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## Le Roy High School 2025 Graduation Ceremony the graduation ceremony. gize for it. But rather bring you to everyone who had an

Weekend 5 6azette

By SAMUEL ZERILLO Associate Editor for the Le Roy Weeken This past Saturday, Le Roy high school hosted their 2025 graduation ceremony. This year's ceremony saw 81 Seniors graduate and earn their diplomas. Graduation began with a procession by students and faculty into the high school auditorium. Once everyone was on stage, things got kicked off by the singing of the national anthem by Le Roy senior Aubrey Puccio. The opening remarks were given by Le Roy high school Principal Dr. David Russell, who gave a special thank you to many members of the audience and

MARK GUTMAN/THE DAILY NEWS **Graduate Aubrey Puccio sings the National Anthem** gave special recognition to during Saturday's graduation ceremony in Le Roy. all the Le Roy Alumni that Board of Education Pres- that has been very influenwere in attendance. ident Jackie Whiting was tial in their journey through "Once an Oatkan Knight, next to say a few words at school. This year's graduatalways an Oatkan Knight," the ceremony, saying a few ing class chose teacher and Dr. Russell said while addressing the Le Roy alumni

in the audience.

"Today is an important

milestone in the lives of our

graduating students. This is

the culminating event of a

journey that began thirteen

years ago," Dr. Russell said.

"I invite all the graduating

seniors on this stage and

all those in attendance, to

take a moment and think about all the people that

have supported you, and

the people that you have

Following Dr. Russell's

words, senior Aubrey Puc-

cio was again invited up to sing in front of the crowd,

this time performing her

rendition of "Never Grow

Up" by Taylor Swift while

the graduating seniors

handed out flowers to their

family members and loved

After giving out a few special thank yous and by Admiral William McRa- Roy CSD. recognizing the seniors ven, specifically the lesson who were recognized on exceptional senior night a few days prior, Dr. Russell continued by asking the seniors, and the crowd, to reflect on their journey to this

the little things right and

vou will be able to do the

big things right. Take pride in yourself, take pride in

your education, and take

pride in your career, but al-

After Jackie Whitings ad-

dress, Dr. Russell invited se-

had chosen as an individual

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thank yous of her own and coach Ieon Koukides as the referencing the ten lessons faculty member that they from one of her favorite felt influenced them the books, "Make Your Bed" most during their time at Le about making your bed, stars of the show, the sewhile addressing the 2025 niors, the class of 2025. It "As Admiral McRaven by you, and it is something would say, start each day that I take great pride and with a task completed, have gratitude in as well. find someone to help you Thank you for letting me be through life, respect every- a part of your special day," one, know that life is not Coach Koukides said after fair and that you will fail being invited on stage. often, take some risks, step up at times, lift up the down by Coach Koukides, Dr. trotted, and never give up," Russell came back up to the Whiting said about Admi- podium to start the miliral McRaven's lesson about tary recognition portion of

"Thank you to the real is an honor to be chosen "So, I ask you, class of After a touching speech taking the time to make "So, make your bed, do

The first student to give Richard Saucedo. an address at graduation ney while attending Le Roy, and how proud she was of the individuality that her and her classmates showed every day at school. 'When people think of high school, one of the first things that often comes to mind is the pressures they have," Osterman said. "When I reflect on our time here, I see something far more powerful than conformity. I actually see people who have chosen to stand out, to pursue their paths even when it wasn't the easiest option. That's something truly worth cel-

the ceremony

then recognized three Because that's how change these people have had on graduating seniors who will happens, that's how we the senior class, and reflectbe moving on to pursue ca- make things better, not by ing on their time in school reers in the military. Mary blending in, but by stand- and those who helped them Englehardt who is enroll- ing out. I want everyone along the way. ing in the Navy, Matthew here to always keep in mind Following Greene's ad-Covert who is enrolling in to be your truest self, the dress, the graduating se-ROTC at Ohio State Univer- world is waiting for what niors of the Le Roy Senior sity, and Ethan Funderburk only you can offer." High Choir performed the Following Osterman's song "The Climb" by Miley who is enrolling in ROTC at Syracuse University, all address, the graduating se- Cirus. received recognition and a niors of the Le Roy Senior After this performance, round of applause during High Band performed "Risk the seniors then lined up to Everything for a Dream" by receive their long-awaited diplomas. Athletic Director The next student to say and Assistant Principal Jawas Molly Osterman, who a few words at graduation mie Clark read the names said a few words about her was Andrew Greene, who and her classmates' jour- took the time to say thank **See GRADUATION A7** We've Been Creating Beautiful

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members in the audience, form, and the work you do. discussing the impact that

