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2025 Buffalo Home Show



Buffalo Home Show attendees can explore over 300 exhibitors at the Buffalo Convention Center.

The annual Buffalo Home Show is right around the corner once more! Two Weekends: Mar 7-9 & Mar 14-16 at the Buffalo Convention Center, Convention Center Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202. Homeowners throughout Western New York are ready to kick off that next home project, and this year's Buffalo Home Show is the perfect one-stop-shop to spark their inspiration.

Attendees can explore

two floors at the Buffalo Convention Center filled with over 300 exhibitors in the fields of landscaping, interior design, windows, flooring, and everything in between. Local companies and skilled professionals will be on hand to provide useful tips, expert advice, and special show pricing.

Plus, there will be a variety of must-see features throughout both show weekends, including:

Lobby Landscape pre-

sented by Fiorella's Landscaping – Check out this exquisite outdoor oasis as soon as you walk through the doors of the Convention Center. Bring your ideas, questions, and thoughts because the experts from Fiorella's Landscaping will be on hand to chat about how they can help you create a beautiful, functional landscape that enhances your property and reflects your unique vision.

Town & Country Design presented by MP Carroll Hardwood and Hertel Home Consignment – Experience *Continued on page five.*

Community Foundation Accepting Applications For The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Maintenance Fund

The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo is now accepting applications for the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Trails Maintenance Fund for Western New York grant process. The deadline to apply is April 4, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

In 2018, as part of the 100th anniversary

of Ralph Wilson, Jr.'s birth and celebration of his legacy and community devotion, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation announced a \$100 million Parks & Trails initiative in Western New York. This centennial commitment included allocating \$10 million

towards the sustainability of regional trails. In 2022, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation fulfilled this commitment by establishing an endowment fund at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo to provide support for reconstruction, restoration, rehabilitation, and maintenance projects. *Continued on page six.*

The HBA Says Spring Is In The Air!

As the weather in Western New York warms up, we're excited to share with you the dates for the 2025 Hertel Business Association sponsored events and public meetings:

Our first events of the year are in April. The annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 19th, and the Spring Cleanup is a week later on Saturday, April 26th. Check out the event pages on our website to sign-up and for details, or just click the poster below to go to sign-up for the Hertel Ave Clean-Up!

Easter Egg Hunt: April 19th

Hertel Clean-up: April 26th

Hertel Music Series -

May: May 30th

Hertel Music Series -

June: June 27th

Hertel Music Series -

July: July 25th

50th Anniversary Italian Festival: July 25th - 27th

Hertel Music Series

- August: August 29th

Hertel Music Series

- September: September 26th

Halloween on Hertel: October 25th

Small Business Saturday: November 29th

Hertel Holidays - Tree

Lighting: December 5th

Hertel Holidays - Sip &

Shop: December 6th

All dates are subject to change, so be sure to keep an eye on our website and socials for any changes!

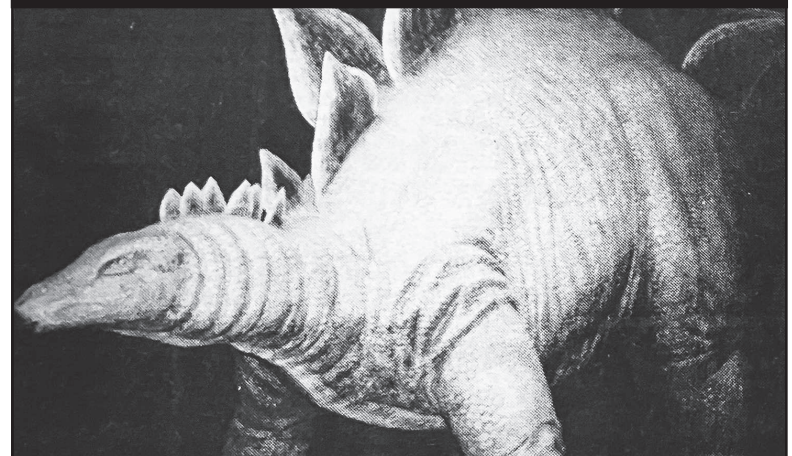


SPRING FORWARD!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



March, 1992. SCIENCE MUSEUM'S MONSTER MYSTERY DELIGHTS CROWDS...Visitors to DINOSAURS! at the Buffalo Museum of Science will be able to see a moving, roaring Stegosaurus, one of several robotic creatures on exhibit through June 21.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH



