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The 41st Taste Of Buffalo



The annual Taste Of Buffalo starts on Saturday, July 13th to Sunday, July 14th.

The Taste of Buffalo presented by Tops starts its 41st annual celebration of Buffalo's food scene, which will be held July 13 and 14 along Delaware Ave and Niagara taste BU alo restaurants, 11 will be participat-Square in down- PRESENTED BY 70PS town Buffalo.

This year's restaurants include a mix of classic American and ethnic cuisines that represent the diverse food culture for which Western New York (WNY) is

known. Of the 44 ing in the event for the first time. Additionally, 24 veteran restaurants will be offering new items -

with the best new item chosen by festival goers! There will also be three Rockstar Kitchen Pop-Ups featuring some of Buffalo's most prominent chefs, including two James Beard finalists selling their delicious dishes.

To complete the picture of summertime bliss, the Taste Continued on page five.

Purple Heart Recipients To Be Honored

Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns will again honor veterans that have been bestowed the Purple Heart by adding their name to the William J. Donovan Purple Heart Recipients Book of

Merit. Kearns is encouraging veterans who were awarded the Purple Heart or their surviving family members to submit their request to his office by August 1st in order to be added to the

of this year's ceremony. Purple Heart veterans or their families must complete a short application that can be obtained online at erie.gov/clerk/ PurpleHeartForm or by email at salutes@erie.gov as well as provide proof

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the award was issued. Those with additional questions can call the Erie County Clerk's office at 716-858-6787.

"I think it is important to honor the brave men women who and

have served and sacrificed for our Country. They deserve to be recognized and I am pleased we can maintain a record of our local military heroes at the Erie County Clerk's Office",

established Kearns the William J. Donovan Purple Heart Recipients Book of Merit in 2018 and has committed to add to the book each year with new recipients, which is now in its sixth year. The book is named after Buf-

falo native and leading advocate for the Central Intelligence Agency, William J. Donovan. Donovan would receive three Purple Hearts during his service in the military, and would go on to heard the predecessor of the

CIA, during World War II.

The complete volume
of the William J. Donovan Purple Heart Book of Merit is on display year-round at the Erie County Clerk's Office in Old County Hall located at 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo. It presently holds five hundred forty (540) names of those honored with the Purple Heart from Erie County.

The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration awarded to members of the United States military who were wounded or Continued on page four.

Buffalo Zoo Welcomes New Red Panda

The Buffalo Zoo is thrilled to announce the arrival of a new female red panda!

11-month-old, This named Himalaya, has officially settled into her new home at the Zoo's red panda habitat. She comes to Buffalo from the Greenville Zoo in Greenville, South

Carolina as part of the Association of Zoo and Aquariums (AZA) Species Survival Plan (SSP) for red pandas. This program ensures the genetic health of threatened and endangered species in zoos across North America.

"We are thrilled to Continued on page four.



The new 11-month-old Red Panda, Himalaya

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



December, 1992. POSTED...The new Northside Station Post Office, at 725 Hertel Ave., opened Monday, replacing the former sites at 1697 Hertel and 520 Tonawanda St.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH **SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH MONDAY, JUNE 17TH TUESDAY. JUNE 18TH**



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stated Kearns.

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White Sox or Red Sox? It Doesn't Matter.



The Triple AAA 10 year old White Sox - Front row kneeling left to right- Daniel Hannon, Paul Harrod Jr., Henry-Morris Beerman- Brink, Oscar Cross, Cian Pawloski, Ayden Hearon, Alex Dunbar. Back row-left to right coach Kevin Rush, Leo Schwartz, Manager Corey Auerbach, coach Brian Pawloski, Ben Auerbach, coach David Schwartz, Charlie Rush.

Residents living along Shoshone Avenue, Tacoma and Parkside Court are up in arms. They're upset that cars are being parked on both sides of their streets, blocking their driveways and making it impossible to reach their homes at night after 6:00pm

during the week and on Saturdays. They have made numerous calls to the Buffalo Police Department as well as recorded vehicles on film parking illegally.