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Weekday: 7:30am Thursday

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mittee Email: Le RoyDems@

### Diverse Slate of Candidates for 2025 Election: "Fresh Eyes. New Ideas." and longtime community grounded in local tradition spect. erful shift toward inclusive, vember 4 The Le Roy Democratic advocate, Nikki brings ex- and energized by a fresh As our town grows and community-focused leader-Committee is proud to an- perience, passion, and a outlook. He is eager to en- faces new challenges, it's ship. Le Roy deserves more volunteer opportunities, deep understanding of the sure town government listime for change that rethan the status quo. It's time or to request a yard sign,

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dates for the November 4, issues that matter most to tens to all voices while sup-flects today's values and to-to evolve—with fresh voic-please contact: 2025 election—three com- working families. With a porting thoughtful growth morrow's possibilities. This es and forward-thinking munity-minded individuals strong background in pub- and financial responsibility. Democratic ticket offers a ideas." ready to bring fresh eyes and lic service, nonprofit work, •Earl Funderburk is bold, thoughtful alternanew ideas to local govern- and grassroots organizing, seeking the position of Le tive—one that puts people transparency, progress, and serves.

ment. This year's candidates she is committed to making Roy Town Justice. A dedi- over politics and prioritizes reflect the changing needs county government more cated father and seasoned problem-solving over partiof our town and represent accessible, responsive, and business entrepreneur, sanship. a shared commitment to reflective of the people it Earl is known for his integrity, fairness, and calm just running for officepeople-first leadership. •Bill Lambert is stepping under pressure. He brings they're stepping up for their •Nikki Calhoun is run- up to run for Le Roy Town an even-handed, unbiased neighbors," said Jennifer ning for Genesee County Board. A longtime Le Roy- approach to the bench, en- Keys, Vice Chair of the Le Legislature, District 5. A an and father of two, Bill of-suring that every resident is Roy Democratic Commitdevoted mother of three fers a balanced perspective treated with dignity and re- tee. "They represent a pow-

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the Genesee County Legislature and ency, and is known for her steady leader- County. Her extensive experience and

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ship during times of uncertainty.



Beyond her legislative role, Stein has tion, including being named the first ever

been deeply involved in regional initia- female National Junior Chamber of Com-

tives. She serves on the Genesee Finger merce Young Farmer of the Year in 2000

Lakes Regional Planning Council, Vice and receiving a Genesee County YWCA

— is a member of the GLOW Workforce work to accomplish yet in 2025" Stein

Stein's dedication to public service betrust placed in me and am excited to ex-

Chair of Municipal Electric and Gas Al- Fabulous Female Award.

commitment have earned her recogni-

"I am proud of what our legislature has

Genesee County. I am grateful for the

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Stein has served on the Legislature for 14 years, including six years as Chair, and reduce energy costs for municipalities accomplished together, we have much has dedicated over two decades to public service in Genesee County. Stein's tenure Development Board and the NYSAC reflected. "From infrastructure improvehas been marked by significant achieve- Rural and Agriculture Committee. She is ments to public health advancements, ments, including leading the Legislature the Treasurer of Stein Farms LLC, a multi-our collective efforts have strengthened through the challenges of the COVID-19 generational family farm in Le Roy. pandemic, overseeing the construction of a new county jail, expanding broadgan with her roles as Town Council Memplore new avenues to contribute to our By BRIAN QUINN

long-serving representative of District 5

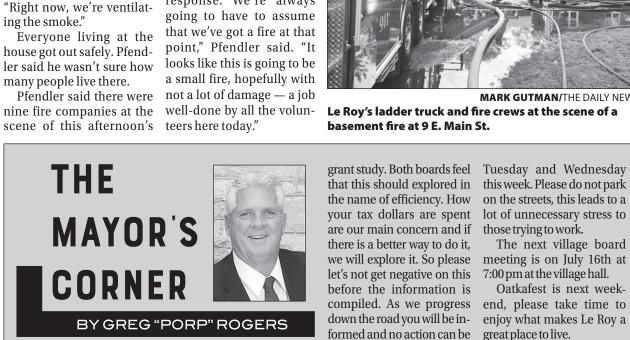
(Town of Le Roy), announced today that

she will not seek re-election on the Re-

sponsible Government Line following

her recent primary loss.

band access, and securing funding for ber and Town Supervisor in Le Roy, and community's future." None Injured in Small Fire at Le Roy Residence fire, which went to a twoalarm fire. Mercy EMS, Le There were no injuries in Roy police and Le Roy EMS, a small fire at 9 E. Main St., plus the county Sheriff's Ofthe Le Roy Fire Department fice were also on scene, he "We're not sure of the cause at this point. We're coming from the basegoing to be investigating it," ment, so that's always go-First Assistant Chief Joshua Pfendler said at the scene. response. We're always "Right now, we're ventilatgoing to have to assume



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Saturday the 12th

**Music Schedule** 

Main Stage: 12-2pm -

Old Hat

Gazebo: 1-2:30pm

Damn The Flood

School sign: 2-3pm -

David Knaudt

Main stage: 3-5pm -

**Blues Circle** 

Gazebo: 3:30-5pm

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The Le Roy Weekend Gazette

the Le Roy 8-10-year-old All-

Portville and Wellsville.

