statements are probably not going to stop in the weeks to come, so we must ensure that the accurate information is repeated, because facts matter."

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Charlie Cook of Liberty Pumps speaks after his company received the Economic Development Partner of the Year award from the Genesee County Economic Development Center.

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Connie J. Snyder

Connie J. Snyder, 95, of Batavia and formerly of Le Roy, peacefully went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday (April 21, 2026) at the New York State Veterans Home in Batavia.

He was born Feb. 27, 1931 in Rochester, N.Y., a son of the late Claude and Gertrude Heaman Snyder.

He served his country with the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was employed with Specialized Printed Forms in Caledonia, N.Y. prior to his retirement.

Connie was predeceased by his wife Ellen Cooper Snyder.

Survivors include his children, Stephen (Krissi) Snyder, Dennis (Jayne) Snyder, Bonnie (Kenneth) Young, Thomas Snyder and Frank (Karen) Snyder. Also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Snyder

A private service with military honors will be held in Machpelah Cemetery in Le Roy, NY. A public memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, located at 12752 Lewis Road, Akron, New York.

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What's Up Le Roy?

EVENTS COMING UP IN OUR *Community!*

Saturday, May 2
9am - 3pm
Stan's May Parking Lot Swap Meet
Looking for motorcycle related items? Looking to sell some of what you have? Spots are free. Bring your own tables, chairs, tent, etc...
Stan's Harley Davidson
4425 W. Saile Dr., Batavia
•
10am - 4pm
Antiques & Artisans Show
The 28th Annual Antiques & Artisans Show welcomes dealers from around the region with both fine and primitive 19-century wares to 20-century vintage. Plus, shop handcrafted goods by local artisans and explore all GCV&M has to offer!
Genesee Country Village & Museum
1410 Flint Hill Rd., Mumford NY

Tuesday, May 5
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Cinco De Mayo Painting with a Twist
Celebrate Cinco De Mayo at the art studio! Follow easy, step-by-step directions to create your own festive canvas! Bring in your friends, drinks and snacks!
**Additional tracers are available to paint your drink of choice!
The Art of Mandy
52 Main St., Le Roy

Thursday, May 7
6:30pm
The Yachtfathers - Yacht Rock LIVE at Batavia Downs!
Enjoy an evening of yacht rock performed by the members of NERDS GONE WILD with their yacht rock tribute: the Yachtfathers!
Experience the greatest hits of yacht rock legends like Christopher Cross, Kenny Loggins, Michael McDonald and more with this good-time party band inside Park Place Event Center at Batavia Downs Gaming & Hotel!
General Admission tickets are $15 and VIP are $20; both include $10 back in Free Play!
Our $139 Hotel Deal also includes two GA tickets and a room for two.
We can't wait to have you join us for a night of soft rockin' fun!
Batavia Downs Gaming & Hotel
8315 Park Road, Batavia

Saturday, May 9
11am - 12pm
Parent & Me Painting Planters
Let your little ones be messy and creative at the art studio! Together you will make a unique painting on planters using your thumbprints! Projects are age appropriate and emphasize the importance of process art. We will also enjoy snacks.
Recommended for ages 2 and up with help from a parent or guardian. Cost is $20 per painter. Ticket price includes 1 child and 1 (or more) helper. Must pre register.
The Art of Mandy
52 Main St., Le Roy
•
12:30pm - 2pm
Mothers Day Butterfly Partner Painting
Celebrate Mothers Day while being creative and paint this colorful, spring butterfly!
Each pair will follow along to step by step instructions to create their own canvas painting!
Recommended for Ages 5 & Up.
Cost is $40 per pair
Must pre register to reserve your seat
The Art of Mandy
52 Main St., Le Roy
•
1:30pm
D&D Campaign @ Dio's
The first session of the Dio's Dungeons & Dragons campaign starts Saturday, Feb. 14th @ 1:30!! It will run bi-weekly from there. We're starting at level 1. Please use the standard array (15,14,13,12,10,8) for starting character stats.
As always, please sign up with @plasticmav on our discord server.
https://discord.gg/dTt-W7V8Ka
Dio's Eclectic Treasures
8 Lake Street, Le Roy

