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## Happy Independence Day!



The 4th of July is coming up this Friday and the following events are guaranteed to get you into the patriotic spirit!

The absolute best WNY summer tradition, the 29th Annual KeyBank Independence Eve Celebration with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Largest Fireworks Show returns Thursday, July 3rd as the Bisons host the Rochester Red Wings (6:05 p.m. | Gates 4:30 p.m.)

This great event began 30 years ago and in

2025, the Bisons independence Eve will reach a half a million in total attendance! With this event reaching this great milestone, one lucky fan in attendance will be chosen to throw the game's Ceremonial First Pitch and receive a \$500 Bisons Gift Card.

The KeyBank Independence Eve Celebration features the best

that America has to offer. Our national pastime played out between two great rivals, a great post game concert from the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and our Largest Fireworks Show of the Season.

This year's event will also feature a pregame Mini American Flag Giveaway to the first 2,000 fans through the Inspire Dental Gate at Swan St. (4:30 p.m.).

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## Sculptorial Art Exhibit And Opportunities At The Botanical Gardens

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens' Arcangel Gallery has welcomed local artist, Jeffrey Lennox, to their Arcangel Gallery for a unique exhibit called, Sculptorial Art. The exhibit is open daily from 10:00am to 4:00pm now through August 3, 2025. The Botanical Gardens' Open Art Nights also continue through the summer season for local artists to create in plein-air inside the conservatory on every second Wednesday from now



through September from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Kids and families are invited to enjoy special art activities through their new Inspiration Stations taking place every Saturday from now through the end of July from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Jeff Lennox will be present for the Inspiration Stations on July 12, 19, and 26 for Pop-Up Portraits for kids and families to have their portraits drawn for an added experience. All events are included with regular admission to the Botanical

Gardens and also includes access to their new Playspace and the Butterfly Experience.

Jeffrey Lennox's Sculptorial Art opened on Friday, June 20 and will be on view daily from 10:00am to 4:00pm through August 3. The exhibit will be celebrated with an opening reception this Friday, June 27 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Featured in the exhibit are unique three-dimensional paintings that create a visual harmony inspired by many plants and scenes from the Botanical Gardens. After attending

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## The City Of Buffalo Outdoor Pools Are Now Open!

The City of Buffalo's outdoor pools is now officially open for the season! City pools will be open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to provide residents and families a safe and fun way to cool off during the summer months.

"I am proud to welcome the return of another outdoor pool season in the City of Buffalo," said Mayor Scanlon. "Our pools offer a great place for families, friends, and neighbors to stay active, beat the heat, and enjoy the summer right here in our community. Thanks to my administration's extensive outreach efforts to recruit lifeguards, I'm pleased to share that the city is fully staffed and ready to safely welcome swimmers to our pools this season."

The city's outdoor pool locations include:

Centennial Pool (Foot of Porter Avenue)

JFK Pool (114 Hickory Street)

Riverside Pool (2607 Niagara Street)

Kensington Pool (369 Kensington Avenue)

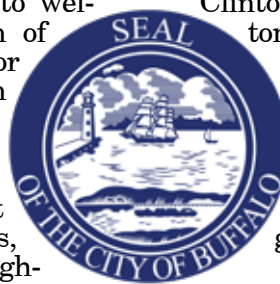
Houghton Pool (1720 Clinton Street - Houghton Park)

Maintenance days are posted at each pool location and on the city's web site [www.buffalony.gov](http://www.buffalony.gov)

to keep residents informed.

Additionally, swimmers can cool down at two of the city's indoor pools. The Cazenovia-Connors, Kait, Harritty Memorial Pool and Lovejoy pool are open for free lap swimming year-round Monday through Friday as posted.

The city's outdoor pool locations will be open through Labor Day.



## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



**July, 1992. LAFAYETTE FIELD PLAYGROUND INSTALLED...**School 81's third grade class gathers around Lafayette Field's new playground last week, located behind the school on Tacoma Avenue, with Delaware District Council Member Alfred Coppola, and area women volunteers who worked to acquire it.

