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## 2nd Annual WinterFest



Community members watch a Hawk Creek Wildlife Center demonstration at the 1st Annual Winterfest at Ralph Wilson Park held on February 24, 2024.

The Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy and its community partners invite everyone to attend the 2nd annual Winter-Fest on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 1
- 3 p.m. at Ralph Wilson
Park (Former LaSalle Park), 5 Porter Ave., Buffalo, NY \*\*Near Pool & Skate Park\*\*.

. The event is free and open to all. Join us for:

 $\mathbf{Snow}$ shoeing demonstration & snow fort building

Nature-related crafts & activities

• Hawk Creek Wildlife Center demonstration at 2 p.m.

"Doc" Thomas

• Pick up sports games

• Free hot cocoa & warming station

• Games & giveaways • Tunes by DJ Daren

Partners include: The Belle Center, Big Big Table, Buffalo Fire Department, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, City of Buffalo Animal Shelter, Grassroots Gardens, Say Yes Little Scholars, The

Tool Library, West Side Community Services, WNY Land Conservancy – and more!

All activities are out-

side, please dress for the weather. We encourage guests to pre-register at rwparkbuffalo.org/event/ winterfest25/.

The Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy is a not-for-profit organization created to see through the community's transformative vision for the 100+ acre City of Buffalo waterfront park by creating an inclusive, accessible, safe and beautiful space for everyone. New sections of the Ralph Wilson Park will begin opening in 2026. Learn more at www.rwparkbuffalo.org

### **Explore & More February Break Week**

Explore & More will be open every day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sunday, February 23 while kids are out of school for February Break.

The museum has special

programming planned each 🧲 highebration from February 18-23.

Admission is just \$15 each for adults and children ages 1 & up. All activities are included in the price of admission.

Any outlet interested in visiting Explore & More to cover or promote this event is encouraged to contact the museum ahead of time.

Families are encouraged to come and play day, high-lighted by an Engineers Week cel-More - The More - The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Children's Mu-

seum during February Break Week (Feb. 17-23, 2025).

We're open each day

from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is just \$15 each for adults and children ages 1 & up. All activities are included in the price of admission.

Here are some of the fun, engaging, and educational activities things we have planned next week:

Monday, February 17 Celebrating Presidents'

**Build Presidential Mon**uments with LEGO DUP-LO Bricks

Create Presidential Por-Continued on page six.

## **Buffalo Arts Studio Presents** TRIMANIA REBOOT

TRIMANIA\_RE-BOOT returns on March 29, 2025, at Tri-Main Center Saturday, March 29 from 7pm-12am with an impressive entertainment list to make up for lost time. The event is put on by Buffalo Arts Studio—the first tenant at Tri-Main Center back in 1991, and is our only major fundraiser for 2025.

TRIMA-NIA\_REBOOT is an epic celebration of art, culture, and music that transforms the six-floor building into a night of music, art, and energy, featuring live bands, DJs, dancers, poets, visual artists, and perform-ers of all kinds to build your own adventure. Some highlights for this year's event include:

Art Exhibitions: Featuring the work of Jay Carrier and 30 Studio Artists at Buffalo Arts Studio and dozens more in open suites.

Live Painting and Mural Making: Watch creativity in action as Chuck Tingley, AJ Fries, Bianca L. Mc-

Graw,

Giĺliam, Laura Valk-witch, and Solo Roths paint live. Musical Performances: Experience performers dynamic like Medusa, MYQ Farrow Acoustic Trio, Let-

Bree

ter to Elise, tuesday nite, Diyené, and Ribbit Exhibit on multiple stages. Interactive Art: Join Madeline Bartley, Miggie Wong, and In-

on creativity. Fashion and Dance: Continued on page two.

Room Plus! for hands-

## Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



**BUFFALO'S FIRST** 1992. **BLACK** March, WOMAN FIREFIGHTER PROVES ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE...Firefighter Ellen P. Marsh poses next to Engine #30 at the station at Southside and Seneca streets.

