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Santa Mailbox Brings Cheer to Locals in LeRoy

By KAYLA HILL
Special to the LeRoy Weekend Gazette

A simple mailbox in the front yard of Tim and Heather Hogle's home has become a symbol of holiday magic for local children. Since 2020, the Hogles have been collecting letters to Santa and Mrs. Claus and responding to each one, providing it comes with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. What began as a small idea during a camp-ground Christmas event has grown into an annual tradition, complete with Santa and Mrs. Claus appearances at community gatherings.

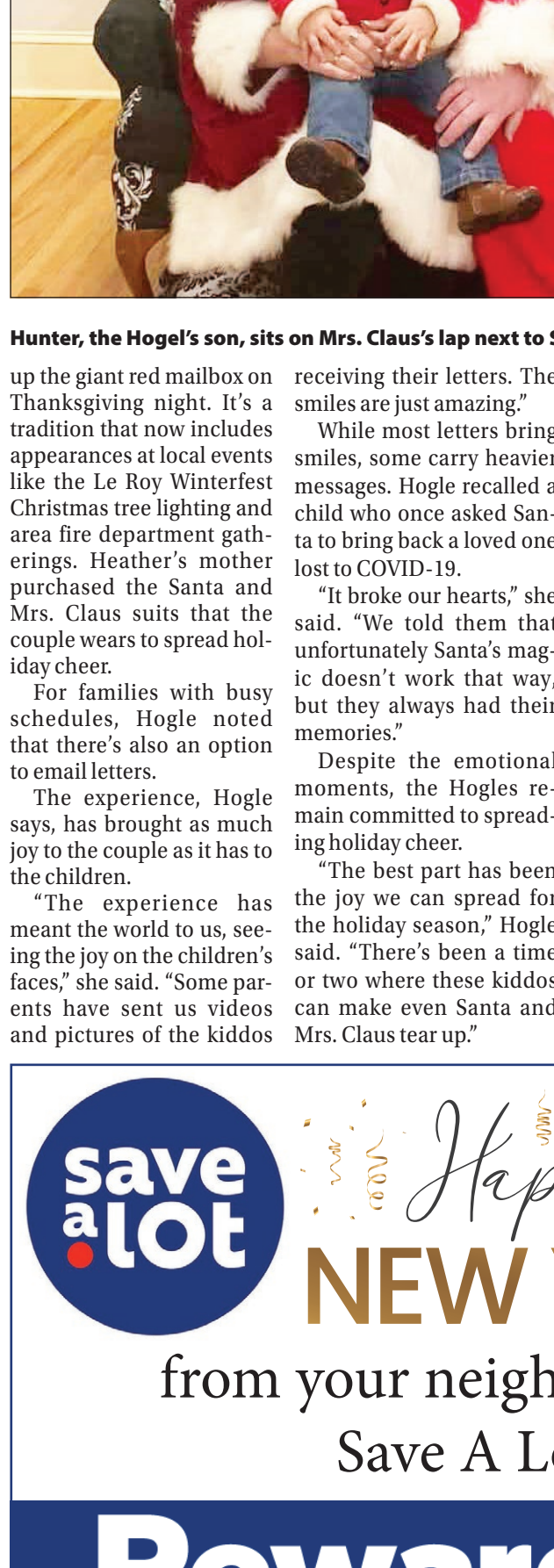
"When 2020 happened, we thought it would be a good idea to help keep some of the normalcy in these days for the kiddos," Heather Hogle's home said. "That first year, the Hogles received over 200 letters. Though numbers have since dropped, the tradition has stuck."

"We still have a great time doing it," Hogle said, adding that letters have even come from the past, including a fax away from Arkansas and Texas. "We have a blast doing this and checking the mailbox each night."

The Hogles, who post letters to Santa and Mrs. Claus' Facebook page, set up the giant red mailbox on Thanksgiving night. It was a tradition that now includes appearances at local events like the LeRoy Winterfest Christmas tree lighting and area fire department gatherings. Heather purchased the Santa and Mrs. Claus suits that the kids use to spread holiday cheer.

For families with busy schedules, Hogle noted that there's also an option to email letters.

