



ATTICA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

UPDATE

Summer 2026

CLASS OF 2026 TOP 10



PAWLAK, DUNLAP EARN TOP HONORS

JULIE PAWLAK

Valedictorian

Parents' Names: Sue and Don Pawlak.

Future Plans: Attend Monroe Community College then transfer to the Rochester Institute of Technology for my bachelor's in mechanical engineering.

Honors and Awards: Tennis MVP, GRAA exceptional senior for volleyball.

Activities and Sports: Tennis, volleyball, trap, student government, National Honor Society, yearbook, math team, best buddies, science club and marching band.

What is your proudest achievement: Being valedictorian.

What will you miss most about school: Seeing my friends every day.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school: Make every day fun. You can work hard and have fun at the same time.

What do you hope your life looks like in 10 years: I hope I have a job I love that makes a difference and that I get to spend time with the people I care about often.



SAMUEL DUNLAP

Salutatorian

Parents' Names: Arianne and Michael Dunlap.

Future Plans: Attend Genesee Community College.

Honors and Awards: Four-time Genesee Region All-Star in swimming.

Activities and Sports: Soccer, Swimming, Tennis.

What will you miss most about school: Having time to see my friends and socialize every day.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school: Join clubs and manage your time wisely.

What do you hope your life looks like in 10 years: I hope to be married and have a good job that I enjoy.

Who inspires you to do your best: My parents inspire me to do my best because they are always there to encourage me.

What's your favorite place in Attica: My favorite place in Attica is the turf because I have made so many good memories there over the past few years.



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK



Dear Attica Central School District Families,

As we reach the close of another successful school year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your partnership, support, and trust. The education of our students is truly a shared effort, and together we have created opportunities for learning, growth, and success throughout the year.

This school year has been filled with accomplishments big and small. We have watched students challenge themselves academically, demonstrate kindness and resilience, discover new talents, and grow as learners and individuals. Whether in the classroom, on the stage, on the athletic field, through community service, or in countless everyday moments, our students have represented Attica Central School District well.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our outstanding faculty and staff and the encouragement and support our students receive at home. Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of educating your children.

As your students set out on a well-deserved break this summer, I encourage you to take a moment to celebrate all they have accomplished this year. Ask them about their favorite memories, recognize how much they've grown, and celebrate the friendships, experiences, and milestones that have shaped their year. Every school year represents another chapter in their journey, and it is one worth celebrating.

Summer provides an opportunity to rest, recharge, and create lasting memories with family and friends. I also encourage students to continue reading, exploring new interests, spending time outdoors,

and finding opportunities to learn in everyday experiences. These moments help prepare them for another exciting year of growth.

And to our Class of 2026, what else can I say but congratulations.

Your graduation represents years of hard work, perseverance and personal growth, and I could not be prouder of all that you have accomplished.

As you begin this exciting new chapter, carry with you the lessons, friendships, and experiences that have shaped you along the way. On behalf of our entire school community, I wish you the very best as you pursue your dreams and make a positive difference in the world. Your future is bright, and we look forward to all you will achieve.

As we look ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, we remain committed to our mission of strengthening community connections and providing learning experiences for all while honoring our traditions and embracing innovation. Together, we will continue empowering, fostering, and advancing education for a brighter future.

On behalf of the Board of Education, our faculty, staff, and administration, thank you for making Attica Central School District such a special place to learn and grow.

I wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and joyful summer. We look forward to welcoming our students back in September, refreshed and ready for another great year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kiel Illg
Superintendent of Schools



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What's your go-to Yummies order: My go to Yummies order is dark chocolate ice cream with raspberry truffles in a waffle cone.

If you could tell your eighth grade self one thing, what would it be: Time flies by in high school, so enjoy it!

If you could choose a superpower, what would it be: If I could choose a superpower it would be to breathe underwater so that I could be a faster swimmer.



BEAU HYMAN

Class Rank: 3rd.

Parents' Names: Shawn and Lacey Hyman.

Future Plans: I will be attending Alfred State College to pursue an associate's degree in court and realtime reporting.

Honors and Awards: Workhorse Award, RIT Computing Award, Chapter Leadership, Senator George M. Borrello Premier Leadership Award, Wyoming County Youth Leadership Academy Entrepreneurship Award, Public Speaking Prodigy Award, Wyoming County 4-H Ten-Year Member Award, Wyoming County 4-H Swine Member Recognition.

Activities and Sports: Mock Trial, Math Team, Scholastic Bowl, Varsity Cross Country, Torch (Yearbook Club), National Honor Society, Marching/Concert Band, Genesee-Wyoming Solo Fest and All-County Band, Chemistry Lab Assistant, Wyoming County 4-H, Wyoming County Livestock Committee.

What is your proudest achievement:

Receiving the Premier Leadership Award from Senator George M. Borrello, which formally recognized my dedication, participation and leadership across my extracurricular activities.

What will you miss most about school:

I will greatly miss the shared laughs with my friends, the seemingly endless lists of homework and projects for classes, and the shared moments on trips and competitions for various extracurriculars.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school:

The most important lesson I learned in high school is that since attendance is required, you might as well make the most out of every day and enjoy every moment while you can.

What do you hope your life looks like in 10 years:

A decade from now, I hope to see myself as a court stenographer, living in my hometown on our farm, with a family of my own.



ADDYSON ZAWILSKI

Class Rank: 4th.

Parents' Names: Maria Zawilski and Timothy Zawilski.

Future Plans: Attend East Tennessee State University for biomedical sciences to later become an anesthesiologist.

Activities and Sports: Soccer, track, National Honor Society and STEAM club.

What is your proudest achievement:

Getting into all of the colleges I applied to.

What will you miss most about school:

I will miss the stability it brought me. I went to the same place with the same people every day for 13 years and now I won't have that.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school:

Nothing is really as hard as I thought or made it out to be.

What do you hope your life looks like in 10 years:

I hope that I am married and getting ready to start a family. I also hope that I am coming close to graduating and starting my dream job.

