

Baseball And Softball 2023



Pre-registration for the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League has begun and registration can be done at any time by visiting www.hnpybl.com.

By Bill Snyder

If you love Baseball and follow the Major Leagues every year, then you know February is the shortest month and teams are gathering soon in Arizona and Florida for the start of Spring Training.

Huge trailers, carrying team equipment for all players, including all bats, balls, gloves,

spikes and even team uniforms have left the Bronx and Queens in New York City, Toronto Ontario Canada and even the World Series Championship City of Houston, Texas where players will work out in beautiful weather, getting ready to start the season on March 31. It's almost time to play Ball!

Here in North Buffalo, Shoshone Park is the place where all boys and girls will meet to start their 2023 season. Since 1957, the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball and Softball League has been played in this gem of a Park off of Hertel Avenue near Main Street and has been the scene for many childhood memories. Thousands of North Buffalo residents have memories of playing ball here. *Continued on page six.*

Canisius Presents "Chopin & Copernicus: The Art Of The Heavens"

The Permanent Chair of Polish Culture at Canisius College, the Chopin Singing Society and Polish Arts Club of Buffalo present Chopin & Copernicus: The Art of the Heavens on Sunday, February 26 at 2:30 p.m. at the Canisius College Montante Cultural Center. The free and open event celebrates the 550th birthday of the Father of Modern Astronomy, Nicolaus Copernicus. A reception follows the program.

Chopin & Copernicus: The Art of the Heavens is

a multimedia program of music, images and memorabilia. The program features the Chopin Singing Society in a short program of Renaissance music and a premiere of Jerzy Kolaczowski's *De Revolutionibus*, in an arrangement by Dr. Thomas Witkowski of the Buffalo State College Music Department.

Kolaczowski was a 20th century musician, composer, and conductor born in 1907 in Lviv, Ukraine of Polish ancestry. The piece features

a narration related to Copernicus, which will be rendered by radio personality Andrew Golebiowski. The program continues with pianists, Maria Chomicka and Melanie Bebak in music of Chopin with a display of images from the Webb and Hubble telescopes, as well as images and quotes of Copernicus, by Paul Krupinski of the Strassburgh Planetarium in Rochester.

Items related to Chopin and Copernicus will be on display. For more information, please contact Mary Lou Wyrobek at wyrobekml@gmail.com.

Scholarships Available From The Kenmore Village Improvement

Several scholarships are available to college age students from the Kenmore Village Improvement Society (KVIS.) Students under the age of 22 years who live in Kenmore/Town of Tonawanda and will be attending college or learning a trade are encouraged to apply. Scholarships are available through the Frederick and Christopher Sachs Scholarship fund, the Kimberly Tippet Scholarship fund, and the John & Bette Hulleley Trades Scholarship fund.

The KVIS hopes to help support young people in our community by encouraging those who choose the college route of education and those who choose to re-

ceive training and/or an apprenticeship in the trades. Applications are available on the KVIS website <https://www.villageofkenmore.com/scholarships.html>

The KVIS meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 pm. Meetings are by Zoom until May when in person meetings will resume. Should you wish to attend a Zoom meeting, please email the KVIS at mail@villageofkenmore.com and the meeting link will be sent to you. Meetings are open to all.

For more information, please contact KVIS President Melissa Foster at mail@villageofkenmore.com. Please visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KenmoreVillage.










Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



February, 1993. SENTIMENTAL SINGER...Rick Sonata, a Frank Sinatra impersonator, sings to the crowd at the North End Association's Valentine's Day party held Sunday inside The Sample building on Hertel Avenue.

Local Weather

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(4:10), 9:10 Wed 2/22: (4:10), 7:00 Thur 2/23: (4:10), 7:00

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Joel P. Feroletto
Delaware District Councilman
Guest Columnist

Spring Is In The Air

The Groundhog may have saw his shadow predicting six more weeks of Winter, but lately I have been feeling like Spring is in the air.

When the sun is shining in North Buffalo, I'm reminded of how lucky I am to be the councilmember of such an active and vibrant community.

The Delaware District has several upcoming opportunities to get outside and enjoy all North Buffalo has to offer. We are lucky to have Delaware Park in our own backyards. The park is a

great place to go walking, running, biking, or just to sit, chill and unwind.

