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## Garden Walk Buffalo 2023



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Exploring Buffalo Niagara's gardens has become the great getaway for lovely summer days. The gardens are beautiful, there are no crowds, and the gardeners are friendly and happy to answer questions.

You'll need a 2023 Tours of Open Gardens and Gar-

den Event Guide. Included within are maps showing the gardens, a listing of the hours that each garden is open, and garden descriptions – complete with garden features, collections, and photos. You'll have six days to visit (or re-visit!) the gardens throughout the month. Take advantage of the money saving garden center coupons in the book – and it will pay for itself!

Find the Open Gardens Guide:

- At select garden centers and shops (\$15 donation, cash only!), visit [OpenGardensWNY.com](http://OpenGardensWNY.com) to view the list
- Online at [GardensBuffaloNiagara.com](http://GardensBuffaloNiagara.com)

## Reinstein Woods Artisan Market Starts July 15, 2023

Friends of Reinstein Woods invites the WNY community to its annual Artisan Market on Saturday, July 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This free, rain-or-shine event will take place at Reinstein Woods, 93 Honorine Dr. Depew, NY 14043. This year's market will feature more than 35



artisans and vendors selling handmade jewelry, soy candles, organic vegetables, paintings, photographs and more.

"We are always excited to spend a day at the woods, enjoying nature's harmony, and this event also lets us support local businesses at the same time," said Friends of Reinstein Woods

President Eric Gallo. "We hope to see a lot of familiar faces and new families come out to support these local farmers and artisans, as well as discover everything that Reinstein Woods has to offer them!"

The event, sponsored by M&T Bank, will also feature live music from The Buffalo Ukulele Club, face painting, kids crafts, *Continued on page five.*

## Buffalo Artisans & Flea Starts June 24th

The Buffalo Artisans & Flea event offers a modern shopping experience premiering June 24th & 25th at 500 Seneca Lot @ 500 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY.

With all the perks of Step Out Buffalo's Buffalo Artisans & Flea is a modern shopping experience happening June 24 & 25, 2023. Featuring your favorite local creators and curators, this market event is the ultimate summer kick off in WNY, held outside in the 500 Seneca lot.

Shop a curated marketplace of WNY's best

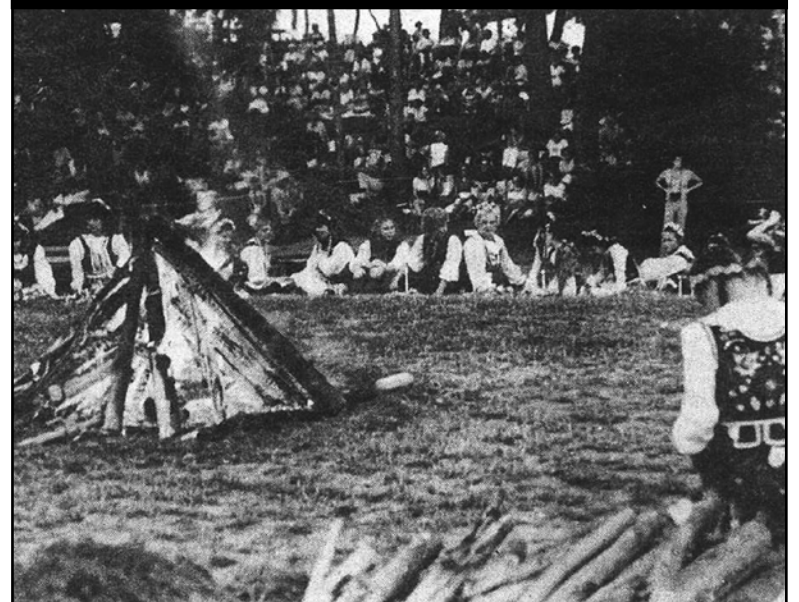
local makers, collectors, and artisans while enjoying music, food trucks, a cocktail garden featuring The Bubble Bar by Alchemy, boozy samples from local makers, adoptable dogs and cats from the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter, a photo station, and more.

