

Girl Scouts Join-A-Thon



Join the Girl Scouts of Western New York Join-A-Thon starting January 17!

Girl Scouts of Western New York invites girls to a fun-filled Join-A-Thon event on January 17, 2024, promising a day filled with creativity, community, and the chance to win exciting prizes. This event, aimed at new registrants, also introduces girls to the in-



credible world of Girl Scouts. Girls and adults registering on January 17, 2024, will not only begin their Girl Scout journey but also stand a chance to win one of three incredible prizes: a \$200 Gift Card, a \$100 Gift Card, or a \$50 Gift Card. Each

registrant will also receive an exclusive Join-A-Thon patch as a memorable keepsake. In addition, new Troops registering before January 31, 2024, can win \$200 towards starter funds. To qualify, a Troop must have 2 Leaders and a minimum of 10 Girls. This initiative

Stay Gold: Community Art Party Returns To The Burchfield Penney

The Burchfield Penney Art Center's beloved community art party, Stay Gold, returns on January 12th, 2024, 4:30 – 11:00 pm! This one-night celebration and immersive arts experience – part of the M&T Second Friday event series, will feature visual and performance art, dance, music, and whimsical creativity throughout the building. Thanks to the generous support of M&T Bank, admission is free. "The arts have the unique power to inspire creativity, foster cultural understanding, and strengthen communities. Few events truly capture this impact like Stay Gold at the Burchfield Penney Art Center," said Francesco Lagutaine, M&T

Bank Chief Marketing and Communications Officer and a Burchfield Penney Development Committee member. "With free admission for all, Stay Gold reinforces our shared commitment to expanding access to the arts — providing a platform for regional artists and empowering our community to explore their creativity. M&T Bank is honored to help make this event possible." The community is invited to explore pop-up art installations created by talented local artists, especially for the event, and ongoing gallery exhibitions at the Burchfield Penney. Live art and music performances will activate different spaces throughout the evening, along with



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2024 'Love Your Block' Mini-Grant Cycle Youth

Mayor Byron W. Brown issued an invitation to Buffalo block clubs, schools, community-based organizations, and locally owned small businesses to apply for the 2024 Love Your Block Mini-Grant Program. The program provides mini grants of up to \$2,000 to fund projects that aim to improve the visual appeal of neighborhoods and eliminate blight. The project submission deadline is Friday, April 5, 2024. Residents of the Broadway-Fillmore, Genesee Moselle, Delavan Gridler, Masten Park, Hamlin Park, Upper West Side, and Riverside-Black Rock



neighborhoods are strongly encouraged to apply. While everyone is welcome to apply, priority will be given to projects in those primary neighborhoods. As part of the application process this year, applicants are required to register for the City of Buffalo and Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency's Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) classes for the year 2024 or provide a copy of their CPTED Certificate if they completed the course in 2023. To register for a CPTED session in 2024, go to the city's website, www.buffalony.gov or contact Ron Dixon, Special Project Manager,

at rdixon@buffalony.gov. Reminder, if you have received a Love Your Block Grant within the past four years, you are not eligible to reapply. The Love Your Block program was initiated in 2018 after the City of Buffalo received a grant from Cities of Services, a national nonprofit organization that aims to connect residents and mayors to improve neighborhoods. Love Your Block was identified as a priority program within the Division of Citizen Services, and the City of Buffalo has secured additional funding to sustain the program. Love Your Block has funded 65 projects across 23 neighborhoods through its previous




Memories

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December, 1993. CHRISTMAS CARDS...Christmas cards made by students at the Catholic Academy of West Buffalo and currently for sale, are proudly displayed by artists Krystal Ketter-Franklin, Michelle Ireland, and Jon Lopez.

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A portrait of Stefan Mychajliw, a man with a beard and glasses, smiling. To his right, the text "Stefan Mychajliw" is written in a large, white, serif font, and "Guest Columnist" is written below it in a smaller, white, serif font. The background is a solid blue color with white horizontal lines.

Vegan Time

The year was 2018. My wife and I were on a trip to Jamaica. How we got there could be an interesting column as well. Ashley was pregnant. Craving a Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner. My dear friend Jerry Wszalek runs the Queen of Heaven Carnival. It was 5pm on a Sunday. Carnival closed at 6pm. We raced there. Out of chicken. Sold out. So we took the \$20 and bought two tickets to the "big vacation" raffle. By 7pm the parish priest called and said we had won.

Off to Jamaica!

