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Buffalo Chalkfest 2026



Photo by Buffalo Riverworks.

The annual Buffalo Riverworks Chalkfest returns on Saturday, August 1.

The annual Buffalo Riverworks Chalkfest will be on Sat, Aug. 1, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at 359 Ganson Street, Buffalo 14203. The theme will be MUSIC and as always, you can use your imagination here to connect to the theme however your heart desires.

Spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis along with skill set / experience. We will do our best to be fair about placement. There will be three levels to sign up as:

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General Chalker

We will be only using limited numbered spots this year inside the silos, reserved for the advanced adults. There will be a few areas for advanced under 18 as well. Spots will be assigned.

No paint, crayon, ink or other non-washable
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Twilight Tour of Open Gardens

The Twilight Tour of Open Gardens returns Friday, Jul 31, 7:00 pm. Trade the daytime heat for a magical evening stroll—experience Western New York's most spectacular private gardens illuminated under the night sky!

If you think local gardens are only stunning under the afternoon sun, prepare to have your mind completely changed. To wrap up a beautiful month of green spaces, Gardens Buffalo Niagara is hosting an ultra-exclusive, one-night-only event: the Twilight Tour of Open Gardens (also known as Open Gardens Night Lights). For a few hours on a Friday night, select elite gardeners across the region are flicking on their landscape lighting, lighting their fire pits, and opening their gates to showcase their backyard oases in a completely new, ethereal light.

About The Tour of Open Gardens:

Attention garden enthusiasts! Grab your Tours of Open Gardens Guide and prepare for the ultimate summer adventure. Garden touring has become the perfect escape for those seeking tranquil, beautiful days outdoors.

With eight dedicated days throughout the month, you'll have ample opportunity to visit or revisit these botanical treasures.

11th Annual Oliver Street Art Festival

The 11th Annual Oliver Street Art Festival starts Sat, Aug 1 • 11:00 am - 5:00 pm on 308 Oliver Street, North Tonawanda 14120.

Held on Oliver Street

between Robinson and Schenck Streets in North Tonawanda, NY, this free, family-friendly event features over 65 regional artist vendors, live music, and local food.



Oliver Street, North Tonawanda, NY.

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



July, 1995. COPPOLA CLEANS UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD...Members of Councilman Coppola's summer work crew are pictured above on the job. (l to r) Dwight Simpson, Intern Supervisor, Lori-Ann Rich, Cliff Parks, and Crew Supervisor, Jerome Owens.

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SPORTS
 By Bill Snyder

The Amazing A's



Congratulations to the Rookie Boys A's team in winning the Championship against seven other teams in the Green Division of the North Buffalo Baseball Softball League. They defeated a tough Guardians team, 23-13 Saturday in Shoshone Park to win the League's first Championship for 2026.

The Athletics were awesome this season and they proved it again this past Saturday, July 25th in Shoshone Park by winning the first Championship of the North Buffalo Baseball Softball League in Rookie Boys Green Division.

Grady Trillo, a first year player in the Division, got the biggest hit of his young life, by hitting his first ever grand slam homerun to clinch a victory over the number three cede Guardians, 23-13 in the Championship game in front of friends and family, including his Uncle Sean, his coach this season. The six year old followed his teammates around the bases and touched home while players greeted him from the dugout. It was a moment that he had worked hard for all Summer.

The victory gave the number one cede Athletics a 14-1 record in this 2026 season, their only loss was to the Angels in the second game of

the season, an 8-7 final. With 10 wins in a row in the regular season, the A's finished 11-1 after June 30th, and never looked back.

With teammates like Justus Woods, Bennett Szymanski and Grady's cousin, Bobby Ryan, the A's brought their A game to Shoshone Park every time and left opponents like the Twins, Rangers, Red Sox or Astros trying to match the runs coming across the plate for the A's.

Against the Twins, last years defending Champion, Trillo, Woods, Szymanski and Elios Mach, topped the Twins in round one of the Playoffs, 15-8. Then, just a week later, the A's got revenge on the Angels, with a 13-3 victory to set up the final against the Guardians.

Woods and Szymanski served as a dynamic duo on the diamond, catching numerous pop-ups for outs from Guardian batters. First baseman Auggie Snyder eas-

ily handled the throws from teammates around the horn that kept Twins or Angels off base.

"Woods made a huge play at shortstop during the game," said an assistant coach, afterward, "fielding a ball with great footwork and delivering it to Snyder at first base."

