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Buffalo Winterfest 2023



The Totally Sweet Buffalo Winterfest "We LOVE Buffalo" festival of 2022.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Totally Sweet Events, Totally Buffalo, and Sweet Buffalo, will be hosting a winterfest that highlights so much about what we love about this city. The Totally Sweet Buffalo Winterfest – "We LOVE Buffalo" festival premieres Saturday, February 11, 2023 at the Buffalo RiverWorks, 359 Ganson Street, Buf-



falo, NY from 10am to 4pm.

The day-long event will feature 75 local vendors, ice skating with characters, curling, food, drinks, and plenty of special surprises.

Gifts are available for your Valentine and Buf-faLover!

As we celebrate yesterday's nail-biting Buffalo Bills' win, it's the perfect time to think about all

of the things that we are thankful for. It's also the perfect time for a family-friendly festival that brings out the best in all of us. Not to mention that there is no entry fee to this event, which means that you can bundle all of your friends and family into the car (or by Metro Rail, with a 15 minute walk) without breaking the bank.

For more information on this event please visit <https://www.facebook.com/totallysweeteventswny>.

Buffalo Style Garden Art Sale Call For Vendors



The Buffalo Style Garden Art Sale starts Saturday, June 24, 2023. Application deadline is March 25, 2023.

The popular summer craft sale, to be held Saturday, June 24, 2023 10am-4pm and Sunday June 25, 2023 10am-3pm on the grounds of the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. One of the summer's most unique events, the Buffalo Style Garden Art sale takes advantage of Buffalo Niagara's ever-growing and enthusiastic gardening community.

The Garden Art Sale committee is soliciting vendors for its annual sale.

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Volunteers Needed At SPCA Serving Erie County

The SPCA Serving Erie County, located at 300 Harlem Road, West Seneca, NY, is looking for volunteers 18 years old and older!

The SPCA has an immediate need for volunteers in various areas of its West Seneca shelter, including Adoptions, Animal Behavior, Foster Care, Wildlife, Kitten



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Nursery, and other departments. Some volunteer opportunities are available at off-site adoption locations or in volunteers'

own homes. Depending on the position, volunteers will have the opportunity to provide compassionate care for animals, bring pets and families together, and perform purpose-driven work!

"January is the perfect time for people to look at calendars and determine the impact they'd like to have in the coming year," said SPCA Chief Communications Officer Gina Lattuca. "The impact volunteers make at

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Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



January, 1993. WINNER OF TROCAIRE ESSAY CONTEST...Michele Leone, center, is congratulated by Kirby Jackson of the Buffalo's Bills, and Mary Jo O'Sullivan, executive vice president of Trocaire College, as winner of the school's essay contest.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH



Rain
High 43°
Low 37°

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH



Rain/Snow
High 40°
Low 24°

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH



Snow
High 28°
Low 23°

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH



Partly Cloudy
High 29°
Low 25°

MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH



Cloudy
High 40°
Low 35°

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST



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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

A Glove Story

Get your gloves ready and grab a hold of this Friday, January 27th of this new year. For all the boys and girls playing in the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball and Softball League every summer in Shoshone Park, this Friday means there's exactly 100 days until Opening Day for the 2023 season. This year, the season begins on Saturday, May 6th with their annual parade to the tiny Park on Hertel Avenue near Main Street. Last year, over 1,200 players registered to play, the most the League has ever had, signed up to pitch and hit on over 75 teams.

Registration is now open for all boys and girls between the ages five to fifteen for boys and six to sixteen for girls to play again this summer. You can register anytime online at www.hnpybl.com and find the League's website where instructions are available to start your season. It's highly recom-

mended that a child's Mom or Dad takes advantage of this time in late January, to assure your son or daughter can play on the same team as last year if they're a returning player. If your child has never played the game as yet, Hertel North Park is very welcome to new families, especially ones new to North Buffalo.

All games are played at Shoshone Park, a place where as many as seven games can be played at night during the week at 6:00pm Monday through Friday. On Saturdays, as many as 28 games can be played beginning as early as 9:30 am. All boys and girls are given a chance to practice with their new teams before the season starts. They will be given baseball caps and a team jersey to wear all season before their first game.