For years, they have tried to be good neighbors to Shoshone Park with everything that goes on in the tiny green space, especially during the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League season from May until early August but their patience is wearing thin. Some have reached out to the leaders of this almost seventy year old league and complained of how families of the little league players, boys and girls, take chances parking their vehicles "for just a couple of hours." Pictures of cars parked illegally in front of their homes have been posted to the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League website www.hnpybl.com and on Facebook.

The Board of Directors of HNPYBL has fielded

many complaints from residents since Opening Day, May 4th, and has been embarrassed by the behavior of some visitors of the Park who think nothing

> of being courteous and lawful. It has been stressed numerous times how families should use the NFTA LaSalle Street Station lot above the Park as the

best place to find a space to watch any or all games. The Park is quickly accessible just by using concrete stairs between diamonds five and seven on the East side of the home of the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League.

This has been a legitimate problem for the League this season and for everyone meeting at the Don Morris Fields at Shoshone Park. With the new Thomas M. Smith Athletic Center being built, parking is at a premium for space just off the work site. A reduced parking lot for cars just past the Beard Avenue entrance has made it difficult to maneuver a vehicle to the League's headquarters at the top of the hill. If you are blocking anyone in this lot, your license plate will be announced over the address system and you will be asked to move your

Fortunately, all the Children playing in the League are having a great season so far. We're six weeks into the Regular season now with most teams having played eight to ten games, depending on a Division. This past Wednesday and Thursday nights, All-Star teams were formed in the various Divisions based on a players age and they competed against each other with their head coaches watching and hundreds of people on hand to watch some good Baseball and Softball. All children played for bragging rights and received a medaillon to wear afterward. It's a great event for Hertel North Park.

For some in the League, team uniforms and names don't mean a thing. Take the 10 year old Boys White Sox team in the Triple AAA Division. While the Major League team from Chicago has struggled so far with just 17 wins through April and May, the White Sox in Hertel North Park, coached by first year manager Corey Auerbach aren't paying any attention to what's going on in Chicago. They just won two in a row with victories over the Royals and Orioles, Daniel Hannon had four hits and struck out three over two innings in the win over a tough Royals team. Oth-er players on the team are Paul Harrod Jr., Henry Morris Beerman-Brink, Oscar Cross, Cian Pawloski, Ayden Hearon, Alex Dunbar, Leo Schwartz, Ben Auerbach and Charlie Rush. Other players include Liam Duddy, Atticus Huebner and Cameron Kreuz.

Norah Jordan, Zoey Insalaco, Tilly Scanlon and Edith Mogavero each had two hits to help lead the Triple AAA Bulldogs to a 7-3 victory over the Spartans. The Wolfpack won their first game of the year over the Devils, 6-5 as Lola Houck knocked in Maggie Felver in the come from behind victory.

Gus O'Brien hit a double and a triple and struck out three on the mound to keep the Braves undefeated in Double AA with a 3-1 win over the Dodgers.

Skyler Callanan pitched for the first time in a Crimson Tide win over the Yellow Jackets. Bengi Hadden had three hits and scored two runs for the Giants in an 11-3 win over the Cardi-

Sylvie Fyda hit a three run homerun and had two more hits for the Razorbacks in a 13-7 win over the Bears. Jordan Sabia scored the game winning run and teammate Charlie Ryan scored two others to help lead the Yankees to an



The Blotter **Felonies**

From "D" District

Stolen ATV Chase On Dewitt Street

North Buffalo June 10, 2024

Amherst Street - Defendant did take miscellaneous amount of candy bars and Ensure drinks (value \$68.51) concealed them in a reusable Tops bag and did pass all points of purchase.

June 10, 2024

Amherst Street - Defendant and victim got into a verbal altercation when victim went outside to defendant and placed couch in front of door to not let her back in defendant that punched glass window on door causing it to break.

June 9, 2024

Amherst Street - Officers responded to a car accident. One party did have outstanding warrants out of Livingston, Lackawanna, and Buffalo.

June 9, 2024

PROGRESSIVE

Kenmore Avenue - After having verbal argument with victim defendant did grab victim's arm causing selling and bruising and a small laceration to victim's fingers. DIR completed.

West Side June 9, 2024

cation in front of juvenile.

