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## Heavy Snow Expected



**Heavy show is expected beginning Friday night after midnight and continue throughout the day on Saturday with snow everywhere.**

The weather store is anticipating that a large mass of accumulation of precipitation out of Canada with freezing temperatures aloft are expected to begin Friday after midnight and continuing throughout Saturday and into the evening. Snow is expected to be really heavy at times with as much as

3 – 4 inches per hour according to the guy at the weather store. Weather store guy Jus Kidding was really concerned with this storm approaching. “This is really a big one.” Kidding explained, “It’s like a large cloud of water is heading our way and when it crosses the lake it will produce a lot

of snow.”

At this time it looks like the shower will be the heaviest on Saturday, April 1st. Plowing companies have already taken the plow off of their vehicles thinking that the snowy stuff was over. Make all necessary arrangements for this event.

## Allen West Welcomes Elmwood Festival Artists

The Allentown Association wishes to congratulate the organizers of the Elmwood Festival of the Arts for over two decades of producing a vital and well-regarded event. We wish the organizers well in their future endeavors.



**ALLENTOWN ASSOCIATION**  
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The Allen West Festival, which the Allentown Association has produced for the last quarter century will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11. Allen West celebrates regional

artists and craftspeople from throughout Western New York.

The Allentown Association wishes to invite regional Western New York artists who may have applied to the Elmwood Festival to apply to participate in the 2023 Allen West Festival.

Association President Patty Macdonald stated, “The Allen West Festival has always been an event that celebrates local artists and craftspeople. We

are happy to welcome artists who may have participated in the Elmwood Festival of the Arts to apply to Allen West and to display their artwork at one of the largest, long-running annual events in Western New York”.

Interested artists may visit the Allentown Web site and download applications from <https://www.allentown.org/event/allen-west-festival-2023/>.

A link to the application can also be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AllentownAssn/>.

## Carnegie Art Center's 3-Day Spring Art Camp

The Carnegie Art Center, located 240 Goundry Street will host a Spring Art Camp April 12-14, 2023 for youth ages 7-12 years old and will be family friendly if a parent would like to attend as well (everyone in attendance must pay the fee). Two hour classes will take place from 10AM-12PM, lunch break 12-12:30PM (children should bring their own lunches), second class takes place 12:30-2:30PM. Morning classes will be taught by Carlos Torres and afternoon classes will be taught by Tami Fuller. Classes will cost \$25 each or \$40 for the day.



This Spring Art Camp will take place during the North Tonawanda City School District Spring Break. “We are thrilled to host this 3-day Art Camp for the Community this spring”, says Program Coordinator Natalie Brown. “We plan on hosting multi-day art camps for families this Summer as well”.

Pre-registration for each day of classes is required. You can register for the classes on the Carnegie Art Center's website: [carnegieartcenter.org](http://carnegieartcenter.org). All supplies will be included. For more information please visit [www.carnegieartcenter.org/education](http://www.carnegieartcenter.org/education).

## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



**April, 1984. DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY...More than \$2,700 was raised for Leukemia research at Mulligan's Saturday night through an all-night dance marathon sponsored by North Buffalo Jaycees, WNYS Radio, and Mulligan's. The winners of the marathon were first place, Dianna Wright and Carol Battista who won second place.**

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH	FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST	SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST	SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND	MONDAY, APRIL 3RD	TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH
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## Canisius Welcomes Bestselling Author Silas House

Canisius College welcomes nationally bestselling author Silas House to campus on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Montante Cultural Center.

House's talk, titled "Complicated Love: On Appalachia" is free and open to the public. The event is presented under the auspices of the college's William H. Fitzpatrick Chair of Political Science Lecture Series.

