COURTESY OF THE LE ROY

Le Roy Police Department's

Chief Greg Kellogg was

"These two incidents

obviously proud of his offi-

highlight the dedication,

skill and quick-thinking

of our officers and first-re-

sponders," he said. "Thanks

to their training and im-

mediate action, two lives

were saved. We are incred-

ibly proud of Officer Smith,

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Filipiak

mitment to protecting our

community. Their efforts

are a reminder of why we do

this job — to make a differ-

ence when it matters most."

was involved in another

life-saving effort in August.

Nielson responded to a car

crash on Route 19 Aug. 23

and found an unresponsive

79-year-old man inside.

They performed CPR and

Fresh Boneless

Breast

Family Pack

Skinless Chicken

Officer Filipiak, Detective the man was revived. He

Prusak and Deputy Ferrandied a week later, however.

Smith, coincidentally,

He and Officer Matthew

Inside this week:

Strike Continues

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thrown out and the sap lines

and buckets will need to be

Memorial Library will feature

a maple sugar exhibit in the

front entrance. Information

sheets with maple sugar facts

and information about how to

tap a maple tree are available.

library card can check out a

pass to the Genesee Country

Museum which will be hold-

ing its annual Maple Sugaring

Event. The pass is valid for 2

adults and all children. March

21, 22, 23 and 28, 29, 30 from

Sugar on Snow or "Jack

This delectable maple treat

The maple syrup has to

was a favorite at the old-time

be heated to 22 to 40 degrees

above the boiling point of wa-

ter, or to between 235 degrees

or 250 degrees. A candy ther-

mometer needs to be used.

The thick syrup is drizzled on

clean packed snow or fine-

ly crushed ice. It is like a very

Maple Salad Dressing:

1 1/2 tablespoons apple ci-

1 tablespoon Dijon mus-

4 tablespoon canola oil or

½ teaspoon grated onion

1/8 teaspoon of salt

pinch black pepper

Maple Apple Pie:

½ cup melted butter

1 cup maple syrup

3 sliced apples

1/4 tsp salt

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1 egg beaten

pastry shell:

1/2 clove garlic finely grat-

Mix well and serve on a

Place apples in 9-inch pie

shell; mix melted butter, ma-

ple syrup, salt, and beaten

egg; pour mixture over the

apples; cover with lattice pas-

try or leave open; Bake for 10

minutes at 425 then 350 for 25

minutes more. Serve hot or

cold with whipped cream or

wedge of lettuce or fresh salad.

1/4 cup maple syrup

sweet taffy.

der vinegar

"sugaring-off parties."

10 am until 3.

People who hold a valid

This month, the Woodward

thoroughly cleaned.

which is dependent on the altitude of the location of the

sugar house. If the tempera-

ture of the boiling syrup goes

too high, the syrup will turn

to candy. In fact, this is how

maple candy is made. The

hot syrup has to be filtered to

remove "sugar sand" or nitre

which will settle to the bottom

of the container and make the

syrup cloudy if not removed.

Syrup has to be packaged hot

- 185 degrees to 190 degrees

and then immediately sealed.

Maple syrup is separated into

different grades based on col-

or and flavor. In 2015 a new

grading system was created

that for all states, provinces,

and countries. Today all syr-

up is "Grade A." The lightest

in color is Grade A Golden

and has the most delicate

flavor. Grade A Amber has a

rich taste. Grade A Dark has

a robust flavor and Grade A

Very Dark has a strong taste.

