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Great Pumpkin Farm Kicks Off Its 31st Year



Photo provided by The Great Pumpkin Farm.

The Fall Seasonal annual Great Pumpkin Farm Festival opens once more on Saturday, September 19.

One of Western New York's favorite fall traditions is back! The Great Pumpkin Farm opens for its 31st year on Saturday, September 19, kicking off its 2026 Fall Festival season, which runs through October 31.

Opening Weekend, September 19 & 20, is also Armed Forces Weekend. Active and retired Military, Police and Fire personnel receive FREE admission for themselves and one guest with proper ID. The weekend is hosted in partnership with Clarence Citizens for Veterans.

The Great Pumpkin Farm will once again be packed with fall family fun, including hayrides, the Corn Maze, Pumpkin Hill Slide,

BIG Oak Express Train, petting zoo, pedal karts, playgrounds, Boo Barn, face painting, crafts, contests, live music, festival food and ZILLIONS of pumpkins!

New for 2026, visitors can catch Nick Mambretti in his all-new "Burst of Wonder!" Magic Show and take a ride on the new Pumpkin Barrel Train.

The farm's Bakery, Candy Store and Halloween Store will also be open, along with the Witches Brew Bar. And no trip to the farm is complete without fresh donuts and cider!

Each of the seven festival weekends features special entertainment and events, including Princesses in the Patch, the World Pumpkin Weigh-Off, Pumpkin Olym-

pics, Caveman Critters Reptile Shows, Wow Party Bubble Shows, Zombies in the Corn Maze and Costume Contest Weekend.

The Great Pumpkin Farm is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and the 2026 season runs September 19- October 31 at 11199 Main Street in Clarence, NY.

Paid festival admission applies Saturdays, Sundays and Indigenous Peoples' Day. Weekdays are admission-free, offering visitors a chance to enjoy pumpkins, the Bakery, Halloween Store, playground, hay-maze, petting zoo and more.

For tickets, the complete weekend schedule and additional information, visit www.greatpumpkinfarm.com.

First Look Buffalo Theatre Company Cabaret Fundraiser

Join your friends at First Look Buffalo Theatre Company as we kick off our 2026-27 season of new plays when some of Western New York's most talented artists come together to deliver a fun evening of classic cabaret style entertainment.

Starring Susan King, Lori Lenoci, Spud Browning, Renee Smith and Drew Fornarola. Accompanied by Bud

Mayer and hosted by Sarah Comfort.

Friday October 2nd, 2026. Doors open at 7pm. Show begins at 8pm.



Canterbury Woods Performing Arts Center, 705 Renaissance Dr., Williamsville NY 14221

\$35 presale, \$40 at the door.

Plus, a basket and 50/50 raffle.

Get tickets at www.FirstLookBuffalo.com.

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



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Buffalo Waterfront Fall Events On The Horizon

Summer might be winding down, but we've still got plenty of events in the month of September! Out of the Darkness: Join our Buffalo Out of the Darkness Walk on Saturday, September 19th at Canalside to raise awareness, support one another, honor and remember loved ones and fund critical efforts to protect mental health and prevent suicide.

Walk to End Alzheimer's: On Saturday, September 26th at Terminal B, come together with the community for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. All funds raised through Walk to End Alzheimer's further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

Step Up for Down Syndrome: On Saturday, October 3rd, make your way to Canalside for the Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk.

Join us for Yoga Fest at Wilkeson Pointe presented by Independent Health!

On Sunday, September 20th from 3pm-7pm, enjoy fitness classes, music from DJ Nor.th Star, and giveaways (while supplies last).

3:00pm-3:30pm – HEAL BFLO
3:45pm-4:15pm – Every Body Plus
4:30pm-5:00pm – Vibe Yoga Lab
5:15pm-5:45pm – YMCA
6:00pm-6:45pm – Afrochick Yoga

Tickets are just \$15 and grant access to ALL yoga sessions. It's a workout for a cause, as all proceeds are donated to the Independent Health Foundation's Fitness for Kids Challenge.