Who inspires you to do your best:

My mom inspires me to do my best because even though she had a rough childhood she always worked as hard as she could so she would have the life she has now.

What's your favorite place in Attica:

My favorite place in Attica is the elementary school. This school holds so many memories that I will hold onto for the rest of my life. I made so many friendships and life was simple and fun when I was in elementary school.

What's your go-to Yummies order: Any of their Dole whips.

If you could tell your eighth grade self one thing, what would it be:

Don't worry about who or what is in your life right now, it will all work out in the end.

What do you want people to know about what it's like to be you, to be your age, at this moment in time:

Being 18 in my opinion is a little weird. It's awesome in the fact that I'm an adult and will be moving into my adult life but it's weird because now I have to think about more than just school and the outfit I'm wearing in the morning.

What would the title of your auto-biography be:

"A journey of Resilience, Kindness, and Uncharted Paths."

Who would play you in a movie about your life:

I think the character Joy from the movie "Inside Out" because she's positive and tries her hardest to do what's right but also has a little bit of stress while doing it.

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What's your most-listened to song: "Good Days" by SZA. I really like the beat of the music because it is very calming. Also the song itself carries a good message.

What scares you about the future: My biggest concern about the future is the debt I'm going to be in from school.

What gives you hope about the future: I take great pride in the work I do and I never give up no matter what life throws at me.

Tell me about a time when you were stronger than you thought you could be: I had to get hip surgery when I was in 8th grade and it was one of the most challenging things I experienced. As an athlete it was very hard to have to sit out and recover for six months but I worked towards my future everyday and did what I needed to do and it has significantly improved my life.

Tell me about a time when you took a risk and it paid off: In my junior year of high school I took chemistry through GCC instead of taking it with my school. It was a five-week course which meant I was doing 40 weeks of curriculum in five weeks. It was challenging and I spent at least seven hours a day on it but I ended the class with an A and I was able to be accepted into Health Careers Academy because of it.

What trend or fad did you participate in that you will definitely regret in the future (or actively regret right now): I did not have TikTok or Instagram for the longest time so I never really got into the fads or anything of that sort.

If you had to cook a meal to impress someone, what would you make: I would make blackened chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy.

If you could choose a superpower, what would it be: I would choose teleportation because I would be able to go places and get things done so much more efficiently.

Imagine it's 2048 and you have teenage kids of your own. What advice would you give your 40(ish)-year-old self about being a good parent: I would tell myself to not let my children have a phone until it is necessary and to also limit the apps they are allowed to have until they become

an appropriate age to handle them. My childhood was phoneless and I am forever grateful for that.



KRISTEN MILLER

Class Rank: 5th.

Parents' Names: Rhonda Miller and Jason Miller.

Future Plans: I plan to attend Niagara University for their 4+1 program in criminal justice administration in order to later work in the FBI or the state prison system.

Honors and Awards: BOCES student of the month (March, 2025 and January 2026), BOCES student of the year nominee (2025-26 school year).

Activities and Sports: I am a member of the National Honor Society and I have been a member since my sophomore year of high school. I am also a member of the Attica Senior High Marching Band and I have been in band since fifth grade. I am involved in two sports which are soccer and basketball and I have played both of these sports since 10th grade.

What is your proudest achievement: My proudest achievement would be being nominated for student of the year by my justice academy teacher because it really shows to me that he recognized the effort that I put into my school work and how much I truly care about the program.

What will you miss most about school: The thing I will miss most about school is being able to see my friends every day and talking to them about whatever I have going on and

being able to rely on them for their constant support.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school: The most important lesson I learned in high school is that you have to branch out and get involved in whatever you can in order to talk to new people because you never know who you will get along with.

What do you hope your life looks like in 10 years: In 10 years I hope my life is successful and that I have a stable job where I am able to provide for myself. I hope that I am working in a criminal justice field like in the FBI or in the state prison system.

Who inspires you to do your best: My mom inspires me to do my best. She is very successful in her career and has worked her way up through the years so I strive to be as accomplished as she is.

What's your favorite place in Attica: My favorite place in Attica would be the park because I love being able to walk around the park and play basketball there.

What's your go-to Yummies order: A banana split with nerds.

If you could tell your eighth grade self one thing, what would it be: I would tell my 8th grade self that branching out may seem scary but in the end it can be really beneficial in meeting new people and trying new things.

What do you want people to know about what it's like to be you, to be your age, at this moment in time: One thing I would like people to know is that it is a little stressful being me at this current age as I am preparing for graduation and making sure that all my grades are set while also trying to make sure that I have a very memorable summer before the start of college.

What would the title of your autobiography be: "The Journey to Find Me," by Kristen Miller.

Who would play you in a movie about your life: I would say that the person who would play me in a movie about my life would be Anne Hathaway because I love her movies and her way of acting.

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What's your most-listened to song: My most listened to song would be "You Get What You Give" by New Radicals and I really like this song because it feels very upbeat and I also like its message of never giving up and that you get out of life what you put into it.

What scares you about the future: The thing that scares me the most about the future is being uncertain about things like my future career and trying to see what will be the best fit for me. It's just very hard to predict what my life and career may look like many years in the future.

What gives you hope about the future: The thing that gives me hope for the future is that I know that I will always have my family's support throughout the decisions that I make and that they will always be there to help me through difficult times.

Tell me about a time when you were stronger than you thought you could be: The time when I was stronger than I thought I could be was when I joined both the soccer and basketball teams my sophomore year because I was a little scared at first to start with tryouts but I was able to make it through all the physical challenges and along the way I was able to meet some amazing people that really helped me to open up and become more involved.

Tell me about a time when you took a risk and it paid off: When I first started taking advanced courses in 8th grade, I was a little scared at first that I wouldn't be able to keep up with the work but I actually did pretty good in those courses throughout high school and I will now be graduating with my advanced regents diploma.

What trend or fad did you participate in that you will definitely regret in the future (or actively regret right now): I would say that a fad that I participated in that I now kind of regret would be the Stanley Cup one because now I have more cups than I know what to do with.

