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## The Taste Of Buffalo 2024!



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The annual Taste of Buffalo returns Saturday, July 13th to Sunday, July 14th.

The Taste of Buffalo presented by Tops announced today that 44 restaurants and food trucks and four wineries will participate in the 41st annual celebration of Buffalo's food scene, which will be held July 13 and 14 along Delaware Ave and Niagara



Square in downtown 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 restaurants, 11 will be participat-

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

## Buffalo Pool Season Is Now Underway

With summer officially underway, four City of Buffalo outdoor pools opened today, with a fifth pool opening on the following Monday, July 8th. Mayor Byron W. Brown is pleased with this result, a positive outcome directly related to a very active, yearslong recruitment and training campaign for lifeguards. Mayor Brown stated, "We are very excited that we are able to open all available City pools this summer, thanks to City youth who trained to be City lifeguards this season. I want to thank our



returning and new lifeguard staff for stepping up, as well as the Division of Parks and Recreation and the Police Athletic League of Buffalo, for its commitment to our robust lifeguard recruitment and training program. This is an excellent opportunity for our youth to make money as a lifeguard, while ensuring children and their families have a safe place to cool off and swim." Like many cities across the country since the COVID-19 global health pandemic, Buffalo faced a lifeguard shortage in previous years, which led to

the launch of an aggressive lifeguard recruitment and training program. Last year, Kensington, Riverside and Centennial Pools were the only outdoor pools to open. On Monday, July 1, 2024, the JFK Pools opened. Houghton Pool, which is undergoing an unexpected minor repair, is scheduled to open on Monday, July 8th. Cazenovia and Lovejoy indoor pools are open again this season. The following outdoor pools are now open.

- Centennial Outdoor Pool
- JFK Outdoor Pool
- Kensington Outdoor Pool

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## GSWNY Celebrates President's Volunteer Lifetime Service Award

Girl Scouts of Western New York (GSWNY) is delighted to announce that one of its dedicated youth members has been honored with the prestigious President's Volunteer Lifetime Service Award. This esteemed recognition, established in 2003 by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, acknowledges individuals whose volunteer service has

significantly impacted communities nationwide and has inspired others to engage in civic activities. MJ Breeze, a committed Girl Scout from the Ken-Ton service unit, has achieved this remarkable milestone by dedicating over 4,500 hours of volunteer service in just five years. Their extensive involvement includes serving as a youth member of the Out-

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## Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



September, 1992. AWARDS BANQUET HONORS YOUTH BASEBALL...The Hertel-North Park Youth Baseball League held its 1992 awards banquet Friday and Saturday at St. Rose of Lima at Parkside Avenue and Winston Road. This year's league grew to 940 boy and girl players. Pictured above, after receiving awards Saturday, are girls from the Senior Ponytail 13-to-15 year-old division, regular season champions as well as playoff champions, and those on the 10-to-12 year-old tournament team, champions of Western New York Babe Ruth tournament, first place winners in the Wheatfield tournament and third place winners in the Lou Gehrig tournament.

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH	FRIDAY, JULY 5TH	SATURDAY, JULY 6TH	SUNDAY, JULY 7TH	MONDAY, JULY 8TH	TUESDAY, JULY 9TH	WEDNESDAY, JULY 11TH
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# Music Is Art Festival '24 Moves To Buffalo's Outer Harbor

The 22nd Annual Music is Art Festival premieres Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 11am - 11pm at the Terminal B, Lakeside Lawn, and Buffalo's Outer Harbor. Admission is absolutely free!

After months of planning, Music is Art Festival organizers and AKG staff have agreed that too many challenges stand in the way of presenting our annual music festival on the grounds of Buffalo's AKG and Buffalo State University without compromising the energy and character of the event.

In order to present WNY with the experience that it has come to expect with our annual festival, we are beyond excited to announce that the AKG and BSU will be joining us at our new location on



September 21st, 2024 at the NEW location for our annual Music is Art Festival, Buffalo's newest concert venue Terminal B, the neighboring Lakeside Lawn, and Buffalo's Outer Harbor.

With nearly 17 acres of lakefront grounds to host 26 stages with hundreds of musical acts, dancers, DJs, performance artists, over 50 displaying artists, dozens of live art installations, circus arts, kids activities, food trucks, vendors and libations, Buffalo's Outer Harbor and Terminal B provides a perfectly amazing canvas to showcase our WNY creative community.

