

Erie County Fair 2023



The Annual 182nd Erie County Fair, 2022.

The “Best 12 Days of Summer” will get even better this year with new performances, foods and exhibits at the Eire County Fair this August 9th-20th. The following is a list of experiences debuting this year.

New Free Performances

Upon entering the gates, fairgoers can enjoy over 120

free performances daily. Some of this year’s new acts include:

- Alley Cats (Doo-Wop Acapella Group). Bringing Contemporary style to 50s and 60s classics.
- Jet Pack Flying Water Circus. Watch as stuntmen on jet packs are thrust 40-50 feet in the air to perform aerial stunts in a portable Olympic size pool.
- Buckets and Boards

Comedy Percussion Show. Bringing music, rhythm and nonstop laughter.

- Banachek’s Mind Games. Magician, mentalist and devoted nonbeliever.

- Cast in Bronze. Watch as carillons are played from the fists and feet.

- Mighty Mike Roaming Strongman. Watch as he juggles bowling balls and sledgehammers as if light as a feather.

New Free Educational Exhibits
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YMCA Turkey Trot Registration Opens Tuesday, August 8

YMCA Buffalo Niagara is excited to announce that registration for the 128th annual YMCA Turkey Trot will open Tuesday, August 8 at 11:00 am. Runners may register at YMCABN.org until race capacity is reached.

The YMCA Turkey Trot is a time-honored Thanksgiving Day tradition. The oldest consecutively run footrace in the world, the YMCA Turkey Trot is an 8k race that attracts 14,000 run-

ners and walkers annually. Proceeds raised help fund vital YMCA programs and services that empower youth, improve community health, and provide support to our community’s most vulnerable. The Early Bird entry fee for both the in-person and virtual YMCA Turkey Trot is \$37 per person. The race fee increases to \$42 per person on Saturday, October 14. All race participants will receive a com-

memorative t-shirt from the YMCA.

A virtual option is also available to participants who cannot attend the in-person event. Those who register for the virtual race have the option to run, jog, or walk an 8k (4.97 miles) anytime between Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23 through Sunday, November 26.

For more information on this year’s race, please visit YMCABN.org or contact the Turkey Trot call line at (716) 565-6000.

8th Annual Oliver Street Art Festival Comes August 5th

The eighth annual Oliver Street Art Festival will take place from 11am to 5 p.m. Saturday, August 5, 2023 on Oliver Street between Schenck and Robin-

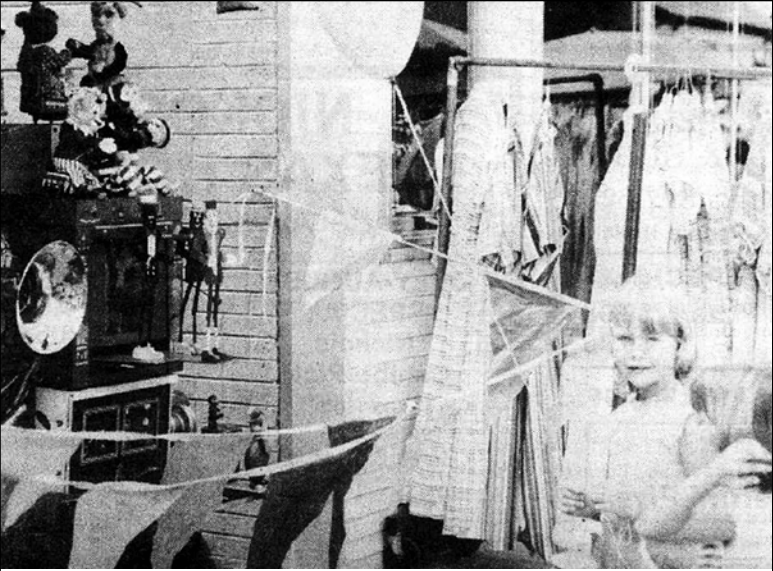
son streets in North Tonawanda. The Oliver Street Art festival will feature more than 60 regional artists working in various media
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Tracy McGehee Artwork, 2022.

