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SUNY Geneseo Presents Exhibition: 'Queer Veterans Project'

Le Roy veteran among those included in the project

By SAMUEL ZERILLO
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"Not everybody's experiences are the same, but they are all significant as a form of nature."

That's what Jaimie Arena, a Le Roy resident and Navy veteran, had to say about her involvement in a recent exhibition at SUNY Geneseo for a project that the curators hope provide a safe environment for the military history, and questions regarding her experience and their identities.

Arena, who is a longtime member in the Navy, which was also dominated with photographs taken of her during a deployment to Japan.

When asked how she felt about being a female in the Navy, the details of the exhibition, the project, Arena described her experience as overwhelming.

"There was the military side, and then there was my queer identity," Arena said. "I was nervous, but I joined because I'm proud, and I'm proud of my service. I have been doing nothing of significance in my life." The exhibition, which was extremely difficult for Arena to put on, was a long process, however, (long story short) it was completed on a second chance and never ended up falling. Arena has a pretty officer; I was the first person to ever see it, and see it on my and back when defense trained to

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Thirteen-star flags line the War Memorial at Trigon Park in Le Roy.

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Thirteen-Star Flags on Display Serve as Reminder of America 250 During Le Roy Veterans Day Program

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The 11th hour on the eleventh day of the 11th month.

That has been the symbol for Veterans Day, and previously Armistice Day, ever since the end of World War I happened at that very hour on that same day all the way back in 1918.

This year, as a nation celebrates on an even deeper layer, as it will, begin to be a part of the ceremony in Le Roy as a part of the statewide celebrations for the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Le Roy Veterans Memorial Committee Chairman Jim Bumsey said the Veterans Day Parade will start at 10:30 a.m. on Main Street, and will head to Trigon Park, with Post Commander Todd Hughes organizing the opening remarks.

"Veterans Day is a day to honor and remember all those who have served in the past and, sadly, those who died," stated, who have served the country in war and peace," Bumsey said at the start of the ceremony. "It has also not the same as Memorial Day, which is a day to remember those who died in their lives for our country. Veterans Day honors and remembers all men and women who have served our country in war and peace."

Serving as a member of America 250, the War Memorial Committee has installed 13-star flags, and the American Legion's color guard was also invited to be special, locally made 13-star flag as well.

That home-sewn flag, designed by Le Roy resident Sebastian Lyons Zebrowski and sewn by Mary Jo Ellsmere, Shelley Sees, Linda Kristner and Melissa Zschoche, features the 13 red and white stripes typical of most pre-Revolutionary flags, but one fifteen-star canton, symbolizing the eight of the 13 states that arranged in a circle and the remaining five being placed

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A homemade thirteen-star flag, held by one of its designers Mary Jo Ellsmere, sits on the Le Roy American Legion's color guard during the 2026 Veterans Day ceremony.

year's ceremony, which emphasized the ongoing importance of remembering both how we as a nation got here, and the sacrifices made by those who actively serve today and have served before.

"Obviously, we weren't around 250 years ago, but you see all the names on the monument, these are the guys that fought in the war of 1812, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and in remember these people along with the young soldiers, sailors and Marines that are deployed now protecting these things," Bumsey said. "It's why I did it and I was the leader, I just want to make this tradition and something that we want to keep."

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Looking Back with Lynnon

The History Behind Le Roy's Street Names

By LYNNE BELLUSCIO
Special to
The Le Roy Weekend Gazette

During the Le Roy Farm Bureau Quilt tour, I was asked about the history behind the names of the streets and roads in Le Roy.

The first question had to be with Main Street - East Main Street – West Main Street and Route 5. This is the old State Road, which in the very early years was sometimes called the Road to Niagara." This was the first road to be built in the capital of the state, Albany, to Niagara Falls. It was built by the Iroquois as a path to their hunting grounds. So, we speculate a lot of the south property lines.