## **Local Weather**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND MONDAY. FEBRUARY 24TH TUESDAY. FEBRUARY 25TH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH** 



High 20° Low 16°



Cloudy High 23° Low 17°



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WILD AT HEART (1990) Sat 2/22: (11:30am) Sun 2/23: (11:30am), 8:00

TWIN PEAKS: FIRE WALK WITH ME (1992) Mon 2/24: 7:00, 9:55

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## **Explore & More February Break Week**

Continued from page one. traits in the Art Studio

Tuesday, February 18-Sunday, February 23 National Celebrating

Engineers Week Create and test a maze

for a magnetic creature to navigate Civil Engineering Activ-

ity with kinetic sand Build circuits with Snap

Circuits Build and test bridges made of straw and popsi-

cle sticks Learn about Basic Forc-

Special for Tuesday, February 18: Floating tinfoil boats activity in Moving Water

Special for Saturday, February 22 and Sunday, February 23: Build Marshmallow and Spaghetti Structures in the Cooking Galley

We'll also be joined throughout the week by engineers from Wendel Companies, the Buffalo Society of Engineers, CannonDesign, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Programming is subject to change.

Members can start playing each day the museum is open at 9:30 a.m.

Check the all-new exploreandmore.org for updates and to purchase tickets. Any closings due inclement weather or changes in operating hours will be posted on the website as well as Explore & More's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Located in the heart of Buffalo at Canalside, Ex-

plore & More offers children and families four floors of fun to unlock the limitless potential in all of us. PLAY in our immersive, hands-on exhibits while igniting children's imaginations. LEARN about Western New York's history of innovation while dreaming of new discoveries. EXPLORE diverse cultures and unique experiences. Play Into Possibilities!

Visit the brand-new exploreandmore.org and connect with us on Facebook and Instagram.

Media outlets looking to attend an event or visit the museum this winter can contact Chris Ryndak, Explore & More's Marketing & Communications Manager.

#### Buffalo Arts Studio Presents TRIMANIA\_REBOOT

Continued from page one. Don't miss SE2 Silent Disco, Buffalo Fashion Runway, Buffalo Aerial Dance, Glam Vamps, Vogue Buffalo, and performances by Buffalo Im-

prov House. Special Features: Explore micro-galleries curated by Julia Bottoms, Stitch Buffalo, Hallwalls, and Hunt Gallery, as well as digital installations from Squeaky Wheel Film & Media Art Center, Buffalo Game Space, and Fret Zealot.

Tickets are now on sale for \$45, with VIP tickets available at \$100. To purchase a ticket, read the full entertainment list, and learn more information, visit the event page on Buffalo Arts Studio's

website at www.buffaloartsstudio.org/trima-

nia\_reboot/.

Buffalo Arts Studio is a not-for-profit arts organization whose mission is to provide affordable studio space and regular public exposure for regional, national, and international artists through exhibitions, and to enrich the community with art classes, mural programs, and public art. Buffalo Arts Studio is located at 2495 Main Street, Suite 500, Buffalo, NY 14214. The gallery is open Tuesday-Friday, 11 am-5 pm, Saturday, 10 am-2pm.

Buffalo Arts Studio receives major support from:

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Riverside Market	740 Tongwanda Street



## The Blotter Felonies

From "D" District

#### **Defendant Strikes Two Patrol Vehicles**, Two Patrol Officers And A Street Sign

North Buffalo February 17, 2025

Delaware Avenue - Defendant did enter apartment against victim's wishes and refused to leave and did then throw objects at her and grab her and did pin her against a wall resulting in scratch to left elbow.

February 17, 2025

Delaware Avenue - At approximately 1330hours, defendant did take without permission \$17.98 worth of health and beauty merchandise and did then pass all points of purchase without paying. Defendant was caught at vestibule and defendant did return items.

February 14, 2025

Delaware Avenue - Defendant did attempt to take \$294.41 of merchandise without attempting to pay. Was detained by loss prevention. All merchandise recovered.

West Side February 17, 2025

Perkins Place - Defendant did take \$267.97 worth of merchandise and did pass all points of purchase without paying. Video available.

