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## Buffalo Lenten Fish Fry



Fish fry's during Lent are taken very seriously here in the Western New York region. The most prime places for fish fries are always in Buffalo, NY.

Lent begins next Wednesday, March 5th, and fish fry season in Buffalo is taking off! As a long and beloved tradition, fish fry's take the place of meat for celebrators of Lent every year.

The fish fry is popular all over but few take it as seriously as in the Western New York region. Every Friday during Lent, most restaurants who serve a

fish fry make sure to stock up and cook it to perfection, served with all the correct sides (bread, mac & cheese, potato salad, coleslaw, tartar sauce and of course, lemons).

There are plenty of stellar places for a good fish fry in Western New York, but voted the best by Buffalo's own Artvoice multiple times is The Wellington Pub, located next door to Bob &

John's. Bob & John's is also offering fish fries everyday. The MT Pockets Restaurant also dishes out a fantastic fish fry. And Johnny's Meats is selling fresh haddock for your purchase in case you want to stay home and make your own.

For more fish fry spots in and around Buffalo, please visit [stepoutbuffalo.com/iconic-fish-frys-spots-around-wny/](http://stepoutbuffalo.com/iconic-fish-frys-spots-around-wny/).

## Protect Yourself As Flu Season Peaks In Erie County

National news headlines are using phrases like "worst flu season in decades" and "everyone is sick this winter." When it comes to avoiding days and weeks of aches, fever, chills and general misery, a flu vaccine and common-sense precautions will go a long way towards avoiding illness.

"Positive lab reports, reported hospitalizations, outpatient illness, mortality and pediatric deaths re-

lated to flu infection have contributed to the CDC describing this flu season as 'high severity' – the first time it has done so since the 2009-10 flu season," explained Commissioner of Health Dr. Gale Burstein. "Eventually, warmer weather will bring an end to flu season. For people ages 6 months and older, getting the seasonal flu vaccine now will still give a protective benefit against infection and severe ill-

ness. We have at least a few months of flu illness to navigate. Erie County's flu season can extend into April or May."

People ages 65 years and older, people with certain chronic medical conditions, young children and pregnant women are most in jeopardy of developing serious complications from flu infection, which could require hospitalization and result in death.

"Flu cases continue to rise, but it's not too late to *Continued on page six.*



## Springtime In The Country 2025

Springtime in the Country takes place Friday, March 21 from 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Event Center on the Hamburg Fairgrounds.

As warmer weather and longer days usher in spring, it's also time for the start of market season and the much-anticipated return of Springtime in the Country! Western New York's premier artisan market, this event promises to be the region's most delightful spring shopping experience.

This year's 31st annual Springtime in the Country celebrates products designed to rejuvenate your home, garden and self. Over 250 artisans from across the nation will showcase an exceptional array of items, including home and garden décor, spa-quality bath and beauty products, gourmet foods, craft spirits and wines, hand-

crafted furniture, unique clothing, designer jewelry and vibrant spring florals. Whether you're shopping for Easter, Mother's Day or upcoming birthdays, this is the ultimate destination for thoughtful, one-of-a-kind gifts.

Every artisan participating in the event must pass a stringent jury process to ensure the quality and authenticity of their work, making this a true celebration of artistry and craftsmanship.

Admission is \$9 for adults and \$8 for seniors and military. Complimentary return passes will be available at the event's information booth. Children under 12 are free.

Discount tickets for Springtime in the Country are available through March 20 at select locations in Western New York. For more information, please visit [www.wnypremierpromotions.com](http://www.wnypremierpromotions.com).

## Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



March, 1992. ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL COMPLETES TRANSITION TO NURSING FACILITY...Resident of the new St. Francis Geriatric & Healthcare Services Marie Powers, left, is joined by Congressman Henry J. Nowak, Sister, Jeanne Weisbeck, OSF, Bishop Edward D. Head, and Sister Maure Muller, OSF, in a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the facility.

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH	SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST	SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND	MONDAY, MARCH 3RD	TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH
Rain/Snow High 38° Low 27°	Snow High 36° Low 34°	Rain/Snow High 37° Low 13°	Mostly Cloudy High 20° Low 14°	Partly Cloudy High 32° Low 25°	Mostly Cloudy High 47° Low 43°	Rain High 50° Low 33°

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# SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

## Let's Play Ball!



Seven year old Omeir Cannon, (second from the right) enjoys eating pizza with his Yankee teammates that his family bought for them last year in front of Bob & John's LaHacienda, the teams sponsor, during the Annual Parade up Hertel Avenue to Shoshone Park to Open the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League Season. His teammates include from left to right James Crump, Emerson Johnston, Jock Duddy and Noah Clark.

