

## It's Cookie Time!



**Girl Scouts in Western New York are now selling the exclusively online, berry-blasted Raspberry Rally™ cookie alongside the iconic cookie lineup, powering amazing experiences in outdoors, STEM, and beyond.**

On Saturday, Girl Scouts of Western New York (GSWNY) kicks off the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie program for Girl Scouts and their troops to begin rallying the community to support the world's largest entrepreneurial program for girls. New to the 2023 cookie program, the highly anticipated online exclusive Raspberry Rally™ cookie joins the iconic lineup, alongside classic family favorites like Thin Mints®, Adventurefuls, Caramel deLites®, Peanut Butter Patties®, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Lemonades, Toast-Yays, and Trefoils (previously named Shortbread). Nutritional information about the cookies including allergen information is available at the ABC Bakers website, [www.abcbakers.com](http://www.abcbakers.com)



All cookie varieties will be \$6.00 per package. 100% of all proceeds stays local within Girl Scouts of Western NY. Each package continues to support our mission to support girls and volunteers. GSWNY

will continue to provide a 50% subsidy for online direct ship to your home for every nine packages of cookies. Cookies are able to be purchased and shipped nationwide in the United States.

This must-try new cookie will be the first in the Girl Scout Cookie lineup to be exclusively offered for online sale and direct shipment only, enhancing girls' e-commerce sales and entrepreneurial skills.

If you know a Girl Scout, ask how they are selling cookies via their online store front for direct shipment or local delivery. Be-

ginning February 17th, consumers can enter their zip code to purchase cookies online from a local troop for direct shipment or donation to local causes. Once cookies arrive in March, visit the Cookie Finder [www.gswny.org/findcookies](http://www.gswny.org/findcookies) to view cookie booths within your communities.

You can also text COOKIES to 59618 to be among the first to receive information about Girl Scout Cookies and to find out about other exciting Girl Scout news. Visit <https://bit.ly/3E7ViYa> for Terms and Conditions. Visit <https://bit.ly/3Fajz0V> for the SMS Privacy Policy.

The Girl Scout of Western New York Cookie season runs from December 10, 2022 through April 2, 2023.

Girls can join and adults can become a volunteer at [gswny.org/en/join.html](http://gswny.org/en/join.html).

## ArtsCanisius Spring 2023 Concert Series

ArtsCanisius has released its spring 2023 concert lineup and the season includes a series of performances from the college's various student ensembles. All of the upcoming events listed below are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Friday, March 3 – Festival of Ensembles / 7:30 p.m. / Montante Cultural Center This event will feature performances by the Canisius College Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Russell Scarbrough; the Canisius College Chorale, under the direction of Bradley Wingert; and the Canisius College Orchestra, under the direction of Ansgarius Aylward. Admission is \$5.00.

Friday, April 28 – Canisius Jazz Ensemble / 7:30 p.m. / Montante Cultural Center The Canisius College Jazz Ensemble will

perform, under the direction of Russell Scarbrough.

Sunday, April 30 – Canisius Chamber Orchestra / 7:30 p.m. / Montante Cultural Center

The Canisius College Orchestra will perform, under the direction of Ansgarius Aylward.

Monday, May 1 – Canisius Chorale / 7:30 p.m. / Christ the King Chapel The Canisius College Chorale will perform, under the direction of Bradley Wingert.

ArtsCanisius presents lectures and concerts by professional artists and musicians, including members of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Canisius faculty, as well as student recitals. For more information about ArtsCanisius and its programming and performances, visit [www.canisius.edu/artscanisius](http://www.canisius.edu/artscanisius).

## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



**HOLY SPIRIT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE...The winners in each grade of Holy Spirit School's school-level competition in the National Geography Bee are, from left, fourth grader Marissa Hadjuk, fifth grader Tracey Brown, sixth grader Evyn Costanzo, seventh grader Patrick Mahaney, and eighth grader Matthew Crean. January, 1993.**

## Free Swim Strength Training Course







Mayor Byron W. Brown reminded City Youth who need to develop their swimming technique that they can take part in a FREE Swim Strengthening Course, offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays in January, in order to pre-

pare for upcoming Certification Sessions. The hours are from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. For more information on the swim strengthening sessions, please contact the Parks Pools Office at (716) 851 - 5998.