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, JULY 3RD



Showers  
High 81°  
Low 60°

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH



Mostly Cloudy  
High 85°  
Low 66°

SATURDAY, JULY 5TH



Mostly Cloudy  
High 78°  
Low 70°

SUNDAY, JULY 7TH



Partly Cloudy  
High 84°  
Low 73°

SUNDAY, JULY 8TH



Mostly Sunny  
High 77°  
Low 73°

MONDAY, JULY 9TH



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**SPORTS**  
By Bill Snyder

## A Yankee Doodle Dandy



**Twins Win!** The Rookie Boys Division Twins team got ready for the playoffs this past Saturday with a big win over the Rays. Pictured left to right front row is J.J. Spatz, Dante Taylor, Graeme Little. Middle row Hendrix Donnelly, James Sullivan, Giovanni Boitschenko. Back row Oliver Dunbar, Finley Toft, Nathanael Balsano, Owen Tashjian, Teddy Powers. Missing from photo Llewyn Hettich and Clark Liwosz.

With the July 4th holiday approaching, as many as 65 teams are gearing up for the playoffs in the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League this Summer. But, first, a chance to enjoy the weekend with their families for another celebration of the Nation's Birthday.

It's early on a Saturday morning in Shoshone Park as teams get ready to play. Just before 9:30am, a voice from the League's headquarters breaks the silence with greetings to all from a microphone that's heard throughout the Park. It asks politely for everyone to pause from what they're doing and remove Baseball caps from their heads. Then the familiar National Anthem is sung from the voice of a woman, who reminds us all of the freedom we have to play Sports and gather as families in a public Park during the Summer months.

While the League takes a break for the holiday, several teams in each Division could make for interesting Playoff competition in this Month of July.

In Major Boys, the Giants have finished the regular season undefeated with a 12-0 record on the strength of Jack Kleeh, Brian Bartels, Ben Auerbach and Sebastian Fyda. Seven other teams are try-

ing to hang on like the Padres, Braves or Reds but their key may be coming from the bench in the form of Jim Boyack, who at one time used to coach his two sons in this same League years ago. Alex Bartels isn't complaining.

Vince Martin and Alexander Mann lead the Dodgers but a 4-8 record now doesn't match the type of play the MLB Dodgers have in Los Angeles. The Braves are playing good ball and so are the Padres. It's an exciting time to be twelve years old.

Another undefeated team in the Park are the Rookie Girls Rebels. A great many of their girls returned to play this year after last season and they have put that behind them. The team has won against all seven other teams in the Division and is getting superb play from a different girl each week. Take this past week for example. Emma Filadora went three for three at the plate and scored two runs while teammate Blake Kurtz added two big hits in a 9-2 win over the Comets last Monday night. The victory was the Rebels eleventh in a row with a tie. Teams like the Devils or Diamonds aren't looking forward to playing the Rebels just yet.

In Double AA Girls, the Bears won their first game

of the season this past Saturday over the Razorbacks, 10-2. They're learning the game each week and after nine straight losses, this could be the start of a new season in the Playoffs. The Tigers lead the Division with eight wins but the Bonnies and Razorbacks could surprise as they head to Playoffs.

In Triple AAA Boys, the Orioles clinched first place in the Division with a 7-2 victory over the White Sox last Wednesday night. With just one loss on their season at 10-1, the team put together eight straight wins through May and June and looks to handle teams like the Athletics, Mariners and Tigers in the Playoffs.

Hazel Zybala hit her first homerun of the season this past Saturday, a two run shot and Caroline Peterson hit a double off the fence for the Purple Eagles however the Volunteers escaped with a 6-5 win in the last inning.