Sunday, May 10
10am
Mother's Day
Our Mother's Day Brunch is a wonderful way to celebrate Mom's special day! With delectable brunch favorites, vegetarian/vegan/gluten-free options, a cash bar, and more, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Savor a delicious chef-inspired meal made in-house in the Museum's Meeting Center dining room, then head out into the Historic Village to explore all of the daily happenings!
On Mother's Day, interpreters in the Historic Village will showcase a number of tasks and activities reflective of what life was like for 19th-century mothers. Explore historic homes, kitchens, and heirloom gardens, and don't forget to treat mom to a traditional 19th-century pastry from the D.B. Munger Confectionery!
Genesee Country Village & Museum
1410 Flint Hill Rd., Mumford NY

Monday, May 11
10:30am
Rochester Lilac Festival
Get ready for Cruel Summer & Roses & Revolutions on the KeyBank Center Stage at the Rochester Lilac Festival!
High-energy hooks and indie-pop vibes collide as Cruel Summer teams up with Roses & Revolutions to light up the KeyBank Center Stage.
As always, the Lilac Festival is a FREE EVENT with no ticket required to enjoy the music with the crowd!
Visit RocLilacFest.com for more information on the festival!
Highland Park
1440 South Ave, Rochester NY

Saturday, May 16
2pm
3rd Annual Witches Ball
Save the date!!! The 3rd annual witches ball is almost here. Bigger than ever!!!
Live music!!! Vendors, Tarot readings, etc. Specialty drinks and cups!!!
Pat's Pigs is coming back too!!!!
Tyson's Upper Deck
7311 E. Main St., Lima NY
•
9pm
Hindsight Live at Smokin' Eagle
Hindsight is bringing the heat to Leroy with your favorite 90's and 2000's rock, alternative and grunge music.
Smokin' Eagle BBQ
9 Main St., Le Roy

Sunday, May 24
7pm - 10pm
TRN @ Frost Ridge Campground
Come celebrate Memorial Day weekend with us!!!
Gonna be a great time!!!
Frost Ridge Campground
8101 Conlon Rd., Le Roy

Sat-Sun, July 18-19
10am - 5pm both days
2026 Oatka Festival
Back again for year 36 and it's going to be even better than ever!
Food, Music, Kids Activities, Vendors, Parade, and so much more!!!
Free Entry for all
Knights of Columbus
15 W. Main St., Le Roy
(Behind Save-a-Lot)

ONGOING:

Mondays
6 - 10pm
Modern Monday
$10 entry (includes 1 booster pack of current set)
Weekly event:
Sign-ups begin at 5:00 pm
Round 1 begins promptly at 6 pm
Players entering after 6 pm will receive a round 1 loss
Format: Modern Constructed. 3 rounds
Prizes: Go 3-0 and get $15 in Store Credit!
Go 2-1 and get $5 in Store Credit!
Additional prizes will be awarded based upon 1st, 2nd, 3rd place running leader board for this event and set. Final day will be last Monday prior to pre-release of the next set.
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8 Lake St., Le Roy

Tuesdays
6 - 8pm
Weekly Flesh & Blood Armory
We would love to offer the community FaB at our play space. We are open to hosting whatever people are interested in playing! Bring a friend or group on out and enjoy yourselves!
Top 6 prizes.
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8 Lake St., Le Roy

Fridays
1 - 7pm
Friday Night Magic the Gathering
People are welcome to come (in pairs or groups) anytime during our business hours (1-7pm) and play free play. Sign up for the event through the WPN event link website.
People are welcome to do this any day (Mon-Sun) between 1-7pm. D&D, Pokémon, YuGiOh, or any other family friendly game play also welcomed in our game room!
Contact us via call or text if you have any questions
(585) 356-7579
Dio's Treasures
8 Lake St., Le Roy

MAGIC MAZE • THINGS WE MELT

K Q N J G D A X U R O L J C G
D A X V S C P N K I F C H A X
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T R P N L O O J H F E D B Y X
V D T S R C N S P S O M K I G
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X W R E V L I S U L T R L R Q
O N E L L A D X A W D O A J I
G S K C I T S E U L G N F E D
C A Y X I E N I R A G R A M H
W V T S R P O N R E P P O C L

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Unlisted clue hint: CHEDDAR —

Butter, Candles, Chocolate, Copper, Glass, Glue sticks, Gold, Hearts, Ice, Lead, Margarine, Silver, Snow, Solder, Wax