Mayor Brown stated,

Mayor Brown and the City of Buffalo, in partnership with the Police Athletic League of Buffalo (PAL), kicked off multiple sessions of free and paid Red Cross Certified Lifeguard Training for City of Buffalo. *Continued on page two.*

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH	FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH	SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH	SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH	MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH	TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH
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(1:30), (4:15), 7:00, 9:45 Wed 1/18: (1:30), (4:15) 7:00, 9:45  
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**Michael P. Kearns**  
Erie County Clerk  
Guest Columnist

## Extended Outreach Center Hours For Passport Applicants

Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns announced that his Outreach Center, located at 1088 Union Road in West Seneca will be open every Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00pm, in an effort designed to assist the traveling public obtain a U.S. passport. This community service is for first-time passport applicants only. However, staff is also on hand to answer any questions or provide guidance with any other matters related to the

Erie County Clerk's office.

"This is a chance for people who have been waiting to get a passport to come out and apply for one," said Kearns. "It can be difficult to take time off work or inconvenient for people to come downtown and this is a terrific opportunity to better serve those in the community. My office is pleased to make these extended hours available." Applicants will be able to apply for a passport



card, passport book or both. Payment must be in the form of check or money order. No cash or credit cards will be accepted. A certified copy of a birth certificate and proof of identity such as a current New York State driver's license or valid non-driver identification card is required in order for any application to be accepted. Passport photos can be taken on-site and are available for \$10. Currently, the processing times for routine passports are approximately 6-9 weeks and expedited passports, which take up to five weeks, and costs an extra \$60 to process. Current passport holders with less than 6 months validity remaining are encouraged to follow the instructions on how to renew their passport by mail at [travel.state.gov/passports](https://travel.state.gov/passports). Passport applications, a list of all required documents, and schedule of fees by visiting [erie.gov/passports](https://erie.gov/passports) or by contacting the Erie County Clerk's Outreach Center at (716) 858-8864.

## Free Swim Strength Training Course

Continued from page one. Youth ages 16-21 who are interested in becoming lifeguards in early December. The free training offered in January is to help an interested lifeguard candidate bolster their swimming skills.

Last summer, the City's nine outdoor pools were closed due to a lifeguard shortage which impacted cities, towns, and private swimming facilities across New York State and throughout the United States. City of Buffalo youth who are interested in receiving FREE and PAID Red Cross Certified Lifeguard training must register for one of the upcoming sessions. Each session will be held at the Cazenovia Pool, located on Abbott Road across from Mercy Hospital. Those

who successfully attain certification can apply to become lifeguards at the City's two indoor pools, as well as apply for summer 2023 positions at the City's nine outdoor pools. Pay is \$20 an hour. Below is a revised list of lifeguard certification sessions.

January Certification  
Saturdays & Sundays  
1/14, 1/15, 1/21, 1/22, 1/28  
8:30am-5pm  
February Certification  
Monday - Friday  
2/20-2/24 8:30am-5pm  
March Certification  
Saturdays & Sundays  
3/4, 3/5, 3/11, 3/12, 3/18  
8:30am-5pm  
**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**  
• Youth who CAN already swim with proficiency  
• Youth ages 16-21  
• Preference given to

youth who reside in the City of Buffalo and attend a Buffalo Public School

• Pre-registration for this course is required. Non-residents are welcome to register for a certification course for \$300.

To register for an upcoming Red Cross Certified Lifeguard training session, go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PALLifeguard-Certification22-23>

If you are already a certified or current City lifeguard, please visit the City's Jobs Page: <https://www.buffalony.gov/jobs.aspx>.



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# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

**North Buffalo**  
**January 8, 2022**  
Delaware Avenue – Officers did assist detective on suspect vehicle traffic stop after observing defendants removing tires from the business located at 1370 Delaware Avenue. Detective did have in her possession inside white backpack pocket, small plastic container containing a crystal-like substance appearing to be crystal meth. Defendant also does have active Buffalo warrant. Owner of business did not wish to be compliant at this time.

**January 8, 2022**  
Delaware Avenue – Defendant with co-defendant, were driving New York registered vehicle on Delaware Avenue, Detective did observe both defendants removing tire from business at 1370 Delaware and loading them onto bed of vehicle. At search of vehicle for impound, patrol officer did recover baggie containing crystal-like substance appearing to be methamphetamine on center console arm rest.