Another question I had was about Bushnell Road. Was it named for the stagecoach stopped that ran on the Ridge Road? No, the hotel was a livery stable that the stagecoach would be hitched. For a short time, the ceaches could pass through a tunnel in the building to reach the stable in the back. The entrance to the tunnel can be seen as you look at the front of the building. The hotel was owned by a Mexican restaurant and it was also, in the 1940s, a small barber shop.

Critchlow Road in the State Road was a bridge across the Creek. There have been five Main Street bridges, the present concrete arch bridge built in 1981. That bridge was replaced by a steel three-arch bridge in 1916, the Federal Government's Bridge Program. In 1923, Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, organized the first national conference on highway safety which produced safety measures throughout the country. This was met with opposition because wagon wheels did not want to turn with the spokes. Also, the government, by the federal aid highway act, required rights. In 1922, it had been suggested that road signs and information [illegible] should be octagonal. Railroad crossings were to be round. Up to this time, there was only a wooden sign with a slash of paint on a telephone pole. And it was easy to get lost trying to travel from one place to another. Before 1922, there was no signage. The first signage was the painting roads in the form of [illegible] signs on the corner of Route 5 and Route 19. This was at one time Route 63. It was changed to Route 19 when Interstate Route 16 [illegible].

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public. It helped me find purpose and what it was like to be a grown up. Even though I'm a veteran, I've never been through some challenging times overseas, I would never trade those years for anything. It helped shape the person I am today.

"That said, when looking at the queer side and what it was like to be a lesbian serving in the military, it's difficult," she continued. "It was I don't think I'm the only person who was constantly looking over my shoulder, afraid I would be outed. However, as time went on and especially after 9/11, it seemed like the last thing anyone cared about. My fellow shipmates overall all were my safe space. I had a few bad experiences with officers were placing their foot on and grateful for my overall experience."

Getting the whole picture of her experiences as a queer servicemember, both the good and the challenges faced, recorded in this way and added to a historical archive, is why something Arena finds very significant. Her own experiences, which she has served were throughout the years, and challenges during their time of service, as it's being shared, and whose experience generally continues theirs in significance, is something I always shared with my students when I was teaching, and it's not known when you were good to them know where you have been? In other words, how do we know what we don't know that we need change? That perspective, and I feel you're whose experience generally continues theirs in significance, is something I always shared with my students when I was teaching, and it's not known when you were good to them know where you have been? In other words, how do we know what we don't know that we need change? That perspective, and I feel you're hoped to be a small contributor," Arena said.

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One of the veterans interviewed as a part of the exhibition was Le Roy resident and a Professional Academic Advisor & Success Coach at SUNY Geneseo.

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AROUND THE TOWN
with Supervisor James Farnholz

Things have been very busy in the town for the last few months. First, I would like to update everyone on water district 12. Phase one is scheduled for completion by the end of this month. We will be putting the other three phases out to bid after the first of the year. We hope to award by the spring of 2027.

On a financial note. The 2027 budget for the Town is

tax cap. However, we will have to raise our tax rate to $.83 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. The rate for next year will be $.81 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. That means that for a $100,000 home the town tax will increase by $15.00. As many of you know we are in the process of a town wide reassessment of both commercial and residential property that will not impact Town revenue in 2026. With an increase in assessment, I anticipate the tax rate to decrease in 2026. Based on the topic of finances for the town, the cost of operating the transfer station has risen from $34,000 per year to $62,000. For the transfer station to break even, the cost of a bag could increase from $30.00 to $40.00 as of December 1. This will cover the increased cost of shipping, demonstrage and recycling.

Finally, I would like to extend great appreciation about the potential of the Village dissolution. Seven of years ago, state incentives made this a potential option for the town to absorb the village. Those incentives have decreased dramatically. As such I and the Board members unanimously not to continue to pursue this option. The cost of operating the village on the taxpayers in the town would be too much of a burden by state law. As such, the village will remain as it is.

Finally, I would like to thank the Le Roy community for their support and gratitude to all those who have served our nation in the armed forces. Without you, I hope to see you around town.

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LWG SPORTS IN BRIEF

Le Roy Volleyball Falls Against Perry in 'C' Crossover

Le Roy saw its season come to a close after a four-set loss to Perry in the Class C crossover.