February 15, 2025

Delavan Avenue - Patrol did respond to a person down call, stating a male was slumped at the wheel at West Delavan Avenue and Niagara Street. Upon patrol arrival officers did observe a male unresponsive behind steering wheel of New York registered vehicle, 2009 red Hyundai, running and still in drive obstructing intersection at West Delavan Avenue and Niagara Street with multiple cars behind the defendant. Officers did immediately begin knocking on window telling the defendant to put the vehicle in park. Defendant did roll down window and did place vehicle in park. Officers did tell defendant multiple times to exit the vehicle whereas defendant did fail to comply with officers orders. Defendant did physically

resist officers attempting to remove defendant from the vehicle by pulling back. Defendant did then place vehicle in drive and did strike two officers and while striking officer patrol vehicle. Defendant did then accelerate vehicle forward driving over a curb with officer still on the hood of defendant's vehicle. Defendant did then strike street sign and another patrol vehicle before coming to a stop. Defendant did then continue to refuse commands to exit the vehicle and did continue to physically resist arrest. Patrol officers did use tasers ultimately allowing officers to remove defendant from the vehicle. Defendant while on the ground still refused officers commands to place hands behind his back. Patrol officer did employ pepper spray to successfully hand-cuff defendant. Defendant was placed in rear undamaged patrol vehicle and transported to ECMC where AIU officers did arrive on scene to speak with the defendant. A PBT was utilized which yielded a .14% BAC result. Defendant did also submit to a blood draw. Both injured officers transported to ECMC for injuries sustained by defendant. Defendant transported to

CCB for charges. During inventory search of defendant's vehicle prior to tow, a rolled cigarette containing marijuana and a scale were recovered from defendants black bag. All evidence submitted to lab.

Riverside February 16, 2025

Glor Street - Victim reports that defendant attempted to move into a child's room in her house without permission and refused to leave.

February 16, 2025

Ontario Street - The suspect did strike the victim in the right eye with his hands multiple times, causing a laceration and swelling. Then the suspect took an Amazon box containing a portable charger (\$29.00) from the victim and fled northbound on Niagara Street. The suspect was apprehended at 238 Ontario Street in relation to a previous crime. Patrol officer did recover what appears to be crack rocks from the suspect.

Ontario Street - Com-

#### February 16, 2025

plainant states when he came home he found his door broken and kicked in. Complainant found the defendant in his hallway trying to kick in his other door. Defendant was wearing complainant's Damages to the door estimated \$300.00. After a brief altercation the defendant fled on foot wearing complainant's shoes. One shoe was red and the other gray estimated cost \$400.00. Defendant was located at 238 Ontario Street wearing same shoes he stole.

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#### This Week's Featured Friend:

#### **OUR SHELTER IS OVERFLOWING WITH DOGS!**

Biscuit is estimated to be about 4 years old and is a soft and lovely black and white kitty. She was living outside with a colony and has slowly been learning that humans aren't so scary. Our volunteers describe Biscuit as very sweet, an aptly-named champion biscuit maker. She loves when she has visitors who bring her treats. She is adoptable from the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter, but you can visit her in person at PetSmart on Elmwood Ave in N Buffalo during regular business hours. Applications are available there.



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 ne dog. Please be patient, and remember they are very short staffed at the moment. Applications can be found at https://friendsofcbas.org/adopt

City of Buffalo Animal Shelter 380 N. Oak St. Buffalo Buffalo\_Shelter@yahoo.com To see more great pets, visit: http://www.petfinder.com/pet-search?shelterid=NY341

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## King Crossword

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#### UP — OR *MAGIC MAZE* • DOWN —

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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: A SMALL, NARROW RIVER

Grade Beat Cast Hill Field Loading Gradable Scale

Side **Stairs** State Surge

The mountain Tick Town

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Answers on page seven

benefits, Social Security



#### Can I Get Extra Social Security For My Military Service? - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: Please help. I served from 1964 to 1966 in the US Army. I have been trying to contact Social Security in order to request extra benefits for veterans. The telephone is a recording, and you never get to speak to anyone. The web site at www.ssa. gov is useless to me. I went to the SS office and there was a huge line outdoors in the freezing cold. I am disabled and cannot stand on a line in this cold. Please advise me about my options. Financially, is it worth the trouble?