If you had to cook a meal to impress someone, what would you make: I would make a nice steak dinner with all the good seasonings with some buttery mashed potatoes and asparagus.

If you could choose a superpower, what would it be: If I could choose one superpower it would be to teleport because I would like to be able to travel the world without having to pay for travel expenses and I also like the idea of being able to travel when I want to.

Imagine it's 2048 and you have teenage kids of your own. What advice would you give your 40(ish)-year-old self about being a good parent: Listen to your kids and build a strong relationship with them so that they always know that they can go to you to talk about troubles they are having and if they need help.



ABIGAIL WILKINSON

Class Rank: 6th.

Parents' Names: Jennifer and William Wilkinson.

Future Plans: Attend St. Bonaventure University.

Honors and Awards: Coach's Award, Best Teammate Award, Physical Education Student of the Month.

Activities and Sports: Volleyball, Mock Trial, Student Government, National Honor Society, Band, Spanish Club, Book Club.

What is your proudest achievement: Being a great friend to the people I care about.

What will you miss most about school: Seeing my friends at school every day.

What do you hope your life looks like in 10 years: I hope to be happy, hopefully student debt free, have a job I enjoy, and

have a comfortable life filled with spending time with good friends and my family. I hope that I have great people in my life who always make me feel appreciated, and treat me as well as I treat them.

Who inspires you to do your best: My parents. They've worked hard to have the life that they want and have inspired me to do the same.

If you could tell your eighth grade self one thing, what would it be: Don't be afraid to be yourself, and be friends with people who value you and treat you well. Spend as much time as you can with friends and don't worry so much.



AVERY SCHMIDBAUER

Class Rank: 7th.

Parents' Names: Laurie Schmidbauer and Garrett Schmidbauer.

Future Plans: I plan to go to college at Robert's Wesleyan and get a bachelor's degree in biomedical studies. I want to pursue a career in Mohs dermatology later on after medical schooling.

Honors and Awards: High Honor Roll, National Honor Society and academic achievement awards.

Activities and Sports: Clubs at school, National Honor Society and various school volunteer activities.

What is your proudest achievement: Graduating high school and working through college to pursue a greater future.

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What will you miss most about school: I will miss seeing my friends and teachers every day and being part of the community.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school: The most important lesson I learned is that hard work and consistency matter more than perfection. Small efforts every day add up to big accomplishments.

What do you hope your life looks like in 10 years: I hope to have completed medical school and be working in dermatology, helping patients while building a stable life. I would like to be debt-free and start the process of a family and owning a house.

Who inspires you to do your best: My parents inspire me because they have always supported me, encouraged me to work hard, and shown me the value of perseverance.



ELLA LEWINSKI

Class Rank: 8th.

Parents' Names: Sara and Todd Lewinski.

Future Plans: Attending SUNY Brockport for physical therapy.

Honors and Awards: Scholar athlete award, Allstar for basketball cheerleading 3 years in a row, top 10, coach's award 2 years in a row for basketball cheerleading

Activities and Sports: Volleyball, basketball cheerleading, we care club and yearbook club.

What is your proudest achievement: Being chosen to participate in the Ronald McDonald All Star game for basketball cheerleading.

What will you miss most about school: I will miss seeing my best friends every day.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school: The most important lesson I learned in high school is that you have to apply yourself in order to succeed in life.

What do you hope your life looks like in 10 years: I hope that I will have a successful career and have a family of my own in 10 years.

Who inspires you to do your best: My Nana was the most selfless and kind person I have ever known and she inspires me to be like her every day.

What's your favorite place in Attica: My favorite place in Attica is Ben Go's because they have cheaper gas and good snacks.

What's your go-to Yummies order: Cookie Monster in a cone.

If you could tell your eighth grade self one thing, what would it be: I would tell my 8th grade self to enjoy school because it will go by faster than you think.

What do you want people to know about what it's like to be you, to be your age, at this moment in time: I want people to know that being me at this age is harder than a lot of people might think and it takes hard work to achieve the things I want to do.

What would the title of your autobiography be: "Growing through Goodbyes."

Who would play you in a movie about your life: Jennifer Lawrence.

What's your most-listened to song: "The Long Run" by The Eagles. I've listened to this song the most because it makes me feel calmer and at-peace.

What scares you about the future: The unknown and the possibilities of the future scares me.

What gives you hope about the future: Seeing how my family has dealt with change in their lives while they grew up gives me hope for my future.

Tell me about a time when you were stronger than you thought you could be: A time I was stronger than I thought I could be was when I tried out for volleyball my

sophomore year without any prior experience.

Tell me about a time when you took a risk and it paid off: When I performed my Ronald McDonald routine at regionals for basketball cheerleading. It was really scary but it paid off because I got to participate in the Ronald McDonald All Star game for a good cause.

What trend or fad did you participate in that you will definitely regret in the future (or actively regret right now): I think I will regret participating in the "6-7" trend in the future.

If you had to cook a meal to impress someone, what would you make: To impress someone, I would make a juicy, garlic butter steak with potatoes and vegetables.

If you could choose a superpower, what would it be: I would choose to fly because I could travel the world.

Imagine it's 2048 and you have teenage kids of your own. What advice would you give your 40(ish)-year-old self about being a good parent: I would tell my 40 year old self to discipline but also be there for my kids and not lash out on them. I would tell myself to remember how I felt when I was that age.



RACHEL RICKETTSO

Class Rank: 9th.

Parents' Names: Stephanie Olivieri and Steven Ricketts.

Future Plans: Genesee Community College for an associate's degrees in criminal justice

to become a deputy sheriff in a surrounding county.

Honors and Awards: George Eastman Young Leaders Award, player of the week for varsity softball (2025), student of the month (multiple times at home school as well as at Justice Academy), Seth Gates Award, Seal of Civic Readiness.

Activities and Sports: National Honor Society, Attica Marching Band, Student Government, Best Buddies, Ski-Club, Indoor Track, Softball, Superintendent Advisory Council.

What is your proudest achievement: Completing all of the obligations of the Seal of Civic Readiness.