As of March first, the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League (HNPY-BL) wants everyone to know that there's only 64 days left until Opening Day in Shoshone Park this season on Saturday, May 3rd under possibly bright sunshine and green grass.

With temperatures rising above 32 degrees earlier this week, thoughts are turning towards March and more seasonable weather for boys and girls to sign up for baseball and softball again in North Buffalo. The oldest youth sports league ever offered inside the City, begins its 68th season in the tiny Park, located on Hertel Avenue, near Main Street. With well over 1,000 area children registered to play every season for the last three years, League officials wish you register your son or daughter as soon as possible so they can be assured of playing on close to one hundred teams that includes divisional house, t-ball and travel teams.

The League's Board of Directors have been meeting regularly since the first of the year, discussing everything from League rule changes, registration numbers, sponsorship, the new Thomas Smith Athletic

Center being completed and the Parking situation. Everyone is looking forward to having another great season this year where all boys and girls will be able to play or learn the game every night during the week and on Saturdays.

The new Thomas Smith Athletic Center has become the focal point of almost everyone involved in the League in some way. While no dates have been announced as to when the indoor practice facility will be open, it is hoped the celebration of its future use can happen around the Opening Day Festivities. The huge, two story structure sits just off the Parking lot of the Park, as planned, almost ready to serve the City as a site for athletic development and training.

Here's a listing of all the team names in the Park that have been playing consistently over the years. All Boys teams are named after almost all Major League

Baseball teams today. Arizona, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Minnesota, New York, Oakland, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, St. Louis, Seattle, San Diego, Tampa, Texas, Toronto and Washington.

Girls Teams are named after College and University Schools here and Nation-wide. They are Bulls, Griffs and Purple Eagles locally as well as Bears, Bruins, Bulldogs, Cougars, Crimson Tide, Ducks, Gators, Huskies, Jayhawks, Longhorns, Mountaineers, Razorbacks, Spartans, Sooners, Tigers, Volunteers and Wolverines. All team uniform colors in Shoshone Park match MLB and University Schools as closely as possible. With this many teams, there's no reason for a child to not play baseball or softball every year.

Please register by going to the league's website [www.hnpybl.com](http://www.hnpybl.com) and clicking on the registration tab that is prominent on screen. Every year, HNP has had to form waiting lists of names waiting to play as the season grows close. The registration fee is an affordable \$150.00 for \$100.00 for t-ball for games scheduled from Opening Day until a Championship has been played in ten Divisions. If you are a newcomer to North Buffalo and have never played before, we will need to see a copy of your birth certificate. All players need to purchase a pair of grey baseball pants available from any athletic store, a helmet to wear at home plate and a baseball or softball glove.

All games are played at Shoshone Park beginning in May and the season will run until late July or early August. Every team makes the Playoffs after the regular season that usually schedules 12 games. The teams are placed in brackets in the playoffs and must continue to win in order to win a Championship. If a team loses twice during the postseason, they're eliminated and get to enjoy the rest of their summer.

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## Domestic Abuser Attacks Victim With Kitchen Knife

**North Buffalo February 22, 2025**  
Delaware Avenue - Defendant did fail to scan miscellaneous merchandise products and did walk past all points of purchase, valuing \$150.05.

**February 19, 2025**  
Kenmore Avenue - Defendant did go his mother's home (victim) whom has an order of protection in place. Defendant, while in the home, did begin drinking alcoholic beverages to which did cause defendant to become belligerent towards victim. Victim asked defendant to leave her alone and defendant refused. Which officers arrived and asked defendant to place his hands behind his back, defendant began pulling and refusing to comply with lawful commands.

**Riverside February 22, 2025**  
Clay Street - Defendant did punch complainant on the left side of her head, causing pain. Incident did occur in front of their children.

**February 22, 2025**  
Upper East Lane - Defendant did choke victim by placing hands on victim's neck/throat area. Defendant did make verbal threats to victim to kill victim while displaying kitchen knife. During incident while victim was attempting to call 911, defendant did damage victim's Vortex phone preventing 911 call. Defendant did violate stay away order of protection signed by presiding judge. Knife recovered in kitchen on floor and submitted to evidence.

