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Strengthening Roots

Liberty Tree dedicated in Le Roy

By BEN BEAGLE
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LE ROY — The liberty tree planted this summer outside Woodward Memorial Library and Wolcott Street School was a sugar maple chosen to serve as a symbol.

But over this tree to grow strong with roots that remind us of our history, a branch that represents the strength of our community, and the branches that reach toward a future filled with opportunity, students gathered Wolcott Street School Principal Lauren Conboy during Thursday afternoon's dedication ceremony of the 20-foot maple.

The tree is one of several planted in Le Roy by the municipal Historical Society. Bellusio to commemorate America's 250th anniversary. Others included the 13-acre, 17-stripe "great flag" featured in the Oatka Festival parade and a tree representing the nation's birthday around Le Roy.

The tree dedication, like earlier projects, had a strong youth component, with classes at the elementary school and middle school each researching different parts of a title in the dedication.

"The purpose of the America 250 is to be a community celebration, and we wanted to have the young people involved. We have the ones who will be celebrating America's 300th," Bellusio said.

For the Liberty Tree dedication, Bellusio said, students presented Wolcott Street Principal Jason Conboy with a number of ideas and he took the best ideas and ran with them.


Wolcott Street School Principal Peter Greene delivers remarks Thursday during a dedication for Le Roy's Liberty Tree, a 20-foot sugar maple visible behind him.

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The students, said, were excited to be involved.

During his dedication remarks, Greene likened the dedication to a birthday celebration.

"We celebrated a birthday back in July, but who wouldn't want to celebrate another birthday every 250 years?"

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Caledonia Native Raises Money for Hometown Food Pantry

Josh Ingersoll calls on colleagues to help local families this Thanksgiving

By SAMUEL ZERILLO
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CALEDONIA — Rising costs and inflation affecting many this Thanksgiving season, Caledonia-Mumford alumni took it upon himself to help make a difference in his home community.

Josh Ingersoll grew up in Caledonia and graduated from Pearl River High School in 2009. He went on to pursue a unique career in space law and policy. While the work he does has brought him far from home, Ingersoll has never forgotten his Caledonia roots, and always looks for opportunities to give back to the community that helped get him to where he is today.

In the months leading up to November, Ingersoll saw work by members of Facebook pools dedicated to Caledonia Locker Food Pantry and efforts they were doing to raise funds to benefit local families in the Cal-Mum school district this holiday season, which inspired him to get involved.

"I'm very proud of my hometown, and every time I have an opportunity to give back or see a need, I tend to just sort of throw things together and call on my network both professionally and personally. I live now just outside of Washington D.C., as well as my network of alumni friends back in Caledonia," he said.

Ingersoll works in the Washington D.C. area as a director of Spectrum and Public Affairs for Cesium.

Ingersoll also holds a position on the International Telecommunication Union Secretary General's Youth Advisory Board — an entity set up by the United Nations to bring accessibility to technology, according to Ingersoll, "dramatically different regions of the world and expertise in tech, AI, space, environment, policy and governance."

"I feel like I was in a uniquely opportune space of mind, with my title to donate a situation, and I wanted to myself and then utilize my network to help people in the area," he said. "Speaking with the social worker at the Locker Food Pantry, they were looking to see if there was a way that myself, I would love to put up a call to action for folks to donate."

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Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-Cleveland, speaks to supporters Tuesday at GS Steamers Bar & Grill in the city of Oswego. Tenney was re-elected to a fifth term in Congress.

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Tenney Wins Reelection in NY-24 as Democrats Retake House, Senate

By KEN STUTZ
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OSWEGO — Rep. Claudia Tenney easily won a fifth term in Congress on Tuesday, as she outlasted Democrats back into control of the House of Representatives and Senate.

Tenney, R-Cleveland, bested Democrat Alison Ellman by a margin of 60% to 40%, or 151,208 votes, according to unofficial election results.

"It's not the ideal night for New York state, or even the House of Representatives, but it's been a great night for Republicans, and I'm so glad Senator [Mike] Lee and Steamers Bar & Grill in the city of Oswego.

Tenney thanked her supporters and said she was gratified that she was able to help Republicans who helped her hand it to us for elected office, adding that everyone who had gone on was a winner. She knows what it is like to lose a race, she said, having done so several times in a row and was recovered to win in the next election.

But Tenney pointed out that midterms usually favor the party out of power and Republicans had a great night in Oswego County and throughout the state.

She said it was time to reflect on the accomplishments she and others have made over the past couple of years and said many don't represent the accomplishments they have a lot of work to do back to the thankful for.