Hertel North Park was formed in 1957 and consisted of just four teams playing in this neighbor-

hood Park for boys growing up on all streets surrounding Main and Hertel. By the early 1980's, the League's board of officers developed a program for all girls to play together alongside the boys in their own divisions. The birth of girls ponytail softball was a welcome addition to the success of community sports for all boys and girls during the summer months.

The League's board of officers are the leaders in the men and women who help coach or manage teams and are all volunteers for the benefit of the Community and the children who come to play. No one gets paid to be a coach or get a diamond ready to play on for that night's game. Hertel North Park is fully supported by the community at large. Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown has made numerous visits to Shoshone Park, especially on Opening Day to publicly declare his love for the League inside the City. It's the only place to play the game from May until the start of a new school year in September.

This season, the City has been notified that Diamond #1 in Shoshone Park needs a new backstop behind home plate before any games can be played. The Christmas Blizzard knocked down several trees during its storm several weeks ago.

December Storm Damage To Baseball Diamond In Shoshone Park



Shoshone Park not spared any damage from Christmas Blizzard of 2022. Fallen trees destroyed backstop fencing behind homeplate on Highmark Diamond for Hertel North Park Youth Baseball and Softball League. Coaches still hope for an Opening Day in early May.

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
January 23, 2022
Amherst Avenue – On above date, time, and location, complainant states that defendant did take without permission merchandise by means of putting items in a cart and passing all points of purchase without payment (value less than \$1000.00).

January 20, 2022
Hertel Avenue – Defendant did attempt to gouge victim's eye out and did cause a laceration above his left eye on the eye on the eyelid. Injury recorded on officer's body worn camera. The injury did cause bleeding. Medical treatment denied.

January 20, 2022
Hertel Avenue – On above time, date, and location victim and defendant did get into a verbal altercation where defendant threatened victim multiple times. Defendant then proceeded to put his hands around victim next and throat in a choking manner cursing pain. Victim got away and fled to a neighbor house to call 911. Defendant fled and was apprehended behind 1032 Kenmore Avenue.

January 18, 2022
Hertel Avenue – Defendant was picked up at 5919 Niagara Falls Boulevard by detective on active Buffalo warrants. Defendant was taken to central booking.

West Side
January 23, 2022
Jewett Parkway – The complainant reports that the suspect did break the glass to the front door of the Frank Lloyd Wright Martin museum. The suspect then entered the building and went to sleep in the master bedroom.

January 23, 2022
Arkansas Street – Defendant was the rear passenger of New York registered vehicle that was seen leaving the scene of shots fired. Upon traffic stop, an investigation was conducted where co-defendant was found to have felony weight narcotics and told officers he was passed the narcotics by other passengers inside the vehicle. Defendant was also searched where a crack pipe was recovered. Recovered narcotics were crack heroin and fentanyl weighing 127 grams.

January 17, 2022
Niagara Street – Defendant was at the home of the victim defendant is aware that there is a current order of protection in effect, while victim was on phone with police, defendant did take phone from her hands and disconnected the call.

January 17, 2022
Grant Street – Victim states that he and defendant engaged in a verbal argument that turned physical when the defendant did hit and strike the victim about the head and face. Defendant bthen throw the victim's cell phone out the window. With the intent to cause damage.

Riverside
January 23, 2022
Dearborn Street – Victim and defendant got into verbal argument over defendant getting another female pregnant. This escalated to victim telling defendant telling defendant she was calling the police and her daughter when defendant the took phone from victim preventing her from calling. This escalated into par-

ties wrestling over the phone when defendant did strike victim in the mouth and nose cause a small cut. No medical treatment.

January 18, 2022
Delavan Avenue – On above, date and time, after a verbal argument defendant did punch victim multiple times with closed fist in the face causing pain and swelling when victim tried to call 911 defendant did grab victim's cellphone and destroy it preventing victim from calling 911.

January 18, 2022
Elmwood Avenue – Defendant did enter the store and got into an argument that escalated and the defendant did pull a gun and point it in the complainant's face. Defendant waved the gun around. Defendant put the gun in a blue towel and then the defendant placed in on the counter upon police arrival. A glass pipe with meth residue was recovered in defendant's vehicle inventory to search.

