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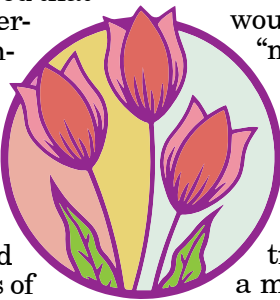
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Happy Mother's Day!



Mother's Day is right around the corner this Sunday, May 10th.

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2026 will occur on Sunday, May 10. Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in



Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers

and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

It is a day which makes people remember the importance and significance of mothers in their life and is observed as a day to give special emphasis to the motherly figures around the world.

Shakespeare In Delaware Park Prepares For 51st Season Of Free Outdoor Theatre

Shakespeare in Delaware Park (SDP) is preparing to kick off its 51st season of free outdoor theatre, continuing a tradition Buffalo audiences have come to look forward to each summer.

The 2026 season will feature two main-stage productions—Pericles, Prince of Tyre and The Taming of the Shrew—along with a touring production, Fools and Foes, which will travel to venues throughout Western New York.

Pericles, Prince of Tyre runs June 18 through July 12, followed by The Tam-

ing of the Shrew, July 23 through August 16. Performances take place Tuesday through Sunday at 7:00 p.m. on the Saul Elkin Stage in Delaware Park.

Pericles opens the season with a sweeping story of adventure, loss, and reunion. It marks the first time the Bard's epic journey will be produced by SDP. Later in the summer, The Taming of the Shrew brings its signature wit and larger-than-life characters to the stage in one of Shakespeare's most well-known comedies.

SDP's touring show,

Fools and Foes, will be on the road throughout the summer, bringing a fast-paced, family-friendly take on Shakespeare's most notorious clowns and villains. Dates and locations can be found at shakespeareindelawarepark.org.

"All performances are free and open to the public," said Lisa Ludwig, Executive Director. "As we head into our 51st season, we're excited to continue this tradition and welcome both longtime audience members and those joining us for the first time."

For more information, visit shakespeareindelawarepark.org.

Destination Dinosaur At The Buffalo Zoo!

Prepare to be transported to a prehistoric planet with the Buffalo Zoo's new exhibit, which is free for members or with a general admission ticket!

Visitors can get up close with the mighty Tyrannosaurus rex, the powerful Triceratops, the fierce Gigantosaurus and more than a dozen other moving, animatronic dinosaurs. Be sure to make memories with special photo opportunities, get hands-on with our fossil dig pit and enjoy daily educational dino shows at Center Stage!

Guests can also take advantage of our sin-

gle-day Destination Dinosaur Ultimate Ride Pass! For just \$20, a pass offers: Unlimited carousel rides, Unlimited train rides, Single Dinosaur Evolution VR ride.

Additionally, the Prehistoric Party Place presented by Wegmans can be rented for birthday parties and private events, and is filled with life-size dinosaur skeletons.

This family-friendly, educational, prehistoric experience is open daily through spring and summer, and is sure to leave visitors of all ages amazed! Plan your visit and get your general admission tickets now.



Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



May, 1994. NOT IN SERVICE, YET...The Buffalo Rocket went along for a free ride last Wednesday when the NFTA offered members of the local media a ride from the Theater District station to Allen Street aboard the Light Rail Rapid Transit trains. What's in store for future patrons? A fast and smooth ride.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH	FRIDAY, MAY 8TH	SATURDAY, MAY 9TH	SUNDAY, MAY 10TH	MONDAY, MAY 11TH	TUESDAY, MAY 12TH	WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH
Partly Cloudy High 52° Low 41°	Rain High 54° Low 46°	Rain High 59° Low 51°	Rain High 57° Low 42°	Partly Cloudy High 54° Low 39°	Mostly Cloudy High 53° Low 42°	Rain High 59° Low 47°

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Play Ball!



A 1928 Model A Ford built in Buffalo helped lead the North Buffalo Baseball Softball League Parade last Saturday morning driven by Paul Riester of North Buffalo in front of hundreds on hand to watch on Hertel Avenue.

Just before noon on Saturday, they gathered behind the Cornelius Building on Saranac Avenue over 1,000 boys and girls all dressed in new uniform jerseys and caps, ready to play.

