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Cupid's Undie Run Returns!



Photo credit: Cupid's Undie Run.

Runners get ready at the start of Cupid's Undie Run in Buffalo.

Every February, when most people are hiding from the cold, thousands run straight into it – by choice. Some wear only their underwear, others opt for tutus or full-blown costumes. It's called Cupid's Undie Run, a nationwide event benefiting the Children's Tumor Foundation

(CTF) that turns a winter day into a celebration of laughter, courage, and half-frozen selfies – all to speed the search for life-changing treatments. The event funds research into NF (short for neurofibromatosis and schwannomatosis) – a group of genetic condi-

tions that cause tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body. Since it began in 2010, Cupid's has become a fixture on America's Best Fun Runs lists and has raised millions for science that's changing lives.

Be part of the fun, the purpose, and the progress – register today at cupids.org.

Gardens Buffalo Niagara Garden Art Sale Call for Vendors!



Metalwork Dragonfly at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens.

The Garden Art Sale in partnership with the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens (GardenArtSale.com), is a beloved summer tradition. It offers a prime platform for artisans to share their garden- and nature-themed creations with an ever-growing and enthusiastic gardening community. From sculptures to planters, metalwork to fountains, wind sculptures to vintage signs, ceramics to woodwork, birdhouses to birdbaths, and beyond, the event welcomes diverse mediums that res-

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Highmark And Buffalo Sabres Team Up To Celebrate Buffalo Public School Counselors

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Buffalo Sabres are teaming up to spotlight mental health awareness on Jan. 14, during the Sabres game against the Philadelphia Flyers.

Mental Health Awareness night will shine a spotlight on the invaluable contributions of Buffalo Public Schools' counselors and engage the community in efforts to raise awareness and reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues.

This recognition for the dedicated Buffalo Public School (BPS) Counselors

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Recognition Kicked Off with Special Surprise by Highmark President Jessica Cox and Sabres Legend Marty Biron.

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



January, 1994. THREE DAYS A WEEK...Every Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, North Buffalo residents and baseball aficionados Karl Dirschedl, Richard Good, and Bernard Sickerman head out for Delaware Park to practice their pitching, catching, and hitting. Today at bat, is Karl Dirschedl.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND

Partly Cloudy
High 42°
Low 40°

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD

Rain/Snow
High 55°
Low 34°

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

Rain
High 45°
Low 29°

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

Rain/Snow
High 32°
Low 26°

MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH

Mostly Cloudy
High 33°
Low 31°

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH

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Highmark And Buffalo Sabres Team Up To Celebrate Buffalo Public School Counselors

Continued from page one. counselors began in November, setting the stage for their in-game honor. Highmark President Jessica Cox, alongside BPS Superintendent Dr. Pascal Mubenga, Buffalo Sabres legend Marty Biron, and Lawley Partner John Berger surprised the counselors at City Hall. What they anticipated as a routine benefits meeting transformed into a celebratory ceremony, complete with personalized Sabres jerseys, acknowledging their efforts caring for the mental health needs of the students in the City of Buffalo.

Being recognized during the game are Jaqueta Abraham, Orniece Hill, Laurence Jones, Jill Llobocchiaro, Jillian Miller, Aundrea Sanders, and Monica Sardo.

"At Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, mental health is a paramount focus, and we are proud to recognize the vital work being done daily to support the students of Buffalo Public Schools," said Jessica Cox, President of Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. "Student counselors serve as essential figures for our community's youth, providing crucial guidance and support for their academic success and overall well-being."

As part of the game, students and counseling staff will attend pre-game events, including mental health discussions featuring Eric Kussin, Founder and CEO of #SameHere The Global Mental Health Movement, Sabres alumnus Clint Malarchuk and participation and support from Mental Health Advocates of WNY. Fans will also be engaged in sharing how they keep their minds strong and healthy.

"Supporting mental health awareness aligns with our core values as an organization, and we are pleased to partner with Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield to support those who share that vision," said Jake Vernon, Buffalo

Sabres chief commercial officer. "Honoring educators involved in elevating these conversations with students is a meaningful way to give back to those who are truly making a difference in our community."