At the beginning of the vacation my left elbow blew up. Felt like I had a twenty pound softball hanging off my left arm. I called my brother Dan, a physician, who offered up a simple recommendation to alleviate my beachball elbow without surgery or drugs: go vegan for a few weeks,

That was literally the last thing I wanted to hear, especially being at an all inclusive vacation in Jamaica. No alcohol as well. At the time chopping off my left arm would have been a better solution, which would have allowed me to still drink heavily and stuff steak in my mouth with my remaining right arm.

Reluctantly, I did it.

My wife had a blast, living it up with unlimited booze and a plethora of protein. Not me. Salads. Pasta. Fruits. Veggies. No beer.

After the first few days, it really wasn't that bad. That first day I was ready to set myself on fire. But the more days that passed on a vegan lifestyle, I noticed how much better I felt and how quickly my bursitis (a version of gout) went away.

At the time I thought about sticking with it, a vegan diet and lifestyle. It didn't last. No way. Within a few weeks of our vacation I was back to protein, protein, and more protein.

Fast forward to five years later.

Turned 50. Not feeling great physically at all. Horrible eating habits. A hodgepodge of whatever I can grab and consume. My excuse is working on a presidential campaign and a few other national campaigns as well. Partnering with my wife Ashley raising three young children ages five and under also means most meals for me are whatever they drop on the floor or choose not to eat.

Something has to change, or I'm going to

be recording greetings on video to my young kids for future milestones like birthdays or graduations. The path I'm on will lead to serious health issues and not being there for my family. Literally and figuratively.

So I decided to engage in a major lifestyle change to reverse the damage I've done to this one and only beautiful body the Good Lord gave me: going back to a vegan lifestyle. No pills. Not shots. No quick fixes.

Studies¹ have shown that going vegan really is the only natural way to truly reverse the damage done by an unhealthy lifestyle. In a Netflix documentary New York City Mayor Eric Adams spoke about how he embraced a vegan lifestyle when he was diagnosed with Diabetes. The Big Apple Mayor went to the Google Machine and typed in “how to reverse diabetes?” The answers: go green and vegan in your diet.

So I'm hopping back on the vegan train. For myself, my wife, my kids, and my family. It hasn't really been "that bad" so far. Found some great recipes and ate like a champ.

Slow and steady wins the race. No doubt I'll still partake in some wings while watching a Bills game or gorging on great steak at our favorite restaurant, Russel's Steaks, Chops, & More.

My “more” moving forward will simply be a lot more green. To be a lean, mean machine for the rest of my life, which hopefully will be (God willing) a little bit longer.

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
January 7, 2024
Colvin Avenue – Person 1 states that person 2 struck her in the face while she was in the passenger seat of his vehicle person 1 did have bruising and swelling to right cheekbone.

January 5, 2024
Grider Avenue – Defendant did strike victim 1 about the head with a closed fist and did waive a lighter in his face stating, "I will set you on fire". Defendant did strike victim 2 about the right side of the face causing pain to same.

January 4, 2024
Hertel Avenue – The above, date, time, and location did damage property at 1137 Hertel Avenue and opened information and break into 1137 Hertel Avenue and take items from home taking over three thousand dollars in items. Defendant also damaged home in process of crime. Defendant fled into 1141 Hertel Avenue from police and found hiding in attic.

West Side
January 6, 2024
Forest Avenue – Victim states that (landlord) suspect did enter residence without notice, warning, or permission and did make verbal threats to her to leave residence. When she went to adjust thermostat he did allegedly swat at her hand with his hand causing alarm

and annoyance. Appearance ticket issued.

January 5, 2024
Grant Street – Defendant did get into a verbal disagreement with victim and did make threats. Defendant did grab victim by the hair and right wrist leaving bruising and swelling.

January 4, 2024
Richmond Avenue – Victim stated while walking up the driveway of 505 Richmond Avenue, defendant did walk up to her, grab her, and shove her. Victim has an order of protection in place against the defendant signed by presiding judge.

January 4, 2024
Pershing Avenue – Defendant was operating New York registered vehicle in easterly direction of Dodge Street and Pershing Avenue. Where he was following to closely (1129) an imprudent speed on icy road conditions where he did cause an accident rear ending another vehicle. Upon investigation officer did perform SFST. Due to prior leg injury defendant failed officer's tests. Defendant was taken to police station where he did submit a chemical breath test resulting in BAC of 0.14%.