In other games, the Major Girls Division Ducks have won four of their last five games, including an upset win over the Bruins Saturday. Anna Senulis, Autumn Schoos and Zahara Kyser each had multiple hits at the plate for the Huskies to help lead them to a 10-9 win over the Buckeyes in another Major Girls game.

J.J. Spatz of the Twins celebrated his birthday Saturday with a huge triple and was knocked in by teammate Dante Taylor to lead the Minnesota team to a 7-0 win over the Rays. Taylor was two for three and scored two runs while Spatz had three hits on the day.

The victory was only the team's second one of the year but they're learning fast against teams like the Guardians, Mariners or Rangers.

Wes Polster blasted a solo homerun for the Braves in the fourth inning to a big win over the Reds in Major Boys. Gae-dyn Burt had two hits, including an RBI single to lead the Phillies to a 6-3 win over the Pirates in Senior Boys. Oscar Siddel pitched the last two innings in relief.

The Mets defeated the Brewers, 11-2 in Double AA Boys on a two run homerun in the fourth by Liam Lundquist, knocking in Porter Lang. Lang went three for three at the plate while teammate Mateo Camp had a big triple.

After a weekend off, the League will pick up the action on Monday, July 7th with make-up games if needed before Playoffs can start. See you in Shoshone Park.





# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

### Assailant Steals \$80.00 Of Ice Cream Pints From 7Eleven On Grant

**North Buffalo**  
**June 30, 2025**  
Delaware Avenue - While at Target at approximately 1513 hours defendant did knowingly enter and remain unlawfully in the store having been previously trespassed from all Target locations on 4/16/2025 and while therein did take without permission by passing all points of purchase without rendering payment of Men's Razors, deodorant, and other merchandise in total approximate value of \$386.00. Apprehended by asset protection.

**June 29, 2025**  
Kenmore Avenue - Defendant did go to his mother's house and refuse to leave. His mother does have active order of protection against the defendant. When taking defendant taken into custody, officers did discover narcotics on their person. All narcotics submitted to lab.

**June 29, 2025**  
Hertel Avenue - Defendant was observed in a fenced construction without permission. Defendant was in the process of taking a frame ladder. Defendant was apprehended by complainant until patrol officers arrived. Victim did get property back.

**West Side**  
**June 30, 2025**  
Grant Street - Defendant did take \$80.00 worth of Ben & Jerry's ice cream pints from 7Eleven and passed all points of purchase without rendering payment. Defendant apprehended outside store by on patrol officer.

**June 27, 2025**  
Bird Avenue - Victim reports when tailing defendant, and stating "The rent has to be paid," the defendant got upset and pulled a folding knife from his pocket and told her he would "Deal with you". Victim as fearful for her life.

**Riverside**  
**June 29, 2025**  
Hertel Avenue - On June 28th defendant did pry

open the door to 356 Hertel and did unlawfully enter. While inside he did take approximately \$480.00 worth of electrical and plumbing supplies, fleeing thereafter. A blue bin with same supplies were recovered from the railroad tracks by officer and returned



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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: UK FLAG THE UNION —

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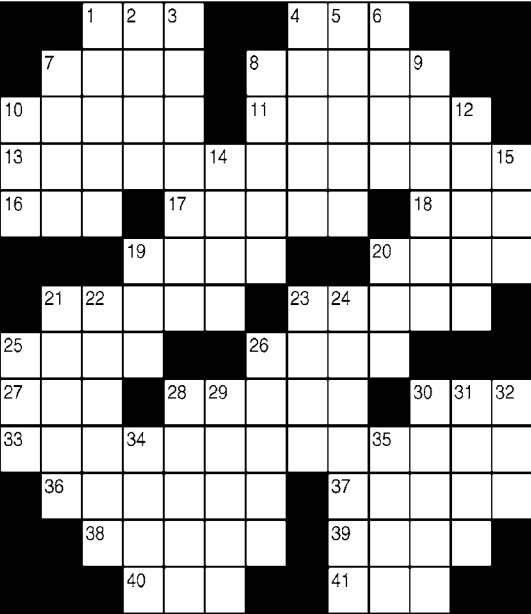
**June 29, 2025**  
Hertel Avenue - Defendant did unlawfully enter 336 Hertel Avenue after business hours and did take several tools and supplies in the amount of the approximately \$4.000. Defendant seen by on patrol officers and apprehended.

