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Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Tuesday, October 13th is Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month, held in October every year, aims to promote screening and prevention of the disease, which affects one in eight women in the United States every year and 2.3 million women worldwide. Known best for its pink theme color, the month features a number of campaigns and programs — conducted by groups ranging from breast cancer advocacy organizations to local community orga-

nizations to major retailers — aimed at: supporting people diagnosed with breast cancer, including metastatic breast cancer educating people about breast cancer risk factors stressing the importance of regular screening, starting at age 40 or an age that's appropriate for your personal breast cancer risk fundraising for breast cancer research.

This information is provided by Breastcancer.org. October 13 is nationally

recognized in the United States as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day. About 30% of early-stage breast cancers eventually metastasize (spread to parts of the body away from the breast), and the day is intended to drive awareness of the need for more research about metastatic disease.

Donate to support free resources and programming for people affected by breast cancer: give.breastcancer.org.

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The Italian American Heritage Month Flag Raising & Kickoff Ceremony on Friday,

October 2, 11:15am on Niagara Square for initial flag raising and 12:00pm kickoff ceremony at Cabrini Hall at St. Anthony Church, 160 Court Street, Buffalo NY. The Federation of Italian American Societies of WNY will sponsor the Flag Raising Ceremony.



Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

Resilient White Sox!



Photo identification (left to right): Back row, coaches: Jason Lang, Greg Nikiel, Geoff Blake, Corey Auerbach. Standing: Ashton Cummings, Camden Wright, Ezra Krentz, Tony Morrison, Cashel "Cash" Moriarty, Theodore "Theo" Wroblewski, Pierce Jakubowski, Gabriel "Gabe" Blake. Crouching in front: Cairo Divers, Samuel "Sam" Coronado III. Lying in front: Porter Lang, Luke Nikiel. Not pictured: Nate Auerbach.

According to Triple AAA up great numbers. But all Manager Corey Auerbach of 13 contributed in some way the North Buffalo Baseball at different times to get us and Softball League, every there."

player on his team wore white socks to their games in Shoshone Park. That was apparent right from the start of their season in early May.

But for thirteen 9-10 year olds, Auerbach watched these boys simply just get better. Good enough for the White Sox to win a Championship in a 12 team Division over the Angels, 9-6 in front of numerous family members and friends on Diamond one in late July.

"It was never a team carried by one or two players," Auerbach recalled recently. "We had some kids who put



With players like Ashton Cummings, Cairo Divers and Camden Wright, the White Sox became a team that pulled for each other, picked each other up and grew in confidence as their season progressed. Even though they got off to a slow start in early May, the Sox became resilient out on the diamonds and in their minds by the end of their season. They became remarkably good at putting the last play behind them and moving on.

With just two wins in five games during the first month of the season, other

players like Ezra Krentz, Gabriel Blake and Luke Nikiel helped lead the Sox to huge victories over the Twins, Mariners and Astros to go to 5-3 in early June.

"We had some ups and downs early," said Auerbach, but ultimately finished 12-5 and won eight of our last nine games. We could score runs, but as the summer progressed, our pitching and defense really came together."

Pierce Jakubowski, Porter Lang and Cashel Moriarty were all stellar in their play out on the diamond. Jakubowski had a "can-do" attitude and was always working to get better. Porter was clutch at the plate and played a strong first base. "Cash" Moriarty was an "out-of-nowhere star." Sam Coronado, Theo Wroblewski, Tony Morrison and Nate Auerbach filled out the tremendous batting order that saw a team use every boy to face the Blue Jays in a 7-3 victory before two games needed to be played against the Angels.

Auerbach credits his three assistant coaches for their help this season. They were Greg Nikiel, Geoff Blake and Jason Lang. All four men were proud to change these boys into the types of players that would be better next season.

"It was truly a remarkable season for me," said Auerbach. "It was one I'll never forget."

Against the Angels, the Sox were handed a 12-2 loss to the L A team July 28th. It was just their first loss in the playoffs after three straight wins. The Angels were ceded #2 in the postseason and lost to the Astros in the first round of the playoffs before battling back out of the loser's bracket to face the White Sox twice. The 9-6 final July 29th capped an awesome season for the resilient White Sox team.



