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Le Roy Girls Basketball Wins OT Thriller to Upset C-R/B-R, Claims 'B2' Championship Title

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It was an absolute thriller on Wednesday night in the Section V Class B2 championship game between No. 6 Le Roy girls basketball and No. 1 Cuba-Rushford/Bolivar-Richburg, as the game went to overtime before a winner was named and ended with the Oatkan Knights claiming its first sectional title since 2007 with a final score of 50-42.

The first quarter opened up with both teams neck-and-neck, as defense was the name of the game throughout the early goings. Le Roy would ultimately take a slight 9-8 advantage by the end of the quarter.

Things stayed tight through the second quarter as well, until a 3-pointer made by Kylie Wilson sparked the team a bit and gave the Oatkan Knights a more comfortable 17-12 lead by halftime.

Once play resumed after the half, the Le Roy offense took off in the third quarter with the team hitting a series of inside the arc shots and layups to run up the lead all the way to 30-22.

Things got much more intense on into the fourth though, as C-R/B-R rallied all the way back after hitting a number of key shots, including two contested 3-pointers in a row, to bring the score to a tie down the stretch.

Le Roy's Maddie Paddock sank a layup to bring the lead back to two, which was followed by one made free throw to give the Oatkan Knights a narrow three-point lead with only seconds remaining.

Then the unthinkable happened, as C-R/B-R's Aubrey Williams nailed a 3-pointer in the final seconds to tie things back up.

This was followed by a somewhat confusing move, with C-R/B-R intentionally fouling Le Roy's Kylie Wilson after hitting the game-tying basket, which could have cost them the game right there. However, after the free throws didn't fall, the game went into OT to decide a champion.

The Oatkan Knights came out strong in extras, getting back to its signature suffocating defense while hitting a number of shots and free throws to ice the win, and claim the sectional title.

Paddock and Caton once again led the Le Roy team on offense, posting 12 points each. Caton was named the Class B2 tournament MVP for her efforts, and Paddock was selected as a tournament all-star.

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Le Roy girls basketball celebrates the Section V Class B2 title win on Wednesday.

Wilson also received tournament all-star honors, and finished the game with 10 total points.

Rounding out the top performances for the Oatkan Knights was Makenna Gallo with nine points, and Cora Weaver seven points.

For C-R/B-R, Lilly Farwell paced the team with a game-high 17 points. Williams got 14 points, and Lily Thompkins got 11 points.

It has been a remarkable run for Le Roy this post season, as the team came into sectionals sitting at a 10-10 record and the No. 6 seed. Despite this, head coach Anthony Macaluso said that after finishing the regular season strong, he knew this team could go far during the tournament.

"Well, we felt, you know, really the last five games of the regular season, that we were headed in the right direction. We didn't view ourselves as a team with 10 losses in the sixth seed. We knew we played Avon close two games. We knew Marcus Whitman was right there with us. We knew we were comparable to Cuba(-Rushford). So, we felt like we could really make a run as long as we kept playing hard and doing the right things along the way," Macaluso said.

Caton, who was named the Class B2 tournament MVP after winning the championship, said that the defense has been a big part of the team's success this postseason.

"I think we really push our defense like a lot in practice, every game we all commit, and we got to get this done on defense. If we're not taking shots, our defense will make up for it. Even if we're having a bad game, we always have a good defensive game, no matter what," Caton said.

The defense was once again impressive in this game, which helped gift the team the title win.

"Well, they're all always on the same page (on defense). When we game plan, it isn't just me and coach talking at practice. You know, it's all 10 girls talking at practice, game planning, communicating with each other, asking questions, and they're really a part of the game plan. They buy into it every single game. So, you know, that's really been the key," Macaluso said.

It was a bit of a shocking finish before OT when C-R/B-R hit that 3-pointer to tie it up and send it to extras. Coach Macaluso said that the team maintained its focus when the game got close.

"Well, it's been the same conversation for us, really, all season is that we don't get too high on our own runs, and we don't get too low on theirs. They went on a run. It just happened to be at the end of the game, and at that point, just a reset for us and just do what got you the lead in the first place, and that was play good defense, move the ball, take good shots, and that's what we did for that next four minutes in overtime," Macaluso said.

Paddock, who was named a tournament all-star, said that in those closer moments and in OT, the team knew they had what it took to win the game.

"We definitely just keeping encouraging. My teammates and I knew that we were really good under pressure. We always come back with a comeback," Paddock said. "And I knew that if we got fouled, the girls would make their free throws, and I knew we would just come back and take the win."

The team will now move on to play Waterloo in the Class B crossover, starting 10 a.m. on Saturday back at Finger Lakes Community College.

Caton discussed that while the road only gets tougher from here, she believes the team has a great shot to continue its impressive run.

"No matter what, we got to push ourselves. I think we have a good shot, even though they are maybe better than us. We lost to Dansville once. That was mid-season where we were in a span of like five games in a week. So, I think if we keep pushing in practice, and this definitely will help a lot, our win (on Wednesday), want us to do better this next game," Caton said.

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

'Herstory' of the Woodwards

By LYNNE BELLUSCIO
Special to The Le Roy Weekend Gazette

Cora Talmage Woodward was born August 10, 1859, in Baldwinsville near Syracuse. Her parents were Enos and Emily Reid Talmage and they moved to Pavilion Center and lived on a farm on the top of "Hendy Hill" where Cora grew up. There is no account of how Cora met Orator Woodward, but on January 19, 1882, twenty-two year old Cora Talmage married a young successful LeRoy businessman who would become famous as the owner of the Genesee Pure Food Company which owned the rights to Jell-O. Woodward was born in 1856 in North Bergen. His father had died during the Civil War and Orator's mother Phoebe, decided to move her family to LeRoy. Orator attended school for a while, but when he was twelve, he went to work for A.F. Bartow, who had succeeded Jacob LeRoy as land agent for the 86,000 acre Triangle Tract. Bartow lived in Jacob's old house on East Main Street, now the home of the LeRoy Historical Society. Mrs. Bartow remembered that young Orator Woodward "was full of ideas, energy, and talk, brimming over at all times." Orator worked for the Bartows as a stable boy and footman and he went with them to Chicago when they moved. When he moved back to LeRoy a few years later, he was heard to say, "Someday, everybody that I am serving will be licking my bootstraps." Young Orator tried his hand at several business ventures including Plaster of Paris balls for trap shooting and medicated Plaster of Paris eggs that would be placed under a chicken to kill lice. He had a small factory on Mill Street. After their marriage, Woodward acquired a variety of patent medicine businesses and moved the production to rooms above 17 Main Street. In the meantime, Cora and Orator began a family. Cora had their first child, Ernest, nine months after their wedding. Eventually the family grew to include four boys – Ernest, Paul, Orator Jr. and Donald, and two girls, Eleanor and Helen. The young family grew up on South Street in LeRoy and then moved to the Tillou house – the house east of LeRoy House.

Success and economic prosperity grew as Orator Woodward purchased the trademark "Jell-O" from a LeRoy neighbor, Pearle Wait for $450 in 1899. Woodward built a factory on North Street and invested in an advertising agency in New York City. He moved his family into a remodeled brick home on East Main Street which he called "Hill-Bar." The large house accommodated the family and several servants. Woodward described it as a French Chateau. Folks in LeRoy said it looked more like a house with silos on the corners. Unfortunately, as success grew, Orator's health failed. He suffered a stroke in 1905 and a few months later, died on January 21, 1906. He was forty-nine years old. His youngest child, Helen was only seven. His oldest son, Ernest was twenty-three. Ironically, Orator died in 1906 and the following year, Jell-O's gross sales would surpass $1 million. Orator's will stipulated that the factory and the business would be left to Cora, Ernest, and a brother-in-law, Thomas Larkin. A large trust was established and eventually two thirds would be divided between his living children and the remainder would go to Cora. She was to serve as president of the board of trustees of the company. The minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Genesee Pure Food Company are preserved in the rare book archives at the University of Rochester. There is little indication of how active Cora was on the board, but during that time, the business grew from $800,000 to over $3 million. Her son, Ernest after ten years would control the company.