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

Signed: **Disabled** American Veteran

Dear Disabled Vet-My profound eran: thanks for your service to our country. FYI, the "special extra credit for military service" you refer to does not provide an incremental Social Security benefit amount for military veterans. Rathamount to your recording earnings for the years you served, which may or may not – affect your Social Security benefit. FYI, I've written numerous articles on this topic, one of which you can read at this link: www. socialsecurityreport. org/ask-rusty-older-veteran-asks-about-special-social-security-credit-for-military-service/

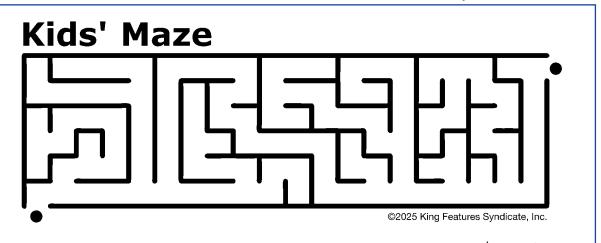
In your case (serving between 1964 and 1966), if you told Social Security of your military service when you applied for benefits (or gave them a copy of your DD-214), they would have added up to \$1,200 per year to your recorded military pay record (FYI, those who served after 1967 were automatically given earnings credit for their military service years). However, whether those special extra credits would affect your SS benefit depends on what your lifetime earnings record was when you later claimed SS.

When you applied for

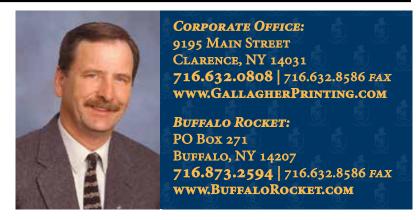
reviewed your lifetime earnings record and used the highest earning 35 years of earnings over your lifetime (adjusted for inflation) to calculate your "Primary Insurance Amount" (or "PIA," which is what you get if you claim benefits to start at your SS full retirement age. If, after your military service, you had 35 or more years of earnings which were higher than what you earned while serving, Social Security would have used those later higher earnings to calculate your benefit, and your military earnings wouldn't affect your benefit. If, however, any of your military earnings (including the "special extra credits") were among the highest over your lifetime, then those higher military earnings would be included when calculating your benefit.

So, whether you will benefit from these "special extra credits for military service" depends largely on your post-service earnings history. If your military earnings were among the highest earning years over your lifetime, and you provided SSA with a copy of your DD-214 when you applied for Social Security, then your current SS benefit already includes consideration of your military service. Social Security should have asked about your military service when you applied. If you didn't advise SS of your military service when you applied for Social Security, or if you aren't sure, you should contact the SSA at 1.800.772.1213 and ask if you were given those "special extra credits for military service" when you applied. However, if you had at least 35 years of higher earnings after you left military service, your current SS benefit is already based on those later higher earning years, and you will not get anything additional from those "special extra credits" for your military service years.





Answers on page seven.



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## Weekly **SUDOKU**

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#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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## Michael P. Kearns Erie County Clerk **Guest Columnist**

#### **Earned Income Tax Credit Puts Money In Your Pocket**

If you worked at all in the past year, you have the opportunity to have your federal and state taxes e-filed for free. You might also qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which can significantly boost your tax refund. For the 2024 tax year, the maximum EITC is \$7,830, available to families with three or more qualifying children, as long as your earnings are under \$59,899 for single filers and heads of households, or \$66,819 for married couples filing jointly. This is why I'm excited that the Erie County Clerk's Office is actively promoting United Way's MyFreeTaxes program.

Working in partnership with the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) **MyFreeTaxes** program, empowers you to prepare your tax returns easily on your own or allows you to have your taxes prepared you—completely free of charge. This initiative is essential for low and moderate-income individuals and families, helping them unlock critical tax credits and access other benefit programs. Don't hesitate to let VITA guide you through the often-overwhelming process of tax preparation, and ensure you reap the full benefits of the Earned Income Tax Credits available to you.

If you are not familiar with the Earned Income Tax Credit, here is some basic information.

The EITC is a federal tax benefit was created by the federal government in 1975 to benefit low-income and working families in an effort to reduce poverty and grow the economy. It is a refundable credit based upon your earned (W-2) income and it usually increases as you add qualified dependents.