Riverside
January 7, 2024
Norris Avenue – On 12/29/2023 the above subject did and for no legitimate reason enter

the residence of the victim, while inside, smash the window of the door valued at approximately \$400.00 and remain inside the residence causing unreasonable fear and serious alarm to the victim.

January 4, 2024
Chaddock Avenue – Victim reports defendant did accuse him of stealing his property and did physically abuse him. Victim does have pain on the left side of his face and his left eye is swollen and bleeding. Victim was transported by officer's to ECMC for medical treatment.



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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: DAM BUILDER

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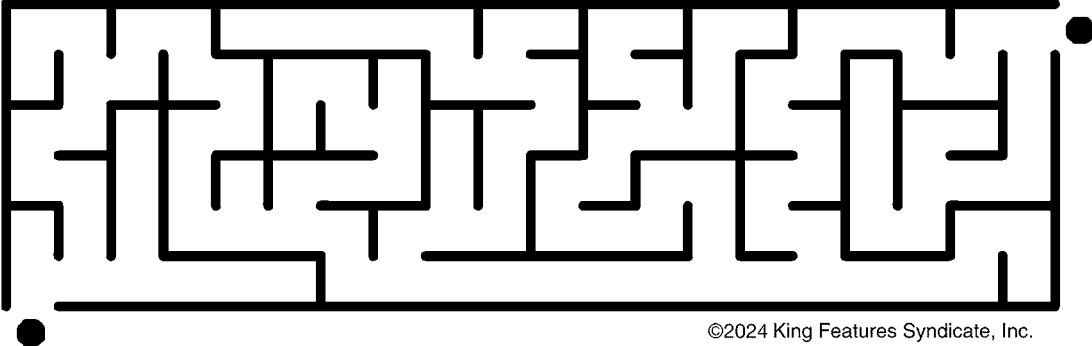
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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Muscat's land
5 Droid
8 — Romeo
12 Squid dish
14 Crowd noise
15 Earring shape, often
16 Rock's Moetley —
17 Little louse
18 Great —
20 Spiral
23 Cannon of film
24 Sofa brand
25 Cake mixes
28 Links org.
29 Los —, California
30 Satisfied sigh
32 "Say something!"
34 "Alfred" composer
35 Flower part
36 Run-down
37 Sudden bursts
40 Aachen article
41 Dog's bowlful
42 Fly at a low altitude
47 Grate
48 Points of view
49 Pro votes
50 Bit of butter

DOWN

1 Calendar abbr.
2 Actress West
3 Pie — mode
4 Land created by C.S. Lewis
5 Lisa's brother
6 Spanish gold
7 Apex
8 Esoteric
9 Chicago's Mayor
Lightfoot
10 Mythic man-goat
11 War god
13 1509, to Cato
19 Back muscles, for short
20 Trendy
21 Heart charts
22 Bound
23 Fact
25 Pastry store
26 Scarce
27 Hourglass fill
29 Portal
31 "Psst!"
33 Prevents, legally
34 Virgil epic
36 Billboard
37 Poet Teasdale
38 Theater production
39 Church section
40 Work on proofs
43 Clean air org.
44 — polloi
45 Single
46 Calif. clock setting

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Answers on page six.



Ask Rusty – Can Someone Work While Collecting Social Security Disability?

Dear Rusty: If a person is collecting Social Security disability benefits, can they, at any point, work at all? If they can, what is the maximum they can earn and still keep the disability benefit? I am asking because my husband is still young, but his injuries will not allow him to go back to the job he had prior to his injuries and surgeries. He does not just want to sit at home doing nothing!

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

Signed: Concerned Wife

Dear Concerned: Actually, the Social Security Administration (SSA) encourages those collecting SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) benefits to attempt to go back to work and they provide

considerable leeway for them to do so. The monthly earnings limit for those collecting SSDI benefits in 2024 is \$1,550 and as long as your husband earns less than the limit while working, his SSDI benefits will not be in jeopardy. Your husband should contact Social Security's Ticket to Work program directly to protect his disability status and discuss returning to work while collecting SSDI benefits.