It was the 69th Opening Day of North Buffalo Baseball Softball League and in spite of forty degree temperatures, it hadn't rained overnight and it was time to celebrate another season.

At 11:30am, Buffalo Mayor Sean Ryan met League president John Hornung to help lead a tremendous turnout by players, ready to walk the one mile route to Shoshone Park, East, up Hertel Avenue to throw out the first pitch and sing the National Anthem.

Paul Riester of North Buffalo was there too, right up in front, driving his 1928 Ford Model A car packed with four Grandchildren, all players in the North Buffalo League Cormac Beecher, as well as Charlie, Eliza and Julia Collins. Riester has owned the Model A for a number of years and couldn't wait to have his son-in-law Patrick and the kids ride in an antique car built in Buffalo.

The Traffic Division from the Buffalo Police Department guided everyone safely over the East West corridor as well as Engine 38 of the Buffalo Fire Department for

a parade that stretched over several blocks behind. Residents and shoppers had gathered on both sides of Hertel Avenue to witness and cheer on the youthful faces passing by. Infants and toddlers in strollers watched in wonder of the excitement in the air that starts the Spring season in North Buffalo.

"I can't talk right now," said the manager of Spot Coffee, as she tried to keep up with orders for a Latte's or pastry from a long line at her counter.

The Parade passed familiar places in North Buffalo like the North Park Theater and Bertha's Diner. Daisy's Doghouse and Gramma Mora's. North Park Florist and Bob & John's. Boys and girls all walked with their coaches over the intersections of Parkside and Starin.

Once at Shoshone Park, everyone entered the new Thomas Smith Athletic Center, where the ceremony would continue, away from the cool breezes outside. League president Hornung welcomed over a microphone on the green turf of an almost

full capacity. Delaware District Councilmember Joel Feroletto was on hand. He spoke fondly of North Buffalo Baseball Softball and expressed his gratitude to all the volunteers who run this league and the work they put in to make sure all boys and girls can play every year. He told of his early life as one of these players, who got their start playing in Shoshone with his brother. Now married with two kids, he looks forward to watching his sons play in this great league.

"This is Baseball at its best," said the Mayor Sean Ryan, afterward. "This is the sport we all grew up and learned when we were young. It's a part of Americana that won't ever die. I wish all of them a good season of joy and happiness and wins.

Next, Claire Benedict and Charlotte Cross, two students from the City Honors High School Choir took the microphone and blended a beautiful version of our National Anthem. The two dignitaries from City Hall then grabbed a Baseball and stepped to the mound to throw a first pitch to a young catcher behind homeplate.

League president Hornung took the microphone then and told everyone of a former president of this league who was his predecessor. "Every year Don Morris used to say how this was his best day of the year," said Hornung. "Now, we'll countdown from three and then shout those two words we love so well. "Play Ball!"

There were eighteen games played on the Diamonds of the Don Morris Fields. In Major Boys, the Dodgers defeated the Cardinals, the Mets got by the Nationals 9-8 and the Padres defeated the Cubs. In Triple AAA Girls, the Volunteers topped the Spartans, the Purple Eagle defeated the Crimson Tide and the Gators defeated the Yellow Jackets, 7-4.

In Rookie Boys, the Twins defeated the Red Sox, the Royals beat the Blue Jays and the Rangers defeated the Rays, 3-0.

Games continue every night during the week at 6:00pm and then on Saturday, beginning at 9:30am.

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Armed Suspect Apprehended After Shots Fired On Hertel Avenue

North Buffalo
May 4, 2026

Amherst Street - The defendant entered TOPS store located at 345 Amherst Street and did conceal \$76.28 worth of store merchandise before passing all points of purchase and exiting the store without payment. Defendant is known to complainant and TOPS asset protection from previous larcenies. Inventory taken by detective.