Featured vendors will have everything new + vintage collections including home goods, apparel, candles, jewelry, Buffalo goodies, accessories, specialty food & drink, paper goods, beauty and spa, art, craft booze, gifts, and so *Continued on page four.*



## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



June, 1984. CELEBRATING SUMMER...The Chopin Singing Society and Dancers celebrated the longest night of the year, St. John's Night, with traditional Polish songs, dances, and rituals before an attentive crowd in Delaware Park last Saturday night.

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND



Mostly Sunny  
High 68°  
Low 54°

FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD



Partly Cloudy  
High 74°  
Low 58°

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH



Rain  
High 64°  
Low 50°

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH



Mostly Sunny  
High 67°  
Low 45°

MONDAY, JUNE 26TH



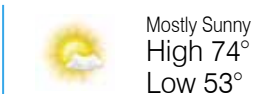
Sunny  
High 63°  
Low 42°

TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH



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Low 50°

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH



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**SPORTS**

By Bill Snyder

## Why Mess With Success?



**Playing in front of Greatness. These Hertel North Park Youth Baseball Mets had a visitor come watch their AA Game Saturday in Shoshone Park when Green Bay Packers Linebacker Isaiah McDuffie, a former star player in the HNP League, came to watch them play. Pictured with McDuffie are l-r Henry Morris, Weston Barnett, Alex Eoannou, Darien Moultrie, Colin Kleeh, Jacob Fuerst, John Chmura, Charlie Rush and Eriel Vargas.**

Little League Baseball and Softball continues in North Buffalo at Shoshone Park with the same great fun and excitement that a Boy or Girl can bring.

While ESPN and the YES Networks broadcast nightly the new rules that have been put into play this season in Major League Baseball to make the game faster, games at Shoshone haven't changed for the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball. Why mess with success?

There's no pitch clock to worry about. Players can step out of the batter's box at any time and the bases are still the usual size at first, second or third. Just like its shape representing a beautiful diamond, Shoshone Park is a real gem to the Community. Let's take you to that tiny field on Hertel Avenue near Main Street.

This past Saturday was a special Day for the Double AA Mets as they took the field against the Pirates in a divisional game. Their coach, Jim Daley has been very patient with these eight year old boys. With

just one win after six games, the boys quickly discovered a special visitor to the Park, home for Father's Day with his family.

North Buffalo native and Hertel North Park alumnus Isaiah McDuffie was in Shoshone Park to watch their game. The 6'1", 225 lb linebacker for the Green Bay Packers towered over these youngsters, but it didn't matter to them. Everyone knows of this famous player who used to play here just like them when he was growing up not far from the Park. Isaiah had an opportunity to come back home to his roots and reminisce about the place where he grew up to play Baseball in his early years for a team called the Cardinals. According to Daley, one of his many coaches, Isaiah was a standout athlete even then as a pitcher, shortstop and outfielder. This Season, the Major Boys Cardinals wear a team jersey with the words: Shoshone Alum Isaiah McDuffie # 58 Green Bay Packers."

"Isaiah has come to Shoshone Park many times al-

ready to help instruct our kids with their hitting and fielding since he's been in Green Bay," said Daley. "Even though he plays a different spot, he is knowledgeable of the game and the boys will listen to him."

Games continue nightly and all day Saturday with very few days that have rained out a schedule. The League just held their divisional All-Star games in all age brackets for both boys and girls, a fun and exciting night. Here are some results from this past week. In Major Boys, the Cubs are still undefeated at 10-0 and just got by the Padres, 4-3. The Giants defeated the Nationals, 10-4 and the Cardinals topped the Dodgers, 10-3.

In Double AA Girls, Ella Huard had a walk off single to break a tie game against the Tigers with two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth for a 4-3 victory. The Bears defeated the Wolverines, 5-3.