The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

September 28

Shortly before 9 p.m. Sunday night, an adult male victim was dropped off at ECMC in a private vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound to the arm. The injuries appear to be non-life-threatening. Officers and detectives were able to locate a scene on Timon Street. Gun Violence Unit detectives immediately began an investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call or text 911 or the confidential tip line at 716-847-2255.

September 28

Shortly before 10 p.m. Sunday night, C district officers responded to a shots fired call at French and Kehr streets. The scene of a shooting was located but no victims remained on scene. Shortly thereafter, a vehicle did crash at ECMC occupied by an adult male victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He succumbed to his injuries at ECMC early Monday morning. Homicide detectives immediately began an investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call or text 911 or the confidential tip line at 716-847-2255.

September 28

At approximately 12:30 a.m. this morning, E district officers responded to a call of a large group fighting in the ALDI parking lot in the 3000 block of Main Street. Officers on scene located an adult male shooting victim. The victim was declared dead on scene. A short time later, an adult male victim walked into ECMC suffering from a gunshot wound to the arm that appears

to be non-life-threatening. Detectives were able to link this victim to the shooting scene on Main Street. Homicide and Gun Violence Unit detectives immediately began an investigation. Anyone with information asked to call or text 911 or the confidential tip line at 716-847-2255.

September 26

Buffalo Police Department Announces three arrests were made Saturday, Sept. 26, in connection with an armed carjacking that occurred early that morning. At approximately 2:15 a.m., A district officers responded to a robbery call in the 200 block of Willet Street. A victim was alleged to be robbed at gunpoint before the suspects fled the scene in the victim's car. A short time later, the vehicle was spotted at 1 Cazenovia Way. It fled west on Abbott Road, South Park Avenue, and then north on Van Rensselaer Street, where it stopped at Perry Street and the four occupants fled on foot. Three occupants were apprehended. A fourth suspect remains outstanding. A 14-year-old Buffalo male, a 16-year-old Buffalo

female, and a 17-year-old Buffalo male have been identically charged one count NYS PL 160.10-3, Robbery in the Second Degree, a class C felony.

September 26

Shortly before 2 p.m., C district officers responded to a shooting call in the 1400 block of Fillmore Avenue. An adult male victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the upper leg was located. The victim was transported via AMR to ECMC to be treated for what appear to be non-life-threatening injuries. Gun Violence Unit detectives immediately began an investigation. Anyone with information regarding either incident is asked to call or text 911 or the confidential tip line at 716-847-2255.

September 25

Buffalo Police Department Announces an arrest was made Friday, September 25, in connection with an assault that occurred early that morning. At approximately 1:45 a.m., C district officers responded to an assault in progress in the 1100 block of E Lovejoy Street. It was alleged that a man was being beaten

by a group of people. Officers on scene discovered the man was allegedly maced and also robbed of his coat, sneakers, wallet, and a bag containing other personal items. Responding officers apprehended one suspect nearby, who was found to have the victim's phone in his possession. Defendant has been charged one count NYS PL 160.10-02a, Robbery in the Second Degree, a class C felony. Further charges and additional arrests may be forthcoming. The victim, a 53-year-old Buffalo male, was transported via AMR to ECMC to be treated for his injuries.

September 23

Buffalo Police Department Announces an arrest was made Wednesday, September 23, during a burglary detail after a string of burglaries were reported at worksites downtown. Following complaints of similar burglaries in close proximity, including two at the Hispanic Heritage Cultural Institute construction site earlier this month, a burglary detail was assigned in the area of the 400 block of Niagara Street. During that detail shortly after 3 a.m. Wednesday morning, detectives encountered a

suspect in the secure construction site in possession of burglar tools and stolen property from the site. Defendant has been charged one count NYS PL 140.20, Burglary in the Third Degree, a class D felony; one count NYS PL 165.40, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree, a class A misdemeanor; one count NYS PL 140.35, Possession of Burglar Tools, a class A misdemeanor; and one count NYS PL 140.10-0A, Criminal Trespassing in the Third Degree, a class B misdemeanor. An investigation into the other reported burglaries in the area remains ongoing. Further charges may be forthcoming.

September 22

Shortly after 2 p.m., an adult male victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg arrived at ECMC in a private vehicle. The victim would not provide any details regarding how he was injured or where the incident occurred. Gun Violence Unit detectives immediately began an investigation. Anyone with information regarding either incident is asked to call or text 911 or the confidential tip line at 716-847-2255.

