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Family, friends and dignitaries pose near the memorial highway sign honoring Lt. Gary A. Scott on Thursday. Scott, a Le Roy native, was killed in Vietnam in 1968 while saving the life of another soldier.

Lt. Gary Scott Memorial Highway: Honoring a Local Hero, Celebrating Black Excellence, Inspiring the Future

By SAMUEL ZERILLO
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"I don't know that I've met anyone quite like Gary."

That's what Kathy Damann had to say after watching her cousin, Lt. Gary A. Scott, finally receive his long overdue Memorial Highway dedication in Le Roy on Thursday.

A crowd that included friends, family and local leaders convened first on the intersection of Route 19 and Parmalee Road to see the brand-new Memorial Highway sign be unveiled for the first time.

Then, the group made its way to Trigon Park for a special ceremony to honor the legacy of Scott.

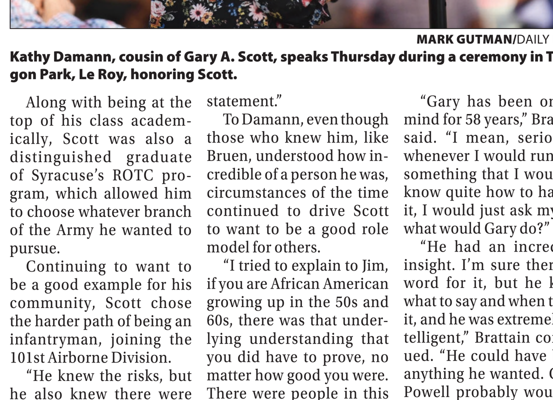
Damann came up to the podium a few times during the events at Trigon Park, discussing the impact her cousin had on the people around him.

"Those who knew Gary remember a remarkable young man," Damann said. "He was hard working, determined, loyal, intelligent and compassionate. He had a huge smile, a wonderful sense of humor and a natural ability to lead."

She also emphasized that despite the challenges that he, like many other African Americans in the United States at the time, faced, he never shied away from his goals.

"Growing up as an African American during the 1950s and 1960s presented obstacles that could have limited his opportunities and his dreams. But through his faith in God, the support of his family, perseverance and extraordinary ability, Garry refused to allow these obstacles to define what he could accomplish," Damann said.

Wanting to be a leader in the local African American community led him to many impressive feats, such as being the first ever African American graduate of the environmental science and forestry program at the SUNY College of Forestry at Syracuse University.



MARK GUTMAN/DAILY NEWS

Kathy Damann, cousin of Gary A. Scott, speaks Thursday during a ceremony in Trigon Park, Le Roy, honoring Scott.

Along with being at the top of his class academically, Scott was also a distinguished graduate of Syracuse's ROTC program, which allowed him to choose whatever branch of the Army he wanted to pursue.

Continuing to want to be a good example for his community, Scott chose the harder path of being an infantryman, joining the 101st Airborne Division.

"He knew the risks, but he also knew there were very few African Americans in military leadership positions at that time," Damann said. "Gary believed this was an opportunity to serve both his country and this community."

Scott's former college roommate and friend, Jim Bruen, tried to talk him out of it, however Scott was resolved.

"He chose the infantry. When he told me that, I actually pulled him aside into the conference room and said, 'Gary, you have your choice. You've already proved you're a leader,'" Bruen said.

"(Scott) said to me, 'there's an insufficient number of African Americans in leadership positions in this country,'" Bruen continued. "He felt he wanted to make another statement."

To Damann, even though those who knew him, like Bruen, understood how incredible of a person he was, circumstances of the time continued to drive Scott to want to be a good role model for others.

"I tried to explain to Jim, if you are African American growing up in the 50s and 60s, there was that underlying understanding that you did have to prove, no matter how good you were. There were people in this world who viewed you differently," Damann said.

"Even though on one hand you knew you didn't have to prove it, there was always that underlying kind of understanding that, yeah, you had to be better, you had to stand out more, you had to distinguish yourself."

His decision led Scott to be deployed to the Vietnam War in 1967.

While overseas, Scott's life came to a tragic end on March 29, 1968, after members of his platoon came under fire. Scott died protecting his friend, medic Bruce Brattain.

Brattain flew in from Alaska to make sure he was there on Thursday to see the man who saved him all those years ago be honored.

"Gary has been on my mind for 58 years," Brattain said. "I mean, seriously, whenever I would run into something that I wouldn't know quite how to handle it, I would just ask myself, what would Gary do?"

"He had an incredible insight. I'm sure there's a word for it, but he knew what to say and when to say it, and he was extremely intelligent," Brattain continued. "He could have been anything he wanted. Colin Powell probably wouldn't have been the first black man to hold such a high position (in the military)."

Despite only being on Earth for 22 years, Scott's heroism inspired many people outside of Brattain as well. The effect of Scott's actions both before and during the Vietnam War still resonate with those who knew him, and the Le Roy community.