**January 5, 2022**  
Kenmore Avenue – Complainant reports defendant did enter the store and did take without permission one 6 pack of Co-

rona beer and did pass all points of purchase without paying for same. Appearance ticket issued. Defendant was trespassing in store. Complainant states defendant was doing this on a daily basis for almost a year.

**West Side**  
**January 4, 2022**  
Niagara Street – Victim states on 12/26/22, defendant (her son) did hit her in the ribs, punch her head, and threw a peanut butter jar at her causing pain and a lump to the top of her head. Victim has an active refrain from order of protection against the defendant. Appearance ticket issued.

**Riverside**  
**January 9, 2022**  
Elmwood Avenue – Defendant did enter the Home Depot and while inside took two pairs of gloves, one flex tape, one drill and one multi tool kit. The defendant then did pass all points of entry without payment of items. The total amount of stolen items is \$480.92.

**January 7, 2022**  
Thompson Avenue – At 12:16am on 01/07/23 complainant noticed on video that their propane gate was broken open, and noticed on video that

suspect did break into a metal cage and took without permission 12 propane tanks located at 357 Ontario Street, the Siri Asian Market. Suspect was found on facebook marketplace by the complainant trying to sell the propane tanks at 799 Thompson Street. Officers did go with complainant to 799 Thompson Street and arrested suspect.

**January 6, 2022**  
Woodette Place – The victim reports that the suspect did threaten her with a handgun during a heated argument. During investigation, officers did recover 2 prop guns.

**January 6, 2022**  
Military Road – Suspect did come into 150 Military Road which is the Lucky 7 Asian Market and did destroy over 10,000 dollars worth of merchandise. Suspect was locked in store by staff until police came on scene and arrested suspect.

**January 3, 2022**  
Pavonia Street – Victim states subject waited for him outside and followed him to the police station and then followed him back to his home causing him to feel annoyed. While performing, inventory check on the vehicle after subject was arrested officers located a medical container with no name label containing 24 pills that appear to be prescription Adderall. Pills were submitted to evidence.

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Delaware YMCA.....2564 Delaware Avenue  
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Finishing Touches.....2820 Delaware Avenue  
Frank's Sunny Italy.....2491 Delaware Avenue  
Ginnane Funeral Home.....3215 Delaware Avenue  
Gloria J. Parks Community Ctr.....3242 Main Street  
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  
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Knights of Columbus.....1530 Kenmore Avenue

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

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

**M&T Bank**.....130 Grant Street  
Military Coin Laundry.....1134 Military Road  
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  
Doyle's Deli.....1981 Niagara Street  
Faso Restaurant.....2126 Niagara Street  
Fast Stop Food Mart.....236 Military Road  
First Niagara Bank.....2141 Elmwood Avenue  
First Niagara.....201 Amherst Street  
Hearts Thrift Shop.....890 Tonawanda Street  
House of Sandwich.....800 Tonawanda Street  
M&T Bank.....788 Tonawanda Street  
Niagara Deli Pizzeria.....2043 Niagara Street  
Nickel City Bottle Return.....2209 Niagara Street  
Northwest Buffalo Community Ctr.....155 Lawn Avenue  
Pat's Pizzeria.....544 Ontario Street  
Pizza Bella.....1133 Tonawanda Street  
Riverside Market.....740 Tonawanda Street  
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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**  
1 Discoverer's call  
4 Island near Java  
8 "Cheers" order  
12 Brooch  
13 Oodles  
14 Plotting  
15 Swelled head  
16 Reed and Rawls  
17 "Hud" actress Patricia  
18 Star of "NCIS: Los Angeles"  
21 Klutz  
22 Singer Starr  
23 Photo book  
26 Witty one  
27 Crater part  
30 Corp. kingpins  
31 24 hours  
32 Cab cost  
33 Sauce source  
34 Novelist Rand  
35 Avid  
36 Anderson Cooper's channel  
37 Calendar abbr.  
38 Official flower of Chicago  
45 Cash advance  
46 Manhattan area  
47 Lennon's love