Additionally, if you didn't claim the earned income credit when you filed your

taxes in the last three years but think you qualified for it, the IRS encourages you to file an amended tax return so you can get that money back.

To qualify for the EITC, you must meet the basic qualifying rules which include:

Have worked and earned income under \$59,899.

Have investment income below \$11,600 in the tax year 2024.

Have a valid Social Security number by the due date of your 2024 return (including extensions).

Be a U.S. citizen or a resident alien all year.

Not file Form 2555 (related to foreign earned income).

The IRS estimates that four out of five workers claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), meaning millions of taxpayers are making the most of this valuable financial resource. Last year alone, around 23 million eligible workers and families received nearly \$64 billion in EITC. Nationwide, the average amount claimed was \$2,743, while in New York State, it was \$2,615. These EITC dollars have a profound impact on the lives of our nation's most vulnerable working individuals and families who are striving to make ends meet.

If you think you might qualify for the Earned In-

come Tax Credit, I strongly encourage you to take action and have your tax return prepared through the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs before the elec-

tronic filing deadline of April 15, 2025. Call 2-1-1 to find a free tax preparation site near you or visit myfreetaxes.com to begin the process online. Don't miss out on this opportunity to maximize your refund—every dollar count.

## 

#### Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) How many castaways are on "Gilligan's Island"?
- 2. Which Asian nation's nickname is "Land of the Thunder Dragon"?
- 3) What is author J.K. Rowling's real first name?
- 4) What is a type of material that can't carry an electrical charge?
- 5) Which state's nickname is "The Last Frontier"?
- 6) How many quarts are in a half gallon?
- 7) Which famous landmark is featured in the movie "Rebel Without a Cause"?
- 8) What does the cerebellum control in the human brain?
- 9) Where is the late Jimmy Carter's presidential library located?
- 10) When did the Great Fire of London occur?

Answers on page seven.

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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.



Shea's 2025 Free Family Film Series schedule is below: Inside Out 2 Activities and community support provided by Spectrum Health Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 1:00PM (Doors open at noon) Akeelah And The Bee Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 1:00PM (Doors open at noon)The Lorax Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 1:00PM (Doors open at noon) Up. Tickets are free to the public; however, seating is limited. All four 2025 films are rated PG. Tickets will be available online approximately three weeks prior to each film. Free tickets are now available on the Shea's website for the first film, Inside Out 2: https:// www.sheas.org/performances/free-family-film-series-inside-out-2/.



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.



Shea's Buffalo's CATS, tickets are on sale with performances February 27 - March 1 at Shea's 710 Theatre in downtown Buffalo, NY. Leading the cast are Broadway's Alyssa Fox (Wicked, Frozen) as Grizabella, Major Attaway (Aladdin, Little Shop of Horrors) as Old Deuteronomy, and Ashlyn Fenn (A Chorus Line, CATS) as the featured dancer Victoria and others. Joining them are Buffalo stars Charmagne Chi, Anne DeFazio, David P. Eve, Alex Garcia, Jetaun Louie, Vinny Murphy, Maria Pedro, and Dan Urtz. The Starring Buffalo Community Chorus will be featured, alongside professional and student dancers from the Western New York region. CATS, the winner of seven TONÝ Awards, features some of Andrew Lloyd Webber's greatest melodies, and promises to be a great night out for the whole family. Presented in Starring Buffalo's signature staged concert format, artistic director Drew Fornarola directs, with music direction by Matt Marco, and choreography by Jeanne Fornarola. For additional information and tickets please visit StarringBuffalo.org or www.sheas. org/performances/cats.



**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 & amp; beverages are available for purchase. For more information on these Wednesday Night Concerts, contact Peg Overdorf at 716-553-8350.

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## Polar Bear Days At The Buffalo Zoo

The Buffalo Zoo is thrilled to invite the community back for Polar Bear Days this February break, featuring discounted admission and exciting family fun!

Polar Bear Days is a special week dedicated to celebrating these magnificent creatures an raising awareness about

polar bear conservation. In addition to discounted admission, guests

can also enjoy daily keeper talks, engaging animal enrichment, and a variety of family-friendly activities. Everyone who visits the Zoo during Polar Bear Days also has the chance to enter a raffle for Buffalo Sabres tickets.