May 4, 2026

Hertel Avenue - The defendant was driving, traveling northbound on Short when another vehicle struck the defendant's vehicle due to the defendant who failed to yield the right of way. Once officers made contact with the defendant he did state he had just left Bill's Tavern. Also when asked did he have any alcoholic beverages he responded yes. The defendant stated that while he was down Short a vehicle that was doing about 50 miles per hour had hit him. Once detained, officer did perform a SFST. When asked to keep his head still for the horizontal gaze nystagmus the defendant failed, due to him not being able to follow the stimulus with his eyes only. Next, officer began the walk and turn test and when asked to perform, the defendant started early and on the 3-4 step the defendant staggered off the line, miscounted and didn't continue after. When asked to begin the 1 leg stand, the defendant started to do the walk and turn test. Before performing the SFST the defendant did have slurred speech, glossy eyes, and a staggered walk. Officers did take the defendant to the AIU office where he did take a breath test and had a BAC of .11%.

May 3, 2026

Hertel Avenue - While on routine patrol, officers observed a group of individuals in the area of Massachusetts Park. Both officers, referencing a recent posted "BOLO" for a shots fired incident believed the individuals matched the person(s) depicted in the "BOLO". The officers, due to the nature of the incident, requested more patrol units before making contact. As more marked patrols arrived in the area, the four individuals illegally crossed the street diagonally near 35 Winter Street at which time officers initiated a stop. During the stop, believing the defendant may be armed as he matched the description of suspect from recent shots fired incident, officer conducted a safety search. While conducting the search officer saw a handle

of a handgun protruding from the inside of a left breast pocket of the defendant's back coat and recovered the same. The gun was given to officers who made the gun safe and clear by removing the magazine, tan in color, capable of holding 17 rounds, loaded with 7 rounds of ammunition. The handgun was a black Polymer 80 with no serial number.

May 2, 2026

Elmwood Avenue - Officers responded to the above intersection for a person slumped behind the wheel. Lieutenant observed the defendant at the above intersection a few minutes prior and believed the defendant may have been on his phone but once he conducted a stop of the vehicle lieutenant did observe the defendant in the driver seat asleep. Defendant did wake up and was asked for his NYS identification; lieutenant did observe in plain view on the defendant's lap a clear plastic bag containing an unknown substance at the time. Defendant was ordered out of the vehicle and while conducting a pat down of the defendant lieutenant did feel and recovered a meth pipe

from defendants right inside pocket of his jacket. Officer did recover a clear plastic baggie from same pocket containing 3.5 grams of crystal meth. Narcotics submitted to the CPS lab by patrol officer.

Riverside

May 4, 2026

Court Street - Victim states defendant did pick her up at 72 Treehaven. Victim then states defendant did then drive victim to 349 Hewitt. While en route, victim states defendant did touch her left leg multiple times. Multiple times the victim states she told the defendant, "No," and "Stop." This conduct annoyed and scared the victim. Upon arrival to 349 Hewitt, victim states defendant would not let her leave the cab. Victim states defendant locked the door and would not let her leave for approximately five minutes. Victim states the defendant did propositioned her for sex multiple times against Victim's will.

May 3, 2026

Court Street - Victim states that defendant did come over to the home after she told him not to. Once he arrived the victim let the defendant in and he did then strike the victim in the face multiple times and did grab her by the throat with his hands. Defendant did cause the victim's mouth to be bloody and did possibly break her nose. When he grabbed her by the throat she complained of pain and that she seemed disoriented after. Victim does have a stay-away order of protection. Said order does include the vic-

tim and their two children as protected parties. The described incident did take place in front of the two children and the victim was transported to ECMC via AMR.

May 3, 2026

Skillen Street - Victim reports suspect contacted him multiple times making threats via phone, hacked his social media, calling him over 13 times throughout the night.