Rain/Snow
High 35°
Low 27°

FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH



Mostly Cloudy
High 37°
Low 23°

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH



Cloudy
High 33°
Low 27°

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH



Mostly Cloudy
High 39°
Low 33°

MONDAY, MARCH 10TH



Partly Cloudy
High 43°
Low 32°

TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH



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Low 38°

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH



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Low 45°

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LOST HIGHWAY (1997) Fri 3/7: 9:40 Sat 3/8: (11:30am), 10:10 Sun 3/9: (11:30am), 7:40 Mon 3/10: 9:40 LYNCH/OZ Tue 3/11: 9:40 Wed 3/12: 9:40 Thur 3/13: 9:40
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SPORTS
By Bill Snyder

Little Billy Gets A Hit!



Sports Columnist Bill Snyder receives the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League Presidents Award for 2024 from President John Hornung in January for his writing in the BUFFALO ROCKET. Snyder has written for the League since 1982.

We're back here for another week of Sports in the Buffalo Rocket with some great news. As we await for the snow to melt and the temperatures to rise, it's a fine time to share some personal information with my readers.

Here's a picture of me and Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League (HNPYBL) president John Hornung from a meeting the League had back in January when he presented me with a huge plaque in the Chianta Fieldhouse. I was called up to the head table in complete surprise and our League president announced a President's Award to me for all that I have done as a writer, photographer and sports columnist over the years in Shoshone Park for this newspaper.

Other fine Board members have received just such an award in years past, for helping to make the Hertel North Park League great as a volunteer for the boys and girls playing in Shoshone Park every year. An announcement like this is generally kept "in house" for the Board members, however, Hornung felt that I should be recognized, especially since an article had been published in this newspaper last year.

As a columnist for over 40 years, I can't write enough now about how this article has changed my life for the better. All the boys and girls I have

written about have a story to tell every week in the Summertime in Shoshone Park. The Sports of Baseball and Softball is perfect for a young child as each one comes up to bat against their friend, on the mound, and dares to get a hit off of them. That's the way I've looked at this volunteer job all these years for the Community. On any given day, "little Billy" can swing mightily at a pitch and help his team win.

The article was published last year on September 26 and is available for all to read again if somehow you missed it. If you go to www.buffalorocket.com and click on archives, type in issue #39 and it should appear. To regular readers of this Column, it clearly shows my love for the game, my work as a reporter starting back in 8th grade for a Grammar School. This was all, before five men broke into the National Democratic Headquarters at the Watergate. I didn't know what was happening back then, but when you didn't have day-time soap operas on TV in the afternoons on all three Channels because of Watergate

Hearings, your Mom was pretty upset.

Sorry, I got off the subject a bit. A former reporter and editor of The Buffalo News, Charles Anzalone, wrote the story of my life that started on Page one and continued inside. "Every word was printed," he said, once the Rocket hit the Streets. I was grateful for all the work he put into it and to my Publisher, David Gallagher for allowing him to write the story and its placement in his Paper. The story is now displayed on a 16" x 20" board, suitable for hanging.

At a meeting this past Monday, Registration numbers show about 800 boys and girls have signed up to play this Summer. That's pretty much where the League is every year at this time. Numbers will increase of course when the weather starts warming up. Moving our clocks forward an hour is another sign of better days ahead.

The League is beginning to look for businesses to sponsor a team. At www.hnpyblsponsors.com, you'll learn of the many different levels you can help support the League. It reads in part, "Each year, it is the generous financial support of our sponsors that allows our League to continue. With a busy park and an active website, these sponsorships provide a great opportunity to promote your business while helping our kids." A Supporting Sponsor starts at \$275.00 where your Company name and logo will be placed on uniform jerseys.

No one in Hertel North Park gets paid for coaching or running this League. Everyone is a volunteer and does so because they love the game. If your team is scheduled for a 9:30 am game on a Saturday morning, you need to be in Shoshone Park when your coach says so. Once your game is finished, you need to help your team leave the diamond quickly because another game is scheduled by 11:30am.