For Manager Sean Ryan, the season was a testament to the way he treated all his players. They were like family to him and he and his assistants supported each other. Everyone contributed to a victory just like a family. Trillo, playing with his cousin Bobby, Elios, playing with his younger brother, Miles and the Snyder Brothers, Auggie and Joe, showed love for each other and for the game.

Other players on the team included Connor McMahon, Dion Evans, Conlan Komosinski and Tom Bingel contributed to an amazing season. For Ryan and his assistant coaches Bob Bingel, Mark Szymanski and Brandon Woods, they taught some amazing seven year old boys how to love the game.

The Rookie Boys Champion is just one of many coming to you in the weeks ahead. Seven other Divisions of both boys and girls teams are getting closer to winning a Championship. In Girls Double AA, the number one cede Tigers are getting ready to face the Razorbacks in the finals. In Rookie Girls, there's a three team battle for the Championship between the Rebels, last year's champions with the Angels and Comets.

In Double AA Boys, the number one cede Cardinals await the winner of a Braves and Dodgers game before they can win a Championship. The Braves won their first two games in the playoffs over the Brewers and the Dodgers but the LA team stayed alive with wins over the Mets and Pirates, July 15th and 18th respectively.

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Look out for Reggie Flowers of the Major Boys Braves team. Every time he's stepped to the plate in the Playoffs, he's homered seven times over the fence on the Major Diamond. His coach recently told this newspaper that Flowers is the best hitter on his team and has a 1.17 slugging percentage. His blasts have been one man wrecking crew for teams like the Giants, Padres, Phillies and Reds. "He just started hitting the ball and it's turned our season around," said his coach, after a win over the Reds. "He's gonna be a heck of a player if he keeps it up."

Several weeks ago, I mistakenly spelled a young Mets Double AA ballplayer's name wrong in this column after going three for three at the plate and hitting a homerun with two RBI's in a 5-2 win over the Phillies.



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The Blotter
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From "D" District

From The Editor: I want to explain why the Police Blotter has been missing from recent editions. The change has nothing to do with politics or a decision to stop reporting police activity. The Buffalo Police Department recently switched from a paper-based reporting system to a new computerized records management system. As a result, we no longer have the same access to the police reports that we've relied on for many years to prepare the Police Blotter. We are currently working with the department to find a new way to obtain the information so we can resume publishing the Police Blotter as soon as possible. Our goal has always been to provide accurate, factual information to our readers, and that has not changed. We value transparency, support the public's right to know, and remain committed to serving our community with fair and responsible local reporting. We hope to have the Police Blotter back in the paper as soon as we can establish a reliable process for receiving the information.



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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 cash bar. Contact MaryRose 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.



St. Margaret's Church, Secondary Worship Site of St. Mark's Parish CCBN, is sponsoring a BW's Smokin' Barrels Chicken or Rib Barbeque dinner on Friday, August 28, 2026, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. This drive-thru only event will be held in the parking lot behind St. Margaret Church, 1395 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased beginning Sunday, July 12 prior to and following the 9:30am Mass at St. Margaret's, and every Sunday following the 9:30am Mass up to the date of event. Tickets can also be purchased at the CCBN Central Office at Assumption Church, 12 Peter Street (off Amherst, near

Grant St.) Please call Karen or Julie at (716) 875-8102 to make arrangements. Pre-sale chicken dinner tickets are priced at \$15 and pre-sale spare rib dinner tickets are priced at \$20. Included in each dinner are two sides, roll and butter. If available, we will sell drive-up tickets the day of the event for a small increase in price (chicken \$18, ribs \$22). We are also conducting a raffle for a 48" color television. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the same time as the barbeque tickets – following St. Margaret's Sunday 9:30am Mass, weekdays at the CCBN Central Office at Assumption Church, 12 Peter Street, and at the event.



The 2026 Buffalo Irish Festival will be held on Saturday, August 1st and Sunday, August 2nd at Buffalo River Fest Park, 249 Ohio Street Buffalo, NY 14204. Get ready for a weekend packed with live music, Irish dance, cultural traditions, and plenty of pints. This is Buffalo's biggest celebration of Irish heritage, and you won't want to miss it!



The America 250 Celebration will be held on Sat, Aug 1 • 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at Old Fort Niagara • 102 Morrow Plaza, Youngstown 14174. The Fort will host Niagara County's official America 250 celebration on August 1-2, 2026 with a Revolutionary War encampment. Living history programs, musical entertainment and an exciting "after-dark" experience will highlight the program.