Canada is the largest producer

of maple syrup. In the United

State, Vermont produces the

most syrup followed by New

plastic spiles with blue tub-

ing. The sugar bush is a web

of plastic tubes which lead to

a collection point. Plastic tub-

ing is easier to maintain than

hanging buckets and having

to collect sap in snow covered

woods. Sugar season begins

before the weather begins to

warm up. The trees need to be

tapped. Tap holes are drilled 2

to 2 1/2 inches deep at a slight

upward angle. The holes

should not be drilled within a

foot of a hole from the previ-

ous year, the spiles should be

removed as soon as possible

at the end of the season. One

tap, during a good season, can

produce between 8 and 10 gal-

lons of sap and it usually takes

40 gallons of sap to produce a

gallon of syrup. Interestingly,

some trees produce sweeter

sap than others. When the sap

is running, it may be necessary

to collect sap twice a day. The

sap should be stored as cold

as possible, under 40 degrees

and it will spoil if it is stored

above 50 degrees. When the

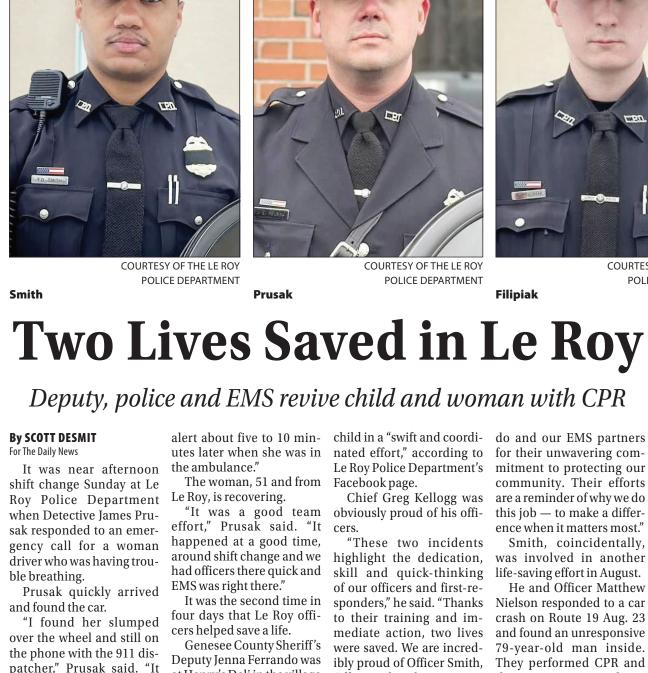
sap turns bad, it will become

cloudy and sometimes turns

boiling temperature of water into a gel which has to be ice cream.

Today many people use

York and Michigan.



Today

39°/11°

cers helped save a life. Genesee County Sheriff's Deputy Jenna Ferrando was patcher," Prusak said. "It at Henry's Deli in the village was apparent she wasn't about 12:30 p.m. Thursday breathing. She was turning when she heard a 911 call blue. I pulled her out of the reported that a 5-year-old car and then the officer argirl was having a seizure rived." and trouble breathing at Prusak and Officer Logan Bacon Street residence. Filipiak carried the woman Ferrando was first on the out and checked for signs of scene and began life-savlife. They immediately being measures and was soon gan CPR. joined by village officer Ter-"She regained con-rez Smith and Le Roy EMS. sciousness and became CPR was performed on the

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Looking Back

with Lynne **Saps Running By LYNNE BELLUSCIO** ant to understand that at this Special to the Le Roy Weekend Gazette time and up until the late 1800s, maple sap was convert-Nathaniel Watson lived in ed to sugar, not maple syrup. It Stafford, and he kept a diary was said that maple sugar was for over fifty years. On March 24, 1816, he wrote "fair weaththe farmers first crop of the er sap run well I boiled." It's a rather perfunctory comment, The Indigenous people but his entire diary is like this, had been boiling maple sap yet it is a great source of inforfor hundreds of years. Interestingly, the accounts of mation about the work that making sugar from maple was done on a small farm in trees in America was known Genesee County in the early by the land investors in Eu-1800s. He noted that the sap

ran on March 25 and again on

the 31 and continued on and

off into April. On April 20 he

noted that the sap ran "faster

than common" and he fin-

ished boiling on the 25th. The

following year, in 1817, his en-

tries are particularly interest-

ing because he writes that he

is making staves and appar-

ently the staves would be used

to make sap buckets. On Feb-

ruary 1 he notes that he "set

up 2 sap buckets" which he

"bottoms" two days later. He

also makes "sap troves". These

were made from hollowed out

logs and were placed on the

ground to collect sap dripping

from long wooden sap spiles.

It is interesting that Watson is

using both wooden buckets

and troughs to collect sap. He

notes that on February 9 the

sap is "running fast" and he

continues boiling sap on and

off through most of April. On

April 6 he writes that he had

made 80 weight (perhaps

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events, local businesses, and more.