The Ticket to Work program assists those now receiving SSDI benefits who wish to test their ability to return to work without putting their SSDI benefits at risk. The program provides considerable assistance, including new career training opportunities and connection to potential employers, and it is voluntary

and costs nothing. Here is a link to Social Security's information on the Ticket to Work program: <https://choosework.ssa.gov/>

It's not mandatory for your husband to enroll in the Ticket to Work program but, in addition to other available assistance, he can request a Trial Work Period (TWP) which would allow for 9 months, over a rolling five year period, during which he can earn any amount (even over the normal monthly limit mentioned above) without risking his SSDI benefits. Within the Trial Work Period, only those months he earns over the normal monthly SSDI limit would count as a Trial Work Month. So, for example, your husband could work part time regularly earning under the normal monthly limit and if, in some months (up to nine), he earned more it wouldn't affect his SSDI benefits.

So, your younger disabled husband can, indeed, work while on Social Security disability, for as long as he wishes while earning under the monthly SSDI limit (the SSDI earnings limit changes yearly). He may also wish to enroll in Social Security's Ticket to Work program for assistance with developing a new career. Plus, he can take advantage of using trial work months in the event his work earnings will, at times, exceed the monthly SSDI limit. If your husband earns over the SSDI limit for more than the 9 trial work months and his benefits are consequently stopped, he can – within the 5-year Trial Work Period – have his benefits reinstated (without again going through the full application process) if his disability, once more, renders him unable to work full time.

For starters, I suggest your husband contact Social Security's Ticket to Work program directly at 1.833-889-0108 to discuss returning to work part-time. Social Security will guide him through the entire process.

Thank you for submitting your question to our Social Security Advisor de-

partment. Be sure to share our link with your family and friends.

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association (NSSA).

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Girl Scouts Join-A-Thon

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Join us at any Girl Scout Western New York shop from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM on January 17, 2024, to be part of this fun-filled Join-A-Thon. Activities for the day include delightful cookie tasting, designing your own cookie, engaging in cookie-inspired activities, and enjoying exclusive retail discounts, enhancing the Girl Scout experience.

Furthermore, Girl Scouts of Western New York is excited to announce the upcoming Girl Scout summer camps. These camps offer an immersive ex-

perience in nature, fostering leadership skills, team building, and unforgettable adventures. Information about our diverse and engaging summer camp programs will be available during the Join-A-Thon event, offering girls a glimpse into the incredible opportunities awaiting them beyond the event.

Registrations for both the Join-A-Thon and GSWNY summer camps can be conveniently completed through www.gswny.org or by calling 1-888-837-6410 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. For those who prefer in-person registration, our stores will be open from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM on January 17, 2024.

Stay Gold: Community Art Party Returns To The Burchfield Penney

Continued from page one. interactive DJ and dance sets! Visitors of all ages are encouraged to join the hands-on art-making fun in the Useum™ Studio.

The latest installment of The Front Yard Film Screening Series, featuring a range of short films by Laura Kraning, will also kick off during Stay Gold 2024. The series is guest-curated by Dorothea Braemer and Meg Knowles and highlights the work of Western New York media artists. Presentations will begin after dark each night, projected on the Elmwood Avenue façade of the Art Center, and will run for

three months.

Roux Soup Bar and Café will be open late and serve delicious soups, salads, and sandwiches. The cash-only pop-up bar will serve soft drinks, beer, and wine in the second-floor reception space. Masks are optional but encouraged.

M&T Bank is a long-standing supporter of the Burchfield Penney Arts Center and a steadfast advocate for local arts communities. The ongoing M&T Second Fridays program provides free admission to the Burchfield Penney on the second Friday of every month.

Learn more at burchfieldpenney.org/events.

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Northwest Buffalo Beat

By Dave Gallagher AKA Joe Bortz

TV Then And Now

When I was a kid there was no such thing as television. We listened to the radio and had to form in our minds what the people looked like and the scenery that was described. Had to use your imagination to picture what you were listening to. Inner sanctums opened the show with a creaking door. Fibber Magee and Molly always had Fibber opening his closet door and tons of stuff falling out. What we heard for about 15 seconds was what sounded like all kinds of articles tumbling out whenever he opened that door. We had to picture that in our minds as there were no visions of it happening. As I recall you could picture the Green Hornet and the Shadow better that way than what was eventually shown. That all ended when television arrived. We could actually see the people, no more imagination. It was amazing to be able to watch live shows. That is all they had starting out, everything was live.

My first experience with television was when the single girl who rented our upstairs flat bought a black and white TV with a ten-inch screen. At that time, they were extremely expensive and we could not afford to buy our own. So, every Saturday night

we would all go upstairs and watch "Your Show of Shows", with Imogene Coca and Sid Caesar. Comedy shows we loved and looked forward to our weekly gatherings. What was scheduled to be on was very limited as this was a new thing and up and coming.