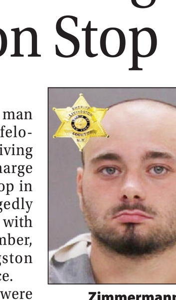
Damann shared a story about a radio operator who served with Scott during the Vietnam War who compared Scott's legacy to that of another Arican American leader, Martin Luther King Jr.

"In the book 'Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam,' Gary's radio operator wrote to his father about the young lieutenant

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Rochester Man Facing Weapons, DWI Charges Following Avon Stop

By The LWG STAFF



Zimmermann

A Monroe County man is facing multiple felony charges and a driving while intoxicated charge following a traffic stop in which he was allegedly found with a firearm with an altered serial number, reports the Livingston County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the area of South River Road in the town of Caledonia about 10:45 p.m. Aug. 23 following the reported traffic complaint. Deputy Hayden Strobel of the Sheriff's Office STOP DWI Unit ultimately located the vehicle on River Street in the village of Avon and conducted a traffic stop after observing alleged violations of state Vehicle and Traffic Law, the Sheriff's Office said.

Contact was made with the driver, identified as Lawrence Zimmermann, 25, of Rochester. The deputy suspected that Zimmerman was possibly under the influence of alcohol and began a driving while intoxicated investigation, which included the performance of standardized field sobriety tests. At the completion of the roadside investigation, Zimmermann was taken into custody for DWI, the Sheriff's Office said.

During the course of the investigation, Zimmermann was also found to be in possession of a firearm with an altered serial number, methamphetamine, and MDMA, according to the Sheriff's Office

Zimmermann was taken to the Sheriff's Office in Geneseo where he was administered a Breathalyzer to determine his blood alcohol content. The Breathalyzer revealed that Zimmermann had a BAC of 0.09%, the Sheriff's Office said.

In New York state, DWI is .08% BAC.

Zimmermann was charged with criminal possession of a firearm, a class E felony; second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, a class C felony; third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, a class D felony; misdemeanor DWI, resisting arrest, second-degree obstructing governmental administration, and violations of state Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Zimmerman was turned over to Central Booking deputies at Livingston County Jail for processing and pre-arraignment detention. He was later arraigned at Livingston County Centralized Arraignment Part at Livingston County Jail before Town of Groveland Justice Mark Bean, who remanded Zimmermann to the custody of the Sheriff on $2,500 cash bail or $5,000 bond. The Livingston County District Attorney's Office had requested the Zimmermann be held on $5,000 cash bail or $20,000 bond.

The Livingston County Public Defender's Office represented Zimmermann at his arraignment. The District Attorney's Office also appeared at the arraignment.

Members of the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division and the Avon Police Department also assisted with the investigation.

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A Glimpse of Le Roy: 1926 — 1976

By LYNNE BELLUSCIO
Special to The Le Roy Weekend Gazette



PROVIDED PHOTO

Amelia Earhart visited LeRoy on January 1, 1929. She drove to Le Roy from Rochester and had her photo taken in front of the Friendship airplane at the Woodward Airport on Asbury Road.

1926 – B.F. Bundy installs the first carwash in Le Roy; two cannons that flanked the Soldiers Monument are buried (They are dug up in 1943 for the WW2 scrap drive).

1927 – Le Roy's first radio station begins broadcasting; Donald Woodward buys the Orangeine Company of Chicago; the first 24-hour police coverage is established; Le Roy National Bank moves into its new building.

1928 — the Town replaces the old steam roller with a new 4-cylinder gas roller; Donald Woodward buys the Friendship, a tri-motor Fokker in which Amelia Erhart crossed the Atlantic; the D.W. Woodward Airport opens in October. Huge crowds close the roads to the airport.

1929 – Amelia Erhart drives to Le Roy from Rochester to visit the Friendship.

1930 – the Woodward Memorial Library, built from stone of Ingham University's Art Conservatory, is dedicated; the Village trustees adopt Daylight Savings Time; the steeple of St. Peter's Catholic Church is removed; the second traffic light is installed at Myrtle and Clay Street; A double wedding ceremony is performed in flight aboard Donald Woodward's airplane, the Friendship; The Triangle Tract Monument is dedicated on Summit Street.

1931 — Le Roy Central School presents the "Chronicles of American Photoplays" a series of 15 films produced by Yale University depicting the history of America; A raid uncovers a small illegal brewery business on Church Street; The Jell-O plant operates 24 hours a day to keep up with orders; Le Roy makes a bid for a Veterans Hospital to be built in Western New York; The Bank of Le Roy and Le Roy National Bank merge.

1932 — Russ Holderman of the D.W. Airport drops food to snow-bound Blue Bus passengers and motorists trapped between Bergen and Batavia; Lake Lagrange, the source of Le Roy's water, develops a leak; Union Steel Chest Company of Rochester moves to Le Roy.

1933 – The Mary Lew Tourist Home and Tea Room on West Main is heavily damaged by fire.