Fall Fest makes its return to Canalside on Saturday, September 26th from 10am-4pm! Fall Fest at Canalside is presented by Citizens with support from Northridge Nursery and Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Vendors:
Barb's Book Buddies
Buffalo History Museum

Activities:

First Tee of Western New York - Put your golfing skills to the test with this small driving range using real golf clubs and foam balls while hitting off of mats. Try and hit assorted targets scattered throughout the space!

Goat Yoga with River Road Ranch - Join Soma Cura Yoga for yoga classes with some furry friends! Ticket link coming soon.

Food & Beverage:

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Don't miss out on this spooky and festive FREE day of family fun! More details to come.

Enjoy weekly fun at the Waterfront for the month

of September!

All aboard the Seneca Chief: The Erie Canal Boat Seneca Chief is central to the story of the Erie Canal and the history of our state. Until the end of September, the Erie Canal Boat Seneca Chief will be docked in the Commercial Slip at Canalside and open for public viewing.

Erie Canal History: Join us at the Waterway of Change Museum for indoor / outdoor walking tours throughout the month of September.

History on Deck: Visit the largest inland Naval Park in the United States! The Buffalo Naval Park offers year-round experiences including self-guided tours, guided tours, events and more.

Biking through the Waterfront: Pedal through the Canalside with bike rentals from Buffalo Bike Tours!

Hop on the Canalside Shuttle: Planning a trip to Canalside? Hop on the Canalside Shuttle to hit all our favorite local spots!

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September 11

At approximately 11:40 p.m. Thursday night, C district officers responded to a shots fired call in the area of E Lovejoy Street and Central Avenue. Officers on scene located an adult male victim suffering from gunshot wounds to the back and neck. He was transported via AMR to ECMC to be treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Gun Violence Unit detectives immediately began an investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call or text 911 or the confidential tip line at 716-847-2255.

September 9

Buffalo Police Department Announces a search warrant was conducted Wednesday, September 9, in the 400 block of Northland Avenue. One weapon was recovered with an extended magazine and one arrest was made. The search warrant was signed by the Honorable Judge Michael Pacifico and conducted by the Buffalo Police Intelligence Unit. A Taurus Millennium 9mm handgun loaded with 12 rounds in an extended magazine was recovered. Derrick Boone, 18, of Buffalo has been charged one count NYS PL 265.01-B1, Criminal Possession of a Firearm, a class D felony and one count NYS PL 265.02-8, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, a class E felony.



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M&T Bank's Free Buffalo Zoo Admissions Returns

This Thursday, Sept. 17, marks M&T Bank Presents Third Thursdays at the Buffalo Zoo, offering local families free admission. Since the program began in April 2025 during the Zoo's 150th anniversary celebration, it has welcomed more than 22,000 visitors and created meaningful opportunities for residents and visitors alike to experience the Zoo together.

M&T Bank's "Third Thursday" program will continue for three more Thursdays in 2026 – Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec 17.

To participate on Sept. 17, guests will need to reserve their free tickets online before arriving at the Zoo.

Tickets can be reserved at mtb.com/ThirdThursdays.

There will be a limit of 10 tickets per group, with timed ticket entry still available between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. While tickets are honored all day, visitors are asked to arrive at the time they sign up for.

Special programming will feature several Zookeeper Talks including:

10:30 a.m. – Sea Lion Feeding Demonstration at Sea Lion Cove

11:30 a.m. – Japanese Macaque Keeper Talk

1:30 p.m. – Addax Keeper Talk

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Current members of the Zoo will be admitted, even in the event of a "Third Thursday" sellout. Please note that rides, concessions and

parking are not included in the free admission.

M&T is a longtime partner of the Buffalo Zoo and remains the lead sponsor of the M&T Bank Rainforest Falls exhibit. To learn more about the Buffalo Zoo and its latest special events, visit buffalozoo.org.