House is an acclaimed multi-award-winning and "New York Times" best-selling novelist. Most recently, he received the 2023 Southern Book Prize in Fiction for his novel, "Lark Ascending." The novel was a SIBA bestseller and has also been chosen as a "Booklist" Editor's Choice, one of "Salon's" favorite books of the year, one of "Garden and Gun's" selections for Best Southern Books of 2022, and as a top ten most recommended book by independent booksellers across the nation in the monthly Indie Next List.

House is the author of six additional novels—"Clay's Quilt," 2001; "A Parchment of Leaves," 2003; "The Coal Tattoo," 2005; "Eli the Good," 2009; "Same Sun Here" (co-authored with Neela Vaswani) 2012; and "Southernmost," 2018—as well as a book of creative nonfiction—"Something's Rising," co-authored with Jason Howard, 2009; and three plays.

He serves as the NEH

Chair of Appalachian Studies at Berea College, on the fiction faculty at the Naslund-Mann School of Creative Writing at Spalding University in Louisville, and as a series editor for Fireside Industries at the University Press of Kentucky.

House is a former commentator for NPR's "All Things Considered." His writing has appeared recently in "Time," "The Atlantic," "Ecotone," "The Advocate," "Garden and Gun," and "Oxford American." As a music journalist, House has

worked with artists such as Kacey Musgraves, Kris Kristofferson, Lucinda Williams, Jason Isbell, Leann Womack, Tyler Childers, and many others. He is also the host of the popular podcast "On the Porch."

A member of the Fellowship of Southern Writers, House is the recipient of three honorary doctorates, and is the winner of the Nautilus Award, an EB White Award, the Appalachian Book of the Year, the Storylines Prize from the New York Public Library/NAV Foundation, the Lee Smith Award, and many other honors, including an invitation to read at the Library of Congress.

He was the recipient of the Governor's Award from Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear for his service to the arts in his home state in 2021, and in 2020, he was chosen as the Appalachian of the Year in a nationwide poll. House graduated from

Eastern Kentucky University with a bachelor of arts degree in English, specializing in American literature. He earned a master of fine arts degree in creative writing from Spalding University.

House graduated from The Fitzpatrick Lecture Series at Canisius is part of the larger Fitzpatrick Institute of Public Affairs and Leadership at the college, which provides an array of opportunities for Canisius students to develop leadership potential through close contact with and exposure to those who contribute to American public affairs and societal issues.

The Institute and the Fitzpatrick Lecture Series are named for William H. Fitzpatrick, a South Buffalo builder and longtime chair of the Erie County Democratic Party. His sons, Paul E. and Walter D. Fitzpatrick, endowed the Fitzpatrick programming at Canisius in 1958, in memory of their father. A few years later, in 1962, the Hon. Harry S. Truman, 33rd president of the United States, inaugurated the Fitzpatrick Lecture Series at Canisius. Each year since, the college has hosted national figures in politics, government, academia and media, including Jane Goodall, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Bernice King, all under the auspices of the Fitzpatrick family.

For more information, please contact Richard A. Bailey, PhD, Fitzpatrick professor of history at (716) 888-2684 or [fitzpatrick.lecture@canisius.edu](mailto:fitzpatrick.lecture@canisius.edu).

## "Do Good On Dyngus Day" Campaign

Spring's arrival brings the annual Dyngus Day festivities to the Broadway Fillmore neighborhood following Easter. The Matt Urban Center is launching its annual "Do Good On Dyngus Day" campaign by encouraging Buffalonians to celebrate the holiday by doing an act of good.

To honor their commitment to "Do Good On Dyngus Day," the Matt Urban Center will team up with the Buffalo Central Terminal and the Central Terminal Neighborhood Association to host a neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, April 15 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. Volunteers are welcome to join the effort to spruce up the community following the Dyngus

Day festivities.

The Matt Urban Center celebrates its roots as the Polish Community Center of Buffalo every year on Dyngus Day by hosting a fundraiser for its community programs. From March 27 through April 10, the center will

host a social media campaign encouraging people to share an act of good on social media using the hashtags #DoGoodOnDyngusDay and make a donation to the Matt Urban Center at [www.urbanctr.org/donate](http://www.urbanctr.org/donate).

