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Winter Festivus 2024



Spiderman and friends at The Totally Sweet Buffalo Winter Festivus of 2023.

Join us for Winter Festivus at Buffalo RiverWorks 359 Ganson Street Buffalo on Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy shopping with 80 local vendors and artisans just in time for St. Patrick's Day and Easter!



This family-friendly winter festival is the perfect chance to get the kids outdoors for a couple of hours on a wintry day, enjoying all sorts of fun-filled surprises. There will be food and drink available at the event, for all in attendance.

Bring the kids and go ice skating with characters, enjoy curling, food, drinks and more! We can't wait to see you there!

Admission is free.

For more information on this event please visit <https://www.facebook.com/totallysweeteventswny>.

First Tee Western New York

First Tee-Western New York proudly announces that Sgroi Financial will once again be the presenting sponsor for the 2024 Kids First Golf Classic, a fundraising tournament that supports First Tee-Western New York. The 2024 Kids First Golf Classic is scheduled to take place on August 12, 2024 at the prestigious Crag Burn Golf Club.

As the presenting sponsor, Sgroi Financial brings its commitment to community engagement and youth development to the forefront. The 2024 Kids

First Golf Classic will bring together local businesses to help support First Tee-Western New York while showcasing participants from the program.

Key features of the 2024 Kids First Golf Classic Presented by Sgroi Financial include:

18 Holes of Championship Golf at Prestigious Crag Burn Golf Club. Included in the event is Tee Gifts, Lunch, Dinner and on Course Beverages. Silent in Person and Online Auctions, Hole in One Contest, On Course Contest, team awards.

Junior Golf Development Clinics: Junior golfers will have the opportunity to participate in specialized clinics, receiving guidance and mentorship from seasoned First Tee Coaches and professionals to enhance their skills on the course.

Sgroi Financial's dedication to community involvement and philanthropy is evident in their support of events like the Kids First Charity Classic. "At Sgroi Financial, we believe in giving back to the communities we serve," said Pat Sgroi, President of Sgroi Financial. "Supporting

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2024 'Love Your Block' Mini-Grant Cycle

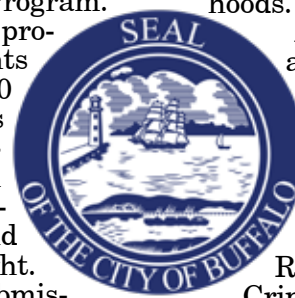
Mayor Byron W. Brown issued an invitation to Buffalo block clubs, schools, community-based organizations, and locally owned small businesses to apply for the 2024 Love Your Block Mini-Grant Program.

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. To apply, contact Malika Lee, External Affairs Manager, Division of Citizen Services, at 716.851.5322 or email loveyourblock@buffalony.gov or visit the city's website.

iResidents of the Broadway-Fillmore, Genesee Moselle, Delavan Grider, 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.

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



August, 1992. NORTH BUFFALO ROWER WINNERS...The men's open lightweight four silver medalists, from left, are Dan Burger, Vince Bissonette, Tim Bell, R.C. Kinzly and Melissa Dodd.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH



Snow
High 36°
Low 30°

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH



Rain/Snow
High 38°
Low 35°

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH



Snow
High 39°
Low 22°

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH



Snow
High 24°
Low 18°

MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH



Snow
High 21°
Low 13°

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PET SHOP BOYS DREAMWORLD: THE GREATEST HITS LIVE AT THE ROYAL ARENA IN COPENHAGEN Wed 1/31: 9:15

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A photograph of the North Park Theatre marquee, which is illuminated and displays the text "NORTH PARK THEATRE" and "OPENING FRIDAY" in large, stylized letters. The marquee is part of a building with a classic architectural style.

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Joel P. Ferroletto
Delaware District Councilman
Guest Columnist

North Buffalo's Newest Book Club

Looking for something to do and get out of the house this Winter? Join the new North Buffalo book club "Bookin' it with Alice, Ever After Books." Beware, this isn't just your average book club though! They have found a way to combine reading, fresh air and move-

ment all into one meet-up.