Ample free and paid parking options for nearly 2,000 cars, along with shuttle services, bike accommodations and VIP

experiences will all be available.

The Music is Art Festival strives to be a beacon of artistic expression and a truly inclusive cultural gathering in Buffalo showcasing the vibrant energy and diverse talents of the local and regional art and music scene. As we continue to prepare to present our annual event, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for what this year's festival will bring.

Stay tuned for more announcements regarding the lineups, VIP ticket information, and special events leading up to the festival. For more information about the Music is Art Festival, including how to participate or attend, please visit our website at [www.musicisart.org/festival](http://www.musicisart.org/festival) or follow us on social media @MusicIsArtBflo.

# Summer City Fitness Program Returns For A Ninth Season

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York President Dr. Michael Edbauer, announced the next chapter of his Summer City Fitness initiative, a free outdoor fitness program that began eight years ago at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park as part of a partnership between the City of Buffalo and Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York. Its new name is Summer City Fitness at Johnnie B. Wiley. The 2024 relaunch will showcase a new brand identity, a new venue, and feature Body of Wealth, a team of expert fitness instructors who are committed to improve the health, well-being and quality of life of all Buffalo residents.

Mayor Brown said, "With Summer City Fitness at Johnnie B. Wiley, we are kicking off our 9th season by taking this free outdoor fitness program to an exciting new level. Body of Wealth instructors have something for everyone, so I invite fitness enthusiasts of all levels to check it out. I want to thank Dr. Michael Edbauer and his staff at Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York for their continued dedication to this program, which continues our shared mission to

support initiatives that further promote positive attitudes and behaviors through a lifelong commitment to wellness."

"Over the last eight years, we've witnessed firsthand how Summer City Fitness brings hundreds of people together each summer, promoting healthy lifestyles and fostering a stronger community," said Dr. Michael Edbauer, president of Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. "As the City of Buffalo's official health plan, we're proud to continue our support of this impactful program with Mayor Byron W. Brown at the Johnnie B. Wiley Amateur Athletic Sports Pavilion, another cherished East Buffalo landmark."

Summer City Fitness at Johnnie B. Wiley begins Saturday, June 29th, and continues ev-

ery Saturday through Saturday, September 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The Johnnie B. Wiley Amateur Athletic Sports Pavilion is located at 1100 Jefferson Avenue. The fitness class will take place in the lot near the corner of Jefferson Avenue and Best Street.

This is the ninth season of Summer City Fitness, sponsored by Mayor Brown, the City of Buffalo and Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York. It accommodates all levels of fitness. In addition, free fruits will be supplied by Urban Fruits and Veggies to participants.

All classes are weather permitting. For more information on Summer City Fitness and other activities, go to [www.buffalony.gov](http://www.buffalony.gov).

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# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

### Bike Chase And Drug Bust On Forest

**North Buffalo**  
**June 30 2024**

Commonwealth Avenue - Victim was holding juvenile when defendant did strike victim in the face two times causing pain and swelling.

**June 30, 2024**

Hertel Avenue - Defendant did flash a silver handgun from his waistband at complainant after verbal altercation. Defendant pulled over on Main and Glenwood and brought back for positive ID on show up.

**June 29, 2024**

Hertel Avenue - While at 86 Greeley following a verbal argument defendant did threaten to break windows and push victim.

**June 28, 2024**

Fairchild Place - The victim and the suspect did get into a verbal and physical altercation while on Facebook live. The suspect then threw a knife and a fork causing injuries to the victim and their child. The suspect

also attempted to choke the victim.

**West Side**  
**June 30, 2024**

Elmwood Avenue - All call for drunk driver after witness flagged down officer. Defendant was located northbound at red light on Elmwood at Hertel Avenue. Defendant did drive north on green light and then drive over curb of above address. Defendant was found to be intoxicated and driving in violation of his license.

**June 29, 2024**

Grant Street - Defendant did unlawfully enter Family Dollar store located at 492 Grant Street after previously being trespassed on 5/18/24. Defendant did take \$20.00 worth of flowers and did pass all points of purchase before exiting the store without payment. Camera footage available.

**Riverside**  
**July 1, 2024**

Ontario Street - Officers were flagged down at 15 Upper East by com-

plainant stating a male with a red backpack had just stole her army fatigue motorbike from the front porch. Officers observed defendant on bike at Ontario at Evelyn. Bike costs approximately \$500.00.