June 8, 2024
Pooley Place - On above date and time at approx 1830 hours the victim did meet the defendant at 83 Forest Avenue upon the victim agreeing to sell his 1995 Red Honda ATV to the defendant for \$2,500.00. At this time the defendant did ask if he could test drive the ATV. The defendant the fled on mentioned ATV eastbound towards Dewitt without rendering payment. Victim's statement taken and defendant ID'd by photo array. Officers apprehended suspect on Dewitt.

June 9, 2024

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Grant Street - Defendant and victim did engage in altercation during custody exchange with their son. Defendant followed victim home causing him to feel threatened and alarmed. Defendant damaged victim's phone and pepper sprayed him during alter-

Grant Street - Defendant did slash rear tire of victim's vehicle causing \$200.00 in damage.

Riverside June 8, 2024

Henrietta Avenue - Defendant was trespassing at 998 Grant Street, when officers were conducting investigation. Defendant did pull away in an attempt to hide narcotics. Defendant did actively try to stop officers from obtaining narcotics. Crack was recovered from defendant.

June 8, 2024

Reservation Street - Officers responded to a call for person down and defendants were located inside stolen vehicle in back seat of car. Additionally a plastic bag containing white powdery substance was recovered from brown purse in back seat. Defendants were also in possession of car keys to vehicle. Narcotics believed to be cocaine weighed 6.7 grams. Vehicle valued at \$20,000.

June 8, 2024

West Eagle Street - On above date and time at approximately 0806 hours the defendant, known to the staff, entered 492 Grant Street, Family Dollar. Knowing the defendant as a shop lifter the staff asked him to leave at which time he struck the glass entry door causing it to break. Damages estimated to be \$8,500.00. Male was apprehended near Grant and Arkansas.

June 7, 2024

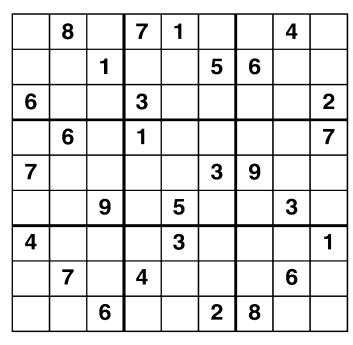
Ontario Street - On the above date, time, and location, officers investigating suspicious person in private lot nodding in and out of consciousness. Upon talking to swap, he did admit to officers he did have a warrant upon search of his person and belongings to officers. Officer did recover in a black art bag a clear tied off plastic baggie containing a white grayish powder substance believed to be heroin. Submitted to lab.

Kids' Maze ©2024 King Features Syndicate, Inc. Answers on page seven.

Wednesday at 1:00 pm

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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: ◆◆◆

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Answers on page seven.

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Ask Rusty – How Will My WEP **Reduction Be Calculated?**

Dear Rusty: I don't understand exactly how the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) works for my situation. I turned 62 in 2017 and am currently still working in a "non-covered" job, not paying into Social Security, but from which I will get a government pension when I retire. I began collecting Social Security at my full retirement age in 2021 and am now collecting \$1507 per month thanks to the cost of living adjustments since I started. Will my Social Security benefit be reduced by \$587 if I retire this year?

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

by WEP. Dear Con*fused:* You're certainly not alone to be confused by WEP, and your situation is somewhat special because you started your SS benefits before taking your "non-covered" government pension. And, unfortunately, most tools and charts which suggest how much WEP will reduce your Social Security benefit don't accommodate that nuance very

In your case, when you claimed Social Security at your full retirement age (FRA), you were awarded the full benefit you were entitled to, unreduced by WEP because you were not yet collecting your non-covered government pension. You were able to collect your full SS amount and receive each

year's full cost of living adjustments (COLA) to those higher amounts. What actually happens is that each person's Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) is first determined at age 62, and Social Security applies an annually awarded COLA to their PIA (primary insurance amount), even if they're not yet receiving benefits. You received your full PIA, including COLA, because you claimed at your full retirement age. But when you start collecting your pension from your non-covered government job, the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) will kick in and reduce your Social Security benefit.

The amount of WEP reduction depends on how many years you had contributed to Social Security from "substantial" earnings but, with 20 or fewer years, the maximum WEP reduction is determined by the year you turn 62 and doesn't change. Since you turned 62 in 2017, your maximum WEP reduction, according to Social Security's process, is \$442.50 - lower than the \$587 you suspect.