On the first Saturday of every month, participants will meet at 8:30 a.m. at Alice, Ever After Books located at 259 Parkside Avenue. From there, the group will make their way to Delaware Park and take a lap around Ring Road to dis-

cuss the assigned book for that month! The inaugural session will begin on Saturday February 3rd with two assigned books: *City of Light* by Lauren Belfer and *The Magician's Elephant* by Kate DiCamillo.

I love hearing about organized community events like this happening in our district! It is a great way to get out of the house, get some exercise and meet new friends. The book club is free to join and everyone is welcome! The group will be heading out rain or shine so make sure to bundle up during these next few months!

To register to join the February 3rd session, go to Aliceeverafterbooks.com/events! Happy reading!

First Tee Western New York

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initiatives that prioritize the well-being of children aligns with our core values, and we are proud to be a part of such a meaningful event. The Kid First Charity Classic is a special event that creates significant opportunities for area youth. We are proud supporters of First Tee Western New York and their programs."

Sponsors, media representatives, and golf enthusiasts are invited to join Sgroi Financial in supporting the 2024 Kids First Golf Classic.

First Tee – Western New York is a youth development organization introducing the game of golf and its inherent values to kids and teens. Through after-school and in-school programs, we help shape the lives of young people from all walks of life by

reinforcing values like integrity, respect, and perseverance through the game of golf. First Tee - Western New York serves children ages 5-18 through three programs offered year-round: Life Skills Experience – hosted at local golf courses and golf facilities, participants attend one session per week. Participants learn important

golf skills, and more importantly, life skills, from Lead Coaches and Volunteers.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, event details, and registration, please visit <https://kids-first-golf-classic.perfectgolfevent.com/> or contact Timothy Karches at (716) 597-5023. Tkarches@firstteewesternny.org



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Gramma Mora's 1465 Hertel Avenue
Great Clips 2678 Delaware Avenue
Hertel Coin Laundry 1274 Hertel Avenue
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
Johnny's Meats 1191 Hertel Avenue
Knights of Columbus 1530 Kenmore Avenue
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Marco's Deli	1518 Hertel Avenue
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Paul Wolf Agency	2890 Delaware Avenue
Plaka Restaurant	2904 Delaware Avenue
Price Rite Market	1716 Kenmore Avenue
Salon Avanti	3086 Delaware Avenue
Salon Coronado	2870 Delaware Avenue
Salon D Capelli	3104 Delaware Avenue
Scissors	1497 Hertel Avenue
Studio Sophia	1094 Hertel Avenue
Sunoco Gas Station	4505 Main Street
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Terrie's Workout Center	1481 Hertel Avenue
Vince's Pizza	1803 Kenmore Avenue
Wesselman's Inc.	564 Colvin Boulevard
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WEST SIDE

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Buffalo Public Library.....	Niagara at Porter
BMHA Housing.....	245 Elmwood Avenue
CWJ Lock & Key.....	183 Forest Avenue
Corner Store.....	Forest & Grant
Delaware Apartments.....	1217 Delaware Avenue
Dibble Hardware.....	262 West Ferry Street
Elmwood Square Apts.....	505 Elmwood Avenue
Fast Stop Food Mart.....	326 Military Road
Frontier Liquor & Beverage Ctr.....	121 Grant Street
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M&T Bank.....	130 Grant Street

Military Coin Laundry 1134 Military Road
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Trinity Tower Apartments 33 Linwood Avenue
West Market 1032 West Avenue
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First Niagara Bank 2141 Elmwood Avenue
First Niagara 201 Amherst Street
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M&T Bank 788 Tonawanda Street
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Pat's Pizzeria 544 Ontario Street
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Riverside Market 740 Tonawanda Street
Riverside News Stand Tonawanda Street
Roland Insurance Agency 432 Amherst Street
Sun Restaurant 1989 Niagara Street
Up To You Deli 2189 Niagara Street



The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
January 20, 2024
Hertel Avenue - Defendant did make threats to cause physical harm to the employees of Burger King and mentioned having a gun, but no gun was seen. Defendant was found to have above Buffalo warrant.