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, the sole health plan headquartered in the City of Buffalo, proudly insures more than 43,000 educators and education administrators throughout the region. Highmark provides unique benefits tailored for educators, including Employee Support Program assistance, mental health counseling, and virtual mental health support in as little as three days through its Mental Well-Being platform, powered by Spring Health.

"Ensuring our students have access to high-quality mental health support services is crucial to our students' success both in the classroom and beyond," Buffalo Public School Superintendent Pascal Mubenga said. "Having strong community partners such as Highmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield and the Buffalo Sabres truly raises awareness and helps end the stigma often surrounding mental health. On behalf of our school counselors, the Board of Education, and the whole BPS community,

I want to express my gratitude to Highmark and the Sabres for their generosity and unwavering commitment to our students' well-being and recognition of our school counselors."

As a separate but complementary initiative, Highmark and the Sabres provided more than 2,000 tickets for all Buffalo Public School teachers, administrators and staff members as well as educators across the region to attend a game this season.

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield has a long history of supporting mental and behavioral health, as the region's first health plan to establish a value-based arrangement

for behavioral health care with Value Network IPA, LLC. The local health plan has partnered with Mental Health Advocates of WNY to support their signature Youth Peer Advocates Program, as well as on other initiatives, including the #weareHOPE initiative, a collaborative effort to address the mental health needs of the community following multiple traumatic events in Buffalo.

"We are incredibly excited to partner with the Buffalo Sabres and Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield for Mental Health Awareness Night. Because of their generosity, 300 students from our local schools will spend the day at the arena watching the Sabres practice, sharing a meal together, and participating in a powerful panel discussion on mental health featuring Josh Cuillo, one of our Youth Peer Advocates. We are deeply grateful to the Sabres Foundation for their leadership and ongoing support of mental health awareness and education in our community," said Melina Dubois, Executive Director, Mental Health Advocates.

Behavioral Health is a key focus area for Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield's health-focused grant program, Blue Fund. Since 2018, major grants have been awarded to many of Value Network's partner agencies, including Crisis Services, Spectrum Health and Human Services, Harmonia Collaborative Care, BestSelf Behavioral Health, Endeavor Health Services, Buffalo MATTERS, Save the Michaels' Court Treatment Program, Horizon's Family Training Center at Horizon Village, Compeer Maryvale Leaders, and Directions: A Mobile Behavioral Health Project and more. The local health plan also made a \$1 million investment in Erie County Medical Center's (ECMC) Trauma Center/Emergency Department project to support behavioral health and detoxification services.



"Well, it's that time again to regret you
didn't marry a _____ woman!"

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!

Mean
LIMPY

Hue
DEASH

Bask
LOWLAW

Garb
TRAITE



TODAY'S WORD



The Blotter

Felony

From "D" District

Assailant Threatens Victim With A Machete Over Bail

North Buffalo

January 20, 2026

Hertel Avenue - Patrol did observe a New York registered vehicle, 2022 Chevrolet Trailblazer red in color headed eastbound on Hertel Avenue. Patrol did confirm vehicle as a stolen vehicle in the city Buffalo. Vehicle was stopped at Hertel Avenue and Delaware Avenue and offender and co-offender were removed from the vehicle. Offender was operating vehicle and did possess a NYS license with a revoked status. Patrol officer did recover from center of vehicle 5.5 Clonzapam pills and a white rock substance approximately .5g in a pill container. Narcotics submitted to lab by patrol officer. Both offenders in possession of vehicle keys.

January 19, 2026

Delaware Avenue - Victim state that defendant has been calling him on the telephone and sending mail via postal office demanding victim post money for his bail and if he doesn't he will file false police reports on him and sue him. Victim also states that made defendant threatens to use a machete on him. Defendant was in custody at ECHC during this time and is still currently in custody.

January 19, 2026

Delaware Avenue - Defendant did take RedBull valued at \$45.18 and did pass all points of purchase. Defendant was previously trespassed from 601 Amherst and did commit a crime within store.