**June 29, 2025**  
Chandler Street - Defendant screamed at lieutenant and officers multiple times at a large gathering where fight s and public safety was at risk. Defendant did join the fight and threaten victims.

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Condo coolers  
4 Mornings, briefly  
7 Malaria symptom  
8 Daub  
10 Florida city  
11 Research  
13 Nocturnal birds  
16 Actor Cariou  
17 English horn cousins  
18 Actor McShane  
19 Stumble  
20 Part of A.D.  
21 Exams for future attys.  
23 Yearns  
25 Deception  
26 Cousin's mom  
27 — -ray Disc  
28 Soaks up the sun  
30 Prefix with gram or center  
33 Ancient  
36 "Hard as nails," for one  
37 More bizarre  
38 Auto style  
39 Clarinet insert



### DOWN

- 8 Sailing vessel  
9 Judge's decision  
10 Hooting bird  
12 Blueprints  
14 Kimono ties  
15 — -cone  
19 Levy  
20 Busy insect  
21 Lounges  
22 Mecca residents  
23 Sci-fi's Skywalker  
24 By the beach  
25 "Westworld" airer  
26 Wan  
28 Back of a 45 record  
29 Book of maps  
30 Church leader  
31 Begged  
32 Leb. neighbor  
34 Visa rival, briefly  
35 Inventor's inspiration

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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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About Social Security Benefits For Someone With Multiple Ex-Spouses - Ask Rusty

**Dear Rusty:** If a financially well-off individual had multiple ex-spouses, could it happen that the multiple ex-spouses could each be collecting Social Security based on their own financial situation as compared to their rich ex-spouses? Thus, multiple payouts by SS? Just curious, because there are probably many people in this situation as a result of the ever-increasing number of people involved in multiple marriages that each lasted more than ten years.

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

**Signed: Curious Ex-Spouse**

**Dear Curious Ex-Spouse:** A former spouse

can only collect one SS benefit – either their own SS retirement amount, or an amount as an ex-spouse if the marriage lasted 10 years or more. And it is possible for multiple ex-spouses of a marriage to the same person to qualify for benefits from those unions, if each marriage lasted at least 10 years. But each ex-spouse can only qualify for one benefit payment – either their own earned SS benefit, or their benefit as an ex-spouse. In other words, someone with two (or more) ex-spouses might have their ex's collecting full benefits on their record, provided that each marriage lasted at least 10 years. But an ex-spouse

can only get one benefit –their own SS retirement amount or an ex-spouse amount – whichever is higher).

It's possible, also, that an ex-spouse can collect benefits from a former spouse at the same time as a current spouse is also collecting spouse benefits on the same record. And there is no detriment to either's amount because multiple spouses or ex-spouses are collect-

ing on a one person's SS record (Social Security is, after all, a means for spouses, or ex-spouses, to avoid poverty). However, an ex-spouse's own SS retirement benefit (from their personal lifetime work record) must be less than any ex-spouse benefit they are entitled to from a former spouse. Essentially, if the "10-years-married" rule is satisfied, ex-spouses are subject to the same benefit rules as a current spouse.

You are correct that we see some cases like this these days, but each eligi-

ble ex-spouse can only get one benefit, and their ex-spouse benefit is always offset by any personal SS retirement benefit the ex-spouse may also be entitled to on their own lifetime work record.

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Buffalo Zoo Welcomes New Otter



Cedrick, the new male Otter at The Buffalo Zoo.