January 17, 2022
Lawn Avenue – Victim states that defendant did display a firearm, told her to come outside and did attempt to call her outside for a fight.

January 17, 2022
Elmwood Avenue – Defendant did pass all points of purchase with over \$1,000.00 of merchandise without permission.

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question. We couldn't." Those interested in volunteering at the SPCA Serving Erie County can apply online at YourSPCA.org/Volunteer. Interested candidates can also contact Director of Volunteer Services Kelly Deschamps by calling (716) 875-7360 ext. 232 or emailing kellyd@yoursPCA.org, or Assistant Director of Volunteer Services Desirea Mojica by calling (716) 875-7360 ext. 252 or emailing desiream@yoursPCA.org.

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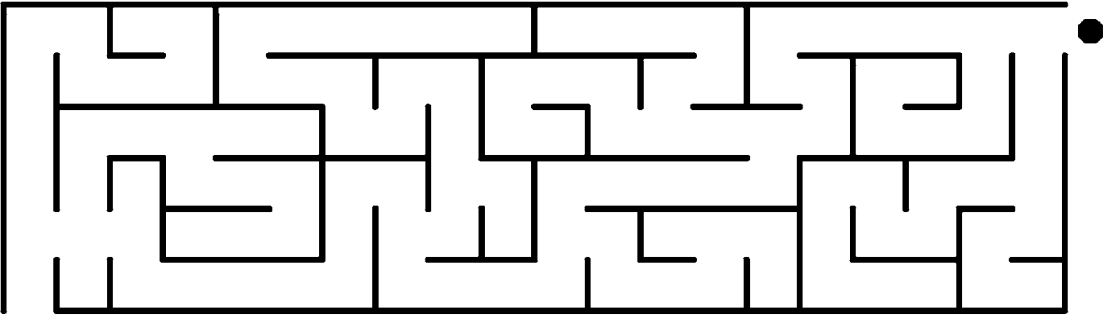
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Kids' Maze



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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Choir voice
5 Right angle
8 Dallas team, to fans
12 Check
13 Sheep call
14 Out of the storm
15 Rub with an emery board, perhaps
17 Speck
18 Author Fleming
19 T-shirt fabric
21 Primitive
24 Spartan queen
25 Hamilton-Burr showdown
26 Criticize again and again
30 Nabokov novel
31 Two-tone cookies
32 Ms. Thurman
33 Road marker
35 Help a crook
36 Temporary calm
37 Steinway product
38 "With any luck"
41 Fragrant tree
42 2004 on a cornerstone
43 Color akin to turquoise

DOWN

1 "Bow-wow!"
2 Island garland
3 Up to
4 "Anna Christie"
5 Black, in verse
6 Murphy's —
7 Guinevere's lover
8 Rum cocktail
9 Oodles
10 Presidential power
11 Penn or Astin
16 Calendar box
20 Praiseful pieces
21 Dutch cheese
22 German car name
23 Authentic
24 "The Sound of Music" teenager
26 Drags out
27 Hefty horn
28 Portent
29 Peacekeeping org.
31 Piece of work
34 Football team
35 Boeing rival
37 Chart format
38 Med. plan options
39 Skip
40 Tower city
41 Change
44 — pickle
45 Baton Rouge sch.
46 Exploit
47 Hosp. parts

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Ask Rusty – Will My Work Earnings Affect My Social Security Benefits?

Dear Rusty: Last month I tried to contact Social Security who never picked up a phone on their end. The same with the IRS. When I finally got

through, they said I had to join ID.me before they could help me. That took me over a week, and many applications and rejects, to get through. The last step was holding up my Social Security card and my driver's license on a Zoom call to an ID.me representative. I found this very peculiar – why do I have to go through this place to get information from my government agencies? Now I am receiving catalog offers to buy things from ID.me online. I think this is very strange and out of line. How do I get unregistered from this place? I am very afraid they will share my information with the world. Is this a government agency and why do we have to register there, only to have offers to buy things? **Signed: Frustrated**

Senior. Dear Frustrated: Many others have shared with us their frustration when seeking enrollment in the federal government's newest credential verification programs, though I know it's no comfort, you are not alone.