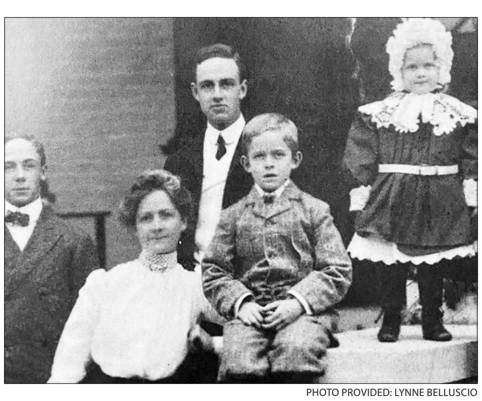
Cora's lifestyle changed dramatically after her husband's death. It was said that Orator was a strict disciplinarian and was known to physically punish the children. He was particularly

stingy and didn't allow Cora to buy new clothes. Cora, no longer under the thumb of her husband, enjoyed going to concerts dressed in a purple satin opera cape, embroidered with spider webs of silver thread. The cape is in the collection of the Historical Society. Cora also enjoyed collecting rare books and had one of the finest libraries in the area. She was an active member of the Women's Club and the History of Art Club as well as the LeRoy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was an active member of the Methodist Church and in 1918 donated money for the purchase of a pipe organ, manufactured by the Estay Organ Company of Brattleboro, Vermont. Her will provided an additional $10,000 bequest for additional money for the upkeep of the Methodist parsonage. The family owned the only double cottage at the Methodist camp on Silver Lake. She purchased land for an athletic field behind the school and she purchased the Kellogg home on the corner of Church Street, with the intention of turning it into a community center. Unfortunately, a fire in the house interrupted those plans and the house was razed.

In 1910, Cora's son, Paul died of pneumonia while in Baltimore. He was twenty-four. Cora had all of her stationary edged in mourning black. Later, Cora would admonish her youngest son, Don, not to follow in his brother's footsteps. Many of those letters are in the archives at the Historical Society.

Perhaps the most notable project that Cora undertook was the building of a new municipal building after the old one on Bank Street burned. She bought the Steinmetz and Strobel property on the corner of West Main and Clay Street and was willing to donate it to the Village but there were stipulations. She said: "I am perfectly willing to turn the deed to them as soon as I have the assurance that a suitable building will be erected on them." The village fathers dragged their feet but finally agreed to hire noted Rochester architect Claude Bragdon to design the building. LeRoyans raised $7500 which was used to purchase a bell for the fire tower in the Municipal Building. A simple brass plaque with her name, "Cora Woodward" is in the hall opposite the Village Clerk's office.

Cora retired from the Board of the Trustees, and when Helen, her youngest child became eighteen, Cora and Helen moved to Buffalo. After Helen was married, Cora moved to Pasadena, California where she died on November 9, 1923. She left an estate of $3,566,730. ($67,840,000 today). Most of the money was left to her children. She was laid to rest next to her husband in the Woodward mausoleum at Machpelah Cemetery.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Pictured is Paul, "Uncle Frank", Cora, Donald, and Helen.

Cora's memorial service was held in her son's house on East Main Street. He had torn down his father's house, Hill Bar, and built a magnificent home known as the Poplar Lane Farm. Ernest had married Edith Hartwell on New Year's Eve in 1903 in the Gustavus Morgan house at 53 West Main Street. The huge Italianate house was a wedding gift from Ernest's father. When Ernest and Edith moved to Poplar Lane, Ernest gave the huge house to the LeRoy American Legion.

Edith Hartwell Woodward was born in Pavilion and graduated from LeRoy High School in 1896. She graduated from Geneseo Normal School and taught for a short while in LeRoy. She was a member of the LeRoy Women's Club, the LeRoy Historical Society, the Country Club of Rochester and the Genesee Valley Club. She attended St. Mark's Church and belonged to the Willows Tennis Club, as well as the Stafford Country Club, which had been founded by her husband.

In Bill Brown's book, "Genesee's Rich and Famous" he writes about Edith: "Her concerns were quietly considered and expressed. . . . she wanted the hamlet of Lime Rock spruced up and somehow it was. She was concerned that LeRoy have a proper zoning ordinance and one was adopted. $75,000 was given to the Children's Home in Batavia. It annoyed her that Notre Dame, a private high school near Woodward Field in Batavia, was not allowed to play its football games on the athletic field (that) her husband's generosity made possible 'The use of public school property by a Catholic school was ruled illegal . . . so in 1954, Edith gave money to Notre Dame to purchase its own athletic field across Union Street. She also made possible a new athletic field for LeRoy public schools which included a soccer practice area, a quarter mile track and parking for 385 cars off South Street. When Edith died in 1955, she left an estate of more than $12 million. The University of Rochester was major beneficiary. It received Popular Lane farm and seventy percent of the residual estate to be added to the University endowment fund — — The house was given to the U of R as a retreat house. A blue and gold sign stood by the entrance driveway: "Woodward House University of Rochester." (That sign is now at the LeRoy Historical Society.) It was stipulated that if the University no longer wanted the house, it would be torn down. After four years, because it was too far from the main campus in Rochester and it was rarely used, the house on Poplar Lane was torn down, and the land was sold off in building lots. It is now the area of Woodward Drive and Garden Lane.

In 1946, after Donald Woodward's wife Florence moved out of the huge house on East Main Road opposite the golf course, Ernest bought the property and it became the Edith Hartwell Clinic for children with neuromuscular issues operated by the University of Rochester. The second floor was divided into bedrooms for children who boarded at the school. It closed in 1958. The house was empty for several years and then in May 1963, it was converted into a retreat house for the Sisters of Mercy and became known as Mercygrove. As their numbers dwindled, the house once again was empty. It was sold and became the home to the Mercedarian Fathers, and it is now owned by Jim Gombo-rone and is rented as an event center.

The legacy of the Woodward family is often told through the stories of the Woodward men, but there is no doubt that the Woodward women played an important role with their philanthropy and leadership.

Stein Farms Protects Acreage

Land to be preserved for agricultural uses

By THE DAILY NEWS STAFF
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Under four new conservation agreements, 1,002 acres of Le Roy farmland will be preserved in perpetuity for agricultural uses.

Stein Farms, a third-generation dairy that has operated for 70 years, partnered with the Genesee Valley Conservancy for the farmland protection easements, through which the state purchases the development rights for the land.

Funded mostly by state Agriculture and Markets grants and partly by the Stein family, the agreements require that the land remain available for farming forever, prohibiting commercial, residential and industrial development.

Of the land, 68 percent is designated USDA Prime Farmland, while 17 percent is designated important soil by the state Department of Agriculture and Markets.

The Stein family's pursuit of the easements stems from the fate of the previous Stein family farm, a cabbage farm in Chili.

Stein Farms founder Louis Stein lost the cabbage farm when construction of Interstate 490 split his acreage in half, sending the family to Le Roy to start over on new ground.

The Le Roy land came with two cows, and thus began the shift to the dairy business.

The second and third generations of the Stein family sought to protect the Le Roy land from development, a roughly five-year process that involved close collaboration with the Conservancy, said Taylor Wilkie, a land conservationist with the conservancy.

Participating were Ray and Shelley Stein, their son Jerrod and daughter Natasha, along with Ray's brother, Dale, and his son Nathaniel.

Wilkie said landowners in the Genesee Valley typically receive about $2,500 per acre in return for the development rights — far lower than the prices paid by developers.

"It's good to compare it to some of the other options that farmers have, and to recognize that this is not nearly as significant of a financial opportunity as it would be for them to put it in a solar lease," Wilkie said. "These are really committed landowners that care about their land staying in agriculture. There are a lot of factors that go into the decision, and we definitely appreciate everyone who decides to pursue this avenue rather than others."

The Stein Farms project was one of two pilot projects undertaken by the Genesee Valley Conservancy as part of establishing a Genesee County-led farmland protection program, similar to existing Conservancy programs in Livingston and Wyoming counties.

While the protected land is owned by Stein Farms, the farm rents more than 40% of its land. In a press release issued Friday, the Genesee Valley Conservancy wrote that the Steins hope their land protection efforts will inspire others to take similar steps.

To date, the Conservancy's farmland protection program has resulted in over $56 million being invested in protecting over 29,242 acres. Including its other programs, the Conservancy now oversees the protection of 40,868 acres.

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Red Osier Sues Sunny's

Stafford steakhouse accuses chefs of stealing secret recipes

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Two well-known restaurants are embroiled in a legal battle over trade secrets, after Stafford's Red Osier Landmark Restaurant filed a lawsuit accusing Sunny's Restaurant in Batavia and two of its employees of stealing secret recipes.