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The Aero Club of Buffalo's October Dinner Meeting will be held on October 22nd 2026 at Rizotto's Italian Eatery and Sweetery located at 930 Maple Road, Williamsville, NY 14221. The presentation from Erasmo Piñero will go over the history of the X-22 which was developed and manufactured right here in WNY. All are welcome to attend our meetings. Registration is now open on aeroclubofbuffalo.org.



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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World Pumpkin Weigh-Off Returns To The Great Pumpkin Farm

Could a pumpkin weighing nearly 3,000 pounds hit the scale in Clarence this weekend? Giant pumpkin growers will return to The Great Pumpkin Farm on Saturday, October 3 for the annual World Pumpkin Weigh-Off, one of the signature events of the farm's 31st Fall Festival season. The current world record stands at 2,819 pounds, 4 ounces, set in the United Kingdom. Last year at The Great Pumpkin Farm, grower Scott Andrusz brought in a massive 2,477.5-pound pumpkin. This Saturday, all eyes will be on the scale to see just how close this year's growers can come to the world record — or whether someone could surpass it. And there's another milestone everyone will be watching: 3,000 pounds.

There could be up to \$17,500 on the line for a record-breaking pumpkin. First place will receive \$5,000, while a pumpkin that sets a National Record will be awarded a total of \$10,000 and a World Record pumpkin will be awarded a total of \$15,000. If a pumpkin reaches the incredible 3,000-pound mark, The Great Pumpkin Farm will add an additional \$2,500 bonus, bringing the potential payout for a 3,000-pound world-record pumpkin to \$17,500. Additional prize money includes \$2,500 for second place, \$1,500 for third place, \$1,000 for fourth place and \$500 each for fifth through seventh place. Record pumpkins must remain the applicable record through October 31, 2026. Pumpkins may begin arriving and unloading as early as 10 a.m. Saturday, giving visitors a chance to see these enormous specimens up close before they hit the scale. Entries must be received by 12 noon, when the official weigh-in begins. The



World Pumpkin Weigh-Off has been a longtime Great Pumpkin Farm tradition, bringing together giant pumpkin growers and some of the largest pumpkins around for a competition that has to be seen to be believed. The giant pumpkins are just the beginning of a full weekend of fall fun on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 & 4. The Wow Party Bubble Show will perform at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and visitors can catch Nick Mambretti's new-for-2026 "Burst of Wonder!" Magic Show at 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Guests can also enjoy Big Al's Balloons, live music, tractor-

drawn hayrides, the new Pumpkin Barrel Train, BIG Oak Express Train, Pumpkin Hill Slide, petting zoo, pedal karts, playgrounds, Boo Barn, face painting, crafts and more. For visitors looking for something a little spookier, Zombies in the Corn Maze will also be featured this weekend.

There's plenty to eat and explore, too, with festival food, fresh donuts and cider, the Bakery, Candy Store, Halloween Store, Witches Brew Bar and, of course, ZILLIONS of pumpkins! The Great Pumpkin Farm is celebrating its 31st year and is open through to October 31 at 11199 Main Street in Clarence, NY.

For tickets, event schedules and additional information, visit www.GreatPumpkin-Farm.com.

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Michael P. Kearns

Erie County Clerk
Guest Columnist

Kearns and Office for People with Disabilities to Host Special DisAbility Awareness Day

Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns, in partnership with the Erie County Office for People with Disabilities, will host a special DisAbility Awareness Day on Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Erie County Auto Bureau, located in the Urbandale Plaza at 2122 George Urban Blvd., Depew. No appointment is required for this community outreach event. During the event, individuals with disabilities and their families will be able to obtain state-issued photo identification through the Erie County Auto Bureau, as well as receive assistance with other Department of Motor Vehicles matters.



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"October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month," said Clerk Kearns. "My office continues to focus on inclusion and equity when it comes to assisting individuals with disabilities in obtaining government-issued identification. When employment opportunities arise, we want to ensure they are prepared with the required ID to accept the job. With encouragement and opportunities, I believe inclusion in the workplace is within everyone's ability."

Representatives from the Erie County Office for People with Disabilities will also be on site to share information and provide guidance on services, resources, and opportunities available to residents with disabilities and their families. Individuals who need to coordinate a reasonable accommodation may contact the Erie County Office for People with Disabilities at 716-858-6215.