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

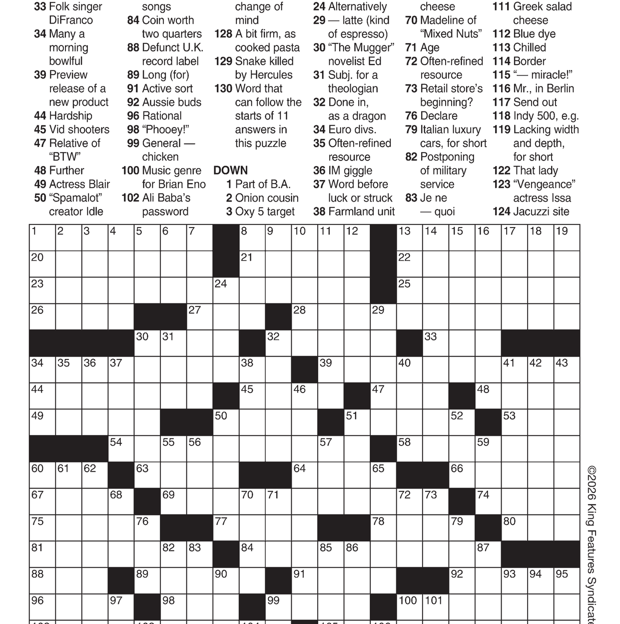
1. MOVIES: What is Indiana Jones' real first name in "Raiders of the Lost Ark"?
2. LITERATURE: What is Charlie's last name in the children's book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What isthmus connects the Asian and African continents?
4. MATH: What is the first prime number to follow 19?
5. GEOLOGY: What type of rock is formed by cooled lava?
6. TELEVISION: What is the title character's famous line in the TV detective show "Columbo"?
7. BUSINESS: What company's stock ticker symbol is LUV?
8. ASTRONOMY: Which four planets in our solar system have rings?
9. HISTORY: About how many people worldwide were infected by the Spanish flu in the early part of the 20th century?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: If an animal eats only plants, what is it called?

Super Crossword

CHARACTER-BUILDING

ACROSS
1 Huntsville's state
8 "Dig in!"
13 Watched a child for pay
20 Recuperate
21 Bodily trunks
22 French writer France
23 1983 film for which Robert Duvall won Best Actor
25 Hold within
26 — -Ball
27 Bullring cry
28 Illegal trade medium
30 Common med. scans
32 The Beatles' "I've Just — Face"
33 Folk singer DiFranco
34 Many a morning bowlful
39 Preview release of a new product
44 Hardship
45 Vid shooters
47 Relative of "BTW"
48 Further
49 Actress Blair
50 "Spamalot" creator Idle
51 Brimless cap
53 — -to manual
54 High roller
58 Per the norm
60 GQ, e.g.
63 Entre —
64 Other, in Acapulco
66 Rich, nutty cake
67 Iraqi, e.g.
69 Tulsa's largest suburb
74 Chap from Chelsea, e.g.
75 Thumbs-ups
77 "Call Jane" actress Kate
78 Oven knob
80 Sun — -sen
81 Sentimental songs
84 Coin worth two quarters
88 Defunct U.K. record label
89 Long (for)
91 Active sort
92 Aussie buds
96 Rational
98 "Phooey!"
99 General — chicken
100 Music genre for Brian Eno
102 Ali Baba's password
105 South American marmoset with a tufted tail
107 Knight, e.g.
108 Drifts about
110 Beehive State team
111 Something barely recalled
115 Here, in Lyon
116 Knight, e.g.
120 Crated up
121 Cavalry soldier without heavy weaponry
125 Arranging in rows
126 Emollient plants
127 Arbitrary change of mind
128 A bit firm, as cooked pasta
129 Snake killed by Hercules
130 Word that can follow the starts of 11 answers in this puzzle