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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: AFFECTIONATE EMBRACES

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| Affection | Family | Love | Provider |
| Bond | Gratitude | Memories | Sacrifice |
| Care | Inspiration | Nurturing | Support |
| Devotion | Kisses | Protector | |

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FREE PIZZA: Mary Yoveane, 147 Jewett Pkwy., 14214

King Crossword

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1 Supergirl's first name											
5 Platter											
9 Author Tolstoy											
12 Lay — the line											
13 Cold War initials											
14 Days of yore											
15 Citrus producer											
17 Avril follower											
18 At hand											
19 Unmanned plane											
21 Apt. cooler											
22 Rid of wool											
24 Coconut juice											
27 "Nova" subj.											
28 Feed the piggy bank											
31 Hearty quaff											
32 Klutz											
33 Actor Patel											
34 Mater lead-in											
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37 Big party											
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40 Undergrad deg.											
41 Ford or Hudson											
43 Parlor piece											
47 PC key											
48 Tangy, custard-like spread											
51 Employ											
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53 Novelist Bronte											
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6 Medit. nation											
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8 Words to live by											
9 Picnic drink											
10 Panache											
11 Garfield's pal											
16 "The Wall" network											
20 B&O and others (Abbr.)											
22 Burn with steam											
23 LP player											
24 Goat's cry											
25 Under the weather											
26 Throat-soothing drink											
27 Not all											
29 Bird doc											
30 Cain's mom											
35 Earth Day mo.											
37 Nabob											
39 10th U.S. president											
40 "Gandhi" star											
41 Move, as freight											
42 Otherwise											
43 Pop											
44 Melody											
45 Sea eagle											
46 Paradise											
49 Id counterpart											
50 Pas' mates											

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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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I'm Still Working; Why Didn't I Get a Higher Social Security Benefit? - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: I began collecting benefits at age 72 and am now 78. Since that time, I have continued to work and have contributed over \$40,000 to Social Security over the last six years. At the time of my retirement, I was informed that the Social Security Administration (SSA) would review my contributions annually and replace lower-earning years from my 35-year record with my current higher-earning years.

Despite my current annual income exceeding \$100,000, I have not seen an increase in my benefit amount over the past six years. I recently met with an SSA representative who confirmed that my benefits are being reviewed annually but did not provide

specific details or evidence of these adjustments. Could you please advise me on how to formally verify that my benefits are being accurately reviewed and updated to reflect my continued contributions?
Signed: Collecting and Still Working

Dear Collecting: For information, your contributions (from FICA payroll taxes) to Social Security over the last 6 years are not what determines if you get an increase to your monthly SS benefit. Although you contributed to SS since you started receiving SS benefits, those contributions do not affect your monthly SS benefit. Your monthly SS benefit is based only the highest inflation-adjusted 35 years of earnings over your life-

time. And for your monthly benefit to change, your current earnings each year would need to replace at least one of those 35 historical, inflation-adjusted year earnings.

We regularly hear from those who do benefit from SSA's regular review of work earnings after they start receiving monthly SS benefits, and our Advisory staff includes two individuals with a combined 70 years of service with the Social Security Administration. Thus, we are comfortable saying that SSA does, in fact, review your earnings annually to see if your monthly SS payment should be higher. From a process standpoint, SSA receives your annual earnings information from the IRS (i.e., directly from your annual tax return) by mid-year annually, after which SSA evaluates your recent earnings to see if an increase in your monthly SS benefit is warranted. If so, that increase is automatically applied (usually around October each year), and you are paid the extra amount retroactively to the beginning of the year.

What you may not realize is that your lifetime earnings (your historical earnings) are adjusted for inflation. This is a good thing, because that means your current monthly SS benefit is calculated using today's dollar values for your past earnings, rather than the actual money amounts you originally earned and received. For example, \$50,000 of 1990 earnings would be worth about \$125,000 today. Which also means that those 1990 earnings would only yield a higher current Social Security benefit if your recent earnings were more than \$125,000. And this is true for all 35 years of lifetime earnings used to calculate your current monthly Social Security benefit.

The best way for you to ensure that you are getting the right monthly benefit amount is to first obtain your lifetime earnings history from Social Security. This is most easily obtained through your online "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. If you don't have an online account set up, you can also request an "Earnings Statement" by calling Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 (or call your local SS field office to request it). Next, I suggest you use Social Security's "Online Benefits Calculator" explained and available at this link:

<https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/AnypiaApplet.html>

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

1. MOVIES: What is the name of the blue diamond necklace in "Titanic"?
2. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president once said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is New Zealand's national bird?
4. MATH: How many sides does a tridecagon have?
5. BIBLE: What is the first book in the Bible called?
6. SPACE: How long does it take the International Space Station to orbit the Earth?
7. MYTHOLOGY: Who is the Greek god of the sun?
8. ANATOMY: Where are the carpus and metacarpus located in the human body?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the largest hydroelectric power plant in the world?
10. LITERATURE: Who wrote the dystopian novel titled "The Testaments"?