A man who served the League for over 30 years as president, passed away at the age of 81 in late 2023 named Don Morris. He would welcome everyone to Shoshone Park on Opening Day in early May every year and always considered this day to be the best one of the year.

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

Assailant Throws Yellow Pole At Jim's Steakout, Breaking Window

North Buffalo
March 3, 2025
Hertel Avenue - Defendant did take complainant's purse from shopping cart without permission at 1770 Hertel (Dash's). Complainant's purse did contain multiple credit cards and also \$1,500.00 in cash. Interview by detective and video available of incident from detective.

March 1, 2025
Hinman Avenue - On above date and location at 0400 hours while at 402 Hinman Avenue defendant was observed by complainant pulling his vehicle, a Chevrolet Tahoe, Black in color bearing Virginia registration into the driveway at 402 Hinman Avenue in violation of an order of protection issued by presiding judge. Defendant was apprehended at Main Street and Delavan Avenue.

February 28, 2025
Delaware Avenue - Defendant did take without permission "Red Bull" in the amount of \$127.72 and did pass all points of purchase. Defendant was with male party who fled the scene.

West Side
March 4, 2025
Elmwood Avenue - Defendant was observed sleeping on back porch of 679 Amherst Street. Defendant was not given permission to do so. Officer observed defendant walking northbound on Elmwood. Defendant apprehended at 1700 Elmwood and taken into custody.

March 3, 2025
Fillmore Avenue - Patrol did observe New York registered vehicle, a 2013 Lincoln MKT, white in color at Herkimer and West Ferry. Vehicle did flee officers after attempting a traffic stop. Vehicle was observed crashed on ECMC property where two individuals did flee from vehicle. Camera footage available from ECMC. Patrol did apprehend both defendant and co-defendant at Fillmore and Dewey. Defendant was ID'd by victim as suspect that did take vehicle and keys. Vehicle is estimated to be \$36,000.00. Defendants' New York State ID and 1 white shoe found inside vehicle.

March 1, 2025
Elmwood Avenue - Defendant did throw (1) yellow pole with metal tip that was left outside Jim's Steakout (938 Elmwood) across the street like a javelin, striking ETS's (937 Elmwood), (1) front picture window caused damage to same. Complainant has video of the incident and damage exceeded \$300.00. Pole recovered and submitted to lab.

March 1, 2025
Greenwood Place - On the above date and location the defendant did get into a verbal argument with complainant (wife). Defendant became very irate then pinned complainant down and struck her multiple times in the head and back causing pain.

Riverside
March 1, 2025
Kail Street - Defendant on above date and location was operating New York registered vehicle in a northbound direction on Kail Street in the city of Buffalo at a high rate of speed and did veer to the right striking 5 parked vehicles. Defendant did flee from the vehicle and was apprehended in a yard behind 22 Kail Street. Upon further investigation defendant had slurred speech, trouble standing without assistance, and the smell of an alcoholic beverage on her breath. She was transported to ECMC by AMR where she refused a chemical test and blood draw.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Rug cleaner, briefly

4 500 sheets

8 Nursery cry

12 -de-France

13 "Prometheus" actor Idris

14 Tehran's country

15 Pottery

17 Dweeb

18 Ecol. watch-dog

19 Church meet-ups

21 Mellow yellows

24 Calendar abbr.

25 Train unit

26 Actress Cattrail

28 Rural build-ings

32 Pharmaceut-ical

34 Crosses (out)

36 Cranny

37 "The Stranger" author

39 Drone

41 Roman 1006

42 Judge in 1995 news

44 Polite denial

46 Height

50 Sunbather's goal

51 Part of N.B.

52 Mob bully

6 Grade-school basics

7 Brick worker

8 SUV's kin

9 Location

10 Crumbly earth

11 Common conjunctions

16 Mimic

20 Male swan

21 Outlet letters

22 Actress Kate

23 Half dozen

27 "Whatever"