We did eventually, like so many others at the time, fall into the need to have one of these spectacular inventions. Instead of trying to picture what people looked like we could actually see them. Many of the radio people went on TV. Some should have stayed on the radio. As we all know, television took over the world. News was presented with pictures and even moving pictures. At eleven o'clock we knew where our children were and where we were. Watching Irv Weinstein, Rick Azar, and Tom Jolls do the news, sports, and weather. Channel 7 was the #1 station back then. Howdy Doody with Buffalo Bob, Captain Kangaroo, Commander Tom were some of my kids' favorites growing up. If you wanted to change the channel you had to go to the TV set and do it by hand. Then some clever person thought of a remote but you had a wire running across the room, going from the remote to the tv. At least you did not have to get

off your dead behind. Cannot even imagine that now.

Sports became big on TV. Baseball was extremely popular, as was football and then boxing. My dad and I used to watch the Cleveland Browns play every week on our local station. That was when Jim Brown played and most of the players from the defunct All-American league went to Cleveland, the only team that survived. Many of them were on the very first 1949 Buffalo Bills team. My dad disliked the Browns and I did not really know the history; I thought they were great. We bet a dime on each game and if people might recall, Cleveland won almost every week. At the end of the season my dad would owe me a dollar.

As one would expect, money took over this entertainment venue. It has become increasingly commercial television. Loaded with commercials and long and drawn out. I honestly almost never watch commercial tv anymore except of course the Bills and Sabres. Even then, the game the other night between the Bills and the Dolphins was loaded with commercials, it was frustrating to watch. Here in Florida, the provider I have has one thousand channels. I watch YouTube and Netflix on Roku to avoid commercials. The only commercial television I watch is sports. Do not even watch the news as it is half commercials. Even the subscribe to networks have commercials. You must pay extra to watch commercials? That flies like a balloon with lead in it.

In any case I would rather we had it than not as I have seen both ways. With and without. If you search long enough you should find something. You know, the computer is going to take over as it has things to watch and there are no ads. It is nice now to have both in our lives. These two things are all one could ask for. So, enjoy the commercials, they are here to stay.

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

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) The Darien Gap separates which two countries?
2. What is Three Kings Day also known as?
- 3) What's the name of the main supervillain character in the animated film "Despicable Me"?
- 4) Who is the author of "The Kite Runner"?
- 5) What is the name of the motorcycle-riding greaser in the sitcom "Happy Days"?
- 6) Which musical instrument does former President Bill Clinton play?
- 7) In the game Battleship, how many ships does each player have at the beginning?
- 8) Which famous rock singer was born with the name Farrokh Bulsara?
- 9) What was the name of the first U.S. Space Shuttle?
- 10) Which state is home to the Mammoth cave system, believed to be the longest in the world?

Last Answers: 1. Berlin, Germany. 2. "ER." 3. A legislative body with two chambers, like House and Senate. 4. Avocado. 5. Eight. 6. Carbon. 7. Angela Merkel. 8. Edith Piaf. 9. 1883.

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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The Grapevine



Garden Walk Buffalo, America's largest garden tour, is looking for submissions of original artwork to promote the 2024 event, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 27 & 28, 2024. Garden Walk Buffalo will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2024. Entries are due Wednesday, January 31, 2024. This is an opportunity to share your artwork with hundreds of local gardeners and tens of thousands of visitors from around the U.S., Canada, and abroad. Email your entry to aclark@gardensbuffaloniagara.com. Include ART ENTRY in the subject line. If possible, zip your files or use a service like wetransfer. For more information, email GardenWalkBuffalo@GardensBuffaloNiagara.com or call (716) 247-5004.



At The Buffalo AKG: Adult Studio Classes Open For Registration. Guests can register for classes at buffaloakg.org/studioclasses. Registration is required. All supplies are provided. Intro to Oil Painting: Landscape and Portraits (Four-Week Series, Ages 16+) Learn about composition and color theory by looking at works in the collection and create a naturalistic portrait and or landscape. No experience necessary; geared for beginners. Thursdays, January 18, 25; February 1, 8 6-8 pm. For further information, please contact Karen Duval, Manager of Access & Studio Programs, at 716 270 8249 or kduval@buffaloakg.org.