Buddy's Second Chance Rescue: Howl-O-Ween Dog Walk

Buddy's Second Chance Rescue is excited to announce its first Halloween Dog Walk, taking place on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 11am to 2 p.m. at Delaware Park. About the event Grab your pup, throw on your favorite costume, and join us

for Buddy's Howl-O-Ween Dog Walk! This family-friendly fundraiser celebrates Halloween while raising money to give local rescue dogs the second chance they deserve.

Enjoy a scenic 1.8 mile walk through Delaware Park, all while supporting Buddy's Second Chance Rescue! A dog costume contest, vendors, food, and music, raffles and prizes, photo opportunities, after walk party, and plenty of tail-wagging fun! All proceeds from the event will directly benefit Buddy's Second Chance Rescue, a nonprofit dedicated to saving dogs and giving them a second chance at life. Buddy's uses its proceeds for foster supplies, such as beds and meals, medical care and transportation for dogs from out-of-state kill shelters to western New York. Proceeds from events like this help Buddy's goal of owning its transportation vehicle

and reach 1,000 total adoptions. Is this a ticketed event? Tickets can be purchased at <https://bscri.betterworld.org/events/buddys-howl-o-ween-dog-walk> Early General admission tickets cost \$35, and that includes a

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finding them permanent,

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and continues to be a

vital part of the Western

New York animal rescue

community. Established

in 2013, our non-profit dog

rescue is nestled in the

heart of Western New

York, with a mission to

save as many innocent

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shelters in Buffalo, the

south and even other

countries. All dogs no

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YMCA Buffalo Niagara is inviting the public to Try the Y for Free during their open house on Saturday, September 19 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The entire community is invited to any of the five YMCA Buffalo Niagara branches to enjoy a workout, try a fitness class, and swim at the YMCA for free. Anyone who joins during this time can also save \$75 on the join fee. It's all part of the Y's Welcoming Week, a chance for Western New Yorkers to get to know one another and celebrate what unites us as a community. As part of the celebrations, the YMCA is hosting a Naturalization Ceremony at its William-Emslie location on Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00 am. At this ceremony, individuals from multiple countries will officially become U.S. citizens. For

interview requests, please contact Communications Director Paul Stockman. Go to YMCABN.org or visit any YMCA Buffalo Niagara location to learn more about Welcoming Week and all activities.



The Canisius University Contemporary Writers Series will welcome acclaimed Irish writer Doireann Ní Ghríofa and award-winning author Julie Schumacher to campus this fall for two free public readings. Ní Ghríofa will be the featured speaker at the 21st annual Hassett Reading, scheduled for Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Montante Cultural Center. Schumacher will speak on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Grupp Fireside Lounge. Both events will include a question-and-answer session and reception. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.



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UB Buffalo Humanities Festival 2026

Read all about it! "Breaking News" is the theme of this year's Buffalo Humanities Festival, a two-day event on Sept. 25 and 26 that will feature award-winning journalist Juan González, co-host of "Democracy Now!," as the spotlight speaker.

Presented by the University at Buffalo's Humanities Institute (HI), in cooperation with Canisius University, Daemen University, Niagara University, SUNY Buffalo State University, and the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, the festival is made possible with support from the UB College of Arts and Sciences, UB Office of Research, Innovation and Economic Development, and the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York.

González, a two-time winner of the George Polk Award for commentary and a former president of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, will open the festival with a spotlight talk on Sept. 25 at 5 p.m. González will also join the festival on Sept. 26 for the first session, "The Value of Local Journalism," a roundtable representing several Buffalo-based news organizations such as The Buffalo News, Buffalo Latino Village, Buffalo Niagara Proud Alliance, M.U.V. Magazine and Investigative Post. All festival events, talks and panels on both days will take place at the central branch of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, 1 Lafayette Square in Buffalo.

A complete list of festival speakers and events is available online.

"Breaking News" will explore the past, present and future of news media. What is the source of our news? How is that information delivered? And what can be trusted?

In the 2011 book, "News for

all the People: The Epic Story of Race and the American Media," González, with co-author Joseph Torres, wrote: "Despite [the] incessant chatter, many Americans remain remarkably misinformed about the world around us."

But breaking news, as a festival theme, asks a question at the same time it refers to an emerging story, according to Christina Milletti, PhD, associate professor of English at UB and HI's interim director.