Those seeking a Standard Driver's License or non-Driver Identification must bring the following documents as proof of identification: Original or certified copy of their birth certificate and original Social Security card.

A full checklist of required DMV documents for a REAL ID compliant document is available at erie.gov/clerk/auto-bureau or by calling the Erie County Clerk's Outreach Center at 716-858-8864.

23rd Annual Female Musicians Fighting Breast Cancer Benefit

It's been 23 years, since Ida Goeckel, a local female bass player, and two time breast cancer survivor, founded and organized the first annual Female Musicians Fighting Breast Cancer Benefit in 2003. The 23rd Annual Female Musicians Fighting Breast Cancer Benefit is once again set to raise awareness and funds for Roswell Park's 11 Day Power Play Resource Center, the go-to support and information center on the grounds of Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. This resource center, which includes information for women affected by breast or related genetic cancers, provides a central location to find reliable information about cancer diagnoses, treatment, clinical trials, and survivorship. Patients and their support network can then learn to make informed and confident choices and become better equipped to take an active role in their care.

The event will occur on Sunday October 25th, 2026 at the Sportsmen's Tavern at 326 Amherst St., Buffalo, N.Y. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. with four outstanding musical groups who have generously donated their time and talent to perform.

Music will be from 1:30-5:30 p.m. It will be a gathering of some of the best live music you will see/hear anywhere.

The first group will be the WNY group, The Vandals, featuring an eclectic array of tunes and vocalist, Alyssa Diez. Second on the roster is the rocking Ion Sky, featuring the dynamic vocalist

and guitarist of Silent Legacy, Tara Graves. Our third band, SOS (Sisters of Song) features two veterans to the microphone: Buffalo Hall of Famer, the amazingly soulful Ms. Dolly Dee, and the grand dame of all things blues and jazz, Ms. Donna Rose. Finally, the event will culminate with a set from the very popular pop, rock, and soul band, Soul Street, featuring the knock-you-off-your-feet vocals of Angela Ziegler.

Prizes donated by local merchants and individuals will be in a basket raffle throughout the show, and there will be a 50/50 split as well. Admission to witness all this talent under one roof is just \$10.00 both pre-sale and at the door.

There will be a cash bar and delicious tavern fare served at the venue to enhance the experience.

The benefit donates 100% of the proceeds to Roswell Park's 11 Day Power Play Resource Center located in the main building on the facility grounds in Buffalo, N.Y. This is the original music benefit to raise Breast Cancer Awareness and has spawned similar events locally. The mission of this benefit is dedicated to the active self-advocacy, informed choice, and the empowerment of breast cancer patients/survivors.

For further information contact the FMFBC benefit founder and organizer, Ms. Ida Goeckel, at benefitfmfbc@gmail.com and be sure to visit us on the website www.benefitfmfbc.org, as well as at www.facebook.com/FemaleMusiciansFightingBreastCancer.

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BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Seniority

Is My Daughter Making a Bad Decision? - Claiming Widow's Benefits Early - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty...

My question is not for me, but for my daughter who 62 years is old. She does not want to take her Social Security now. Her husband was a doctor and passed away recently. She had been married to him for more than 10 years and, in the meantime, he married someone else. I thought the President erased taxes on earned money so that people could collect what was due them no matter what they earned. My daughter keeps telling me she has already earned too much this year and cannot collect her widow's benefits until next year. I don't understand what no tax on Social Security means then. Also, she wants to wait until she is 67 before she collects her own money. She has been a nurse and believes her own benefits may be larger than her widow's benefits. Is she correct to wait for that long?

— **Signed, Worried Mom**

Dear Worried Mom: Your daughter is likely correct. There are two factors which come into play in your daughter's circumstance – one is the Annual Earnings Test (for those collecting early SS benefits), and the other relates to Federal income tax on

SS benefits received. I'll try to clarify both of these for you:

If your daughter claims her widow's benefit at age 62, her benefit will be significantly reduced (by approximately 20+%) from what she would get at her SS full retirement age, and that would be a permanent reduction. And, if she works (which you imply she does) she would also be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) which limits how much she can earn by working prior to reaching her SS full retirement age (her "FRA," which is age 67). The earnings limit for 2026 is \$24,480 (changes yearly) and, if her annual 2026 earnings exceed that amount, Social Security will take away \$1 of benefits for every \$2 she is over the annual limit. For example, if she is \$25,000 over the limit, SS would take away benefits equal to \$12,500. That would mean she wouldn't get any SS benefits for the remainder of this year and likely some of next year also. And, if her earnings are significantly more than the annual limit, she may even be temporarily ineligible to receive a widow's benefit (until she either reaches her FRA or earns less money). FYI, the Annual

Earnings Test will go away when your daughter reaches age 67 but, until then, the AET will likely restrict her ability to receive Social Security benefits if she continues to work full time.