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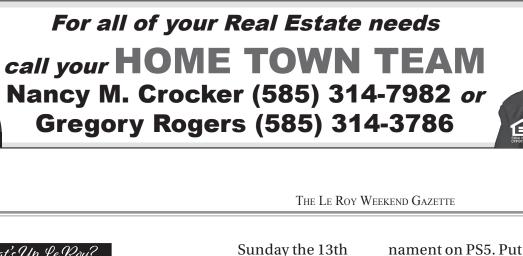
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Sun., July 13

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**Music Schedule** 

(Cont'd)

Main stage: 11am-

12pm - Knight N Gals

Gazebo: 1-2pm -

North of Forty

Kara Fink

Trent Yule

Gazebo: 3-5pm -

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10am - 5pm

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July 17th - Justin Williams July 24th - David July 31st - Bill Kettle more information! August 7th - Joe Miltsch **First Baptist Church** Bring your family and 5 E. Main St., Le Roy friends, lawn chairs, and blankets! Rain or Mon., July 28 shine (United Methodist Church will be used 11am Sign In in case of bad weather) Noon Start Trigon Park Stafford Fire Dept. Trigon Park., Le Roy **Fridays** 1 - 7pm **Friday Night** 

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THE LE ROY WEEKEND GAZETTE

Le Roy 8-10-Year Old All-Stars Advance to Final

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of the bar where Homer Simpson

2. MUSIC: What are the first names

3. MOVIES: What prop is found in almost every scene in "The Fight

4. ANATOMY: What does the term

"hallux" refer to in human anatomy?

5. GEOMETRY: What is the perime-

6. LITERATURE: What is Ron Wea-

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7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How

8. GEOGRAPHY: How many states

many tusks does a warthog have?

does the Pacific Crest Trail cross?

Rodriguez

### for the Yankees with a stellar afternoon on the pitcher's Roy showed up to play, as mound, collecting 10 strike- they defeated Wellsville 12-2. Strong pitching was again outs over four 2/3 innings, a major contributor to Le Pryzbyl helped open up Roy's victory, as starting pitcher Tenney led things

the scoring for Le Roy on offense as well, as he hit a single to get on base and was strikeouts over three and 1/3 brought home by Josh Ten-Later in the game, Le Roy (zero earned). players Joseph Oliver and Luke Chappel both got on ville put up early in the game base for their team after get- would be their only runs of ting walked, and some smart the game, as Le Roy's relief base running by the pair led pitchers shut down Wellsto runs being scored by each. After stalling for a short time, Le Roy exploded to have a seven-run inning later on in the game, led off by a double down the third base line by RBI by Tenney. Tenney also Everett Torrey. Pryzbyl, Austin Branton, Charlie Rapone, Xander Parker, and Oliver all scored runs during the inning for Le Roy. By SAMUEL ZERILLO

Associate Editor for

The Le Roy Weekend Gazette

past two weekends.

has had two impressive per-

The team was led by incred-

opened up quickly for Le Roy

after Joey Wujcik hit a lead-

Chris Costa hit a big dou-

doubles, with Kemp earning tory

a two-run home run. Up field.

**GRADUATION** 

of the seniors from the podium as

they came up to collect their di-

their diploma, senior class Presi-

dent Fernando Cacho was invited

up to the podium, who invited the

graduates to move their gradua-

tion cap tassel to from right to left,

signifying that they have officially

Le Roy CSD Superintendent

Merritt Holley gave the closing

graduated from high school.

After every senior received

plomas.

from McClurg.

The first game against the would put up seven more

Cuba All-Stars resulted in a runs, with Wilson hitting a

crushing 19-4 win for Le Roy. leadoff single, Farrah Fox

ible pitching by Carter Mc- base after getting hit with

Clurg and Addy Stella, who pitches, and Jakob Chalk-

combined for 13 strikeouts er driving all three of them

off single, followed by a triple Andrew Sibley added to the

ble in the third inning; how-victory against Cuba, Le Roy

ever was thrown out while moved on to play against the

trying to stretch it into a tri- Portville all-stars in the next

ple. The team would bounce round. This proved to be a

back with Wujcik and Eli tougher contest, with Le Roy

Kemp hitting back-to-back pulling off a narrow 5-4 vic-

Scoring opportunities an RBI triple.

