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Buffalo East Side Garden Walk



Photo by Derek Brim.

East Side Garden Walk yard on Humboldt Parkway.

The East Side Garden Walk (ESGW) returns for its ninth year on Saturday and Sunday, July 18–19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This free, self-guided tour invites visitors to explore more than 100 gardens throughout Buffalo's East Side while celebrating neighborhood pride, creativity, and community connections.

More than a garden tour, the East Side Garden Walk showcases the people and places transforming Buffalo's neighborhoods through gardening, public art, and grassroots revitalization. Each garden reflects

the passion of its gardener and demonstrates how beauty, stewardship, and community can flourish in every corner of the city.

Headquarters: Visitors can stop by any of the following headquarters locations during tour hours to pick up free maps, ask questions, and learn more about the event:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park (near the Masten District sign at Fillmore Avenue and North Parade) – Maps available.

People's Park (Main Street across from Jewett Parkway) – Maps and East

Side Garden Walk T-shirts available for purchase.

EcoGardenR (56 Dempster Street) – Maps and East Side Garden Walk T-shirts available for purchase.

Find ESGW Maps Ahead of Time:

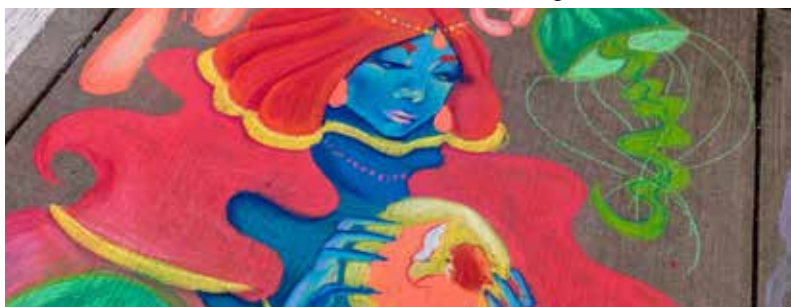
Online: Download a printable PDF map or access the interactive Google Map at EastSideGardenWalk.com beginning the week of the walk.

In-Person: Pick up printed maps at downtown Buffalo Public Library locations and select East Side Garden Walk sponsor locations.

Special Event:
Free Backpacks for Kids: PanchoPacks from The *Continued on page five.*



The 13th Annual Miyazaki Chalk Contest



The 13th Miyazaki Chalk Contest takes place all day Saturday, July 11th to Sunday, July 12th.

We're baaaack!
Bust out that chalk and join us for Buffalo's Annual

Studio Ghibli Chalk Contest, now celebrating its THIRTEENTH continuous year as

one of the coolest expressions of Ghibli love on the planet.

CHALK CONTEST ENTRY IS FREE!

All skill levels are encouraged!

Some chalking supplies will be provided!

FREE water for chalkers!

This year, in addition to the chalk fest 7/11-12, we'll be screening an ENTIRE WEEK's worth of Ghibli favorites.

Our lineup of films this *Continued on page five.*

Buffalo Zoo "Art Gone Wild!"

Get ready to celebrate all things creative with The Buffalo Zoo at Art Gone Wild! This family fundraiser is a great way to support local artists, aid conservation, and enjoy artistic fun for all—featuring hands-on activities, animal art auctions, local art vendors, and live art demonstrations!

Back again this year, Art Gone Wild is Thursday, July 16th, from 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm. All funds raised will go directly to support the Zoo's mission of building community, creating connections, and saving wildlife.

The Zoo animals are getting in on the creative action! For this event only, you can bid on one-of-a-kind prints made by some of the Zoo's most beloved residents. Each piece is completely

unique—a true original you won't find anywhere else! There will also be artwork from local artists inspired by animals and nature.

In addition, they'll feature a silent auction and an art raffle for a selection of paintings, sculptures, and other unique pieces!