The next factor to be aware of is the so-called "One Big Beautiful Bill" (OBBB) which the President claimed means "no tax on Social Security." This is an entirely different factor than the Annual Earnings Test (AET) described above. The above AET discussion dealt with SS earnings limits while taking benefits before FRA, whereas the OBBB deals with income tax on Social Security benefits actually received. The OBBB (enacted last year) provides an extra \$6,000 deduction per person (on the tax return filed with the IRS) for those 65 years of age or older. That extra IRS deduction is designed to offset (either totally or partially) any income tax which

is levied on Social Security benefits received by those age 65 or older. It's also important to know that the OBBB only provides temporary income tax relief, because the law expires after the 2028 income tax year.

All of which leads me to conclude that your daughter's decision to wait longer to claim her widow's benefit from her deceased ex-husband is a prudent choice. As long as she is working and earning more than the annual earnings limit before age 67, the AET will restrict how much Social Security she is able to receive. If she later stops working or goes to part-time employment, she can revisit her decision at that time. And, depending on her own personally earned Social Security benefit amount at age 67 (vs. her widow's benefit), she can assess whether to claim her personal SS retirement benefit or to,

instead, claim her benefit as her ex-husband's widow if that amount is larger than her own SS retirement. And, unless Congress later extends the OBBB prior to 2029, she will, at that time, likely need to pay income tax on the Social Security benefits she receives.

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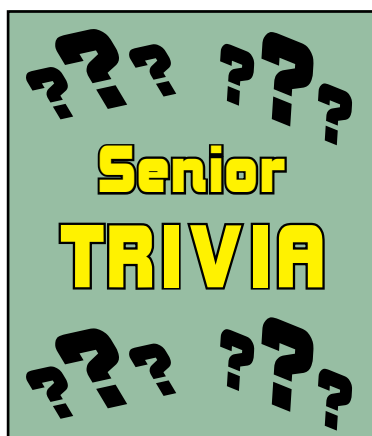
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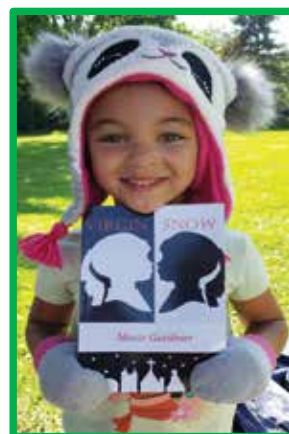
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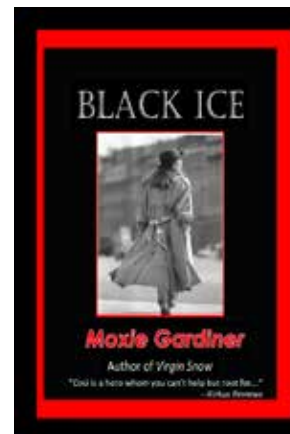
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bination of brown sugar and cornstarch is the secret to achieving the perfect soft and chewy cookies. Satisfy your sweet tooth with these delectable treats!

INGREDIENTS

2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup cornstarch
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
2 eggs
1 tablespoon McCormick® All Natural Pure Vanilla Extract
1 package (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips

INSTRUCTIONS

Mix flour, cornstarch, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Set aside. Beat butter and sugars in large bowl with electric

mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Stir in chocolate chips.

Cover and refrigerate dough at least 2 hours, or up to overnight. When ready to scoop and bake, remove from refrigerator and let stand 10 minutes.

Preheat oven to 325°F.

Scoop dough using a #40 cookie scoop (about 2 tablespoons). Place rounded scoops about 3 inches apart on parchment-lined baking sheets.

Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until lightly on the edges browned. Cool on baking sheets 1 minute. Sprinkle with sea salt, if desired. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.