The Hull Family Home & Farmstead is holding an orientation for new docents on Sunday, March 24 and Sunday, April 7 at its headquarters at 5962 Genesee Street in Lancaster, NY. It will take place from 1:00-4:00PM each day. The training will include demonstrations of various types of docent assignments, discussion of period clothing for those interested in portraying Hull family members, and opportunities to learn about the Hull family and the historic period of the early 1800s. To register or for further information, contact Suzanne Jacobs at 716-681-5494 or at sjacobs@hullfamilyhome.org.



Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group is hosting their 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser on Sunday, January 21, 2024. The event runs from 12:30pm to 3pm and will be held at Woodlawn Fire Company, located at 3281 Lakeshore Road, Blasdell, NY 14219. The nonprofit is still looking for contestants to share their chili recipes! All chili types: vegetarian, restaurant-style and unique recipes are welcome. By entering the contest, contestants have a chance to win money prizes for Best Professional Chili, Best Amateur Chili and Best Chili Display! Chili contestants will be able to try other chilis for free as well as one guest per contestant. Each contestant must bring their own crock pot filled with their chili, along with a ladle for serving. Ten Lives Club will provide the bowls,

spoons, and bread. For \$15, guests can enjoy samples from all contestant chili tables with a side of bread! Admission for children aged 10 and under is \$10. There is no pre-sale for this event and admission donations are taken at the door. For more information on this event, or to enter the contest, email eschmizt@tenlivesclub.com. Visit Ten Lives Club website to see more details on the event or call their shelter at (716) 646-5577 ext. 7 to have an application mailed to you.



Rivalry Projects is thrilled to present Joan Linder: Belly. The exhibition, her first with the gallery, will be on view at 106 College Street, Buffalo, NY 14201 from January 12 - February 23, 2024. Join us for the opening reception on Friday, January 12 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm, as well as a conversation led by the artist on Saturday, January 13 at 11:00am.

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Kids' Maze Solution

Puzzle on page three.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

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RODENTS

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name of LLC: 208 Crestwood LLC . Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: 12/27/2023. Office of the LLC: 78 Commonwealth Ave Buffalo NY 14216 , Erie County. The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of process to the LLC at 78 Commonwealth Ave Buffalo NY 14216. Purpose of LLC: Real estate holdings . No specific duration attached to LLC. 6

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 814889/2022 COUNTY OF ERIE

GOVERNMENT LOAN SECURITIZATION TRUST 2011-FV1, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS DELAWARE TRUSTEE AND U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS CO-TRUSTEE Plaintiff, vs. T.B., A MINOR CHILD, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF PEDRO BIRDSONG A/K/A PEDRO T. BIRDSONG, BY AND THROUGH HER NATURAL GUARDIAN, TAMARA HENRY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF PEDRO BIRDSONG A/K/A PEDRO T. BIRDSONG, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; FINANCIAL TRUST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION S/B/M/T ERIE METRO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; JOHN DOE (REFUSED TO PROVIDE NAME); TAMARA HENRY, "JOHN DOE #3" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last ten names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. Plaintiff designates ERIE as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgage Premises: 52 FLOSS STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14211 Section: 101.260, Block: 7, Lot: 16.000

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30)days after service of the sameis complete where service is madein any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. TheUnited States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action,may answer or appear within sixty(60)days of service. Your failure toappear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default forthe relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiencybalance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$47,250.00 and interest, recorded on November 01, 1993, in Liber 12368 at Page 762, of the Public Records of ERIE County, New York., covering premises known as 52 FLOSS STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14211. The relief sought in the with-in action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. ERIE County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: October 12, 2023 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Theresa Regis, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675. 2

Notice of formation of The Hartley Clinic PLLC. Application of Authority filed with the NY Dept of State on 12/05/23. Office located in Erie County. NY Secretary of State (NYSS) is designated the agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the PLLC at 3400 Bissonnet Street, #270, Houston, TX 77005. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 5

Notice of Formation of Thermo King Northeast, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on 10/26/2023. Office location: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Thermo King Northeast, LLC, 583 South St., New Britain, CT 06051. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7

Notice is hereby given that a liquor license application number NA-0370-23-351486 has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor, wine, beer and cider at retail for on premises consumption in a tavern under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law: THE FOXGLOVE PUB LLC DBA: THE FOXGLOVE PUB 20 S. BUFFALO ST. HAMBURG, NY 14075. 2

NOTICE OF FORMATION of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): DEL Associates XVII, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on December 20, 2023. Office location is Erie County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon who process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to Shaun Jackson, Esq., 570 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14202. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

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