and Sammy Rapone taking

home to score after hitting

Additional hits and walks

by Wujcik, McClurg, and

Following this dominant

Le Roy would build their after Costa singled, scoring

innings, while only surrendering one hit and two runs Those two runs Wellsville's batters throughout. Pryzbyl again got the scoring started for his team, as he hit a leadoff single, and eventually came in to score off an scored a run after Aaron Bailey hit an RBI fielder's choice. The duo of Pryzbyl and Tenney did not stop there, as Stone Husted would follow by slamming an RBI triple. Brody Wilson also scored LE ROY — The Le Roy on an RBI double by Connar 11/12-year old All-Star team Hanley Later in the game, Le Roy formances to start this year's continued to dominate, postseason run, as they as Wujcik hit a single and picked up victories against scored on an RBI triple by Cuba and Portville over the Kemp In the sixth inning, Le Roy

three runs of their own in the fifth inning; however, this LE ROY — This past week, would be the last time they would put up any runs on the board. Le Roy responded with three more runs of their own and went on to shut out Portville for the rest of the After their victory against Portville, Le Roy moved on to Seth Pryzbyl led the way play the Wellsville All-Stars on Tuesday. Once again, Le

Aaron Bailey pitches for the Le Roy 8-10-year old All-Stars. second time on an RBI single. help run up the score against ing walked, Tenney slammed from the loser's bracket for fielder's choice by Branton.

Tenney also scored a sec- Wellsville. ond time after Bailey hit a Le Roy ended the game by field. Pryzbyl and Tenney day. Since they have not yet single that moved him to scoring five runs in the bot-scored before Rapone ended third base, and he was then tom of the fourth. Zach Gar-the game on an RBI fielder's brought home after an RBI ner reached base on an error, choice. and Parker reached base on a The Le Roy All-Stars ad-Parker, Rapone and Ol- fielder's choice. After Pryzbyl vance to the final, where they Tenney later scored Pryzbyl a viver also recorded RBIs to reached base again after be- will face whoever emerges tion bracket. Le Roy 11/12-Year Old All-Stars Roll Into Semifinal

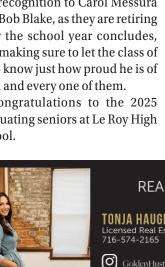
Sammy Rapone runds the bases in a Le Roy win.

Roy added four more runs Clurghit a double.

Le Roy continued to pour lead early, as they put up one Chalker and Rapone. Wu- at pitcher for Le Roy, and while giving up one run. on to play the Fillmore Allon the scoring, as McClurg run in the first inning after jcik followed with a single over five innings struck out Stars Wednesday to see who followed up Kemp's RBI with McClurg singled to center and was brought home off a nine batters while walk- by Portville, Le Roy held on will advance to the champidouble hit by Kemp. Kemp ing two and giving up five to a one-run lead and closed next, Stella hit a single, and In the third inning, Le would also score after Mc- hits and three runs. Kemp out the game by securing the onship round.

McClurg started the game er and struck out two batters

a few final thank yous, giving special recognition to Carol Messura and Bob Blake, as they are retiring after the school year concludes, and making sure to let the class of 2025 know just how proud he is of each and every one of them. Congratulations to the 2025 graduating seniors at Le Roy High









# Le Roy Celebrates Commencement 2025

THE LE ROY WEEKEND GAZETTE



**A2** Saturday, July 5, 2025



MARK GUTMAN/THE DAILY NEWS Molly Osterman gives a heartfelt student address Alex Doty receives his diploma from Principal Dr. David Russell on Saturday during Le Roy High School's graduaduring Saturday's commencement at Le Roy Central

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Country 'Tis of Thee:

Of thee we sing

Let freedom ring

Thy name I love,

Like that above.

My country 'tis of thee

Sweet land of liberty

Land where my fathers

Land of thy pilgrim's pride

From every mountain side

My native country thee

Land of the noble pride

I love the rocks and rills

Thy woods and templed

My heart with rapture

Let music swell the breeze

And ring from all the trees

Let mortals' tongues

Let all that breathes par-

Let rocks their silence

Our fathers God to thee

Long may our land be

With freedoms holy light

Protect us by the might

good mix of workshops, ed-

Lathan says that the

dener from the area is going

The newest program of-

"We are open to people

Lathan is moving full

Center. She is excited to

continue to expand the or-

ganization even further, as

available for high schools fered by the Hope Center is

and even adult learners if an outreach called "Men of

requested. The tutoring Hope," and it is a group of

program is free to enroll guys who can be called on

"The tutoring program to give us a call if they have

is a really good example of a need. If they have an el-

why we are called the Hope derly neighbor, a parent

Center," Lathan said. "If even somebody themselves

you think of a student that's could call us, that need kind

struggling in school, they of that heavy lifting handy

in and is funded through a to assist the elderly.