29 Lothario

30 PBS science show

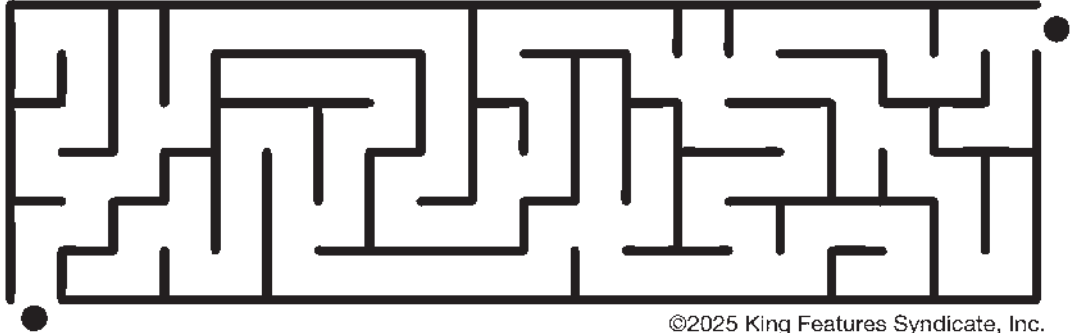
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Kids' Maze



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Answers on page seven.



"Medical science knows of only one thing that will cure a state of depression like yours ... _____."

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!

Dismay

ARCHING

Cheat

CAMPS

Push


LOPPER

Sacred

INVIED

TODAY'S WORD

MAGIC MAZE



Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Unlisted clue hint: THE MOON BLOCKING THE SUN

Awning Clouds Neckerchief Sunscreen

Blinds Curtains Shade tree Umbrella

Brim Eyebrows Straw hat Visor

Canopy Long sleeves Sunglasses

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Answers on page seven.



Seniority

Did We Make A Mistake Starting My Wife's Social Security Now? – Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: I hope we haven't made a mistake! My wife just applied for her Social Security benefit. She was born in May 1962, and the estimated amount of her benefit is \$1280/month. Her work income last year was \$5,616; however, mine was about \$65,000. I do not plan on taking my benefit until the age of 70 in July of 2027.

My worry now is about the penalty for earning too much. We figured that since her income was so low, we wouldn't have to worry about that penalty, so we signed her up, and then it hit me: what if they look at MY income, especially since our tax return is filed as Married Filing Jointly. Do we have a problem, or are they just going to look at HER income to determine if there is a penalty? I hope I haven't messed this up. Also, I think I read that any penalty you are assessed for earning too much is returned to you once you reach FRA; is that true?

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

Signed: Uncomfortable Senior Citizen

Dear Uncomfortable Senior: First, let me ease your anxiety – you haven't "messed this up." While it's true that your income will be included when the IRS determines how much of your wife's Social Security benefits are taxable, changing your IRS filing status is usually not wise. However, considering your combined income and your "married/jointly" IRS fil-

ing status, up to 85% of the SS benefits your wife receives during the tax year will be included as part of your overall taxable income as a married couple. Your wife's monthly SS benefit is about \$1,280, so about \$13,000 (annually) will be included in your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) when you file your taxes. You can have income tax withheld from your wife's SS benefit by filing IRS Form W-4V at your local SS office (you can have 7%, 10%, 12% or 22% withheld). Note your wife's tax obligation for this year will be less because she will not get SS benefits for all of 2025.

The other thing you are concerned about is whether your income will be counted when determining if your wife will be subject to Social Security's "Annual Earnings Test (AET)," and the answer to that is "no." At her current earnings level (about \$5,600), your wife is well below the annual earnings limit (\$23,400 for 2025) for those collecting early Social Security benefits. So, the AET will not apply and will not reduce your wife's monthly Social Security benefit. FYI, if her earnings did exceed the annual earnings limit, it is true that some of the resulting penalty would be recovered after she reaches her full retirement age (FRA) of 67.

Note the distinction between "taxation of SS benefits", and the "annual earnings test" for those collecting early benefits. Taxation of benefits is al-

ways based on your joint income when filing married/jointly, but the Annual Earnings Test (AET) looks only at your wife's personal work earnings until she reaches her FRA.