Live Art Performances

Watch beautiful masterpieces come to life right before your eyes! A roster of talented local artists from across Western New York will be creating original works live throughout the evening. It's a rare chance to see the creative process up close—and to support the vibrant WNY art community while you're at it

Hands-On Activities
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Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



July, 1995. 1995 ITALIAN FEST IS HOT!...Gavin Kress, of Ontario Street enjoys a solo ride on the ferris wheel at the Italian Festival on Hertel Avenue (top). Over 100 booths were lined up along Hertel Avenue, along with various games and rides.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JULY 8TH



Thunderstorms
High 78°
Low 48°

FRIDAY, JULY 9TH



Thunderstorms
High 55°
Low 68°

SATURDAY, JULY 10TH



Partly Cloudy
High 70°
Low 56°

SUNDAY, JULY 11TH



Partly Cloudy
High 71°
Low 57°

MONDAY, JULY 12TH



Partly Cloudy
High 69°
Low 56°

TUESDAY, JULY 13TH



Mostly Cloudy
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 14TH



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**THE TALE OF THE PRINCESS KAGUYA**

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HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE (SUBTITLED) Fri 7/10: 6:45 Mon 7/13: 6:45 Thur 7/16: (4:45)
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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

The Playoffs Are Here!



The Champions of the New York Inferno Steve Kuhn Memorial Showcase Tournament this year are the 16U Wildcats of North Buffalo. Pictured left to right, in the front row holding the sign are Skylar Ball, Peyton Gallivan, Shea Hall, Molly Savage and Lidia Foglia. Back row is Clara Rickus, Brooklyn Hornung, MacKenzie Gunnarson, Izzy Kilonsky, Ali Foglia and Chloe Claeys. This was the first year the Wildcats competed in the Tournament and came away winners against nine other Leagues from across the Northeast.

It's Playoff time for most of the teams in the North Buffalo Baseball Softball League this week. After the 250th Birthday of our Independence last weekend, teams began their second season this past Monday night. As many as 69 teams are set to win a Championship in their Division and take home trophies after the celebration.

Scheduled to play are teams in Rookie Boys and Rookie Girls, Double AA Boys and Double AA Girls, Triple AAA Boys and Triple AAA Girls and Major Boys. That's seven of the ten House Divisions in Shoshone and McCarthy Parks that have been playing since Opening Day on May 2nd after a celebratory Parade up Hertel Avenue.

Three other Divisions, Major Girls, Senior Boys and Senior Girls Playoffs will soon begin after their regular season ends in just a few weeks. All 82 Teams qualify for the Playoffs, regardless of how they finish in their Division. As I wrote in last weeks Rocket, Even if a team has just one or two wins on their season, they'll play in the double elimination brackets, set up for all Divisions with a chance to continue their season. There are no real losers in North Buffalo Baseball and Softball.

Let's explain the route to possibly winning a Championship. We'll use Double AA Girls teams as an example. There's only four teams in this Division: the Bears, the Bonnies, the Razorbacks and the Tigers. If the teams finished their seasons in

that order, 1, 2, 3, and 4, then the Bears would play the Tigers (1 vs. 4) and the Bonnies would play (2 vs. 3) the Razorbacks. The winners move on to play again in round two. The two losing teams will still compete but in the loser's Bracket. A team has to keep

winning to move on to the next round. If a team loses twice in a row, they are unfortunately eliminated from the (NBBS) Playoffs.

Here are some final Standings in some Divisions. In Major Boys, the Giants won the Division with a 9-3 record. The Padres were next followed by the Nationals, Reds, Braves, Phillies, Dodgers, Mets, Cardinals and Cubs. All these teams will play round one of the Playoffs this week until Friday. By this Saturday, all teams should be ready to play in round two. The Cubs will play the Dodgers and the Cardinals will play the Mets while the Giants and Padres draw a bye in the first round. The Nationals will play the Phillies and the Reds will play the Braves.

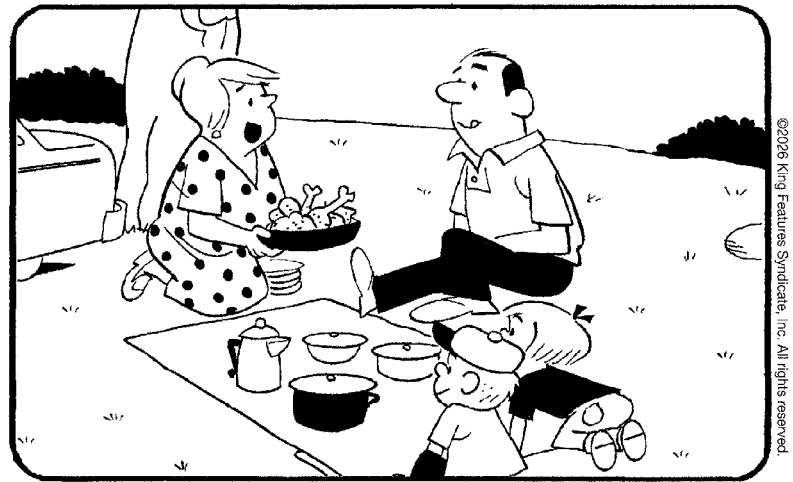
Rookie Boys will compete in two separate Divisions. The Green Division is made up of the Athletics, Angels, Guardians, Twins, Rangers, Astros and Red Sox. The Yellow Division has the Mariners, White Sox, Royals, Orioles, Yankees, Blue Jays and Rays. With 14 teams altogether, the excitement for these six and seven year olds will probably last a lifetime in their minds in years to come.