1934 — The Historic Ganson Inn on East Main Road is razed; The Village of Le Roy celebrates its Centennial; 400 Le Roy students strike in a protest against the Board of Education withholding the contract of history teacher, Cecil Crews; Eleanor Roosevelt attends a reception given by Mrs. Donald Woodward; Haskins Mill is destroyed by fire.

1935 – Russell Holderman sets an unofficial aviation record by flipping a glider 50 times at the D.W. Airport

1936 – The Eagle Hotel is damaged by fire; Charles Drayo eats 28 bananas in 9 minutes to establish a new Western New York record; The dredging of the Oatka Creek channel from Main Street bridge to Red Bridge is completed; The Old Tyme Inn on the corner of Church Street and East Main Street is razed; The Town Board creates the Rural Fire District.

1937 – The Village adopts a three-hour parking limit on Village streets; Helen Woodward Rivas donates the rectory to St. Mark's Church

1938 — The new Le Roy Post Office is dedicated; The Apple Blossom Festival is held in Le Roy; Houses on Gilbert Street, Clay Street, Myrtle Street, and Craigie Street are renumbered; the D.W. Airport is sold to a Buffalo firm.

1939 — The worst snowstorm since 1900 hits Le Roy; The Village proposes permitting turning right on red at Wolcott and Main; Swans are brought to the Oatka Creek; The Snow Cruiser for the Byrd expedition to South America stops in Texaco Town for repairs.

1940 — Tallulah Bankhead performs in the Auditorium; The Union Free School changes to the Le Roy Central School: Le Roy Rotary Club is chartered; Le Roy Historical Society is chartered; A pictorial book "Le Roy 1940" is assembled and is displayed at the Library.

1941 – The sixth contingent of draftees leaves Le Roy for the Army; Le Roy holds its first black-out practice; Le Roy Country Club is incorporated.

1942 – Wilkinson Institute of Aeronautics begins operation at the Woodward Airport to train civilian pilots; Le Roy adopts a "patriotic" speed of 40 mph to conserve tires and gasoline during the war; Red Bridge Dam is rebuilt; Lapp Insulator is awarded the Army-Navy E Award

1943 — Louis Steuber converts former Thomas Larkin home on Trigon Park into a funeral home; Le Roy Machine Company is organized by Art Grayson Sr.; Le Roy is the only town in the country to meet war fund quota (due to digging up the buried canons in Trigon Park); Pvt. Robert Thompson becomes the first Genesee County prisoner of war.

1944 — Police "clean up" all the pinball machines in town; The North-East Laundry plant on West Main burns.

1945 – the Village purchases a new 4-ton Brockway snow plow; the steeple on the Methodist Church is struck by lightning; the Lampson Block on the north side of Main Street burns and is razed; Knights of Columbus is formed.

1946 — Pauline Winkleman, a Jell-O employee crochets an 8-foot-square bedspread from the string taken from the tops of 3000 sugar bags.

1947 — Donald Woodward's East Main Estate is given to the University of Rochester for a home for children with cerebral palsy; one of the Le Roy swans is killed when it was swept over the dam during a rain storm.

1948 – Hickey Freeman Clothing Company establishes a branch factory in Le Roy.

1949 – The Le Roy Central School is established; fire destroys part of the Union Steel Chest factory on Church Street

1950 — the Le Roy facility of the Associated Seed Growers, formerly N.B. Keeney & Son. Keeney closes.

1951 — Olmsted Hall of the Presbyterian Church is dedicated to the memory of Elizabeth Allen Olmsted;

1952 — Oleo leads butter in sales in Le Roy by 30 pounds to 21 pounds

1953 — railroad passenger service ends in Le Roy.

1954 — Hartwood Park is dedicated; Le Roy Exit 47 of the NYS Thruway officially opens with a ribbon cutting by Governor Thomas E. Dewey

1955 — Le Roy Chamber of Commerce is chartered; radio communications between the Village Hall, the DPW, and the mayor are established; ground is broken for Holy Family School; a proposal to issue bonds for $380,000 for a sanitary sewer is defeated by Le Roy voters

1956 — Jell-O offers 10 delicious flavors of its famous dessert

1957 — Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company celebrates 100th anniversary; the Canon Plumley Parish House is added to St. Mark's Church; Jell-O celebrates 60th anniversary; the back wall and porch of the Le Roy House are rebuilt

1958 – The first annual ball of the Police Benevolent Association is held at the Moose Club; Village Board approves change in zoning ordinance on West Main Street which allows the erection of a supermarket on the site of the old Butler House; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woodward donate land north of the Post Office to the Village for a public park.