**DOWN**  
1 Oil cartel  
2 Lofty  
3 — about (roughly)  
4 Fragrant wood  
5 Unfriendly  
6 Noisy  
7 "Not a problem!"  
8 Energizer mascot  
9 Fencing sword  
10 List-ending abbr.  
11 Bakery buy  
19 Debtors' notes  
20 Pester  
23 Rm. coolers  
24 Sign before Virgo  
25 Lad  
26 Pallid  
27 Joplin tune  
28 Anger  
29 Debussy's "La —"  
31 Ming, for one  
32 Kismet  
34 Reply (Abbr.)  
35 Seconded  
36 "True Colors" singer Lauper  
37 Different  
38 Not naked  
39 Abode  
40 Banister  
41 Asta's feeder  
42 Relocate  
43 Squad  
44 NYC gallery

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Ask Rusty – Will My Work Earnings Affect My Social Security Benefits?

Dear Rusty: I am presently 67 years of age and am still working full time. I am receiving Medicare coverage, but I have not yet applied for monthly

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Michael P. Kearns  
Erie County Clerk

Social Security payments. I have been told that I can take SS payments even if I am still working. Is that correct? Is there a limit to how much I can earn each year and still receive SS payments? **Signed: Working but Wondering**

**Dear Working:** Social Security's so-called "earnings test" applies only to those who haven't yet reached their full retirement age. At 67 years of age, you are already past your SS full retirement age (FRA) of 66 years and 2 months, which means there is no longer a limit to how much you can earn from working. Regardless of how much you earn, your monthly Social Security benefits will not be affected, so you can claim your Social Security at any time and not worry about your benefits being affected.

You should also know that because you haven't yet claimed your Social Security, your monthly benefit has been growing since you reached your full retirement age in October of 2021. You've been earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) at the rate of .667% more benefit for each month you have delayed claiming, so your benefit now at 67 would be over 8% more than it would have been at your FRA last year. And, if you wish to, you can continue waiting to claim SS and continue to earn those DRCs to get a still higher benefit. But DRCs stop when you reach 70 when you would get your maximum Social Security benefit – about 31% more than your FRA amount – so never wait past age 70 to claim.

To recap: because you've already passed your full retirement age you can claim your SS benefit now (e.g., to start in January) and get a benefit that is 8+% more than you would have gotten if you claimed at your full retirement age, or you can continue to wait and get an even higher amount by claiming even later. Which way to go depends a lot on your current financial needs and your life expectancy. If you don't urgently need the money now and are in good health and expect at least average longevity (about 84 for a man your current age), then waiting longer to claim would be a smart move. But if you need (or want) the money now, then claiming at this time would also be a wise choice. In either case, you don't need to worry about your earnings from work negatively affecting your monthly Social Security benefit – they won't.

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- What kind of poisoned fruit does the fairy-tale character Snow White eat and fall into a deep sleep?
- Which cereal features a character named Seadog?
- Which president officially named the executive mansion the White House?
- What is the name of the most famous Wookiee in the "Star Wars" movies?
- What is the official currency of Nigeria?
- How many legs do shrimp have?
- How many states did Alabama Gov. George Wallace win as a third-party candidate in the 1968 presidential primary?
- What is the common name for the human trachea?
- How many suspects are in the board game "Clue"?
- What limited series by Mike Flanagan adapted the novel, "The Turn Of The Screw" in 2020?
- What was the highest grossing movie of 2022?

Last Week's Answers: 1. The Silk Road, 2. Physician, 3. Lenny and Squiggy, 4. Africa, 5. Korean Pop, 6. Chinese gooseberry, 7. Janus, the god of beginnings and endings, 8. Shin splints, 9. Fear of bathing, 10. A poult



# Stefan Mychajliw

## Guest Columnist

# Hamlin Week Of Jan 9<sup>th</sup>

Prior to moving to Elma, New York, my wife Ashley and I were fortunate enough to call Ed and Mary Lou Rutkowski friends and neighbors. When we moved into his Village of Hamburg neighborhood six years ago, I was cutting the grass and just wrapped up a long, long day of hard landscaping work when the former Buffalo Bills Quarterback and his wife pulled into our driveway and brought some very thoughtful housewarming presents for our family.