In action Monday night in both Shoshone and McCarthy Parks, the Royals defeated the Blue Jays 8-1 in the first round of their Playoffs. Eliza Collins had three hits to lead the Diamonds over the Wolfpack in Rookie Girls. The Bonnies defeated the Bears, 3-1 at McCarthy in Double AA Girls and in Senior Boys, the Cardinals defeated the Mets. The Phillies over the Dodgers, 14-5 and the Tigers tamed the Pirates, 13-1. See you in Shoshone Park.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pocket is missing. 2. Ear is different. 3. Handle is added to pot. 4. Leg is missing. 5. Bush is moved. 6. Blanket is smaller.

Recipe's

From the McCormick Kitchen

Sweet Heat Raspberry Swirl Ice Cream Bars

A feast for the eyes first, these gorgeous ice cream bars offer up a multi-sensorial experience when it comes to the complexity of heat. Your first bite is the raspberry shell garnished with freeze-dried raspberries and a dusting of cayenne, followed by a luscious no-churn vanilla ice cream kissed with crushed red pepper and the sweet-heat of a Frank's Red-Hot® and cayenne red pepper raspberry swirl. The rich dairy coats your palate, helping to balance the delivery of heat in this unique frozen treat. This recipe is featured in the Beyond Heat Trend of the Flavor Forecast 23rd Edition.

INGREDIENTS

No-Churn Ice Cream:

2 cups cold heavy cream

1 cup sweetened condensed milk

1/4 cup whole milk

1/4 cup light corn syrup

1 tablespoon McCormick® All Natural Pure Vanilla Extract

1/4 teaspoon McCormick® Sea Salt Grinder

1/2 teaspoon McCormick® Crushed Red Pepper

Sweet Heat Raspberry Swirl:
2 pints fresh raspberries cleaned

1/3 cup Frank's Red-Hot® Original Cayenne Pepper Hot Sauce

1/2 teaspoon McCormick® Ground Cayenne Red Pepper

White Chocolate Shell:
1 package (11 ounces) white chocolate chips

1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons coconut oil

25 drops Red Color from McCormick® Assorted Food Colors & Egg Dye

INSTRUCTIONS

For the No-Churn Ice Cream, place cream in blender container; cover. Blend on high until stiff peaks form, about 30 to 45 seconds. Add remaining ingredients, except crushed red pepper; cover. Blend on high speed until well blended and slightly thickened, scraping down sides as needed. Set aside. For the Sweet Heat Raspberry Swirl, place raspberries, RedHot sauce and

cayenne in blender container; cover. Puree until smooth. Fill 16 ice-pop molds or small paper cups about 1/4 of the way with ice cream mixture. Layer each with 1 tablespoon (15 ml) raspberry mixture, swirling into ice cream layer with a small knife. Repeat ice cream and raspberry layers, ending with a third ice cream layer. Freeze 1 hour. Insert wooden stick or straw into each mold. Freeze at least 2 hours longer or until completely frozen. For the Raspberry Chocolate Shell, mix white chocolate chips and coconut oil in microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH 1 minute, stirring every 20 seconds, until melted and smooth. Stir in food color. Cool just to room temperature. Carefully remove ice cream

bars from molds. Sprinkle evenly with crushed red pepper. Dip bars in shell mixture to coat with thin, even layer. Place on parchment-lined shallow baking

pan. Sprinkle with additional ground cayenne and crushed freeze-dried raspberries, if desired. Return to freezer at least 30 minutes or until ready to serve.