January 17, 2026

Delaware Avenue - Victim states defendant after a verbal argument over phone did strike defendant multiple times kicking, shoving, and pushing.

January 16, 2026

Delaware Avenue - Defendant did enter Target at 2626 Delaware Avenue and take \$724.78 worth of merchandise past all points of purchase, making no attempt to pay. The defendant was identified by the complainant. Detective was video of the incident.

West Side

January 20, 2026

Ashland Avenue - Victim states the defendant and her got into a verbal argument that turned physical when the defendant lifted up the bed and flipped her out of it her to hit the back of the bed frame and fall to the floor causing bruising and swelling to her left hip. ADI declined by victim.

Riverside

January 19, 2026

Breckenridge Street - Victim stated suspect and victim did engage in a verbal argument when suspect did slap victim on the

arm in front of one of their two children. The other child was asleep during incident.

January 18, 2026

Royal Avenue - Victim states following verbal argument over a dog she asked the defendant to leave. Defendant then began refusing to leave and did grab her by the arm. Victim's 13 year old child did then attempt to intervene and defendant did grab the child and pushed her onto the bed causing child to be frightened.

January 15, 2026

Tonawanda Street - The victim states that the suspect punched her in the face, causing a laceration and swelling to her lip. Victim also states that the suspect broke her glasses.

January 15, 2026

Riverside Avenue - Defendant did grab the victim and throw her to the ground then did kick her and punch her multiple times.

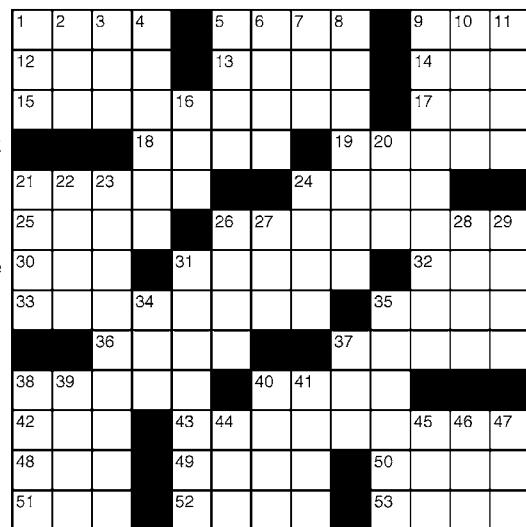


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17 White wine cocktail
18 Night light?
19 Comic Chase
21 Prove untrue
24 Converse
25 With (Fr.)
26 Woo with a tune
30 Rule, for short
31 Ohio's "Rubber Capital"
32 Crone
33 Genius
35 Speck
36 Fireplace fuel
37 Golf great Sam
38 "Untrue!"
40 Stated
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43 Small digit
48 "Caught ya!"
49 Leading man?
50 McGregor of film



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OLD SAILING TERMS STILL USED TODAY

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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: ALL — ON DECK

Ahoy	Loose canon	Overboard	Taken aback
Keel over	Make waves	Pipe down	Toe the line
Limey	Mate	Scuttlebutt	Wide berth
Long shot	Onboard	Shipshape	

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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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Seniority

About Claiming Social Security Early and Investing It - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: I am a 63-year-old single lady, and I have questions regarding Social Security "early retirement," though I will still be working full time.

I know there is a maximum allowable income limit and, if I exceed that, I will need to return probably 2/3 of my received Social Security benefit. I'm thinking about taking those early SS benefits (about \$1,400 per month) and putting them in my high yield savings or CD where I can gain the interest on it and have it stay "liquid" so I can return what I need to. My current interest rate is 3.65% on the savings, and over 4.25% on CD, with options for 3,6,9 mos. or longer- but I want to be able to access the money to pay Social Security back at the end of the year. Can you advise me on this? Signed: Still Working

but Wondering
Dear Still Working:

I commend you, for investigating your options before claiming early Social Security benefits while still working. FYI, the 2026 annual earnings limit for those collecting early SS benefits is \$24,480 (changes annually). If your 2026 work earnings exceed the annual limit, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. The annual earnings limit lasts until you reach your full retirement age (FRA), and the limit is about 2.5 times higher during the year you attain FRA.