"Embedded within our 2026 theme is a pun: Is breaking news announcing something new? Or does breaking news warn us

that the news is really falling apart? Is it breaking or is it broken," she says. "Our speakers and panels will look at shifting media platforms and patterns, growing monopolies and editorial judgements. Are the problems new or have they always been there?"

Andrea Pitts, PhD, associate professor of comparative literature at UB and interim executive director of HI, asks "if the media is broken then what's emerging in the cracks of that rupture?"

The festival's range of speakers in history, sociology and criminology, media studies, political science, filmmaking and library science will address the questions relating to breaking news from local, national and international perspectives that examine how news has been gathered, produced and shared over time.

"This is an especially relevant conversation to have within the humanities because we have training in historical

analysis, archival analysis, literary studies, visual rhetoric and media analysis," says Pitts. "The strengths of these disciplines can show how media circulate and change."

Milletti says the humanities are the "connective tissue" bringing the festival's campus and community participants together.

"The humanities enable 'acts of encounter' and the festival, through the years and across various themes, has asked challenging questions about the most significant issues of our time so that, alongside our Buffalo communities, we can all learn together," she says.

Events on day two (Sept. 26) of the festival will include:

Adam Zyglis, Pulitzer Prize-winning political cartoonist for The Buffalo News. His work has been syndicated through Cagle Cartoons and has appeared in publications around the world.

Veronica Horowitz, PhD, an associate professor of sociology and criminology at UB, is an expert on the U.S. criminal punishment system. Her research focuses on issues of gender, mercy and inequality.

Yini Zhang, PhD, an associate professor of communication at UB, studies social media and AI, focusing on how they shape contemporary information ecology and their broader implications for politics and society.

I'Jaz Ja'ciel is an Edward R. Murrow award-winning journalist, who has worked for WBFO, Spectrum News, and Investigative Post before returning to Buffalo Toronto Public Media in 2026. She is the president of the Buffalo chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists.



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September Is Passport Awareness Month

As Erie County Clerk, one of my priorities has always been making government work better for the people we serve. That means improving customer service, bringing services closer to our residents and making it easier to navigate what can sometimes feel like a complicated process.

That is especially true

when it comes to passports.

September is National Passport Awareness Month, and I encourage everyone to take a few minutes to check their passport before booking that next vacation, visiting family overseas or planning an international adventure.

Don't wait until you are standing at the airport to

discover there is a problem.

Many travelers know they need a passport for international travel, but having a passport that has not technically expired does not necessarily mean you can travel. Many countries require your passport to remain valid for at least six months beyond your planned stay. Requirements vary by destination, and airlines may enforce those requirements before you ever leave the United States.

That is why I always tell residents: check your passport before you book the trip—not after.

If your passport is nearing expiration, give yourself plenty of time. The U.S. Department of State currently estimates routine processing at four to six weeks, while expedited service generally takes two to three weeks for an additional fee. Processing times can change, and those estimates do not include mailing time.

Here in Erie County, we have worked hard to make the passport process more convenient. The Erie County Clerk's Office is an official Passport Application Acceptance Agent, and residents can apply at Old County Hall in Buffalo, our Southtowns Outreach Center in West Seneca, and our Northtowns Outreach Center at Eastern Hills Mall in Williamsville.

Our passport agents can assist first-time applicants, help families applying for children and make sure applications are properly

completed before they are submitted. Need a passport photo? We can take care of that, too, for just \$10.

It is also important to understand the costs. A first-time adult passport book currently costs \$165 total—a \$130 application fee and a \$35 acceptance fee. A passport book for a child under 16 costs \$135, including the \$100 application fee and \$35 acceptance fee. Eligible adult passport renewals are \$130.

Your passport can also provide another option for federally accepted identification. A valid U.S. passport book or passport card can be used as an alternative to a REAL ID-compliant driver license or identification card for domestic air travel.

My philosophy as Erie

County Clerk has always been simple: government should work for the people—not the other way around.