The 24th District, which includes all of Oswego County and more than 200 miles from Watertown, to Canandaigua to Lockport. It includes all or parts of 14 counties.

Tenney swept all but one of the 24th District. She ran strongest in the deep-red portions of western New York, receiving 73% of the vote in Wyoming County and 69% in Cattaraugus County.

Ellman ran strongest in the Democratic strongholds of Monroe and Tompkins counties, where she received 58% and 56% of the vote, respectively.

Ellman also appeared on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" as part of a segment about congressional candidates who have day jobs as part of OGOE runs.

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Tenney's redistricted, merged portions of Democratic districts with retiring Republican congressmen. Jim Katko's district into a new district that runs from Syracuse to Binghamton, and Jerrold Democrats, formerly represented by Brindisi and now the newly created 24th Congressional District, which includes nearly Oswego County.

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Delia Phillips — Women's Suffrage in Le Roy



By LYNNE BELLUSCIO
Historian
To Le Roy Historical Society

On November 6, 1917, the women in New York State won the right to vote. Five months later, in Le Roy, on April 2, 1918, Delia Phillips was elected to the Municipal Building Committee to oversee the Main and Court buildings.

She was the first woman to vote in Le Roy. Fifty-eight other Le Roy women voted with her. Some were their husbands' choices, but many of them had been working for upstate helping with the war effort. It was only mentioned in the newspaper that there would be an opportunity for women to learn how to operate the voting machines, but that they would be required. It should be noted, that when the bill to allow women to vote in New York State went for a vote, it was defeated in Le Roy. (Only men could vote.)

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Delia Phillips was the first important part of women's history. It is the home of Eaglehurst Museum, one of the earliest schools of high school in Le Roy for women. It would be interesting to know more about the 58 women in Le Roy who voted that day and see how many of them attended Eaglehurst. Chauncey Ingham was educating young women in the principles of equality and physics, the women's suffrage movement was being led by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. The first women's rights convention in the United States was held in July in 1848, at the Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls. Later, the Women's National Loyal League was formed. The Flame of Freedom's Torch was carried from Seneca Falls to Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony when they were campaigning in Kansas and Susan B. Anthony adopted the state flower—the sunflower and its golden color and their banners and flags were all decorated with sunflowers. In mind, a large 8 x 8 barn quilt was painted in white, purple and "sunflower gold." Pioneer Days in the Village Hall in the Genesee that led to the Red Cross rooms on the Genesee Valley Canal and during World War I.

Finally, since this is the 250th anniversary of the United States, I would like to part to buy gift cards at the local Cadaretta Marketplace, with each Raider Pantry family getting $75 to help cover the cost of their Thanksgiving meals.

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Delia Phillips, the first woman to vote in Le Roy.

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Cal-Mum alumni Josh Ingersoll in front of the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

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Liberty Tree

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Just by fate was we celebrating America's birthday, not on the 4th of July, but on the 29th of October," Greene said. We are celebrating a special moment in our school and in our community. This year marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation, and what better way to do that than to plant a tree."

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Wolcott Street School first- and second-grade school students hold up the American flag they created for the Liberty Tree dedication. It wasn't until 1912 that the current pattern on the blue canton became standardized.

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"So they'd leave a souvenir of the day," she said.

The ceremony ended with a longstanding tradition that dates back to the days of the American Revolution.

There was a Liberty Tree in Boston where the Sons of Liberty would gather. They planned, too, to simply be in tree when they would leave a symbol of their ideas and things that happened when they were together: freedom, unity, responsibility, and respect for others.

It is hoped, Bellusio said, that the tree will serve as a gathering spot. There will be a bench and trees and their branches to discuss their hopes for the future and to stand together for the principles that they believes in."

Following the Revolution, it became customary to plant trees to celebrate the country to plant their own Liberty Tree. Le Roy planted one in 1876 during America's centennial celebration.

The tree was planted near the Civil War Veterans Memorial on the Court Street side of the Municipal Building, which is also known as the Main and Court Building.

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Sat, November 7

7am
Mendon Trail Run
A trail running event offering 5K, 10K, half-marathon and marathon distances.