FYI, when you apply for benefits, Social Security will ask if you are working and, if so, how much you make. Using that info, they will evaluate whether you can take benefits now and, if so, how many

months they can actually pay your benefits. For example, if your projected 2026 earnings are, say, \$100,000, you would be about \$75,000 over the annual limit which means that half of that (\$37,500) would need to be paid back to SS. Since your monthly SS benefit at your current age would be about \$1,400 per month, Social Security will say that you are temporarily ineligible to collect early benefits because you cannot pay back within one year what you would owe for exceeding the limit. In other words, they won't pay your SS benefits just yet because your earnings are too high and they do not want to overpay benefits which you will only need to return.

For additional perspective, if your expected 2026 earnings are less (say about \$50,000) – that means you would be about \$25,000 over the limit – about half of that (about \$12,500) would need to be paid back to SS. In that event, SSA would tell you they will withhold 9 months of your SS payments in advance and pay your benefits for only 3 months. This because the overpayment, with your current benefit of about \$1,400, could be recovered by withholding your SS payments for 9 months. They do not want to intentionally overpay your SS benefits.

So, despite your best repayment intentions, Social Security will not favor intentionally overpaying your benefits. Historically, overpayment of benefits due to exceeding the annual earnings limit has been a notoriously difficult issue for the Social Security Administration. So, to get your early SS benefits while you are working full time, you would likely need to lie about your anticipated 2026 earnings on your application for SS benefits, which we strongly discourage. Keep in mind that this all changes when you reach your FRA (67), because the earning limit goes away entirely when you reach FRA (and the limit goes up by about 2.5 times in the year you attain full retirement age). So, depending on your earnings level, you may wish to either wait until your full retirement age, or until you stop working full time, to claim SS.

Now, as for the general idea of taking early benefits and investing them, many have said they wish to do that, and we understand that logic. Our caution is that it requires religious discipline to put the SS money into a higher yield investment vehicle to accomplish the goal of beating the SS increase realized when you wait to claim. Many who try it succumb to the temptation to use the invested funds for emergency needs (and sometimes non-emergency needs). I offer this only as something to be aware of, as some have shared that they failed in their investment objectives with their Social Security money.

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

1) Who was the first Canadian to win the Nobel Prize in Literature?

2) What is the home of the Greek gods?

3) Which language is the second most spoken in Canada?

4) Which explorer sailed around Africa to discover a trade route between Europe and India?

5) What is the name of Elle Woods' Chihuahua in "Legally Blonde"?

6) In what year was the original Pac-Man video game released?

7) What is the name of the town where "Hart of Dixie" is set?

8) Which popular fruit has seeds on the outside?

9) What is the common name for alopecia?

10) In which country are the Cliffs of Moher located?

Answers on page seven.

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Shea's Celebrates 100 Years

Shea's Buffalo Theatre celebrated the centennial anniversary of its grand opening, marking 100 years since the landmark theater first opened its brass doors to the public on January 16, 1926.

"For generations, Shea's Buffalo Theatre has been a special place where memories are made and shared," said Brian Higgins, President & CEO of Shea's Buffalo. "It's survival and success are rooted in the deep conviction that this theatre matters to our culture, our city, and our people. This centennial celebrates the community, volunteers, artists, and supporters whose passion built, saved, and sustained this extraordinary place. As we step into our next century, we do so with a bold commitment to ensuring Shea's continues to inspire and bring people



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together for generations to come."

Shea's Buffalo Theatre opened in 1926 under the moniker of "The Wonder Theatre," and was the dream of founder and showman Michael Shea. The theatre was constructed in a year and a day at a cost of around \$1.8 million. Originally serving as a movie house under Paramount Pictures and advertised as having "an acre of seats," Shea's Buffalo would later stage vaudeville shows and play host to some of the biggest names in entertainment.

