



THURSDAY

April 26, 2018

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRI
Periods of rain	Mostly clear	Mostly cloudy
HIGH	LOW	60
53	37	43



DeKalb girls dance their way into many hearts with video

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Tom Luckie's legacy inspired success stories

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Turkey dinner Friday

OGDENSBURG — All you can eat turkey dinner sponsored by Knights of Columbus, at K or C Clubhouse, 721 Hasbrouck St., from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Friday. The cost is \$8, for adults; and \$7, for seniors over 65. The meal will consist of turkey, stuffing, vegetable and a roll. To request delivery to the towers, call 315-393-7990, before 4:15 p.m., and expect delivered around 5:15 p.m.

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Bishop praises city, diocese ties

LaValley, in marking Ogdensburg's 150th anniversary, says Catholics integral part of community

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OGDENSBURG — The bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg is among those raising his voice in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the city this week.

Ogdensburg the city — and Ogdensburg the diocese — have existed side by side for most of the last century-and-a-half.

The original settlement that is today's Ogdensburg dates back to colonial times, but it was on April 27, 1868, that the community was officially incorporated as a city.

And four years later, in Feb-

ruary of 1872, Pope Pius IX designated Ogdensburg as the head of the Vatican's newly established Roman Catholic diocese to serve Northern New York's growing French and Irish Catholic population.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley said Wednesday that Ogdensburg and the diocese are forever intermingled. He points to St. Mary's Cathedral, a focal point in the center of the city, as an example.

"The cathedral is more than a beautiful building," Bishop LaValley said. "It is filled with families who are part of the heart and soul of the city of Ogdensburg."

Bishop LaValley said he is

proud to know that Catholics in the community have long been responsible for the care that people have received in hospitals, orphanages, schools and nursing homes.

He said throughout the decades he has personally seen countless acts of generosity.

"Through the years, I have witnessed the generosity of Ogdensburg people to others in need," Bishop LaValley said. "So many of our residents have earned a living caring for patients in the psychiatric center or inmates in the correctional facilities, following Jesus' call to visit the sick and those in

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Bishop Terry LaValley reacts during a recent Mass in Ogdensburg. He said the city of Ogdensburg and the Diocese of Ogdensburg have become forever intertwined over the decades. The city is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

RAIN OR SHINE



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The driver of an Amish buggy is protected from the rain by an umbrella while transporting milk cans between Heuvelton and DeKalb on State Route 812.

K-Kids Club joins leukemia fight

Kennedy Elementary first- and second-graders raise almost \$2,400 for cause

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OGDENSBURG — A group of first- and second-grade students at Kennedy Elementary School raised nearly \$2,400 in five days to fight leukemia.

"I am very proud of them," said Jacquelyn Kelly, Ogdensburg UPK-Grade 2 principal at John F. Kennedy Elementary School. "It's amazing to see what 6- and 7-year-olds can do when they are committed."

Mrs. Kelly serves as the advisor for the K-Kids Club at Kennedy Elementary School which raised \$2,382.78.

The K-Kids Club is composed of about 50 first- and second-grade students.

It is sponsored by the Ogdensburg Kiwanis Club and meets once a month at the elementary school.

"A lot of the children have family members or friends who have had cancer so they were very excited about helping," Mrs. Kelly said.

"We held a coin drive and opened it up to all of the students" at Kennedy Elementary which has about 700 students, she said.

"The parents and families of the children were very supportive. Monday was pack your pockets with pennies. Tuesday was dress in neon and bring



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Sen. Patricia A. Ritchie, R-Heuvelton, recently presented certificates to the members of John F. Kennedy Elementary School's K-Kids Club, an elementary school service organization sponsored by the Ogdensburg Kiwanis Club.

nickels. Wednesday was dazzling dimes. Thursday was wear crazy socks and bring quarters. Friday was wear a jersey for your favorite team and bring a dollar," she said.

"K-Kids teaches children about the importance of com-

munity service," Mrs. Kelly said. "Their families deserve a lot of the credit because they are instilling these values in these children."

Other projects the students have performed include making ornaments for nursing

home residents, treats for area police officers, firefighters and Customs and Border Protection staff and posters for Kiwanis Pancake Day.

Former Ogdensburg Kiwanis Club President John Pinkerton

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Notable dates in city's history

A select few of Ogdensburg's milestones

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OGDENSBURG — There have been significant milestones in the city of Ogdensburg since its incorporation on April 27, 1868.

Here are just some of the highlights gleaned by local historians:

• April 27, 1868 — The growing community of Ogdensburg drops the H in its name and becomes a city. William C. Brown was elected the first mayor.

• May 30, 1868 — Ogdensburg celebrates its first Memorial Day, calling it Decoration Day, to honor Civil War veterans.

• Nov. 7, 1868 — Water begins pumping from the Oswegatchie River into Ogdensburg's new water mains through a new pumphouse. It's part of a pledge by officials to create a modern water system in the community.

• Aug. 21, 1871 — A group of 30 men attacked a man giving an anti-Catholic lecture in Lyceum Hall in Ogdensburg. The event occurs as Ogdensburg and other Northern New York communities are seeing increasing numbers of immigrants from Ireland and Quebec.

• Feb. 16, 1872 — Pope Pius IX designates Ogdensburg as head of the newly established Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg. The growing city of Ogdensburg is named the episcopal residence of the first bishop.

• Aug. 7, 1872 — U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant visits Ogdensburg and attends a reception in his honor in the newly built federal courtroom in the U.S. Post Office building on State Street.

• Oct. 17, 1872 — St. Mary's and Notre Dame parishes open a boys school on Ford Street. It will become St. Mary's Academy.

• 1873 — The fledgling Ogdensburg Fire Department consists of three companies, each comprising 36 men, who are paid by the city. There are two first-class steamers, five hose-carts, and 2,250 feet of hose.

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