Nevertheless, due to the way Social Security calculates the WEP reduction, the reduction from your current amount will seem larger than the WEP maximum. And that's because of the way Social Security applies the WEP reduction to your benefit. They start by first removing all cost-of-living increases since you were 62

ance amount (PIA). They will then take your PIA (sans COLA) and subtract \$442.50 (if you have more than 20 years of substantial SS-covered earnings they will subtract less), and then they will reapply all the cost-of-living increases since you were 62 to your WEP-reduced PIA. What just happened, in effect, is that your previous (pre-WEP) COLA increases were removed from your PIA, and those same COLA percentages were reapplied to your WEP-reduced smaller PIA, to arrive at your new monthly benefit amount under the Windfall Elimination Provision. that new amount will be lower than your previous SS benefit amount by more than the published maximum WEP reduction for the year you turned

Aword of caution: Timely notification to Social Security of your non-covered pension is very important. As soon as you receive your non-covered pension award letter, deliver it to your local Social Security office and request a WEP recalculation of your SS retirement benefit. The WEP recalculation will likely take months to process, during which time you will continue to receive your higher non-WEP SS benefit. That means you will be overpaid for the period between when your non-covered pension started and the month your new WEP SS payment began, and that overpayment must be refunded to Social Security.

Purple Heart Recipients To Be Honored

Continued from page one. killed while serving, on or after April 5, 1917. Originally called the Badge of Military Merit, the Purple Heart was created by George Washington on August 7, 1782. In addition to receiving a purple heart shaped award, the honoree's name and regiment were inscribed in a "Book of Merit" which was lost after the Revolutionary War and the award was largely forgotten until over 100 years later.

Kearns will recognize the William J. Donovan

Purple Heart Recipients and honor all Purple Heart veterans during a ceremony on Wednesday, August 7th which also serves as National Purple Heart Day annually. Complete ceremony details will be made available as the event date approaches.

In addition, Old County Hall will be lit up purple, August 5-11th, in honor of Purple Heart Appreciation Day and in solemn recognition of all service members injured or killed

in action.



Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) What subject does Walter White teach at the beginning of "Breaking Bad"?
- 2. Which three countries make up the Baltic states in Europe?
- 3) What is the title of The Beatles' first album?
- 4) Prince Edward Island is the inspiration for which novel series?
- 5) Which Roman emperor built a wall across northern England to deter invaders?
- 6) Which movie first featured the character Lisbeth Salander?

Last Answers: 1. Lake Ontario. 2. "Cheers." 3. The knee. 4. Mr. Boddy. 5. Goliath frog. 6. Atmospheric pressure. 7. Sancho Panza. 8. "Groundhog Day." 9. Thespis, 6th-century poet 10. "Cowboy Carter.

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Flag Day



"Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima", by Joe Rosenthal.

love our flag, beautiful flag, red and white and blue. pledge allegiance to the flag, of the Unit-States of America My country tis of thee, sweet land of Liberty. The older generation would remember that before class when grammar school started, we would do the pledge of allegiance and sing, "My Country Tis of Thee". Daily and without anybody protesting or refusing to stand and show their pride in the country and the flag. Of course, when I was in grammar school, World War Two was in full swing. We were all one and truly the United States. We were all Americans fighting for the same cause. To stay as a sovereign country. Our symbol was the American flag, and everybody honored and respected it like it was sacred. It was sacred, and we loved it. Just a piece of cloth with certain colors on it. No matter what it looked like, we loved it. It meant America, land that we loved.

June 14th is Flag Day. A day set aside to honor our flag, the stars and stripes. Back then almost every house had a flag waving especially on that day. The American flag was everywhere. Not only on that day but everyday. In fact, as a kid, when we used to go for our Sunday ride in the country, we would count flags instead of cows as there were so many. We always had a flag waving. To this day I still have flags waving every day at my home in Florida, here, and at our business. You can call me what you want but I love my country and our flag.