"We are excited to wel-

come guests back for another year of Polar Bear Days," said Buffalo Zoo President and CEO Lisa Smith. "The Zoo is a great place to visit all year round especially in the winter when animals like our polar bears and arctic foxes are more active.

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families to connect with these
incredible animals,
ad-buffolozoo learn about the challenges they face, and
daily keepging animal forts."

The Buffalo Zoo is open daily from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm with last entry at 4:00 pm. Get your discounted Polar Bear Days Zoo tickets online or at the gate: buffalozoo.org/ticket.

Founded in 1875, the Buffalo Zoo is a 501c3 organization and is the third oldest zoo in the United States. Each year, the Buffalo Zoo welcomes nearly 500,000 visitors annually and is among the largest tourist attractions in Western New York. Located on 23.5 acres of Frederick Law Olmsted's beautiful Delaware Park, the Zoo provides interactive and educational family experiences throughout the year. With a diverse collection of wild and exotic animals and more than 320 different species of plants, visitors are introduced to and engulfed by nature each time they visit. For more information, visit www. buffalozoo.org.

#### **KVIS Gives Over 200 Valentine's Gifts**



L To R: Chef Charles from the Friends of the Night People, Victoria Burke and Marie Aungst from the KVIS.

The Kenmore Village Improvement Society (KVIS) was delighted to share Valentine's gifts with our neighbors at the Friends of the Night People. Over 200 heart-shaped boxes of chocolates and a Valentine

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The KVIS is a group of volunteers, celebrating, 17

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The KVIS is a group of volunteers celebrating 17 years of loving up on the community. We strive to help make our neck of the woods as good as possible in as many ways as needed. Membership to the KVIS is free and open to all people living anywhere who care about Kenmore.

For more information, please contact KVIS President Melissa Foster at mail@villageofkenmore.com.

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Answers on page seven.

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TODAY'S WORD

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#### **LEGAL**

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.

Notice of Formation of Ousley Consulting LLC, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/22/2024. 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 232 Crescent Ave, Buffalo

NY 14214. Any lawful purpose.

**SUPREME** COURT 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 Administrator 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

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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., Rochester & Monroe County Employees Federal Credit Union, Amelia Schunk-Giardino, Administrator CTA of the Estate ofWesley 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 Office 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

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 AN-SWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE AN-SWER 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

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#### **GAMES**

## King Crossword -Answers Solution time: 23 mins.

Puzzle on page three.

## **GAMES**

TRIVIA: 1. Seven. 2. Bhutan. 3. Joanne. 4. An insulator. 5. Alaska. 6. Two. 7. Griffith Observatory. 8. Movement and balance. 9. Atlanta, Georgia. 10. 1666.

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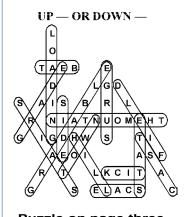
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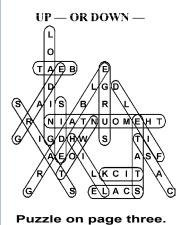
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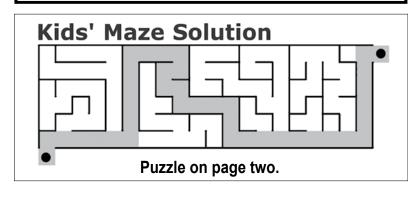
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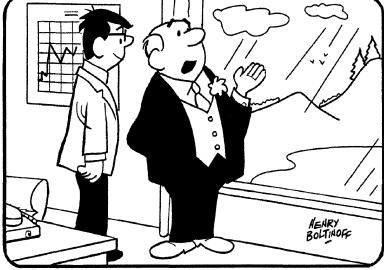
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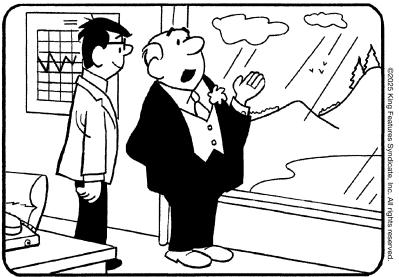
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