Social Security has, since September 18, 2021, required all newly created online accounts to use either ID.me or Login.gov to authenticate the user's identity. "ID.me" is a private company contracted by the government to ensure that you are who you say you are, thus avoiding any fraudulent activities. Login.gov is the government's own authentication program set up to allow access to multiple government agencies for the same purpose. The intent of both is to give you one set of sign in credentials which can be used to access multiple government agencies, rather than a unique login procedure for each agency. And, most importantly, the purpose is to protect you from any fraudulent activities which could cause you financial harm. Rest assured that your personal information is safe using either of these government-sponsored methods to verify your identity for government business.

Those who have a "my Social Security" account set up before September 2021 can still use their previous SSA-unique identity verification method (a "2-factor ID process") to access their "my Social Security" online account. This method is as secure as the newer methods but is only good for accessing your Social Security account (not the IRS or any other government agency). Nevertheless, creating a new online Social Security

account now requires you use the government's current identity verification methods – either ID.me or Login.gov. If you select ID.me (a private company) you do have control over the type of communication you receive from them and can opt out of receiving any offers for additional

services. To do so, it is basically a matter of signing into your ID.me account, accessing your Profile, and selecting "Unsubscribe All" in the Preferences section. And in the meantime, you can also select "Unsubscribe" at the bottom of any promotional email you receive from ID.me.

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- What is the only bone in the human body that isn't attached to another bone nearby?
- What is the setting for the "Anne of Green Gables" novel series?
- Who plays the lead role in the sitcom "Mr. Mayor"?
- Where are the Spanish Steps located?
- How long did the first man in space, Yuri Gagarin, orbit the planet?
- Which restaurant chain advises customers to "eat fresh"?
- What is the only form of energy that can be seen with the human eye?
- With which animal do humans share 98.8% of their DNA?
- Which movie features the famous line, "I see dead people"?
- What is the law enforcement term for stealing a vehicle?

Answers: 1. The Mississippi, 2. Westworld, 3. Twister, 4. Lyndon Johnson, 5. 1955, 6. Family Feud, 7. A Peahen, 8. Seven, 9. Palmolive, 10. Blood Poisoning, 11. Super Bowl XLIX (2015)



Northwest Buffalo Beat

By Dave Gallagher AKA Joe Bortz

A Night I Had To Sleep With Six Girls And My Wife!



Gorgeous Nice, France.

A few years back my wife and I went on a three week vacation in Europe. We began the trip by flying into Nice, France. We spent four great days with a French friend who showed us the beauty and friendliness of the people of southern France. Nothing like the rude French people in Paris. It was a wonderful four days. The second leg of our trip was a train ride from Nice, France into Rome, Italy. We had a Euro rail pass which meant we could get on any train and go anywhere, anytime, in Europe. We left Nice, France about 8:00 PM. It was about a 11-hour trip overnight, and most of the trip was in the dark. Getting on a Euro rail train for the first time was a new experience. We were warned ahead of time to lock and chain our luggage

as there has been a lot of theft on these trains. After we boarded the train a couple of French army people came on with machine guns. They stuck their heads and looked into every compartment. There was stepped up security for some reason. On one trip to the restroom I did have a confrontation with someone that left me a little apprehensive. What happened next should not have surprised me. As we were about to settle in, there was a knock on the door. A young girl, probably college age, asked if she and her friends could spend the night with us as they were terrified. They thought they would be safer with a man present. There were six of them all together and their luggage. My wife, knowing what it was like to be a little afraid, said sure.