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Chief of Police for the Le Roy Police

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Officers who are committed next test is expected to be an-

to serving and protecting our nounced this year.

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CORNER

LeRoy lost a legend this

week, Don Santini. Anyone

raised in the 60's and 70's in

this community knows what

a huge personality this man

was. He was deeply loved by

his players. He was the most

charismatic person I'd ever

have been writing this col-

umn. My goal was to always

keep the message as positive

as possible, because I really

believe LeRoy is a great place

For the longest time I en-

joved reading Mr. Grayson's

publication of the "Leroy Ga-

zette & News", which was an

insert in the "Genesee Valley

Pennysaver". Particularly,

Lynn Belluscio's weekly ar-

ticles on local Leroy history,

some topics extending as far

back as the early 1800's, others

relevant to contemporary life

High school play season

begins this week across the

four-county GLOW region

with the opening of "Newsies"

musical follows a newsboys'

strike as they rally to preserve their wages in the rough-and-

tumble world of Guilded Age

productions - musicals and

non-musicals alike — that will

take to stages across Genesee,

Livingston, Orleans and Wyo-

ming counties during the next

High school productions

are one of the sure signs of

spring. Each year from late

February through March and

sometimes into April, young

thespians take the stage to

present everything from

Broadway classics to new

follow the Yellow Brick Road

in Le Roy and Perry, while

students at Honeoye Falls-Li-

ma will explore Hadestown

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er! Admission includes

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tickets, and a cooler for

your winnings! Basket

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Sundays

March 2nd - March 23rd 2pm - 4pm

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from 2pm to 4pm we

are having a "Drop In"

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Women & Friends group.

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work on or just come by

and see what we're making.

Yarn work, embroidery,

scrapbooking, painting;

you never know what will

be happening at the table.

Hope Center of Le Roy

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This season, Dorothy will

several weeks.

It's one of a number of

Taking place in 1899, the

at Batavia High School.

By BEN BEAGLE

ben@batavianews.com

For about 13 years now I

met. RIP, Coach.

By DONALD WEYER

BY GREG "PORP" ROGERS

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full-time position, you'll need

to take the Police Officer Civil

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see County Civil Service. The

to live your life. Everyone has

problems and issues, but if

you focus on the positives

the quality of your life will be

better. Conversely, if you al-

ways look at the negatives it

This will be one of the

few times I will mention the

negatives. New York State

has a huge problem and Al-

bany has their heads in the

sand. We are losing the 20-

to 40-year-old population,

for two major reasons, taxes

ry. Unfortunately, those issues

stopped in 2023, due to sale

and/or retirement of the "Ga-

I now find that Lynn's

columns and current Leroy

events and stories have land-

ed with the "Batavia Daily

News", titled "The Leroy Week-

end Gazette", as a free insert in

the "BDN" Saturday editions.*

in a teen edition of Anaïs

Mitchell's folk musical set in a

post-apocalyptic underworld

inspired by New Orleans jazz.

Orphan Train" by Aurand

Harris in March, a non-mu-

sical production that tells the

historic story of nine children

that New York City on May 28,

1914, on an "orphan train"

that took orphaned and un-

wanted children to Midwest-

ern towns in search of homes.

tina DeBell, "was chosen as

an opportunity for the group

to tackle historic content that

included characters their own

age, telling a story that would

teach about a period in history

that many don't know about,

Daily News and The Living

ston County News will high-

light high school productions.

We will publish informa-

tion provided by schools on

their shows throughout the

season. We will also feature

selected shows with stories

written by our own staff mem-

Mondays

Feb 10th to June 23rd

11:15am - 2:15pm

Homeschool Group

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mentary age children!

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by homeschooling parent

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know other families in our

community that homes-

chool, while playing board

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craft available for partic-

ipants to make. For any

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Muhammad Ali, at the Special Olympics in

and all that they've contributed to their programs.