Like most patriotic Americans it bothers me to see the flag dishonored. I am so happy the football player that kneeled during the National Anthem never played football again. There still is some justice. One of the things we do know is that the picture of the men raising the flag on Iwo Jima has become a classic photo over the years. It shows the struggle our country went through to save our freedom. It is difficult to compare then to now. That generation to the now generation. How would we survive now like we did then?

On the 80th anniversary of D-Day, there was a ceremony in Normandy that some of us watched. They had a lot of veterans there who survived the landing on that Memorial Day. Most were in their late 90's and some even one hundred or older. Just young boys in their teens storming a beach in a strange country. These are the survivors, so many did not make it and their young lives ended that day. There is no greater sac-

One of the things that bothered me was an interview with a vet who was exactly one hundred years old. He was doing well for the beginning of the talk but as he was speaking, he broke down in tears. He was actually crying real tears as he recollected that day. His sorrow was not about that day as much, but the way things are today. I do not recall his exact quote, but he did say how upset he was that they fought and died for what? He was distraught over the way the country is today. Here is a 100-year-old man who lived through the worst day of his life, crying over the results of what he and so many of his buddies made, the supreme sacrifice for. That was sad.

That is why you will know that almost every veteran will proudly have a flag waving at their home on Flag Day. They did what they were called upon to do, whenever and wherever for whatever it takes to maintain our freedom. The flag is their symbol, let it be ours.

Three cheers for the red, white and blue,

For the red is the blood of our brothers.

The white is the light of

That has led us to where

The blue is the hue of Where on high the Al-

mighty falters never. Our banner for two hun-

dred years! Oh pioneers! Here's to the stars and stripes forev-

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to Jbortze@aol.com



Continued from page one. welcome our newest resident - Himalaya. She is a beautiful red panda with a charming and playful spirit," said Lisa Smith, President and CEO at the Buffalo Zoo. buffalozoo "She is an adorable ambassador for her species, which is in danger of extinction. Himalaya will help us raise awareness about the vital importance of conservation and our

role in saving wildlife. Himalaya will join the Buffalo Zoo's male red panda, Mogwai with the hope that the two will become a breeding pair. The two have yet to meet, but over the coming weeks, the Zoo's animal care team will begin introductions.

> Mogwai is a threeyear-old, who came to Buffalo from the Pueblo Zoo in 2023.

Red pandas are native to the Eastern Himalayas and are classified as endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Habitat loss and poaching are the biggest threats to these charismatic creatures.

Visitors can view Himalaya in the red panda habitat, located in the Vanishing Animals North section of the Buffalo Zoo.

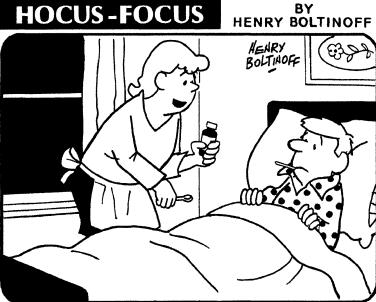
The 41st Taste Of Buffalo

Continued from page one. features multiple stages offering cooking demonstrations, as well as entertainment by local bands. It's a recipe for summer fun that's delectable and unforgettable. There is no admission charge to the Taste of Buffalo. Food is purchased with tickets, which are sold in \$5 increments. Most dishes cost between \$2-\$5.

"By bringing together people from every corner of our region and beyond to sample our delicious and diverse selection of local cuisine, the Taste of Buffalo perfectly showcases so much of what makes Buffalo special," said 2024 Taste of Buffalo Chair Tom Mahoney. "Between our new and returning restaurants, live music from local favorites, family-friendly activities, and a beautiful summer weekend in downtown Buffalo, there's something for everyone to enjoy at the Taste!"

For more information on the nation's largest two-day food festival and a full lineup of restaurants, head to www.tasteofbuffalo.com.





Find at least six differences in details between panels.



5. Fingers are moved, 6. Leaf is missing from flower. different. 3. Cap is missing from bottle. 4. Headboard is taller. Differences: 1. Thermometer is missing. 2. Apron bow is







Nativity of the BVM School: A reunion for ALL YEARS on Albany Street in Buffalo will be held July 21, 2024 at FONTANA'S GROVE- 2299 Clinton Street, W. Seneca. Reservations are a must! Call Helen Brown Kurzdorfer at 716-400-7977 or Rosie Di-Liberto Mendolera at 716-881-1306 before 5/15/24.