1959 – Frost Ridge Ski slope is developed; Donald Woodward dies at his Le Roy home on East Main Street; Lathrop Memorial Window is dedicated in Machpelah Cemetery Chapel

1960 – Maloney Block is destroyed by fire on corner of Bank Street and Main; second water line from Lake Perkins to Le Roy is installed; new parking meters are installed on Main Street; voters approve modern sewage disposal facility

1961 — severe water shortage affects Le Roy; work begins on 490 Expressway to Rochester; Olive Branch Masonic Lodge celebrates 150th anniversary; the Edith Hartwell Clinic closes; three flower beds in Trigon Park are removed because of neglect

1962 — the wooden Le Roy Academy building behind Le Roy House is demolished and the stone from the foundation is used to build an addition to St. Mark's Church; General Foods announces the closing of the Le Roy Jell-O factory; the Town adds radio units to highway trucks; Paula Heins of Le Roy is crowned Miss New York State; logs from the 1802 Main Street Bridge are uncovered while installing new sewer lines

1963 – Sisters of Mercy acquire Donald Woodward's estate; NY State denies School Board request to enlarge school campus; Village Board approves request to build Rochester Telephone Building on Myrtle and Clay Street

1964 – Lapp Insulator sends relief to earthquake stricken Alaska by shipping insulators; Le Roy switches over to dial telephones; the Jell-O plant closes; Heaman Memorial carillon is dedicated at St. Mark's church

1965 – NY State acquires right of way along Rt 19 on Lake and Clay Streets; unidentified objects are seen by several Le Royans; Star Market opens on West Main Street; 490 Western Expressway to Rochester opens

1966 – ZIP Codes are initiated in Le Roy – the "Blizzard of '66" strands 80 people in Le Roy; Lawless Container Corp. buys the former Jell-O factory.

1967 – the Saturday Evening Post features the Le Roy Fire Department; the former N.B. Keeney bean plant on Lake Street burns; Le Roy Chamber of Commerce supports merging of town and village; the old water tank on Summit Street is demolished

1968 – Le Roy approves fluoridation of the municipal water supply; the First Baptist Church celebrates 150th anniversary; Tountas Coffee Shop is gutted by fire; demolition of the Brust Building creates the walkway next to the Smoke Shop

1969 — Fire Department radio base is installed in Village Hall; Crockers Hardware Stoe opens; Acme Market opens at 15 West Main Street on site of the Butler Mansion; Lapp Insulator and Interpace merge; St. Peters Catholic Church celebrates 100th anniversary

1970 — construction begins on swimming pool on Munson Street; Union Steel Chest workers go on strike; Le Roy Volunteer Ambulance Service is organized; 25 cars of the Lehigh Valley derail on Gulf Road and create massive chemical spill

1971 — glass recycling begins at DPW garage on North Street; recycling of cans begins at Continental Can; Village employs full-time dispatchers; the Marion steam shovel on Gulf Road is officially retired and placed on display; Oatka Hose Co. celebrates 100th anniversary; 25 degrees below zero on Christmas

1972 – B Line Bus Service comes to Le Roy; voting machines impounded after Village elections; Maloy Restaurant on corner of Bank Street is razed; Townsend Oil Co. celebrates 50th anniversary; 6 yr old Beth Ann Condidiorio wins New York State "Miss La Petite" competition; Derrick Monument Co is sold

1973 – Le Roy Methodists celebrate 150th anniversary; Union Steel Chest Company moves to Arizona; Town plans to tap into Monroe County Water; Lapp Insulator employees strike; bicycle races are held on Main Street; proposal accepted for new fire hall adjacent to Municipal building; energy crisis shortens Christmas light display on Main Street, the lights are only lit for five days from 5 pm until 9 pm.

1974 — quarry on Circular Rd is considered for Monroe County landfill; new water treatment plant is approved by Le Roy voters; new fire house is completed; Creekside Regatta

1975 — Main Street bridge is reconstructed south of the bridge; Town votes against 2.5 million dollar Monroe County landfill proposal; Upstate Milk Cooperative moves to Le Roy; Le Roy interchange of the NYS Thruway is the busiest of the three Genesee County interchanges

1976 – Sewage treatment plant expansion begins; water and ice demolish the temporary foot bridge across Oatka Creek; X rated movie at the Le Roy Theater creates protests; cold storage on Church St. is razed; marquee of the theater is razed for Route 5 construction

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SAMUEL ZERILLO/THE LE ROY WEEKEND GAZETTE

Hope Center Director Gina Lathan (left) with Fresh Start Director Amy Thompson (right) at an open house for the new Hope Center location in early 2026.

'Smoke For Hope' Brings Big Flavor, Friendly Competition, and Community Fun to Benefit Hope Center

PRESS RELEASE
The Hope Center of Le Roy

Le Roy, get ready to fire up your appetite and support a great cause. The Hope Center is hosting Smoke For Hope, a one-of-a-kind smoked meat competition and community fundraiser on Saturday, September 12, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., at Tracy B's Farm Market & Brewery.

Smoke For Hope will bring together local amateur cooking teams, community members, families and food lovers for an afternoon filled with incredible barbecue, music, raffles and plenty of fun, all while raising funds to support the Hope Center and its programs serving individuals and families throughout Genesee County and surrounding areas.