Sweet Heat Raspberry Swirl Ice Cream Bars

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PREP TIME COOK TIME CALORIES INGREDIENTS

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Gas station fixture

5 Doo follower

8 Rabbit's tail

12 Pantene's business

14 Peddled item

15 Figure out

16 "Das Lied von der —"

17 Indian lentil stew

18 iPod accessory

20 Cool veggies

23 1504, in old Rome

24 Fr. holy women

25 Evening affairs

28 Bit of ink

29 "SNL" segments

30 Wager

32 Stockings

34 Ham's dad

35 Resort near Snowbird

36 Tubular pasta

37 As a whole

40 Duo's pronoun

41 Hoopster

42 Strongman of myth

47 Needle case

48 Implanted

49 Lavish affection (on)

50 ACLU issues

51 Shakespeare title starter

DOWN

1 Third degree?

2 Dubai's country, for short

3 Amp plug-in

4 Lion packs

5 Wonka's creator

6 "— you awake?"

7 Geneticist's study

8 Veer

9 Sugar or starch, for short

10 Language of Pakistan

11 Ticked (off)

13 Tax prep pros

19 Broadcasts

20 Chicago winter hrs.

21 Beehive State

22 High-fat diet

23 Kelly of "One Tree Hill"

25 Courtroom artist

26 Black, in verse

27 Penn or Astin

29 Missile shelter

31 Chance — Rapper

33 — Mae (loan offerer)

34 Poet Pablo

36 Brownish purple

37 Scratched (out)

38 Post-WWII alliance

39 Very dry

40 Spheres

43 911 responder

44 "Bad" cholesterol

45 Sushi fish

46 Radical '60s gp.

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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: UNSWEETENED — TEA

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Answers on page six.

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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Why Doesn't My Social Security Record Show All My Military Earnings? - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: When I look at my earnings on my Social Security account, I see that in 1955 and 1956 have no earnings. I was in the U.S. Navy as a first officer and have my DD-214 paperwork which shows my military service from Oct. 1954-Oct. 1958. My Social Security earnings record shows that I had earnings in 1954, 1957, and 1958 but doesn't show that I was paid in 1955 or 1956. Shouldn't I have received Social Security credit for all my service years? **Signed: An Older Veteran**

Dear Older Veteran:
First, I want to thank you for your military service.

Whether your earnings while in the military would provide you with any additional Social Security benefit depends on your career earnings after leaving military service. Here's why:

Your monthly Social Security (SS) benefit is based upon the highest earning 35 years over your lifetime (with earlier years adjusted for inflation). From those highest earning 35 years, SS develops your Average Indexed Monthly Earnings (your lifetime "AIME") which is the basis of the SS benefit you get if you claim for benefits to start at your full retirement age (FRA). So, if – after you com-

pleted your military service – you had at least 35 years of other employment where you earned more money than you did while serving, then your military pay won't affect your Social Security benefit.

FYI, Social Security payroll tax has been withheld from military pay since 1957, which is why your SS earnings record shows your military pay only for 1957 and 1958. Your SS record wouldn't show military pay prior to 1957 because you didn't contribute to SS from your military pay during those years. The earnings you see in your SS earnings record for 1954 are likely from non-military employment prior to starting active duty in October 1954.

SS does provide older veterans with "special extra credits for military service," but those credits are only a supplemental earnings amount added to your military pay record during the years you served. It is not a bonus amount added to your monthly Social Security payment; rather it is only an amount added to your military pay record used when calculating your Social Security benefit. For those who served prior to 1957, Social Security would have no record of your military earnings during those early service years. But when you claimed Social Security later in life, they would have asked if you served in the military and given you "special extra credit" in the form of presumed earnings for your service years. They likely asked for a copy of your DD-214 and would have added \$160 to your military earnings record for each active-duty month from October 1954 through December 1956, and additional earnings credits for 1957 and 1958.

But that doesn't mean you get a special Social Security bonus for your military service. If you have at least 35 years of civilian employment after serving in the Navy, your service years would only affect your SS benefit if those military service years were among the highest paying 35 years over your entire lifetime. Click here to read more on this topic. And, again, please accept our appreciation for your service to our country. This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association (NSSA). NSSA and the AMAC Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisors@amacfoundation.org.

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

1. What is Walter White's codename in the drama "Breaking Bad"?
2. Which month of the year has the fewest letters in its name?
3. Which state is known as the Prairie State?
4. What is the British term for a bike's training wheels?
5. What is the Earth's only natural satellite?
6. What is a more common name for the fruit sometimes called "alligator pear"?
7. What kind of creature is Thumper in the animated movie "Bambi"?
8. What is the name of the python in "The Jungle Book"?
9. Which countries and islands make up the geographic area known as Oceania?
10. What is a more common name for cerumen?