What will you miss most about school: I will miss seeing my friends everyday and the familiarity of high school.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school: I have learned the importance of having a healthy school life and home life balance.

What do you hope your life looks like in 10 years: In 10 years I hope to be a deputy sheriff or have a career in another job in the justice system as well as being able to travel.

Who inspires you to do your best: My family as a whole inspires me because of their work ethics as well as their ability to overcome obstacles.

What's your favorite place in Attica: One of my favorite places in Attica is the Vintage Cow because of their food and ice cream as well as their flowers.

What's your go-to Yummies order: A small, ooey gooey brownie in a dish with rainbow sprinkles and whipped cream.

If you could tell your eighth grade self one thing, what would it be: Keep working hard because it will all be worth it.

What do you want people to know about what it's like to be you, to be your age, at this moment in time: It is a lot of fun as well as rewarding to be involved with many things such as sports, school activities and work. I would rather be tired at the end of the day from a busy schedule than have a lighter agenda with less achieved.

What would the title of your autobiography be: "Lessons Learned: A biography of Rachel Rickettson."

Who would play you in a movie about your life: Myself.

What's your most-listened to song: "Confidence," by Ocean Valley. This song has always been able to lift my spirits and uplift my mood.

What scares you about the future: The uncertainty that it brings in terms of my career and life choices.

What gives you hope about the future: The fact that I have opportunities to work hard and have the ability to create a happy life for myself and my family.

If you had to cook a meal to impress someone, what would you make: I would make buttermilk fried chicken sandwiches with homemade corn bread, roasted potatoes, butter garlic green beans and crockpot mac and cheese.

Imagine it's 2048 and you have teenage kids of your own. What advice would you give your 40(ish)-year-old self about being a good parent: I would tell myself to provide structure and enforce positive morals but also be understanding towards their actions as well.



ALYSSA GEORGE

Class Rank: 10th.

Parents' Names: Darren and Katrina George.

Future Plans: I will be attending Erie Community College to become a clinical lab technician.

Honors and Awards: Some honors and awards I have received would be receiving a women in STEM scholarship from a college, being in the top ten, and being the student of the month.

Activities and Sports: I've participated in track, cross country, student government, National Honor Society, Spanish club, best buddies, math team and band.

What is your proudest achievement: My proudest achievement would probably be getting out of my comfort zone, becoming the National Honor Society secretary and giving a speech at inductions as talking in front of large crowds has always been incredibly difficult for me.

What will you miss most about school: I will miss seeing all of my friends, especially all of the underclassmen who I am leaving behind.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school: The most important lesson high school has taught me is that you always need to try your best and take a step out of your comfort zone.

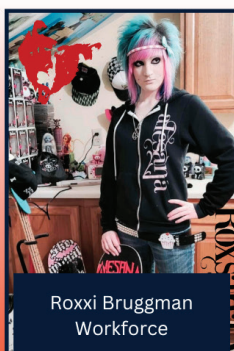
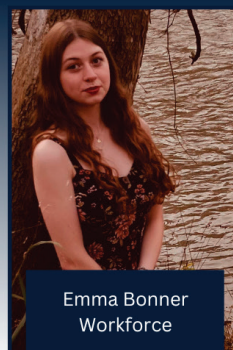
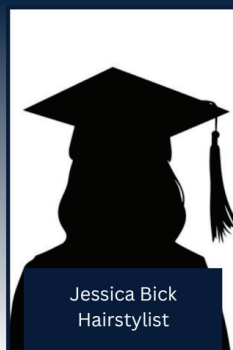
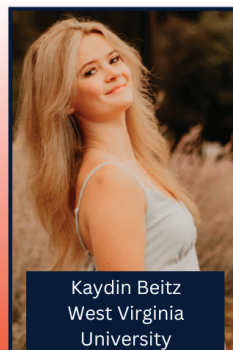
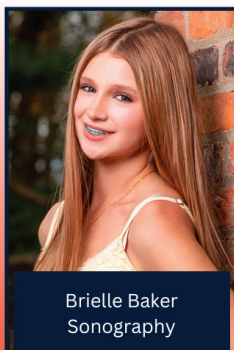
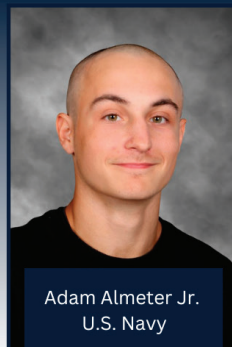
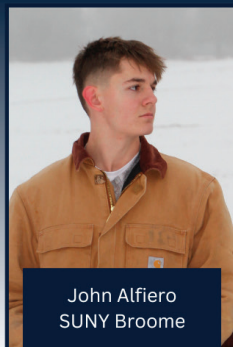
What do you hope your life looks like in 10 years: In ten years I'd like to be married and settled down, with a stable job that I love doing.

Who inspires you to do your best: My brothers inspire me to do my best as I have always looked up to them and because they are always supportive and encourage me in all that I do.