Brynley Stella (not pic-

Haylie Carroll

Hailey Coniber

Jean Agosto

Jake Higgins

Aaric Luce

your programs!

rbs2ast2steals

Zander Staba

Adam Woodworth

Way to go, Knights! Thank

Brayden Chase: 5 pts 4 ast 1

Matthew Hockey: 4 pts 4

Brayden Chase's three

pointer ignited a Le Roy 21-1

run, spanning the third and

fourth quarters and breaking

open a tight game as Le Roy

trailed by one (29-28) at that

The Knights snapped a

three-game losing streak and secured the #3 seed in Class

JV won their match 43-39!

play starting 3/1 at home vs

likely Mynderse.

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Unlisted clue hint: LIGHTS UP A ROOM

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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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A6 Saturday, March 1, 2025

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Next up will be Sectional

Jagger Smith: 2 pts 2 ast

you for all you've brought to

Jace Jedrewski

tured)

Brockport back in the early 80's.

By THE LEROY SPORTS BOOSTERS

Senior Knight in Oatkan

Country! Class of 2025 had

quite the representation

this season. When it comes

to basketball, most of these

Knights have played with

each other since youth bas-

ketball and church league

days. Several of them play

year round together in club

and AAU. It was a special

knight to be able to recognize

all they've accomplished

Boys Basketball hosted Cal-Mum for their last regular sea-

son game on Senior Knight. Facing off against their former

Rivals teammates brought an

extra element to the game in

front of a packed castle. Your

Knights handles their busi-

ness and ended the season

Le Roy Stats by Barney

Jake Higgins: 14 pts 5 rbs 2

Jean Agosto: 13 pts 5 rbs 2

Grady Gilligan: 6 pts 2 rbs 1

Jace Jedrewski: 5 pts 3 ast 3

MAGIC MAZE

Aidan Weaver: 6 pts 5 rbs Adam Woodworth: 5 pts 2

with a win!

Mase:

ast 1 steal

ast 1 steal

rbs 4 steals

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Beer

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5 8

Bread

Cream

Throughout the season The

but is very relatable today."

The show, said director Bet-

Geneseo will present "The

Ably edited for interest by

zette".

Letter to the Editor

will wear you out.

logical exam, and physical.

rope. In 1791, the Holland

Land Company send Gerrit

Boone to New York from Rot-

terdam to buy forest land with

stands of maple trees and to

begin making maple sugar.

He first bought 30,000 acres

of land north of Fort Stanwix

near Rome. Shortly after, he

acquired 45,000 acres and

another 65,000 acres. With a

small group of men, he be-

gan sugar production on 17

acres situated on a hillside. He

planned to take advantage of

natural gravity and gather the

sap in long wooden troughs

that would empty into a huge

vat. Unfortunately, the wood-

en troughs warped in the

warm weather. This unfore-

seen setback combined with

other financial problems,

made commercial maple

sugar production impossible

for Boone. Others had similar

plans, but maple sugar pro-

duction was not feasible and

consumers had to rely not on ufacture of the tin can. With-

maple sugar, but on cane sug- in a short time, production pounds) of sugar. It's import-Microgrant Available to Genesee Valley Farmers: Oatka Creek Farm Awarded \$4,000 Through **Great Lakes Farm Navigator Network** By TAYLOR WILKIE Pfeffer and Carolyn Fitzger- tion organizations, including Farmland Specialist at Genesee Valley ald, Oatka Creek Farm operates on historic farmland (LeRoy, New York) - Oatka that has been cultivated by Creek Farm, a small produce Carolyn's family for eight generations. Although neither farm located along Oatka Creek in LeRoy, was awarded Ben nor Carolyn grew up on a \$4,000 microgrant from the a farm, they have extensive Brighter Future Fund to supexperience in resilient farmport its transition to a no-till, ing methods, farm business pensation through the USDA operation, and sustainable Conservation Stewardship organic farming operation. Founded in 2022 by food systems. Before relocat- Program; and the American first-generation farmers Ben ing to western New York, they owned and operated Raisin'

Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District to complete an Agricultural **Environmental Management**

Roots, an organic vegetable

farm in Fort Collins, Colorado.

cultivates approximately fif-

teen acres, seven of those in

diverse cash crops, includ-

ing fresh herbs, tomatoes,

leafy greens, onions, pep-

pers, and gourds. To promote

soil health, they implement

cover crops like wheat, rye,

and clover on the remaining

acreage while prioritizing re-

duced tillage equipment and

avoiding herbicides. Howev-

er, managing weed pressure

and improving soil organic

matter remain ongoing pri-

orities. To address these, Ben

and Carolyn have strategical-

ly utilized available resources

such as federal programs and

grant funding to advance their

Oatka Creek Farm has en-

gaged with multiple agricul-

tural support and conserva-

farming practices.