Teams will compete for bragging rights and prizes in categories such as Best Chicken Wings, Best Pork Butt and Best Ribs. Attendees will also have the opportunity to select their favorite contestant for the coveted People's Choice Award.

Guests will have the opportunity to sample a variety of smoked meats and decide which team deserves their vote!

This event is graciously sponsored by, and made pos-

- 50/50 raffle
- Dessert vendors
- Bounce house
- Face painting
- Plenty of food, fun and family-friendly entertainment

The event will be held rain or shine.

Supporting Hope in Our Community

Proceeds from Smoke For Hope will benefit the Hope Center, a nonprofit community center dedicated to providing programs and opportunities that help individuals and families grow, connect and thrive.

The Hope Center's programs include Fresh Start Tutoring, which provides free tutoring for students and adult literacy learners; Senior Moments, a respite program for caregivers caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's/dementia; Women's health and wellness workshops through Made to Bloom; Men of Hope, our senior citizens outreach program offering handyman type services; Vessels, our newest program and club for tween girls grades 3 through 6; and other programs designed to bring hope, connection and practical support to the community.

"Smoke For Hope is about much more than barbecue," said Gina Lathan, Director of

Farm Market & Brewery, 8041 East Main Rd, Le Roy NY

Admission: $25 | Children 10 & under: Free

Rain or shine

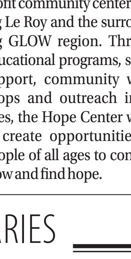
For more information about Smoke For Hope or the Hope Center, visit the Hope Center's social media pages or contact the Hope Center of Le Roy.

About the Hope Center

The Hope Center is a nonprofit community center serving Le Roy and the surrounding GLOW region. Through educational programs, senior support, community workshops and outreach initiatives, the Hope Center works to create opportunities for people of all ages to connect, grow and find hope.

OBITUARIES

Douglas Clayton Perrine



Perrine

Douglas Clayton Perrine, 78, of Caledonia, N.Y., passed away on Friday Aug. 28, 2026 at his home.

He was born on Sept. 26, 1947, in Warsaw, New York a son to the late Earl E. Perrine and Nancy F. (Gardner) Yager.

Doug graduated from Letchworth Central High School class of 1965. He enlisted in the US Navy and served during the Vietnam War.

Doug worked for Frontier Telephone Company retiring in 2018. He was a member of the Caledonia VFW and American Legion. He enjoyed his time spent with friends at their monthly gatherings for lunch. In his youth Doug enjoyed hunt-

call from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday Sept. 12 at the Eaton-Watson Funeral Home 98 North Main St. in Perry where services will follow at 4 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Castile Fire Department P.O. Box

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER
BY GREG "PORP" ROGERS

Over recent months we have made a lot of progress in our effort to be more efficient at the Village Hall. Reduced our incoming phone and fax lines from 16 to two, a new computer service and management company, a new internet provider, four new employees. Our comprehensive plan has been updated. While this has not been easy, we do

John Allen has tendered his letter of resignation on the zoning board of appeals. John has served for over 10 years and done a great job.

Last week a portion of Rt. 19 was dedicated to Le Roy Vietnam war hero Gary Scott. Senator George Borrello and Assemblyman Hawley did the dedication, but in reality, it was the tireless effort from Lynne Belluscio that made this come to be, Lynn would not let

Scott's friends and family at the celebration as well as Gary's comrade in arm and the support of our own American Legion it was a great event.

As school begins back please be ware of the children walking and stopped school busses. Enjoy Labor Day.

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain."

R.I.P Dolly Parton

Newspapers offer a historical account of the communities they serve and we do not want to exclude anyone from our obituary page due to inability to pay. Therefore, a one-inch death notice that only lists the name, age, town, date of death and occupation of the deceased will be free of charge. The funeral home needs to note in their email that the obituary will be free. As such, the name of the Funeral Home will not be published in the free obituary.

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Saturday - Sunday September 5-6
Starting 2pm on Sept. 5
Ending 9pm on Sept. 6
2026 Wings Over Batavia Air Show
We're thrilled to share that the show will be back September 5 & 6 to light up the night above Batavia Airport!
Wings Over Batavia has become the area's can't-miss event of the summer, always featuring world-class performers putting on breathtaking displays. The performances begin in the late afternoon and continue into the evening, concluding with our iconic pyromusical. And with this year being the 250th anniversary of the United States, we'll be taking our show to historical heights to celebrate!
Tickets are on sale now! Check out our website to get yours today! https://wingsoverbatavia.com/tickets/
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Saturday - Monday September 5-7
Starting 10am on Sept. 5
Ending 7pm on Sept. 7
2026 Wings Over Batavia Air Show
Come celebrate Labor Day weekend with great food, outstanding live music, local artisans, family activities, and one of Western New York's favorite community festivals.
Triangle Park
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Sun. September 6
12 - 7pm
Olcott Beach Jazz Trail
Here is our 2026 Olcott Beach Jazz Trail line up! See you on Sunday, September 6th for this FREE event!!!
Krull Park, Olcott Beach
6000 E Main St., Olcott NY