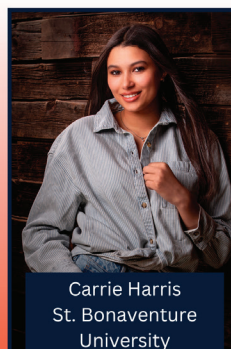
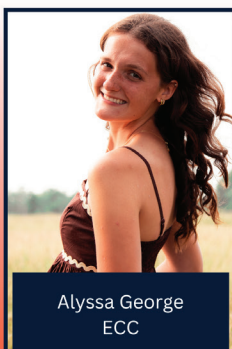
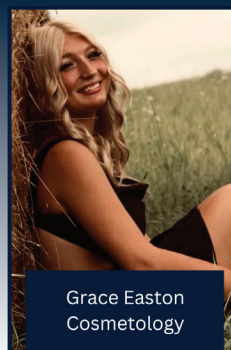
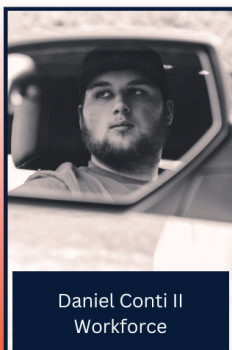
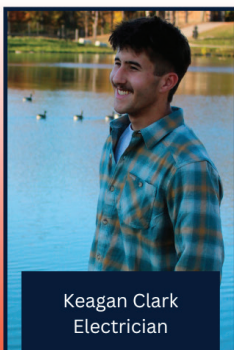
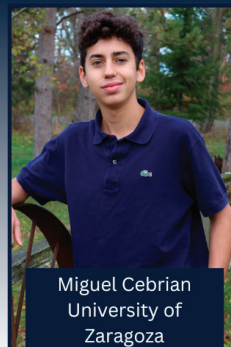
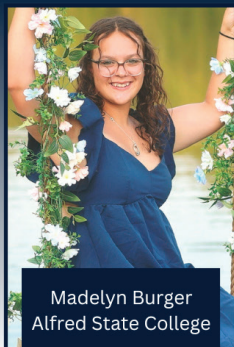
If you could tell your eighth grade self one thing, what would it be: I would tell my 8th grade self to get your assignments done on time, be kind to everyone, and have fun with all of your peers before it's all over.

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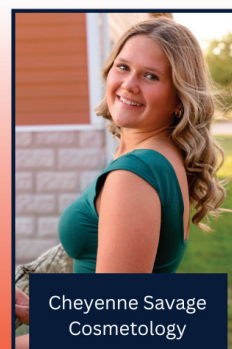
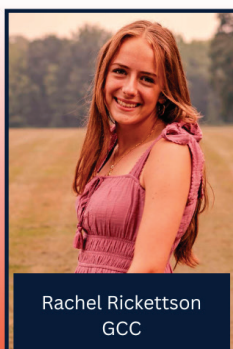
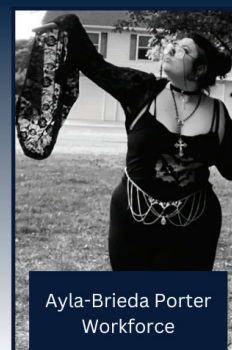
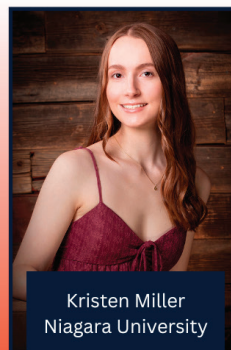
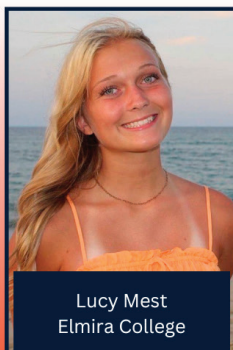
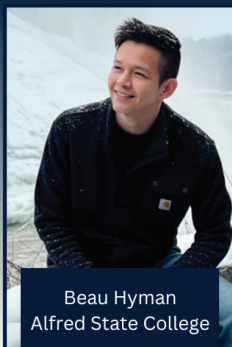
Some of our alumni are heading to college, others are joining the U.S. Armed Forces, and some are beginning careers in the workforce. No matter where they're headed, we're proud of all they've accomplished during their time at Attica Central Schools. Join us in celebrating members of our Class of 2026!



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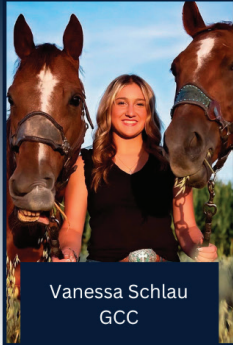
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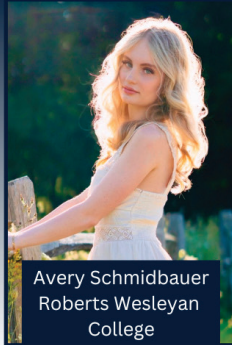
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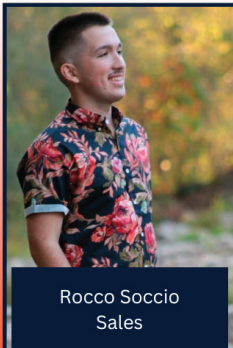
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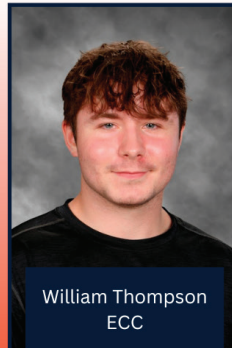
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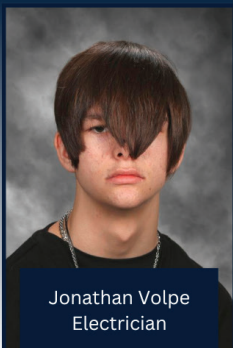
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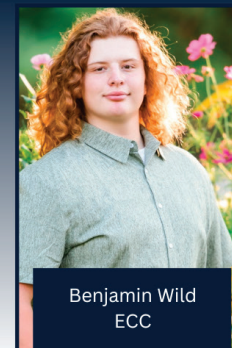
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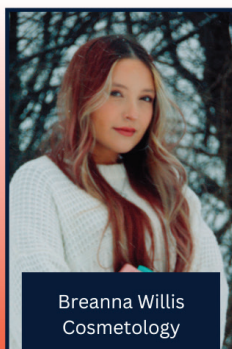
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St. Bonaventure
University



Breanna Willis
Cosmetology



Addyson Zawilski
East Tennessee
State University

SPRING SPORTS

GOLF

Our varsity golf team enjoyed its most dominant season in recent history.

The team finished 15-0 and won the Genesee Region Division 1 title and the Section V Class B Championship.

Highlights of the year included going 2-0 against league rival Byron-Bergen, said Head Coach Lance Bannister.