Answers on page seven.

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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.

Grover Cleveland class of '76 50 year reunion celebration with two events (Pre-sale only) Friday,

July 31 5 PM at Charlie's boatyard 1111 Furman Blvd. Buffalo, \$60 include buffet, tax and gratuity, cash bar. Contact Mary-Rose at 716-628-8632. Saturday, August 1, 3 to 5 PM Moondance catamaran ride 329 Erie St. (Erie basin Marina). \$30 Contact Adrienne at 716-866-8513.

Riverside Baptist Church (corner of Ross/Ontario St.) is having a Parking Lot Giveaway on Saturday, 6/27/26 from 9am-2:30pm. All items are free of charge.

Bloom and Bark: July 12, 10am-4pm Located on the lawn of the Botanical Gardens Free! Get ready for a day of pawssitive vibes and garden-side fun at Bloom and Bark! Hosted by the Botanical Gardens in partnership with Awesome Paws Rescue, this free, family-friendly event brings together adorable adoptable pets from local rescues, pet-focused vendors, delicious food trucks, and fun activities for all ages.

Submit Your Community Event to

The Grapevine

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Buffalo East Side Garden Walk

Continued from page one. Teacher's Desk will be distributed from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday at Locust Street Art, 138 Locust Street, while supplies last.

Artists in Gardens: Experience where art and gardens grow together during Artists in Gardens, featuring local artists creating and performing in select gardens throughout the weekend. Funding is provided by the New York State Council on the Arts.

Saturday, July 18
Hoyun Ma, watercolor artist — Garden of Susan Hanners, 77 Bogardus St. (11 a.m.–2 p.m.)

Juniper Moon, mixed-media artist — Garden of Kate Gorman, 23 Celtic Place (11 a.m.–2 p.m.)

Sara Elizabeth Genco, singer-songwriter — Garden of Zoe Tuppen, 231 Florida St. (11 a.m.–2 p.m.)

Emma Stanton, plein air artist — Garden at Jami Masjid, 1955 Genesee St. (2–5 p.m.)

Sunday, July 19
Stephen Forman Jr., painter — M&D Garden, 524 Winspear Ave. (11 a.m.–2 p.m.)

Madeline Bartley, painter — Garden of Ryan Rucinski, 56 Dempster St. (11 a.m.–2 p.m.)

Emma Brittain-Hardy, painter — Garden of Phyllis Lobbins, 39 Campbell Rd. (11 a.m.–2 p.m.)

Live Music at Roswell Park: Enjoy live performances both days at the Roswell Park Community Outreach & Engagement Center, 907 Michigan Avenue.

Family Art Activities: Members of the Buffalo Society of Artists and Niagara Frontier Plein Air Painters will host free, hands-on art activities at Coles House, 321 Humboldt Parkway, on Saturday only. Children and families are encouraged to participate.

Roots & Rhythm Community Garden Party (Saturday, July 18 | 3–7 p.m.

CS53 Community Garden | 91 Winslow Ave., Buffalo, NY 14208): Continue the celebration after Saturday's garden walk at the Roots & Rhythm Community Garden Party, featuring local artists, vendors, live music, food, games, giveaways, and family-friendly activities.

For more information, visit EastSideGardenWalk.com.



A Garden on Bogardus Street (top), A Garden on Humboldt Parkway (middle), and The Coles House Project (bottom).

The 13th Annual Miyazaki Chalk Contest

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General prize packages TBA (they will be cool!) and will be sponsored by GKIDS Films—the American distributor of Studio Ghibli—and Gutter Pop Comics across the street.

As in previous years, the festival spans TWO days:

July 11 – July 12th. Except in extenuating circumstances, artists will be judged according to one day's worth of work.