**February 22, 2025**  
Grace Street - Complainant reports while in residence with the defendant he became irate and threatened after she refused to engage in sexual intercourse with him. Complainant reports she asked the defendant to leave her house while walking him out of the bedroom where he did kick the door into

her face causing pain, redness, and swelling to right eye. Complainant denied medical evaluation.

**February 22, 2025**  
Amherst Street - Victim states following a verbal argument defendant did approach her while she was seated in her chair and did wrap both of his hands around her neck in a threatening manner.

**February 21, 2025**  
Ullman Street - Complainant reports the defendant did threaten to "bury" her as well as pistol whip child in common while involved in a verbal argument with complainant. Victim did show video to officers of threats made.

**February 21, 2025**

Amherst Street - On above date and location at approximately 0305 hours, victim states that after being threatened during a verbal altercation with the suspect, suspect did break down her bedroom door valued at \$250.00.

**February 20, 2025**  
Porter Avenue - On above date, time, and location, suspect, along with co-defendants, were in possession of a stolen vehicle, a 2008 Saturn Vue, white in color, bearing New York registration. The defendant was the front passenger of said vehicle. Defendant was found in possession of a small glassine baggy containing what appears to be narcotics, whitish/yellow rock like substance, in his front hoodie pocket.

**February 19, 2025**  
Newfield Street - BPD Narco and SWAT executed SW 126 Newfield warrant obtained by defendant, signed by honorable judge. Defendant apprehended by SWAT in upper front bedroom and found to be in possession of contraband with co-defendant.

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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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**ACROSS**  
1 Doubtfire or Dalloway  
4 Pesky insect  
8 Blaze  
12 "Alley —"  
13 Verdi heroine  
14 Booty  
15 Sugar suffix  
16 Some online essays  
18 Doppler device  
20 "Diamonds" singer  
21 Brzezinski of MSNBC  
24 Group character  
28 Coin that keeps turning up  
32 Stitched  
33 Artist Yoko  
34 "— luck!"  
36 Actor Stephen  
37 Euro fraction  
39 Pub game  
41 Cognizant  
43 "No seats" signs  
44 Olympics chant  
46 Loan shark's crime  
50 Ginsberg and Kerouac, for two  
55 — Maria

**DOWN**  
1 Heath  
2 Activist Parks  
3 Raced  
4 Angel with a trumpet  
5 Zero  
6 Commotion  
7 Labels  
8 Parade attractions  
9 Cyclades island  
10 Decay  
11 UFO engineers  
17 Diner dessert  
19 Sound booster  
22 Handle  
23 Poker payments  
25 Medal earner  
26 Actor Clive  
27 Hitch  
28 — Raton, Fla.

29 From the start  
30 Lady of Spain  
31 Belgian river  
35 Stirs up  
38 "We hold these — to be ..."  
40 Letter addenda, for short  
42 Sixth sense  
45 Top-notch  
47 Beehive State  
48 Get up  
49 Tibetan herd  
50 "Kapow!"  
51 Before  
52 Play segment  
53 Where Lux. is  
54 Ring decision

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
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Beer	Headed	Opera	Show
Bread	Heavyweight	Pollution	Sleeper
Cream	House	Rail	Years
Diet	Meter	Sensitive	

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## Should I Wait until Age 70 to Claim Social Security? – Ask Rusty

**Dear Rusty:** I am a married woman, at my full retirement age, and the primary earner in my marriage. How do I know if I should take my Social Security now or wait till 70? I will lose quite a bit if I take it now. How will it affect my taxes if I take it now while still working a full-time job?

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

**Signed: Undecided**

**Dear Undecided:** As you apparently already know, waiting until you are 70 to claim Social Security will result in you getting your maximum possible monthly SS retirement benefit. After your full retirement age, you get about 8% more each year you delay claiming up to age 70. But deciding exactly when to claim should consider both your financial needs and, importantly, your life expectancy. If you don't urgently need the money now and your life expectancy is at least "average," then waiting

until age 70 to claim is usually the right choice. But if you urgently need the money, or your life expectancy is less than average (mid-80s for a woman your current age), then claiming before age 70 is usually prudent.

Regarding taxation, Social Security benefits may be taxable if your combined income from all sources exceeds the threshold for your IRS filing status. If you file taxes as "married/jointly" and your combined income (including your work income) exceeds \$32,000, then half of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. But if your combined income is over \$44,000, then up to 85% of your SS benefits becomes taxable income (the thresholds are lower for those who file as a single). So, your full-time work income will likely affect how much of your Social Security benefits are subject to income tax by the IRS.