**July 1, 2024**

Forest Avenue - Suspect was approached by police and asked to get off of his bike so that officers could conduct an investigation due to him matching the description of a suspect who committed a crime. Misdemeanor and Grand Larceny, white male wearing white/cream colored hoodie, hat, white backpack on a bike. Suspect was stopped on Niagara Street and Forest Avenue, west of the bike path and did interfere with officers duty by fleeing on his bike eastbound across Niagara Street onto the bike path. Past 100 Forest along West Avenue, officers did use lights and sirens to stop suspect, as officer stepped out of patrol car suspect did flee again and pedal away on bike. Officer did chase on foot telling him to stop and did tackle suspect off the bike. Suspect then did refuse to give officer his hands and did passively resist by tensing up and laying on his arms to impede officer from arresting. Detaining suspect did then refuse to provide identification information and did provide multiple first names without knowing how to spell them and did knowingly provide a last name he could not spell and did not know his age or how to spell the city he lived in his "whole life" in Ohio. Upon searching suspect he did have in his bag, 1 Green class 4 pill (Benzadiazapine Clonazepam 1mg) outside its original container without a prescription and a white powdery rock appearing to be crack cocaine, weighing 2 grams, as well as a wax paper containing a white powdery substance appearing to be heroin.

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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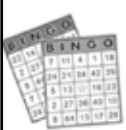
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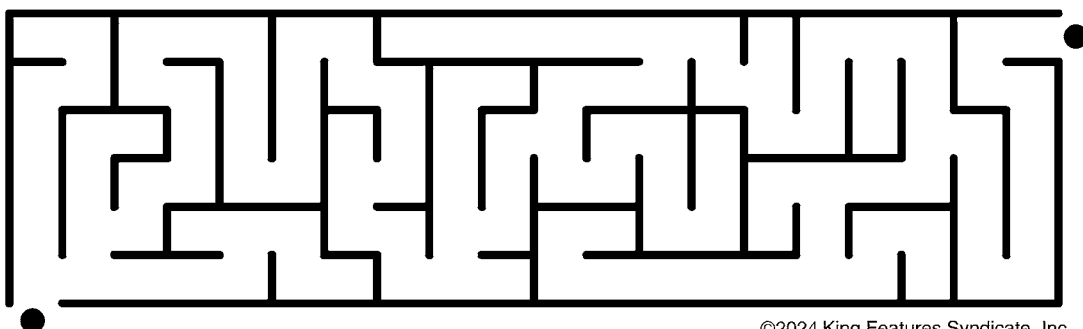
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## Kids' Maze



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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Old Italian money
- 5 Profs' degrees
- 9 "The Matrix" role
- 12 Caspian Sea feeder
- 13 Mine, in Montreal
- 14 Cleric's garment
- 15 When sports events start
- 17 Avril follower
- 18 Whine
- 19 Representative
- 21 Chicago transport
- 22 Sanctioned by Islamic law
- 24 Pottery oven
- 27 Nourished
- 28 Hotel furniture
- 31 JFK info
- 32 Genetic letters
- 33 "Mayday!"
- 34 Jewels
- 36 Weaponize
- 37 D-Day carriers
- 38 Boredom
- 40 Little — Peep neighbor
- 41 Move laterally
- 43 Least possible
- 47 Actor Ferrigno

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- 49 Catchall abbr.
- 52 Actress Sedgwick
- 53 Bailiwick
- 54 Cowboys quarterback Prescott
- 55 Peevish fit
- 56 School session
- 5 Sandbox toy
- 6 "Let me think ..."
- 7 Female hare
- 8 Twine fiber
- 9 Anonymous
- 10 Flair
- 11 Life story?
- 16 Website contact no.
- 20 Talk on and on
- 22 Artist Matisse
- 23 Eden evictee
- 24 Beer barrel
- 25 Mineral suffix
- 26 Politico with limited power
- 27 Lady of the haus
- 29 Speck
- 30 Sound from a hot wok
- 35 NBC show since 1975
- 37 Yogurt variety
- 39 Violin parts
- 40 "Don't — stranger!"
- 41 "Citizen Kane" prop
- 42 Greek vowel
- 43 Accomplishment
- 44 French 101 verb
- 45 Crystal gazer
- 46 Streetcar
- 49 Writer Rand
- 50 Hosp. scan

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## Ask Rusty – Will IRA Withdrawals Affect My Medicare Premiums?