In the 1970's, after the City of Buffalo foreclosed on the property (1974) for back taxes, a group of concerned citizens formed The Friends of Buffalo Theatre to save the downtown anchor from demolition. This not-for-profit organization ran the theatre for several years and

was responsible for getting Shea's listed on the National Register for Historic Places (1975). Subsequently, the City of Buffalo assumed ownership of the Theatre, with support from City Comptroller George O'Connell and in 1980, Shea's O'Connell Preservation Guild is formed as the non-profit theatre manager, a status which continues to this day.

In recent decades, millions of dollars in restoration and improvements have been completed at Shea's Buffalo, much of it by volunteers. From the ceilings (2015) to the carpets (2009), and return of the historic blade sign (2004) to stagehouse expansion (1999),

This work has allowed Buffalo to keep the only surviving Louis Tiffany designed theater, with an original Wurlitzer organ, in magnificent condition for our patrons and the community.

Shea's Centennial Anniversary Celebration

will take place on Friday, January 16 from 5:30 – 8:30PM. The celebration takes place in Shea's Grand Lobby and the Shea's stage featuring live entertainment by D.J. Milk, Curtis Cook on the Wurlitzer, IOT Band, and several local theatre partners. Tickets are \$50, benefit Shea's, a non-profit, and include a champagne toast, heavy hors d'oeuvres, photo opportunities from the stage, and more. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information visit: <https://www.sheas.org/performances/sheas-centennial-celebration>.

Below are highlights of additional events and community collaborations planned for Shea's centennial year:

January:
42 North Wonder Beer Release

Shea's / AKG Exhibit at Buffalo Niagara International Airport

February:
2/28: Buffalo Fashion Runway Presents Black Carpet III

March:
Broadway Season Announcement
Construction begins on Shea's Buffalo Expansion Project

April:
Strategic Plan Release
Tipico New Centennial Blend Coffee

May:
5/16: Wonder Awards: Shea's High School Mu-

sical Awards
June:
6/25: Buffalo Run Club at Shea's
July:
7/8: Mighty Wurlitzer Concert Featuring Richard Hills
7/13: Slow Roll Buffalo at Shea's
August:
8/21: Theatre Day at the Buffalo Bisons Game
September:
Broadway Season Begins
October:
10/3: Shea's Gala
November:
Shea's Anniversary Ornament Release
December:
Centennial Year Final Celebration

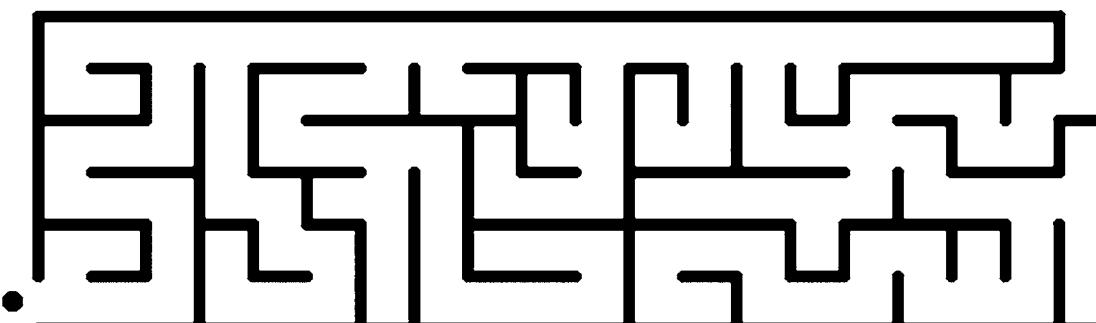
Throughout the year, Shea's will also continue to feature outstanding performances, historic tours, educational opportunities, and free films.

Learn more about Shea's storied history and witness documents and photographs from over the years, by visiting Shea's Virtual Vault at: www.sheas.org/vault.

A transformative capital campaign is underway to expand Shea's Buffalo Theatre and prepare this beloved landmark for its next century. The community is invited to be part of Shea's enduring legacy by purchasing a Centennial Seat Plaque or exploring other opportunities to Elevate Shea's.