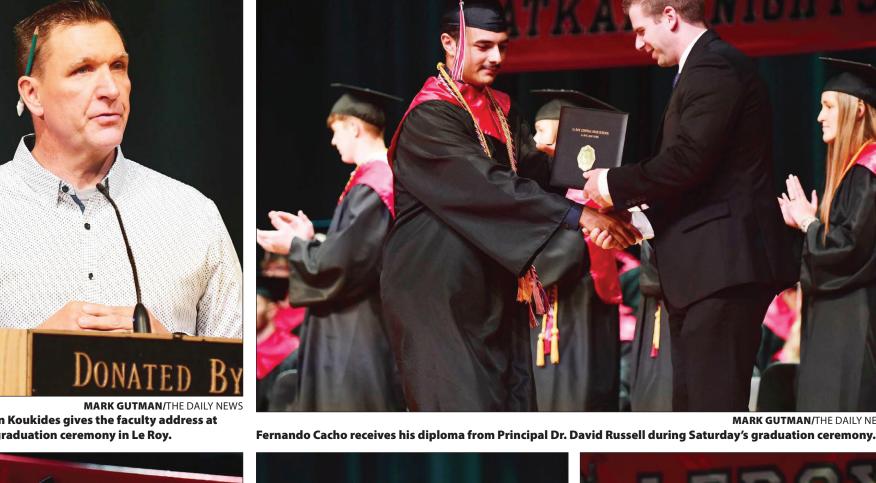
might feel hopeless, they man," Lathan said.

The song prolong.

Author of liberty

To thee we sing

Sweet freedoms song



Antonio leon Koukides gives the faculty address at Saturday's graduation ceremony in Le Roy.

MARK GUTMAN/THE DAILY NEWS Andrew Greene addresses his fellow graduates Saturday at Le Roy Jr.-Sr. High School. High School Principal Dr. David Russell offers opening remarks at Le Roy Central School's graduation ceremo-Whether you're a small business or a big brand, I am here to help you Sarah Coniglio receives her diploma from Principal Dr. Ready to get started? David Russell during Saturday's graduation ceremony Reach out today and let's talk about ENTERTAINMENT VENUE WITH VINTAGE VIBES how we can take your business to the "Sarah's Place is a unique location for that special next level. 💥 event with the atmosphere of stepping back in time This elegant two-story home has the capacity to Livingston County New ntertain 12 guests with five bedrooms, 4 bathroon

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### on the White House grounds to enjoy the exhibits. And but on August 14. The prob- by 13 traditional toasts. For and a parade. President John midst all of the wonderful lem was that Main Street a couple of years, each toast Adams believed that the cel- American progress on dis- was under construction was followed by a cannon ebration should be on July play, on July 4, 1876, the and that included the Main salute. For the past several Looking 2, the day the Continental members of the National Street bridge. The Centen- years, there was a ceremony Congress voted for indepen- Women's Suffrage Associ- nial Committee was headed for new American citizens. ation crashed the party and by Elmer Wolf with the help ration was adopted on July presented the Declaration of David Miller and Kermit ebrate the nation's 250th 4th and that became the date of Rights of Women, for they Arrington. They had come anniversary. Since the Oatka that we all celebrate. Coinhad not been included in the up with a plan for a huge par- Festival is held shortly after cidentally, Adams, 90 years 1776 Declaration of Inde- age that would not go down the Fourth of July, next year, old, and Jefferson 83 years pendence. The Declaration Main Street. The parade was Le Roy will celebrate during old, both died on July 4th, of Rights had been signed to include the Town Board, the Oatka Festival. Already by Susan B. Anthony, Matil- the Village Board, the Steer- plans are being made for The Fourth of July in New da Joslyn Gage, and Elizbeth ing Committee, B.R. Dewitt, a great two patriotic days. York State in 1827, was the Cady Stanton, all from the antique cars, the Boy Scouts, Barber Conable's daughter day that slavery was finally State of New York. the Girl Scouts, marching Emily, has agreed to read abolished. Although free-It was not uncommon unit from the Moose, several the Declaration of Independom for many slaves in New for music to be included in "ancient pieces" of early fire dence. If Chuck Leport is York did not come imme- all of these celebrations of equipment, the Legion, the available, he is invited to give Celebrating the diately. Twenty-five years independence." Hail Co- VFW, the Le Roy Ambulance the prayer. There aren't any