Afternoon Drive Host WEBR AM 1440 AND FM 105.3 is one of Buffalo's most iconic radio stations. We are celebrating our 100TH Anniversary in 2024 and would like you to join our family!! We are currently looking for an Afternoon Drive host to be on air from 2PM-6PM Monday-Friday. Bring your energy and ability to relate to our listeners. Experience preferred, but will consider someone who is willing to learn and take direction. College radio would be a big plus!! Great support with local ownership. Have fun, be yourself and grow at the same time!! Please email a recent air check to: Tony Venturoli, Program Director. WEBR AM 1440, FM 105.3. Email address is:

ajthedj104@hotmail.com. Phone 716-481-8836.



Bennett High School Class of 64 60th reunion. August 9-11,2024 Friday night at the Parkside Meadow. Saturday a trip to the new AKG (Albright Knox) \$20 each and/or trip TBA. Sat night cocktail party at Sean Patricks (\$60 each) Sunday morning a farewell brunch in a beautiful garden setting. For more information contact Sharron Witkin Frommann at fro457@aol.com or 716-634-3495 leave a message.



11th Annual Hope Chest Buffalo Niagara Dragon Boat Festival premieres Saturday, June 15. The 2024 Hope Chest Buffalo Niagara Dragon Boat FestivalTM and races will once again be held at Buffalo RiverWorks, a popular Buffalo venue for boating, sports, music, and entertainment. This Western New York summer festival is free to spectators! As part of the day's events there will be a 50/50 drawing, basket raffle, merchandise sale, refreshments, and children's activities. The festival includes a Carnation Cere-

mony, which is a tribute to women who have lost their lives to breast cancer and to those who continue to fight. This ceremony honors their resilience and celebrates their enduring spirit. Paddlers and spectators toss carnations to represent strength and perseverance. Over 40 corporate, community and breast cancer teams from all over North America have registered for the race. All proceeds benefit Hope Chest of Buffalo.



UB Law Alumni Association, Inc. (the "UBLAA"): a special meeting of the Voting Members (as such term is defined in the By-Laws) of the UBLAA will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024, from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EST at UB School of Law, Cellino and Barnes Conference Center, Room 509, Buffalo, NY 14260 for consideration of the proposed merger of the UBLAA with and into the UB Alumni Association, Inc. as part of the broader University at Buffalo alumni association consolidation compliance process. This notice is given by Patricia S. Ciccarelli, UBLAA Secretary.



Buffalo River Fest Park is set to host the Annual Buffalo River Festival Sunday, June 16th 2024 at 249 Ohio Street, Buffalo, NY. Amongst the lineup of family friendly activities River Fest attendees can participate in a Kids Fishing Contest for children age

14 and under sponsored by InTomes Technical Services Inc.Walk up registration is at 9:30 a.m. and contest runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lots of prizes! For more information on Buffalo River Festival and Fire Boat Rides taking place in Buffalo River visit buffaloriverfestpark.com.

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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: Wile E.—and the Road Runner

Bearcat Gray fox Gray squirrel

Groundhog

Husky Kittens Marmot

Pack rat Raccoon Red fox Mongoose Red panda Rock squirrel Springhare Weasel

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Answers on page seven.

FREE NORTH PARK PASSES: G. Radford, 185 Admiral Rd., 14216

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ERIE PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff 26 AGAINST JAMES A. LORIMOR; ARWEN E. LORIMOR; ET AL., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered April 22, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Closing Room of the Erie County Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo NY 14202 on July 8, 2024 at 10:00AM, premises known as 101 Pinehurst Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14225.

All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cheektowaga, County of Erie and State of New York, Section: 91.19 Block: 3 Lot: 44. Approximate amount of judgment \$98,186.98 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment

Index #807593/2022.

The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the ERIE County COVID-19 Protocols located on the Office of Court Administration (OCA) website (https:// ww2.nycourts.gov/Admin/oca.shtml) and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. For sale information, please contact XOME at www.Xome.com or call (844) 400-9633.