SAW: THE MUSICAL will be Friday, Jul 31, 7:30 pm at the Alleyway Theatre, 1 Cur-tain up Alley, Buffalo 14202. **RUNNING TIME 120 MINUTES INCLUDING INTERMISSION** SAW is back... but this time, it's singing, dancing, and hilariously twisted! SAW The Musical takes the cult horror classic and turns it into a blood-soaked love story you'll never forget. Get your tickets today! One of the most chilling horror films of all time is back... now as a laugh-out-loud musical parody! SAW The Musical reimagines the first movie, picking up from when Lawrence Gordon and Adam Stanheight meet for the very first time in the infamous bathroom trap. Will they follow "the rules" as they discover each other's secrets? Will they outwit the game and make it out alive? Think Little Shop of Horrors meets Avenue Q, this is a darkly hilarious story about life, love, and yes... a little limb removal. Get your tickets today for SAW The Musical in Buffalo! This production includes explicit sexual humor, simulated gore, and STROBE EFFECTS.



Shakespeare in Delaware Park: The Taming of The Shrew will be held on Friday, July 31 till Sat, Aug. 16, 7:00pm at the Shakespeare In Delaware Park, 199 Lincoln Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14222. Shakespeare in Delaware Park (SDP) is featuring The Taming of the Shrew as a mainstage production for their 51st summer season.



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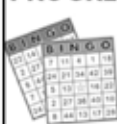
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7th Annual Rise for Recovery Walk

Kids Escaping Drugs invites the community to join the 7th Annual Rise for Recovery Walk on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Canalside. Held during National Recovery Month, the event honors lives lost to drug overdoses, celebrates those in recovery, and raises awareness about the impact of substance misuse.

The Rise for Recovery Walk brings together families, friends, individuals in recovery, and community allies for a day of remembrance, education, and hope. Registration begins at 9 a.m., followed by the walk at 10:15 a.m. The event

is open to everyone, including those celebrating recovery, honoring a loved one, or showing support for the recovery community.

The event will feature a meaningful memorial ceremony to honor the lives lost to drug overdoses.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to connect with local prevention, treatment and recovery resources. A pay-what-you-wish lunch will be offered following the walk.

"Addiction touches so many families in our community, and no one should have to face that journey alone," said Kristin Rozewski, Mar-

keting & Events Director at Kids Escaping Drugs. "The Rise for Recovery Walk is a chance to come together, remember those we've lost, celebrate every recovery milestone and remind one another that hope is always possible. We hope everyone leaves feeling supported, connected and inspired."

Registration for the 7th Annual Rise for Recovery Walk is now open at <https://www.ked.org/rise-for-recovery>. Participants are encouraged to register early to help organizers prepare for the event. While fundraising is encouraged, it is not required to participate. Every person who joins helps show that recovery is possible and that no one affected by addiction has to walk alone.



2 Red Panda Cubs Born At The Buffalo Zoo

The Buffalo Zoo is thrilled to announce the birth of two red panda cubs, who entered the world together on June 10, 2026. The pair were born to mom Himalaya (3) and dad Mogwai (5), and they are currently being cared for by mom

inside their behind-the-scenes nest box. They are not yet visible to the public. They are the 14th and 15th red panda cubs to be born at the Buffalo Zoo historically, and mark yet another remarkable conservation achievement for the Zoo. "This adorable pair of cubs are a prime example of the Buffalo Zoo's conservation mis-

sion, as we work to secure a brighter future for red pandas in our care and in the wild," said Lisa Smith, President and CEO of the Buffalo Zoo. "Himalaya continues to do an incredible job

caring for her two babies, and our dedicated animal care and veterinary teams have diligently monitored their progress along the way. We cannot wait for our community to eventually meet the new additions." The cubs, who do not yet have names or a confirmed gender, are the second litter born to Himalaya and Mogwai in as many years, and the circum-

stances around the births are quite different this time around. When Himalaya gave birth last year, she was a very young mom by red panda standards, and her surviving cub had to be pulled from the nest box and hand-reared by the Zoo's veterinary and animal care teams. That cub, Joy, is now 1-year-old and has moved on to a new zoo in hopes that she'll start a family of her own.

The Buffalo Zoo will provide further updates, including when guests can view the cubs, in the near future. Stay tuned to the Zoo's social medias for the latest news.