sedate: "We commemorat- description of Fourth of July ed the independence of our celebrations appears in an in 1776. great and growing repub- 1839 book, "The "Universal lic. At the time appointed, Traveler". "The Fourth of July the children of the different is celebrated in all the cities in 1876. From May 10 to No-minister. The melody was an celebrated Independence Sabbath schools in town and populous towns of New vember 10, the first official adaptation of the national Day on July 14. met in the basement room England, as elsewhere in World's Fair to be held in anthem of Great Britain. It of the Presbyterian house the United States by military the United States coincided is best remembered as the celebrate an old fashioned of worship . . . The exercises parades, firing of cannon, with the centennial of the song sung by Marion Ander- Fourth of July is at the Genecommenced after a piece display of colors, ringing of Declaration of Indepen- son on the steps of the Lin- see Country Museum. Many thrills of sacred music by an ap- bells, patriotic orations, pub- dence. Huge buildings were coln Memorial in 1939, defy- years ago, I had a part in orpropriate and introductory lic dinners etc." This brief deerected for exhibitions from ing racial segregation which ganizing their first Fourth of prayer by Elder Clay of the scription gives some insight thirty-five countries and the prevented her from singing July celebration, complete Baptist Church. "Surpris- into how people, a genera- newest products of Ameri- at Constitution Hall. It's not with a parade of dignitaries, ingly, this was not unusual. tion from the Revolutionary can industries. A huge Cor- until 1926 that "America the antique fire apparatus, the Many early Independence War, were celebrating their liss steam engine supplied Beautiful" is introduced, Pittsford Fire Department awake held in church. A lot of that ferson commemorated the as well as a new sewing ma- Bless America". "Columbia from Geneseo, and plenty changed about 1825. Folks in Fourth of July in 1801. He chine and Bell's telephone. A the Gem of the Ocean" com- of strangers and citizens at break town would form a proceshosted an event at the "Preswonderful bicycle, known as posed in 1843 by Thomas the end. There were twelve sion and walk to a wooded ident's House" now known a "Pennyfarthing" area, for a picnic and speech- as the White House. He weles. The procession was like a comed diplomats, military became the beginning of the tional anthem. Its original ti- read the Declaration of Inparade, with a color guard, officers, and five Cherokee Columbia Bike Company. tle was "Columbia, the Land dependence. Chuck Leport a group of musicians, the chiefs. The Marine band Ketchup, popcorn, and root of the Brave."

**Bv LYNNE BELLUSCIO** 

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ture improvement projects Farnholz said. The actual across New York State, in- debt service payment for cluding Water District No. the taxpayer is about \$450 a Town Supervisor Jim In addition to that, prop-Farnholz said the town ex- erties in the district who pects to close on the grant on hook up to the water system will pay for water usage an-"We should be going to bid nually right at around that time," he "If they're in the district, said. "I think the last thing they will have to pay the debt service. If they don't want to archaeological study." hook up, they can keep their In addition to the \$5 mil-? - Question of the Week ??

HAVE AN ANSWER? SHARE IT WITH US IN THE COMMENTS OF OUR FACEBOOK POST! Previous question - "Favorite way to cool down on a hot summer day?" WENDY N. Sitting under my ceiling fan on my front porch!





### The event was open to affiliated with a church, the public and was hostso they are afraid to come wellness, and communiin the door, or they don't ty. Lathan described it as a ed by newly-appointed Hope Center Director, Gina know that they can. "I loved the answer that ucation, and crafts Lathan was appoint-'we don't." she continued. ed June 1 after Diane Sia, "It's not in everybody's face next meeting of "Made to who held the position for we just hope that the Bloom" will be 6 to 8 p.m. many years, announced faith that we have shows Aug. 14 and will be flower her retirement earlier this through the love and the themed. There will be a flosupport in our classes, in ral bar, a discussion about year. Now that Lathan has stepped into the role, she our workshops, in our out- mindfulness with flowers is very excited to take over reach, and the hope that we and what they mean, a gardirecting the Hope Center's give people." programs and is prepar-The current programs to come in and discuss how ing the organization to go offered by the Hope Center to make flower arrangethrough a soft rebranding. include their "Fresh Start ments, and all the snacks "I like to put it that we're Tutoring," which offers tu-provided will be flower toring for mainly elemen- themed.



the students they produce charge on. and the graduates they proteam that's here. "It's a great team of pro- she said. fessionals who work very one year as assistant prin- hard," she said. "So, I was ex- sition to her new princi-

cipal at Byron-Bergen, and cited for the opportunity to Marcello is excited as she special education for eight continues into her new role, the school earlier this year for the next school year. many reasons she accept- high expectations run ed Cal-Mum job, including through the school and the principal has involved the district's reputation for community itself. having a great faculty and an equally great student body. board with this 'home of the building connections, and "A lot of reason why Cal-champions' mindset," she getting to work on school they have a really great rep- achieve their goals and then year so that everything is

scores that they get on their I look forward to supportassessments, (along with) ing and kind of leading the ic strengths as a leader in KEEP IT LOCAL