**Dear Rusty:** I am a member of AMAC and learn so much from the Ask Rusty column. I hope you can give me some information about a question that has come up in my family. My husband is retired and has reached full retirement age. He is considering withdrawing money from an IRA to pay off our mortgage. We are wondering what, if any, penalties may be incurred on Social Security, Medicare, and income tax. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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

**Signed: Concerned Taxpayer**

**Dear Concerned:** Thank you for contacting the AMAC Foundation Social Security Advisory Service. Regarding your question on the impact of withdrawing IRA funds, there is no impact to your husband's gross Social Security benefit. The amount withdrawn, of course, is considered ordinary income for federal income tax purposes, and will need to be included as such on your federal income tax return and will therefore affect your federal income tax liability when

you file the return.

Depending on the amount withdrawn, there could be an impact to the Medicare premium due to the Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) provision. Assuming you file jointly, you will pay a higher Medicare Part B premium if your modified adjusted gross income is above certain thresholds (i.e., more than \$103,000 for an individual and \$206,000 for a married couple). Please note that Medicare's procedures will not note this income change for two years, so if you make the withdrawal in 2024 it will not trigger the increases until your 2026 Medicare premiums. A change to your Medicare premium might also result in a change to your net Social Security payment at that time (since Medicare is automatically deducted from your Social Security payment).

Also depending on the amount withdrawn, you may have to pay an additional amount on top of your Medicare Part D premium. The Part D adjustment amount is calculated based on a percentage of the Part D national base beneficiary premium, not on a

percentage of the plan premium.

The Social Security Administration mails letters to beneficiaries who currently pay a Part B Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) and, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), are in a Part D plan. The letter explains the additional Part D amount, and how exactly Social Security will collect it. You can contact SSA at 1-800-772-1213 or your local SSA agency if you have any further questions about your Part D IRMAA premium.

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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## The Taste Of Buffalo 2024!

*Continued from page one.* their delicious dishes.

"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!"

The following restaurants, food trucks, and wineries will be participating in the 2024 Taste of Buffalo (\* notes rookie restaurants):

- A Gust of Sun Winery
- Allen Street Hardware\*
- A'mano Fresh Pasta Kitchen
- Anchi A La Carte
- Avenue29 Foods
- Babcia's Pierogi Kitchen\*
- BW's Barbecue
- Caribbean Flava
- Carrubba's Chicken Pit\*
- Chiavetta's Barbecue
- Chrusciki Bakery
- D.A. Taste\*
- Dirty Bird Chicken N' Waffles LLC
- Fat Lady's Cakes and Pies
- Genevieve's Cheesecakes & Bake

- Shop
    - Golden Hour Treats
    - India Gate
    - Just Pizza
    - Kith & Kin Bake-shop & Bistro
    - KT Caribbean Cuisine
    - La Casa De Sabores
    - Lime House Sushi & Ramen\*
    - Lloyd Taco Trucks
    - Merritt Estate
  - Winery
    - Milk and Tea
    - Mister Pizza Elmwood
    - Mister Sizzle's\*
    - Moneybags Dump-lings\*
    - Mother Cluckers
    - New Jewel of India
    - Nick Charlaps Ice Cream
    - Not Just Cakes\*
    - Osteria 166
    - Pierogi Pete's\*
    - Pizza Amore "The Wood Fire Way"
    - Rachel's Mediterranean Grill
    - Resurgence Brewing Company\*
    - Sidelines Sports Bar and Grill
    - Stack Burger
    - Steaksters
    - Sto Lat Bar\*
    - Sweet Melody's
    - The Bavarian Nut Company
    - Three Brothers Wineries & Estates
    - Venus Greek & Mediterranean
    - Victorianbourg Wine Estate
    - Water Lily Cafe
- For more information on the nation's annual largest two-day weekend food festival, head to [www.tasteofbuffalo.com](http://www.tasteofbuffalo.com).