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freezing. In a given year, there were replaced by commercially made flat-pan evapomay be several "runs" in the rators which were installed in season and the season may sugar houses that had large last from 5 to 8 weeks. When vents in the roof to let the the buds begin to show on the maple trees, the maple season steam out. The sugar house had a chimney or smokestack ends and syrup made at this for the wood-fired evaporator. time is described as "buddy" Wooden spiles were replaced and has a very bitter taste. by a wide variety of metal As the sap boils in the evapspiles. One of the more imorator, it is necessary to freportant changes that occurred quently test the temperature at that time was the introducof the syrup to know when to draw it off. The temperature tion of canning and the man-

Farmland Trust to learn about available funding opportunities, like the Brighter Future The Brighter Future Fund intends to alleviate some of the cost barriers that arise for farmers seeking to "1) access, transfer or permanently protect farmland, or 2) adopt regenerative farming practices and increase resilience of farmland in the Great Lakes watershed." Farmers can receive up to \$4,000 for eligible projects, but to qualify, they must work with a Great Lakes Farm Navigator, such as the Genesee Valley Conservancy. The Genesee Valley Conservancy, one of only 4 New York State Navigators in the Great Lakes Farm Navigator Network, began working with Oatka Creek Farm in October 2024. Ben and Carolyn reached out to learn more about the Brighter Future Fund, and from there the Con-Discover, Learn & Connect @

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police academy are also way

down, so this is not going

and events of the 20th centu- Samuel Zerillo, and seemingly Batavia NY free of English-language er-*EDITORS NOTE (by Samuel Zerillo): While the Le Roy rors and mistakes, it covers the news of Leroy: government Weekend Gazette is a paper and commerce, police, enmade in collaboration with tertainment, religion, sports, the Daily News in Batavia, it is a separate publication and advertisements, even word puzzles and games. Plus, of is not inserted into Saturday course, Lynn's columns. A welcome return, reimag-Donald Weyer Share information by In the body of your email,

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but please keep in mind, everything has gone up for you and us too. We will begin our budget process next week and it is my plan, when finished, to have this column have comparison to five years ago, pre-Covid pandemic. Look to see how we made it through. The next comprehensive plan meeting is April 9th at 6:00 at the Village Hall. These numbers are crazy. I have two quotes this Health care goes up 10% a year roughly and an officer can retire after 20 years of "Negativism sucks energy." Al Plumb service, you do the escalating "BABY!!! You're a** is grass math. The numbers at the

BDN newspapers. The Gazette is currently only availination, and rewarding read. able on newsstands in Le Roy Goodwork! and Stafford, with plans for home delivery in the future. Break a leg: High school musical season arrives in GLOW region "The Orphan Train," 7:30 p.m. sending a message to news@ March 21 and 22. ■ Honeoye Falls-Lima High School: "Hadestown: Teen Edition," 7:30 p.m. batavianews.com or news@ livingstonnews.com. Be sure to include "High School Musi-March 27 to 29, and 2 p.m. cals" in the subject line. March 29. include information about Keshequa Central your show such as its title, a School: "Seussical Jr.," 7 p.m. March 7 and 1 and 7 p.m. brief synopsis, the show dates, times and location. Also in-■ Le Roy Junior-Senior clude ticket information, in-High School: "The Wizard of cluding where community members can get tickets. Let

> and 2 p.m. March 30. ■ Geneseo Central School:

share any unique aspects or

challenges about the show.

we've been told about so far:

Upcoming productions

22 and 23.