Other attractions that you should take advantage of in the district include the Buffalo Zoo and the Frank Lloyd Wright Martin House. The zoo is a great place to bring your kids and its even better this time of year with less crowds.

The Frank Lloyd Wright Martin House is offering 50% off guided tours throughout the month of February. If you have not had a chance to check out the historical restored



PAL Red Cross Certified Lifeguard Training For The City Of Buffalo

Mayor Byron W. Brown and the City of Buffalo, in partnership with the Police Athletic League of Buffalo (PAL), will offer another session of free and paid Red Cross Certified Lifeguard Training for City of Buffalo Youth ages 16-21 during the upcoming winter break, Monday, February 20 through Friday, February 24. The session will be held at the Cazenovia Pool, located on Abbott Road across from Mercy Hospital. Those who successfully attain certification can apply to become lifeguards at the City's two indoor pools, as well as apply for summer 2023 positions at the City's nine outdoor pools. Pay is \$20 an hour.

Mayor Brown stated "We need our young people to step up in a big way after a lifeguard shortage last summer kept us from opening our

City pools. Our current team of lifeguards come from all walks of life but have one thing in common, a love for our city and a love for our children who deserve a safe and fun summer. I ask our youth to consider this great opportunity and join Buffalo's awesome team of lifeguards. The position pays well and will help further improve the quality of life in neighborhoods city-wide."

Last summer, the City's nine outdoor pools were closed due to a lifeguard shortage which impacted cities, towns, and private swimming facilities across New York State and throughout the United States. City of Buffalo youth who are interested in receiving the FREE and PAID Red Cross Certified Lifeguard training must register. Below is a list of upcoming lifeguard sessions.

property, now is the time to do it.

The Hertel North Park Youth Baseball and Softball League has opened online registration for the 2023 season. Youth boys and girls, starting at age 3, can sign up to play t-ball, baseball, or softball in North Buffalo's own Shoshone Park. If soccer is more of your kid's thing, registration for the Spring House League through the Delaware Soccer Club is also available online. This program is for children ages 4-15, all skill levels are welcome.

One thing I know for certain, after the harsh storms that we have dealt with this winter, we all deserve time outside to relax and recharge. The winter blues may not fully be a thing of the past just yet, so remember to prioritize your mental health and always check in with your neighbors. Buffalo really is the city of good neighbors, and I am honored to be a part of it.

February Certification
BPS Winter Break
Monday, February 20
through Friday, February 24

8:30am-5pm
Cazenovia Pool
March Certification
Saturdays & Sundays
3/4, 3/5, 3/11, 3/12, 3/18
8:30am-5pm
Cazenovia Pool
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Youth who CAN already swim with proficiency
- Youth ages 16-21
- Preference given to youth who reside in the City of Buffalo and attend a Buffalo Public School

Pre-registration for this course is required. Non-residents are welcome to register for a certification course for \$300. To register, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PALLifeguard-Certification22-23>.

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
February 10, 2023
Hertel Avenue – Defendant and co-defendant were in possession of stolen property taken from victim without permission (1) Erie County Health Department badge #36 and (1) pair of Warby Parker reading glasses all recovered in New York registered vehicle with defendant and co-defendant.

February 10, 2023
Delaware Avenue – Defendant was driven to 2113 Delaware Avenue in New York registered vehicle by co-defendant and while there defendant was the look out for co-defendant to break driver side door lock on victim's box truck, and the taking without permission victim's wallet containing M&T debit card and Discover credit card then co-defendant and defendant got into New York registered vehicle and fled all observed on video causing substantial inconvenience to victim.

February 9, 2023
Huntington Avenue – Victim states defendant did strike victim in the face and jaw causing pain, redness, and headache. Victim states defendant did take victim's phone when she was on the phone with the dispatcher with 911.

February 9, 2023
Delaware Avenue – On 2/8/23 at approximately 2300 hours BPD Intel along with SWAT, special Investigations and D District did execute search warrant at 2439 Delaware Avenue, Apt. 101 and Apt. 105 written by detective and signed by the honorable Buffalo City Court Judge. Upon execution on 2439 Delaware Avenue,

Apt. 101, detective located a Glock .380 handgun lower with serial number filed off under the mattress in the bedroom loaded with 7 rounds. Detective found the upper and slide for the handgun with a loaded magazine under the dresser in the same room. Detective did recover a Polymer P80 9x19 9mm handgun inside a black book bag with a loaded 9mm magazine, 1 pound, under the bed. Defendants were apprehended inside Apt. 101. Inside Apt. 105, patrol officer did recover a Gen 5 Glock 19 9x19 handgun with serial number loaded with rounds behind the refrigerator. Lieutenant did recover a 22. Beretta handgun with serial number loaded with rounds in aside bedroom wrapped in a white mask with pink and black hearts. Gun was loaded 1 in the chamber and 4 in the magazine. Further defendants were inside Apt. 105. All weapons secured and submitted to evidence by patrol officer.

