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## Orchids After Dark Returns



Watercolor Orchids on display at the Botanical Gardens. White-petal orchids are manipulated with plant-safe dye to create this unique effect.

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens welcomes visitors to enjoy a flower-filled event like never before during their Orchid Exhibit and Orchids After Dark. Visitor will enjoy over 2,000 orchids of all colors, shapes and sizes in an exciting tropical escape this winter. The Orchid Exhibit will be open daily from now through March 7 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The exhibit will also be open in the evening with special lighting during Orchids After Dark.



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**Botanical  
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in partnership with the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society where an additional several hundred exotic and award-winning orchids will be added to the show.

The Orchid Exhibit will dazzle visitors like never

before. Dark on select nights and during several other special events. Orchids After Dark is open on January 22-24, 29, 31, February 6-7, 13-15, 17, 19-21, 26-28, and March 5-7 from 6:00pm to 9:30pm. The exhibit will close out with

a special event, Orchid Fest, in partnership with the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society where an additional several hundred exotic and award-winning orchids will be added to the show.

before. With over 2,000 stunning orchids, and quadruple the number of blooms, there are incredible sights to see at every corner. The exhibit is made up of several different varieties, colors, shapes, and sizes of orchids. They are arranged into incredible displays using several different methods of hanging and wrapping. Visitors will not only enjoy the warmth and the views, but will also learn about the intricacies of orchid structures and their features.

New this year will be an outstanding mobile hang-  
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## Hours Expand To Assist Travelers Applying For U.S. Passports

To better serve Erie County travelers and working families, Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns has announced expanded evening hours at the Clerk's Outreach Center for U.S. passport applicants.

During the month of February, the Clerk's Outreach Center will be open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, in addition to its regularly scheduled extended hours on Thursdays until 7:00 p.m. The Clerk's Outreach Center is conveniently located right next door to

the Erie County Auto Bureau at Southgate Plaza, 1086-B Union Road, West Seneca, NY 14224.

Wednesday extended hours will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

February 4

February 11

February 18

February 25

These additional hours are designed to assist first-time passport applicants, as well as those looking to renew a passport book or passport card, particularly for residents and families

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*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



January, 1994. NO SLED...Seven year old Bobby Krug slides downhill on the snow and ice at Delaware Park. The record cold spell will stay and more snow will fall, according to the weather man. Rocket photograph by Dave Puerner.

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH



Partly Cloudy  
High 12°  
Low -2°



Rain/Snow  
High 11°  
Low 5°



Rain  
High 14°  
Low 8°



Rain/Snow  
High 17°  
Low 11°



Mostly Cloudy  
High 23°  
Low 15°



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Low 13°



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Low 19°



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## Hours Expand To Assist Travelers Applying For U.S. Passports

*Continued from page one.* who are unable to visit during normal business hours. If demand remains high, extended Wednesday hours may continue alongside Thursdays.

No appointment is required, applications and additional forms are available, and passport photos can be taken onsite for a \$10 fee, making the Outreach Center a convenient, one-stop location for passport services.

"With cruise and international travel demand remaining high, we want to make it as easy as possible for Erie County residents to obtain their passports," said Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns. "Expanding our evening hours in February provides added flexibility for working families and travelers preparing for the upcoming spring travel season."

Residents are encouraged to apply early and allow sufficient processing time prior to any scheduled travel. Currently, passport process can take 4-6 weeks, but expedited service (2-3 weeks) is available for urgent travel, with an additional fee of \$60.

For more information on passport requirements, processing times, and Outreach Center services, visit

erie.gov/clerk or contact the Erie County

Clerk's Outreach Center at 716-858-8864.



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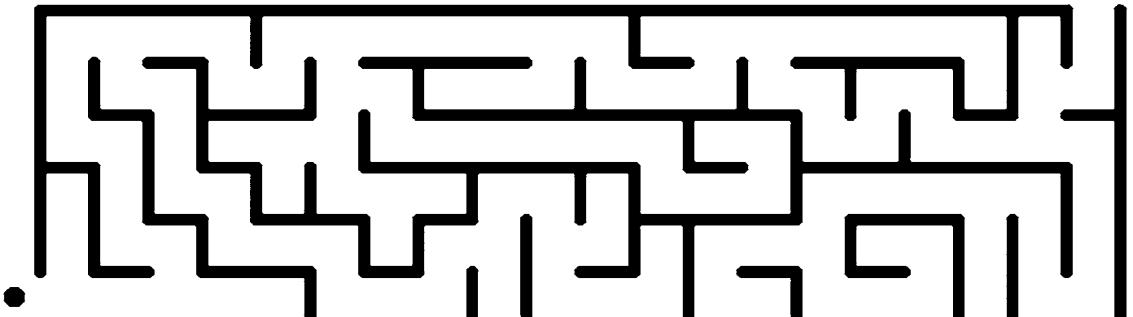
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Answers on page five.