MARK GUTMAN/THE DAILY NEWS **Retired Corrections Officer Pat Vaccaro of Buffalo said** striking corrections officers will weather the current

By BRIAN QUINN

and MATT SURTEL

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ATTICA — Amid promises

of disciplinary action from

New York officials, correc-

tions officers continued pro-

testing outside area prisons

Monday as their strike en-

begin Monday between the

New York State Department

of Corrections and Com-

munity Supervision and the

New York State Correctional

Officers & Police Benevolent

Association in an effort to

Although NYSCOPBA

— the union representing

corrections officers is in-

volved — the "wildcat" strike

remains unsanctioned. It

began last week as correc-

end the strike.

Mediations were slated to

tered its second week.

strike has entered its second week.

tions officers began striking going to do what they've got outside Collins and Elmira to do, right to the bitter end. correctional facilities and Their ain't no quite in these spread rapidly statewide. guys." JOIN OUR TEAM: Great Pay, Flexible Shifts, and a Culture That Values You! LEROY MANOR Assisted Living Community LEROY, NEW YORK WWW.LEROYMANORALP.COM/CAREERS Question of the Week Question from Barrett F.

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Batavia High School: "Newsies," 7 p.m. Feb. 28 and March 1, 2 p.m. March 2. Dame," 6 p.m. April 4, and Caledonia Central 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. April 5. School: "The Drowsy Chaper-Wayland-Cohocton one," 7 p.m. March 28 and 29, Central School: "Emma! A POP Musical," 7 p.m. April 24 A MESSAGE FROM OUR PAGE SPONSOR: For all of your Real Estate needs

> The striking officers' complaints include mandatory

shifts of 24 hours or longer,

along with safety issues and

the HALT Act, which they ar-

gue allows inmates to com-

mit offenses with impunity.

Pat Vaccaro was at the strike

in Attica on Monday for the

second day since it started

last week. He said he retired

on mediation of the labor is-

sues, he said he's concerned

about the people on the

that's their business," Vac-

caro said. "These guys will

weather the storm. I've been

retired 14 years. They're still

my brothers and I consider

them my coworkers. They're

"What they do in Albany,

Regarding what he heard

about 14 years ago.

picket lines.

Former corrections officer

cannot live like that." board," she said. solutions. the Humane Alternatives

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from visits at the strike lobecause then, things could cations has painted a dire get back to normal," she said. picture—"signaling system-'It's a boiling pot right now, ic failure that ignored the people are at their wits end safety and well-being of corbecause no one has taken rectional officers, staff and anything into consideration inmates." at the workplace that we've "Our correctional offibeen involved in. Being cers are overworked, undermandated constantly - you staffed and under siege, yet Kathy Hochul refuses to lift She said those on strike a finger," said Assemblyman need support from elected David DiPietro, R-East Aurora in a statement issued "Everybody has to get on Monday. "I am demanding the immediate repeal of State Sen. George Borrel-HALT before more officers lo, R-Sunset Bay, visited the get hurt or worse. The govstrikes at Attica, Collins and ernor has a choice. She can Lakeview correctional fastand with the brave men cilities on Saturday. He said and women protecting our while appearing in Attica that there will be an effort communities or continue appeasing radicals at the exto put forth more legislative pense of public safety." The striking officers have "We have many bills that deal with the lack of public ignored a court order issued Friday requiring them to resafety, particularly in our prisons. We have a bill that turn to work. They face disciplinary measures such as would repeal HALT, full stop," he said, referring to docked pay and termination of their health insurance.

PHOTOS BY JASON CONIBER, TIFFANY KOTA, & CORA WEAVER **Super** Crossword **SONG TITLES** 55 Rival of Ben 91 WWII battle & Jerry's **14** "In this way town in 59 Nibble (on) 15 Spanish for France **92** Glue – 60 Suspend "month" 16 Skilled crafter (brand of 17 Go further in market ID adhesive in 62 Busy insect the book, say a tube) 64 With one flat, 18 Apple digital 93 Hog sound storage musically 94 Tesla auto, 65 Brief snooze service 95 String 19 Verdi opera 66 Biotech 24 Mess up created food necktie 96 Quiet stretch 29 Hercules **67** Atop. 97 Fuel gases player Kevin in verse 68 Japanese 32 Afflictions 100 Off-track 33 Natural salad green 101 New film type 69 Links ap. for in the 1920s talent 102 What "@" is 34 Greet loudly 35 Architect 70 Club for a 103 Rotational Saarinen 69-Down force member 36 Double 105 Big blunders 71 Small fortune 108 Man-goat (Oreo option) 37 Wife on "The 72 Letters of deities Addams invitation? 109 Marsh plants 73 American Family, 110 Capture assn. 111 Campus 77 Margarine, buildings quaintly 116 Have the 78 Adobe guts 117 Made blond, Acrobat suffix maybe 83 Fourth 119 Test for of a vr. college srs. 84 That girl **121** Prior to, 85 Large yellow in sonnets 122 Indian bloom 86 Put the flatbread kibosh on 123 Not closed, 87 KGB's land in verse 124 - - pah band 89 Paree "to be" 125 Heady brew 90 Native New