February 9, 2023
Delaware Avenue – New York registered vehicle 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 gray was reported stolen to the Cheektowaga Police Department on 2/3/23 at approximately 1800 hours Buffalo Police attempted to stop the vehicle at Rt. 33 West at Grider and vehicle fled. At approximately 1823 hours same date vehicle was found parked and unoccupied at Delaware at Tacoma. After reviewing surveillance and social media posts it was determined that all defendants were occupying the vehicle.

February 8, 2023
Delsan Court – The suspect did violate active or-

der of protection issued by presiding judge on 11/8/22 expiring 5/28/23 by going to the victim's house unannounced and began kicking door while making threats to kill her. Suspect then took a pole off of a scooter, began swinging it and making more threats. The suspect stole victim's ring doorbell which was recovered in his front left pants pocket. While on scene the suspect did make multiple threats to kill the victim. The suspect did obstruct officers by refusing to comply with commands and actively resist arrest by taking an aggressive stance at officers, running away and refusing cuffing.

February 2, 2023
Delsan Court - Defendant was arrested for violating a valid order of protection issued by presiding judge and defendant did also punch the victim on the left side of her face causing redness and pain.

West Side
February 12, 2023
Parker Avenue – After a verbal altercation, defendant did slap victim in the face making victim fearful for her safety and did so in front of three children inside the home. Defendant did also punch

complainant in back of head. Issue of escalation violence within household. CPS contacted. DCJ with supporting deposition completed.

February 10, 2023
Forest Avenue – Victim states that defendant refusal to leave after being told victim did not want company, did enter residence and did not exit until victim fled for home.

Grant Street – 911 call for reckless operation of vehicle found to be in custody of revoked driver inventory to tow a white powdery substance found in-between plastic wrapper of cigarette box and the box. White powdery substance was in its own bag appears to be a narcotic (cocaine). Substance was found by patrol officer on center Counsel. Evidence submitted by patrol officer.

February 10, 2023

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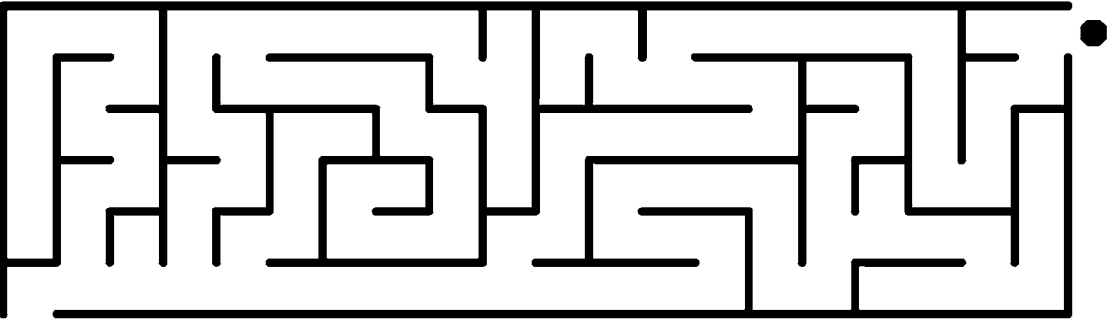
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Kids' Maze



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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Sailing vessel

6 Clear the deck?

9 Kitten's cry

12 A Marx brother

13 Low digit

14 "Xanadu" band

15 Baby hooter

16 Florida city

18 Handsome guy

20 Convent dwellers

21 Brooch

23 Tool set

24 March honoree, for short

25 Fed. food inspector

27 Grinding tooth

29 "At once!"

31 Attention-getting call

35 Senior member

37 Lingerie fabric

38 Houston player

41 Sports drink suffix

43 TV spots

44 Foolproof

45 Go places

47 Florida city

49 Revise

52 Tokyo, once

53 "Humbug!"