> Jeffrey Marion, Esq., Referee Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Rochester, NY 14614 XPNMC446 80558

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Application for Authority of Goldstar Fashion LLC filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/2/2024. The fict. name under which the LLC will do business in NY is Goldstar Crystals LLC. Formed in MD 4/16/2021. Office loc.: Erie County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC on whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to and the office address in MD is c/o Halil Aslan, 4384 Eagle Court, Waldorf, MD 20603. Arts. of Organization filed with Daniel K. Phillips, Interim Dir. of Assessments and Taxation, 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore, MD 21201. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of D & L Laundromat, LLC, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on April 16, 2024. Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 5775 Broadway, Lancaster NY 14086. Any lawful purpose.

Family Court of the State of New York, County of Monroe, File No.: 65214, Docket No.: V-14274-09/24 To respondent Omar Santiago: Please take notice that petitioner Johanne Diaz, n/k/a Johanne Duran has filed a petition in the Monroe Family Court, File No. 65214, seeking an order of sole custody to modify existing order of custody between the parties. The

petition is returnable in the Monroe County Family Court, 99 Exchange Street, Rochester, New York 14614, Hon. Kristine M. Demo-Vazquez, on June 27, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that your failure to appear may constitute a default, which may result, without further notice to you, in the modification of the order or other disposition of the custody of the child. Signed /s/ Alexander Korotkin, Esq., attorney for petitioner, 70 Linden Oaks, Rochester, New York 14625, (585) 662-4180.

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ERIE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No. 814147/2023

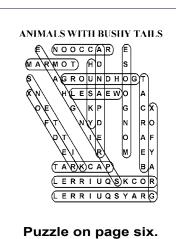
NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBUTEES OR DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE SHARON BEARFIELD AKA SHARON A. BEARFIELD, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES. DISTRIBUTEES. EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST. ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the 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 a 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. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Donna M. Siwek, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 2nd day of May, 2024 at Buffalo, New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: SBL: 92.18-12-20 ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Town of Cheektowaga, County of Erie and State of New York, being part of Lot No. 4, Township 11, Range 7 of the Holland Land Company's Survey and according to Map filed in Erie County Clerk's Office under Cover No. 2107, is known as the easterly 15 feet of Subdivision Lot No. 26-C and according to Map filed in Erie County Clerk's Office under Cover No. 2082, is known as the westerly 35 feet of Subdivision Lot No. 27. Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record. These premises are also known as 77 Poinciana Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14225. Woods Oviatt 0 LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 500 Bausch & Lomb Place Rochester, NY 14604

Inliner Solutions, LLC – ITB: M/WBE Certified Firms Project: Sanitary Sewer Lining Project Location: Tonawanda, NY Bid Due Date: 06/25/2024 Quotes Returned: 06/20/2024 Scopes: Bypass pumping – diameters 24" and larger (237110) CCTV/Cleaning (562998) Manhole rehab – OBIC (237110) Specs/Plans /Questions—Ashden Middlebrooks | ashden. middlebrooks@puriscorp.com | 470-503-5624 24

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Plaintiff, Against
CAROLYN DAWSON A/K/A CAROLYN VERSER, MAURICE SESSUM,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 09/23/2022, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Land Records Office of the Erie County Clerk's office located on the first floor of 92 Franklin Street in Buffalo, NY, on 6/21/2024 at 1:00pm, premises known as 81 Blake Street, Buffalo, NY 14211, And Described As Follows: ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City Of Buffalo, County Of Erie And State Of New York.

Section 101.33 Block 5 Lot 41

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$124,558.65 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 802933/2020 Jeffrey E. Marion, Esq., Referee.

MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, 10 Midland Avenue, Suite 205, Port Chester, NY 10573

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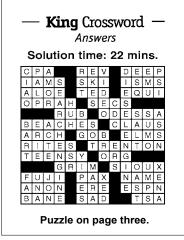
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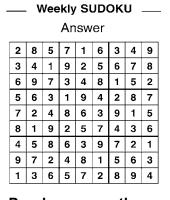
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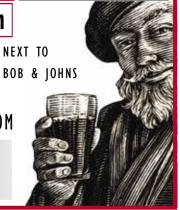
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