The Buffalo Zoo is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with last admission at 4 p.m. General admission tickets can be purchased in advance online at buffalozoo.org, or in-person at the front entrance gate.



The 5th Annual Lancaster Renaissance Street Faire



The 5th Annual Lancaster Renaissance Street Faire is right around the corner!

The Lancaster Village Merchant Association is hosting the 5th Annual Lancaster Renaissance Street Faire on Saturday, August 8 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm on West Main Street and Cayuga Creek Park in the Village of Lancaster, NY. The event is in celebration of International Mead Day. Mead is honey based and the oldest known alcoholic beverage, dating back to 9000 BC.

This family friendly event has a full afternoon of renaissance-themed activities and performances including:

- Performances by Bewitched Buffalo, Nickel City Longsword and Buffalo Aerial Dance
- Bill Baldwin's Magic Show
- Queen's Parade at 3:00 pm and all-ages renaissance costume contest
- Roaming entertain-

- ment
- Over 50 vendors with Renaissance themed items including Lilly Belle Meads
- Children's activities tent and DIY costumes sponsored by Bloomsbury Lane Toy Shoppe
- Fire breather and live blacksmith demonstrations
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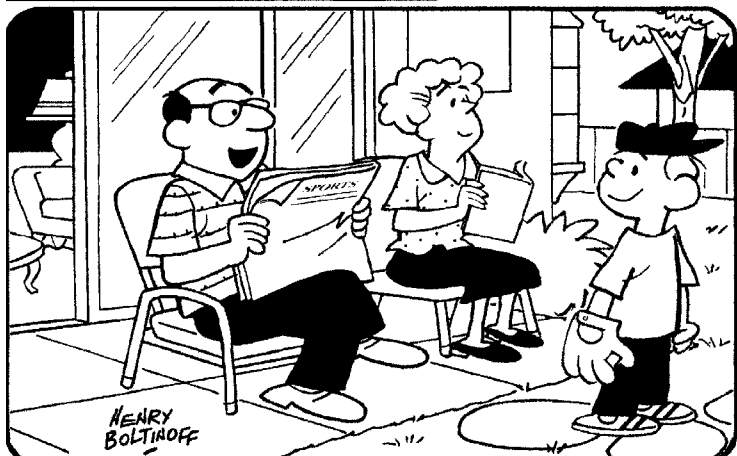
For more information and updates visit lancastermerchants.org or follow the Lancaster Village Merchant Association Facebook & Instagram pages.

Hosted by the Lancaster Village Merchant Association, this event is held in celebration of International Mead Day and offers a full afternoon of renaissance-themed fun for all

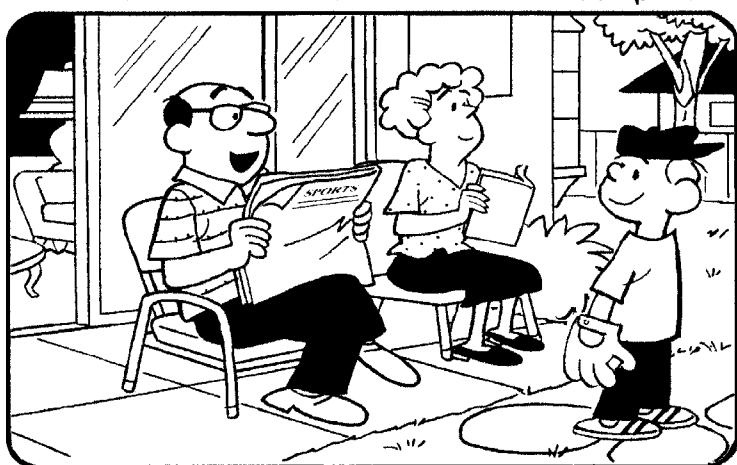


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History Tours at Buffalo Boat Tours



The famous Buffalo Boat Tours continue throughout August from July 31st to August 25th this summer!

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Hop aboard the spectacular double-decker Harbor Queen for an immersive, wind-in-your-hair journey through the legendary stories and towering monoliths that built the Queen City!

If your ideal summer afternoon involves cruising along glistening waterways, holding an ice-cold local drink, and looking up at the world's largest standing collection of historic grain elevators from just a few feet away, clear your schedule. The crew at Buffalo Boat Tours is officially running their public History Tours right out of Canalside. Whether you are an absolute history nerd, a local looking to show off the city to out-of-town guests, or a couple planning a unique date afternoon, these narrated excursions

offer a gorgeous, front-row seat to Buffalo's relentless industrial grit and modern waterfront revival.