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Michael P. Kearns

Erie County Clerk
Guest Columnist

Kearns Builds On Strong Auto Bureau Service With Enhanced Hours

Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns announced updated operating hours at three of the six Auto Bureau branches, continuing his long-standing focus on delivering superior customer service and reduced transaction times.

Beginning May 2, Saturday service will move to the Town of Tonawanda Branch (2309 Eggert Road, Sheridan/Eggert Plaza), which will serve as the new primary Saturday location in the Northtowns. This larger facility is better equipped to handle high weekend demand, expanding from 8 service windows at the Eastern Hills Mall location to 10-12 transaction windows. The branch will also add 25 additional appointment slots, which will increase access and improve overall efficiency. Saturday hours at this branch will be 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, while weekday hours remain 9:00 AM to

5:00 PM. Saturday hours are also being expanded at the Southgate Plaza Auto Bureau Branch in West Seneca, further increasing access for residents who rely on weekend service in the Southtowns.



This location will now open earlier on Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM and will add 50 new appointment slots to better accommodate demand. Weekday hours will continue from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Customers are also asked to note that the Eastern Hills Mall location will remain open Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, but will no longer offer Saturday hours as staff are reassigned to the Tonawanda Branch to support weekend operations.

To improve efficiency and better manage workflow, there will be no re-entry into offices after 12:00 PM or 2:00 PM, de-

pending on the location. However, staff will continue servicing customers already in line until 1:00 PM or 3:00 PM, respectively. This adjustment is designed to help minimize overtime while ensuring all customers in queue are served.

"These updates are part of our ongoing commitment to providing the highest level of customer service," said Erie County Clerk Mickey Kearns. "By expanding hours, increasing appointment availability, and utilizing larger, more efficient locations,

we are making it faster, easier, and more convenient for residents to complete their DMV transactions—while maintaining flexibility and avoiding a strict appointment-only model that some counties are considering."

Kearns emphasized why these alterations matter:

Reduces wait times, especially during peak weekend morning hours

Maximizes efficiency by utilizing larger, better-equipped locations

Expands access for residents who rely on Sat-

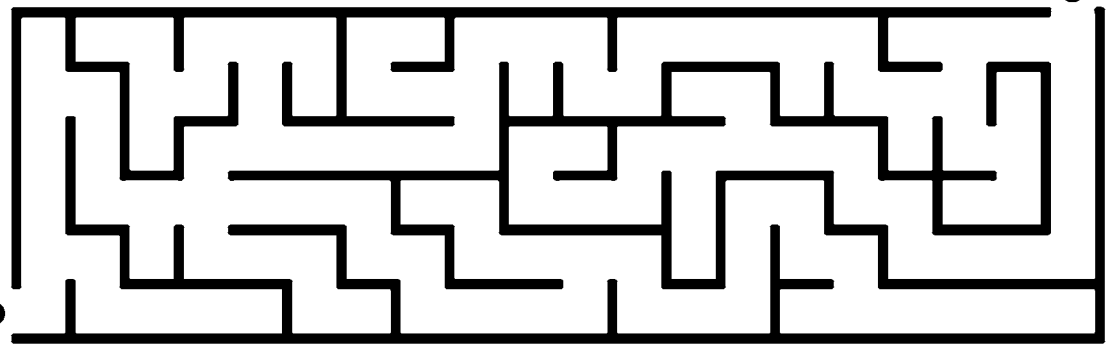
urday service

Enhances overall customer flow

Helps better manage increased walk-in traffic while maintaining service flexibility

Customers are encouraged to make an appointment and take advantage of the Erie County DMV Express Lane to further reduce service times. Walk-ins are welcome and accepted up to 15 minutes before branch closing, based on availability; however, scheduled appointments do receive priority.