"They are a formidable opponent as they were on the cusp of winning their own sectional crown, losing narrowly to eventual Class C Champion Caledonia-Mumford by only 3 strokes in their quarterfinal matchup," Bannister continued. "When we defeated Byron-Bergen on their own course by 10 strokes, I knew we had a shot to do something special. Defeating Mynderse by 15 strokes in 9 holes in the semifinal round of sectionals put us in a showdown with the first seed Waterloo at Wayne Hills Country Club. Waterloo was 13-2 and had posted some really low scores but our guys were mentally tough and prevailed by 17 strokes, winning 336-353."

At the Genesee Region Championships at Stafford Country Club, Brody Clark, Wyatt Brauen, Luke Behrend and Dean Wescott finished

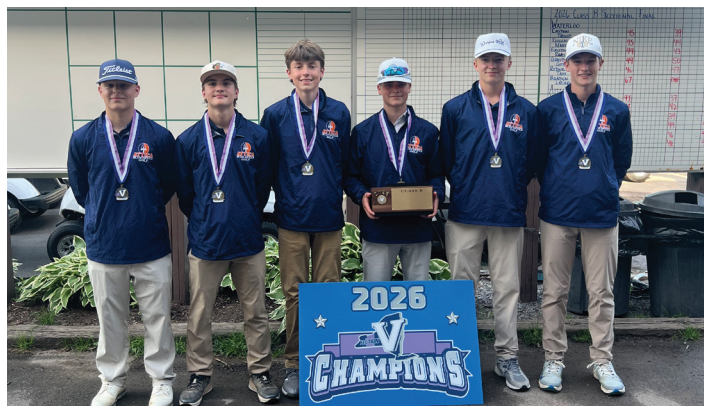


Photo courtesy of Lance Bannister

2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th, respectively, to earn Genesee Region All-Star honors.

"Luke and Wyatt lead the team in medalist count throughout the season with 6 each while Brody Clark was a medalist 5 times despite being a dual sport athlete and having fewer opportunities to medal," Bannister said. "Wyatt and Brody are freshmen and Luke is a sophomore, so if everything goes as planned these three golfers are going to be the foundation of a budding dynasty for years to come."

BASEBALL

Our varsity baseball team went 4-11 through the regular season and was named the #8 seed in the Section V Class B2 Tournament. The Blue Devils topped Avon, 9-3, in their opening round sectional game, then fell, 6-10, to #1 seed Sodus in the quarterfinals to finish their season at 5-12.

Justin Stockweather was named a Genesee Region All-Star while Hunter Green and Ben Wild were named exceptional seniors.



TENNIS

Our varsity tennis squad went 10-6 this season en route to the #5 seed in the Section V Class B2 Tournament.

In their opening, post-season match, the Blue Devils topped #12 seed Marcus Whitnam 4-1, then upset #4 seed Addison, 4-1 in the quarterfinals before falling to eventual B2 finalist Avon, 1-4, in the semifinals.

"We had a great group of athletes this season," said Head Coach Troy Colton, "and I think this is probably our most successful season in my 10 years of coaching."

At individual sectionals, Miguel Cebrien took 5th in singles while the team of Jace Anetrini and Julie Pawlak took 5th in doubles.

Jace and Miguel were both named Genesee Region All-Stars.



Photo courtesy of Troy Colton

SPRING SPORTS

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Our varsity boys track and field team went 8-1 on the season, took 2nd at the Genesee Region Championships and 5th at the Section V Class B2 Championships in Sodus.

The Blue Devils also had three individual champions at sectionals.

Preston Bannister won the pole vault, clearing a height of 13 feet. Tim Lamparelli captured a sectional title in shot put with a distance of 51 feet, 8.25 inches and Elijah Crandall won in the pentathlon, with a points total of 2,881.

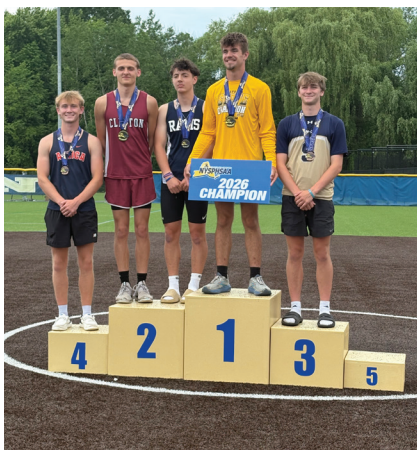
These three athletes also qualified to compete at the New York State Track and Field Championships in Webster. Tim medaled in shot put, taking 5th place in Class C. Preston medaled in pole vault, taking 4th

place in Class C and setting a new school record by clearing a height of 14 feet. Elijah took 5th in pentathlon in Class C.

Tim also set a new school record in shot put this season with a throw of 53 feet, 4.5 inches.

Michael Minter, Will Franz, Dylan Ozimek, Preston, Elijah and Tim were all named Genesee Region All-Stars.

"This season was about much more than results," said Head Coach Heather Smith. "It was about personal records, overcoming setbacks, supporting teammates, and learning what it means to persevere when things don't go according to plan. Those experiences build character that extends far beyond athletics."



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Scan the QR code at left using the camera app on your smartphone to see our track and field athletes' Walk of Champions before leaving for the New York State Track and Field Championships last month.

Photos courtesy of Heather Smith and Attica Central Booster Club

SPRING SPORTS

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Our varsity girls track and field team enjoyed another in a long run of successful seasons, going 9-0, capturing a 6th consecutive Genesee Region Championship with 226 points - nearly twice as many as second place finisher Byron-Bergen - and taking third place at the Section V Class C2 Championships in Sodus.

Mariah Gorski was the Blue Devils's lone sectional champion, taking the discus title in Sodus with a throw of 110 feet, 5 inches.

Records fell in two events this season. Lauren Nelson set a new mark in the pole vault, clearing 10 feet, 3 inches while Mariah broke her own record in the discus with a distance of 111 feet, 3 inches.

Nine of our athletes qualified to compete at the Section V State Qualifier meet with Lauren's performance in pole vault earning her a spot in the New York State Track and Field Championships in Webster. She finished 7th in the event in Class C and 25th overall.