The case, filed in Genesee County Supreme Court in February, accuses chefs Nicole Granata and Justin Newmark of taking the secret recipes with them when they left their jobs at the Red Osier, and conspiring with Sunny's owner David Snyder to use the recipes in their new jobs at Sunny's.

The Red Osier's complaint doesn't specify which recipes the steakhouse contends were stolen, though it lists as examples the signature prime rib, twin cold water lobster tails, mahi mahi mango salsa and bourbon glazed salmon, all of which appear on the Sunny's dinner menu.

In its filing, the Red Osier demands that Sunny's return the recipes and destroy all copies, stop selling and advertising the dishes and issue a public retraction.

Snyder, Granata and Newmark haven't yet filed official responses, which are due by March 16. The first hearing in the case will take place on March 23 in Buffalo.

Reached by phone, both Snyder and Red Osier co-owner Steve Foster declined to comment, deferring to their attorneys. The Red Osier's attorney, John Refermat, declined to comment, while Snyder's attorney, Ted Graney, did not return a call from The Daily News.

Granata, speaking on behalf of herself and Newmark, also declined to comment.

Settlement more likely than extended litigation, experts say

Proving in court that a recipe is a trade secret is a difficult task, said Steve Kayman, an attorney and adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School.

"I think many people's first reaction is going to be: Really? Twin cold lobster tails and signature prime rib is something secret?" Kayman said. "If I'm a judge, I would press on the definition of a trade secret. Number one, it has to be not known outside the plaintiffs by people who could make use of it, it has to be not readily ascertainable, meaning you can't figure it out easily from the outside looking in; number two, it has to provide value because of secrecy; and number three, it has to be subject to reasonable efforts to keep it secret."

"It looks like the plaintiff was ticked that all these people left to form a competitor, and maybe didn't give enough notice or weren't upfront about what they were doing, and you wonder if that's what really led to this," he said.

Kayman pointed to Buffets, Inc. v. Klinke, a 1996 case in which a federal circuit judge ruled that a major buffet chain's recipes weren't trade secrets, despite the defendants stealing and copying the recipes for their own restaurant, because the dishes could be easily replicated.

Even assuming the recipes are trade secrets, such lawsuits rarely succeed, said Jack A. Gordon, an attorney and former chair of the New York City Bar's Hospitality Law Committee.

"If you don't specifically identify what it is that you're claiming trade secret protection on at the time you have somebody come on board — that's the best time to do it and sign a nondisclosure and confidentiality agreement — you're not going to prevail in court," Gordon said.

"If it's just a matter of a generic statement in the employee handbook that says, 'We have a lot of trade secrets with our recipes; please acknowledge receipt of the handbook,' that's probably not going to hold water as a claim that can survive to a verdict," he said. "They're [The Red Osier] looking for a temporary restraining order and an injunction. The standard for that is pretty high."

More likely, Kayman said, the Red Osier is seeking to force Sunny's and the former employees to negotiate a settlement.

"I would think it's to send a message to the defendants that the plaintiff is ticked and to bring them to the table, and then they'll strike some kind of deal, in all likelihood, to not use certain recipes or to not serve certain kinds of food for some period of time. That would be typical," he said. "It doesn't look like it's really worth it for anyone to actually litigate this thing."

MARK GUTMAN/THE DAILY NEWS
A legal battle over trade secrets has erupted between the Red Osier in Stafford and Sunny's Restaurant in Batavia. A lawsuit filed by the Red Osier accuses two former chefs of taking recipes with them and conspiring with Sunny's owner to use the recipes in their new jobs.

Finest Florist & Gifts Opens in Le Roy

Lori and Peter Brown transition space behind Le Roy's No Finer Diner from ice cream to flowers

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After Lakestreet Florists, operated by Joyce and Richard Cook, closed its doors after 38 years in operation at the end of 2025, it left a bit of a void in Le Roy.

Lori Brown and her husband Peter, owners of the town staple Le Roy's No Finer Diner, recently filled that need after opening a new florist shop behind the restaurant.

The business at 140 W. Main Street in the village offers a variety of bouquets and arrangements which can be purchased for both individual use and for large scale events.

According to Brown, the ice cream shop that used to be in this space had started to slow down a bit, and with the florist shop on Route 19 ceasing operations, the opportunity presented itself to do something new.

"(The ice cream parlor) was only open a couple months out of the year. It just sat here. You know, we're paying the mortgage and it's something that's just sitting. So, we were trying to think of something that we could put back here instead of the ice cream. And when Joyce (Cook) closed up at her shop on 19, that's when I just said, why don't we try that? So that's why we were looking for something, and that just kind of came out of nowhere, so we just decided to go with it," Lori said.

After the couple decided to make the change from ice cream to flowers, Peter spent some time renovating the space by moving out the ice cream equipment, building new shelves and counters, and repainting the walls himself.

Opening day for the storefront was on Monday, March 2, but they had already been fulfilling orders, including a very busy February 14 for Valentine's Day. Lori and Peter are very happy with the reception they have received so far.

"We did open for Valentine's Day. That was a big deal. We actually didn't make anything profit wise, but we were able to make enough where we could pay for all the supplies that we brought in, vases and flowers," Lori said. "Well, and that was only word of mouth. I just kind of threw it on Facebook that day and people caught it and came in, so that was good. Everybody's so excited. It seems like that I've not heard nothing but positive."

Flower arranging has always been something Lori enjoyed, and with the new florist shop, she hopes to bring joy to the community in a similar way to how No Finer Diner has done for years.

"I've always loved flowers. We've always had them in our home. You know, we would buy them and I'd make arrangements and always had flowers," Lori said. "(Flowers) just bring joy to people's lives and that's what we do at the diner. So, I kind of wanted to do bring something that would bring joy to everybody in a different way. So, I figured flowers were kind of a good thing to do," Lori said.

As for what they hope to see the business grow into, Lori hopes her arrangements become a part of LeRoyans special occasions for years to come.

"I want to be able to be part of people's weddings, funerals for the families that are there; just different occasions, just birthdays or any kind of celebration that we can be a part of," Lori said. "So, I want it to grow into something pretty big."

Customers can stop by the storefront anytime between 9 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, and between 9 p.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

SAMUEL ZERILLO/THE LE ROY WEEKEND GAZETTE
Lori and Peter Brown behind the counter of the new florist shop.

AROUND THE TOWN

with Supervisor James Farnholz

At last Thursday's board meeting the Town of Le Roy awarded the contract for phase I of Water district 12 to Morsch Pipeline, Inc. Phase 1 is the northwest quarter of the town, divided by routes 5 and 19. Cost of phase 1 is $5,547,662.00. We anticipate breaking ground around the end of April or the beginning of May. Bid awards for the other 3 phases will be going out in the next few months. We anticipate full completion of work in 18-24 months. This marks the end of a 5-year process to get water to all of Le Roy. I will keep everyone posted on the process of the project.

As the snow melts and we see the first signs of spring our attention moves to summer recreation. Anyone interested in positions in recreation or as a lifeguard should go to the town recreation page and fill out the form there.

Finally, as we have hopefully seen an end to the winter weather, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Town Highway department as well as the Village for their hard work this winter keeping our roads clear and safe. With warmer weather on the horizon, I hope to see people outside enjoying our beautiful town and village.

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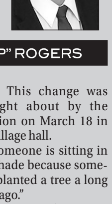

Just a friendly reminder to turn the clocks ahead Saturday Night and about the changes below in our meeting schedule.

The village board meeting will be on March 11 at 7 p.m. at The Village Hall. This change was brought about by the election on March 18 in the village hall.

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Worship on Sundays at 10:30am
Watch our livestream on FB: facebook.com/villageofLeRoy/

Living Waters Church
30 Main St., Le Roy
(585) 768-7570
livingwatersLeRoy.org
Sunday service is held at 10:00am each week.
Fully-staffed Nursery and Children's Ministries are available at every service.
Watch live on Facebook: www.facebook.com/livingwatersLeRoyny
YouTube Livestream: www.youtube.com/@livingwaterschurch3612

Our Lady of Mercy & St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Family
44 Lake St., Le Roy
(585) 768-6543
ourladyofmercyLeRoy.org
Mass Times @ OLM:
Saturday Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 5:30pm
Weekday: 7:30am M-F; 9:00am Sat.
Mass Times @ St. Brigid's:
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Weekday: 7:30am Thursday
Mass times may change in the near future.
YouTube Livestream: youtube.com/@ourladyofmercyLeRoy1890/streams

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
1 E. Main St., Le Roy
(585) 768-7200
www.stmarksLeRoy.org
Facebook: stmarksLeRoy
Worship on Sundays at 10:30 am
Coffee hour following
Sunday school for children & adults
First Sunday of the month at 9:30 am
All are welcome here!