Mon. September 7
12pm
Oakfield Labor Daze Car Cruise
Be sure to join us at our Car Cruise! We will have LIVE music, giveaways & food vendors.
We will also be featuring your car, if you participate in our parade prior to the Cruise In.
Be sure to click on the FREE ticket link to register! You will receive a FREE gift for just showing up & showing off!
Webber Avenue
25 Webber Ave., Oakfield NY

Fri. September 11
7:15 - 9:15pm
Vessels Free Outdoor Movie Night
Vessels is a faith-based girls' club with locations across the country. Each week, girls learn about a woman of the Bible to identify what made her unique, how she filled her life (her vessel), and examine her life to see if she allowed God to use her (or not). Through fun, hands-on activities we will learn practical-apply-it-today wisdom. FREE Admission and includes drinks, snacks and the movie "David" (2025)! Bring a lawn chair and a friend!
Calvary Baptist Church
8703 Lake Street Rd., Le Roy NY

9pm
The Real News at 34 Rush!
Live at 34 Rush in Batavia Downs. Cya out~!
Batavia Downs
8315 Park Road, Batavia NY

Sat. September 12
Whole Day
Le Roy Community Wide Garage Sale
Nancy Crocker and Mollie Mart are looking to add more addresses to the LeRoy community garage sale list on September 12! Add your name by contacting her at 585-314-7982 or emailing nancycrocker619@gmail.com
Don't wait! Let's make this bigger than ever!
Village of Le Roy
Le Roy, NY

10am - 3pm
Farm Fest 2026
Join us for the Livingston County Farm Fest 2026!! Our host farm this year is Coyne Farms, a multi-generational dairy farm in Avon, NY. Come out to learn more about LivCo agriculture, and where your food comes from! Food vendors, petting zoo, educational wagon ride, fun activities, and much more!! The perfect kid-friendly event to cap off the summer and start the school year!
Free to all attendees.
Coyne Farms Dairy
1770 Jenks Rd., Avon NY

Sat. September 19
4:30 - 9:30pm
Wreckfest 2026
THE GREATEST SHOW OF THE SEASON!! YOU WONT WANT TO MISS THIS FULL SIZE BUS DEMOLITION DERBY, 100 LAP ENDURO, TRAILER JUMP STUNT AND WAY MORE ,Great food great fun for the whole family!!!
Merrittville Speedway
2371 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold, Ontario

Sat. September 26
9am - 4:30pm
13th Annual Scottsville Car Show
Registration 9-12 all registration is done in person! THERE IS NO PRE REGISTRATION! Don't let the scammers get you!
Awards 3:30
Drivers $20
Spectators free
Johnson Park
98 2nd St., Scottsville NY

10am - 3pm
Robert's Car Show
Trophies, dash plaques, door prizes and maybe a few other things.
Roberts Wesleyan University
2301 Westside Dr., Rochester NY

Sun. September 27
10am
47th Apple Harvest Festival
Celebrating the annual local harvest! Enjoy one of Newfane's longest running gatherings. Visit and enjoy great food & drinks, flea market & craft vendors, Art Gladow's Famous Chicken Chowder (sold by the bowl and take-home gallons), live performances, historical demonstrations & reenactments, and more... plus all our Country Village exhibits will be open!
Please come and support Newfane's Historical Society.
Free Parking & Free Admission
Join us rain or shine
No pets please
Please Note: expect some loud sounds from working engines, equipment and gunfire.
Hevol House Museum
2685 W Creek Rd., Newfane NY

ONGOING:

Mondays
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 6 pm
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.
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Wednesdays
6:30 - 7:30pm
Join the Crafty Crafters
Official Start Date of the Crafty Crafters, Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:30 pm at York Baptist Church in the gathering room! Everyone is welcome, from beginner to expert! All ages are welcome to participate. Please bring your own knitting, crocheting, quilting, and embroidery materials, and a good "yarn" to spin!
First Baptist Church
5 E. Main St., Le Roy

Thursdays
5 - 8pm
From May 21st to September 10th
Cruisin' at the Corral
Come Showcase Your Pride & Joy! ... and relax with the Cruiser fellowship of Cruisin' at the Corral
Join us for one of Western New York's finest displays of classic cars, trucks & motorcycles! FUN FOR ALL!!! Old Cars • New Cars • Sports Cars • Muscle Cars Trucks • Motorcycles • Specialty Cars INFO: - Some come early, some stay late! - Most vehicles arrive between 5:15-5:45pm - This is a relaxed event of Cruiser fellowship. - Please wait for an attendant to be present before parking in the field. - Join us in the stage area around 6:30pm
Charcoal Corral & Silver Lake Twin Drive-In
7037 Chapman Ave., Perry NY

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 Eclectic Treasures
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MAGIC MAZE • PRESIDENTS OVER 6 FEET TALL