A passport can represent a family vacation, a visit to loved ones or an opportunity to see someplace new. I don't want an expired passport or a missed requirement standing between you and that experience.

So, during National Passport Awareness Month, pull out your passport, check the expiration date and check your destination's requirements.

If you need a passport, don't wait. We're here to help you get the process started—and get you on your way.

For passport information, required documents, fees and locations, visit erie.gov/passports or contact the Erie County Clerk's Outreach Center at (716) 858-8864.

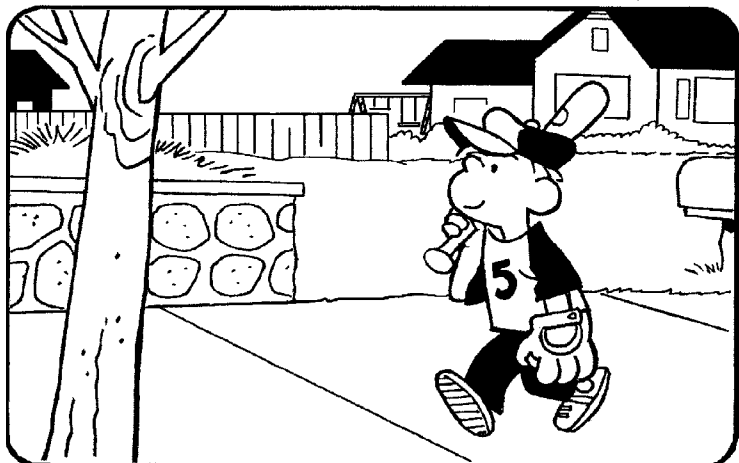


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Must I Enroll in Medicare at Age 65? - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: I will be turning 65 next month, I am currently retired and I am not on Social Security. My question is; Is there anything I have to do, if I don't want Medicare? I am on my wife's employer plan, and she works for the Postal Service as a Rural Carrier. She doesn't plan on retiring for another 8 yrs. Also, I would like to wait till my full retirement age (FRA) before I draw Social Security at 67. Do I have to draw Medicare at that point? **Signed: Retired but Curious**

Dear Retired but Curious:

As long as you are covered by a "creditable" healthcare plan (such as that from your wife's US Postal Service employer), you can defer enrolling in Medicare until your Postal Service Health Benefit (PSHB) coverage from your wife's employer ends. When that happens, you (and your wife) will enter a Medicare "Special Enrollment Period" (SEP) during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty. Thus, in your specific circumstances, you don't need

to do anything about enrolling in Medicare when you turn 65.

That is still true, regardless of when you claim your Social Security benefits. If you claim Social Security at age 67 and before your wife retires from the USPS, you will be required to take Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services), but Medicare Part A is premium-free for those also eligible for Social Security.

However, enrollment in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient healthcare services) is always optional because there is a premium associated with it, and you can continue to defer enrollment in Medicare Part B as long as you have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your wife's employer (even while you are collecting Social Security).

When you apply for Social Security, you can inform SS that you are declining Medicare Part B because you are still covered by your wife's USPS employer healthcare plan. Then, when your wife retires and you lose your USPS

healthcare coverage, you can enroll in Medicare Part B at that time without a late enrollment penalty.

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1. What is the name of Jon Snow's dire wolf in "Game of Thrones"?

2. Which Civil War general literally used "scorched earth" tactics in his march from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia?