54 Keaton of "Annie Hall"

55 Lair

56 Bikini top

57 Old anesthetic

DOWN

1 HBO competitor

2 Attorney's field

3 Florida city

4 Pundit's piece

5 "The Chosen" author Chaim

6 Cuban rum cocktail

7 Burden

8 Zing

9 Convened

10 Justice Kagan

11 In the — way (very much)

17 Preambles

19 Spock portrayer

21 Young seal

22 Leb. neighbor

24 — Paulo Jackson

26 President Carter of "Wonder Woman"

30 Overly

32 Florida city

33 Vintage

34 Approves

36 Sultry singer Kitt

38 Queried

39 Soft leather

40 Check the fit of

42 Dodge

45 Russian ruler

46 Send forth

48 Flow out

50 Away from SSW

51 Aachen article

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Answers on page seven.



Ask Rusty – About Social Security’s “First Year Rule”

Dear Rusty: I’m considering filing for my SS at age 64 in February, before my full retirement age of 66 years and 10 months. I’m working full time and would like to continue earning until I meet the \$21,240 limit for this year. When does the \$21,240 limit go into effect? Does it start after receiving my first SS benefit deposit? Or does Social Security go by my year-to-date earnings starting on January 1st?

If I file in February and it takes 90 days to receive my first SS deposit, and at that point my year-to-date earnings are \$18,500, can I continue to work until I earn the balance of the \$21,240 (\$2,740) and then stop working? Or do they only count the earnings after I receive the first benefit payment? I know that for anything earned over \$21,240 I’ll need to repay \$1 for every \$2 over the limit. **Signed: Ready to Retire**

Dear Ready: Since you haven’t yet reached your full retirement age (FRA), if you claim now and are working, things will work somewhat differently during your first year collecting benefits.

If you claim for your benefits to start in February, only your earnings starting in February count toward the earnings limit. But during your first calendar year, once your benefits start, you’ll be subject to a monthly earnings limit of \$1,770 and, if that is exceeded

in any month (February – December), you won’t be eligible for benefits for that month. That means that they could withhold your entire monthly amount for any 2023 month after January that exceeds the monthly limit. This is part of Social Security’s “first year rule,” which applies only during your first calendar year collecting. If, instead, you claim for your benefits to start in March, then the monthly limit will apply from March thru December. Remember, it’s not when your payment is received that counts; it’s when your benefits start (SS pays benefits in the month following the month earned). Beginning in 2024 only the annual limit would apply.

Nevertheless, the “first year rule” offers some latitude on your earnings. If the penalty for exceeding the annual earnings limit (\$21,240 for 2023) is less than the penalty which results from using the monthly limit, Social Security will use the annual limit and assess the smaller penalty amount. So, if your annual (full year) 2023 earnings are less than \$21,240, no penalty will be assessed, or if you only exceed the annual limit by a small amount, you’ll be assessed a penalty of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. But if your annual earnings are substantially more than the 2023 limit, Social Security may deem you temporarily ineligible to get benefits.

When you complete your application there will be a section asking you to tell them about this year’s earnings as well as what you expect next year’s earnings to be. From that they will decide whether you are currently eligible to collect benefits.

So, if your goal is to work only to the point that no penalty will be assessed, you can work until your 2023 earnings reach \$21,240 (whenever that is). Or you could work even a little bit longer and simply take the penalty (half of what you exceed the annual limit by), in which case SS will simply withhold future benefits for enough months for them to recover what is owed for exceeding the limit. But if you continue working full time and will substantially exceed the annual limit, it’s likely Social Security will say you are temporarily ineligible to collect benefits (until your earnings are less or you reach your full retirement age when the earnings test no longer applies).

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1) What was the name of the saloon in the 1960s series “Gunsmoke”?

2) To date, how many people have walked on the moon?

3) What is the capital of the Canadian province Nova Scotia?

4) How many “Police Academy” movies have been produced?

5) Why is Indiana known as “The Hoosier State”?

6) What percentage of a cucumber is water?


7) Which company published its first mail-order catalog in 1872?

8) What does the armadillo’s name mean in English?

9) What is author Mark Twain’s real name?

10) What is one of singer/actor Frank Sinatra’s famous nicknames, based on a physical attribute?