In Triple AAA Boys, the Mariners held off a ten run rally by the Yankees late in a 14-10 victory Saturday. Henry Zepper hit a three run homerun for the Phillies in Double A in a 5-1 win over the Braves. Brothers Jack and Gus O'Brien each went 5 for 5 at the plate and teammates James Spillman and Rory Pizzuto combined for eight hits in a Guardians victory over the Twins. Alec Gaiter pitched two strong innings and struck out four Spartans in a 12-10 victory in AAA Girls.

In Senior Boys, the Pirates were down 6-5 in the last inning with runners on second and third. "Gutsy" Mateo Vargas stole home on a passed ball before Michael Hogan brought in teammate Emery Scott with a deep shot to left center for the go ahead run and 7-6 final over the DBacks at McCarthy Park. The Tigers defeated the Phillies, 11-5. The Mets topped the A's 7-4 and the DBacks defeated the Dodgers 11-9.

The Major Girls Cougars finally won their first game Saturday, an 18-14 win over the Huskies after five losses and a tie. There's excitement all around in Shoshone Park.

**Kids' Maze**

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# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

**North Buffalo**  
**June 17, 2023**  
Huntington Avenue – On 3/15/23 defendant did turn on all the burners of the stove with no flames (gas only) and did state to complainant "I want you to die in your own home, b\*\*\*\*h", the complainant's son noticed them on and shut them off.

**June 16, 2023**  
Eggert Road – Defendant did take victim vehicle without permission. Officer did stop the vehicle at 3161 Eggert Road with suspect in it. Suspect does have Buffalo warrants. This did cause substantial inconvenience to victim. Officer did find white powdery substance in rear passenger seat. Defendant did state that he was aware of the order of protection against victim. Defendant while in possession of vehicle did cause over \$250.00 in damages to rear and undercarriage.

**June 15, 2023**  
Delaware Avenue – The complainant, representative of Kohl's, alleges that on 6/3/23 at approximately 2051 hours the defendant did take without permission \$124.00 worth of socks without rendering payment. The defendant was positively identified via photo array conducted by patrol officer. Subsequently a BOLO was issued for the defendant and officers did located him on 6/15/23 exiting 2439 Delaware Avenue where he was placed into custody. Appearance ticket issued.

**June 13, 2023**  
Delaware Avenue – On 5/23/23 at approximately 2300 hours, the defendant did possess a stolen ballistic vest that belonged to the complainant at 2439 Delaware Avenue apartment 103. The vest was stole on 4/24/23 from New York registered vehicle that was parked in the driveway at 350 Taunton Place. The vest is worth approximately \$500.00 and at no time did the complainant give anyone permission to possess the vest. Vest was recovered by detective on scene and was positively identified as the stolen vest by the complainant.

**June 13, 2023**  
Delaware Avenue – Defendant did threaten victim with a knife.

**West Side**  
**June 16, 2023**  
Ferguson Avenue – Officers were dispatched for the defendant listed for a welfare check. After welfare check and further investigation defendant did have an outstanding Buffalo warrant.

**June 16, 2023**  
Auburn Road – Defendant arrested by officer for assault warrant. Officer did recover (1) shotgun cartridge from defendant in right pants pocket. Investigator did obtain shotgun Remington 870 under mattress of bed while clearing the residence. Recovered and submitted by patrol officer.

**June 13, 2023**  
Niagara Street – Victim reports that when refusing to buy defendant beer, defendant struck victim with a metal pole in victim's back causing pain, bruising, and swelling. Victim examined by AMR and refused to go to hospital. Order of protection issued by presiding judge.

**June 13, 2023**  
Gelston Street – Defendant was observed inside of 136 Gelston Street in upstate bedroom without permission. 136 Gelston Street is vacant and does have an order to vacate docket signed by presiding judge. Defendant also has Buffalo warrant.

**June 12, 2023**  
Bird Avenue – Officers was flagged down at the intersection of Bird and Grant where victim did stop suspect after suspect did take 1 gallon of milk valued at \$6.00 without permission. Officers searched suspect and placed him in custody. Officers did find one crack pipe in cigarette box located in front right pocket.