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## 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!

Sweet  
**MEALCAR**  
Cipher  
**DECO**  
Exclusive  
**INDIES**  
Clumsy  
**TIPEN**

**TODAY'S WORD**

Answers on page five.



# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

### Assailant Damages Car Door With Firearm

#### North Buffalo

**January 25, 2025**

Hertel Avenue - Defendant did operate New York registered vehicle west failing to maintain designated lane causing a single vehicle property damage accident. Defendant did show signs of impairment and was transported to D District station house where patrol officers conducted arrest. Defendant transported to AIU office and did submit a chemical breath test with a .16% BAC.

**January 25, 2026**

Delaware Avenue - Officer notified of stolen New York registered vehicle, 2008 Red Chevy Malibu. Upon traffic stop at 2626 Delaware Avenue, the defendant was found in possession and passenger of said vehicle. Defendant gave false name and date of birth to officers during investigation.

**January 24, 2026**

Amherst Street - Defendant did enter TOPS store at 345 Amherst Street and did take \$102.45 worth of merchandise past all points of purchase without payment. Defendant has formally trespassed from all TOPS locations.

**January 21, 2026**

Amherst Street - Defendant did enter Dash's at 1770 Hertel Avenue and take \$137.86 worth of merchandise.

**January 21, 2026**

Amherst Street - Defendant did enter Gordons and did take \$81.99 of merchandise past all points of purchase without payment.

**Riverside**

**January 26, 2026**

Austin Street - Defendant threatened victim and jumped at her and took her debit card (authorized to her by owner). Defendant did have debit card on his possession.

**January 26, 2026**

Progressive Avenue - Complainant reports that after a verbal ar-

gument the defendant did threaten to shoot the complainant. The defendant did strike and damage the complainant's car door causing a large crack with an estimated replacement value of \$500.00. While officers were attempting to place the defendant into custody he did passively resist and tense his arms. Defendant did then pull away from officers while he was being searched at which point he was escorted to the patrol vehicle and while attempting to get subject into vehicle he did charge at officer.

**January 26, 2026**

Great Arrow Avenue - Victim states that after the suspect was fired from employment at this address suspect did approach victim from behind and punch him

with closed fist causing the victim's nose to bleed profusely.

**January 24, 2026**

Riverside Avenue - Defendant was identified as a shoplifter from 2101 Elmwood Avenue driving away in a New York registered vehicle. Officers did observe said vehicle running occupied by co-defendant with stolen property in plain view inside of the vehicle.

**January 24, 2026**

Mayer Avenue - Victim stated that suspect without consent placed his hand around her neck, threw her on their bed, and ripped her pants off. Victim did run to neighbors who then called the police.



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### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Nile biter
- 4 Chat
- 8 Job for Holmes
- 12 One of the five W's
- 13 "East of Eden" son
- 14 Makes a choice
- 15 Shaky fish
- 16 Fruit salad ring
- 18 — Lama
- 20 Humorist
- 21 — Raton
- 24 Settle a debt
- 28 Holiday wreath adornment
- 32 Ms. McEntire
- 33 "I love," to Livy
- 34 Passion
- 36 "The One I Love" band
- 37 Attempt
- 39 Pesto ingredients
- 41 Bar mixer
- 43 Salinger girl
- 44 Sticky stuff
- 46 Tuscany setting
- 50 Forest-inspired color
- 55 Uncle, to Pedro
- 56 Romanov ruler

**DOWN**

- 4 Hardly hirsute
- 58 Help
- 59 Rental units (Abbr.)
- 60 Totals
- 61 24 horas
- 57 Hardly hirsute
- 58 Help
- 59 Rental units
- 60 Totals
- 61 24 horas
- 9 Smartphone download
- 10 Cardinal cap letters
- 11 Jargon suffix
- 12 — butter
- 13 Survey
- 14 Bubble tea ingredient
- 15 Shapiro of NPR
- 16 Horror star Chaney
- 17 Recognized
- 18 Whirlybird
- 19 Jurist Fortas
- 20 —
- 21 —
- 22 Business abbr.
- 23 MacDowell of
- 24 —
- 25 Andean land
- 26 Help a hood
- 27 Thanksgiving
- 28 Bygone days
- 29 Texter's "As I see it"
- 30 Lunch hour
- 31 Billions of years
- 32 Prompts
- 33 Detroit team
- 34 Ovid's 53
- 35 Mosquito barrier
- 36 Gearwheel tooth
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Answers on page six.