For those seeking to do good by giving back, the #DoGoodOnDyngusDay campaign will also include a "Welcome Package" project. The Matt Urban Center's permanent supportive hous-

ing department provides assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness by helping them secure safe, affordable housing and providing wraparound case management support. The "Welcome Packages" contain basic household necessities and will be given to clients who are exiting homelessness and moving into apartments, to make them feel welcome as they make a fresh start. Those interested in donating a welcome package can find the list of donation needs on the Matt Urban Center's donation page: [www.urbanctr.org/donate](http://www.urbanctr.org/donate)

For more information on The Matt Urban Center and the "Do Good On Dyngus Day" campaign, contact Ben Hilligas at [billigas@urbanctr.org](mailto:billigas@urbanctr.org) or (716) 893-7222 x325.







# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

**North Buffalo**  
**March 27, 2023**  
Taunton Place - Victim states suspect followed her into her home and started yelling and screaming at her. Suspect while inside the home did spit on the victim.

**March 27, 2023**  
Delaware Avenue - Defendant did get into a physical fight with girlfriend. Defendant did cause cuts and bruises to her body and face. Victim did receive medical treatment at sisters hospital and did receive stitches to her back for a large laceration.

**March 25, 2023**  
Delaware Avenue - Defendant did enter 7Eleven and while inside filled two bags full of merchandise and a hand full of merchandise and without permission passed all points of purchase walking out of store without paying. Estimated \$200.00.

**March 26, 2023**  
Amherst Avenue - Defendant seen on video at self cash out where he only remitted payment for select items then proceeded to exit the store with unpaid merchandise still in cart past all points of sale estimated at \$147.81 all observed by security on CTV video.

**March 25, 2023**  
Crescent Avenue - Complainant reports that defendant followed her home from a bar and did push complainant to the ground. Appearance ticket issued.

**March 25, 2023**  
Delaware Avenue - Defendant and victim did get into a verbal altercation. Victim states that defen-

dant did push her into a wall.

**West Side**  
**March 26, 2023**  
West Ferry Street - Defendant did climb through victim's window and did take victim's phone once inside. Defendant also grabbed victim by the neck and threatened to kill her. Defendant left his vehicle on scene and it was impounded. Patrol officer and second patrol officer while on patrol were flagged down by the victim saying the defendant was inside another vehicle by the foot of the ferry. Defendant refused to exit the vehicle and had to be forcibly removed. Once outside the vehicle the defendant then refused to place his hands behind his back, eventually turning around and yelling, disobeying all verbal commands. Defendant was tased and taken into custody.

**March 25, 2023**  
Grant Street - Defendant did continue to push the door into victim who locked herself in her bedroom because she feared for her life. When defendant kept pushing door into victim it caused bruising to victim's right elbow.


**Riverside**  
**March 26, 2023**  
Reservation Street - Defendant did have in his possession of a 2020 Yamaha dirt bike, reported stolen out of Alexander, NY. Dirt bike is estimated to be valued at \$8,000. Dirt bike was recovered at 18 Reservation Street. Detective and sheriff on scene.

**March 24, 2023**  
Lamont Place - Officers responded to violent domestic call. When officers arrived on scene the defendant was engaging in a physical fight with his brothers. While on scene after investigation the defendant did kick his mother and sister. Stated defendant was intoxicated and causing physical altercations while visiting his mother on Lamont Place. Arresting officer did advise both brothers to stop fighting or they


would both be tased. The defendant did stop fighting but shortly after did turn around and re-engaged his brothers in a physical fight. The defendant was tased and placed into custody.

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Neckline is the same. 2. Rag is the same. 3. Arm and Mop are the same. 4. Cabinet is no different. 5. Number is the same. 6. Everything is the same. Happy April Fools!