January 20, 2024
Parkside Court - Defendant did strike her husband during an altercation causing small lacerations to victim's face. Defendant called 911 stating that the victim struck her with a gun, however both the victim and 3rd party stated that no gun was involved.

West Side
January 21, 2024
Forest Avenue - Defendant in front of officers did strike

victim once in the face. Defendant then did resist arrest and did not comply with officers commands.

January 20, 2024
Elmwood Avenue - The complainant reports that defendant listed did become irate over a parking spot he believed belonged to him. Defendant did exit his vehicle then begun to yell "Move your vehicle!", then stormed to kick the driver's door of complainant's New York registered vehicle.

Riverside
January 22, 2024
Peter Street - On 1/22/24 at 0830 hours, officers responded to a 911 suspicions vehicle call for a vehicle running and blocking a driveway at Peter Street. Upon arrival, officers ob-

served New York registered vehicle, a white Chevy Trailblazer running and occupied by the defendant and blocking the driveway at 98 Peter Street. Officers approached the vehicle and observed the defendant sleeping in the driver's seat with a handgun in his hand, on his lap. Officers ordered the defendant to put his hands on the dashboard and the defendant did not immediately comply. Officers gave several more orders and the defendant eventually complied. Defendant taken into custody without further incident. One Stoeger 9mm handgun, model STR-9, with serial number was recovered with one 9mm round in the chamber and eight 9mm rounds in the magazine that was inside the weapon. Officers also recovered seven 9mm rounds from a magazine on the passenger front seat and one loose 9mm round under the driver's seat. The defendant did not have control of the loaded weapon while he was sleeping in the vehicle and the weapon was in plain view. Parking summons issued for blocking driveway. Defendant's vehicle impounded to 166 Dart Street. The defendant does not have and active NYS unrestricted pistol permit for the weapon.

January 22, 2024
Ontario Street - While assigned, officer was flagged down by 7/11 manager on Ontario at Skillen. Suspect stole 2 cans of alcohol. While approached by officers she fought against them by pushing and shoving.

January 21, 2024
Grace Street - On the above date, time, and location, person 1 stated that her son (person 2) started a verbal altercation that escalated physically. Person 1 stated that person 2 pushed her with two hands and kicked their dog down the stairs. Person 1 stated person 2 made her fearful and caused annoyance and alarm. Person 1 also stated that person 2 caused damage to kitchen wall.

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"LET" WORDS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: Jewelry Worn Around the Wrist

Anklet	Hamlet	Letterbox	Poulet
Booklet	Letdown	Lettuce	Quintuplet
Gauntlet	Lethargic	Owlet	Ultraviolet
Goblet	Leticia	Pamphlet	

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This Week's Featured Friend: BAMBI

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Hello! My name is Bambi and I am a gal of about 7yrs of age and had some litters of pups and I am done with that. It is now time for me to embrace my own life and be pampered and treated like a queen. It appears I am still carrying around my Mom instinct because I am prone to telling other dogs what to do. I want to make sure there is order, and I am vigilant about what's going on in a situation when too many dogs are around and being rambunctious. It's probably best for me to be in a home with either a low key dog, or a dog that just wants to co-exist or maybe a home to just call my own.

If you would like to meet any of the adoptable dogs, please fill out an application online (if you are not already pre-approved), call the shelter, and leave a message with your name and phone number and the dog you're interested in. Have patience, and they will call you back when they can. From there, a time will be scheduled for you to come and meet the dog. Please be patient, and remember they are very short staffed at the moment. Applications can be found at <https://friendsofcbas.org/adopt>

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Hot tub

4 Pack (down)

8 Honeycomb division

12 Joke

13 Teen fave

14 Celestial bear

15 Capote nickname

16 Difficult problem

18 Celery unit

20 Pantheon member

21 Morays

24 Twilight, poetically

28 "Bravo!"

32 Wry

33 Bombeck

34 Raw rock

36 Begets

37 Melody

39 Actress Meg

41 Maintains

43 Wheel connectors

44 Bake sale orgs.

46 Victor

48 Dugout seating

50 Sociable and lively

55 "Caught ya!"