### BEGINNING AND ENDING WITH "C"

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H	F	D	C	B	Y	A	I	X	V	T	T	C	R	P
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C	Z	X	M	L	R	I	W	O	O	S	U	R	R	T
Y	A	R	I	A	Y	L	M	Q	S	H	O	O	N	C
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I	I	C	G	A	T	A	L	Y	R	X	I	A	W	V
C	T	S	R	O	I	C	I	T	L	E	C	C	C	P
O	N	L	K	J	C	I	T	S	U	A	C	I	G	F

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: SHE IS A STAND-UP —

Cadillac	Caustic	Classic	Critic
Caloric	Celtic	Clinic	Cryptic
Cardiac	Ceramic	Cognac	Cynic
Catholic	Civic	Cosmic	

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

## Am I Entitled to More Social Security as a Veteran? - Ask Rusty

**Dear Rusty:** I served in the U.S. Army from July 1964 to July 1967. Am I eligible for a higher Social Security payment? Thank you. **Signed: Vietnam Era Army Vet**

**Dear Army Vet:** Please accept my sincere thanks for your military service. I believe you are referring to the "Special Extra Credit for Military Service" which has been the subject of many published articles. That refers to a special Social Security accommodation available only to those who served in the military during specific periods of time – but it does not add to your monthly Social Security payment. Rather, it adds to your military earnings record for the years you served, which may (or may not) result in a higher Social

Security benefit when you later claim Social Security.

Here's how it works in your case:

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

When you applied for benefits, Social Security re-

viewed your lifetime earnings 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 Social Security full retirement age). If, after your military service, you had 35 or more years of earnings which were higher than your earnings while serving in the military, Social Security would have used your later higher earning years to calculate your benefit, and your military earnings would not have had an effect on your Social Security benefit. However, if 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 Social Security benefit.

So, whether you would benefit from these "special extra credits for military service" depends largely on your earnings history after you were discharged from active duty. 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 (FYI, Social Security should have asked about your military service when you applied). If you didn't tell SS about 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" for your 1960s military service years when you applied for Social Security. But 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 any additional /Social Security benefit because of the "special extra credits" for your military service years.

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# Senior TRIVIA

## Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

1) When did the Easter Rising insurrection take place in Ireland?

2. What is the capital of India?

3) What is a common name for lateral epicondylitis?

4) The "Back to the Future II" characters travel forward in time to which year?

5) What color is the badge of courage in Stephen Crane's novel about the Civil War?

6) How many points is the center red bullseye on a dartboard worth?

7) What is a group of floating otters called?

8) Which car company used the slogan "Drive your dreams"?

9) What is husband Darrin's profession in the "Bewitched" sitcom?

10) What part of the brain controls hunger?

Answers on page seven.

## ADOPT A PET

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

## Snowmobilers To Renew Their Sled Registration In Erie County

Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns wants to remind snowmobilers to register their sleds "locally" through the Erie County Auto Bureau. This is an effort to keep vital revenues right here in Erie County. Riders can renew by mail or in-person at any Auto Bureau Branch. Due to higher than normal volume, reservations are strongly encouraged and can be



made easily online at [erie.gov/clerk/autobureau](http://erie.gov/clerk/autobureau) or by calling the Clerk's Outreach Hotline at 716-858-8864. Same or next day appointments are currently available at all Erie County locations.

To renew your snowmobile registration riders, need to complete and mail in their renewal notice, a photocopy of existing snowmobile registration, and a copy of the regis-

trant's New York State driver license. Snowmobile club members need to also include proof of membership in a New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) snowmobile club. Mail all documents to: Erie County Clerk's Office, 92 Franklin Street-Suite 1, Buffalo, NY 14202 including a check, made payable to "Erie County Clerk". Your snowmobile registration will be mailed back to you within 10 business days upon receipt of renewal request. To renew in person, be sure to bring in all required documents to the Auto Bureau to receive your sled's registration.

Members of the New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA), or a local NYSSA-affiliated snowmobile club, will receive a \$55 discount on all snowmobile registrations.