## ADOPT A PET

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This Week's Featured Friend:

# LILA



OUR SHELTER IS OVERFLOWING WITH DOGS!

Lila was recently returned to us after about a year in a home. So sad!!! She did not get along with the other cat and the owners tried to make it work but without success. For this reason we will be requesting Lila be the only cat in her new home. She is very affectionate and friendly to people. She has a feisty play style and is vocal when she wants something, which we think are endearing personality traits. Lila is at PetSmart on Elmwood Ave in North Buffalo. Please visit her during our volunteer hours (Tuesday and Thursday 5-7 PM, Saturday 12-4PM, and Sunday 2-4 PM). Adoption fee includes spay, microchip, vaccines, deworming, combo test, a starter bag of food and a free vet visit.

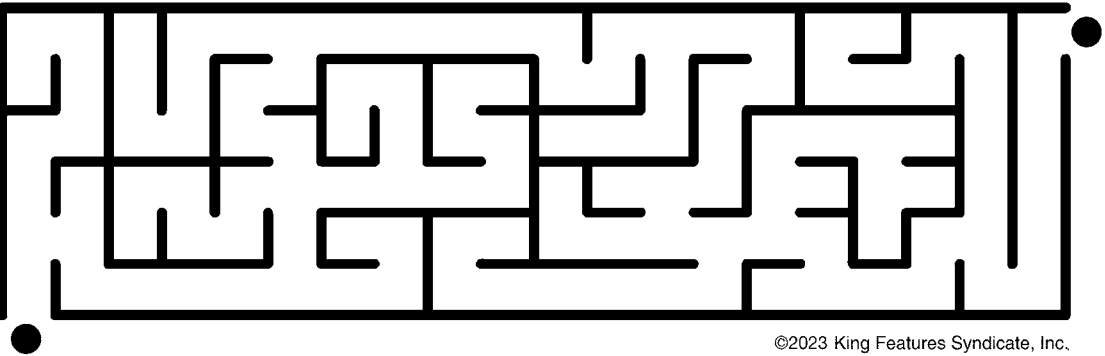
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## Kids' Maze



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Answers on page seven.

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Pot brew

4 Rosary component

8 Tempo

12 Rowing need

13 Scarce

14 "Damn Yankees" vamp

15 Polish composer Chopin

17 Squad

18 Oust from office

19 Not 'neath

21 Show to a seat, slangily

22 Established rule

26 Kick out

29 Cat's coat

30 Ms. Longoria

31 Chaste

32 River blocker

33 Till bills

34 Wyo. neighbor

35 Corral

36 Sanctify

37 - acid

39 Luau bowlful

40 Khan title

41 Blacksmiths' blocks

45 Indolent

48 Curry powder spice

50 Dayton's state

**DOWN**

1 Bean curd

2 Deserve

3 God of war

4 Chicken serving

5 Third rock from the sun

6 "Exodus" hero

7 Propriety

8 Book jacket write-up

9 Long time

10 "The Greatest"

11 Make lace

16 Wimbledon tie

20 Where Lux. is

23 Actress Russo

24 Currier's partner

25 Mama - Elliot

26 Monumental

27 Dame Dench

28 Part of Q.E.D.

29 Summer cooler

32 Illinois city

33 Martini garnish

35 Glutton

36 Witticism

38 Synthetic fabric

39 Seg-ments

42 Persia, today

43 Rickey flavor

44 Kilt wearer

45 Part of UCLA

46 Sashimi fish

47 Sharp turn

49 French article

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## Collaborative Lutheran Organizations Announce Award Winners For 2023

Lutheran Charities of WNY, The Lutheran Foundation, and St. John's Lutheran Home for Children announce their selection of award winners for the annual Lutheran Awards. The honorees will be recognized in front of friends and supporters in early May at a banquet dinner.