Aleah Brauen, Brooklyn King, Elizabeth Gouinlock, Meghan Gersitz, Gabby Mercado, Mariah Gorski, Natalie Dobbs, Amy Ennis, Blakely Pratt, Addyson Zawilski and Anna Martino were named Genesee Region All-Stars.



Photos courtesy of Attica Central Booster Club



Photo courtesy of Lauren Kocher

SOFTBALL

Our varsity softball team went 10-10 this season - 9-6 in league play - to earn a piece of the Genesee Region Division I title.

The #8 seed in the Section V Class B2 Tournament, the Blue Devils won their opening round game against Marcus Whitman, 10-0, before falling to #1 seed Mynderse Academy, 4-5, in the quarterfinals.

"Assistant Coach Sam Berube and I are so beyond proud of this team and how far we have come from start to finish," said Head Coach Lauren Kocher. "The chemistry that

this team showed played into our success as well. We were a young team this year who continued to build each game. We'll be ready and motivated for next season, that's for sure."

Three players were named Genesee Region All-Stars - Hailey Mills, Alyssa Elmore and Tessa Dominesey.

Hailey batted .381 this season, pitched 99 innings and had 145 strikeouts. Alyssa played at shortstop, batted .439, had 18 RBIs and scored 13 runs. Tessa played primarily at 3rd base, hit .286, had 10 RBIs and scored 14 runs.

SPRING SPORTS

CLAY TARGET TEAM

The Clay Dusters, our clay target team here in Attica, had a great trap season with nine new members joining the team this spring, bringing our total to 23 members consisting of students in grades 7 through 12.

"We competed in two local tournaments and 1 state tournament, each being a 100-bird shoot," said Head Coach Andrea Barrett. "19 team members competed in the state tournament and 3 members qualified for the USA High School Clay Target League National Tournament."

Freshman Kendra Meyer placed 3rd out of the top 25 females with an average of 20.50 in Class 2A Conference 5 and was our top female shooter on the team. Kendra placed 3rd at the Western New York High

School Trap Shoot and shot her first 50 straight at the Mount Morris High School Trap Shoot to place first in the female division.

Colden Dehlinger was our top shooter in the varsity division with an average of 20.80. Eli Janis had the best junior varsity average with 18.1 while Julie Pawlak topped the novice division average with 14.2.

Matilda Nevinger placed 3rd in the high gun novice female division at the New York State High School Clay Target League Tournament for Class 2A Conference 5 with a score of 74 out of 100. Freshman Shawn Piorun shot his first 25 straight at the same tournament.



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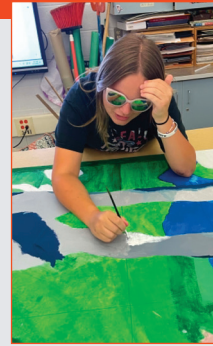


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Scan the QR code above using the camera app on your smartphone to see our clay target team's Walk of Champions before heading out to the New York Trap Shooting Tournament last month.

HEARTBEAT OF ATTICA

MURALS TO HANG IN MIDDLE SCHOOL HALLWAYS



Photos courtesy of Tressa Smith



At Attica Middle School, eighth grade students have the option of taking an art class as long as it fits into their schedules. This year, seven very talented students opted to take class with Mrs. Tressa Smith and the results will be displayed around the building for years to come!

Each student was tasked with choosing a famous painting in art history and replicating it to the best of their ability with guidance as needed. Students were given the option of working individually, with a partner or in a small group. This year, all of Smith's eighth graders decided they wanted to work alone.

Students were taught how to use a grid system to take something that is on a small scale and recreate it on a very large scale.

Their finished recreations are six feet tall, three feet wide and will be hung and framed with help from our district's building and grounds department during the summer and placed throughout the middle school.

"I am so very proud of their hard work and dedication to their murals this year," said Smith. "Please join me in congratulating our eighth grade students on their remarkable accomplishments!"

- Faye Cannon recreated Vincent Van Gogh's "Irises" (1889).
- Anthony Elmore (originally started by Sam Mezydlo) recreated "Persistence of Memory," by Salvador Dali (1931).
- Joshua Houseknecht created an original work in tribute to the late Kurt Cobain.
- Logan Riamonde recreated Rene Magritte's "The Son of Man" (1964).
- Maci Grace Humphrey recreated "Blue Horse II" (1911), by Franz Marc.
- For his recreation, Oakley Pratt chose Takashi Murakami's 2011 work, "And Then x 6 (Blue: The Polke Method).
- Blake Sidell (originally started by Bailey Mallon) chose Leonardo Da Vinci's "Mona Lisa," (1503).

Three of the above students won the Outstanding Award for Artistic Achievement at the 8th grade awards ceremony in June, so an extra shout out to Faye Cannon, Anthony Elmore and Joshua Houseknecht!

ATTICA ALUM'S ART EXHIBIT EXPLORES THEMES OF PERFORMANCE, SELF-IMAGE



One of Sims's pieces that was included in his recent show: "As Blue As Mine, 2025."

One of the perks of being an art teacher, said Attica middle and high school art teachers Tressa Smith and Laura Steves, is watching students grow and develop artistically while they're in your classroom. But one of the best feelings is seeing a former student continue to have success when they grow up and head out into the "real world."

That's why the pair's visit along with Attica Elementary School Art Teacher Sara Lewinski to the opening reception for Attica alumnus Eugene Sims's new show, "Perform@tive," in May in downtown Buffalo was so rewarding.

"To say that we were impressed with Eugene's work would be a gross understatement," said Steves.

Added Smith: "He's an exceptional talent and one we're all proud to say have passed through the doors of our classrooms."

The show, which ran at Beebe's on the Square in Buffalo from April 24 to May 12, featured about a dozen of the 2013 Attica grad's paintings and served as a senior thesis for Sims, formerly a graduate student in the University of Buffalo's fine arts program.

Working primarily in oil paints, Sims's show delves into what it means to be performative. In each painting, his self portrait takes on a different persona - a rebel, a jester, a hero - to create a narrative that generates discussion about how we present ourselves in the world.