As I expect you already know, by claiming now (at age 62+), your wife's monthly SS retirement benefit will be permanently reduced (by about 26%). Until you later claim your SS benefit, your wife will receive her reduced personal SS retirement amount. But, when you claim, her benefit amount will be reassessed to see if she is also entitled to an incremental amount as your wife. If her SS entitlement at her FRA (even though she claimed at 62+) is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, then her benefit will increase. However, she will not get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement because she claimed her own SS retirement benefit before her FRA (more likely, she will get about 34% of your FRA entitlement).

In the end, you really did not make a mistake by

filing for your wife's Social Security to start now. By the time you personally apply at age 70, your wife will have collected about \$46,000 in Social Security

benefits which, I'm sure, will be helpful. And only a relatively modest amount of income tax will be paid on her Social Security benefits.

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2025 Buffalo Home Show

Continued from page one. urban sophistication with everyday comfort as you walk through this timeless traditional home. See how the style embraces classic charm with modern ease, creating a space that feels both polished and happily lived-in. The well-crafted furnishings from Hertel Home Consignment paired with flawless flooring from MP Carroll Hardwood results in a tailored home with a comfortable backbone.

Main Stage Presentations – Get tips, tricks, and more from national TV personalities as well as local pros LIVE on the Main Stage. You can find a full presentation schedule on our website; some featured speakers include:

Ashley Morrill and Ryan Eldridge from Magnolia Network’s “Maine Cabin Masters” will share their renovation expertise LIVE on-stage Friday, March 7th at 3:00 PM and Saturday, March 8th at 12:00 PM.

Craig Conover from Bravo’s “Southern Charm” will be chatting LIVE on-stage about home décor, his company, Sewing Down South, and more on Friday, March 14th at 3:00 PM and Saturday, March 15th at 12:00 PM.

A wide variety of local professionals (sustainable DIYers, real estate specialists, landscapers, home organizers and more) will share tips, tricks, and advice!

WBLK Home Show Happy Hour with Ed Nice – Friday, March 7th 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Refreshing samplings from Labatt’s Beer

Light snacks provided by Cabot Cheese

Contests for a chance to win various prizes

WYRK Home Show Happy Hour with Clay Moden – Friday, March 14th 5:00 – 7:00 PM

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TICKET GIVEAWAY for the sold-out Taste of Country concert featuring Jason Aldean, Brett Elderidge and Sara Evans

Get ready to check items off your home to-do list with the Buffalo Home Show. See below for show details or visit BuffaloHomeShow.com.

Venue:
Buffalo Convention Center

153 Franklin St
Buffalo, NY 14202

Show Dates & Hours:

Friday, Mar 7
10am – 8pm
Saturday, Mar 8
10am – 8pm
Sunday, Mar 9
10am – 6pm
Friday, Mar 14
10am – 8pm
Saturday, Mar 15 10am – 8pm
Sunday, Mar 16
10am – 6pm

Tickets:
\$12.00 B o x Office Adult Admission (13+)

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Half-Price Ticket Days: Wear Green March 15th and 16th for half-price tickets at the Box Office. Wear Sabres

gear on March 15th for half-price tickets at the Box Office.

Parking:
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Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

1) Who lives at 4 Privet Drive?

2. Which 1980s sitcom featured the Keaton family?

3) Who was the first American-born president?

4) What is Deadpool’s profession?

5) Which makeup company’s slogan is “Maybe she’s born with it”?

6) Which battles marked the beginning of the American Revolution?

7) The 1904 World’s Fair introduced which fluffy confection?

8) In which year were the first Oscars awarded?

9) What does 1 gallon of water weigh?

10) What are the colors of the Italian flag?

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Thirty Pak.....53.25

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Personal Specialty Pak.....99.80

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Small Specialty Pak.....33.90

Medium Specialty Pizza with Single Wings (10) and 1 Bleu Cheese.

(add \$1.40 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)

Mini Specialty Pak.....50.50

Large Specialty Pizza with Double Wings (20) and 1 Bleu Cheese.

(add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)

Thirty Specialty Pak.....60.75

Large Specialty Pizza with Triple Wings (30) and 2 Bleu Cheese.

(add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)

Family Specialty Pak.....82.25

Large Specialty Pizza with a Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese.

(add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)

Specialty Party Pak 1.....92.50

(1) Large Cheese and One Item Pizza and (1) Large Specialty Pizza with a Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)

Specialty Party Pak 2.....96.00

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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.