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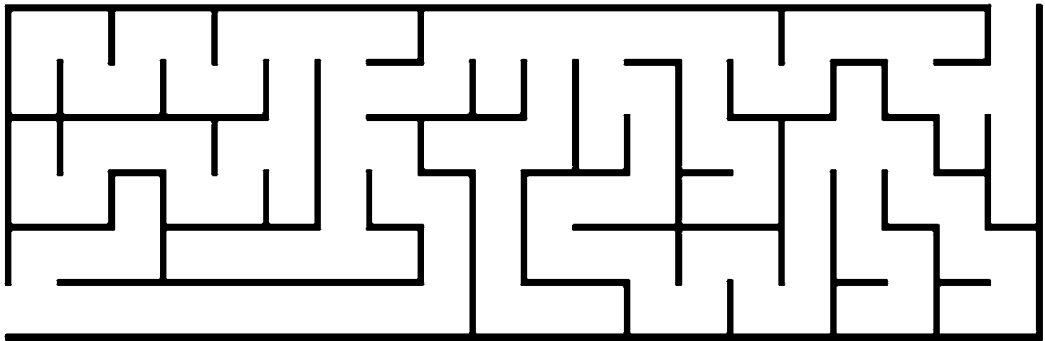
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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



"I hope this catches on — it's something new — _____ cakes."

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CAPLID

Flop
ROLES

Worth
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NORMI

TODAY'S WORD

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Notice of Formation of Armada Supersports, LLC, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/19/2026. Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1048 Niagara st., Buffalo, NY/14213. Any lawful purpose. 44

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUN-

TY OF ERIE DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2004-HE3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-HE3, -against- LEAH FROST AS ADMINISTRATRIX, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ANGELA KLOS, 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 September 2, 2026, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2004-HE3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-HE3 is the Plaintiff and LEAH FROST AS ADMINISTRATRIX, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ANGELA KLOS, 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 October 29, 2026 at 10:20AM, premises known as 43 GLOR STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14207; and the following tax map identification: 88.27-1-31. ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED 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.: 813375/2023. John Kennedy Rottaris, 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/

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NOTICE of FORMATION of a DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name of LLC: Blue Raven Miniature Cattle Ranch LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: June 9, 2025 Office of the LLC: Erie County The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 123 Main Street, City Purpose of LLC: (Any lawful purpose permitted for LLCs under NY Limited Liability Company Act) 45

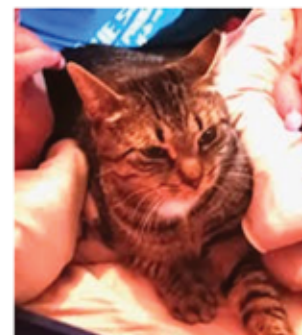
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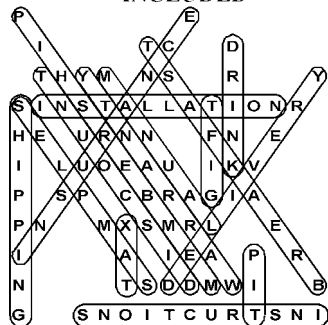
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— Weekly SUDOKU —

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Puzzle on page nine.

1. Northern.
2. Walmart.
3. District 12.
4. Peanut butter, bacon and banana.
5. John Milton.
6. Texas.
7. Slate Rock and Gravel Company.
8. Journey.
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10. Janus.

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3. Value;
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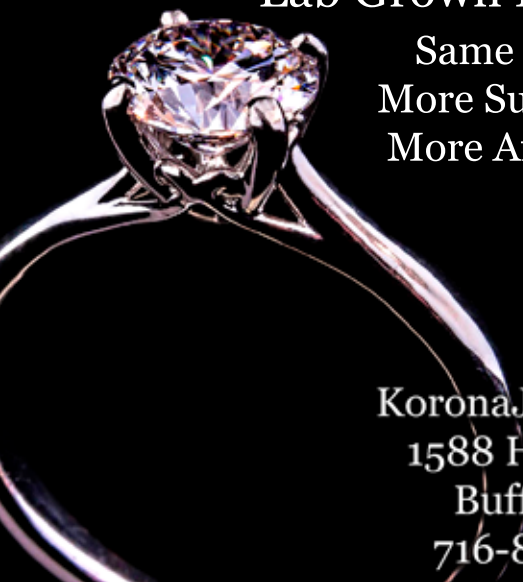
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