Kids' Maze



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"Of course David knows you're staying for a while, Mother — we _____ about it all week!"

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!

Trim
NUPER

Place
DATES

Burn
GENIS

Saying
EAGAD

TODAY'S WORD

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- Hertel Parker Liquors.....1859 Hertel Avenue
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- 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
- 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
- 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 Cr.....121 Grant Street
- First Niagara Bank.....Elmwood at West Utica
- M&T Bank.....130 Grant Street
- Military Coin Laundry.....1134 Military Road
- Santasiero'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

RIVERSIDE

- 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 Cr.....155 Lawn Avenue
- Pat's Pizzeria.....544 Ontario Street
- Pizza Bella.....1133 Tonawanda Street
- Riverside Market.....740 Tonawanda Street
- Riverside News Stand.....Tonawanda Street
- Roland Insurance Agency.....432 Amherst Street
- Sun Restaurant.....1989 Niagara Street
- Up To You Deli.....2189 Niagara Street

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Afternoon Drive Host WEBR AM 1440 AND FM 105.3 is one of Buffalo's most iconic radio stations. We are celebrating our 100TH Anniversary in 2024 and would like you to join our family!! We are currently looking for an Afternoon Drive host to be on air from 2PM-6PM Monday-Friday. Bring your energy and ability to relate to our listeners. Experience preferred, but will consider someone who is willing to learn and take direction. College radio would be a big plus!! Great support with local ownership. Have fun, be yourself and grow at the same time!! Please email a recent air check to: Tony Venturoli, Program Director, WEBR AM 1440, FM 105.3. Email address is: ajthedj104@hotmail.com. Phone 716-481-8836.

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.

Step Out Buffalo's Buffalo Artisans & Flea Returns for 3-Day Summer Kickoff + First-Ever Night Market. Step Out Buffalo's signature summer shopping event is back and kicking off the season in a big way. The Buffalo Artisans & Flea returns to Downtown Buffalo's Cobblestone District for three full days this June, featuring 125+ local makers, vintage curators, food trucks, and more. And new for 2026, the event expands with its first-ever Friday Night Market, giving shoppers an early start and a golden hour experience in the city. **EVENT DATES & LOCATION:** Friday, June 26 (3-9 PM) - Night Market, Saturday, June 27 (10 AM-5 PM), Sunday, June 28 (10 AM-4 PM)

The Buffalo Waterfront will host two major events for the country's 250th anniversary the weekend of July 3-5. Buffalo Waterfront, along with Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, announced today that Independence Day weekend

will see both the return of The World's Largest Rubber Duck — the six-story-tall waterfowl that last visited Buffalo in 2016 — and a summer night at the Outer Harbor's Terminal B with JoAnn Falletta and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, celebrating the spirit of America through music. M&T Bank presents Sound & Sky on the Waterfront — July 3 From sweeping orchestral favorites to iconic themes, Western New Yorkers can gather for a powerful celebration of America250 on Friday, July 3, culminating in a glittering fireworks display over Lake Erie. "There is something uniquely powerful about gathering by the water, with music as the backdrop and the city all around us," said Falletta, the BPO's acclaimed music director. "This concert is about coming together with friends, families and neighbors to share a summer night filled with energy, beauty, and connection. It is a celebration of Buffalo as much as it is a celebration of music." The concert will begin at 7 p.m., with fireworks immediately following at approximately 9:15 p.m. Tickets for this free performance are limited and available online, on a first-come, first-served basis. Foldable chairs will be permitted for this show but are subject to security inspection.

Submit Your Community Event to **The Grapevine** editor.buffalorocket@gmail.com

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New "Spring Tour of Gardens" Launches 2026 Season for Gardens Buffalo Niagara

Gardens Buffalo Niagara (GBN) is kicking off its 2026 season with an exciting lineup of new and expanded programs, marking a major evolution for the organization. Once known primarily for its flagship summer event, Garden Walk Buffalo, the organization now offers a full season of activities designed to celebrate gardens, community, and creativity throughout the growing season.

The 2026 season launches Saturday & Sunday, May 16 and 17 with the debut of the Spring Tour of Open Gardens, a brand-new opportunity for visitors to experience 16 gardens across Buffalo Niagara in full spring bloom.