56 Medicinal plant

57 Vogue rival

58 Singer Phair

59 Reporter's quest

60 Workout count

61 Mimic

DOWN

1 Boot camp

2 Section

3 Water, in Mexico

4 Hearts, slangily

5 Big fuss

6 Calendar abbr.

7 Advertise

8 Get cozy (with)

9 Blunder

10 Baton Rouge sch.

11 Felon's flight

17 Eggy quaff

19 Triathlon segment

22 Secular

23 Razor sharpener

25 Algerian port

26 During

27 Red planet

28 Mrs. Dithers of "Blondie"

29 African antelope

30 "Hud" actress Patricia

31 Faxed

35 Equine homes

38 Butterflies

40 Language suffix

42 High school subj.

45 Declare

47 "The Lion King" lion

48 Intel product

49 Visibility hindrance

50 Fire

51 Flamenco cheer

52 At once

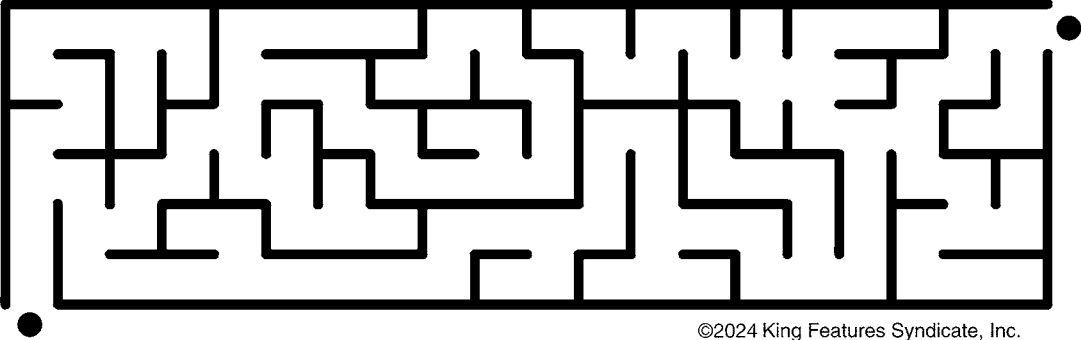
53 -de-France

54 Jungfrau, for one

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Kids' Maze



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Ask Rusty – Will Withdrawing From 401(K) Affect My Social Security?

Dear Rusty: My full retirement age (FRA) is 66 and 8 months, which I'll reach in September 2024. I'm still working 3 days a week. I want to cash in my 401K and want to know if I have to wait until my FRA for IRS purposes or can cash it in anytime in 2024. I don't want to affect my Social Security or end up paying taxes on my benefits.

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

Signed: Seeking to Avoid Taxes

Dear Seeking: We're not experts on IRS matters here at the AMAC Foundation so I can't address 401(k) questions, but we can provide information on your Social Security circumstances and how 401(k) withdrawals may affect your SS. I assume from your question that

you are now receiving early Social Security and wish to avoid any tax consequences thereto by cashing in your 401(k), as well as from working. Here's what you need to know:

Since you will reach your full retirement age (FRA) in 2024, your 2024 work earnings limit will be \$59,520 up to the month you reach FRA. If you were born in January 1958, you'll attain FRA in September 2024. After you have reached your FRA there is no longer a Social Security limit to how much you can earn from working, so your work earnings thereafter will not affect your monthly Social Security benefit regardless of how much you earn. If your part time work between January and August 2024 won't put you over the \$59,520 limit, your work earnings will not negative-

ly affect your gross monthly Social Security benefit.

Assuming you are on Medicare, the premium for which is deducted from your Social Security payment, withdrawals from your 401(k) might affect your net monthly Social Security payment in two years hence. Medicare premiums are based upon your combined income from all sources, including 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year. If your 401(k) withdrawal(s) put you over an income threshold for your tax filing status, you may be required to pay an "IRMAA" (Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount) on top of the standard Medicare premium. That IRMAA supplement would be deducted from your Social Security, which would affect the net amount of your Social Security payment. Your Medicare premium for each coming year is determined by your combined income from two years prior, so if you "cash in" your 401(K) in 2024, it would affect your net Social Security payments in 2026.