Choose Your Floating History Lesson

Buffalo Boat Tours has masterfully designed a lineup of public history cruises that take you deep into the heart of Western New York's heritage:

The Buffalo River History Tour (10:30AM, 12:30PM and 2:30PM): Travel down the historic commercial waterways of the Erie Canal aboard the spacious Harbor Queen. An expert onboard docent will guide you through the raw, fascinating story of how a tiny canal town exploded to become the largest grain port on earth.

Silo City Boat & Walking Tour (Sat-Sun 11AM): The ultimate dual-element adventure! This immersive excursion combines a gorgeous riverboat cruise with an exclusive, guided on-

foot walking tour straight through the towering concrete monoliths of the iconic Perot Malting Plant and the Silo City Grain Elevators.

Niagara River History Tour (Saturdays 10:30AM): Climb onto the open-air upper deck of the Harbor Queen for a beautiful voyage down the mighty Niagara River. Relax and soak in stunning natural landscapes while listening to captivating, lesser-known tales of the historic events that shaped Lake Erie and the border waterways.

A Toast to Buffalo's Waterfront (4:30PM): Looking for history with a side of happy hour? This highly personalized cruise invites you to relax on the water with spectacular skyline views while chatting directly with onboard waterfront specialists about the resilience, shipping secrets, and exciting future of Buffalo's harbor.

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When Should My Wife File for Spouse Benefits? - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: My wife is 66 (born February 1960) and started taking Social Security retirement benefits just over one year ago at age 65. She was a stay-at-home Mom for most of her adult life. I turned 62 this past March and received my first SS payment recently for a May 2026 start. We are scheduled to meet with SSA in late July to initiate spousal benefits because my wife's current benefits are less than 50% of mine. We also have an adult disabled son who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security benefits (this split in benefit sources happened after my wife filed – that whole process was confusing and we don't understand it). My question relates to spousal benefits (I was a career finance person but don't completely understand these rules). We were going to file in July but is there any benefit to waiting until she turns 67? And will her 50% benefit be 50% of my lower benefit due to my filing at 62 or is that based on another amount? **Signed: Confused Finance Guy**

Dear Confused:

First, be aware that your wife's spousal benefit will be based on her age when she claims it, and half of your full retirement age, or "FRA," amount (although you claimed at 62, her benefit as your spouse will still be based on your FRA entitlement).

Because she claimed

her SS retirement at 65, your wife will not get 50% of your FRA entitlement; rather she will get her own reduced SS retirement benefit (which was reduced by about 13% from her FRA entitlement) plus a "spousal boost." The amount of that "boost" will be the difference between her own FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement, but that boost amount will also be reduced because she will be claiming in July before her FRA.

Your wife will reach her FRA until February 2027, so by claiming her spousal boost in July her boost amount will be reduced by about 5%, and the "boost" will be added to her already reduced SS retirement about. The result will be your wife's benefit as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA entitlement. And, FYI, your wife will be automatically deemed to be filing for her spousal benefit (she will not be able to defer claiming it).

As your son is now collecting SS benefits based on your wife's personal SS record, you should ask Social Security to switch him over to payments based on your record (because you have the higher SS benefit). FYI, because your son is now receiving SSI (Supplemental Security Income), the SSDI (SS disability) benefit he receives will be offset by his SSI benefit, and the payment amount will

consist of two sources – SSI and SSDI. Nevertheless, he cannot get more than 50% of your SS retirement amount and will likely be affected by the Family Maximum which may further reduce his SSDI entitlement.

Your wife's benefit as your spouse will also be affected by the "Family Maximum," which limits how much can be paid on any one person's SS record (on your SS record). That also means that your wife will not get a full 50% of your FRA entitlement; rather, she will get less because the family maximum limits how much all your dependents can receive to somewhere between 50% and 88% of your FRA benefit amount (after subtracting your own SS entitlement). That also means that your son's SS payment, as well as your wife's SS payment as your spouse, will be reduced to less than 50% of your FRA entitlement. SSA will

be able to guide you through the Family Maximum calculations for both your son and your wife when you meet.