Now in his 80's Ed inspired me to get moving and get in shape when I looked out our front window and saw him jogging around the neighborhood. I shouldn't say jogging, Ed was full throttle running way faster than I ever could after six months of training.

I joked with my now former neighbor that his property values are skyrocketing now that the Mychajliw's left his neck of the woods for the actual woods of Elma.

While we were blessed to know Ed and Mary Lou well, to the rest of the Western New York community and country he is the former Quarterback of the Buffalo Bills. He played "both sides of the ball" as a Cornerback. As a matter of fact, Rutkowski was the ultimate team player when it comes to positions on the gridiron, having played quarterback, cornerback, wide receiver, and kick returner.

Just like you, Ed was watching live the Monday night football game against the Cincinnati Bengals on January 2nd, 2023 when Bills Safety Damar Hamlin, wearing jersey #3, suffered cardiac arrest. Rutkowski was joined that Monday night with former Bills players Booker Edgerson, Jeff Nixon, Lou Piccone, and others at Diamond Hawk Golf Course & Pub. That night the Buffalo Bills Alumni Foundation was hosting a "Cure the Blue" fundraiser to help fund a cure for prostate cancer.

"When we saw that hit, it wasn't anything out of the ordinary. But when we saw that he fell down and collapsed, you knew something was seriously wrong," said Rutkowski recently to the Financial Guys Media network podcast featuring hosts Mike Sperrazza and Mike Hoefflich.

As a former National Football League player himself, all of the Buffalo Bills Alumni watching the game prayed and prayed and prayed, the same way current athletes did in the middle of Paycor Stadium as teammates and opponents at that time were not sure if Damar Hamlin would live or die.

"When you saw the expression of the ball players on the field, you could tell it was something very, very serious. You could hear a pin drop in that room while we were watching that game," added Rutkowski, who also talked about how medical, science, and technological advances better protect football players now compared to when he played.

"We never thought of injuries. The helmets we wore would be outlawed today. They were basically a plastic shell with some webbing on the inside and two rubber pieces by the earhole. You weren't worth a damn as an offensive lineman unless you went through one or two helmets a year. A lot of helmets would crack," said Rutkowski, who commended the NFL for implementing numerous safety health and safety measures like concussion protocols, ambulances stationed at every stadium, having a designated Level One Trauma Center in all league cities, and annual emergency plans that are continuously updated.

"When we played, we didn't realize the severity of injuries. We kept playing. You never wanted to be taken out of a game because you were fearful of losing your job, losing the means of providing for your family. You never wanted to leave the game. If you got your bell rung, they just gave you some smelling salts," said the 1965 AFL All-Star.

Those protocols are a far cry from the medical care received by Damar Hamlin, who was administered CPR by medical personnel almost immediately following his on-field collapse. Within 19-minutes of losing consciousness, the Bills' safety was rushed to University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

"There's no way they could continue to play. Those guys were on the field, watching CPR being administered to their teammate, knowing they were trying to keep

him alive. That is profound. The NFL did a great job not continuing the game. I don't know how players could have focused on the game when they're thinking about their friend and teammate who was fighting for his life in the hospital," said Rutkowski to the Financial Guys Media Network.

Prior to his collapse and cardiac arrest, Hamlin posted a "GoFundMe" fundraiser to buy Christmas presents for kids in his native Pittsburgh with a goal of raising a mere \$2,500. #BillsMafia and football fans flooded the site with donations, which now approaches \$9 million in donations.

"We have a Buffalo Bills Alumni Foundation. We raise money for charity. Over the last 20 years we raised \$3 million. It took us 20 years to raise that kind of money. It took Bills fans and people around the country two days to raise that kind of money. It says a lot about Western New York and football fans from around the country. It puts things in perspective," added Rutkowski.

As for perspective, Hollywood Actor Gregory Peck, who starred in "To Kill a Mockingbird" the year before Rutkowski started his NFL playing career, once offered this reflection on the importance of staying strong and remaining faithful regardless of circumstances: "Faith gives you an inner strength and a sense of balance and perspective."

Immediately following Hamlin's medical emergency, all the nation could do was remain faithful and pray that physicians and health care workers responsible for saving Damar Hamlin's life would be successful.

Without a doubt those faithful prayers were answered. Within days Hamlin was able to write and asked doctors "Did we win?" Dr. Timothy Pitts responded: "The answer is yes, Damar, you won. You've won the game of life."