Last Answers: 1. Madrid, Spain, 2. Brazil, 3. Time flies, 4. Obelus, 5. 10 minutes, according to Dylan, 6. About 50 times, 7. “Home Alone”, 8. “The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe”, 9. “How you doin’?”, 10. Outer ear



Northwest Buffalo Beat

By Dave Gallagher AKA Joe Bortz

Ingolstadt



Scenic Ingolstadt, Germany.

I have another little story to tell about our trip to Europe. Our ultimate goal of the trip was to visit Switzerland. The city of Zug, where my wife's father was born. Starting in France into Italy up to Germany and onto Switzerland. We had a Euro rail pass and could travel on the train anywhere. We boarded a train in Italy and headed to Germany. Had reservations in a little town called Ingolstadt. It was a late train and as we entered Germany the train stopped. Seems someone committed suicide and jumped in front of a train. That blocked the track we were on. Guess it took a long time to clean up the mess as we sat there for hours without moving. We were not too worried as we had reservations, we thought, at a hotel in Ingolstadt.

A fellow jumped up and wanted to know if anyone was going to Ingolstadt as he was going to rent a car and drive. Said we could share the cost. We volunteered along with one other man. The fellow rented the car and came back to the train station and picked us up. The four of us piled into this small German made car and we were off. He was a local and used the autobahn often. Drove really fast and we were relieved when he slowed down to 100 miles an hour. After a harrowing ride, we finally reached our destination safely. He dropped us off at the hotel where we had made reservations. The lobby was full of German speaking men, drinking beer and smoking

cigarettes. The air was so full of smoke you could cut it with a knife. When we made it to the counter, the clerk informed us they had given our room away. Due to the train delay, we had not shown up on time to secure the room. Turns out it was Oktoberfest month and everything close was booked. Here we are in the middle of Germany with our luggage and no place to go. I asked the clerk for suggestions. What we could do as we do not speak the language and we were very tired. Sleeping in the lobby would not work this time as no one would hear my snoring.

After fretting for over an hour, the clerk said she did find a place. A hostel that had single rooms and a shared bathroom. Having no choice, we went there. One of those flop houses and we were lucky to get rooms next to each other. At least we had a place to sleep and spend the night. Her concern was her usual middle of the night restroom call. The restroom

was shared with 12 other rooms, mostly men. Told her to knock on the wall between us when nature called and I would walk her to the necessary facility. She did, I did, and it worked out fine. Poorly lit hallway and lots of doors, luckily the right one was clearly marked.

Next morning we had breakfast at the same place and the cook thought we met there and it was a budding romance. Why would a married couple stay there? At least the breakfast was good, and we actually stayed another night in a different part with full rooms and your own bathroom. Again, they thought we just met that night and wanted to sleep together. Whatever.

We were in this area, me being a history buff, as I wanted to see Dachau, the concentration camp. The German cab driver was displeased and expressed it. With all the beautiful things to see in Bavaria, we wanted to see a concentration camp. Hey buddy, it is there and part of what happened, can't change that. He was right, Bavaria was beautiful, and the concentration camp was not. For some reason I wanted to see it. This was not fun, but the Oktoberfest was.

We were near Munich, home of the original and biggest Oktoberfest. The night we were there 100,000 people were in attendance. Ten buildings holding 10,000 each. Now that is a big party. Dutchmen like their beer and drank plenty of it. When they got too drunk the police dragged them onto a hill behind the event to sleep it off. Everyone was very nice to us as Americans and it was an awesome experience. My wife liked that the locals dressed in their Bavarian garments. Like in Lam-poon's European Vacation with Chevy Chase. A happy time, so now it was on to Switzerland and another adventure high up in the mountains.

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Michael P. Kearns

Erie County Clerk
Guest Columnist

Kearns Ensures Veterans Are Remembered On Valentine's Day



Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns collected special Valentines from Ms. Valenti's Art Class at Buffalo Public School #17, Early Childhood Center where students created handmade "Valentines for Vets".

Special Handmade Cards were created for Veterans at Buffalo VA Medical Center for this Valentine's Day.

Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns helped lead his annual Valentines for Veterans project with elementary students at Buffalo Public Schools.

Kearns worked with the teachers and Principals to coordinate this event where students crafted hundreds handmade Valentine's Day cards for veterans receiving care at the VA Western New York Healthcare System with genuine notes of love and thanks for their service.

"This is one of my favorite events of the year and a great community service project for students," stated Kearns. "It is an opportunity for them to learn why veterans, both past and present, should be honored for protecting the freedoms we enjoy every day in the United States of America and it brings such joy to the veterans."