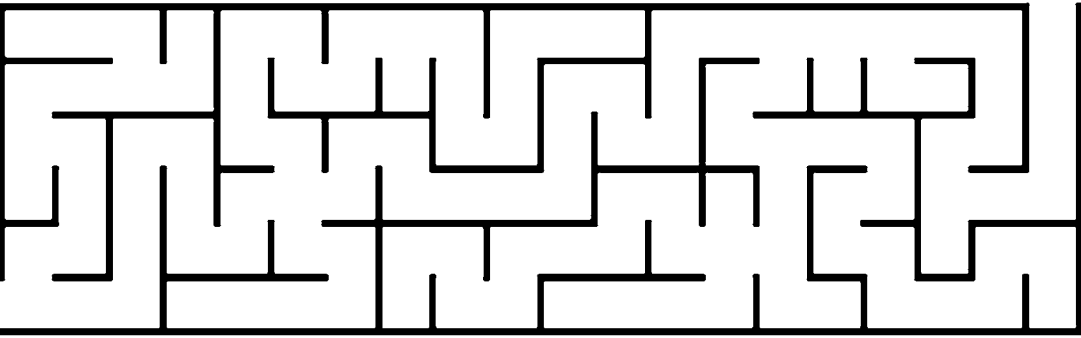
Chalking starts at 9:00 AM Saturday and Sunday. (But you can start any time after.)

Final judging starts at 9 PM Sunday.

(Take a break and catch one of FOUR Ghibli films playing all day during the fest!)

Please use non-permanent materials.

Kids' Maze



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Answers on page five.



"It's the oddest sort of pain — it goes away
as soon as I see a _____!"

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!

Precise	PREPOR				
Cheerleader	COMATS				
Flounder	LOWLAW				
Lure	CODEY				

TODAY'S WORD

Answers on page seven.

Photos by Audrey Clark.

2026 Buffalo Garden Fling

Buffalo is about to become the garden capital of North America. From Thursday, July 9 through Sunday, July 12, 2026, the Buffalo Garden Fling brings 72 of the nation's most influential online garden content creators to Western New York for four days of garden tours, community celebrations, and horticultural discovery—and the media is invited to join the fun.

Bloggers, YouTubers, podcasters, Substack writers, photographers, and social media influencers from 28 states and Canada will explore dozens of Buffalo's most spectacular private gardens, tour iconic Buffalo landmarks and neighborhoods, and share their experiences with a combined audience estimated in the hundreds of thousands across North America and beyond.

Members of the media are warmly invited to attend, photograph, film, and interview attendees, garden hosts, and event organizers throughout the weekend.

WHAT IS THE GARDEN FLING?

The Garden Fling (GardenFling.org) is a prestigious annual national gathering of online garden content creators that visits a different city each year. Past host cities include Philadelphia, San Francisco, Portland, Chicago, Toronto, and Seattle. Buffalo last hosted the Fling in 2010—and the coverage gen-

erated from that visit helped cement Buffalo's growing reputation as one of America's great garden cities.

The 2026 Buffalo Garden Fling is organized by Gardens Buffalo Niagara (GardensBuffaloNiagara.com), the nonprofit organization behind Garden Walk Buffalo—the largest free garden tour in the United States—as well as the East Side Garden Walk, Open Gardens WNY, the Garden Art Sale, Urban Farm Day, and other beloved regional events. The event is supported by Visit Buffalo, Buffalo's official tourism organization.

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR BUFFALO

Garden tourism is one of the fastest-growing segments of the travel industry, and Buffalo has quietly become one of its most celebrated destinations. Garden Walk Buffalo alone draws 40,000 to 50,000 visitors annually—approximately 25% from more than 50 miles away—making it one of Western New York's most impactful tourism events.

The Garden Fling amplifies that reach exponentially. When 72 influential content creators experience Buffalo's gardens, neighborhoods, architecture, food scene, and hospitality firsthand, they carry those stories back to their audiences in the form of blog posts, Instagram reels, YouTube videos, Pinterest boards, and podcast episodes that reach garden enthusi-

asts nationwide for months and even years after the event concludes.

The following events and locations offer excellent media access and interview opportunities throughout the weekend:

THURSDAY, JULY 9
Opening Reception—Erie Basin Marina Trial Gardens at Sully's Harbor Bar
5:30-7:00 PM | Erie Basin Marina, Buffalo

Kick off the Fling at this stunning waterfront reception alongside the Erie Basin Marina Trial Gardens, where seed companies from around the world test their newest plant varieties. Meet attendees, organizers, and garden hosts in a beautiful outdoor setting.

FRIDAY, JULY 10
Allentown Self-Guided Garden Walking Tour
2:00-5:30 PM | Allentown Neighborhood, Buffalo

Stroll through Buffalo's historic Allentown neighborhood and visit a stunning collection of private urban gardens. Excellent opportunity to interview gardeners and content creators in their element.