**June 12, 2023**  
West Avenue – An 6/12/23, on the corner of Dewitt Street and West Avenue, defendant did throw a portable speaker through a window of a school bus with children inside, causing damage to a rear passenger side window of New York registered vehicle. His actions caused the students to be in fear and did cause minor cuts and scratches to two students. The first student lead supervisor responded to the scene and wants to press charges. Ap-

pearance ticket issued.

**Riverside**  
**June 17, 2023**  
Riverside Avenue – Defendant reportedly shouted from window that she "hoped victim's baby would die", and threatened to punch pregnant victim in stomach.

**June 17, 2023**  
Elmwood Avenue – Victim states defendant did hit her in the face with an aluminum lid to a tin cannister causing redness to victim's left cheek. Victim denied medical.

**June 14, 2023**  
Riverside Avenue – Defendant did go to 273 East Looking for his wife and while he was there did break rear driver side window to New York registered vehicle then did flee and head to 338 Riverside and broke rear driver side window to New York registered vehicle as well as did take book bag from vehicle. Defendant banged on fence and front door to 338 Riverside, screaming and yelling making victims and complainant fearful. Book bag was recovered in defendants house in basement freezer and returned to owner.

**June 13, 2023**  
Crowley Avenue – Defendant did slap victim in the face causing visible injury to victim's nose. Victim observed having dry blood running down her face. Victim refused medical treatment on scene.

**June 13, 2023**  
Elmwood Avenue – On the above date, time, and location, defendant did trespass unlawfully inside Wendy's (former employee) after being terminated days prior. While inside, defendant did threaten employees and refuse to leave, staying behind counter. Defendant did also damage 2 computer screens inside business a(one security monitor and one register monitor) amounting to \$160.00 in estimated damage. Employer seeking order of protection.

**June 12, 2023**  
Grove Street – Defendant did enter dwelling via back door but was unable to make it inside of complainant's apartment was banging on complainant's wall then went to front porch. When complainant came out, defendant did take her phone and would not return it to complainant making her unable to call for help. Complainant states she was looking for her landlord and was making threats to harm people, causing her to become alarmed and annoyed.

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Fireplace residue

4 Height of fashion?

7 "Serpico" director

12 Scary cry

13 Oklahoma city

14 Sports venue

15 Takes too much, briefly

16 First-rate

18 Mafia boss

19 "Once upon —"

20 Send forth

22 Author Umberto

23 Hardly hirsute

27 Do sums

29 Composer Prokofiev

31 New Zealand native

34 Daydreamer

35 Hansel's sister

37 Center

38 Round Table titles

39 Jargon suffix

41 Winds up

45 Michelangelo masterpiece

47 Have the flu

48 First-rate

52 Bikini top

53 Worth

54 Samovar

55 Slugger Mel

56 Brownstone feature

57 "The Bells" author

58 "See ya!"

**DOWN**

1 Home

2 Sin city

3 Egypt's Mubarak

4 "Funny!"

5 Redacted

6 Wizardry

7 Chantilly, e.g.

8 Web address

9 "Give — break!"

10 Em halves

11 Prof's helpers

17 Med. plan options

21 Small fruit pies

23 Illegal payment

24 Literary rep

25 Allow

26 Hobbyist's abbr.

28 Conk out

30 Outback bird

31 Brit. sports cars

32 Onassis nickname

33 Not 'neath

36 "Star Wars" royal

37 Straight, for short

40 Clinch

42 Mogul

43 Begrimed

44 Roofing material

45 Get ready, briefly

46 "Rule, Britannia!"

48 Den sets


49 Feedbag bit

50 Mideast org.

51 Pair with an air

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# Northwest Buffalo Beat

By Dave Gallagher AKA Joe Bortz

## Summer Begins again.



### Summer comes to Buffalo once more.

Summer is the hottest of the four temperate seasons, occurring after Spring and before Autumn. At or centered on the Summer solstice, daylight hours are longest and darkness hours are shortest, with day length decreasing as the season progresses after the solstice.