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Kids' Maze



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Ginnane Funeral Home.....3215 Delaware Avenue
Gloria J. Parks Community Ctr.....3242 Main Street
Gramma Mora's.....1465 Hertel Avenue
Great Clips.....2678 Delaware Avenue
Hertel Coin Laundry.....1274 Hertel Avenue
Hertel Park Senior Apartments.....1631 Hertel Avenue
Hertel Parker Liquors.....1859 Hertel Avenue
Home Taste (Chinese Cuisine).....3106 Delaware Avenue
Imagine Salon.....1527 Hertel Avenue
Macy's Place.....3100 Delaware Avenue
Joey's Place.....83 Niagara Street
Johnny's Meats.....1191 Hertel Avenue
Knights of Columbus.....1530 Kenmore Avenue
Korona Jewelers.....1588 Hertel Avenue
North Buffalo Community Ctr.....203 Sanders Road
North Buffalo Dental.....1600 Hertel Avenue
North Park Library.....975 Hertel Avenue

Parkside Community Center.....2318 Main Street
Paul Wolf Agency.....2890 Delaware Avenue
Plaka Restaurant.....2904 Delaware Avenue
Price Rite Market.....1716 Kenmore Avenue
Salon Avanti.....3086 Delaware Avenue
Salon Coronado.....2870 Delaware Avenue
Salon D Capelli.....3104 Delaware Avenue
Scissors.....1497 Hertel Avenue
Studio Sophia.....1094 Hertel Avenue
Sunoco Gas Station.....4505 Main Street
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Terrie's Workout Center.....1481 Hertel Avenue
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Wellington Pub.....1541 Hertel Avenue

WEST SIDE

Baptist Manor.....276 Linwood Avenue
Buffalo Public Library.....Niagara at Porter
BMHA Housing.....245 Elmwood Avenue
CWJ Lock & Key.....183 Forest Avenue
Corner Store.....Forest & Grant
Delaware Apartments.....1217 Delaware Avenue
Dibble Hardware.....262 West Ferry Street
Elmwood Square Apts.....505 Elmwood Avenue
Fast Stop Food Mart.....326 Military Road
Frontier Liquor & Beverage Ctr.....121 Grant Street
First Niagara Bank.....Elmwood at West Utica
M&T Bank.....130 Grant Street
Military Coin Laundry.....1134 Military Road
Santasio's Restaurant.....1329 Niagara Street
Timon Towers.....1015 Delaware Avenue
Trinity Tower Apartments.....33 Linwood Avenue

West Market.....1032 West Avenue
West Side Community Center.....Vermont at Fargo

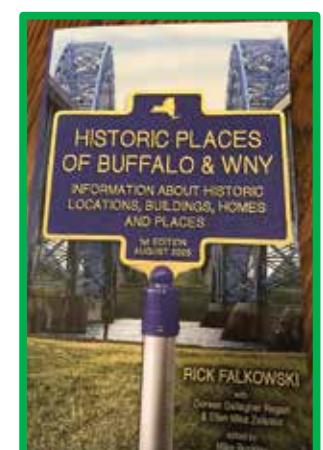
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AmVets.....25 Review Place
Black Rock Pharmacy.....431 Tonawanda Street
Boys & Girls Club.....54 Riverdale Avenue
Buffalo Wine & Liquors.....2067 Niagara Street
D District Police Station.....669 Hertel Avenue
Doyle's Deli.....1981 Niagara Street
Faso Restaurant.....2126 Niagara Street
Fast Stop Food Mart.....236 Military Road
First Niagara Bank.....2141 Elmwood Avenue
First Niagara.....201 Amherst Street
Hearts Thrift Shop.....890 Tonawanda Street
House of Sandwich.....800 Tonawanda Street
M&T Bank.....788 Tonawanda Street
Niagara Deli Pizzeria.....2043 Niagara Street
Nickel City Bottle Return.....2209 Niagara Street
Northwest Buffalo Community Ctr.....155 Lawn Avenue
Pat's Pizzeria.....544 Ontario Street
Pizza Bella.....1133 Tonawanda Street
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Shea's Performing Arts Center announced registration is now open for "Sing Your Story," a camp for students ages 10 – 17 running during the February school break. Through a song of their choice, students in this camp will explore their unique life experiences to create a personal monologue and sing their story. Under the guidance of Shea's lead teaching artist Alejandro Gómez, participants will develop their own ideas, lighting, and costumes, culminating in a one-of-a-kind performance where they are the star! Sing Your Story concludes with a community showcase on the Shea's Smith Theatre stage, celebrating each student's creativity and voice. The week-long camp will run February 16 – 20 from 9:00AM – 4:00PM daily. Space is limited. The cost of the camp is \$250 for the week, with assistance available to those in need. To register, visit: <https://www.sheas.org/camps/sing-your-story/>.