What has happened since is nothing short of a miracle.

The Bills Safety had his breathing tube removed, was able to walk around the floor of his Cincinnati hospital, and even FaceTimed Bills teammates prior to their next game against the New England Patriots, telling them "love you all" before they took the field.

My brother Dan and I went to the game. Quarterback Josh Allen described the first play as "spiritual, bone-chilling, and special."

Kick returner Nyheim Hines ran back the opening kickoff 96-yards for a touchdown. He did it again,

becoming the first Bill in history to run back two kickoffs for touchdowns in the same game.

As you know now, Damar Hamlin wears jersey #3. As for the Bills inspirational and heart lifting win over the Patriots, Josh Allen threw 3 touchdown passes, the defense came up with 3 interceptions, and it was 3 years and 3 months since the Bills scored a touchdown on a kickoff return.

The Bills won two AFL

championships with Rutkowski in 1964 and 1965. They have a combined two championships, long before the league merger and advent of the Super Bowl as we know it.

Wouldn't it be fitting if the Bills won championship #3 this season and claim their first Super Bowl victory? It would be a miraculous way to end a long and turbulent season.

I have faith they'll pull it off.

# YMCA Special Olympics Young Athletes Program

YMCA Buffalo Niagara is proud to announce that they are offering a new program starting today, Special Olympics Young Athletes, at Southtowns Family YMCA, 1620 Southwestern Boulevard, West Seneca, NY, 14224 on Wednesday, January 4 | 4:15 – 5:00 pm. This is designed to promote equity and inclusion for children ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics Young Athletes is a sport and play program for children with diverse abilities between ages 2-7. Children learn to play with others and develop important skills for learning. It's also a fun way for children to get fit!

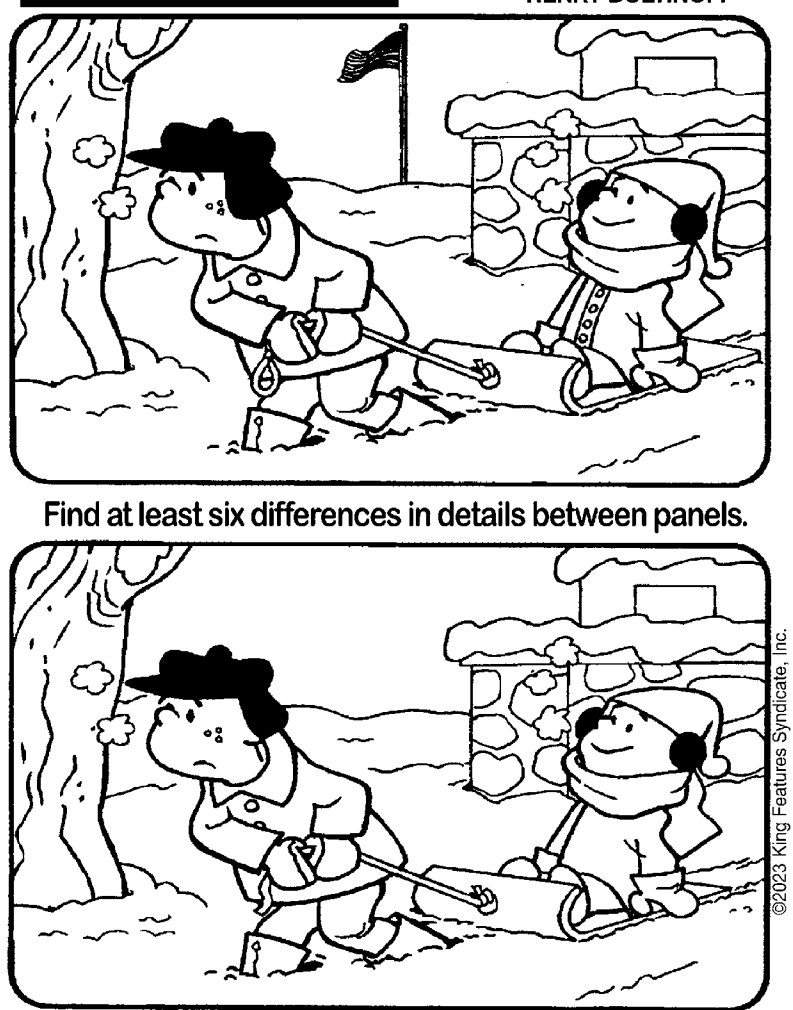
Special Olympics Young Athletes introduces basic sport skills like running, kicking and throwing. Young Athletes offers families, teachers, caregivers and people from the community the chance to share the joy of sports with all children. Young Athletes provides children with activities and games that meet their individual skill and ability levels, while allowing them to play together in a fun and inclusive environment. The program shows that all children should be valued for their talents and abilities. Children of all abilities take part, and they all benefit.