All six of them and their luggage squeezed into our little compartment. They were all over the place. I had to sit up all night, wide awake. I knew I snored, at least I was told that I did, so I did not want to fall asleep. Thought I would embarrass myself in front of all these young girls. I stayed awake all night, guarding, and watching them sleep. We arrived in Rome about 7:00 in the morning, we took a cab to our hotel and went to check in. The clerk said our room would not be ready until 1:00 o'clock. About 6 hours. I asked him what he suggested we should do. He said we could leave our luggage there and walk over to see the Coliseum which was right across the street. That is what we did. The Colosseum of course, is a worldwide tourist attraction and something to see. It was nice but eerie as you read what went on there. They fed live human beings to lions. Just knowing that made me a little creepy, if that really happened. After a couple of hours of being a tourist and not having slept all night, I was pretty exhausted. We returned to the hotel and the clerk told us that the room still wasn't ready, I was so exhausted after that, not sleeping, and walking all over the Coliseum I decided to go into the lounge and take a nap, which I did. Problem was I went into such a deep sleep that I snored extra loud. The clerk came over to wake me up and told me I was disturbing the other guests with my snoring. He spoke to me in his broken English with an Italian accent. I just told him to give me a room and I'll snore

there. He said the room still wasn't ready but he would see what he could do. We still had about two hours before the room would be ready for us. He gave me the only room that was available at that time. The penthouse. It was an apartment on the roof which overlooks all of Rome. We could see the Vatican and a lot of the landmarks from our balcony. It was a magnificent view. We were high enough that we did not hear the motor scooters. That is what the Italians did at that time, drove around in and they were loud. There were so many and so noisy. We had some nice peace and quiet and I was ready for more of

Rome's attractions. Turns out that as a result of being kind to the girls on the train and by sharing our room, we lucked out. We never saw or heard from the girls again. But it paid off. Our unexpected comfortable stay in Rome was wonderful. We saw many things and had a plush apartment. After a few days in Rome, we went on to Florence and Venice. After that up into Austria, Germany and Switzerland. Wife's ancestry. We went to the Oktoberfest in Munich. I have seen things that I had never seen before. The train ride was just the beginning of a great trip, but I thought it was a cute story.

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Corner Store.....Forest & Grant
Delaware Apartments.....1217 Delaware Avenue
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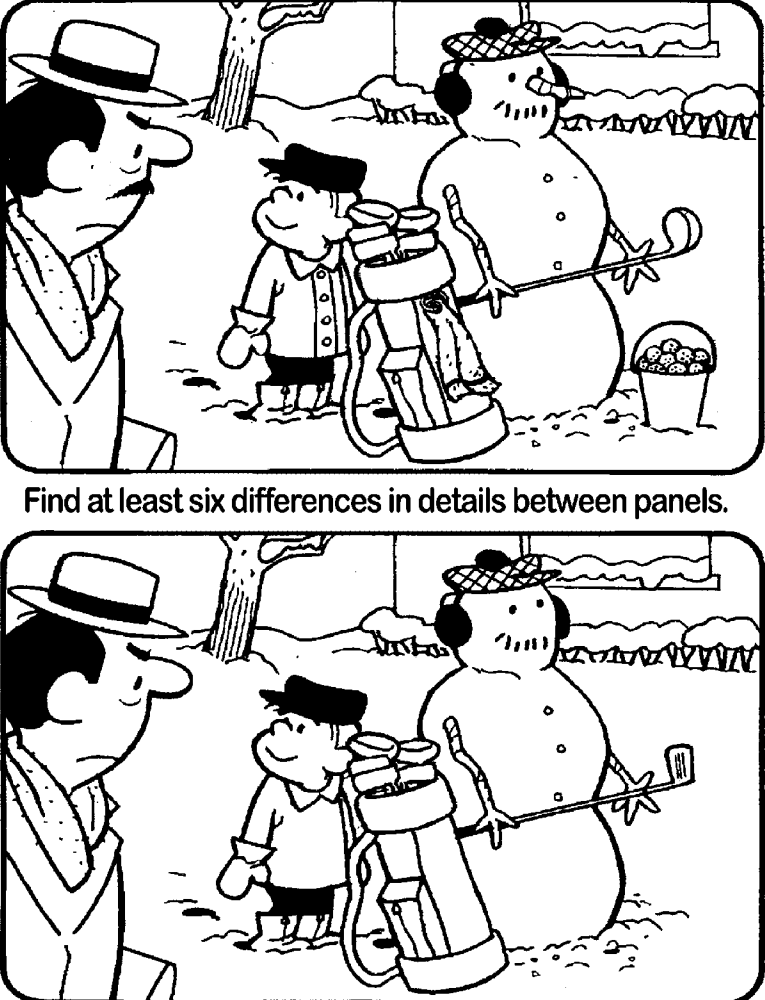
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West Side Community Center.....Vermont at Fargo

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Mustache is missing. 2. Buttons are missing. 3. Towel is missing. 4. Carrot is missing. 5. Club is different. 6. Pail is missing.