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continue for two Thursdays in 2026, February 19 and March 19. To participate, guests will need to reserve their free tickets online before arriving at the Zoo. Tickets can

be reserved at mtb.com/ThirdThursdays. There will be a limit of 10 tickets per group, with timed ticket entry still available between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. While tickets are honored all day, visitors are asked to arrive at the time they signed up for. Special programming on November 20 will feature several Zookeeper Talks including: 11 a.m. – Snow Leopard Keeper Talk at the Vanishing Animals North Exhibit 12 p.m. – Tawny Frogmouth & Wallaby Keeper Talk at the EcoStation Exhibit 2 p.m. – Bison Keeper Talk at the Bison Exhibit Current members of the Zoo are always admitted, even in the event of a "Third Thursday" sellout. Please note that rides, concessions and parking are not included in the free admission. As the Buffalo Zoo marks its 150th anniversary this year, the M&T Bank Presents Third Thursdays at the Buffalo Zoo program adds to the Zoo's ongoing celebrations, which are taking place through December 2025. M&T is a longtime partner of the Buffalo Zoo and remains the lead sponsor of the M&T Bank Rainforest Falls exhibit. To learn more about the Buffalo Zoo and its latest special events, visit buffalozoo.org.



Gardens Buffalo Niagara Garden Art Sale Call for Vendors!

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onate with the essence of gardens and nature.

"This is an exceptional opportunity for artists and creators to showcase their work to enthusiastic buyers who come specifically to purchase garden art," said Jim Charlier, Garden Art Sale event chair. "Our attendees arrive with money in hand and a passion for unique pieces that will enhance their outdoor spaces. We're inviting artisans whose works can adorn gardens or celebrate nature to join us for this premier selling event."

The Garden Art Sale isn't just a showcase; it's a haven for motivated buyers seeking unique, garden-inspired treasures. Join more than 70 vendors on the expansive front lawn of the Botanical Gardens, nestled within the picturesque Frederick Law Olmsted-designed park, to exhibit their exquisite garden art-related wares.

"With live music, food trucks, plant society booths, a popular basket raffle, and the ambiance of the Botanical Gardens' front lawn, the Garden Art Sale is an unmissable event," added co-chair Barbara Maze. "It's an opportunity to engage with thousands of serious buyers coming prepared to buy art for their gardens."

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 <https://www.gardensbuffaloniagara.com/vendors>

For further information or media inquiries, please contact: Audrey

Clark, Gardens Buffalo Niagara. Phone: (716) 247-5004, Email: aclark@gardensbuffaloniagara.com

Gardens Buffalo Niagara creates more vibrant and beautiful communities by sharing gardens through events like Garden Walk Buffalo, America's largest garden tour; the East Side Garden Walk; Tours of Open Gardens in July; the Garden Art Sale; Urban Farm Day; Conservation Day in Bidwell Park, and promoting the many other garden tours of Buffalo Niagara.

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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 RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST,
-against-
GERMAINE WILLIAMS, ET AL.
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Erie on December 3, 2025, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, is the Plaintiff and GERMAINE WILLIAMS ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the "CLOSING ROOM" OF THE ERIE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 92 FRANKLIN STREET, FIRST FLOOR, BUFFALO, NY 14202, on February 23, 2026 at 1:00PM, premises known as 221 CHADDUCK STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14207; and the following tax map identification, 77.40-7-29.