This program is also offered weekly at the Independent Health YMCA beginning this Sunday, January 8, from 9:00 to 9:45 am and Mondays from 3:30 to 4:15 pm.

For more information, please visit [YMCABN.org](http://YMCABN.org) or visit any YMCA Buffalo Niagara location.

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# The Grapevine

**Dog Ears Bookstore.** A new six-week session of the Adult Writers' Workshop is slated at Dog Ears Bookstore & Café, 688 Abbott Road, Buffalo. Classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning Thursday, Jan. 26. All participants will present current writing efforts that will be gently critiqued. Light refreshments are included, and the cost is \$75 for all six meetings. To register for the Adult Writers' Workshop, which continues on Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2, please call the bookstore at 823-2665 or email John Schreier at jmarkschrei@aol.com. For more information on Dog Ears Bookstore, please visit <http://dogearsbookstore.org>. You can also follow Dog Ears Bookstore on Facebook for frequent updates.

**Shakespeare in Delaware Park.** Auditions for Shakespeare in Delaware Park's 48th season will be held on Jan 21, 22, 23 Saturday January 21st 9am to 1pm open call by appointment Sunday January 22nd 9am to 1pm call backs Monday January 23rd 5pm to 9pm call backs auditions will be held at: Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart 3860 Main Street (Clare Music Hall Building) Buffalo, NY 14226. Open call auditions are by appointment only. To arrange an appointment, please call (716) 856-4533 on or after January 2nd (no audition appointments will be accepted before January 2nd). Actors should prepare one memorized, Shakespearean monologue, not to exceed 2 minutes. All actors are requested to bring a resume/career bio and a head shot to the audition. All ethnicities are encouraged to audition.



**Snowball Effect Pop Up** is happening on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 12:00PM EST at Black Butterfly Event Venue at 769 Main Street, Buffalo, New York. and It's Free Vendors of all kinds are Welcome! . All Are Welcome To Come And Check Out The Vendors - Food - Live Dj - Bakers - Photographers - Chefs - Infused Goodies - Designers - Artists - Musicians - Poets - Candles - Trinkets - And

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**All Heritages Celebrate - Lunar New Year Celebration Gala** starts on Sunday, January 22, 2023 on 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM at Center for the Arts 103 Center For The Arts Buffalo, NY. All Heritages Celebrate! CCWNY (Chinese Club of WNY) invites you to the Lunar New Year Celebration Gala. Free and open to the public.



**Trivia Night to benefit Dog Ears Bookstore** will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28, at Bishop Timon - St. Jude High School, 601 McKinley Parkway, Buffalo. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with trivia by quizmaster Gary Browne kicking off at 7 p.m. This is a "BYO" food and drink event. A split club and basket raffle will also be featured at the event. Twenty-eight tables are available for trivia teams, with eight seats per table. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information, please call Dog Ears at 823-2665 or visit the bookstore at 688 Abbott Road.



**Ten Lives Club's Search For Chili Cook-Off Contestants.** Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group is looking for chili contestants for their annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser Sunday, January 22. Looking to share your chili recipe? Do you have a unique chili to share? Sign-up to be a contestant for Ten Lives Club's Chili Cook-Off! Whether you have a secret recipe, family gathering favorite, or extra spicy base, Ten Lives Club welcomes all chilis! By entering the contest, you have a chance to win a money prize for Best Chili, Best Vegetarian Chili, and Best Decorated Table. There is a category for "Best Restaurant Chili" as all restaurants and businesses are encouraged to enter their chili in the contest. Everyone who participates will receive a gift and their entrance into the event is 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 and butter. The event runs from 12:30pm to 3pm and will be held at Woodlawn Fire Company, located at 3281 Lakeshore Road, Blasdell, NY 14219. For more information on how to enter this event, email [marketing@tenlivesclub.com](mailto:marketing@tenlivesclub.com). Visit Ten Lives Club website to see more details on the event or call their shelter at (716) 646-5577 ext. 1 to have an application mailed to you.