"He was a very creative thinker," said Steves. "He may not have had the skill you see in these paintings when he was in high school, but what he did have was the desire to think differently, take risks, work hard, and try his best."

Back in high school, Sims's preferred medium seemed to be cartoon caricatures, Steves recalled.

"He had a lot of energy and would be constantly thinking about all the different things he could do with assigned projects to make them his own," she said. "These characteristics are what can make you a successful artist. Eugene is a testament to what hard work, determination, and pure grit can get you in life."

Now if you find yourself reading this piece, looking at the photos of Sims's artworks and thinking to yourself, "Wow! His work is phenomenal - he must be one of a very small number of Attica alumni

who have gone on to be successful in the arts," we'd understand, but you'd be wrong!

"Off the top of my head I can think of former students who've gone on to be art teachers, tattoo artists, large-scale wood sculptors, digital film artists, museum curators, illustrators and estheticians," said Steves. "And honestly, the list goes on."

So for all the students - or parents of students - out there with a love of art, we hope Eugene's artistic journey serves as a testament to where determination, encouragement, and hard work can get you.

"I actually brought the show up to my current middle schoolers recently and they were really interested to hear Eugene's story and learn that an Attica student could go on to be a 'real-life' artist," said Smith.

"They asked to see photos from the show and we had a great class discussion about his work as well as the prices they were listed for. They were super excited when I told them that, when we arrived at the show, a quarter of Eugene's paintings had already been sold!"

Sims graduated with his master's of fine arts degree from UB in May.

Congratulations, Eugene, on this incredible show and your degree - we can't wait to see what you create next!



Photo courtesy of Laura Steves

Pictured in the group photo from left are Whitney Kehl-Chamberlain (Attica Class of 2013), Attica Elementary School Art Teacher Sara Lewinski, Attica High School Art Teacher Laura Steves, Eugene Sims, Anthony Siracuse (Class of 2013), Attica Middle School Art Teacher Mrs. Tressa Smith and Matt Kantor (Class of 2013).

RECOGNIZING OUR RETIREES

To those employees leaving us this school year, we extend a heart-felt thanks for your years of dedication to our district and students and wish you well in whatever new adventures retirement has in store!



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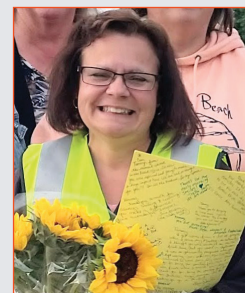
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ODYSSEY OF THE MIND COMPETES AT WORLDS



Photo courtesy of Stacey Donahue

Join us in congratulating our middle school Odyssey of the Mind team, which traveled to Iowa State University at the end of May to compete in the OM World Championships!

The team of Amara Brinkman, Clairra Deuel, Amber Dykstra, April Edwards, Ellie Meyer and Madelyn Meyer competed in Division II Problem 5 at Worlds under the guidance of head coach Stacey Donahue.

Titled "The Taller Tales of John Jivery," the problem tasked teams with creating and presenting a humorous performance about an original tall tale. The team was required to include in their tale a hero or

heroine that performed an incredible feat, a unique explanation of how something began or came to be and a surprise for the audience. Team members also had to incorporate into their performance a visual weather effect to convey an emotion.

While our OMers didn't win at Worlds, we're proud to say they came in 17th place among 53 competing teams from across the globe, which is pretty darn impressive!

In addition to competing, team members spent the week trading pins with other teams, attending a creativity festival and international marketplace, visiting art museums and gardens, and had many other fabulous learning experiences.

They represented the Attica community with pride and skill!



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Scan the QR code at left using the camera app on your smartphone to see our Odyssey team's performance at Worlds in May.

SERVICE TAKES CENTER STAGE AT ATTICA ELEMENTARY

Throughout the month of May, students down at Attica Elementary School learned about their monthly theme of service.

Throughout the month, students participated in acts of service across our community.

For example, Mrs. Katie Kennedy's fourth grade class and Mrs. Amanda Vilagy's kindergarten class worked to earn donations by completing helpful jobs and chores outside of school.

The money the two classes raised was used to purchase donation items for Stevens Memorial Library to be used throughout their summer reading program.

Earlier in the month, Ms. Lauren Kocher's third grade class teamed up with Mrs. Dylah Fagan's first grade class for a special buddy class community service activity.

Together, the students worked to pick up trash around the block near the school to help keep the community clean and protect the environment.

The students showed teamwork, responsibility, and pride while making a positive impact in their community.

The project gave students a hands-on opportunity to learn the true meaning of service and how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Everyone enjoyed working together and taking part in helping their community shine.

We're proud of our elementary schoolers for working so hard and helping make a difference in our community!



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Scan the QR code above using the camera app on your smartphone to see all the ways our elementary schoolers were of service during the month of May!



Photos courtesy of Attica Elementary School Staff

'BIG BOY' DELIGHTS ON TRIP THROUGH ATTICA

When the world's largest operating steam locomotive is rolling its way right past your school, you let your students out of class to go and see it!

Union Pacific's 'Big Boy' 4014 steam locomotive is making its way across the country to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America's founding and when it finally made it to Attica the morning of June 11, it didn't disappoint!

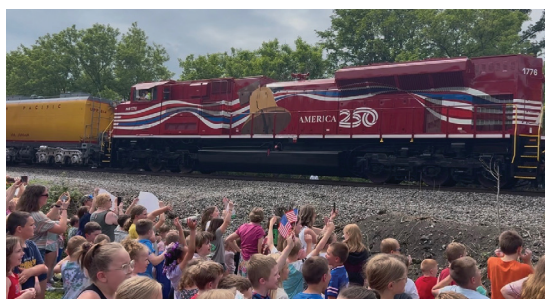
Our elementary schoolers staked out a good spot behind the Attica Hotel and watched as the locomotive passed by near the track's intersection with Exchange Street.

Then, it was our middle and high schoolers turn as the train headed east, past our varsity softball field as it crossed Halls Corners Road.



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Scan the QR code at left using the camera app on your smartphone to see a video from 'Big Boy's' trip through Attica June 11.



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