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



August, 1984. **EAGERLY ANTICIPATING...** Children sat themselves down an hour before Rusty’s act began and watched him put together his amazing one man band, pictured above.

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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

Wolverines Win!!



The Double AAGirls Division Champion Wolverines:
Standing: Left to Right Coaches: Mike Wolasz, Shawn Glogowski, Joe Gramaglia (not pictured) Catherine Casarsa, Stella Sarkovics, Juliet Constantine, Selena Jaeckle, Emma Gramaglia, Hazel Zybala
Kneeling: Left to Right Eliane Martin, Noelle Dabney, Grace Wolasz
Lying Down: Left to Right Harper Large, Olivia Glogowski
Not pictured: Nalina Wild & Sophia Marino.

A new Division, a new Name and a new Championship team this season in the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball and Softball League in North Buffalo. The Wolverines became the first team this Summer to win a Division Championship last week in Shoshone Park with a 9-1 victory over the Bears last Thursday night with teamwork, a little hustle and most of all, having fun.

Playing in a new Division of just eight year old girls, the Wolverines battled against three other teams, the Tigers, Bears and Razorbacks in the Double AA Division to become the first team to win the title with a nickname just like a Major Girls University in competitive Sports. For years, the girls softball program at Hertel North Park had used names like the Mets or Yankees in identifying the house teams until this season. Now, names like Bulls, Griffs or Purple Eagles will be part of the competitive spirit the girls show each game to the adoring crowds that come to Shoshone Park to watch Championship Softball.

New Manager Shawn Glogowski of the Wolverines is quite happy with the results and pleased with this new Division. He gathered almost fifteen

girls back in early May when the season started and taught several "first time" players from then on, how to be good teammates, hustle and most of all have fun. The team ended the regular season with a 7-5-1 record, good for third place and won their last five games in a row.

Five Wolverines became a handful for opposing teams as Selena Jaeckle, Hazel Zybala, Emma Gramaglia, Grace Wolasz and Olivia Glogowski combined to lead the team to a great season. "I'm so proud of them," said Glogowski afterward. "They came together and played hard all season. They hit the ball at the plate when we needed some runs. Selena hit a big homerun for us against the Razorbacks in the Playoffs. It was just a joy to watch these girls develop and play throughout the season."

In the Playoffs, the Bears fell victim to the Wolverines in the first round, 12-4. Emma Gramaglia, a

first year player, pitched well all season and shined from the mound in front of teammates on the diamond. Hazel Zybala took care of third base on the field and was a consistent hitter in the Playoffs. Grace Wolasz played excellent at first base and blasted numerous homeruns at the plate. Olivia Glogowski was the catalyst for the defense at shortstop, leading the team in hits and batting average.

Then it was on to face the Razorbacks in the second round where the Wolverines took no prisoners in an 18-2 slaughter Saturday, July 22 before a return match-up with the Bears for the Championship victory. Juliet Constantine, a first year player for Glogowski, got her first big hit this season and made a tremendous defensive play at second base, throwing to first against the Bears in the 9-1 win.

Other girls on the team included Nalina Wild, Sophia Marino, Harper Large, Eliaine Martin, Noelle Dabney, Catherine Casarsa and Stella Sarkovics. "I would like to thank my coaches for all their help this season and the parents of these wonderful girls," said Glogowski.

Seven other house Divisions are in the midst of their playoffs. They include Rookie Girls, Major Boys, Major Girls, Triple AAA Boys, Triple AAA Girls, Double AA Boys and two Divisions of Rookie Boys. The League is trying desperately to quickly reschedule games if or when the threat of severe rain or lightning appears over Shoshone Park. While it has been a struggle, every attempt is made for strategic planning and fair play. Most Divisions are wrapping up their Championship play.