**Winter Clothing Drive Kicks Off for Families in Need.** On Tuesday, January 10th, at 11 a.m., BankOnBuffalo and Explore & More kick off the clothing drive at Gerard Place. Explore & More - The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Children's Museum has partnered with BankOnBuffalo and the Western New York community at large to collect winter clothing items for adults and families at Gerard Place. During this time of year, items such as mittens, hats, scarves, and blankets are in great need for these families. Throughout the month of January, BankOn Buffalo has been hosting an internal clothing drive amongst its associates, along with the museum promoting to its guests.



**Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group** is looking for gift card and theme basket donations for their upcoming events and silent auctions. Gift cards of any amount for services, restaurants and stores would be appreciated. For upcoming events, Ten Lives Club is looking for Spring theme baskets, wine and liquor. Also helpful to the group are small cardboard containers to be used as litter pans and small foil aluminum pans. Pet food of any kind, scoopable litter, cat food pâté and paper towels are always needed. Gift cards can be mailed to Ten Lives Club's Main Shelter at 3741 Lakeshore Road, Blasdell, NY 14219. Theme baskets can be dropped off at their Main Shelter at 3741 Lakeshore Road, Blasdell, NY 14219.

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## Frontier High School Coach Honored At Bills Game



**Dr. Michael Edbauer, President, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York and Rebecca Galanti, Frontier High School.**

During today's victory, the Buffalo Bills and Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York recognized Frontier High School Spanish teacher and girls varsity lacrosse coach Rebecca Galanti as the season's final Highmark Community Hero.

Throughout the regular season, Highmark's Community Hero program shined a spotlight on influential individuals and non-profit organizations in the Western New York community. Like other previous recipients, Frontier High School Athletics will receive a \$2,500 donation in recognition of Rebecca's impact on the community.

This year, Galanti was named coach of the year after guiding the team to back-to-back Section VI titles. A Frontier graduate and award-winning

lacrosse player herself, Galanti began her career coaching the school's junior varsity team before working up to the varsity team.

A leader in the community, Galanti works year-round to build the sport of girls lacrosse through the Falcon Lacrosse Club. Those who work with her say she is a role model and ambassador who works tirelessly to further the sport of girls lacrosse.

Kevin Guest House, Buffalo Go Green, the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park and Family Museum, the Buffalo Urban League, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western New York, and Peaceprints of WNY were also recognized as 2022 Highmark Community Heroes, each receiving a \$2,500 donation.



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NOTICE OF FORMATION of a DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name of LLC: 159 Gorton LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: October 7, 2022 Date of Formation: October 7, 2022 Office of the LLC: Erie County Service: The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 95 17th Street, Buffalo, NY 14213. Registered Agent: Becky Powell, 95 17th Street, Buffalo, NY 14213, is to be the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose permitted for LLCs under NY Limited Liability Company Act. 3

AJRuggiero Remodeling, LLC, filed articles of organization with the NY Secretary of State on 12/06/2022. Office: Erie County. Anthony J. Ruggiero is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NY Secretary of State shall mail copy of process to Anthony J Ruggiero at 109 Deumant Terrace, Buffalo NY 14223. Purpose: General residential remodeling. 6

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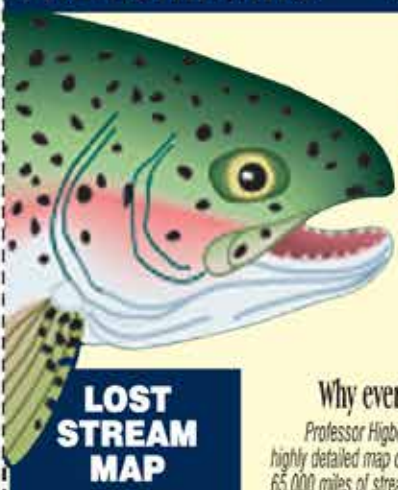
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