3. Which 1960s movie has the tagline, "A man went looking for America, and he couldn't find it anywhere"?

4. Which body of water includes islands known as the Seychelles?

5. Which element's symbol is Sn?

6. What is the length of a traditional sonnet?

7. What is a common name for calcium carbonate?

8. Which fastfood chain goes by the name Hungry Jack in Australia?

9. Which president gave radio addresses that were described as "fireside chats"?

10. What is the shape of the Milky Way?

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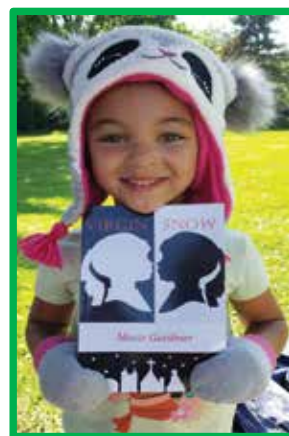
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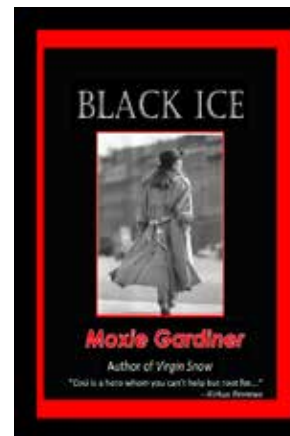
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INGREDIENTS

2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
2 cups sugar
1 tablespoon McCormick® Pumpkin Pie Spice
2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup unsweetened pumpkin puree
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
2 eggs
1/4 cup milk
1 tablespoon McCormick® All Natural Pure Vanilla Extract
1 1/2 cups chocolate chips, divided

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray 12-cup muffin pan with no stick cooking spray. Whisk together flour, sugar, pumpkin pie spice, baking powder and salt. Set aside.

In a separate bowl whisk together pumpkin, melted butter, eggs, milk and vanilla. Stir flour mixture into pumpkin mixture until combined. Gently fold in 1 cup chocolate chips. Pour heaping 1/3 cup batter into each muffin cup. Sprinkle remain-

ing 1/2 cup chocolate chips over top of batter. Bake muffins until golden brown and toothpick inserted into center comes out mostly clean, about 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes before removing.

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15 Refuse an offer
16 Seattle suburb that's home to Microsoft
18 Credit rating publisher
20 Skin soother
21 Corp. money exec
23 Overly
24 Part of LGBTQ
25 Hit on the noggin
27 Japanese fish dish
29 Tranquil
31 Sort of dive
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37 Employ
38 Hairnet
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43 Past
44 Plane-related
45 Country song?

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56 Rowing need
57 Birch's kin
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6 Gift giver's words
7 Low digits
8 Atlantic fish
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10 Mortise partner
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19 Medicated
21 "60 Minutes" aier
22 Nemesis
24 Fill in — blank
26 Explosive sound
28 Bed cover
30 Wee bit
32 Tiara stone
33 Work unit
34 Old Olds
36 Census info
38 "Sexy" Beatles girl
39 "— say more?"
40 Director Welles
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46 Airline to Tel Aviv
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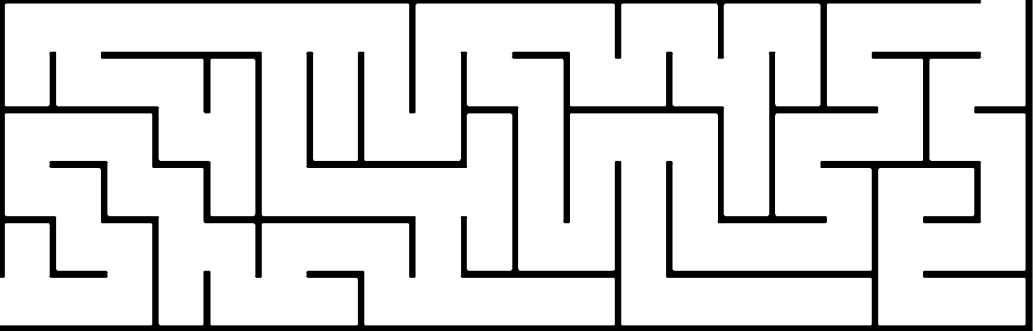
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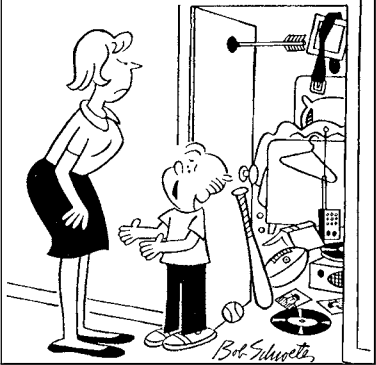
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Kids' Maze



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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!