–The Buffalo Zoo is thrilled to announce the arrival of Cedrick, a male North American river otter who joins us through a breeding recommendation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums’ (AZA) Species Survival Plan (SSP). Cedrick, born on February 7, 2022, at the Milwaukee County Zoo in Wisconsin, is just over three years old. He has come to Buffalo to be paired with our two resident female otters, Mindy (5) and Poppy (4), as part of a collaborative effort to support the long-term health of the species. Cedrick is currently acclimating to his new sur-

roundings in the Zoo’s Otter Creek habitat and has been settling in beautifully. Guests may already spot him swimming, sliding, and playfully exploring the exhibit. Keepers describe him as laid back and confident. He also has already shown signs of curiosity toward Mindy and Poppy, though the trio has not yet been formally introduced. Over the coming weeks, Cedrick will continue to rotate on exhibit with Mindy and Poppy as he becomes more comfortable in his new environment. Gradual introductions will follow, with the goal of a successful future breeding part-

nership. The North American river otter is no longer considered a threatened species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), thanks in part to decades of conservation progress. While currently listed as a species of least concern, efforts like the Species Survival Plan (SSP) continue to play a vital role in maintaining healthy, genetically diverse populations in human care. The species faced significant decline in the early 20th century due to fur trapping and habitat loss, but conservation programs, improved water quality regulations, and reintroduction initiatives have helped otter populations rebound across much of their native range. Organizations like the Buffalo Zoo remain committed to these strategies to ensure the species’ long-term stability. In the wild, North American river otters can be found across the eastern and northwestern United States—including here in Western New York—as well as throughout large parts of Canada. These charismatic an-

imals are known for their playful behavior, impressive swimming abilities, and dense, water-repellent fur that helps keep them warm and dry.

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Senior TRIVIA ???

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

1) What is the name of the bar where Homer Simpson hangs out?

2. What are the first names of the Jackson 5?

3) What prop is found in almost every scene in “The Fight Club”?

4) What does the term “hallux” refer to in human anatomy?

5) What is the perimeter of a circle called?

6) What is Ron Weasley’s patronus in the “Harry Potter” book series?

7) How many tusks does a warthog have?

8) How many states does the Pacific Crest Trail cross?

9) What is a common name for iron oxide?

10) Which president was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in WWII?

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**Nativity BVM:** A reunion for ALL YEARS of Nativity of the BVM School on Albany Street in Buffalo will be held July 20, 2025 at BUFFALO RIVER PAVILION (formerly FONTANA'S GROVE- 2299 Clinton Street, W. Seneca. Reservations are a must! Call Helen Brown Kurzdorfer at 716-400-7977 or Rosie DiLiberto Mendolera at 716-881-1306 before 5/15/25.



**Hull House "History Camp for Kids" Set for July:** The Hull Family

Home; Farmstead will again host its annual "History Camp for Kids" during the week of July 21-25. The camp, located at 5976 Genesee Street in Lancaster, runs from 9:00AM to 4:00PM daily. Students entering grades four through eight in the fall are invited to register. Campers will learn about family and farm life in the early 1800s on the western New York frontier. Daily themes include food, textiles and fashion, indigenous people, trades, pioneer games and archaeology. Re-enactors from the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 will provide additional history lessons. The cost per camper for the week is \$300. For further information or to request an application, please contact Suzanne Jacobs at sjacobs@hullfamilyhome.com



**Lewis J. Bennett Prepares to Celebrate 100 Years of Educational Prowess:** Buffalo's Bennett High School is preparing to celebrate 100 years of the "School on the Hill". Built on land donated to the city by businessman Lewis J. Bennett, construction started in 1923 and finished in 1925. The school has seen countless thousands of students through its halls. In recognition of all that this North Buffalo treasure has meant to its alumni and countless faculty and staff, the Bennett Alumni Association has announced its plans for the 100th Anniversary Weekend - Friday, September 19, Saturday, September

20 and Sunday, September 21, 2025. With a theme of Cherishing the Past • Celebrating the Present • Embracing the Future, the Alumni strive to continue supporting the school in its commitment to excellence. Information can be found on our website - bennettalumni.com. Please send your questions to bennettalumniassociation@gmail.com or text or call Neil Lange at 716-308-5451.