DOWN
1 Part of B.A.
2 Onion cousin
3 Oxy 5 target
4 Be a sign of
5 "Hail, Nero!"
6 French sea
7 Large, ornate wardrobe
8 Raison d'—
9 Member of "The Squad" in D.C., for short
10 Family group
11 Futile
12 Italian sculptor Andrea
13 Reverse side
14 Abnormalities
15 Daiquiri fruit
16 Rare-earth element
17 Drench
18 "I cannot tell —"
19 Circus shelter
24 Alternatively
29 — latte (kind of espresso)
30 "The Mugger" novelist Ed
31 Subj. for a theologian
32 Done in, as a dragon
34 Euro divs.
35 Often-refined resource
36 IM giggle
37 Word before luck or struck
38 Farmland unit
40 Model Banks
41 "Take your time"
42 Zagreb's land
43 — -Packard
46 Rival of Burger King
50 Word with salts or Downs
51 "I'm f-f-freezing!"
52 Boy pharaoh, for short
55 Hunk
56 Prefix with tax or charge
57 Greek "H"
59 Weep audibly
60 "Possibly"
61 Tourist's aid
62 Fuel conduit
65 Zeal
68 — Paese cheese
70 Madeline of "Mixed Nuts"
71 Age
72 Often-refined resource
73 Retail store's beginning?
76 Declare
79 Italian luxury cars, for short
82 Postponing of military service
83 Je ne — quoi
85 Dupes
86 Lucy's Arnaz
87 Picnic spoiler
90 Weaponize anew
93 William Shatner's "—War"
94 Propyl ending
95 Hog haven
97 Trap in a net
99 With a bit of crying
100 Capital of ancient Syria
101 Mrs., in Metz
103 Substitutes (for)
104 Dough
106 "That hurts!"
109 "Mon Dieu!"
111 Greek salad cheese
112 Blue dye
113 Chilled
114 Border
115 "— miracle!"
116 Mr., in Berlin
117 Send out
118 Indy 500, e.g.
119 Lacking width and depth, for short
122 That lady
123 "Vengeance" actress Issa
124 Jacuzzi site



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RIVALS SPORTS INSIDER

LE ROY LITTLE LEAGUE: Powerful Pitching from Przybyl Sends Yankees Over White Sox; Red Sox Win Two, Tigers Win One, White Sox Bounce Back Versus Twins

By SAMUEL ZERILLO
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It was a great day on the mound from Seth Przybyl that was the deciding factor for the Le Roy Little League Yankees on Sunday, leading the team to a 10-7 victory over the White Sox.

Przybyl was dominant throughout this one, getting the start at pitcher and ringing up 10 strikeouts while only surrendering two hits, three walks and four runs over five innings.

With Przybyl making quick work to get the Yankees offense back on the field, the team was able to explode at the top of the fifth, scoring six runs to take the lead. The inning was highlighted by a single blasted by Joseph Oliver that brought home two runners.

Oliver would go 2-for-3 on the day, with two RBIs. Easton Fox and Blaze Gaudioso also collected two hits each for the Yankees. The team collectively stole a total eight bases in the game.

For the White Sox, Parker Page, Owen Ford and Luke Chappel each collected one hit each, with Jaiden Biletskiy and Chappel also picking up an RBI a-piece and stealing multiple bases throughout.

Thursday's results
RED SOX 5, WHITE SOX 0

Red Sox: Sammy Rapone H, 2 R, 2 SB; Josh Tenney H, 2 R, RBI; Charlie Rapone H, 2 RBI; Troy Sanders H; Brody Stogsdill RBI; Nate Perkins R

White Sox: No stats submitted.

Saturday's results
TIGERS 18, ATHLETICS 4

Tigers: Tarick Vangalio 3 H, 3 RBI; 12 K; Austin Branton 4 H, 2 2B, 3 RBI; 3 K; Greyson Biggins H, 4 R; Jax Lathan H, 3 R; Pheonix Smith 2 R; Frank Leahy H; Carter Branton H

Athletics: Jacob Crissy 2 H; Aiden Costa 2 SB

Monday's results
RED SOX 5, TIGERS 4

Red Sox: John Tenney 2B, R, RBI; Brody Stogsdill 2 H, 3B, RBI; Jason Rapone H, 2 R; 2 K; Sammy Rapone 8 K

Tigers: Tarick Vangalio 2 H, 2B, 2 R; Austin Branton H, R; 9 K; Frank Leahy RBI; Trenton Alford R

Tuesday's results
WHITE SOX 6, TWINS 3

White Sox: Parker P 3B, 2 RBI; 12 K; Luke C 3 H; Julian B 2 H;

Twins: Jayce M 8 K; Zac L H; Bryce B H

PHOTO CREDIT: KRISTI OLIVER
The Yankees defeated the White Sox on Sunday afternoon.