Le Roy 12th Grade Second Marking Period Honor Roll

HIGH HONOR ROLL
Carson Caton
Brayden Chase
Laney Christ
Paityn Condidorio
Zoey Condidorio
Mathew Dorobiala
Izabelle Farrell
Elise Fisher
Carter Fix
Case Geitner
Addison Gephart
Liam Grayson
Matthew Hockey
Evelyn Kanaley
James Kingsbury
Jordin Kreutz
Adam Leitten
Cecelia Paliani
Natalee Pratt
Emily Rigdon
Ashlee Shriber
Jagger Smith
Harper Sullivan
Isabella Suttell
Addison Tonzi
Cole Tonzi
Cameron Wilson
Madelyn Wolfanger
Suri Woods

HONOR ROLL
Terrence Asbrand
Thomas Crissy
Caden Drozdowski
Connor Elmore
Grady Gilligan
Kiajia Johnson-Guy
Julie Kochmanski
Darrell Langston
Brennen Maldonado
Evan McAllister
Emma Offen
Olivia Raffel
Aidan Weaver
Ellison Williams
Dawson Wojtaszczyk

MERIT ROLL
Keira Baker
Ariana Bodine
Jaxon Burnside
Jack Clifford
Cadence Cook
Jack Currin
Nicholas DeKruger
Seth Draper
Bianca Gregory
Tate Hempel
Cecilia Humphrey
Lucas Morrison
Skylar Nole
Lily Renz
Joseph Reschke
Ashlyn Reynolds
Thomas Roloson
Ellsee Ruby
Brandon Shirley
Micah Smith

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Le Roy 11th Grade Second Marking Period Honor Roll

HIGH HONOR ROLL
Dylan Anderson
Trinity Barnum
Eli Benware
Violet Blake
Lillian Burns
Thomas Clifford
Caleb Cone
Victoria Fetzer
Makenna Gallo
Sadie Garner
Halie Hassell
Aeris Hurley
Annora Karcher
Anna Kent
Maxwell Kolmetz
Lilly MacKenzie
Madison Major
Dannielle Morehead
Nathan Pangrazio
Ryan Patterson
Alaina Powers
Sydney Pullyblank
Kallia Shannon
Jeremiah Sheehan
Evy Sibley
Mia Strollo
Camden Thomas
Allison Vallese
Carolyn Wujcik

HONOR ROLL
Bryar Biracree
Abigail Bodine
Sydney Butler
Andrew Coniglio
Emily Cooper
Robert Cooper
Michael Fortuna
Alyssa Mead
Dominick Miller
Calvin Zhao

MERIT ROLL
Addison Alquist
Sascha Breton
Domanic Dieter
Madelyn Emke
Owen Flynn
Elizabeth Gallagher
Jacob Gray
Simon Greene
Benjamin Knapp
Brady McClurg
Deacon Queal
Carly Rodas
Evan Rose
Caleb Schutt
Emma Smith
Jameson VanEenwyk
Jameson Zitz

Le Roy 10th Grade Second Marking Period Honor Roll

HIGH HONOR ROLL
Leah Cashin
Bailey Caton
Molly Chase
Esme Coleman
Chloe Costa
Emerson Currin
Robert Dunn
Emily Harding
Meredith Ianni
Lyla Jones
Aubrey Klinkbeil
Reese Koukides
Andrea Merica
Mathew Mosher
Kyleigh Mott
Leighton Niccloy
Jaxon Nichols
Evan Nickerson
Eastin Ruby
Jordyn Shepard
Abigail Valdes
Cora Weaver
Kylie Wilson
William Zerillo

HONOR ROLL
Camryn Bunch
Kayda Charache
Jude Christ
Karmyn Clemons
Marie Cooper
Benjamin Geitner
Colton Halladay
Jacob Keller
Alayna Kepple
Carter Nole
Madison Paddock
Allyson Walters
Elizabeth Wannike
Laurel Wood

MERIT ROLL
Eden Beauchamp
Sydney Connolly
Payton Cray
Raelyn Farmer
Jacob Ferris
Chandler Hall
Logan Kanaley
Logan Kinsley
Ian Ludwig
Peyton Privitera
Reece Przybyl
Ariana Starks
Ryder Stiles
Anneliese Williams

Le Roy 9th Grade Second Marking Period Honor Roll

HIGH HONOR ROLL
Arianna Aube
Ivy Heick
Paige Kolmetz
Nathan Stevens

HONOR ROLL
Carolyn Aceto
Leah Braaten
Kendall Bunch
Ryan Crissy
Cole Crocker
Addison Farrell
Teaghan Freeman
Corwin Geiger Jr.
Anna Greene
Harper Holly
Ryan Kaczmarek
Kendall Kanaley
Jacob Kochmanski
Tiffany Lefort
Alan McLean
Lily Miller
Kendall Mogavero
Luke Offen
Eli Prevost
Vianey Rojas
Casarez
Jenna Sherman
Carson Stiles

MERIT ROLL
Alec Bartz
Aubrey Beattie
Branson Butler
Declan Colantonio
Jaxson Cook
Autumn Cooper
Chloe Garner
Pipper Grant
Ryan Hill
Lily Husted
Killian Lapp
Matthew McClellan Jr.
Keidan Nash
Jason Pickard
Vannya Rojas
Ethan Rose
Addison Schneckenburger
Sydney Shaw
Aidan Thompson
Caroline Vernaccini
Kimberly Walters
Isaac Warren

Le Roy 8th Grade Second Marking Period Honor Roll

HIGH HONOR ROLL
John Amico
Regan Anderson
Ivy Bond
Olivia Burns
Benjamin Caskin
Kiptyn Cone
Marigrace Cummings
Zoe Ferrell
Isabelle Harding
Jolie Hempel
Christopher Ianita
Quinton Ianni
Landon Kaczanowski
Quinn Karcher
Lilyana Lampman
Elayna Leitten
Dylan Loftus
Mackenzie McLaughlin
Harrison Porter
Mila Vaillancourt
Ryker Vangalio
Wyatt Whipple

HONOR ROLL
Dylan Baustista Perez
Mason Biggins
Abigail Clark
Blake Fetzer
Eli Fortuna
Lola Fussell
Claire Howe
Gunner Humphrey
Weston Humphrey
Rose Jandik
Ryliee Lantz
Lucas Miller
Brianna Morrison
Andrew Murphy
Felicity Pickard
Zachary Pocock
Brianne Powers
Fiona Privitera
Calayla Sacdalan
Andrew Sibley
Liana Torres Brown
Myla Vaillancourt
Abigail Vedder
Laila Williams

MERIT ROLL
Jace Beauchamp
Samuel Bogue
Nathan Conte
Darby Ferrell
Madison Hutchinson
Ilayna Langmaid
Nathan Macintyre
Noah Neth
Angel Perez
Ace Pridmore
Tatum Shannon
Gracie Swift
Keeley VanEenwyk
Ava Wyskiel

Le Roy 7th Grade Second Marking Period Honor Roll

HIGH HONOR ROLL
Quinn Avery
Eden Bailey
Jaiden Biletskiy
Logan Corcimiglia
Jayda Cosimeno
Christopher Costa
Cole Cray
Brooklyn Cunningham
Ainsleigh Currin
Maddox Finnin
Farrah Fox
Connar Hanley
Emilee Houk
Stone Husted
Janice Jones
Avery Kelly
Nina Kent
Reesa Kent
Averie Lamkin
Zoie Mansfield
Sophia Mazerbo
Carter McClurg
Mollie McNamara
Kiley Miller
Cooper Moran
Raven Mulder
Owen Nichols
Chloe Parker
Graham Pawlak
Gracyn Phillips
Olivia Rider
McKenzie Robinson
Emma Saeva
Jasmine Schlonski
Drew Spink
Celeste Vescovi
Penelope Warren
Aiden Weise
Isabella Worley

HONOR ROLL
Jace Bartz
Benton Biracree
Taelynn Brooks
Brady Brownell
Avalyn Carubia
Aura Fox
Liana Franklin
Addison Goodenough
Lia Hamel
Christian Hill
Eli Kemp
Gianna Perry-Steffenilla
Dexter Prentice
Abrianna Tooley
Camden Weber
Vanessa Weller
Brody Wilson
Arianna Yaw
Alexis Zastrocky

MERIT ROLL
Joslyn Battaglia
Yerik Bautista Perez
Jakob Chalker
Auria Estey
Kyler Farmer
Logan Garner
Brogan Heaman
Rose Kast
Skylar Klinkbeil
Liam McQuillen
Isaac Morrison
Brooklyn Wilson

Question of the Week

Question from The Le Roy Weekend Gazette staff

Without swearing, what's your best insult?