In the Majors, the Mets defeated the Padres, 3-2 on an RBI single by Ellis Washington, knocking in Ayo Silverman and the Braves ended the Giants season with a 5-2 victory. The Cubs continue to roll along with a 7-2 victory over the Cardinals. In Double AA Boys, the Cardinals needed just one run to defeat the Dodgers, 1-0 while the Pirates defeated the Braves and the Phillies ended the Brewers season, 9-2.

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
July 29, 2023
St. Lawrence Avenue – On the above date, time, and location, defendant operating a New York registered vehicle went northbound on Lawrence from Massachusetts with cracked windshield. Upon stop, defendant was revoked with felony warrant. Search of defendant incident to arrest yielded defendant in possession of 1 large clear plastic baggie of white powder substance (approx 3.5 grams) recovered by patrol officer from defendant's front left pants pocket. Submitted by patrol officer.

July 29, 2023
Delaware Avenue – Complainant states defendant did take merchandise by means of concealing items in a bag and wearing the sneakers passing all points of purchase without payment (value less than \$1000.00).

July 28, 2023
Delaware Avenue – The complainant states the defendant did knock on her door to retrieve property she was holding for him. After she let him in he became irate and did punch the victim in the stomach and slammed the door of the apartment on her forearm. The victim did identify the defendant in a showup. The victim provided a signed supporting deposition as well as a witness. The victim was transported to ECMC to be checked out via AMR.

July 27, 2023
Parker Avenue – Officers were called to a violent domestic at above location. Upon arrival at the scene officers did attempt multiple times to ask defendant for name for documentation. Defendant refused multiple times to identify himself.

July 24, 2023
Amherst Street – Defendant did pass all point of purchase with \$591.86 in products from store. Appearance ticket issued.

July 19, 2023
Kenmore Avenue – While officers were on scene assisting ADI defendant did constantly harass officers by threatening them, following, yelling, and spitting on them.

West Side
July 30, 2023
West Ferry Street – Defendant while sitting in wheelchair did kick out window/sign of Empire Kick's (281 West Ferry Street), causing estimated \$4500.00 in damages. Defendant then reached into store and took without permission total of \$130.00 in clothing from store. Witness showed officer at incident a recording on a body camera. Defendant apprehended at Grant and West Ferry Street by patrol officer. Possible ID through video footage. Clothing recovered by patrol officer.

July 28, 2023
Grant Street – Officers responded to call for trespass from evicted tenant boyfriend. When officers arrived, complainant stated known male did damage the outer and inner door frame to gain entry in to residence he was evicted from earlier on 07/27/23. Video footage is available. Officers did ride looking for male. Male was apprehended at 171 Grant Street.

July 29, 2023
West Ferry Street – Officer recovered approximately 89 grams of what appeared to be crack cocaine individually bagged from a black satchel from rear driver side seat of New York registered vehicle,. Officer also recovered approximately 60.7 grams of what appeared to be heroin individually bagged from a black satchel on the rear driver side seat. 1 pound of marijuana was also recovered from front passenger seat in a blue grocery bag. Officers recovered a brown polymer-80 glock style pistol from black satchel in rear driver side seat. Officers submitted all narcotics and gun into CPS lab.

Riverside
July 30, 2023
Skillen Street – Victim reports defendant and co-defendants while aided by another did physically attack him and his brother. Victim reports defendant and co-defendants did forcibly steal a blue iPhone 13 pro and a black iPhone 14 pro. Victim's left eye is swollen shut.

July 27, 2023
Elmwood Avenue – On 07/27/23 at approximately 1225 hours at 2100 Elmwood Avenue complainant from asset protection did observe defendant walls inside the store. Complainant stated that defendant did not have permission to be on or inside property and was trespassing to all Home Depot locations on 07/08/23 at around 1620 hours at Cheektowaga Home Depot location 300 Thruway Plaza by Cheektowaga Police.

July 27, 2023
Briggs Avenue – Defendant along with co-defendant were evicted from 24 Briggs Street on 07/20/23 by the City Court of Buffalo. Defendant and co-defendant were found to be on property without owner's consent. Defendant also has previous Buffalo warrant.