Astronomically, however, the first day of summer is said to be when the Sun reaches its highest point in the sky, which occurs on the Summer solstice (June 20–22). Therefore, the Summer solstice is considered to be the first day of



Summer, astronomically speaking.

Summer is one of my favorite seasons. The other two are Spring and Fall. In the day, every minute of sunshine is spent outdoors and I used to love that. We have the longest day and it is usually a warm one. Daylight begins at 5 AM and it does not get dark till around nine. What a full day. Unfortunately, the day after the first day of Summer, the days start getting shorter and shorter. Until December 21st when we have the shortest day. Notice I had three

of the four seasons as my favorites. I do not like the Winter. That is why I spend the cold months in warm Florida.

Seems you can do so much more enjoyable things in the Summer. Plenty of outdoor events to go to and do. Problem is most are squeezed into the three months of pleasant temperatures and warm breezes. Many of them fall on the same day as the time is limited. Still, we used to manage to go to as many as we could. The Allentown Art Festival, of course the Italian Festival, and Canalfest to name a few. More for meeting old friends and enjoying the food. There is nothing like being in Buffalo in the Summer. It has never reached one hundred degrees here in the city of good neighbors. Pleasant temperatures in the mid-eighties. Not hot like down south. Lake Erie offers cool breezes to make the nights comfortable.

Summers in Western New York are beach time. Enough beaches to be able to spend a Sunday with a little swimming and sunshine. More and more campsites are becoming available as it seems that it is becoming another Summer favorite. On a ride into the county in any direction you see campfire wood for sale like never before. Cannot go camping without a nighttime campfire. When we had a Summer cottage in Angola, we had a campfire every night. It was just part of the agenda. Tell stories, play games, and always our favorite sing-along.

Just being outdoors and the smell of the fresh air is such a delight.

My favorite is the mornings. Early morning! Used to walk the beach as the air feels so clean and new, just has that really fresh odor. New day of fun in the sun was beginning. Even if you never went camping, which we did many times, just being outdoors. We camped instead of motels on our trips cross country to California. To be outside and get up to the new day. One of the joys of life to

me. Can only really enjoy it in the Summer months. They are far too short.

Seems like Summer in its earnest, starts on the fourth of July and ends on Labor Day. Beginning of September. Too short a time to jam everything into those two months. That is if you like the warm weather, which I do. Too short to see the things you want, the people to see, and the places to go. If you live in WNY that is the way it is.

Happy Summer everyone. Enjoy!

## Buffalo Artisans & Flea Starts June 24th

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much more.

Participating vendors will be listed when finalized at [stepoutbuffalo.com/buffalo-artisans-flea/](http://stepoutbuffalo.com/buffalo-artisans-flea/).  
**NEW! DONATION DRIVE**

We are thrilled to partner with Hearts for the Homeless to collect clothing and toiletry donations! Please drop donations off with our staff near the main event entrance. Items needed include but are not limited to clothing for men, women, and children (any size), winter items like hats, gloves, boots, blankets, earmuffs, coats, and toiletries (travel size) like tampons, pads, razor blades, shaving cream, tooth brushes, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, shampoo, con-

ditioner, soap and body wash. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Hearts for the Homeless® is a non-profit organization that clothes and feeds the chronic homeless, poor, and those in need. Characterized by a profound spiritual motivation to share the Word of God, our programs offer nourishing food, as well as clothing, pertinent information regarding area services, companionship, and hope for the future.

Tickets are \$5 presale or at the door (10 & under free) and can be purchased at <https://wl.seetickets.us/event/Step-Out-Buffalos-Buffalo-Artisans-and-Flea/545390?affly=Twenty6Productions>.