HAVE AN ANSWER? SHARE IT WITH US IN THE COMMENTS OF OUR FACEBOOK POST!

Previous question - "What new hobby would you like to try?"

TODD S.: Making voodoo dolls
ROB E.: Retirement!!
EARL F.: Moonshine Production at Scale!

Have an answer you want to share with us directly? Send your answers to bfunderburk@batavianews.com

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What's Up Le Roy?

EVENTS COMING UP IN OUR Community!

Friday, Mar 6
6-10pm
Open Mic at The Studio ft. Tom + Carolyn
Join us every first Friday for an evening of solid local talent for Open Mic at The Studio. Special guest duo Tom & Carolyn will kick off the evening with a performance from 6pm-6:30pm. Sign ups start at 6pm, see you there!
Ibuni Photography
35 Jackson St., Batavia

Fri, Mar 6 + Sat, Mar 7
9am-1pm
Taste of Spring Open House & Customer Appreciation Days 2026
Join us Friday March 6 & Saturday March 7, 2026 for our annual Taste of Spring Open House & Customer Appreciation Days! Lunch on both days! Chance to win door prizes, demo our equipment and talk to our experienced team! Join us for food, fun and mowers!
Cedar Street Sales and Rental
111 Cedar St., Batavia

Saturday, Mar 7
12am
Saturday Evenings are Senior Nights
Come in and Enjoy
At Chaps this week, don't miss senior nights on Saturday evenings; join us to enjoy our outstanding prime rib special.
Chap's Elba Diner
5 S. Main St., Elba NY

6pm
Fairies, Feast, and Frolic!
Hark and gather, good friends! Thou art warmly beckoned to an eve of bountiful victuals, merry melodies, and shameless song, where voices high and low may revel in jubilant karaoke. Don thy finest cosplay, should'st thou wish, though plain attire shall offend none. A modest tribute of fifteen dollars is sought to secure the feast and summon our most illustrious master of music!
Translation: we are having a fun night of cosplay, food, and karaoke! Cosplay is optional, dinner will be spaghetti, and we'll have a DJ for music and karaoke! $15 admission to cover the venue, food, and DJ.
Churchville Moose Lodge
5709 Chili Riga Center Rd., Churchville NY

7-10pm
2nd Annual Meat Raffle
Join us for our 2nd Annual Meat Raffle Fundraiser. Doors open at 6pm.
$10 person or $75 for a table of 8. Admission includes pizza, soda and water.
No outside alcohol permitted, but the Legion bar will be open to the public.
Bring $1 bills for tickets, and a cooler for your winnings! Basket raffle and 50/50 will also be taking place.
Funds raised go directly back to LeRoy Athletics through LeRoy Sports Boosters! Help support our Knights!
See a Booster Member for a ticket, DM us through Messenger, or email lroysportsboosters@gmail.com!
See you there!!
Botts Fiorito American Legion Post #576
53 W. Main Street, Le Roy

Wednesday, Mar 11
11am-9pm
Arc GLOW Celebrates Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
This March, join us in raising awareness for Developmental Disability Awareness Month while indulging in Batavia's Original!! Your participation will help shine a light on the importance of understanding and supporting individuals with developmental disabilities.
When you visit this location, be sure to bring your coupon! The coupon is attached to our cover photo OR you can stop into one of our administrative offices (18 Main Street Mt. Morris or 64 Walnut Street Batavia).
Arc GLOW is a family and community-driven organization, comprised of highly trained and compassionate professionals, providing a lifetime of supports and growth opportunities for people with varying abilities, creating environments where each individual can live, learn, work and thrive.
Why It Matters?
Developmental Disability Awareness Month is a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals with developmental disabilities. It also serves as a reminder of the ongoing need for greater inclusion and accessibility in all aspects of life.
Join Us
Don't miss out on this opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal while making a meaningful impact. Spread the word, bring your friends, and let's make a difference together!
Thank you for your support and for being a part of this important initiative.
Thank you for supporting Arc GLOW!
Batavia's Original Pizzeria
500 E. Main St., Batavia

6:30pm
Le Roy Garden Club Free Program: Buffalo Garden Walks Armchair Tour
The famed Buffalo Garden Walk is an annual event that is one of the high points of summer in Western New York. Join us for an armchair tour of some of the fabulous gardens featured over the years, presented by CCE Master Gardener Brenda Fox. This meeting is free and open to the public. We suggest that non members give a $5 donation at the door to help support the Garden Club's community projects. Stay for refreshments and sit in on the Club's business meeting to learn more about what we do as a volunteer organization. Please sign up to let us know you're coming: https://bit.ly/gardenclub2026mar. The event is also posted on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/events/1435293201370673.
First Presbyterian Church of Le Roy
7 Clay Street, Le Roy, NY

Friday, Mar 13 + 27
5pm-8pm
Let's Play Euchre
Kitchen Opens at 5pm
Signup at 6:30pm
Play starts at 7pm
100% payout. $10 to play.
50/50 drawing $5 for 10 tickets.
Bring snacks if you want. Bar menu available for purchase.
Questions? Call (585) 721-7801 or email auxiliary576@gmail.com
Le Roy American Legion
53 W. Main St., Le Roy

Saturday, March 14
10am-2pm
Annual Easter Bunny Day
Stop on down to visit the Easter Bunny!
Oliver's Candies
211 W. Main St., Batavia

8-11pm
Karaoke Night
Grab your friends and warm up those vocals because we're turning up the volume!
Join us at Settler's Select for a fun-filled night of music, laughs, and unforgettable performances with KC Sunshine Entertainment bringing the party! Whether you're ready to rock the mic or just cheer on your friends, it's going to be a blast.
Settler's Select
37-39 Main St., Le Roy

Saturday, March 21
10am-3pm
2nd Annual Lucky Paws Basket Raffle & Vendor Show
A fun-filled day of shopping, prizes, food, music, and furry friends that you won't want to miss!
Batavia City Centre
102 Main St., Batavia

ONGOING:

Mondays
10:30-11am
All Ages Storytimes
Join Miss Melissa or Miss Sara for stories and songs of a new theme each week, plus a mix of flannel board activities, instruments, and/or bubbles! Children 1-5 years old, but siblings of all ages are welcome to join. Registration is appreciated!*
*Registering for one will sign you up for the remainder of the session, Oct. 20 - Dec. 15. This gives us a general idea of how many people to expect from week to week.
Woodward Memorial Library
7 Wolcott St., Le Roy

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 6pm
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.
Dio's Eclectic Treasures
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.
Dio's Eclectic Treasures
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 • LEAFY GREENS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Unlisted clue hint: POPEYE'S FAVORITE FOOD

Arugula, Beet greens, Bok choy, Cabbage, Chard, Chicory, Collard greens, Endive, Fennel, Kale, Leek, Lettuce, Quinoa, Turnip greens, Watercress

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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. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Acadia National Park?
2. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was an avid dog breeder who gave his hunting hounds funny names like "Sweet Lips" and "Madam Moose"?
3. MOVIES: Who is the antagonist of "Shrek" in the first animated movie?
4. LITERATURE: What is the pseudonym of the 20th-century author who was born Adeline Virginia Stephen?
5. TELEVISION: What's the family's last name in the TV sitcom "The Middle"?
6. HISTORY: Which famous nurse was known as the Lady with the Lamp?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Ringgit is the common currency in which Southeast Asian country?
8. ANATOMY: Which human organ stores bile?
9. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "Cogito, ergo sum" mean in English?
10. MATH: What is the next prime number after 7?