July 24, 2023
Tonawanda Street – Subject was picked up on warrant date 06/12/23 after he identified himself related to harassment incident at 789 Tonawanda Street. Subject observed driving New York registered vehicle. Subject had glassy eyes, odor of alcoholic beverage, and slurred speech. Subject also failed walk and turn test and one leg stance test. Refused to perform breath test.



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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Breath fresheners

6 Jazzy style

9 Monk's title

12 Pub perch

13 Greek H

14 Yank's foe

15 Very beginning

16 Difficult

18 Imam's place

20 Conks out

21 Fluffy scarf

23 Drone

24 Leans

25 Has

27 Monastery VIP

29 Past

31 Restitution

35 Travel papers

37 Nickelodeon's "Explorer"

38 Tack on

41 Dogpatch adjective

43 Recipe abbr.

44 Adhesive

45 Roman orator

47 "That's a lie!"

49 Jets and Sharks

52 Swelled head

53 Samovar

54 Full-length

55 Tax form ID

56 Mag. staff

57 Devoutness

8 Bit of butter

9 Delicate

10 Stopwatch button

11 Void

17 Redacted

19 Campus areas

21 Short 'do

22 Have debts

24 Male turkey

26 Part of USSR

28 No-frills

30 Kibosh

32 Never

33 Hosp. work-

ers

34 Enervate

36 Extraterrestrials

38 De Mille of dance

39 Whips

40 Japanese bedroll

42 Advantage

45 It gets in the whey

46 Hindu royal

48 Regret

50 Belly

51 Farm pen

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Northwest Buffalo Beat

By Dave Gallagher AKA Joe Bortz

High Price Of Gasoline



Gasoline prices continue to soar.

The last time I filled my tank with gasoline I paid 3.63 a gallon at Delta sonic. The very next time I needed gas I paid 3.83 a gallon. Not the same place but at one of the lower priced filling stations. A difference of twenty cents a gallon in a little over a week. Now I ask, why is that? I know there are all kinds of answers given and different reasons but to me it is all baloney.

There is no justification for what we pay for gasoline. As I have mentioned before, as I travel north to south and visa versa at least once a year, Gasoline is much lower per gallon in the south. In some states as much as fifty cents a gallon cheaper. Now I ask, why is that? I did call one of the gasoline companies a while back and asked that very question. The answer of course was vague and said it had

something to do with the refineries and not just the higher taxes in the different states.

We all are aware that New York is the highest taxed state in the union. That still is not the answer as both Pennsylvania and Ohio's gasoline is much lower than us and the tax structure is similar, but not as steep. There is a tremendous amount of oil in this planet and enough to last for centuries. I will not last for centuries so what is the reasoning for "reserving" it. If it was allowed to flow freely our life style would improve greatly.

We would be able to have inexpensive transportation for whatever reason to travel locally, domestically or internationally. Oil is the key to opening up the world and has been for over 100 years. Wars were fought

over oil since gasoline has been developed as a by product. It has become liquid gold and extremely valuable as an energy resource. So do we need to reserve it for future generations? In case of another war as oil could decide the fate of the opponents as it did in World War II? In fact history tells us the real reason that war was started was the need by the aggressors to increase their resources and especially, oil.

However, with advanced technology and the need to find alternative energy sources, it is without a doubt that oil will someday be an also ran. We produce electricity without oil and although at this point it is very limited, it is an alternative mode of transportation with hybrid cars. Something we need badly is that alternative. I may not live to see it but I am almost certain that they will develop water as a source or energy is some form. Not just to generate electricity as in Niagara Falls, but a way to put water into your tank as your energy source to run your vehicle. Sound far fetched? Water is Hydrogen and oxygen, H2O.

Ever heard of the Hydrogen bomb? Would not surprise me to find they are close to doing just that, but it would destroy this economy as we know it. The point is that the price of gasoline does not need to be as high as it is no matter what they tell us. Demand is what drives the price up and as long as the demand is there, they will stick it to us.