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Gamma Mora's.....	1465 Hertel Avenue		
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Hertel Park Senior Apartments.....	1631 Hertel Avenue		
Hertel Parker Liquors.....	1859 Hertel Avenue		
Home Taste (Chinese Cuisine).....	3106 Delaware Avenue		
Imagine Salon.....	1527 Hertel Avenue		
Macy's Place.....	3100 Delaware Avenue		
Joey's Place.....	83 Niagara Street		
Joe's Panini Grill.....	3024 Delaware Avenue		
Johnny's Meats.....	1191 Hertel Avenue		
Knights of Columbus.....	1530 Kenmore Avenue		
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# Buffalo Pool Season Is Now Underway

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 Pool  
 • Riverside Outdoor Pool  
 The Houghton Outdoor Pool will open on July 8th. The Cazenovia-Connors, Kait, Harrity Memorial Pool and Lovejoy pools will also remain open for

lap swimming Monday through Friday, as posted, year-round.  
 As previously announced, extended summer hours are now in place at the City's 10 splash pads, every day through Labor Day Monday. The splash pads are operation-

al from 11 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Below is the list of City of Buffalo Splash Pads.

- Ralph Wilson Park - foot of Porter Ave.
  - Allison Park - Reese St., adjacent to Asarese-Matters Community Center
  - MLK Jr. Park Basin - Best St. and Fillmore Ave.
  - Lanigan Park - South Park Ave., west of Louisiana St.
  - Lincoln Park - foot of Quincy St.
  - Cazenovia Park - behind the park casino
  - Houghton Park - foot of Spahn St.
  - Schiller Park - Sprenger St. side of park
  - Roosevelt Park - foot of Roosevelt Ave
  - Kensington Pool and Splash Pad - 665 Kensington Ave
- For more information, go to [www.buffalony.gov](http://www.buffalony.gov).

## ADOPT A PET

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### This Week's Featured Friend: CHELSEA

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## Pop Quiz

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- 1) What is a didgeridoo?
2. What is a baby swan called?
- 3) What is the name of the treaty that ended the Revolutionary War?
- 4) In which country is the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia located?
- 5) What does a hertz measure?
- 6) What color is most of the toilet paper in France?
- 7) What irrational fear is represented by coulrophobia?
- 8) What is the first character to be added to Morse Code since WWII?
- 9) What is the term for a section at the end of a book that concludes what has happened?
- 10) Which president turned down offers to play professional football after college graduation?

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."

## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is added. 2. Wheel is different. 3. Fence is not as wide. 4. Sleeve is added. 5. Release lever is missing. 6. Hair is different.

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# The Grapevine



**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 DiLiberto Mendolera at 716-881-1306 before 5/15/24.



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**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.



**The Mental Health Empowerment Project's Wellness Day Expo** Our Wellness Day Expo brings together local organizations, businesses, and community members to promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It features

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## GSWNY Celebrates President's Volunteer Lifetime Service Award

*Continued from page one.* door Committee, where they have contributed more than 2,500 hours to planning, preparing, and running events that benefit girls and troops across GSWNY. Additionally, MJ has unofficially assisted a fellow troop as an assistant leader, creating and implementing engaging programs for girls and providing essential support to troop leaders.

"We are incredibly proud to recognize MJ Breeze's extraordinary dedication and selfless contributions to our community," said Christine Kirwan, Vice President of Volunteer Experience at GSWNY. "To reach over 4,500 volunteer hours as a youth member is an incredible achievement that exemplifies the spirit of Girl Scouting and community service. MJ commitment and passion for helping others is truly inspiring, and we are honored to celebrate their accomplishments."

This year marks a historic moment for GSWNY, as it is the first time the organization has awarded the lifetime achievement award to a youth member. The President's Volunteer Service Award honors volunteers who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to service. The Lifetime Service Award is awarded to individuals who have completed 4,000 or more hours of service to a qualifying organization. Recipients must apply and provide a detailed record of their volunteer service hours to be considered for this prestigious award.

MJ Breeze has been a member of Girl Scouts for 13 years and has shown exceptional leadership and dedication. Their efforts have not

only strengthened the Girl Scouts community but also fostered a sense of fun and sisterhood among the troops. MJ's tireless service and dedication serve as a powerful example for others, encouraging more individuals to contribute their time and

talents to address the challenges facing our nation.

MJ Breeze, your dedication to service is inspiring, and we are immensely proud to call you a GSWNY member. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

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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: **Fried and Folded Beaten Eggs**

- American Cuisine Inquisition Onion
- Armada Doubloons Language Paprika
- Civil War Elm Monarchs Rice
- Conquistador Explorers Moss

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FREE NORTH PARK PASSES: Andrea Browning, 454 Taunton Pl., 14216.