Polka Lessons at the Pub! Pubski Pub will be hosting Polka Lessons getting you ready for Dyngus Day! Wed. Evenings – March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2025. Check-in 6:30 pm, Lessons 7-8 pm, \$10 a week, sign up for one or all four weeks. Learn a new dance each week. Call (716)983-5084 to register. Space is limited! Menu for drinks and dinner available before or after class! So stick around and make new friends. Pubski Pub is located at 2437 William St., Cheektowaga, NY (across from St. Josaphat's Church).



Gardens Buffalo Niagara invites passionate artisans and vendors to showcase their creativity at the 15th annual Garden Art Sale in partnership with the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. It is set to be held: Saturday & Sunday, June 28 & 29, 2025 Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Ave, Buffalo, NY 14218. Artisans and vendors are encouraged to apply to this juried show and become a part of this exceptional event. Online applications and additional information can be found by visiting GardensBuffalo-Niagara.com/vendors. The application deadline is Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Ten Lives Club Adoption Group is hosting their annual Virtual Meat & More Raffle. The virtual event, meaning it is all done online, will be held on Thursday, April 10th at 6:00 pm on Ten Lives Club's Facebook page. For the price of \$40, participants will be entered into a raffle to win 20 rounds of meat up for auction provided by Federal Meats, 2 theme baskets per round-a total of 40 theme baskets (each valued at \$40 or more), and a grand prize of a grill in addition to a round of meat. There are 61 chances to win either a meat package or basket. Participants do not have to view the live stream to win and all winners will be contacted following the end of the event. Meat package winners must pick up their meat from Federal Meats in the Hamburg Village Square located at 141 Buffalo St, Hamburg, NY 14075. Basket winners must pick up their baskets from Ten Lives Club's main shelter located at 3741 Lakeshore Rd, Blasdell, NY 14219. This is the 5th year Ten Lives Club has hosted this event and it has proven to be a great fundraiser for the cats! Tickets can be ordered on their website. For more information on the event, contact their Event Coordinator at bglover@tenlivesclub.com.



Buffalo River Fest Park: On May 28th Wednesday Night Concert, 6:30 p.m.-10 p.m. will feature Crash Cadillac, which has a variety of music that you can rock out to, dance to, party to, drink to and all around have a great time at the park all night long! This is part of Buffalo River Fest Park's Wednesday night concert series. It's free, just bring a chair and a jacket! Food & beverages are available for purchase. For more information on these Wednesday Night Concerts, contact Peg Overdorf at 716-553-8350.

Submit Your
Community Event to

editor.buffalorocket@gmail.com

Community Foundation Accepting Applications For The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Maintenance Fund

Continued from page one. erts that benefit Western New York trails and greenways.

"Since 2018, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation has been partnering with local and state agencies and community organizations to better connect and grow the regional trail system across Western New York," said JJ Tighe, Sr. Director of the Parks & Trails Initiative for the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation. "With these capital investments our trustees equally saw the importance of seeding support for the long-term sustainability of these trails so they can be enjoyed for generations."

Mark Mistretta, Niagara Region Director for NYS Parks and Co-Chair of RCW, Jr. Trails Maintenance Endowment Fund Advisory Committee said, "Western New York's regional trails are enjoyed by thousands of residents and visitors each year, bringing people from all walks of life together for recreation and appreciation of the incredible natural resources we have in our community. The new Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Trails Maintenance Fund at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo will help to supplement the ongoing investments that are needed to help ensure these trails and greenways are safe, clean and welcoming for many years to come."

Capital maintenance projects eligible for this grant are projects that are part of the Shoreline Trail, Empire State Trail, and the Genesee Valley Greenway in the following counties: Allegany, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Erie, Genesee, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming. This grant opportunity does not support the construction of new trails or connections.

Any 501(c)(3) public charity located in or serving the eight counties of Western New York, plus Monroe County, is eligible to apply, as well as any Tribal Entities/Nations, governmental agency, municipality or governmental unit, including school systems. In addition, innovative, collaborative combinations of these organizations are eligible.

Awards from this fund are specifically for capital maintenance projects that will address circumstances where intervention is required to ensure that the trail or greenway can continue to function effectively and provide users with the recreation experience and communi-

ty connectivity that was envisioned when the trail or greenway was developed.