Just look at the profit

margin of the oil companies. I bet none of those people lie awake at night wondering how to pay the bills. Their major concern is how to spend their next million! If only I had struck oil, instead of being a printer, I would be rich. Oh well, at least I know I have not stuck it to anyone.

Do you have a birthday greeting you would like to see here? Birthdays, anniversaries, interesting pictures, short stories or even a 500 word column of interest to your neighbors. Send them to me and I will see what I can do. Nothing political or controversial. Send to Jbortze@aol.com

Erie County Fair 2023

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Fairgoers will find over 60 free educational and interactive exhibits throughout the grounds. Some of this year's new exhibits include:

- Tunnel to Towers 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit. Near Showplace August 9th-14th.
- Hands-Only CPR Training. Inside of the Firemen's Building daily at 2, 3, 5 & 7. In partnership with American Red Cross, OSEA and the Erie County Department of Health.
- Forcible Entry Training Trailer. Outside Firemen's Building August 11th-13th.
- Vent Simulation Training Trailer. Outside Firemen's Building August 15th-17th.
- Firefighter Survival Trailer. Outside Firemen's Building August 18th-20th.

New Competitions... and an Inaugural Commemorative Poster

Competitors will find something they are looking for amongst the 8,000+ classes of competitions at the Fair. New this year, competitions included:

- Craft Cocktail
- Pistils vs. Stamens Flower Arranging
- Ribbon Revamp
- Mural
- Open Shop
- Tractor & Implement Restoration
- Commemorative Poster

For the first time this year, the Erie County Fair turned its annual commemorative poster into a competition. The winner and official artist of the 2023 commemorative poster was awarded to Jeff Dean of Hamburg, NY. Dean, of Napping Cat Press studios, produces reduction woodcut artwork. The poster was made with a 9-color reduction woodcut using shina plywood block and renaissance Graphics oil based ink. His artwork contains 12 blocks representing the "Best 12 Days of Summer." Posters will be available for sale in the Fair's gift shop throughout the Fair.

The Erie County Agricultural Society is a private not-for-profit membership organization. Established in 1819, the Society is the oldest civic organization in Western New York. The mission of the Erie County Agricultural Society (ECAS), sponsors of the Erie County Fair, is to preserve and enhance, by educational endeavors, the agricultural and historical legacy of New York State. The Fair strives to fulfill appropriate aspects of the agricultural, educational, entertainment and recreational needs of Western New York.

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Hertel Park Senior Apartments.....	1631 Hertel Avenue
Hertel Parker Liquors.....	1859 Hertel Avenue
Home Taste (Chinese Cuisine).....	3106 Delaware Avenue
Imagine Salon.....	1527 Hertel Avenue
Macy's Place.....	3100 Delaware Avenue
Joey's Place.....	83 Niagara Street
Joe's Panini Grill.....	3024 Delaware Avenue
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Knights of Columbus.....	1530 Kenmore Avenue

Korona Jewelers.....	1588 Hertel Avenue
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
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Price Rite Market.....	1716 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
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
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

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
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First Niagara.....	201 Amherst Street
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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
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Ask Rusty – I’m a Veteran. How Do I Get My Extra Social Security?

Dear Rusty: As a military veteran, I was told that the final amount of my Social Security should be a little higher as a reward for military service. If so, I have two questions: 1. How much is the boost? 2. How can I know that amount has been applied?

Signed: Unsure

Dear Unsure: We receive questions about this fairly often from our military veterans. I want to first thank you for your service to our country and then assure you that, as a military veteran myself, I have thoroughly investigated this subject - the so-called “Special Extra Credit for Military Service,” which is widely misunderstood. Although someone suggested that your Social Security benefit “is supposed to be a little higher” because you are a military veteran, allow me to share how this somewhat obscure rule actually works.