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It was a clash of local LCA titans when Section V Class C volleyball squads Le Roy and Class A Perry in the crossover on Friday night at Wilson High School, with the Yellowjackets getting revenge for a regular season loss and claiming a spot in the sectional semifinals on Monday.

Set scores were 25-16, 21-18, 25-20.

The Class C1 MVP, Anna Barlow, had another phenomenal night for Perry, finishing with 14 kills, 2 aces, 2 blocks, 10 digs and 14 digs.

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LR/C-M Football Stands Tall on Defense, McClurg Runs Into Stubborn Rivals Stubborn A/P

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The No. 3 seeded Le Roy/Caledonia-Mumford football squad will take the field on Nov. 22 Alexander/Pembroke at Genesee Community College for the Section V Class C semifinal contest with the Rivals avenging an 8-7 loss earlier in the season and claiming a spot in the Eastern Regional Championship.

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Le Roy/Cal-Mum quarterback Brady McClurg, 2, stops and pivots as he seeks to evade Alexander/Pembroke's Hunter Mack, right, late in the fourth quarter of their Section V Class C semifinal sectional game. Le Roy/Cal-Mum won, 20-0.

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Le Roy/Cal-Mum quarterback Brady McClurg runs into Stubborn A/P during the first half of their Section V Class C semifinal contest with Alexander/Pembroke on Friday. At left is Jude Christ, 28. Brennan Weber, 26, is at right.

Reinforcements En Route
Bills acquire safety Amani Hooker from Tennessee for 2nd round pick
By MIKE ROSE
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CHICAGO PARK — Despite rolling to a 2-5 start, including a 23-6 win over the Minnesota Vikings on Monday, the Buffalo Bills certainly haven't packed it in. The team's leaders have made their lofty goals known. Bills General Manager Brandon Beane addressed perhaps the team's most pressing need by acquiring safety Amani Hooker from the Tennessee Titans for a 2027 second-round pick.

2027 fifth-round pick back to Buffalo.

"Listen, you're always trying to determine where is the right value and the way the market is going to go with these things," Beane said. "Obviously, most recently, it had that big game against Cinci. That might have hurt our opportunities. We were calling around before, the trade deadline, and it was a very good player. I think it was going to take something significant like that to get Tennessee to move off of him, which I respect."

The 28-year-old Hooker, who played his first NFL career with the Titans and heads the NFL with five interceptions, including three by Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow in their matchup on Nov. 1. He also has 52 tackles and a forced fumble in eight games this season. Hooker has started through 2018 with 53 starts and 11 interceptions in 2021 and 4.5 sacks in 2022. The Bills acquisition will include Dion Dawkins's contract for Hooker would be void.

"Yes. We had to restructure Dion today and we did that happen. So appreciate Dion. He was out at a community event, and Ryan Moore [Bills director of football] got it done. And so as soon as we got that done, we were able to close to the finish line, we sent Ryan to where Dion was at the community event and got the signings up and running so the finish line," Beane said.

The Bills have needed an upgrade at safety since Jordan Poyer left in free agency after four years as a starter. Poyer, who played his first eight NFL seasons in Buffalo, signed with the Cleveland Browns in March.

I'm describing Micah Hyde as a free agent, and there's been a very steady player. We really liked him coming out. We like him as a safety need at the time because of Jordan [Poyer] but he's had a great career. Obviously, most recently, he had that big game against Cinci. That might have hurt our opportunities. We were calling around before, the trade deadline, and it was a very good player. I think it was going to take something significant like that to get Tennessee to move off of him, which I respect."

The 28-year-old Hooker, who played his first NFL career with the Titans and heads the NFL with five interceptions, including three by Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow in their matchup on Nov. 1. He also has 52 tackles and a forced fumble in eight games this season. Hooker has started through 2018 with 53 starts and 11 interceptions in 2021 and 4.5 sacks in 2022. The Bills acquisition will include Dion Dawkins's contract for Hooker would be void.

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