The experience has been a joy for the holiday season," Hogle said. "There's been a time for these kids to make even Santa and Mrs. Claus tear up."



Hunter, the Hogle's son, sits on Mrs. Claus' lap next to Santa.

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Looking Back with Lynne

By LYNNE BULL
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It's a tradition that has been passed down for generations. The LeRoy Historical Society recently purchased two postcards from the LeRoy area, one of which is a photograph of the town's old school building. The postcard is a black and white photograph of the school building, which was built in 1890. The building is a two-story structure with a prominent chimney and a gabled roof. The photograph is mounted on a postcard with a white border. The postcard is a historical record of the town's architecture and is a valuable addition to the society's collection.

address and stamp could be placed on the lot. There is a message on the back of the one, written in pencil. The message is a letter from a woman to a man, dated 1890. The letter is a love letter and is a beautiful example of 19th-century handwriting. The letter is a historical document and is a valuable addition to the society's collection.

graph was taken before Main Street was paved and there are several carriages and horses in the photos. Most of the buildings are made of wood and are standing along the edge of the road on the corner of Mill Street. The buildings are made of wood and are standing along the edge of the road on the corner of Mill Street. The buildings are made of wood and are standing along the edge of the road on the corner of Mill Street.

Panoramic Views of LeRoy

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Fire destroys LeRoy residence

Firefighters from multiple towns worked amid frigid temperatures and ice

By BRIAN QUINN
Special to the LeRoy Weekend Gazette

LE ROY — A fire on the first floor of a residence Sunday, but firefighters from multiple towns worked to contain the blaze. The fire started in the living room and spread to the kitchen. Firefighters from LeRoy, Batavia, and other nearby towns arrived to fight the fire. The fire was extinguished after about an hour. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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to be able to keep the equipment in service. We typically keep the water flowing. Once you shut off the water, that's when it freezes."

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(585) 768-7600
fbcleroy@gmail.com
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7 Clay St. (on the corner of Main and Rte 19)
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www.leroyumc.org
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Coffee hour following
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First service at 10:30am
All are welcome here

LeRoy Police Arrest Nathan L. Royse on Multiple Charges Following Extensive Investigation

By GREG KELLOGG
Chief of Police for the LeRoy Police Department

The LeRoy Police Department announced the arrest of Nathan L. Royse, 33, who was taken into custody on charges of endangering the welfare of a child, reckless driving, and possession of a controlled substance. The arrest followed a multi-day investigation into Royse's activities. Royse was arrested on Monday, December 23, 2024, at his residence in LeRoy. He is currently being held in the LeRoy Police Department's custody.

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LeRoy Police Respond to Breaking and Entering Call Christmas Night, Discover Big Surprise

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Chief of Police for the LeRoy Police Department

The LeRoy Police Department responded to a breaking and entering call on Christmas night. The call came from a resident in Kin Street in the village, and when the police arrived, they discovered a large pile of stolen goods. The goods included a television, a stereo system, and various household items. The police are currently investigating the case and have not yet identified any suspects.

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Genesee, Orleans awarded NYSERDA funding

\$2.4M going to clean community projects

ALBANY — Projects on Genesee and Orleans counties have been awarded \$2.4 million in funding for clean community projects. The funding is part of the New York State Environmental Fund for the 21st Century. The projects include the construction of a new water treatment plant in Orleans County and the installation of a new water filtration system in Genesee County. The funding will also be used for various other clean water projects in both counties.

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Plan. The goal is to be able to stand a pavilion structure and seating throughout the park to encourage large gatherings in the museum's Meeting Center, shop specialty items in the Fill Hill store, and more. The pavilion structure will be installed along the walking track surrounding the park to encourage evening events. The village will install a pavilion structure and seating throughout the park to encourage large gatherings in the museum's Meeting Center, shop specialty items in the Fill Hill store, and more.

LeRoy Girls Basketball Outlasts Batavia in Overtime

By JILL BULL
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LE ROY — The LeRoy girls basketball team defeated Batavia in a thrilling overtime game. The game was a close contest, with both teams trading leads throughout the game. In the final minutes of overtime, LeRoy scored the winning basket. The final score was 45-42 in favor of LeRoy. The game was a great display of teamwork and skill from both teams.

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