For detailed eligibility information and to apply, please visit <https://www.cfgb.org/nonprofits/grants/ralph-c-wilson-jr-trails-maintenance-fund-for-western-new-york>.

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) First Line Handyman & Home Services LLC Articles of Org. filed with New York Secretary. of State (SSNY) January 2, 2025. Office of the LLC located at 86 Gettysburg Ave, Tonawanda NY 14223 in Erie County. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to 86 Gettysburg Ave, Tonawanda, New York 14223. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. 10

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERIE U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for REO Trust 2017-RPL1, Plaintiff, -against- Jennifer P. Flannery Erie County Public Administrator as Ad-

ministrator of the Estate of Deloris L. Mallaber a/k/a Deloris Mallaber, Lynne M. Luce as Heir to the Estate of Deloris L. Mallaber a/k/a Deloris Mallaber, James J. Mallaber as Heir to the Estate of Deloris L. Mallaber a/k/a Deloris Mallaber, Cathy A. Mallaber as Heir to the Estate of Deloris L. Mallaber a/k/a Deloris Mallaber if living and if any be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, Deloris J. Armbruster a/k/a DJ Armbruster as Heir to the Estate of Deloris L. Mallaber a/k/a Deloris Mallaber, Monroe Community College Association Inc., Roch-

ester & Monroe County Employees Federal Credit Union, Amelia Schunk-Giardino, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Wesley Norman Schunk a/k/a Wesley Schunk, United States of America - Internal Revenue Service, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Collins Town Court, Defendants. Index No. 809742/2024 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff designates Erie County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the Mortgage premises is situated. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): 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 attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$59,847.96 and interest, recorded in the Of-

fice of the Clerk of the County of ERIE on January 29, 2008, in Book Book 13389, Page 8544, covering premises known as 2010 Brant Road, North Collins, NY 14111. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. 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. Dated: Bay Shore, New York February 10, 2025 By: Karen Sheehan, Esq. Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706 Bar #: 2863124 (631) 969-3100 Our File No.:01-094172-F01 11

Notice of Formation of TK TAX, LLC LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/08/2025. 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 207 N. Maple Dr. Williamsville, NY 14221. Purpose of LLC is Tax preparation. 14

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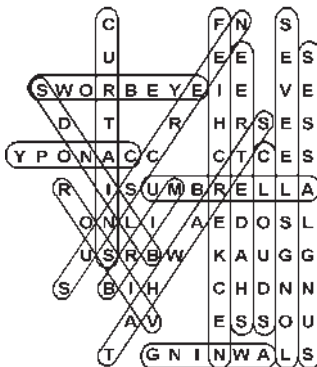
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GAMES

KEEP THE SUN OUT



Puzzle on page three.

GAMES

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.



Puzzle on page three.

GAMES

TRIVIA: 1. Harry Potter and the Dursley family. 2. "Family Ties." 3. Martin Van Buren, born after the Revolutionary War. 4. Mercenary. 5. Maybelline. 6. Battles of Lexington and Concord. 7. Cotton candy. 8. 1929. 9. 8.34 pounds. 10. Green, white and red.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Puzzle on page four.

SCRAMBLERS

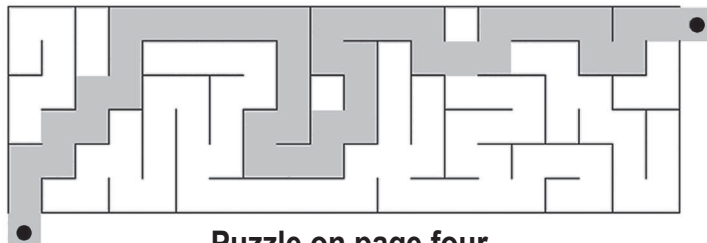
solution

1. Chagrin 2. Scamp; 3. Propel; 4. Divine

Today's Word SHOPPING

Puzzle on page six.

Kids' Maze Solution



Puzzle on page four.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Purse is smaller. 2. Tie is missing. 3. Hair is longer. 4. Item in display case is different. 5. Label is missing. 6. Necklace is missing from display stand.

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