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

Super Crossword — FELINE FROM AFAR

ACROSS
1 More serious, as a matter
7 It's hidden by head hair
12 Quivered
20 Sure to succeed, as a proposition
21 Marisa of "Cyrus"
22 César Ritz or Conrad Hilton
23 Immediately
24 Of the hipbone
25 With great happiness
26 Start of a riddle
29 Breathe hard and fast
50 Quantity: Abbr.
51 Egyptian sun god
53 Fiber-yielding plant
56 Charlotte — (rich dessert)
58 Erwin of old films
61 Web portal since '95
62 Riddle, part 3
66 Mailed, e.g.
68 Pen name
70 Tiny, informally
71 Riddle, part 4
74 Really binges, briefly
77 Atlanta-to-Tampa dir.
103 Riddle's answer
113 Egyptian carrier until 2021
116 Makes level
117 Disappear without —
118 Least narrow
119 Fix, as a bow
120 Papal crowns
121 Cutting parts of some cutting tools
122 Sulky states
123 Accompany for security

DOWN
1 Chew like a rat
2 Horror film
12 Iota preceder
13 Do deep massage therapy on
14 And the like: Abbr.
15 Portion (out)
16 Ignored, informally
17 Pan topper
18 Sinuous fish
19 Parched
27 Egyptian sacred cross
28 Truckloads
32 Goes over, as old issues
33 Sevastopol natives, e.g.
34 Deputy: Abbr.
35 Hairy TV cousin
53 Attacked aggressively
54 Business coll. subject
55 Repair
57 Neighbor of Nor. and Fin.
58 Dir. 45 degrees from 77-Across
59 "Madam Secretary" star
60 Perturb
62 Rig on a road
63 Panther
64 Med. insurers
65 "Ready Player One" co-star Sheridan
86 Three in "maximum"
88 "Botch- —" (1952 hit)
89 Pro — (for now)
90 Pigs' hangout
92 Makes an allusion to
93 Sneaker, e.g.
94 Horn honkers
95 A baker may wear a mitt to handle one
96 Longtime depilatory brand
101 Singer Patti or Sam
102 Greyhound

Weekly SUDOKU

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

3. MOVIES: What is the only international (non-English) movie to date that has won the Best Picture Oscar?
4. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin word "alibi" mean in English?
5. FOOD & DRINK: Which country is known for the soup called pho?
6. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest bay in the world?
7. MUSIC: What 1996 song by Los del Rio became an international dance phenomenon?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the only president to be elected unanimously by the Electoral College?
9. SCIENCE: How many times does the average human blink per minute?
10. TELEVISION: What is SpongeBob's pet named in the animated series "SpongeBob SquarePants"?

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Scott

FROM A1

he had served under. He said, 'I served under a great many officers and consider Lieutenant Scott the most worthy to emulate. Tonight, our nation mourns the death of Martin Luther King. I mourn the death of another leader, Lieutenant Gary Scott.'"

One of the speakers at the event, Jacob Gilbert-Mahoney, who was there on behalf Governor Kathy Hochul's office, even found a special personal connection to Scott's story.

"My Uncle Gary called me, who was over in Victor. I was just driving, and he was like, 'hey, I heard about this through the grapevine about this celebration... you know I'm named after Lieutenant Gary Scott, right?'" Gilbert-Mahoney said.

His uncle is one of three people from the local area he knew were named after Scott, showing the reach that Scott's story has continued to have.

"It's a strange, greater Rochester, Monroe County, New York State connection that always resonates at these things and made this occasion so much more personal for me, as it has for many individuals," Gilbert-Mahoney added.



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Jim Bruen speaks about his friend and former college roommate, Gary A. Scott, at Trigon Park on Thursday. Bruen said Scott joined the infantry to make a statement.

That reach is extended through a local scholarship that bears Scott's name as well, given out to Le Roy High School students annually. Past recipients of the scholarship were in attendance and even said a few words, including 2009 LHS graduate Rachael Blackshear Morrow.

The most recent winner of the scholarship was Carson Caton, who was also in attendance at the ceremony.

"Prior to being awarded this scholarship, I had no knowledge at all of Gary Scott," Caton said. "Hearing his story was very emotional, and it was an absolute honor to know his story and to win the award to carry on his legacy."

The scholarship is maintained by Damann, Bruen and other former college roommates and friends of Scott's, and the group is continuing to ramp up efforts to preserve it.

"If we don't get new donors, (the scholarship) will expire," Damann said. "It would be a shameful thing. It really would be to me, it would be Gary dying his second death because I look at this award as his living legacy, and if it ends, I just feel as though it would be that drastic to me."

The scholarship efforts, along with the new Memorial Highway sign, is something that Damann hopes will continue to be fully embraced by the community for years to come.

"I hope people have learned more about Gary, because I think if it's just the scholarship, it's kind of that closed community of the high school," Damann said. "You hear Gary's story at honors night, somebody gets the award, very nice. But this highway brings it out in the open to the community at large, and that is unspeakably important to me."