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LE ROY SPORTS INSIDER

"Of course, there are isas well as the administrative pride in the community, I'm sues that arise in schools happy to be a part of that," and things that we need to work through but focusing on the 'how can we fix this and make it better' is really kind of how I tackle things," Marcello said. "I also like to call myself a retired athlete," she continand as the school prepares while it was still in session ued. "I played a lot of sports and got a feel for its regular She finds the district's day-to-day operations. Her first official week as so I think I bring that kind of and will continue to be — a "Kind of everyone is on lot of meeting people and Mum was intriguing to me, said. "Pushing students to policies for the upcoming me," Marcello continued. utation in terms of their beyond is something that good to go by day one. Discussing her specifing with kids.

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#### Clark, who gave the opening his remarks, each student munity College next year. was honored individually Clark was introduced by program at Vermont State with a speech by their coach Coach Ieon Koukides, who University Lyndon. Luce was "We are extremely proud of you; you are a member of a es and afterwards was given has coached Clark since introduced by Boys Basketa photo-op with their fami-**SAMUEL ZERILLO/**THE LE ROY WEEKEND GAZETTE very select fraternity of Oat-Clarks Sophomore year afball Coach Mike Battaglia. Aaric Luce signs his contract with the NCAA to play ter being called up to Varsity kan Knights who have gone lies. "Whatever you needed basketball at Vermont State University Lyndon. The first athlete honored from JV. on to play college sports." him to do on a particular Clark said during his open- that night was Sierra Burk, "You hit a home run I night, he did it, and it was al-kides. is watching you. And that's a who will be playing both vol- will never forget," Koukides ways to help us win games," "The dedication Alex tribute to Alex, and his par-After Clark opened things leyball and softball at Mon-said about Clark. "The game Battaglia said. "He was kind and all these guys put in, ents for providing that work up and congratulated the roe Community College next didn't end up the way we of the heart and soul of that it's unbelievable," Koukides ethic as well."

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Staba said about Zitz. "When we would warm up and she'd get that perfect set and just slam that ball literally straight down, you would see their jaw drop." After each student athlete was introduced and given media photo-op time, Athletic Director Jamie Clark came up to the front one last time to give closing remarks and to gratulate all these graduating seniors for their accomplishments. A small reception with food followed

said about Spezzano. "The

The last student athlete

to be introduced during the

ceremony was Gabby Zitz,

who will be playing volley-

introduced by Volleyball

"She was very intimi-

dating, you could see oth-

er teams faces when she'd

come out with her height,"

Coach Sue Staba.

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Observer, Le Roy's first cel- horses" — — with the Revebration was much more olutionary War veterans. A **By BRIAN QUINN** 

tia and at the end, walked

the "citizens and strangers."

Le Roy's first Fourth of Some accounts mention that

Iuly celebration was held in there were "Thirteen young

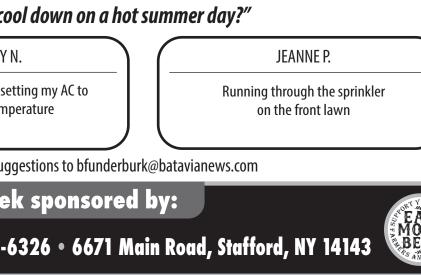
1831. It was not the flag wav- maidens, dressed in white" -

ing, bell ringing event with a symbolic of the original thir-

parade and a family picnic. teen states. And sometimes,

orator, the mayor, the local played at the entrance of the beer was introduced. It was ministers, the "president White House and after din- estimated the 10 million vis- ing plans for a Bicentennial emotional prayer, and there of the day" followed by the ner there were horse races itors came to Philadelphia celebration. Not on July 4, was a pithy oration followed Le Roy secures \$5 million water grant Funding will help pay for Water District No. 12 week announced that the lion grant, the project has Environmental Facilities \$10 million from USDA Rural Corporation Board of Direc- Development. The town of Le Roy has secured a \$5 million state grant tors approved nearly \$200 million in financial assis- down to approximately \$4 to help it pay for a \$19.5 infrastructure project in Water tance for water infrastruc- million for the debt service," The project, budgeted at \$19,472,000, includes installing about 173,000 feet of water mains and appurtenances including hydrants, valves, and service meters, will give property owners in the district the opportunity to hook up to water supplied by the Monroe County Water we have to complete is the Gov. Kathy Hochul last

Question from The Le Roy Weekend Gazette staff Staying inside and setting my AC to "Morgue" temperature



tary school students, but is

might feel like they are not

them the hope that 'oh, I

Another program offered

by the Hope Center is their

United Way grant.