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Imagine Salon.....1527 Hertel Avenue  
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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  
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Corner Store.....Forest & Grant  
Delaware Apartments.....1217 Delaware Avenue  
Dibble Hardware.....262 West Ferry Street  
Elmwood Square Apts.....505 Elmwood Avenue  
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Frontier Liquor & Beverage Ctr.....121 Grant Street  
First Niagara Bank.....Elmwood at West Ulica

#### RIVERSIDE

M&T Bank.....130 Grant Street  
Military Coin Laundry.....1134 Military Road  
Santasiero'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

#### M&T

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Santasiero'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

## MAGIC MAZE ● MAN'S BEST FRIEND

S N Y K H Y E B Y V S P M J H  
E B Y P V T G Q O L I G D B Y  
W W T M P G R G G G P M K I F  
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L G O D G N I R A E H K S O G  
I P O H F E E C B Z Y W V H U

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: A YOUNG DOG

Bird dog	Good boy	Hound	Pooch
Canine	Guide dog	Lap dog	Sheepdog
Doggy	Gun dog	Mutt	Watchdog
Fido	Hearing dog	Police dog	

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## Ask Rusty – How Will Working Affect My First Year’s Benefits?

**Dear Rusty:** I was widowed years ago and, when I approached age 60, I looked into Social Security survivor benefits based on my late husband’s record. He started receiving Social Security shortly before he died at \$1,200 per month. My income at age 60 was \$42,000 and, since Social Security would keep \$1 for every \$2 above the limit (around \$15,000 at that time), I did not apply. Next year I will reach my full retirement age of 66½, but I plan to work until I am 70. Will I be able to receive full survivor benefits next year if I continue to work? I plan to switch to my own Social Security benefit at age 70, which will be higher than my husband received. Since I am waiting to apply for survivor benefits, will there be an increase in the amount I receive? I am a municipal employee and when I retire, I will collect from the state retirement system. I paid into the state retirement system and also paid Social Security taxes, so will my state pension have any impact on my Social Security?

**Signed: Still Working**

**Dear Still Working:** Congratulations on having an excellent strategy for maximizing your survivor benefit as well as your personal SS retire-

ment benefit. Once you reach your full retirement age (FRA) next year, you are no longer subject to Social Security’s “earnings test” and can collect Social Security benefits without those benefits being affected by your work earnings.

Your surviving spouse benefit will be more because you are waiting until your full retirement age to claim it. At your FRA you can claim your full survivor benefit from your deceased husband (without reduction) and collect only that while still allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to grow to maximum when you are 70. Then, at age 70, you can switch from your smaller survivor benefit to your maximum SS retirement benefit and collect that higher amount for the rest of your life. Essentially, your survivor benefit reaches a maximum at your FRA and your personal SS retirement benefit reaches a maximum at age 70.

Note that you should apply for your benefits a couple of months before you wish them to start. For example, if you reach your FRA in May of next year you can apply for your survivor benefit in February or March, specifying that you wish your survivor benefit to begin in May 2024 at your full

retirement age. Just be sure to emphasize that you are applying only for your survivor benefit and wish your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow by earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) until you are 70.

You cannot apply for your survivor benefit online, so you will need to call Social Security, at either the national number (1.800.772.1213) or your local Social Security office, to make an appointment to apply for your benefit as your husband’s widow.

And to answer your last question, your state pension won’t affect your monthly Social Security payments because you paid Social Security FICA payroll taxes from your municipal earnings.

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*Continued from page one.* a basket raffle and a barbecue dinner from BW’s Smokin’ Barrels Barbeque. All proceeds go to furthering Friends of Reinstein Woods’s mission: to promote knowledge of nature through awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of the unique and diverse environment of Reinstein Woods and its programs.

Patrons can buy their barbecue tickets and get a sneak peek at participating artists and vendors by visiting <https://reinsteinwoods.org/>. Each dinner includes a choice of chicken and ribs or vegetable lasagna entrée, two sides, a roll and butter. Barbecue tickets are \$16 and will be on sale through July 5, 2023. Limited dinners will be available the day of the event. Tickets are also

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## Hertel Alley Mural Fest 2023



### The Annual Buffalo "Hertel Alley Mural Fest", 2023.

The art scene was bustling throughout the city this past weekend. The grand re-opening of the AKG Art Gallery, the Allentown Art Festival, and a newer North Buffalo event, "The Hertel Alley Mural Fest" were all happening, and if you have the slightest interest in the arts, there was something for you!