Participating gardens are located throughout Buffalo Niagara and will be open between 10 a.m. and noon, with all locations welcoming visitors until at least 4 p.m. Locations are listed in the Open Gardens Guide, which is available for \$20 in person at select garden centers and \$25 online. Visit OpenGardensWNY.com for garden center locations that carry the guide. The Guide also provides access to nearly 90 gardens during Open Gardens Thursdays and Fridays throughout July, and a new evening event, Open Gardens Night Lights, on Friday, July 31.

"Many of our Open Gardeners would like to share their gardens with visitors in the spring so we have created an earlier opening weekend to enable this to happen," said Mike Shadrack, Chair of the Open Gardens Committee. "We hope people enjoy it."

"We're working toward a vision where everyone in our region has access to beautiful green spaces," said Audrey Clark, Executive Director, "Expanding our programming allows more people to connect with gardens, with each other, and with the creative energy that makes our region so special. It inspires more people to garden and become stewards in their own neighborhoods."

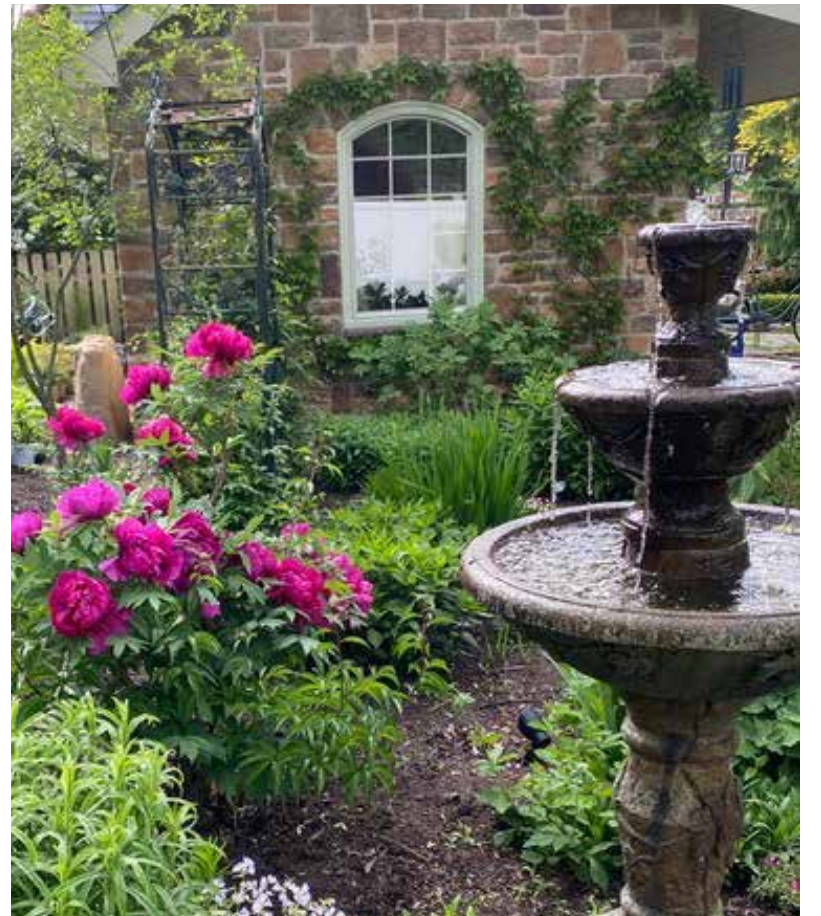
View GBN's upcoming season schedule at GardensBuffaloNiagara.com

About Gardens Buffalo Niagara

Gardens Buffalo Niagara's work is rooted in its mission to empower vibrant, equitable, and

environmentally sustainable communities by sharing gardens that inspire artistic, cultural, and social connection. Through initiatives like Garden Walk Buffalo, America's largest garden tour; the East Side Garden Walk; Tours of Open Gardens in July; the Garden Art Sale; Ur-

ban Farm Day; Conservation Day in Bidwell Park; the Lunenfeld Beautification Grants; Artists in Gardens; and more, the organization fosters a connected and flourishing region where everyone has access to beautiful green spaces, a healthy ecosystem, and the knowledge and resources to sustain and improve them.