Super Crossword — FUN 'N' GAMES

ACROSS
1 Lack of vitality
7 Neighbor of Florida
14 Garlicky sauces
20 In a rational manner
21 Unexpired driver's license, e.g.
22 Well-spoken
23 Whole bunch of baby felines?
25 Regions, weatherwise
26 Some reddish deer
27 Sex educator Shere
28 Jokester Jay
30 Viscous stuff
31 DVD— (data holders)
32 Make angry
33 Dogs that hunt egrets?
37 Fade away
38 B.A., e.g.
39 Corp. exec in charge of ads and branding
41 Locale
42 "Oh, gotcha"
43 Snacks that help physicists build atomic bombs?
47 Campus digs
49 Text-scanning device: Abbr.
50 French for "the king"
51 Head up
53 1890s veep Stevenson
55 Back of an overseas ship?
59 Entrepreneur Bezos who cooks sheep delicacies?
63 Tan-colored
64 "Ich bin — Berliner"
66 Actors Momoa and Statham
67 Frigid
68 Ladies who use Speed Stick?
72 — Newton
75 Shared a living space
77 Water, in Lille
78 2008 documentary about the national debt
80 Cover girl from a city in central Georgia?
84 Fire breather's parachute descent?
88 Flabbergast
89 Paddy food
91 — Park (Edison's home)
92 Machinery wheel
93 Unwell
97 Package shipped to singer Dolly?
102 From the top
104 En — (in full court)
106 Free TV spot, in brief
107 "I taut I — a puddy tat!"
108 Med. group
109 Serenity in a rabbit colony?
112 Woodsy den
114 U-boats, e.g.
115 Feel unwell
116 Andean land
117 French essayist Simone
118 Singer Horne
119 Nag
122 Answer from poet Countee?
126 Greek goddess of wisdom
127 Phoenician goddess of fertility
128 "Could be"
129 Deny
130 Own
131 Atlantic City hotel/casino

DOWN
1 Request
2 Capital of Kenya
3 Buries
4 Doles (out)
5 Specks in la mer
6 "Anthem" author Rand
7 Benefit
8 Med. test worker
9 Balm additive
10 Playbill info
11 Befuddle
12 Some track runners
13 Lymphoid throat mass
14 Ravens' gp.
15 "Send me"
16 "Yes, yes!," in France
17 Food flatfish
18 Suffix with Benedict
19 Roads: Abbr.
24 Bun worn at the back of the neck
29 Savvy about
31 Fight arbiter
32 Co. shuffling
33 Expectation
34 That girl
35 Unstimulating java
36 Letter stroke
38 Protest at which people lie down
40 "Uncle" of old TV
44 Whole lot
45 U.S. spy gp.
46 "Uncle" of the U.S.
48 Singer Aimee
52 "Of the day," on menus
54 VIPs at raves
55 DOJ agency
56 Tolkien fiend
57 Crooner Orbison
58 Often-dinged car feature
60 — -o'-shanter
61 Mao — -tung
62 Ending for ball or bass
65 DE-to-VT dir.
68 Dad's mate
69 Angsty genre
70 Flanders of "The Simpsons"
71 Fishing boots
72 Animal's coat
73 The same: Prefix
74 Hiatus
75 Cartoonist Chast
76 Wallet bills
78 Spouse's father, e.g.
79 Bad smell
80 Kind of parrot
81 Refrigerator brand
82 Reluctant to be filmed
83 Glass edge
85 Latin "I love"
86 Non-Jewish
87 Comparable (with)
90 Robin's wear
94 "Son of," in Arabic
95 Al who drew Li'l Abner
96 Patella
98 Natural gifts
99 England-to-France connector
100 Envoy's residence
101 — Angeles
103 Authors
105 David of "NYPD Blue"
110 Justice Kagan
111 Niche sects
113 Bueno —
114 Capital of South Korea
117 Existed
118 Meg Mallon's gp.
119 Wok, e.g.
120 Greek vowel
121 Light beam
123 Notes before tis
124 Sis, e.g.
125 Swirly letter

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RIVALS SPORTS INSIDER

Le Roy's Wojtaszczyk Takes Fourth, Cal-Mum's Peet Takes Eighth at Boys Wrestling State Championships, Section V Wins Team Title

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It was another tremendous showing from Section V and, in particular, GLOW region wrestlers at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Division 2 Boys Wrestling Championships.

Section V brought home the team title between sections with a score of 293, and 10 GLOW region grapplers ended the weekend on the podium of the 13 that competed.

Leading the way was Avon/Geneseo's Connor Duryea, who finished second at 103 pounds. The sophomore was the No. 3 seed and began his run with a 13-6 decision win. He followed with a 6-3 decision and a tight 7-6 decision to advance to the NYSPHSAA Division 2 103-pound title bout.

He quickly jumped out to a 5-0 lead and held a 5-1 lead late into the third period. Sherburne-Earlville's Drew Telesky rallied late and emerged with a 7-6 win over Duryea. He ends his outstanding season with a 40-3 record, as the highest-placing GLOW region wrestler.

Three grapplers finished in third place in their respective weight classes: Alexander/Pembroke's Brody Heckman, Letchworth's Joe Scott, and Avon/Geneseo's James Chase.

After a bye as the No. 2 seed at 165 pounds, Heckman earned a pinfall in 50 seconds to win his opener. He followed with a dominant 15-0 technical fall win before being knocked out in the semifinal round against No. 6 seed, Newark Valley's Cadin Creeley. Heckman closed the weekend out with a pinfall win and a 1-0 decision to take third place. The senior closes out his final season at 44-2.

Scott also had a first-round bye as the No. 2 seed at 138 pounds. He opened up with a pin in 22 seconds in his opening bout. He dominated in his next match for an 18-2 technical fall, but was upended in the semifinal round by No. 3 seed Tioga's Jayden Duncanson. In the consolation bracket, he earned 7-1 and 3-0 decisions to wrap up the weekend in third place and with a final season record of 44-2.

Chase joined his teammate in advancing into the semifinal round, advancing with an 8-6 decision and pinfall following his first-round bye. The No. 6 seed at 144 pounds, defeated by No. 2 Ashten Haley of Cobleskill/Richmondville in the semifinal. He went on to secure 7-0 and 7-1 decisions to give the Lakers two top-three finishers in the NYSPHSAA Championships. He closes the season 40-4.

Le Roy's Dawson Wojtaszczyk and Dansville/Wayland-Cohocton's Wyatt Sartori both grabbed fourth-place finishes.

Wojtaszczyk was the No. 4 seed at 132 pounds and earned a pin followed by a 5-4 decision to reach the semifinal. There he was downed by eventual state champion and No. 1 seed, Honeoye Falls-Lima's Christopher Noto by pinfall. Wojtaszczyk bounced back for a 10-2 major decision to reach the consolation final, but was pinned by No. 3 seed Unatego/Unadilla Valley's Gavin Nordberg. The senior wraps up his season with a 38-7 record.

Sartori was looking to build off his fourth-place finish a year ago and ultimately matched it again this season. The No. 4 seed at 110 pounds had a bye before defeating Le Roy's Ryan Crissy in the opener by pin. Sartori earned a pinfall win to reach the semifinal round, but fell in a 4-2 decision to top seed and eventual state champion, Tioga's Declan McKee. He earned another win by pin to reach the consolation final before falling in a 4-0 decision to No. 2 seed Eden's Mason DellaPenta. Sartori ends 41-2 overall on the season.

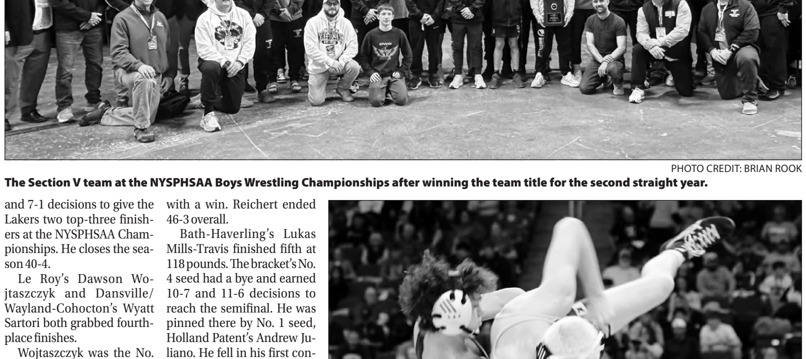
Alexander/Pembroke's Ryder Reichert was among three fifth-place finishers. The No. 5 seed had a bye and then earned a pinfall win. He fell in the quarterfinal round to No. 4 seed Eden's Trevor DellaPenta by an 8-4 decision. A 15-0 technical fall and a pin began his run in the consolation bracket, but he lost a 5-3 decision in the consolation semifinal to send him to the fifth-place match. There, he dominated and earned a pin in under two minutes to finish his season with a win. Reichert ended 46-3 overall.