Since 2010, the three organizations have worked to recognize and honor individuals in the

community for their service to others. Honorees

may be Lutheran clergy, laity, students, or volunteers working in some capacity to support Lutheran or non-Lutheran efforts. The three awards are distinct, with Lutheran Charities of WNY selecting and presenting the Ralph W. Loew Award for Human Service which recognizes service in social ministry within and/or beyond the Lutheran Community in Western New York. The Lutheran Foundation recognizes winners of the Magi Awards. This award recognizes individuals of exceptional service in their congregations in Western New York. Recipients are honored for their dedication, altruism and support of local ministries, social service, and community programs. Finally, the Edward G. Kinkel Memorial Scholarship is presented by the St. John's Lutheran Home for Children to Lutheran graduating high-school seniors. These \$1,000 scholarships

acknowledge academic excellence, congregational involvement and interest in serving youth and community.

Lutheran Foundation Board President Michael Bieger is proud to announce the Foundation's selection of Magi Award recipients at the 2023 recognition dinner on May 5th. Honorees and their church affiliations include the following:

Doug Cassidy - Trinity, East Amherst  
D u a n e DeVantier - St. James, Niagara Falls

Laurie Duchene - St. Mark, Kenmore

Barbara Glover - Our Savior, Buffalo

Adrienne Leary - St. Paul's, Eggertsville

Mark Stack - St. Paul's, Elma

Wally & Carolyn Swanson -Good Shepherd, Tonawanda

Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher - Holy Cross, Clarence.

Mr. Bieger expressed his gratitude for the service demonstrated throughout the year by these honorees. These individuals put their community first and act as living examples of servant leaders.

The St John's Lutheran Home for Children's board of directors is pleased to support the efforts of young people by awarding annual scholarships to deserving youth in our Lutheran community. Their long history of support dates back to 1864 and remains active today in ef-

forts centered around supporting children. Board President Sharon Patterson has identified five deserving young applicants as follows:

Bailey Barzycki - Prince of Peace, Depew

Cassidy Bauer - Town Line, Alden

Gabriella Brown - St. Paul, Williamsville

Kaleigh Ciesielski - St. Luke, Cheektowaga

Erin McGarrity - First Church, Blasdell

Lutheran Charities of WNY will be presenting The Ralph W. Loew Award for Human Service. Board President, David Macro emphasized that "This award recognizes service in social ministry within and beyond the Lutheran Community in Western New York. Individuals that are chosen as living legacies of Rev. Dr. Loew demonstrate initiative, leadership, compassion and commitment. Lutheran Charities of WNY is proud to honor an individual who received multiple nominations from a variety of sources this year".

John "Blue" Hannon - St. Paul's, Williamsville

Tickets to the event are limited but still available and information can be found on the home page of [www.WNYLutheranCharities.org](http://www.WNYLutheranCharities.org)

Inquiries regarding the 2023 Lutheran Awards Dinner or other Lutheran Charities events should be forwarded to Chief Executive Officer, Melanie Rushforth at [Melanie@WNYLutheranCharities.org](mailto:Melanie@WNYLutheranCharities.org).

## Secured Funding Defibrillators For Kenmore Fire Companies



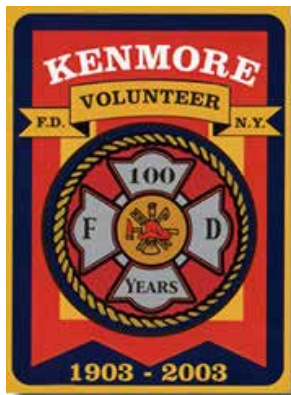
Mike Smith on the Kenmore Fire Department shakes Legislator John Bargnesi's hand delivering defibrillators.

In the wake of Buffalo Bill Damar Hamlin's cardiac arrest during the game against the Bengals in January, Kenilworth Fire Hall received an increase in requests for defibrillator units. Erie County Legislator John Bargnesi was able to deliver \$20,000 in grant funding, which enabled the fire company to provide units for several fire companies, the Ken-Ton Closet, Kenilworth Church of Christ (which provides addiction recovery services) and St. Christopher's Elementary School. Bargnesi attended this morning's distribution, alongside representatives from five local fire companies and other locations to present the new equipment. Afterward, they reviewed lifesaving first aid measures. Bargnesi worked together with Dan Wiles from the James V. and Fay P. Ryan Paramedic Foundation to secure funding for the new automatic external defibrilla-

tors.