Non-members will pay the full registration cost of \$135. Snowmobilers are encouraged to contact the NYSSA at [nysnowmobiler.com](http://nysnowmobiler.com) for information on joining local clubs and to obtain your registration voucher. All but \$10 of each registration fee goes to the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund, which supports 10,500 miles of public snowmobile trails across New York State and maintained by over 230 clubs.

Snowmobilers must always carry registration and proof of insurance documents while snowmobiling. Riders must produce the documents at the request of any law enforcement officer or magistrate. Riders also must produce insurance documentation at the request of anyone who is injured or suffers property damage because of operating a snowmobile. Holders of snowmobile safety certificates must also carry the certificate when they are snowmobiling.

Erie County Clerk Mickey Kearns also re-

minds snowmobilers it is illegal to operate a snowmobile while impaired by drugs or alcohol, and drivers and passengers must wear helmets on the state snowmobile trail system.

The Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs have set the official open date as January 2, 2024, for trails in the Southern Hunting Zone, as well as all Erie County Parks with designated trails, pending sufficient snow cover and conditions. Riders are encouraged to check with their local clubs to ensure trails have been opened and to obtain the latest information on snowmobiling safety courses.

For more information on snowmobile registrations, contact the Clerk's Outreach Hotline at 716-858-8864 or submit a request at <http://clerkhelp.erie.gov>. Additional snowmobile and trailer registration information and forms can also be obtained on the Clerk's website under the Auto Bureau tab at [erie.gov/clerk](http://erie.gov/clerk).



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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  
Theater Apts.....1065 Kenmore Avenue  
Terrie's Workout Center.....1481 Hertel Avenue  
Vince's Pizza.....1803 Kenmore Avenue  
Wesselman's Inc.....564 Colvin Boulevard  
Wellington Pub.....1541 Hertel Avenue

### WEST SIDE

Baptist Manor.....276 Linwood Avenue  
Buffalo Public Library.....Niagara at Porter  
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CWJ Lock & Key.....183 Forest Avenue  
Corner Store.....Forest & Grant  
Delaware Apartments.....1217 Delaware Avenue  
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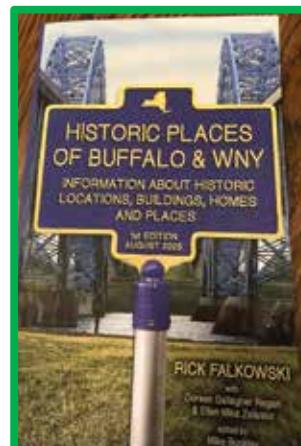
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**Shea's Performing Arts Center** announced registration is now open for "Sing Your Story," a camp for students ages 10 – 17 running during the February school break. Through a song of their choice, students in this camp will explore their unique life 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/>.



**M&T Bank Presents Third Thursdays at the Buffalo Zoo** will 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](http://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](http://buffalozoo.org).

**Reunion for ALL YEARS of Nativity of the BVM School** on Albany Street in Buffalo will be held July 12th (from noon-5pm) at Buffalo River Grove (formerly Fontana's Grove)-2299 Clinton Street, Buffalo, NY 14227. Reservations are a must! RSVP by 6/30 to Rosie Mendolera at 716-881-1306.



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**The Grapevine**  
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## Orchids After Dark Returns

*Continued from page one.* ing from the center of the iconic Palm Dome. Another special feature includes the Kokedama orchid displays. Kokedama is the Japanese word for, "moss ball" and refers to the practices of planting orchids and other types of plants in a sphere of soil and moss. These floating orbs take on a new design this year and are sure to amaze returning and new visitors. Those interested in Kokedama can learn how to create their own, custom kokedama during the Orchid Kokedama Workshop on March 14, from 11:00am to 12:00pm or 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

Another exciting feature of the Orchid Exhibit is the inclusion of Watercolor Orchids. These unusually colored orchids have been manipulated by horticulturalists and growers to produce uniquely colored flowers. These striking hues of teal, green, purple, peach and multi-color are nothing like the colors that would be found naturally in the wild. To create this effect, colored dye is carefully injected into the stem of a white-flowering orchid. The dye is a special, water-based formula that does not harm the orchids. The dye gradually makes its way through the stem to the flower and new colors will appear on the bloom. The flowers will retain the dye through the end of their current bloom cycle. These whimsical orchids are incredibly saturated and are strikingly different from the average orchid.

Visitors can enjoy the exhibit day or night, with select evenings of the Orchids After Dark exhibit on display. Thousands of twinkling lights will bathe the orchid displays in brilliant colors and light. The lighting effects create a whole new experience with different visuals, shadows, highlights, and spotlights that change the perception of the plant collections. Organizers recommend seeing the ex-

hibit both during the day and at night for two incredible experiences. Orchids After Dark makes for a great night out with family, friends, or a date night, and is also a great opportunity for photographers. Photographers should review the photography policies listed on the Botanical Gardens website.