Bath-Haverling's Lukas Mills-Travis finished fifth at 118 pounds. The bracket's No. 4 seed had a bye and earned 10-7 and 11-6 decisions to reach the semifinal. He was pinned there by No. 1 seed, Holland Patent's Andrew Juliano. He fell in his first consolation bracket match by a 9-6 decision before earning a 10-2 major decision in the fifth-place match. Mills-Travis finishes with a 40-6 record.

Dansville/Way-Coh's Peter Thompson also finished in fifth place. He was the No. 3 seed at 165 pounds and opened with a 15-0 technical fall victory after his first-round bye. He was upset by the No. 6 seed, Newark Valley's Cadin Creeley, via pinfall. Thompson began his consolation bracket run with a 6-2 decision and followed with a win by pin. He was pinned in the consolation semifinal before winning the fifth-place match by technical fall, 17-1. Thompson ends 35-9.

Cal-Mum's Jackson Peet ended on the podium in eighth place at 190 pounds. He finished the year 38-4. He earned a pin in his first match, but fell by a 19-4 technical fall. He rattled off two straight wins from there with a 17-1 technical fall and an 8-6 decision by tiebreaker by one. He was pinned in his final two matches of the tournament, taking eighth.

Dansville/Way-Coh's Garrett Mehlenbacher ends his season 29-10. He went 2-2 at 138 pounds. Crissy went 1-2 at 110 pounds. After winning the opener and falling to Sartori, he was pinned in his first consolation bracket match and finished 29-12 on the season. Dansville/Way-Coh's Weston Mehlenbacher finished 0-2 at the tournament at 103 pounds, and concluded the season 28-12.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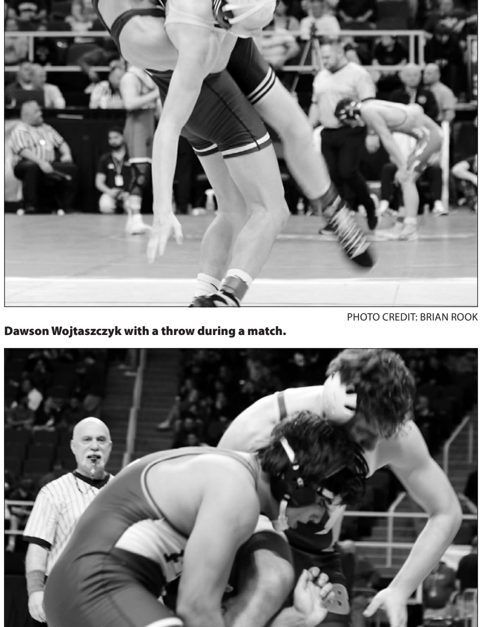
The Section V team at the NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Championships after winning the team title for the second straight year.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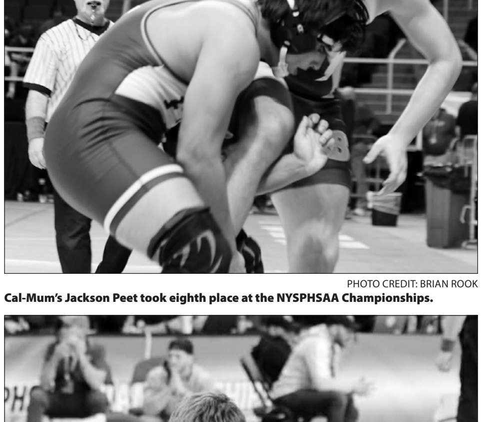
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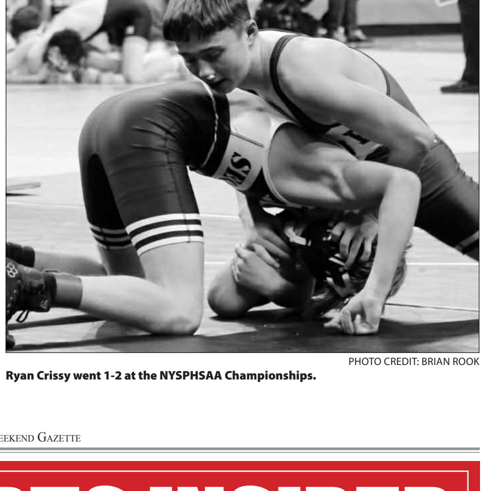
Cal-Mum's Jackson Peet took eighth place at the NYSPHSAA Championships.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Ryan Crissy went 1-2 at the NYSPHSAA Championships.

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Gilligan's Double-Double Leads Le Roy Boys Basketball Over Livonia in 'B1' Quarterfinals

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It was a battle until the very end when No. 1-seeded Le Roy hosted No. 9 Livonia for the Section V Class B1 quarterfinal round on Saturday, with some great play down the stretch from Grady Gilligan and Matt Hockey giving the Oatkan Knights an edge late that gifted the team a 58-47 victory.

Le Roy jumped out to a quick early lead, ending the first half up comfortably on the scoreboard. Livonia fought back hard during the second quarter, however, and kept things close both into the half and after it, with the score tied 35-35 with about two minutes to go in the third quarter.

It all came down to the fourth, and the Oatkan Knights stepped up in a big way to take control back in the late stages. Brayden Chase generated a spark after stealing the ball and scoring the layup, which started an 11-point scoring run that brought the lead to 54-40 with less than two minutes remaining.

Gilligan and Hockey led the charge during this run, hitting some key buckets and sinking a series of important free throws to ice the win.

Gilligan had a stellar performance for the Oatkan Knights during this game, posting a 24-point and 11-rebound double-double. He would also tack on four steals and three blocks.

Once Livonia started to battle back in the middle of the game, Gilligan said adjustments were made that helped him and the team get things back under control.

"I think defensively in the first half, I thought our zone, we kind of pressured too high, and we allowed them to, like, get in, because once it gets in the middle, they're kind of breaking us down. And then the second half, we really focused on not allowing that to happen. And then once we could take away the middle, it was just a lot easier for us to contest their corner threes, which is really all they were getting, how they were scoring. Once we took that away, it just totally changed the game, and they couldn't shoot. They couldn't score," Gilligan said.

Hockey was the team's second leading scorer after dropping in 14 points, and also tacked on four rebounds and two assists. For him, keeping that defensive intensity up was an important part of staying in this game.

"Throughout the season, this is how it's always been. We've always played close first halves, and so we just stay together. Whether the shot is falling or not, and we didn't really shoot very well from the inside, we know that defensively it's just about effort and hustle. And so, we really brought it on the defensive end in both halves, and that really got us to win tonight," Hockey said.

When things got close on the scoreboard, especially late in the game, Hockey said the key was slowing down the team's tempo as much as possible.

"You know, in practice the last few days and the last couple weeks, and all three of our scrimmages, we were doing end-of-game scenario stuff. And we just know that if there's two minutes on the clock and we got the lead, we don't need to score. So, you know, you just chew the clock, take care of the ball, and limit the turnovers. And I thought we did a really good job of that. We didn't have really many turnovers down the stretch. And on the flip side, (Livonia) did. Just understanding that when we're up, the pressure's on them, not us. So, they sped themselves up, and we were able to get a turnover and get another bucket, and that was just the dagger, and the game was over," Hockey said.

Also scoring for Le Roy were Brayden Chase and Brady McClurg, who both notched three points, and Jagger Smith and Cole Tonzi, who got two points each.

Chase would also grab three steals, McClurg would get three rebounds and two assists, Tonzi came away with three rebounds, three assists and two steals, and Smith grabbed four rebounds.

Le Roy head coach Mike Battaglia believes that the experience his roster has with seven total seniors gives the Oatkan Knights an edge in this sectional tournament.