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Your Knights were led by Connor Elmore (18.5 (Kaczanowski, Currin, Egeling, Elmore) won the points), Jack Egeling (14.5 points), and Fernando Ca-Sectional Championship with a time of 3:50. cho (12 points). **Broken School Record: Sectional Champions:** Connor Elmore won the Fernando Cacho broke his own school record in Sectional Championship in the High Jump, clearing 6'2. the weight throw by 3 feet to Jack Egeling won the Secplace 3rd overall!! New School Record at tional Championship in the 49'1.75"!!

1. TELEVISION: The show "Happy Days" is a spinoff of which older sitcom? 2. LITERATURE: Which author created the character Hercule Poirot? 3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Where is Barack Obama's presidential library 4. GEOGRAPHY: What river forms part of the border between the United States and Mexico? 5. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has the strongest gravitational field? 6. U.S. STATES: Which four states intersect at the Four Corners monu-7. SCIENCE: What is an emophily? 8. MOVIES: How much does an Oscar award trophy weigh? 9. WEATHER: What is a haboob? 10. MEASUREMENTS: How many millimeters are in a meter?

ACROSS 1 Teenage witch played by Melissa Joan Hart 8 Breakwater embankment 15 Nintendo title plumber **20** Germ-free 21 Singer with the 2018 hit "Boo'd Up" 22 Put up, as a building 23 Patti Smith 25 Flat, as cola 26 One of the two Pro Bowl 27 Rankle 28 Notices 30 Hero type 31 Nina Simone 39 Napoli's 56

woman 113 "Dies -(Latin hymn) 59 Honorable 114 — Schwarz 115 Peculiar **60** Busy airport 63 George Strait 118 Just making 69 World capital in the Andes 120 Liza Minnelli 127 Roaring cat crossbreed 75 2010-14 Mets 128 Remove loose coverings from 129 "Tartuffe" 79 Plane ticket playwright 130 Thick musical disk Jewish 81 Encyc. unit ascetics 82 Tosses out 132 Slung mud at of the game **DOWN** 1 Very long tale 2 Dating from

The Girls 4x200 relay finished 3rd (Johnson-Guy, Powers, Leach, Hum-Carley Bunch finished 4th with a 12:29 in the 3000m and Grace Nickerson placed 6th with a 12:42. Ella Leach dropped a new PR to finish top 6 in the Lilly Herrick PR'd by nearly 2 feet in the Weight Throw, narrowly missing

PHOTO PROVIDED BY LYNNE BELLUSCIO Sugar House by Roy Mason. Lynne Belluscio owns the original painting. ar from sugar cane produced changed from maple sugar to by slave labor in the West Inmaple syrup. A brief note about slavery Maple sugar production and the production of maple was a small-scale activity sugar. Before the Civil War there were some people, who in areas where maple trees were abundant. As soon as abhorred the thought of usthe weather began to warm ing white sugar, molasses, up and the temperature rose and brown sugar because it above freezing, farmers startwas made by slave labor. They ed to tap maple trees. The sap sought sweeteners "untainted by slave hands." Maple sugar, was collected and carried to a place where a fire was built made in the Northern states,

provided the abolitionists

ty gallons of sap to produce

a gallon of maple syrup. This

depends on the sugar content

of the sap which can be tested

with a hydrometer. Ideally the

sap should be 2.5 %. The sap

usually begins to run when

the temperature goes above

freezing. Taps on the sunny

side of the tree usually begin to

run early. The sap doesn't run

continually and stops when

the temperature goes below

should be 7 degrees above the

servancy visited Oatka Creek,

learned about their operation

and aspirations for their farm,

and assisted them in sub-

mitting an application later

Generally, it requires for-

with "untainted" sugar.