Cal-Mum Golf Defeats Perry, Warsaw in Senior Night Tri-Match

PHOTO PROVIDED: STEVE GAFFNEY
Cal-Mum took another set of wins against Perry and Warsaw on Tuesday.

By SAMUEL ZERILLO
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It was a great afternoon for Caledonia-Mumford golf on Tuesday, as the Raiders would add on two more wins after taking down both Perry and Warsaw.

The Raiders collected the lowest number of strokes on the day, with a final tally of 184.

Liam McArdle and Keegan McArdle were co-medalists for Cal-Mum, each shooting a 43. Liam Taggart and Carter Hallett were right behind, with both carding a 49.

Taggart, Hallett, and Trent Kessler were all honored on Senior Night.

"It was great to honor our seniors tonight for the impact they've had on the golf program. Keegan also turned in his best round of the year. We're all really proud of him. He puts in a lot of practice, and it paid off tonight," Cal-Mum head coach Steve Gaffney said.

The Raiders are now 6-2 on the season, and next traveled to Woodlynn Hills in Nunda to face both Keshequa and Mount Morris.

Brogan Has Big Day, Cal-Mum Girls, Boys Outdoor Track and Field Sweep Le Roy

By MIKE ROSE
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CALEDONIA — Caledonia-Mumford earned a clean sweep of boys and girls track and field action on Wednesday night against Le Roy, with the girls winning 78-58 and the boys nabbing a 73-64.

Emma Brogan led the girls' team, taking victories in the 100-meter (12.64 seconds), long jump and triple jump.

Daryna Sokyrchenko was a double winner, sweeping in the 100-meter and 400-meter hurdles. Cheyenne Middleton swept the throwing events with wins in the shot put and the discus.

Other individual winners included Olivia Amorese in the 1500-meter (5 minutes 20.8 seconds), Julia Wasilco in the 800-meter (2 minutes 35.2 seconds), Kennedy Williams in the 400-meter and Cache Brockenshire in the pole vault (8 feet 4 inches).

Williams, Allison Morgan, Amorese and Brogan rounded out the day with a win in the 4x400-meter relay.

On the boys' side, Aaron Blaker scored a big win in the triple jump with a leap of 40 feet. Austin Walker took home the 400-meter hurdles, Scotty Bowman won the 100-meter (11.84 seconds), Carl Klaver won the 200-meter, Austin Chenaille won the 110-meter hurdles (16.94 seconds) and Evan Martin won the long jump (18 feet 11 inches).

The Raiders ended things off with wins in the 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relays.

Blaker, Martin, Klaver and Bowman combined for the win in the 4x1, while Klaver, Bowman, Blaker and Sullivan Williams won the 4x4.

"Both of our girls and boys teams had a lot of strong performances and PR's on the track and in the field tonight. This was a very tough and competitive meet on both sides. The boys' meet came down to the 4x4 relay, and our boys had a strong race to seal it for us. We're looking forward to the Warsaw Invitational this weekend," Cal-Mum head coach Josh Shelton said.

The Cal-Mum girls improve to 2-0, and the boys improve to 1-1 with Wednesday's results. The Raiders will compete at the Warsaw Invitational on Saturday.

PHOTO CREDIT: HUDSON STREET STUDIOS
The Cal-Mum girls improved to 2-0 on Wednesday.

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Send your game recaps, stats, and photos directly to our Sports Department at SZerillo@BataviaNews.com for publication consideration.
Be sure to include:
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• Highlights of the game
• Complete player stats
• Your name and contact information
Help us highlight your athletes and celebrate local sports in our community!
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RIVALS SPORTS INSIDER

Cal-Mum's Emma Brogan Signs Commitment to D1 Stony Brook for Track and Field

By SAMUEL ZERILLO
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There are few athletes in Caledonia-Mumford history as decorated as Emma Brogan, and on Friday, she signed an NCAA Division I contract to take her talents to the collegiate level.

In both indoor and outdoor track and field, Brogan has excelled, claiming a total of seven sectional titles and three state qualifier titles during her time with the Raiders.