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Patrol
STUCO

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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: THE FRUIT OF THE OAK TREE

Arrowroot
Bananas
Barley
Beans

Cassava
Chickpeas
Lentils
Maize

Millet
Oats
Potatoes
Rice

Rye
Sorghum
Wheat

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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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Shea's Buffalo ComedySportz' Ha-Ha-Halloween Show

Community Invited to A Night of Competitive Improv, Costumes, Cocktails, Candy, and Fun

Shea's Performing Arts Center continues its Creative Exchange at Shea's 710 series with Buffalo ComedySportz' Ha-Ha-Halloween Show, a happy hour event bringing short-form competitive improv comedy to the Shea's 710 lounge and cabaret on Wednesday, October 7 from 5:30-8:30PM.

The evening pairs Buffalo ComedySportz' fast-paced, referee-led

improv format, led by Buffalo Comedy Collective, with spooky specialty cocktails and candy for the crowd.

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Doors open at 5:30PM for cocktails and conversation; comedy starts at 6:30PM;

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The Creative Exchange at Shea's 710 series is sponsored in part by KeyBank. Be sure to mark your cal-

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERIE INDEX NO.: 802707/2026 D/O/F: February 12, 2026 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Premises: 86 Austin Street Buffalo, NY 14207 Carington Mortgage Services, LLC, Plaintiff, -against- DARRYL BILLS; DAVID BILLS, JR.; THE UNKNOWN

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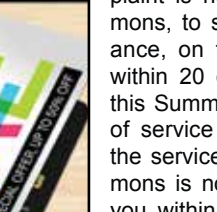


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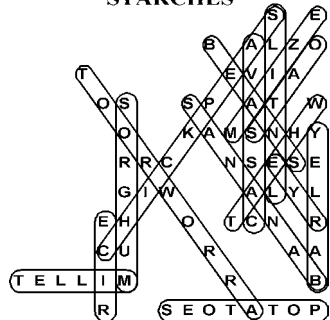
Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.



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STARCHES



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Weekly SUDOKU

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Puzzle on page nine.

1. Ghost.
2. General William T. Sherman.
3. "Easy Rider."
4. Indian Ocean.
5. Tin (stannum).
6. 14 lines of poetry.
7. Limestone or chalk.
8. Burger King.
9. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
10. Spiral.

Bonus: 1996

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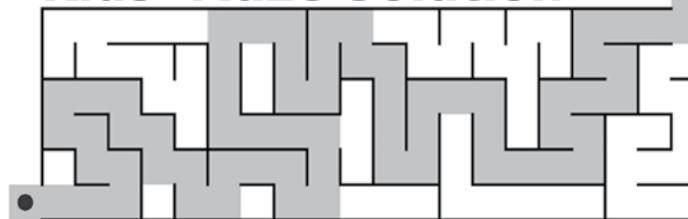
1. Anthem;
2. Prior
3. Honest;
4. Scout

Today's Word

CHRISTMAS

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Kids' Maze Solution



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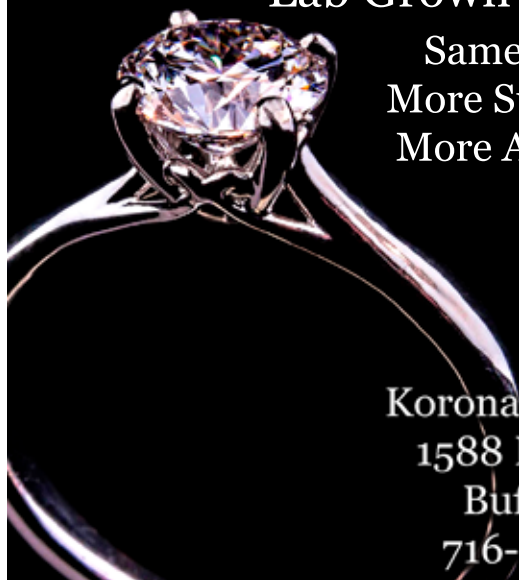
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