All three events were so unique in their own way, but the "Hertel Alley Mural Fest" was by far the most different because it captured the artwork while it was happening, from the blank canvas to completion. My office

teamed up with Arts Services Inc, to help make this event a reality. Over 100 artists applied to be part of the event and 26 were chosen. Many were new emerging artists who have never been given the opportunity to do a mural, while others were already familiar with the Buffalo Public art scene. Each artist was given two days from start to finish to work on their mural, this was a task, as many times murals can take several days or weeks. Individuals that attended the event were able to ask questions to the artists, take photos, and ultimately be a part of the overall experience.

Pre-Pandemic, this event was planned to be hosted yearly, but now we have yet to decide if this will be held annually or on a every other year basis. Regardless, artists are aware that their masterpieces may not be displayed forever, but they are welcome to reapply for a future mural event. The mission of the "Hertel Alley Mural Fest" is to beautify the alley way and giving artists the opportunity to showcase their works. I'd say this event was a great success on all fronts.

# Senior TRIVIA

## Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- Which movie features the line, "Where we're going, we don't need roads"?
- Which serious disease was declared eradicated in 1980?
- What color is the "black box" that is used to record data on airplanes?
- How much does getting out of jail cost in the board game Monopoly?
- What kind of animal is the novel "Black Beauty" about?
- Who was the youngest president?
- Who played the Penguin in the original "Batman" TV series?
- What is the northernmost point of the United States?
- Which is the only planet in our solar system that spins clockwise?
- Which fast food restaurant chain claims that "We have the meats"?

Last Answers: 1. 1969. 2. Pandora. 3. Brazil. 4. George. 5. Five: Happy, Sleepy, Dopey, Sneezzy and Grumpy. The other two are Doc and Bashful. 6. Australia. 7. Seven. 8. 63.

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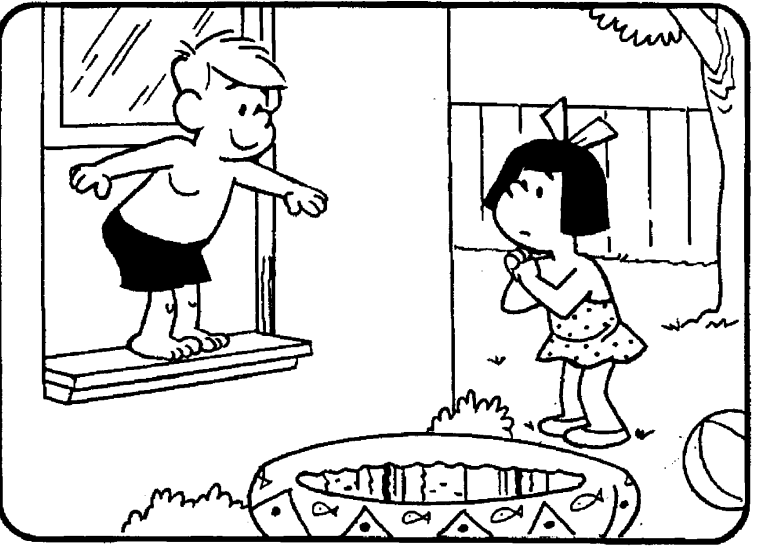
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### Weekly SUDOKU

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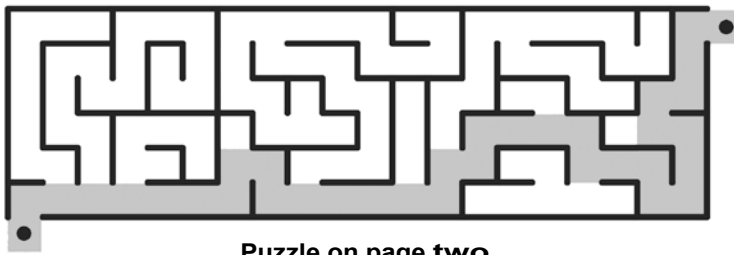
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