Sat, November 14

9am - 1pm
Holiday Happenings
Craft and Vendor Show
Craft and vendors filled with large variety of crafts: Jewelry, Home Decor, Candles, Soaps, Baked goods, Handmade Items available for purchase. Free parkingand with a chance to win a basket!
Stafford Fire Hall
4 North Main Road Rt. 33
Stafford, NY

1pm - 4pm
Gateway Music Meet Raffle
We will MEET you there. Doors at 1pm, drawings at 2pm. $15 includes a door-prize chance and benefits music education programs. Tickets are $30, or 3 for $80. Bring snacks and a beverage to share.
Alexander Fireman's Recreation Hall
10708 Alexander Road
Alexander, NY

Sat, November 21

11am - 2pm
Annual Stand-Up
Oliver's Candies will be open for business from 11am-2pm on Saturday November 21st from 10 am to 2 pm! We will also have a petting zoo hosted by Llama Farm. The event is free for everyone and there is food and visit with Santa!
Oliver's Candies
211 West Main Street
Batavia, NY

11am - 3pm
Holiday in the Valley
Shop Local Craft and Vendor Season. Join 50 local handcrafted vendors and boutiques for gettable holiday market at the historic Genesee Grande Homestead!
Browse unique, handmade gifts and one-of-a-kind finds, including local artisans, food trucks and get a head start on your holiday shopping! Come for the experience, and support local makers this holiday season!
The Wadsworth Homestead
4 South Street
Geneseo, NY

Thurs, December 17

7:30am - 8pm
Annual Night of Christmas Music
Annual Night of Christmas Music with The City Church Choir!
Church! 7pm
All are welcome for this

Festive Night of Music!
The City Church
218 East Main Street
Batavia, NY

Sat, January 16

12pm - 10pm
Chicken Wing Festival
Wing-eating contest this wing challenge you'll you bundle the beat!
Wing Eating Contest Half Pound Buffalo Garlic Parm, Newman's Salt & Pepper, 911 (Buffalo Garlic Parm mixed), BBQ, Country Sweet. (3/24.99)
Games, team and individual
-Live music 6-9pm
-Kids area is free themed costume
-Food and drink specials
Free admission!!
Nu-Hi Sow Company
3471 Brookson Hill Road
Livonia, NY

ONGOING:

Mondays
Modern Monday
$10 entry (includes one booster pack of current set)
Weekly events!
Sign ups begin at 5:00 pm and play begins promptly at 6pm
Players must play after 6 pm will receive a round 1 loss for tournament
Additional cards will be awarded based upon 1st, 2nd, 3rd place running bracket based 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
10:30 - 11:30am
First Tuesday each month
Coffee Club for Seniors

Wednesdays
4:15 - 5pm
Until November 6th
Sign Up for Events
Free first class, then $5 suggested donation.
Tai Chi for Health offers gentle movements to improve balance, flexibility, and balance.
Community Center of Geneseo
1 Franklin St.
Geneseo NY

6:30 - 7:30pm
Join the Code Cruisers
Official Start Time of the Code Cruisers, Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:30 pm at Stafford Church in the gathering room!
Code Cruisers is a great beginner to expert All ages are welcome to participate. Please bring your own laptop, charger, headphones, and introductory materials, and a good "pawn" to spin!
First Baptist Church
5 E. Main St., Le Roy



Calvary Baptist Church of Le Roy
8703 Lake Street Road, Le Roy
www.calvarybaptistLeRoy.org
Sunday worship service begins at 10:15 a.m.
Nursery provided. Come as you are dressed and casually, we would like to invite you to give Calvary Baptist Church a try. We have a heart for the Lord's Agape Love and our Sunday worship service typically includes singing and fellowship, Scripture memorization, prayer requests, and hymns, a children's message, and a sermon from the Bible.

First Baptist Church of Le Roy
5 E. Main St., Le Roy • (585) 768-7000
BeLe Roy Inspired!.com
Our Sunday Worship Service is at 10am.

First Presbyterian Church of Le Roy
Clay St. (on the corner of Main and Rte 19)
(585) 768-8290
We welcome all to join us for Sunday service every week at 10:00am.
The Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays from 10:00am - noon, and Saturdays from 9:00am - noon.
Donations may be dropped off on Sundays from noon-Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday 9:00am - noon.

Le Roy United Methodist Church
10 Trigon Park, Le Roy • (585) 768-8900
official Le Roy Facebook page • www.LeRoyUMC.org
Worship on Sundays at 10:30am
Coffee hour follows.
Sunday school for children & adults
First Sunday of the month at 9:30 am
All are welcome here!