She also holds a whopping seven Cal-Mum records for indoor and outdoor track and field. In outdoor, her records include the triple jump (38 feet 6.5 inches), long jump (17 feet 11 inches), 100-meter (12.15 seconds), and 400-meter (61.6 seconds), and in indoor she holds the record in the 55-meter (7.39 seconds), long jump (16 feet 8.5 inches), and triple jump (37 feet 9.75 inches).

Her outdoor time in the 100-meter is also the Livingston County Athletic Association record as well.

All of her hard work over the past four years of high school, both athletically and academically, culminated in an event on Friday, where she signed an NCAA Division I commitment letter to join the track and field program at Stony Brook University.

The event, organized by Cal-Mum Athletic Director Tim McArdle, took place in the high school gym, where her coaches, teammates, school administrators, teachers and entire school community watched as she officially committed to compete at the collegiate level.

Many people spoke about Brogan at the event, including McArdle, her soccer coach Chad Schalk, her track coach Dan Freeman, Cal-Mum Superintendent Dr. Chenaille and Cal-Mum Principal Morgan Marcello.

Afterwards, the school handed out cards with her athletic achievements printed on them and gave students the opportunity to have them signed by Brogan.

Brogan mentioned just how special it was to see her entire school community come out to watch her sign her NCAA commitment letter.

"It means a lot for me to be supported by my community, everybody here. The fact that people that don't even coach me anymore still came out to see it means a lot, and it tells you a lot about the Cal-Mum community, how close knit we are," Brogan said. "And I think that signing with Stony Brook just kind of is a testament to all the work that I put in and all the extra time and all the coaching that I've received, and I'm just very grateful for all the support."

As she looks back on her time at Cal-Mum, the connections she made with her friends and coaches are what she appreciates the most.

"I definitely would say my favorite thing is all the connections I've made with my friends and my coaches," Brogan said.

She also discussed her favorite track-and-field memory, which came at the state qualifiers for indoor during her junior year.

"The state qualifier meet in indoor last year was probably my favorite memory because it was my first time competing against the entire section, and I got first in triple jump, and it kind of got the ball rolling with higher competition and what I wanted to do," Brogan said.

As for what led her to choose Stony Brook, the school's culture was exactly what she was looking for.

SAMUEL ZERILLO/THE LE ROY WEEKEND GAZETTE
Emma Brogan and her family, with Cal-Mum AD Tim McArdle, Principal Morgan Marcello and Superintendent Dr. Chenaille standing behind them.

SAMUEL ZERILLO/THE LE ROY WEEKEND GAZETTE
Emma Brogan signs autographs after the event.

Le Roy Baseball Rings Up 12 Runs, Defeats Geneseo

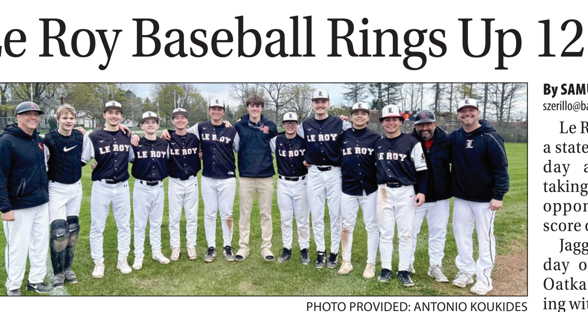

PHOTO PROVIDED: ANTONIO KOUKIDES
Le Roy took a big win against Geneseo on Tuesday.

By SAMUEL ZERILLO
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Le Roy baseball earned a statement win on Tuesday against Geneseo, taking down a very tough opponent with a final score of 12-5.

Jagger Smith had a big day on offense for the Oatkan Knights, finishing with two hits and four runs scored. Brady McClurg had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI, and Brayden Chase had two hits and three RBIs.

On the mound for Le Roy, Simon Greene got the start and pitched three strong innings, allowing only two runs. Jeremiah Sheehan came in to close the door, only giving up one hit across three and a third innings to secure the win.

For Geneseo, Oren Ray had a great game, finishing with two hits and three runs scored. Jose DeLeon also collected to hits, while Eddie LaFleur, Lincoln Davidson, Alec Milne all had a hit each.

Le Roy improved to 5-2 after the win, while Geneseo fell to 5-5.