"AEDs help save lives. They're essential to make accessible in public. I think this a great step in that direction, and I'm glad that I was able to help make sure this was possible. The reach that this will have is incredible, and I think it's so important that we can have equipment like this available to the public," Legislator Bargnesi said.

"What we have to put in perspective is just how many people that this can help to save. That's the important part to me. It's all a matter of timing, really, and John's generosity came at just the right time we needed it. We wouldn't have been able to make it this far without him, and with the important work that's essential. That's the important part to me," said John Beaumont, Foundation Chairperson of the James V. and Fay. P. Ryan Paramedic Foundation.



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Gloria J. Parks Community Ctr.....3242 Main Street  
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Macy's Place.....3100 Delaware Avenue  
Joey's Place.....83 Niagara Street  
Joe's Panini Grill.....3024 Delaware Avenue  
Johnny's Meats.....1191 Hertel Avenue  
Knights of Columbus.....1530 Kenmore Avenue

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Marco's Deli.....1518 Hertel Avenue  
North Buffalo Community Ctr.....203 Sanders Road  
North Buffalo Dental.....1600 Hertel Avenue  
North Park Library.....975 Hertel Avenue  
Parkside Community Center.....2318 Main Street  
Paul Wolf Agency.....2890 Delaware Avenue  
Plaka Restaurant.....2904 Delaware Avenue  
Price Rite Market.....1716 Kenmore Avenue  
Salon Avanti.....3086 Delaware Avenue  
Salon Coronado.....2870 Delaware Avenue  
Salon D Capelli.....3104 Delaware Avenue  
Scissors.....1497 Hertel Avenue  
Studio Sophia.....1094 Hertel Avenue  
Sunoco Gas Station.....4505 Main Street  
Theater Apts.....1065 Kenmore Avenue  
Terrie's Workout Center.....1481 Hertel Avenue  
Vince's Pizza.....1803 Kenmore Avenue  
Wesselman's Inc.....564 Colvin Boulevard  
Wellington Pub.....1541 Hertel Avenue

#### WEST SIDE

Baptist Manor.....276 Linwood Avenue  
Buffalo Public Library.....Niagara at Porter  
BMHA Housing.....245 Elmwood Avenue  
CWJ Lock & Key.....183 Forest Avenue  
Corner Store.....Forest & Grant  
Delaware Apartments.....1217 Delaware Avenue  
Dibble Hardware.....262 West Ferry Street  
Elmwood Square Apts.....505 Elmwood Avenue  
Fast Stop Food Mart.....326 Military Road  
Frontier Liquor & Beverage Ctr.....121 Grant Street  
First Niagara Bank.....Elmwood at West Utica

M&T Bank.....130 Grant Street  
Military Coin Laundry.....1134 Military Road  
Santasio's Restaurant.....1329 Niagara Street  
Timon Towers.....1015 Delaware Avenue  
Trinity Tower Apartments.....33 Linwood Avenue  
West Market.....1032 West Avenue  
West Side Community Center.....Vermont at Fargo