Living Waters Church
30 Main St., Le Roy • (585) 768-7570
livingwaterslr@frontier.com
Sunday service is held at 10:00am each week.
Fully-unabridged Bible study materials are available at every service.
Watch live on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/livingwaterslr.Le Roy
Watch on Youtube at
www.youtube.com/@livingwaterschurch3612

Our Lady of Mercy & St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church
44 Lake St., Le Roy • (585) 768-6343
ourladyofmercyLR.org
Mass Times @ OLM:
Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 5:30pm
Mass Times @ St. Brigid's Church:
Mass Times @ St. Brigid's Church:
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Weekday: 7:30am Thursday
Mass times may change in the near future.
Youth Ministry:
youth.ourladyofmercyLe Roy1096.virtueus

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
1 E. Main St., Le Roy • (585) 768-7200
www.stmarksLe Roy.org
Facebook: stmarksLe Roy
Worship on Sundays at 10:30 am
Coffee hour follows.
Sunday school for children & adults
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Obituary announcements

Honor the cherished memory of a loved one with a personal tribute.

Post an obituary in The Weekend Gazette starting at $175 for 7 days (additional days are $25 each). Add a standard size photo, set up a memorial guestbook, and share it with friends and family across Le Roy and beyond. Obituaries are published in the Saturday, November 7 edition of The Weekend Gazette and remain online as long as the original post is active.

Obituaries are a historical account of the communities they serve and we encourage submissions from all families regardless of their financial means. Therefore, a one-inch double-column ad that lists the name, age, town, date of death, and publication info for the obituary is free. Ads that include a photo or exceed a one-inch double-column size are $50 per inch. Obituaries submitted after the Tuesday deadline will be published in the next edition.

Please email obituaries to obituaries@thedailynewsonline.com. Questions? Call us for more information on deadlines and placement details.

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(585) 343-3000







1. MOVIES: Which '90s comedy group sings at the wedding in "Bridesmaids"?
2. U.S. HISTORY: Which state's official dance is the song?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which designer made the miniskirt famous?
4. MUSIC: How many strings does a standard violin have?
5. LANGUAGE: What does it mean to eavesdrop?
6. TELEVISION: Who was the original host of "Wheel of Fortune"?
7. ANATOMY: Which component of blood is the largest?
8. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Moby-Dick"?
9. MONEY: What is depicted on the back of a $10 U.S. bill?
10. HISTORY: Who died the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) go into effect?

LWC SPORTS ROUNDUP

Le Roy Volleyball Three-Peats in Class C1, Survives in Five Sets Against ER

Shea Williams wins third straight MVP, Holly, Wilson, Reschke, Biracree all post monster efforts

By MIKE ROSE
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For the third straight season, Le Roy girls volleyball remained atop the landscape in Section V Class C1.

Tuesday was far from easy, as the No. 1 Oatkan Knights needed five sets to take down No. 2 East Rochester and claim the title.

"It's all the offseason work we put in," Le Roy's Kylie Wilson said. "We go in the gyms in March knowing that we can be in nationals finals and that we can win sectionals. That's our goal throughout the whole season. I think we're very hustle-nosed. We had a very tough schedule, and we went a couple of games, but good teams to fire sets. And I think that's why we've had success seasons one to five like today."

The Oatkan Knights came out strong, toppling the Rustlers 25-20 in the first opening set. ER responded with a commanding 25-13 win and turn it into a second affair. Le Roy gutted out the all-important third set 27-25 to regain control, but ER answered again with a 25-20 win in the fourth to force a deciding fifth set, with momentum on the side of the Rustlers.

The Oatkan Knights quickly erased that momentum, jumping out to a fast start and holding on for a 15-5 win to claim the title.

"We knew how important that fifth set was going to be, and we knew the girls on the other side were going to go down. So we knew that we had to get going, keep the serves in, and get in their heads a little bit, and I think that worked, so I'm very proud of everyone."

The win was Le Roy's third straight Section V title on Tuesday night.

The work hasn't let Le Roy head coach Sue Stahs said. She started in the spring, and this was our end goal in the end. They worked hard all season long to get here. It was easy, and they proved that they are the champions.

Le Roy's success has been a team effort, but Wilson, who finished with 15 aces, 15 kills and a touchdown in the win, was the standout performer on the night.

Wilson had a monster night on the attack, finishing with 15 kills, 15 digs and seven service points in the win. Wilson was an automatic ace at the net in the team's victory.

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practice, and it's kind of like a standard now. This is what we work for."

Wilson documented a third straight Class C1 MVP honor for Shea Williams, who piled up 32 kills, 19 digs and seven service points in the win. Williams was as automatic as can be at the net in the team's victory.

"It just shows how hard we've been working all year here, and I mean, I think it personally shows how hard I work, but it feels really good. I think winning as a team is