Whether you will pay income tax on your Social Security benefits is determined by your combined income from everywhere,

which the IRS calls your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" or "MAGI." MAGI is your income from all sources (except ROTH IRA withdrawals) and includes half of the SS benefits you received during the tax year. If you file your taxes as a single, and your MAGI is over \$25,000 – or if you file your taxes as "married-jointly" and your MAGI is over \$32,000 – then 50% of the Social Security benefits received during the tax year becomes part of your overall income taxed by the IRS (at your normal IRS tax rate). But if your MAGI as a single filer is more than \$34,000 – or as a married/jointly filer over \$44,000 – then up to 85% of the SS benefits received during the tax year becomes part of your overall income taxed by the IRS.

So, to recap:

Your part time work earnings in 2024 won't affect your monthly Social Security benefit, unless your 2024 work earnings prior to September 2024 exceed \$59,520.

Depending on the amount of your 401(k) withdrawals, your 2026 net Social Security payments may be impacted by Medicare's IRMAA provision. But your 401(k)

withdrawals will not affect your gross Social Security payments.

Depending on the amount of your 401(k) withdrawals, some of the Social Security benefits received during the 2024 tax year will likely be subject to income tax. That is, if your annual total income, including your 401(k) withdrawals, exceeds the MAGI thresholds described above.

Thank you for submitting your question to our Social Security Advisor department. Be sure to share our link with your family and friends.

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Then And Now.

Watched a movie the other night that reminded me of what used to be. The family in this true story would say grace before every meal. The father happened to be a pastor so it would not be unusual for this to occur. Just brought back memories of when my family would not take a bite to eat until we said grace. My eight children, my wife and me.

For some reason we became a deeply religious group. I say that because of our background. My parents, I do not recall ever going to church. My mother went on Easter as she liked the opportunity to dress up. My wife's parents were also brought up Catholic but did not practice the faith. In fact, my father-in-law

was an atheist. My wife had a spinster aunt in Allentown, Pennsylvania, who insisted that her brother's children be baptized and brought into the religion. Both of us were raised as Catholics with no help from our parents. Somehow, after getting married, we did become deeply involved with our church after our children started to arrive. One by one, by one, etc.

Our first home on the West Side was within walking distance of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All our older children went to Catholic school there. As our family grew, we could not afford the tuition, so the younger ones attended public schools. Point is, we became incred-

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ibly involved with the church, the priest, and became devout Catholics. Personally, I did the readings and led the singing from the pulpit at the 9 o'clock mass every Sunday. My wife and I did the pre-Can conferences. She even volunteered to teach art at the school in exchange for tuition payments. We were deeply involved with the church as were so many other people at the time. Never missed a Mass on Sundays or Holy days of obligation.

So, it just made sense that before we were about to indulge in our meal, which we felt blessed to have. We would always say our little prayers. "God is great, God is good, let us thank him for our food" or "Blessed oh Lord, for thy gifts which we are about to receive, through our bountiful Christ our Lord. Amen". Automatic every meal. It was a must. That was then. I remember it so well as those were such good days. We were one big happy family.

We come to how it is now. Of my eight children I am not sure how many are still Catholic. I do not think any of them attend church on Sunday. One or possibly two. Not to berate them but that is just the way it is. Going to church every Sunday is a sacrifice. Takes a morning away from a daily busy schedule. Even my wife and I, before she passed, were no longer able to attend for physical reasons. I did go alone for a while but even that ended. Things change as we know. Like so many other things I miss what used to be. Cannot recall the last time I heard grace before a meal. Well once at a restaurant I saw a family blessing their food.

Guess that movie hit a soft spot in my heart. Remembering the days when we all sat there, ten of us, hungry, and took the time to be thankful to the Lord for our blessings and our food. Like I have said before, "What is, is". I am only glad, "What was, was"!

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) What is the last name of Ken, who was Barbie's boyfriend?

2. In the sitcom "The Office," the company is in which U.S. city?

3) In which country is The Matterhorn located?

4) Which 1990s group was the singer Beyonce a part of?

5) In which state is Monument Valley located?