#### RIVERSIDE

AmVets.....25 Review Place  
Black Rock Pharmacy.....431 Tonawanda Street  
Boys & Girls Club.....54 Riverdale Avenue  
Buffalo Wine & Liquors.....2067 Niagara Street  
D District Police Station.....669 Hertel Avenue  
Doyles Deli.....1981 Niagara Street  
Faso Restaurant.....2126 Niagara Street  
Fast Stop Food Mart.....236 Military Road  
First Niagara Bank.....2141 Elmwood Avenue  
First Niagara.....201 Amherst Street  
Hearts Thrift Shop.....890 Tonawanda Street  
House of Sandwich.....800 Tonawanda Street  
M&T Bank.....788 Tonawanda Street  
Niagara Deli Pizzeria.....2043 Niagara Street  
Nickel City Bottle Return.....2209 Niagara Street  
Northwest Buffalo Community Ctr.....155 Lawn Avenue  
Pat's Pizzeria.....544 Ontario Street  
Pizza Bella.....1133 Tonawanda Street  
Riverside Market.....740 Tonawanda Street  
Riverside News Stand.....Tonawanda Street  
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Ask Rusty - Why Should A Non-Working Spouse Be Entitled To Social Security Benefits?

*Dear Rusty: Why can a non-working spouse claim half of their working spouse's benefit even though they have not contributed to the Social Security system? This doesn't seem right or fair to those of us who have contributed for years from our paychecks. Signed: Inquisitive*

**Dear Inquisitive:** This is a question which needs a bit of historical background to properly explain: Social Security's original purpose when it was enacted in 1935 was to prevent America's seniors from living in poverty (remember, Social Security was enacted during the "Great Depression"). Even before the first Social Security check was sent to a retired worker in 1940, Congress had already changed the original Social Security law to, as well, provide anti-poverty benefits to non-working spouses of a worker (a predominant family reality at that time) and surviving spouses, as well as to their minor children. Social Security's fundamental goal has always been to lift eligible Americans out of poverty, which it still does very effectively.

It's important to note that this change did not (and does not) detract in any way from the benefits provided to those

who work and contribute to Social Security thus earning their own SS retirement benefit. In other words, those who receive their personally earned SS retirement benefit are not at all penalized if their non-working spouse also receives a benefit (albeit a considerably smaller amount) on the worker's record. Living expenses for two people are, simply, higher than for one, which was/is the rationale for also paying benefits to a dependent not eligible for Social Security benefits on their own work record. In the end, it all comes down to avoiding poverty.

Although the numbers vary somewhat by state, gender, and ethnicity, without Social Security about 38% of all Americans over age 65 would be living below the poverty line, whereas with Social Security only about 9% of Americans over 65 live below the poverty line. But that 9% number would be significantly higher if non-working spouses and survivors of eligible workers were also not entitled to Social Security benefits.

While it is true that Social Security is facing future solvency issues, the thought of restricting benefits to only those who have worked and contributed to the program (and

not to their non-working spouses or minor children) is not something being considered by anyone with Congressional influence, regardless of political affiliation. Doing so would be devastating to a large segment of the American population, severely increasing poverty – the very thing that Social Security is designed to prevent.

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**Reunion for ALL years of Nativity of the BVM School** on Albany Street. To be held at: Town of Clarence Park (large pavilion-capacity 300) 10405 Main Street Clarence, N.Y. 14031 Date: Sunday July 9th, 2023 from 10:00am-8:00pm-Potluck. Reservations are a must! RSVP by 6/30/23 to: Helen (Brown) Kurzdorfer at 716-400-7977 Rosie (DiLiberto) Mendolera at 716-881-1306.

**St. Margaret Parish** will host its 9th annual Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 31, 2023, 4-7 PM, catered by BW's Smokin' Barrels Barbecue at American Legion Post 1041, 533 Amherst St., Buffalo, NY. Tickets are \$15. Kid's meal of cheese pizza is \$3. Dine in or take out. Tickets on sale now through March 26 can be purchased at St. Margaret, Holy Spirit, and Assumption churches' weekend Masses. Tickets also available in the St. Margaret's rectory office during normal business hours, as well as on-line at [www.stmargaretbuffalo.com](http://www.stmargaretbuffalo.com). A basket raffle and 50-50 split will be offered. Please call St. Margaret's rectory (716) 876-5318, or Sue at (716) 834-6163 for further information. Proceeds will benefit repairs to St. Margaret's Parish.