In the end, only you can decide when you should claim Social Security. Taxation of benefits may be a factor to consider since you are still working full time (thus more of your SS benefits will be taxable). But waiting longer to claim results in a higher benefit for the rest of your life (your SS retirement benefit will be .667% more for each month you delay, up to age 70). If the "rest of your life" is a long time and you don't urgently need the money, waiting is often the right choice. If not, claiming earlier may be wiser.

If you want to get a more personalized estimate of your life expectancy, I suggest you use the tool we use here at the AMAC Foundation: [www.socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/](http://www.socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/)

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

**Elevate Your DMV Experience With The New DMV Express Lane**

Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns has unveiled a new approach aimed at enhancing customer experience and reducing the time standing in line at the DMV. Beginning February 24th, individuals with appointments at their local Auto Bureau Branch will be welcomed into an exclusive "DMV Express Lane," ensuring a more efficient and hassle-free visit.

In the past, customers who had taken the initiative to schedule appointments found themselves standing in the same long lines as those without appointments when trying to check-in. This often led to frustration and confusion, leaving many to question, "What's the point of making an appointment if I still have to wait?"

To tackle this challenge head-on, Kearns and his team at the Erie County Auto Bureau have designed a DMV Express Lane, which is meant to entice more in-

dividuals to book reservations while also significantly improving wait times and transaction speeds for those who do.

Kearns states, "By managing arrivals effectively, customers can look forward to being served promptly and without the worry of seeing a long line of people waiting ahead of them."

The revamped customer journey begins upon entering the DMV Branch, where customers with an appointment can use the DMV Express Lane and have priority access to check-in at the Customer Service Desk. This proactive strategy establishes a more organized and efficient process, addressing the common misconceptions that customers who make a reservation have to wait just like walk-in customers.

Customers with appointments are encouraged to arrive at the DMV no more than 15 minutes prior, enter

the DMV Express Lane with their confirmation number ready where they will be greeted by a customer service representative that will guide them to the next steps in their transaction and provide them an "A" ticket number.

Today's DMV manages a substantial volume of intricate and extensive transactions, which range from registering a vehicle, issuing licenses for commercial and non-commercial drivers to ensuring compliance with the intricate motor vehicle code, such as purchasing and/or selling a vehicle, insurance lapses, State-To-State Verification Services and the REAL ID Compliance Standard.

"No matter who you are, where you reside, or what you do, everyone must interact with the DMV at some point. However, this is not your grandparents' or even your parents' DMV, we have evolved. Customers who have an appointment are granted priority service, while walk-in customers will still receive the superior service they have come to expect and deserve," stated Kearns.

In order to attain those goals, Kearns has made remarkable advancements in improving the Erie County Auto Bureau's reputation by implementing pivotal strat-

egies such as advanced appointment systems, streamlined processes, exceptional customer service, and actively seeking feedback to pinpoint areas for enhancement. The overarching objective is to craft an experience that is

not only convenient and efficient but also user-friendly, minimizing wait times while maximizing accessibility for individuals who prefer to secure appointments, either online or through the Clerk's Outreach Center.

**Senior TRIVIA**

**Pop Quiz**

Test your knowledge!

- 1) The show "Happy Days" is a spinoff of which older sitcom?

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2. Which author created the character Hercule Poirot?

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- 3) Where is Barack Obama's presidential library located?

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- 4) What river forms part of the border between the United States and Mexico?

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- 5) Which planet in our solar system has the strongest gravitational field?

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- 6) Which four states intersect at the Four Corners monument?

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- 7) What is anemophily?

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- 8) How much does an Oscar award trophy weigh?

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- 9) What is a haboob?

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- 10) How many millimeters are in a meter?