SATURDAY, JULY 11
Lunch at Silo City/Duende
12:45- 2:15 PM | 658 Ohio Street, Buffalo

One of Buffalo's most extraordinary post-industrial landscapes — a regenerated grain elevator district—serves as the backdrop for lunch and a tour of this remarkable ecological restoration project. Exceptional

visual and storytelling opportunity for media.

Visit Buffalo President & CEO, Patrick Kaler, will be at the Silo City/Duende lunch and available for interviews then or afterwards.

Elmwood Village Self-Guided Garden Walking Tour
2:30-4:30 PM | Elmwood Village Neighborhood, Buffalo

Explore one of America's great urban neighborhoods through the lens of its remarkable private gardens.

SUNDAY, JULY 12
Lunch at Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House
1:15- 2:45 PM | 125 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo

One of Frank Lloyd Wright's finest residential masterpieces provides a world-class backdrop for the Fling's final lunch. The historic landscape, restored in 2019, is a stunning visual and editorial opportunity.

Cottage District Self-Guided Garden Walking Tour
3:00- 4:30 PM | Cottage District, Buffalo

The beating heart of Garden Walk Buffalo—this charming neighborhood of 19th-century workers' cottages and their extraordinarily creative gardens proves that great gardening requires neither a big budget nor a large lot.

Buffalo Zoo "Art Gone Wild!"

Continued on page six.

Unleash your inner artist! Roll up your sleeves and dive into a variety of creative stations designed for all ages—from chalk art and nature-inspired crafts to painting and beyond. Whether you're a budding Picasso or just looking to have fun, these hands-on activities are the perfect way to make your own wild masterpiece.

Animal Demonstrations
Meet the Zoo's beloved Ambassador Animals! Expert keepers will be on-hand to introduce you to some of the Zoo's most fascinating residents—sharing fun facts, wild behaviors, and the conservation stories behind each animal. It's an up-close experience the

whole family will love!

Art and Food Vendors
Browse a curated selection of local art vendors showcasing original works, handcrafted goods, and one-of-a-kind pieces inspired by nature and wildlife. When you're ready to refuel, food vendors will be on-site serving up delicious bites to keep the whole family energized for an evening of creativity.

Explore the Buffalo Zoo After Hours

Stroll the grounds as the sun sets, visit your favorite animal exhibits, and soak in the unique atmosphere of the Zoo after hours with live music! It's a magical backdrop for an evening of art, community, and connection.

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERIE ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 808238/2026 KEYBANK, N.A. S/B/M FIRST NIAGARA BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs TREME D. TAYLOR AKA TREME TAYLOR AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ADA TAYLOR, ROBERT G. TAYLOR, JR. AKA ROBERT TAYLOR AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ADA TAYLOR, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ADA TAYLOR IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL 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, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COMMISSIONER OF ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, CHIEF CLERK OF THE CITY COURT OF BUFFALO, CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, CITY OF BUFFALO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AGENCY, CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS, HSBC FINANCE CORP.

(USA) FKA MARINE MIDLAND MORTGAGE CORP., NEW YORK STATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 10 Copsewood Avenue Buffalo, NY 14215 To the Above named Defendant: 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 Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plain-

tiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Erie. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of Ada Taylor In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Dennis Ward of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Eighteenth day of June, 2026 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Erie, in the City of Buffalo. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Robert G. Taylor, Sr. (who died on April 4, 2007, a resident of the county of Erie, State of New York) dated the August 3, 1998, to secure the sum of \$55,700.00 and recorded at Book 12799, Page 6058 in the Office of the Erie County Clerk on August 3, 1998. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed July 16, 2012 and recorded on August 28, 2012, in the Office of the Erie County Clerk at Book 13596, Page 8735. The property in question is described as fol-

lows: 10 Copsewood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14215 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: June 23, 2026 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 90641

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County of Erie Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Linda M. Hawkins a/k/a Linda Hawkins if living and if any be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on May 7, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Erie County Hall, 92 Franklin Street, in the Closing Room on the First Floor, Buffalo, NY 14202 on July 15, 2026 at 11:00 AM premises known as 2087 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Erie, State of New York, SECTION: 88.24, BLOCK: 1, LOT: 14. Approximate amount of judgment is \$24,375.74 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 803315/2025. This sale may be subject to the US Dept of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Real Estate Reporting Rule. In such event, all purchasers are required to provide the information needed for proper reporting in accordance with the terms of sale. Courtney Donahue Tasner, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-101377-F00 901 81 27