Any extra money for military veterans does not come in the form of a special “boost” to their Social Security benefit because of their military service; instead, certain older veterans receive extra credit to their earnings for the years they served. Those extra earnings are applied only to those who served in specific years, as additional dollars added to their actual earnings record for their ser-

vice-years. The amount added to the veteran’s true service-year earnings varies a bit depending on which years you served. For example, if you served between 1957 – 1977, your actual earnings for each service-year would be increased by \$300 for each full quarter you had active duty pay to a maximum of \$1200 additional earnings per service-year. The credit is computed a bit differently for those who served between 1978 – 2001, but the maximum annual earnings credit for those service years is the same - \$1,200. And, for clarity, those who served before 1957 get extra earnings credit under an entirely different formula, and those who served after 2001 receive no extra credits for their military service years.

So how might this affect your Social Security benefit? Well, when your benefit is claimed, Social Security reviews your lifetime earnings record, inflates each actual annual amount to equal today’s dollar equivalent, and selects the highest earning 35 years from your lifetime record to calculate your “Primary Insurance Amount” or “PIA” (your PIA is the amount you are entitled to at full retirement age). If your military service-years are among the 35 years used to compute your PIA when you

claim, then the “Special Extra Credit for Military Service” will result in a somewhat higher PIA (a slightly higher monthly SS benefit). If the highest earning 35 years in your lifetime record do not include your military-service-years, then those extra credits added to your earnings for your military-service-years will have no effect on your Social Security benefit (because using those service-years would result in a lower benefit). How Social Security applies those special extra credits to your service-year earnings also varies depending on when you served. Those who served before 1968 needed to show their DD-214 to get the extra credits, but those who served in between 1968 – 2001 were automatically given the extra credits based on their military service records.

So, if your military service was between 1968 and 2001, your earnings during the years you served were automatically increased by SS to reflect your “special extra” earnings and - if those years are among the highest of the 35 years used to compute your SS benefit - you are now receiving the extra benefit amount you’re entitled to from those credits. If you have at least 35 years over your lifetime where you earned more than your pay while serving in the military, your current benefit is more than it would be if your military service years were included. If you have questions about your earnings during your military service years, you may wish to obtain a copy of your lifetime earnings history from Social Security to review those amounts (easiest way to get your lifetime earnings history is via your personal “my Social Security” account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount).

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8th Annual Oliver Street Art Festival Comes August 5th

Continued from page one. including painting, photography, crafts, jewelry making and more.

Tracy McGehee has been a participating artist vendor in the festival since the first year. "I paint mostly on canvas and wood, drawing my inspiration from nature and my imagination, creating colorful artworks from my studio space located in Western New York," says Tracy. "I always enjoy being in this festival and I look forward to this year's event!"

Natalie Brown, owner of Plak Art Plus and the Project 308 Gallery will transform a block of Oliver Street into a celebratory arts festival. The Oliver Street Art Festival highlights the talents of local artists and musicians and enriches the neighborhood with the arts.

"I am so excited to host this festival for the eighth year on Oliver Street and I hope the community continues to support the event", said Natalie Brown, organizer of the event.

The Project 308 Gallery will serve as the headquarters for the festival. Located at 308 Oliver Street, the gallery will feature an art exhibition by Julie Kirsch titled "Minds, Brains, Selves" featuring 50+ paintings and drawings. The series, "Minds, Brains, Selves," explores

the relationship between our conscious selves and material bodies. The artwork reflects her research in self-knowledge, the ethics of belief, memory, artificial intelligence, and bioethics.

This exhibition will be on view at the Project 308 Gallery during the festival Saturday afternoon through August 30. There will also be a closing reception on Friday, August 25 from 6-8PM. The gallery is open Wednesdays from 3-6PM. Admission is free.

In addition to artwork, the festival will feature live music throughout the day. Food will be provided by the Tonawanda's Lions Club, The Vegan Grocery Store, Brando's

Pizza and coffee will be available from Little Black Heart Roastery. Attendees can also enjoy a free beer sampling from Flying Bison Brewery inside the gallery.

According to Brown, the festival and gallery uphold a mission to engage those who appreciate the arts, collaborate with local artists and students, and activate a renewed enthusiasm for art in the community. Brown hopes the festival will continue to bring the community together, recognize regional artistic talents and positively impact the neighborhood.