6) In which children's book do the characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum appear?

7) In Roman numerals, what is XLVIII divided by XII?

8) What is a common name for polythelia?

9) How many elements are listed on the Periodic Table?

10) What is the year of the Olympics in the movie \ "Chariots of Fire"?

Last Answers: 1. Oklahoma. 2. Florida. 3. Theodore Roosevelt. 4. Thirty Seconds to Mars. 5. Appomattox. 6. Lead. 7. Candy Castle. 8. Dick Clark. 9. Juneau. 10. Maya Angelou.

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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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.

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 as-

signments, 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.

Buffalo Girlchoir will celebrate the release of their first full-length album: Sing a Song of Childhood with an album release party on February 2nd from 6-8 pm at their rehearsal studios located at 255 Great Arrow Avenue, suites 310/312. This event will feature a performance by the singers at 7:00 pm. The album features children's folk songs and lullabies from around the world. It will be available on all major streaming services. A companion booklet to the album will be available for purchase at the album release party and on the Buffalo Girlchoir website. Prior to this release, Buffalo Girlchoir released two singles: I Wonder Why and This Little Light of Mine. These recordings were produced to complement original picture books created and published

by the singers. Light refreshments will be served at this open house style event which is free and open to the public. RSVP to director@buffalogirlchoir.org The mission of Buffalo Girlchoir is to provide exceptional music instruction to young women from all social strata culminating in transcendent performances facilitating their development into self-assured young women. For more information, visit: buffalogirlchoir.org

The SPCA: The SPCA has an immediate need for volunteers in various areas of its West Seneca shelter, including Adoptions, Animal Behavior, Foster Care, Wildlife, Kitten Nursery, and other departments. Some volunteer opportunities are available at off-site adoption locations or in volunteers' own homes. Depending on the position, volunteers will have the opportunity to provide compassionate care for animals, bring pets and families together, and perform purpose-driven work! Those interested in volunteering at the SPCA Serving Erie County can apply

online at YourSPCA.org/Volunteer. Interested candidates can also contact Director of Volunteer Services & Experience Kelly Deschamps by calling (716) 875-7360 ext. 232 or emailing kellyd@yoursPCA.org, or Assistant Director of Volunteer Services & Experience Desirea Mojica by calling (716) 875-7360

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HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Broom handle is longer. 2. Cloth is different. 3. Cap is different. 4. Cup is missing. 5. Cabinet is wider. 6. Flower picture is reversed.

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Kids' Maze Solution

Puzzle on page three.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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"LET" WORDS

Puzzle on page two.

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Answers

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Puzzle on page three.

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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

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. 9

INDEX NO.: 815246/2019 Date Filed: 01/03/2024 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE MORTGAGED PREMISES: 907 Walden Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211 SBL #: 101.67-1-7 Plaintiff designates ERIE County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate. STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF ERIE Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Erie County Public Administrator, as Administrator of the Estate of Shirley Barney a/k/a Shirley A, Barney, deceased; Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Shirley Barney, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue Service; The Erie County Department of Social Services; Health Management Systems, Inc. on behalf of the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General and the Erie County Department of Social Services; Kelle Barney, as Heir and Distributee of the Estate of Shirley Barney a/k/a Shirley A. Barney, deceased; Belinda Barton a/k/a Belinda S. Barton a/k/a Belinda Spartan, as Heir and Distributee of the Estate of Shirley Barney a/k/a Shirley A. Barney, deceased; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Amended Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Amended Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the

Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. 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 PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS 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. THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$50,255.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Erie on December 3, 1996, in Book 12728, Page 6916, covering premises known as 907 Walden Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14211, SBL #: 101.67-1-7 The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises. TO the Defendants Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Shirley Barney, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Dennis E. Ward of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Erie, dated and filed December 21, 2023. Dated: January 5, 2024 /s/ Christie M. Montero Christie M. Montero, Esq. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840 New York, New York 10170 Phone: 347.286.7409 Fax: 347-286-7414 Attorneys for Plaintiff, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING

YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. 6

NOTICE OF FORMATION of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): DEL Associates XV, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on December 19, 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. 7

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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

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