"Well, I said to my coaches, this is where we play. We have seven seniors. I said, 'This is where experience gets you where you want to be. If we're a championship team, this isn't going to bother us,'" Battaglia said. "They were kind of mad at the way they were playing (in the first half), but, man, they just kept working. They stuck together. I was confident they would, you know, you know, when I knew this game was going to be tougher than the first time. That (Livonia) team had a lot of growth during the year, but I knew if we played our game, we controlled the boards, took care of the ball, we'd be moving on to Tuesday night."

For the Bulldogs, Oliver Taylor paced the team with 16 points and three rebounds. Jack Henry and Owen Austin also reached double-digit scoring totals, getting 12 and 10 points, respectively. Henry added three assists and Austin grabbed three rebounds.

Rounding out the scoring for the Bulldogs were Caleb Martin, Chance Watkins and Trevor Wester with three points each. Wester dished out six assists.

"We are incredibly proud of our team and the strides we have taken from the start of the season to this afternoon," Livonia head coach Jonah Martin said. "Back in early December, Le Roy defeated us by 40, so to come back and battle to a much more respectable 58-47 finish says a lot about who our young men have become. We were confident in our game plan and preparation and stayed committed, even after a shaky start put us in a 15-point hole. To our guys' credit, they kept believing and competing and in the third quarter tied the game on Oliver Taylor's absolute grit-filled finish under the rim. We carried that energy into the fourth, where we ran into a couple of tough breaks, and a brief shooting drought, and Le Roy ultimately capitalized. But (Saturday's) outcome does not take away from the heart, resilience, and growth this group showed. Our seniors, especially, have been tremendous down the stretch and have meant so much to the foundation we are building. We will miss them, but they have helped move this program forward in an immeasurable way."

With the win, Le Roy (14-7) moved on to play against No. 4 Waterloo (11-11) in the semifinal at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Finger Lakes Community College.

While the road to a title only gets harder from here, Coach Battaglia thinks his team is already ready to take on the rest of the tournament.

"Well, we've been talking about this for a long time. Got to string 32 minutes together, and I thought there was 32 minutes of effort today. We normally shoot the ball a little better inside. I thought if we had done that, we'd have made it easier on ourselves, but that's okay. We just kept going to the shots we know can make. And then I'm going to go down to my room right now and watch Waterloo and Early College, because I can't get out there. We're going to watch that one, see what that brings us. We'll have good days of practice tomorrow and Monday. And I just think it's got to be play together, play hard, care about each other, survive and advance. That's what it's about right now. And I love this time of year, so I'm glad the kids really came up big today. And they told me before I left the locker room, 'Man, I just want practice tomorrow.' That's what we want to do. So that's what we're focused on right now," Battaglia said.

Livonia ends the year with a 7-15 record after the loss.

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Le Roy's Grady Gilligan hits the midrange jumper.

SAMUEL ZERILLO/THE LE ROY WEEKEND GAZETTE
Le Roy's Matthew Hockey at the top of the key.

Le Roy Girls Basketball Rallies for Another Upset, Advances to Class B2 Final

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The Le Roy girls are not ready to be done playing yet.

The young upstarts and No. 6 seed in Section V Class B2 pulled off the upset again on Friday, knocking off No. 2 Marcus Whitman 44-37, and advanced to the sectional final.

It took another second-half rally to get it done, with the Oatkan Knights trailing 17-10 at the break. Le Roy chipped away to get within two entering the fourth quarter, where it outscored the Wildcats 17-8.

The win is a little revenge for Le Roy, who fell to Marcus Whitman in last year's Class B2 semifinal 49-48. Le Roy was the No. 3 seed last year, and Whitman was again the No. 2.

Maddie Paddock led the way on Friday with 12 points and nine rebounds in the win.

Kylie Wilson added 12 points, with one 3-pointer, six rebounds and two steals. Makenna Gallo drilled one 3-pointer and had eight points. Bailey Caton totaled eight points and three steals, and Cora Weaver tacked on four points.

Aliysiah Clark led Marcus Whitman (14-8) with 13 points. Sophia Snyder also cracked double figures with 11 points. Cecilia Conley with six points, Evelyn Royston with four and Whitney Cotroneo with three rounded out the scoring for the Wildcats.

Le Roy now sits with a 13-10 on the season heading into a matchup with No. 1 Cuba-Rushford/Bolivar-Richburg (14-6) in the Class B2 final. Le Roy has not reached the sectional final since at least the 2013-14 season. The Oatkan Knights have only three juniors or seniors on the roster, along with five core sophomores and a freshman.

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Le Roy head coach Anthony Macaluso works the sidelines during to the team's win in the Class B2 quarterfinal.

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Le Roy's Aidan Weaver looks to get downhill on Waterloo's Ryder Tam.

Gilligan, Weaver Help Le Roy Boys Basketball Surge Past Waterloo, Into Class B1 Final

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On Tuesday evening, No. 1 Le Roy traveled to Canandaigua to face off against No. 4 Waterloo in the Section V Class B1 semifinal at Finger Lakes Community College. Le Roy used a strong final three quarters to earn a 53-45 win, and punched its ticket to the sectional final on Friday night at Blue Cross Arena.

Le Roy struggled mightily early on, failing to make a shot from the floor in the opening quarter. The Oatkan Knights trailed 11-3 after a quarter of play.

Things came together in the second, with Le Roy carrying a 15-14 edge into the break. Aidan Weaver scored 11 of his game-high 16 points in the first half.

Brayden Chase got things rolling in the third with a 3-pointer and a layup to push the lead to six. Grady Gilligan helped seal the deal, scoring 11 of his game-high 16 points in the fourth quarter as the Oatkan Knights pulled away.

Gilligan finished with a double-double, scoring 16 points with 11 rebounds. He added three assists and two steals. Weaver added six rebounds and three steals to his 16-point night.

Jagger Smith cracked double figures with 10 points, two rebounds and a block.

Chase tallied seven points, three rebounds and two steals, and Matthew Hockey had four points, three rebounds and seven assists.

Ryder Tam led Waterloo with 16 points. Nathan Barron cracked double digits with 11 points, and Carter Peterson added 10.

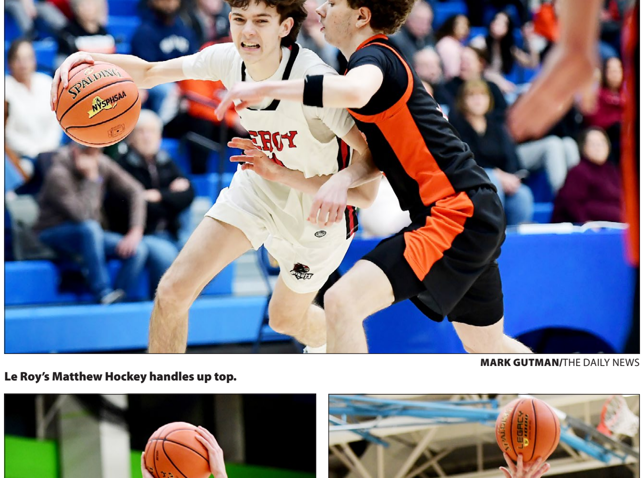
Kellen Mahoney with six points, and Hayden Willett with two points, rounded out the Tigers' efforts. Waterloo closes the season 11-12.

Le Roy's win pushes it to the sectional final for the fifth time in program history. The Oatkan Knights previously appeared in the 1963, 1982, 2003 and 2023 title games. The only sectional win for Le Roy came in 2003 in Class CCC.

The Oatkan Knights will meet No. 7 Mynderse (10-13) in the final. The two teams met a season ago, with the No. 6 Blue Devils upsetting No. 3 Le Roy in blowout fashion, 70-45, in the Class B1 quarterfinal. Mynderse upset No. 2 Hornell and No. 6 Wellsville en route to the title game.

Mynderse has won 10 sectional titles in program history, the most recent in 2024 in Class B1.

Tip off for the final is set for 5 p.m. Friday at Blue Cross Arena.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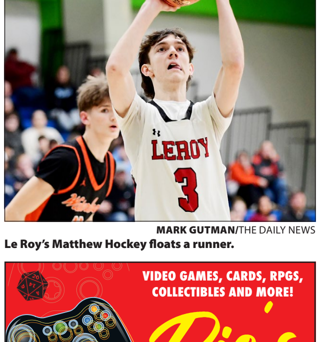
Le Roy's Matthew Hockey handles up top.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Le Roy's Matthew Hockey floats a runner.

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