To recap all of this: a) your wife will be automatically deemed to be filing for her spousal benefit; she cannot delay until her FRA. b) her amount as your spouse will be less than 50% of your SS FRA entitlement. And c) both your wife's and your

son's SS benefit will likely be also affected by the Family Maximum and, thus, be less than half of your FRA entitlement. Nevertheless, it was likely the right decision to claim as you have, considering that your son and wife have been receiving SS benefits for some time now, and both will continue to receive more as your dependents.

Buffalo Chalkfest 2026

Continued from page one. or permanent products will be allowed. Any non-chalk props or items used in the artwork will exclude it from judging. ONLY chalk can be used for the drawings with a washable single-color tempera base. Chalk, soft pastels, tempera paint (as a base) and hair spray are the medium allowed for the festival.

Use of any non-chalk or non-washable products will disqualify the artwork and

the artist will be responsible for the cost of clean-up.

As for judging this year we will have fixed judges. Judging will begin at 3pm on Sunday and we will have an award ceremony at 5pm in the front room of the GLF grain silo or on the wharf outside it next to the river, weather depending.

For more information please visit www.buffalo-riverworks.com/chalkfest-buffalo.

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2. How many countries and territories border Spain?

3. What are Captain Picard's two favorite catchphrases in "Star Trek: The Next Generation"?

4. What is brioche?

5. Which metal has the highest melting point?

6. Who is credited as the author of "The Odyssey"?

7. Which state is home to Acadia National Park?

8. What is the name of Dottie's team in "A League of Their Own"?

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INGREDIENTS

1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
2 tablespoons oil
1 tablespoon brown sugar
6 tablespoons McCormick® Grill Mates® Sweet & Tangy Seasoning, divided
2 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs

INSTRUCTIONS

Mix vinegar, oil, brown sugar and 3 tablespoons of the Seasoning in small bowl until well blended. Set aside.

Rub chicken with remaining 3 tablespoons of the Seasoning.

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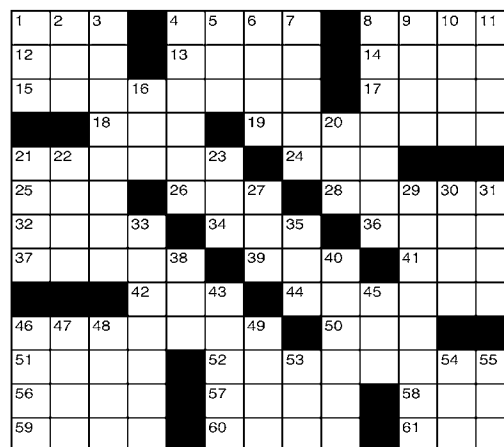


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King Crossword

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- 1 Photo, for short
- 4 Senate staffer
- 8 Scoff
- 12 Rx overseer
- 13 Classic theaters
- 14 Bohemian
- 15 Tunes from Trinidad
- 17 Pinta's companion
- 18 MSN rival
- 19 Acapulco native
- 21 NAACP co-founder W.E.B.
- 24 Collection
- 25 — Cruz



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|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 26 D.C. baseballer | 56 Male deer | 7 Relaxes | 33 Singer |
| 28 Serious | 57 Notes after "do" | 8 Custodian | Knowles |
| 32 Overlook | 58 Bird (Pref.) | 9 Rocker | 35 Highland hat |
| 34 Inherited | 59 Harboring a grudge | 10 Clapton | 38 Pouch |
| 36 "Little Caesar" role | 60 "I'm a klutzi!" | 11 Sicilian volcano | 40 Actress Jamie Lee |
| 37 Group spirit | 61 Napkin's perch | 12 Vanna's "Wheel of Fortune" colleague | 43 PC shortcut |
| 39 Rug cleaner, briefly | | 13 "— hoo!" | 45 Japanese pond carp |
| 41 Buddy | | 14 Crosses (out) | 46 Mama — Elliot |
| 42 Felon's flight | | 15 Title for Judi Dench | 47 Golden Rule word |
| 44 Arctic shoe | | 16 One | 48 Den noise |
| 46 Bitter orange liqueur | | 17 Droop | 49 Black-and-white cookie |
| 50 French monarch | | 18 "Mazel —!" | 53 Little rascal |
| 51 Unsigned (Abbr.) | | 19 Scripture-based | 54 Hollywood's Gardner |
| 52 All-important | | 20 Beige | 55 Sass |
| | | 21 Castle | |