This event is family friendly, free and open to the public. All are welcome.



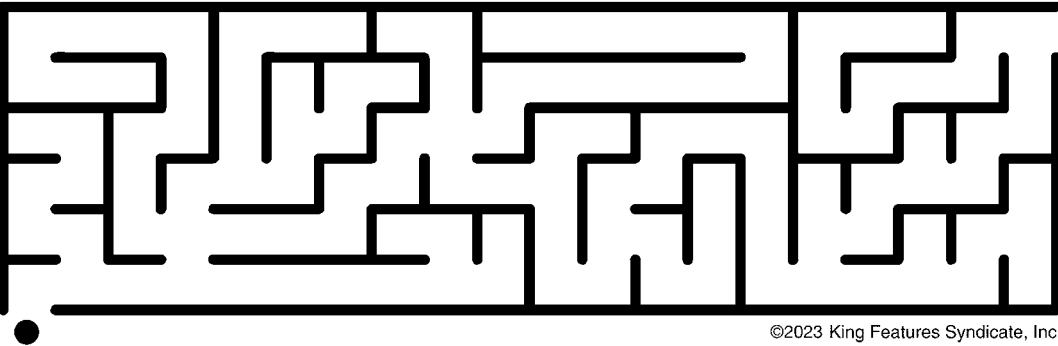
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Answers on page seven.

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

1) Which European city is home to the Prado Museum?

2) What is Forrest's hometown in the movie "Forrest Gump"?

3) What is the only vowel that isn't on the top row of letters on a keyboard?

4) What breed of dog is the TV star Lassie?

5) What is a common name for nitrous oxide?

6) Which musical instrument does the singer Lizzo play?

7) What is a bildungsroman?

8) Which two states share the most borders with other states?

9) What decade is represented in the TV sitcom "The Goldbergs"?

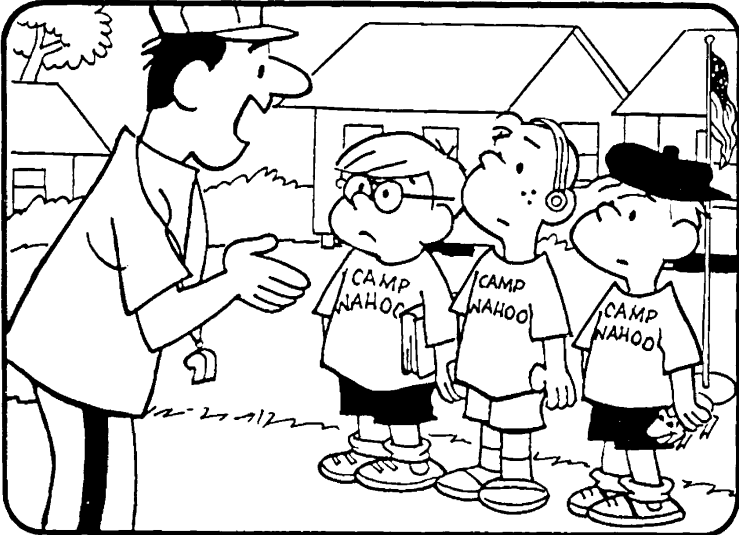
10) In which century was coffee introduced to Europe?

Last Answers: 1. The Who. 2. Nepal. 3. "1984" by George Orwell. 4. John Adams. 5. A lenticular cloud. 6. "The Andy Griffith Show." 7. Mrs. Norris. 8. Two. 9. Hoarseness. 10. Four (egg, larva, pupa and adult).