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<b>Small Pak</b> .....	30.80
<i>Medium Cheese and One Item Pizza with Single Wings (10) and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.40 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)</i>	
<b>Mini Pak</b> .....	47.00
<i>Large Cheese and One Item Pizza with Double Wings (20) and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)</i>	
<b>Thirty Pak</b> .....	53.25
<i>Large Cheese and One Item Pizza with Triple Wings (30) and 2 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)</i>	
<b>Family Pak</b> .....	78.75
<i>Large Cheese and One Item Pizza with Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)</i>	
<b>Party Pak</b> .....	89.00
<i>Sheet Pizza or (2) Large Pizzas with Cheese &amp; One Item with Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)</i>	
<b>Personal Specialty Pak</b> .....	99.80
<i>Personal Specialty Pizza with Five (5) Wings and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$ .70 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)</i>	
<b>Small Specialty Pak</b> .....	33.90
<i>Medium Specialty Pizza with Single Wings (10) and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.40 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)</i>	
<b>Mini Specialty Pak</b> .....	50.50
<i>Large Specialty Pizza with Double Wings (20) and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)</i>	
<b>Thirty Specialty Pak</b> .....	60.75
<i>Large Specialty Pizza with Triple Wings (30) and 2 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)</i>	
<b>Family Specialty Pak</b> .....	82.25
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**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](http://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](mailto: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.

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## Protect Yourself As Flu Season Peaks In Erie County

*Continued from page one.* protect your family, loved ones, and neighbors," offered Steven Turkovich, MD, President at Oishei Children's Hospital. "Getting the flu vaccine now can still reduce illness severity and prevent hospitalizations. We also urge everyone to help prevent the spread of illness by staying home when sick, washing hands frequently, wearing a mask when ill, and covering coughs and sneezes. Together, we can keep our community healthy."

Flu vaccine is widely available at pharmacies, health clinics and physicians' offices across the state. A vaccine can help to reduce serious symptoms and avoid a hospital stay. Most health insurance plans will cover all or most of the cost of vaccines for eligible patients. See [vaccines.gov](http://vaccines.gov) for locations or ask your doctor.

**Anti-viral Treatment for Flu Illness:** Doctors can prescribe oral (taken by mouth) anti-viral treatments for patients with confirmed flu, but they must start taking the medication very soon after the start of symptoms. Tamiflu (oseltamivir) is available for people two weeks of age and older who have had flu symptoms for no more than two days. Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions should contact their doctor's office or go to urgent care as soon as symptoms (aches, fever, coughing)

start. COVID-19, RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) and whooping cough (pertussis) round out the serious, and preventable, respiratory illnesses that continue to circulate. To prevent respiratory disease transmission, get vaccinated if eligible and:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when sick.
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"Honestly Daddy! You complain about the power bill, now you complain when the \_\_\_\_\_ are off!"

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!

Despair      \_\_\_\_\_

Amuse      \_\_\_\_\_

Dent     \_\_\_\_\_

Anger      \_\_\_\_\_

**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. 10

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. 9

**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 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

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 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 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

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

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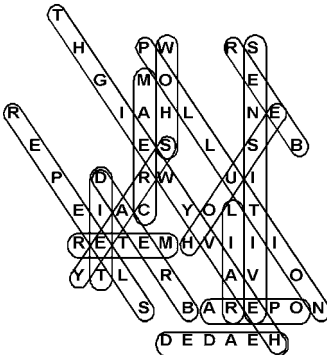
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## GAMES

### LIGHT



Puzzle on page three.

## GAMES

### King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.



Puzzle on page three.

## GAMES

TRIVIA: 1. "Love, American Style." 2. Agatha Christie. 3. Chicago, Illinois. 4. The Rio Grande. 5. Jupiter. 6. Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. 7. Pollination by the wind. 8. 8.5 pounds. 9. An intense dust storm. 10. 1,000.

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

8	9	7	3	2	5	1	6	4
2	1	3	9	6	4	5	8	7
6	4	5	8	1	7	9	3	2
9	5	6	4	3	8	2	7	1
3	2	8	7	5	1	4	9	6
4	7	1	6	9	2	3	5	8
7	3	4	2	8	9	6	1	5
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Puzzle on page four.

# SCRAMBLERS

solution

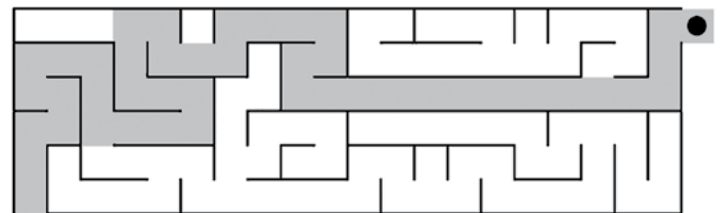
- Gloom
- Please;
- Dimple;
- Wrath

Today's Word

# LIGHTS

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## Kids' Maze Solution



Puzzle on page four.

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