**Author talk:** "Western New York as Character: How the Buffalo Area Translates into Mystery Fiction" by author Lissa Redmond. Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 6:30 pm at the Cazenovia Neighborhood Library, 155 Cazenovia Street, Buffalo 14210. Free and open to the public. Call 716-821-0564 to reserve your seat.

**The SPCA Serving Erie County**, located at 300 Harlem Road, West Seneca, NY, has an immediate need for volunteers in our Wildlife Department! The SPCA's Wildlife Department is one of the largest wildlife rehabilitation centers in New York State. The SPCA is looking for volunteers ages 18 years old or older. Those interested in volunteering can apply online at [YourSPCA.org/Volunteer](http://YourSPCA.org/Volunteer). Interested candidates can also contact the Wildlife Department directly by emailing Barb Haney at [barbh@yourspca.org](mailto:barbh@yourspca.org).

**Ten Lives Club** is hosting a Kitten Shower on Saturday, April 22nd from 12pm to 3pm at their main shelter located at 3741 Lakeshore Rd, Blasdell, NY 14219. With kitten season around the corner, Ten Lives Club is expecting over 950 kittens to enter their shelter program. At the Kitten Shower, there will be cake, cookies and punch for guests to enjoy. Ten Lives Club is asking each guest to bring a gift to help with the expenses of the kittens entering their program. All gifts and donations will go towards the care of kittens in the upcoming season. For more information about this event, please call their Main Shelter at (716) 646-5577 ext. 6.

**The Centro Culturale Italiano di Buffalo (CCI Buffalo)** first ever Easter Egg Hunt begins April 1st, at 11:00am and 1:00pm at

the Centro Culturale Italiano di Buffalo, 2351 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216. Join the Centro Culturale Italiano for an EGGScellent day of Easter fun! Go to [ccibuffalo.org](http://ccibuffalo.org) for more information.

**Salsa in the Park 10 Year Anniversary** starts on the 1st and 3rd Mondays June - August. June 5th and 19th, July 3rd and 17th and August 7th from 6:30-9 PM at The Rose Gardens Pavilion at Marcy Casino, Delaware Park, 199 Lincoln Parkway, Buffalo, N.Y., 14222. August 21st, Grand Finale Party, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. Price is at \$15: includes dance lesson for beginners and dance social to follow, so you can practice your new moves. \$20 for Grand Finale Party August 21st with live Latin music by Sol y Sombra. (Weather Permitting: may be canceled due to inclement weather by 4 PM on date of event). Please bring your own water in reusable water bottles.

**The Kenmore Village Improvement Society (KVIS)** invites residents, businesses, and organizations in Kenmore to sign up to join in the Gigantic Kenmore Garage Sale. This year the sale will take place on Saturday, June 17th from 9 am-3 pm. Individual garage sales are held at each person's own location. Sign up online at [www.villageofkenmore.com/gigantic-kenmore-garage-sale](http://www.villageofkenmore.com/gigantic-kenmore-garage-sale).

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: THE — POINT OF WATER C°

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Answers on page seven.

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## Senior TRIVIA

### Pop Quiz

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- Which U.S. states share a border with Mexico?
- Which movie was the first sports film to win the Best Picture award?
- How many former first ladies are still living?
- What is the name of Bart's teacher on "The Simpsons"?
- What does the Japanese phrase "domo arigato" mean in English?
- What is the lightest element?
- Who is Marie Laveau of New Orleans?
- Which product was advertised with the slogan, "Great taste, less filling"?
- In which city would you find Thomas Jefferson's Monticello?
- Who wrote the autobiography "Dreams From My Father"?

Answers: 1. Levi's. 2. Bamboo. 3. Camp Crystal Lake. 4. Confluence. 5. World Wide Web. 6. Thighs. 7. Carl Sandburg. 8. "The Simpsons." 9. Tibet, China. 10. James Monroe and his wife Elizabeth.



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