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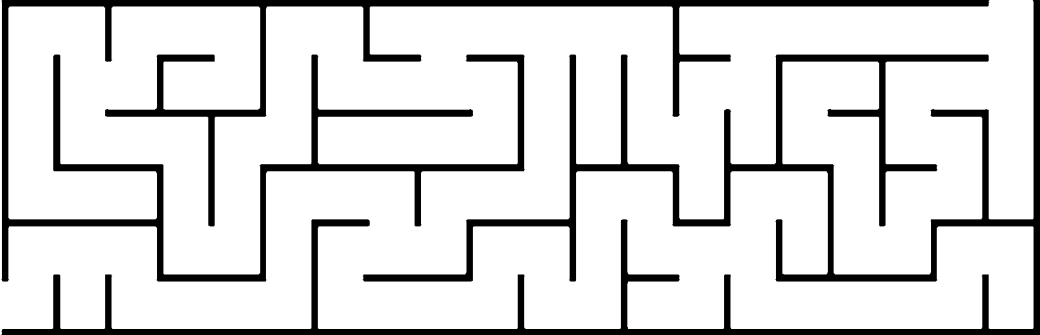
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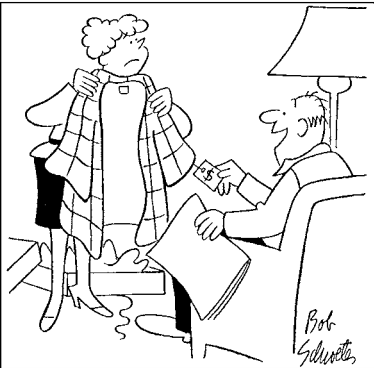
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: A SLICE OF A CHEESE WHEEL

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Casein
Cultures
Curd

Fromage
Hooping
Lactic
Rennet

Rind
Ripe
Terroir
Turophile

Wheel
Whey
Yeast

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Weekly SUDOKU

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4				1	8			
8	5	3	4	7		2		

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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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 AGEN-

CY, 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 Plaintiff 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 follows: 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

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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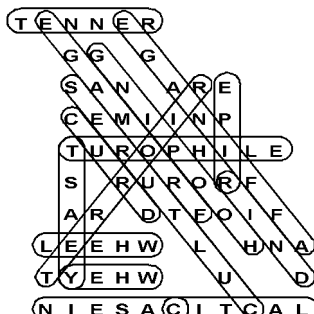
Answers

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WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH CHEESE



Puzzle on page nine.

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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

Puzzle on page nine.

1. King Kandy's Castle.
2. Five — Portugal, France, Andorra, Morocco and the British territory of Gibraltar.
3. "Make it so" and "Engage."
4. A rich French bread.
5. Tungsten.
6. The poet Homer.
7. Maine.
8. The Rockford Peaches.
9. Doctor Doom.
10. The mantle.

Bonus: August, 1962

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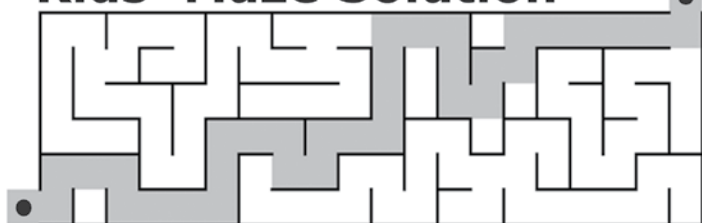
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1. Snoop;
2. Leach
3. Clone;
4. Heap

Today's Word

CHEAP

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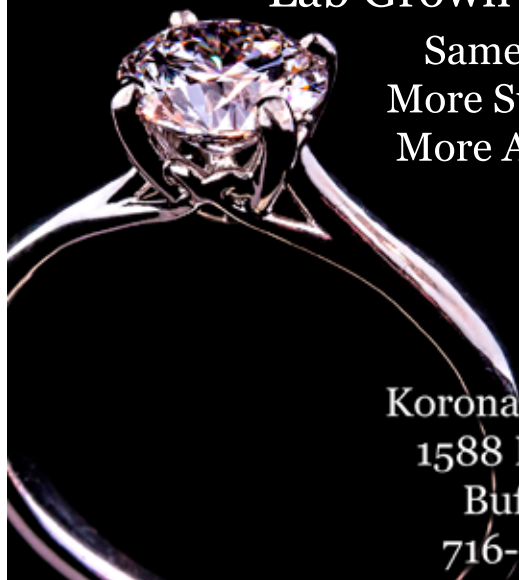
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