"They will see the sign, they will see his name and know that it represents a young man who grew up in this community, was molded by the teachers in school and neighbors and friends. And Gary is this community, and I want them to own it and to be proud of it."

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DECISION DAY

Beane, Brady on Bills roster cuts, practice squad pickups, injury updates

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ORCHARD PARK — The Buffalo Bills 53-man roster was set Sunday, and the practice squad was finalized Monday, giving Buffalo a starting point for how it will operate this season.

A few surprises came with the roster reveal in terms of guys we kept and others we didn't.

Perhaps the most interesting decisions came at cornerback, with Kani Walker and Toriano Pride Jr. among those cut loose and the team electing to keep only five players at the spot, and three true outside corners. Christian Benford, Maxwell Hairston, Davison Igbinosun, Dee Alford and Jordan Hancock ultimately made the cut for the 53-man unit; Walker returned on the practice

to kind of improve there."

As for if he felt the team needed a veteran addition at the position with so many young players there, Beane feels comfortable with what they have right now.

"I feel really good about what's on the 53, I do, assuming you can stay healthy, that's the one thing you can never predict," he said. "Obviously Christian speaks for himself. I'm excited about Max, IGB, and Dee Alford. I think he's (Alford) shown a lot not only in the games, but you guys have been at practices seeing what he's playing. That's the great thing about Dee. He is our starting nickel, but Jordan Hancock's done a nice job. If we feel like we need to move Dee outside for an injury or whatever's going on, we can do that as well. So again, as

Another big surprise came with the Bills keeping four tight ends and no fullback on the roster, cutting Ben VanSumeran while keeping Keleki Latu. VanSumeran landed on the Kansas City Chiefs practice squad. After Reggie Gilliam left in free agency, many wondered if the Bills would carry a fullback on the roster this season, but the talent in the tight end room did enough to fill the void in Joe Brady's mind.

"Yeah, I said it last week, right? We got to find a way to build our best 53, and some of that is also taking into consideration what the 48 is going to look like. And the fortunate thing we have is such a unique tight end room that you have the ability to build a lot of different structures and play 10 personnel sets, 20 personnel sets, and do a lot



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Bills General Manager Brandon Beane at the podium on Tuesday.

room to make. We went extra there, we've usually kind of gone with three, but again, you're trying to keep your best 53 players that you can, and thought he earned that opportunity," Beane said.

Other roster decisions included keeping 10 offensive linemen, trading away Sedrick Van Pran-Granger to

punt returner. The Bills did add Greg Dortch to the practice squad, and Beane mentioned him among guys who will be in the mix.

"I think we've got some guys that can do it. You're looking at what roles they're playing, whether it's Khalil Shakir, Dee Alford, guys like that. Ray, we've obvious-

through it, but we like what we were able to kind of bring in, even with what the guys that we have on the roster," Brady said.

On the injury front, defensive tackle Zane Durant, who hit injured reserve during roster cuts, is dealing with a neck injury according to

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The Le Roy/Cal-Mum Rivals huddled around coach Humphrey after pratice.

BREAKING THROUGH

Le Roy/Cal-Mum set sights to shake the gridiron in Class C

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The Le Roy/Caledonia-Mumford football program is locked and loaded for a run at a Section V Class C title.

"We try and take it one week at a time and more so one day, one practice, one rep, one drill at a time," Rivals head coach Mike Humphrey said. "I like where we are; we've come a long way from the first day of practice, and that's the idea: we're just trying to get better every single day.

"This is a competitive group that will play the game with a lot of enthusiasm...I'm excited to see this team do everything they can to achieve their goals."

The Rivals campaign a year ago fell short in the

and we're ready to rebound."

McClurg returns as a third-year starter this season to lead the charge after delivering an impressive junior campaign in 2025. He threw 16 touchdowns with just four interceptions while rushing for 239 yards and four touchdowns on offense. He was also a key cog defensively at safety, recording a team-leading three interceptions.

"Anyone who's been around as long as he (McClurg) has, they know the ropes; he's an extension of the coaching staff," Humphrey said. "He means a ton, and we'll need a little more on both sides of the ball just like the other guys playing both sides of the ball; he means a lot, and we're going to lean on him quite a bit."

The defensive approach will be unchanged in 2026. A year ago, the Rivals had 11 players eclipse double-digit tackle totals for the season, including five who average three or more a night, but no individual had more than 63 tackles overall.

"We're hoping to have 11 guys who just fly to the football," Humphrey said. "There might not be a guy who gets 15 tackles a game or who gets an interception or a sack... defense is by committee... it starts up front, we want to be destructive with our front seven and work from there."

As the Rivals enter year three of the merger between Le Roy and Caledonia-Mumford, team bonding continues to be a major key for the team. That includes going beyond the field for



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The Le Roy/Cal-Mum Rivals offense in a huddle during 11-on-11 time.