Kearns collected the cards personally and brought them to the Buffalo VA Medical Center on Valentine's Day to hand-deliver to veterans currently hospitalized or simply receiving out-patient care services. One student's card read, "Happy Valentine's Day, I love you. I hope you love me back."

"I want to thank Ms. Tofolo's second grade class from Public School #54-Dr. George E. Blackman School of Excellence as well as Ms. Valenti's art classes at Public School #17-Early Childhood Center for lending their artistic talents," said County Clerk Kearns. "I truly appreciate the time and effort taken to coordinate this heartfelt effort in making 'Valentines for Veterans' a huge success. By receiving a handmade Valentine's Day greeting from a student while at the hospital truly meant the world to our veterans."



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Baseball And Softball 2023

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falo families grew up in the homes surrounding the tiny Park and now, several have returned to the place again to have their sons and daughters learn the game, just like they did, some 30 or 40 years later.

Opening Day for this season is set for Saturday May 6 and League Officials are hoping for some bright sunshine and temperatures hovering around 50 degrees. Over the years, the Baseball or Softball Gods have been very good to the Community when planning for this huge North Buffalo event. For some, Opening Day of the HNPYBL in North Buffalo is the best day of the year.

Last season, the League set a record in its history of youth sports within the City Limits by registering over 1,200 area children to play on close to 100 teams inside the Park in t-ball, rookie, minors, majors, double AA, triple AAA, house, or travel under League president Don Morris.

An impressive accomplishment that speaks volumes for the many men and women who annually volunteer their time during the Summer months to teach all boys and girls the basics of the game like, hitting, catching, running, and throwing a baseball or softball.

There are plenty of openings left for a boy or girl to sign up to play this summer. You can register at any time, on line, if you type www.hnpybl.com. This will take you to the League's website where directions are given to easily explain how you can join Hertel North Park. Click on the Registration tab and find the process should not take much time or trouble. If you are new to North Buffalo and not sure whether your children would like to play, formulate your concerns as a question and send to info@hnpybl.com. The Park phone number is 716-862-0243.

Buffalo Rocket has been the official newspaper of the Hertel North Buffa-

lo Baseball and Softball League for over 40 years. All scores and team highlights on weekly games are recorded and entered into the League website. Team standings and records are carefully monitored all season long as children are encouraged to try to play the games well.

All boys and girls will receive a new baseball cap or visor to wear prior to their season's games. An appropriate team uniform jersey is available. All Boys and girls need to purchase gray baseball pants prior to the season. They are available at Dick's Sporting Goods.

There are 77 days left until Opening Day and while registration figures for this season hasn't quite reached 500 yet, the North Buffalo board of directors know that the days will quickly fly by once the weather begins to brighten our days. Make Baseball and Softball a part of your new year this year. Your children will enjoy it and so will you.

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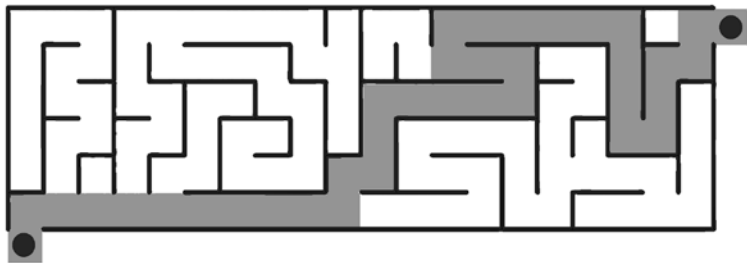
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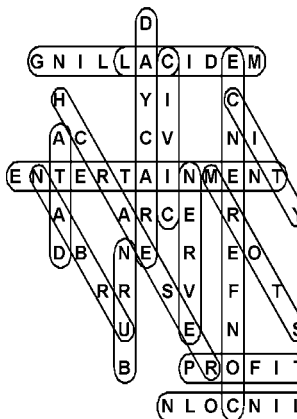
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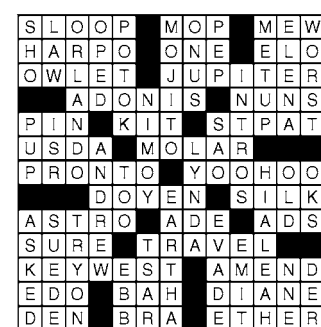
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