under a large iron kettle. Ma-

ple sugar season was often a

time for families and friends to

gather together for "sugaring

parties." Sometimes a lean-to

was built for protection from

the weather and everyone

young and old pitched in to

help gather sap and keep the

By the late 1860s, technolo-

gy changed the production of

maple sugar. Wooden buckets

were made in factories and

soon, tin buckets became

available. The old iron kettles

fire burning.

(AEM) Tier 3A Plan; the Natthat month. Their proposal, ural Resources Conservation focused on reduced tillage Service to access technical equipment and organic compost to enhance soil health, assistance and financial comsecured them \$4,000 in De-The Brighter Future Fund is accepting applications through April 30, 2025. Beyond funding regenerative farming tools, eligible projects could include supplementing transaction costs to secure farmland or hiring an attorney or consultant to craft a farm transfer, business, or financial plan. To learn more about the Brighter Future Fund and eligible projects, visit https:// www.geneseevalleyconser-

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spending and purchases,

and I'm the lawn mower."

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Strikers walk and talk among themselves during Monday's strike along Exchange Street in Attica. The "wildcat"

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MARK GUTMAN/DAILY NEWS A striking employee checks his phone Monday morning outside Attica Correctional Facility. Negotiations were slated to begin between DOCCS and the union Strike Enters Second Week Has the strike being illefor Long-Term Solitary Congal under New York's Taylor finement Act, which limits Law, which allows for the solitary confinement. "We're imposition of fines or sancgoing to reintroduce that bill tions, stopped any workers this week. We're going to from staying on strike? have a press conference in "I know it wouldn't stop Albany. We're going to conme," Vaccaro said. "I can't tinue to bring attention to

this. The bottom line is, this

has got to stop. There is no

way that New York can func-

Assembly Republicans

also called for an end to the

HALT Act during a Monday

afternoon press conference

They said the feedback

tion without prisons."

in Albany.

speak for anybody else, but it

would stop me, believe me."

want to give her name, said

she was there to support the

strikers. She said she's been

retired for a couple of years

and that she retired because

the mandates on the job

"I would hope they would,

were killing her.

A woman who didn't

Saturday, March 1, 2025 A5 LE ROY SPORTS INSIDER Le Roy Celebrates Senior Night for Cheerleading and Boys Basketball

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place with an 11:05. by nearly 30 seconds to finish 2nd place. Izzy Farrell raced well to finish 6th Alli Vallese finished 3rd and Zoey Humphrey fin-

the Triple Jump with a 34'0 The Girls 4x400 (Leach. Powers, Major, Vallese) won the Sectional Championship with a time of 4:28. **Top Performances:** The Girls 4x800 PR'd by 22 seconds to finish 2nd Addie Gephart improved her 1500m race walk time

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Girls Stats:

team points. points!

Przybyl, Geitner, Wilson). Noah Kaczanowki PR'd by 4 inches in the High Jump to place 3rd. Jack Currin PR'd by 2 inches to place 5th. Fernando Cacho PR'd by nearly 2 feet in the Shot Put, finishing 3rd. Connor Elmore PR'd by

By COACH LYONS & THE LEROY SPORTS BOOSTERS What a night! Le Roy Boys & Girls Indoor Track & Field competed at Class B-2 Sectionals at Nazareth University. **Boys Stats:** The Le Roy Boys placed 2nd out of 14 teams at Sectionals with 72 points, barely holding off 3rd place Canisteo (71 points). It best time down to 8.43 secwas a true team accomplishment with every point doing hurdles for about a month)! Fellow LeRoyans —

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phrey). The Republican Incumbent, (Stein) did not receive any endorsement at the There are many issues facing our local community that are not being ad-I plan to change all of this to the benefit of the Taxpayers of Le Roy Shortly, I will be going door to door to ask for your signature to be included in the primary. If you have any questions on my campaign, you may call me at 585-797-5828. Your support is greatly appreciated, George Vito

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