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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 802450/2023. Brittany Lee Penberthy, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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INDEX NO: 809750/2022 Date Filed: 11/17/2025 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE MORTGAGED PREMISES: 64 Academy Road, Buffalo, New York 14211 SBL #: 101.58-6-25 Plaintiff designates ERIE County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate. STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF ERIE State of New York Mortgage Agency, Plaintiff, vs. Erie County Public Administrator, as Administrator of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Kelvin H. Lee, as Heir to the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Michael J. Lee, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Amber Bennett aka Amber J. Lee as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Terri Lynne Bennett, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Brianne M. Bennett, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Wayne H. Davey, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Dennis Davey, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Richard J. Davey, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Deborah R. Manalopoulos aka Debbie R. Davey, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Randy S. Davey, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Kim Bennett; Stephen J. Scarfone d/b/a Surety Remodeling Group; City of Buffalo o/b/o People of the State of New York; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; New City Funding Corp; Erie County Department of Social Services; ML Factors Funding Limited Liability Company; Midland Funding LLC dba in New York as Midland Funding of Delaware LLC; Kalienda Health; E-Z Loan Auto Sales, LLC; New York State Office of Victim Services; State of New York; The United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue Service; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 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 Amended Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR

PROPERTY. SENDING 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. THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$67,800.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Erie on July 30, 2022, in Book 13007 and Page 9463, covering premises known as 64 Academy Road, Buffalo, New York 14211, SBL #: 101.58-6-25 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. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises. TO the Defendants Michael J. Lee, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey and Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey, and all heirs-at-law and all the heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Mary L. Slisz, J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Madison, dated November 5, 2025 and filed November 7, 2025. Dated: December 15, 2025 /s/ Kyle Jacobs Kyle Jacobs, Esq. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840 New York, New York 10170 Phone: 347.286.7409 Fax: 347-286-7414 Attorneys for Plaintiff, State of New York Mortgage Agency HELP FOR HOME OWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the De-

partment's website at www.dfs.ny.gov. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. 5

Notice of Formation of Sterling Delaware, LLC LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/6/2025 Office at 360 Delaware Ave., Suite 400, Buffalo, NY 14202, Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Attn: Christopher Marks, 360 Delaware Ave., Suite 400, Buffalo, NY 14202. Any lawful purpose. 4

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ERIE PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Erie County Public Administrator, as Limited Administrator of the Estate of Carol R. Elliott a/k/a Carol Elliott; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered November 20, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the first floor Closing Room of the Erie County Clerk's Office, 92 Franklin St, Buffalo, NY 14202 on February 10, 2026 at 10:10AM, premises known as 771 Eagle Street, Buffalo, NY 14210. All that Tractor parcel of land, situate, in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie, State of New York, Section: 111.83 Block: 3 Lot: 1.6. Approximate amount of judgment \$108,509.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 800651/2024. Christopher Pannozzo, Esq., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 2, 2025 88274 7

Notice of Formation of a Domestic Professional Limited Liability Company Black Rock Mental Health Counseling, PLLC's Arts of Org were filed by the NY Dept of State on 1/8/25. Its office location is Erie County. Its purpose is mental health counseling. NY's Sec'y of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. The Sec'y shall mail a copy of any process to the PLLC at 36 Woodette Place, Buffalo, NY 14207. 9

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solution

1. Imply; 2. Shade;
3. Wallow; 4. Attire

Today's Word

WEALTHY

Puzzle on page two.

HOCUS - FOCUS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



6. Armrest is different.
3. Necklace is missing. 4. Tie is different. 5. Nose is smaller.
Differences: 1. Man is looking the other way. 2. Mouth is open.

GAMES

1. Short story author Alice Munro, 2013.
2. Mount Olympus.
3. French.
4. Vasco da Gama.
5. Bruiser.
6. 1980.
7. Bluebell, Alabama.
8. Strawberries.
9. Hair loss.
10. Ireland.

Kids' Maze Solution



Puzzle on page five.

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

A	H	A	B	N	E	C	K	L	U	G	
L	O	R	I	A	L	A	N	A			
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Puzzle on page three.

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S	S	C	E	S	C	I

Puzzle on page three.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Puzzle on page three.

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