"Didn't you inform her she had the right to remain \_\_\_\_\_?"

Answers on page seven.

#### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Order
- SIGNAL
- Cherub
- GLEAN
- Brief
- TREES
- Fairy
- PRIEST

**TODAY'S WORD**



# Stefan Mychajliw

## Guest Columnist

### Time To Embrace Difficult Change In The Catholic Church

For 12 years Fr. Ronald Pecci was the pastor at my home church, Saints Rita and Patrick's. This beloved Franciscan was the man who raised me. Our church community loved Fr. Ron deeply.

It broke my heart when Fr. Ron was transferred to a parish in New Jersey. Tons of tears were shed at his last Mass.

What also saddened me

was what I heard from parishioners concerning his departure. Some shared this sentiment: "Church won't be the same without Fr. Ron. I can't go anymore."

I understand the emotional attachment to a particular priest. It is the same feeling shared by many Catholics about their neighborhood parish, especially after learning of closings and mergers of par-

ishes as part of the Diocesan "Rightsize and Reshape" initiative.

Some well-intentioned folks are hurt upon hearing the news that their home parish will be no more.

Unfortunately, we hear the same misguided sentiment from many who talk of abandoning their faith and not going to Mass because their parish is closing.

Moving forward we must focus on two critically important points concerning this transition.

Just like a business, the Diocese must "adapt or die" to the harsh realities of a declining population.

Our Catholic faith and salvation are deeper than a brick-and-mortar building where we celebrate Mass.

The City of Buffalo lost

half its population since 1950 when 580,132 people populated the Queen City. Now 276,807 live here. The Diocese cannot pay for the same amount of buildings as it did 70 years ago.

I applaud Bishop Michael W. Fisher for making the bold, difficult, yet necessary decision to rightsize infrastructure. Yes, it hurts, but here's the harsh reality. We can't keep shelling out big bucks for buildings that were needed when we had a bustling population like we did in 1950.

People bolted Buffalo for other states where taxes are lower and the temperatures are higher.

As Catholics, we cannot abandon our faith because a priest left or a building closed. We should have our heads and hearts examined if the only

reason we attend Mass is because of a physical structure.

We have a thriving Diocese where our mission of service helps thousands daily. The St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center saves babies and serves the needs of young mothers. While the Collins Christian Ministries is an ecumenical prison ministry program, many Catholics from our Buffalo Cursillo Community are volunteers. Catholic Charities serves an estimated 145,000 people in need every year.

Let's embrace challenging but necessary change together, and steadfastly remain focused on the tenets of our faith. Our Diocese will be in a strong position to grow and continue to serve thanks to rightsizing its current infrastructure.

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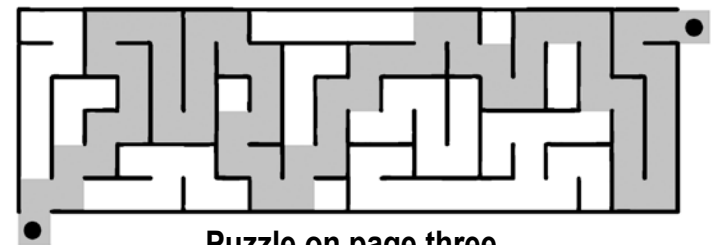
- 1. Aligns; 2. Angel; 3. Terse; 4. Sprite

*Today's Word*

# SILENT

Puzzle on page six.

## Kids' Maze Solution



Puzzle on page three.

## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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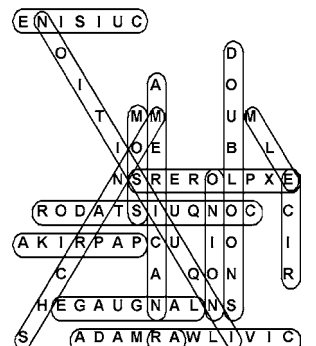
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Answer

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9	5	8	2	6	4	3	1	7
7	6	4	3	1	8	2	9	5
8	4	9	5	2	6	7	3	1
6	7	3	8	9	1	5	4	2
2	1	5	7	4	3	9	8	6

Puzzle on page three.

## SPANISH



Puzzle on page six.

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