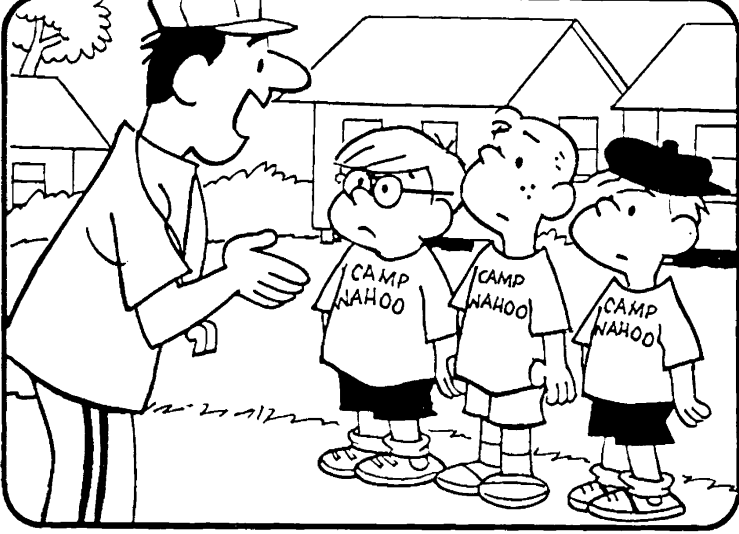
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The Grapevine

Buffalo AKG Art Museum announces an evening with David Sedaris On Saturday, October 7, join best-selling author and humorist David Sedaris at the Buffalo AKG Art Museum for two special readings in the newly restored Stanford and Judith Lipsey Auditorium. Enjoy new and unpublished material followed by a Q&A with the author. Book signings will be available before and after each reading in the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Town Square. To ensure that every ticket holder has the opportunity to get their book signed, please note that photographs will not be permitted. Guests can select the event that they

wish to attend by using the links below. Members receive a special \$5 discount. Not yet a member? Join here or call the membership office today at 716 270 8247.



Hull Family Home & Farmstead presents "War Comes to Black Rock, 1812-1814". Richard V. Barbuto, Ph.D., will again be a featured speaker at the Hull Family Home & Farmstead, 5962 Genesee Street in Lancaster, NY. As part of its Living History Lecture Series, Dr. Barbuto will present, "War Comes to Black Rock, 1812-1814" on Sunday, September 3 at 1:00PM. In


1811, the village of Black Rock was a peaceful and growing settlement with a healthy economy. However, its location less than a mile from the British Empire foretold of a calamitous future. During nearly three years of intermittent conflict, the villagers found themselves witness to burning warships, deadly raids, a combat action that helped decide the fate of thousands of American soldiers, and ultimately the fiery destruction of every dwelling, barn, and shop in the village. The people themselves were refugees fleeing into the snowy forest to escape possible death. Several local personalities engaged in the war will be highlighted: Peter Porter, Samuel Chapin, Major General Amos Hall, Naval Lt. Jesse Elliott, British Lt. Col. Cecil Bisshopp, British Generals Gordon Drummons and Phinias Riall, and Hull family relative, Eber Howe. Dr. Barbuto is Pro-

fessor Emeritus of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. He is the author of several books about the War of 1812 in the Niagara Region. Please call 716-837-0893 to reserve.



The Kenmore Lions Club will host their annual Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ "DRIVE - THRU - (take-out only)" event Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at the Brounshidle Post, 3354 Delaware Ave., Kenmore, NY from 3:30 thru 6:00 pm. BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw & Roll. Pre-sale tickets donation \$15.00, call 716-694-4710 by 9/2, \$17.00 at the door. Proceeds to benefit the Kenmore Lions Club programs for the sight and hearing impaired and Community Projects.





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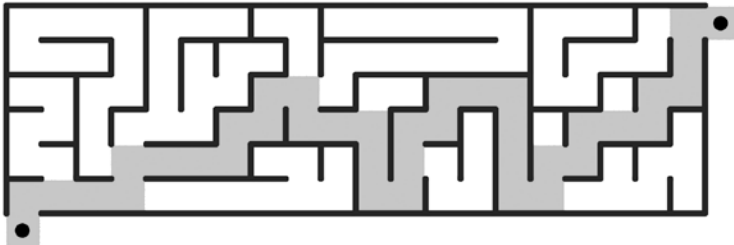
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Answers

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