Cal-Mum high school hires new principal Morgan Marcello steps in as middle and high school principal duce and how successful that's so committed to do- itive attitude, and 'can-do' they are," she said. "There's ing what's best for students mindset is something that Marcello officially stepped a faculty and staff here that's and helping them grow, she hopes faculty, students, well known for how hard and just being a part of this and parents pick up on right they work and how much close-knit family that has a away. they put in for students, and lot of pride in the school and

"Working with a staff said her high energy, pos-Marcello said the tranpal role at Cal-Mum was mostly a seamless process she was allowed to visit

throughout my career both in high school and college, mentality with me, that 'will to win' attitude, and trying to be the best. I want to be the best and I want to bring out the best in those around When discussing her favorite parts of working in education, Marcello emphasized her love for work-"I think being able to witwork that you leave for things that work." Your trusted source for home every day just feeling luck that you get to see it local news in **print** & **online** is now available for convenient home delivery!



zano, and Gabby Zitz, were mates and coaches are going has a lot of energy about her." wait to see what happens from here," Koukides said The next student athlete going to be your friends 25, to be introduced was Peter about Higgins. Clark, who will be playing Next up was Aaric Luce, baseball at Genesee Comwho committed to playing basketball as a part of the

> team this year." After Luce was Alex Spez- amount of work they put in **Gregory** "Porp" Rogers zano, who has committed to in the offseason, and without playing baseball at Hobart me being there and without Celebrating 38 Years of Real Estate Sale & William Smith Colleges me saying a word. The hardnext year. Spezzano was also est discipline in life is being ball at Genesee Community introduced by Coach Kou- disciplined when no one else College next year. Zitz was Thank you

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Jocal History

later, on July 5, 1852, Fred- lumbia" was considered squad, a display of the town's Revolutionary War veterans, erick Douglass, addressed a the national anthem before apparatus. There were 17 but their descendants are in-Fourth of July crowd in Corinthian Hall in the Star-Spangled Banner fire companies signed up to vited to register and receive Rochester, and delivered his was adopted by Congress in come as well as several aux- a special nametag ribbon. famous speech — "What to 1931. Philp Phile had writ- iliaries. School bands from There will be ketchup for the slave is the fourth of July? ten a march for the inaugu- Le Roy, Elba and York had your hot dogs, plenty of root fire departments, the mili-" In fiery words, Douglass ration of George Washing- signed up. Several parade beer, and popcorn. And just

ebrating freedom and inde-

of people remained in bond-

decried the hypocrisy of celton in 1789. In 1798, Joseph routes were discussed. Units in case, we decide to sing one

pendence when thousands the music and it became the Myrtle and come down Clay here are the words to My

unofficial national anthem, to Lake Street and disband-

age. Ten years later, the issue "Hail Columbia." Today it is ed at the annual Lawn Fete at

of giving freedom to thou- the anthem for the vice pres- St. Peter's Church. The final

sands of enslaved people ident. "My Country Tis of route had units assemble on

Hopinson wrote lyrics to were to form on Gilbert and of the old national anthems,

One of the best places to

According to the Rochester there was a "stage pulled by divided the country. It would Thee" was first performed in Gilbert and Myrtle and to take the Emancipation Proc- 1831 by a children's choir at step out at 7 pm cross Myrtle died lamation and a war to grant a children's independence to Clay to over Main past the freedom to people excluded day celebration at Park Street judges stand on Lake and to Church in Boston. The lyr- the railroad, where it would The country celebrated its ics were written by Samu- disband. Apparently, everycentennial in Philadelphia el Frances Smith, a Baptist thing went ok, and Le Roy power to the exhibitions. The and a few years later, in 1938, Band, and the Flint Hill Folk President Thomas Jef- typewriter was introduced Irving Berlin writes "God directed by Jim Kimball take Becket, was considered by young maidens in white, and with a huge wheel in front many as the unofficial na- the militia. Barber Conable

In 1976, Le Roy was mak- Church gave a stirring and "It takes the overall cost

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the idea to turn them into a separate nonprofit so everyone in the community could have access. "(The Hope Center) is totally separate from the church," Lathan said. "Thats something a lot of is a part of Living Waters. It a totally separate organiza-

Associate Editor for

nization.

By SAMUEL ZERILLO Associate Editor for The Le Roy Weekend Gazette CALEDONIA — Morgan in as the new middle and high school principal Tuesday at Caledonia-Mumford High School. Marcello joins the staff after three years as principal at Elba Jr./Sr. High School, teaching 8th grade social studies and high school years at Kendall Jr./Sr. high school. Marcello said there were

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to last a lifetime, and they are by Le Roy Vice Principal 30, 40, 50 years from now." After Holley concluded

The event was kicked off

and Athletic Director Jamie

student athletes for their year. Volleyball Coach Sue wanted but that was one big **OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, JULY 6 • 3-5 PM**