The Grapevine

The Buffalo Chamber Music Society's Gift to the Community recital series concludes on Sunday, February 12 with a performance by pianist Zhu Wang. This is a **FREE** concert tickets are not needed. The performance begins at 3 pm in the Mary Seaton Room of Kleinhans Music Hall and will include works by Scarlatti, Beethoven, Stravinsky, Schubert and Liszt. A pre-concert performance by Suzuki Piano Students will start at 2:45. Zhu will also perform for students at Clarence High School on Monday at 10 am. Praised as "especially impressive" and "a thoughtful, sensitive performer" who "balanced lyrical warmth and crisp clarity" (Tommasini - The New York Times), pianist Zhu Wang was awarded First Prize in the 2020 Young Concert Artists Susan Wadsworth International Auditions. He is also the first prize winner of the 2nd Zhuhai International Mozart Competition for Young Musicians, and the Juilliard Gina Bachauer International Scholarship Piano Competition, and was a recipient of the Juilliard Mieczyslaw Munz Scholarship. he has been a featured soloist on WQXR's Young Artist Showcase and WFMT's Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts. His Carnegie Hall debut made The New York Times' "Best of Classical Music 2021" list. Zhu has performed all over the world in China, Italy, Poland, Japan, and across the US at prestigious venues including the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Kammermusiksaal of Berliner Philharmonie, Warsaw Philharmonic Concert Hall, Shanghai Concert Hall, Chicago Cultural Center, and The Morgan Library & Museum.

Shakespeare in Delaware Park. Auditions for Shakespeare in Delaware Park's 48th season will be held on Jan 21, 22, 23 Saturday January 21st 9am to 1pm open call by appointment Sunday January 22nd 9am to 1pm call backs Monday January 23rd 5pm to 9pm call backs auditions will be held at: Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart 3860 Main Street (Clare Music

Hall Building) Buffalo, NY 14226. Open call auditions are by appointment only. To arrange an appointment, please call (716) 856-4533 on or after January 2nd (no audition appointments will be accepted before January 2nd). Actors should prepare one memorized, Shakespearean monologue, not to exceed 2 minutes. All actors are requested to bring a resume/career bio and a head shot to the audition. All ethnicities are encouraged to audition.

The Southtowns Regional Chamber of Commerce is hosting their Food Bank February Meat Raffle on Saturday, February 4th at 6pm at the VFW Post 1419 in Hamburg. A portion of proceeds from this event will be donated to FeedHamburg, The Friendship Food Pantry WNY, The Lackawanna Food Pantry and Operation Good Neighbor. Tickets are \$10 & Reserved tables of eight are \$70. There are also opportunities for businesses to get involved through Sponsorship Opportunities ranging from \$65-\$225. Tickets & Sponsorships can be purchased online at www.southtownsregionalchamber.org The Southtowns Regional Chamber of Commerce hosts a variety of events that serve their business members and communities. We hope that our communities can come together for this great event. A special thanks to our current Event Sponsor: Route 75 Imprints are by appointment only. To arrange an appointment, please call (716) 856-4533 on or after January 2nd (no audition appointments will be accepted before January 2nd). Actors should prepare one memorized, Shakespearean monologue, not to exceed 2 minutes. All actors are requested to bring a resume/career bio and a head shot to the audition. All ethnicities are encouraged to audition.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of WNY Meat Raffle takes place Saturday, March 4th at The Knights of Columbus Madonna Council #2535, 755 Erie Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY. Doors at 5:00

pm and first spin is at 6:00pm. \$10 per presale, \$20 at the door. Beer, wine, and pop included.

Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group is presenting their 2023 Kitten Bowl Saturday, February 4. The event runs from 3pm to 6pm and will be held at Rockin' Buffalo Saloon located at 1800 Union Rd, West Seneca, NY 14224. At this event, the Rockin' Buffalo team of kittens will compete against kitten team Cellino on Clyde's Field to win the 2023 Kitten Bowl. Each team will have 4-5 kittens with live commentary from Trainwreck Sports during the Kitten Bowl Game. Each team will be wearing uniforms with their team logo and kitten referees will be at this game making sure each team plays by the rules. There will be 50/50, theme basket raffles and other raffles throughout the event. The event is sponsored by Clyde's Feed, Cellino Plumbing and CSL Plasma. For more information on this event, visit <https://www.tenlivesclub.com/events/2023/2/4/2023-kitten-bowl> or call their Event Coordinator at (716)-646-5577 ext.2.

All Heritages Celebrate - Lunar New Year Celebration Gala starts on Sunday, January 22, 2023 on 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM at Center For The Arts 103 Center For The Arts Buffalo, NY. All Heritages Celebrate! CCWNY (Chinese Club of WNY) invites you to the Lunar New Year Celebration Gala. Free and open to the public.



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Buffalo Style Garden Art Sale Call For Vendors

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Items for the judged art sale, in any medium, are to be garden- or nature-themed, or works that can be displayed in a garden setting. Sculpture, planters, metalwork, paintings, vintage signs, woodwork, architectural remnants, fountains, found art, ceramics – anything that relates to gardening is permissible (no standalone plant material will be allowed).

Application deadline is March 25, 2023. For fees, rules, and regulations, visit GardenArtSale.com.

There are options for multiple booths, one- or two-day sales, and a "Starter Seller" reduced fee for first-time vendors that have never participated in any craft fairs previously.

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green group booths, a basket raffle, and on the Buffalo Botanical Gardens front lawn – it's a spectacular event that attracts 4,500+ serious buyers. The Buffalo Style Garden Art Sale supports our community by promoting garden-inspired artisans, projects and tourism. Proceeds benefit

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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Answers on page seven.

STOMP Out Hunger With Shea's Buffalo Theatre And FeedMore WNY

Shea's Buffalo Theatre and FeedMore WNY announce their partnership to STOMP Out Hunger!

STOMP has made it its mission to partner with food banks across the country to STOMP Out Hunger. The show began its quest to reduce hunger in North America with a partnership with Philabundance, the Philadelphia region's largest hunger relief organization, in December of 2007. The producers were looking for a way to give back to the community and with the timing of the holidays the partnership was a natural one. However,

due to the current economic climate including high unemployment rates and state budget cuts, hunger organizations have seen an overwhelming demand for food assistance. As such, STOMP has dedicated itself to bringing attention to the heightened needs of food charities across the country all year round by sponsoring canned food drives and donating ticket proceeds in as many cities as possible.

"FeedMore WNY is grateful to STOMP and Shea's Performing Arts Center for collaborating on this wonderful initiative to help STOMP Out Hunger

in Western New York. In FeedMore's four-county service area, nearly 165,000 people are food insecure, meaning they lack access to enough nutritious food to lead a healthy life. We encourage patrons of Shea's to bring nonperishable food donations when they come to enjoy STOMP and help feed our neighbors in need," Tara A. Ellis, president and CEO of FeedMore WNY, said.

Most needed items include cereal, peanut or other nut butters, canned tuna and chicken, canned soups/stews/chili, canned fruit, canned veggies, canned or

dried beans, boxed mac & cheese, pasta and rice, spaghetti sauce, and baby food/formula/diapers.

Show your support by dropping off your donations at the Main Street and

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Noel Kvetkosky, Trustee of Tripi foods Foundation. wishes to announce the Tripifoods Foundation's annual return for the year ended June 30, 2022, is available for inspection at the office of Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. (located at The Liberty Bldg., 424 Main Street, Suite 800, Buffalo, NY 14202), (716) 847-2651 during regular business hours. Any citizen who wishes to inspect it may do so within 180 days from the date of this notification. A free copy of the return will be provided

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Kids' Maze Solution

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