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERIE Index No.: 807145/2024 SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 242 15th Street, Buffalo, NY 14213 WEST COAST SERVICING, INC., Plaintiff, -against- SALINA FIGUEROA AKA SELENA MARI FIGUEROA, ERIC FIGUEROA, CINDY EARLEY, JOSE FIGUEROA, JR., THE

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOSE DAVID FIGUEROA, STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & FINANCE, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, CHIEF CLERK OF THE CITY COURT OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, SHERMAN ACQUISITION L.P., and INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear by serving an answer to the annexed Complaint upon Plaintiff's attorney, at the address stated below, within twenty (20) days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in the case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, together with the costs of this action. 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. The foregoing second supplemental summons is served upon you by publication

pursuant to an amended order of the Hon. Edward A. Pace, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Erie County, granted on the 18th day of June 2026, and filed with the Second Amended Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Erie County. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage encumbering the premises described below, executed by Jose David Figueroa to Banc One Financial Services of New York, Inc., to secure the sum of \$46,651.68, and recorded in the Erie County Clerk's Office on August 20, 1999 under Book 12851 Page 9264. Said premises being known as and by 242 15th Street, Buffalo, NY 14213, and known on the Tax Map of the County of Erie as Section 99.51 Block 4 Lot 10, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Second Amended Complaint. Michal Falkowski, Esq. 28-07 Jackson Avenue, 5th Floor, Long Island City, NY 11101 Phone: 212-390-8872 Email: mfalkowski@rflegal.net Attorneys for Plaintiff 29

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 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 August 4, 2026 at 1:00PM, premises known as 221 CHADDUCK STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14207; and the following tax map identification:

77.40-7-29. ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO, COUNTY OF ERIE AND STATE OF NEW YORK 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. 31

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GAMES

1. Heisenberg. 2. May. 3. Illinois. 4. Stabilisers. 5. The Moon. 6. Avocado. 7. Rabbit. 8. Kaa. 9. The four regions are Australasia (Australia and New Zealand), Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia. 10. Earwax.

King Crossword

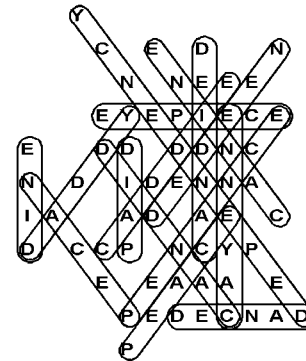
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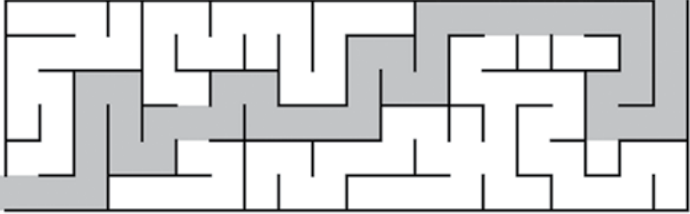
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GAMES

Kids' Maze Solution



Puzzle on page two.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Proper; 2. Mascot
3. Wallow; 4. Decoy

Today's Word
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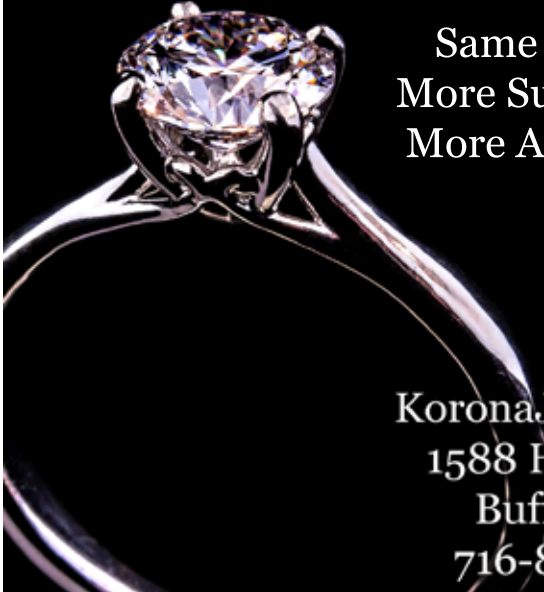
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