Our Never-Ending Journey Garden, Williamsville. Photo by Bev Tylenda.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Teacher's desk is not as wide. 2. Student desk is moved. 3. Bookend is larger. 4. Blackboard is wider. 5. Girl is holding two books. 6. Door opening is wider.

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Director of Purchase

Notice of Formation of Sally Marie Studio LLC, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/25/2026. 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 33 Hamilton Ave, Lackawanna, NY 14218. Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of formation of Luxe Vend Co. LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 22, 2026. Office location: Erie County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to 9195 Main Street, Clarence NY, 14031. 20

Notice of Formation of Elk River Group LLC, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on March 6, 2026. 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 354 Depew Ave, Buffalo, NY, 14214. Any lawful purpose. 20

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ERIE, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS

INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. ROY M. BAYS AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ANNE CALLAHAN AKA/ANNE F. CALLAHAN AND AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LYNN A. BAYS, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on February 10, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the first floor closing room of the Erie County Clerk's Office, 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202 on June 10, 2026 at 12:00 p.m., premises known as 940 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14210. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York, Section 122.51, Block 3 and Lot 23. Approximate amount of judgment is \$36,447.44 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #807966/2024. Richard F. Daly, Esq., Referee Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 190112-3

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Notice of Formation of LUNSER AGENCY, LLC, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on February 5, 2026. 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 P.O. Box 378, East Aurora, NY 14052. Any lawful purpose. 24

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERIE Index Number: 801817/2026 Supplemental Summons with Notice of Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Property: 58-60 Strauss Street, Buffalo, New York 14212 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff(s), -against- Mary E. Butler as heir at law to the Estate of Edward E. Jones, if living, and if he/she any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; Edward E. Jones as heir at law to the Estate of Edward E. Jones, Jennifer R. Adames as heir at law to the Estate of Edward E. Jones, Leann Rose as heir at law to the Estate of Edward E. Jones, Broadway-Fillmore Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, People of the State of New York o/b/o Buffalo City Court, People of the State of New York o/b/o Amherst Town Court, EBF Holdings, LLC d/b/a Everest Business Funding, United States of America/Internal Revenue Service, The People of the State of New York, The United States of America, and "JOHN DOE #1," through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being

foreclosed herein, Defendant(s). WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE 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 Plaintiff's attorneys within 20 days after the service of this summons exclusive of the day of service or within 30 days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. 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 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. Sheldon May & Associates, P.C., Ted Eric May, Esq., Attorneys for Plaintiff, Office & Post Office Address 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570. (516) 763-3200 File # 40541 22

GAMES

1. "Heart of the Ocean." 2. Theodore Roosevelt. 3. The kiwi. 4. 13. 5. Genesis. 6. 90-93 minutes. 7. Helios. 8. The hand. 9. Three Gorges Dam, China. 10. Margaret Atwood.

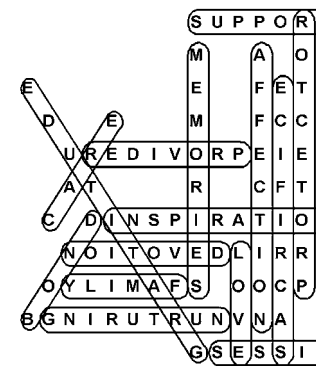
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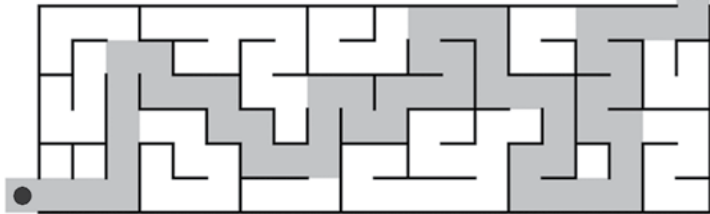
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GAMES

Kids' Maze Solution



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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Remain;
2. Random
3. Pseudo;
4. Ethics

Today's Word

OPINION

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