To make the most of the Orchids After Dark exhibit, visitors can also partake in special events like their popular Mini Glow Golf events, Silent Disco, Love is Love Night, and Orchid Fest. These special events take place at night and also include admission to the Orchids After Dark exhibit. The Botanical Gardens will be bringing back their popular Love Week celebration with lots of opportunities to celebrate love. The Orchid Exhibit will also be open during the day and for Orchids After Dark on Valentine's Day for those looking for a special date idea.

As a grand finale to the Orchid Exhibit, visitors are invited to enjoy the annual Orchid Fest—a weekend where the Botanical Gardens and Niagara Frontier Orchid Society join forces for

an orchid extravaganza. The Niagara Frontier Orchid Society will bring hundreds of exotic and award-winning orchids to nearly double the size of the Orchid Exhibit. Special displays will be added for visitors to enjoy throughout the entire conservatory. Orchid vendors and experts will also be on site during the Orchid Fest to talk about their specialized orchids and sell products for aspiring orchid growers and orchid lovers.

Tickets can be pre-purchased online for all exhibits and events at [buffalogardens.com](http://buffalogardens.com). The Orchid Exhibit is open daily from 10:00am-4:00pm and tickets are \$19 for adults, \$17 for students and seniors (62+), \$9.50 for kids ages 3-12, and kids 2 and under and Botanical Gardens members are free but must have a ticket. Orchids After Dark is open select nights from 6:00pm to 9:30pm and tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for students and seniors (62+), \$10 for kids ages 3-12, and kids 2 and under are free. Botanical Gardens Members save 50% on all admission prices to Orchids After Dark. Orchids After Dark is supported by National Grid.

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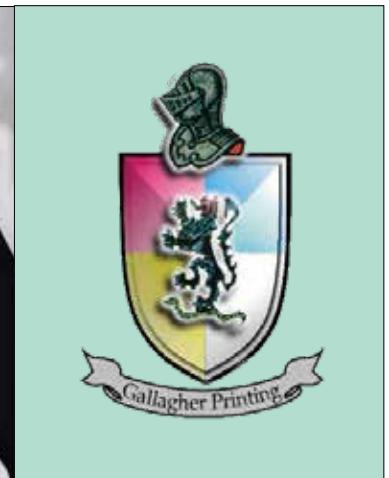
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## LEGAL

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](http://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. 5

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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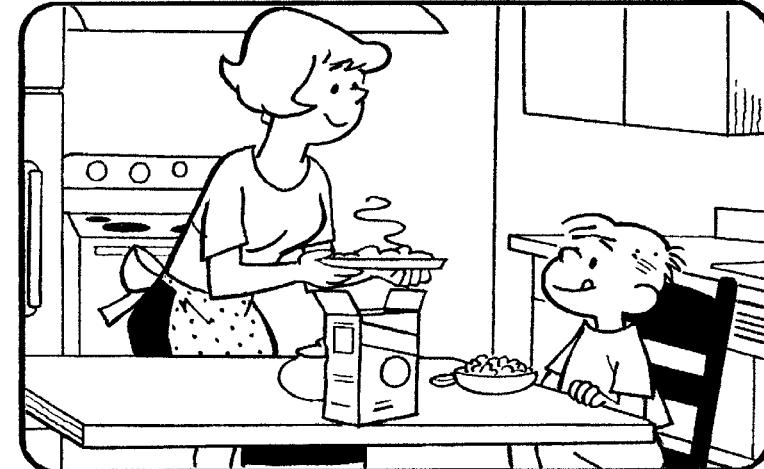
Notice of Formation of Whitney Place Stays LLC, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 5, 2026. Office located in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of the LLC upon whom the process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to PO BOX 249, Buffalo, NY 14205

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Back of chair is different. 2. Box is different. 3. Collar is missing. 4. Butter is missing. 5. Refrigerator handle is lower. 6. Stove hood is wider.

## GAMES

1. 1916.
2. New Delhi.
3. Tennis elbow.
4. 2015.
5. Red.
6. 50.
7. A raft.
8. Toyota.
9. Advertising executive.
10. Hypothalamus.

## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Puzzle on page three.

## Beginning and Ending with "C"

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Puzzle on page three.

## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

Solution time: 24 mins.

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3. Inside; 4. Inept

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