**The Italian Heritage Festival** on Hertel Avenue will take place from July 25-27, 2025, celebrating the 50th anniversary in the heart of North Buffalo, bringing Italy's sights, sounds, and aromas for three glorious days. Dozens of vendors will offer all the traditional Italian and Italian-American specialties we have all grown to love. The festival will be open from 11:00 am - 9:30 pm Friday and Saturday, and 11:00 am - 7:00 pm on Sunday.



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## Happy Independence Day!

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BPO Concert Program. No KeyBank Independence Eve concert would be complete without several numbers to honor our brave servicemen and

servicewomen, including our tradition of featuring the Armed Forces Salute. This year's pop culture tributes include Wicked, Back to the Future and The Rocky Horror Picture

Show (accompanied by an on-field performance from the 716 Dance Lab (Lancaster, NY). Read all about this year's Concert Set List that has something for fans of all ages!

## Sculptorial Art Exhibit And Opportunities At The Botanical Gardens

*Continued from page one.* a few Open Art Nights at the Botanical Gardens, Jeff's skill and interest and inspiration stood out, ultimately resulting in a collaboration of his work inside the Botanical Gardens' Arcangel Gallery. Featuring gorgeous plants like the Bird of Paradise, anthuriums, daisies, and even some animals like birds, fish and frogs, the works create a compelling visual story that invites visitors to view the works from all angles. Also featured with the exhibit are seven sculptures in similar styles that are hung inside one of the Botanical Gardens' greenhouses and can be viewed from all sides.

"It is exciting to exhibit my 'sculptorial art' in the beautiful Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. I have assembled a collection of recent work to share the energetic and dimensional way I perceive our world. I hope that af-

ter viewing this show, visitors will view art, these gardens, and their environment with expanded vision," said artist Jeff Lennox.

This exhibit is an example of the inspiration that the Botanical Gardens provides visitors and artists. Interested artists, whether professional or amateur, can take advantage of the inspiration by attending their Open Art Nights, which occur every second Wednesday of the month through September. Pre-purchased tickets can be reserved online and artists have the opportunity to create inside the historic conservatory for four hours.

Inspiration Stations have also been added to the Botanical Gardens' calendar for kids and families to also enjoy creativity and inspiration in the conservatory. With different arts, crafts, projects and themes, like pollina-

tors and flowers, Inspiration Stations are happening every Saturday from 10:00am to 12:30pm until the end of July. Adding to the fun, Arcangel Gallery artist Jeff Lennox will be joining the fun on July 12, 19, and 26 during Inspiration Stations with Pop-Up Portraits, where visitors can have their portraits drawn in exchange for a donation that directly benefits the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. Visitors and families can make the most of their visit to the Botanical Gardens with these fun activities while also enjoying access to their brand-new Playspace and Butterfly Experience.

All exhibits and activities are included with regular admission to the Botanical Gardens excluding the optional donation for a Pop-Up Portrait. Tickets can be pre-purchased online at buffalogardens.com.

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## LEGAL

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERIE  
Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff,  
-against- Linda M. Hawkins a/k/a Linda Hawkins if living and if any be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, Black Rock-Riverside Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., Discover Bank, LVNV Funding LLC, United

States of America-Internal Revenue Service, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Defendants. Index No. 803315/2025 Filed: 6/24/25 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff designates Erie County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the Mortgage premises is situated. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after

service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this 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. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$39,900.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of ERIE on May 07, 1993, in Book Liber 011975, Page 154, covering premises known as 2087

Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. 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: Bay Shore, New York April 10, 2025 By: Robert Tremaroli, Esq. Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, New York 11706 Bar #: 4946430 (631) 969-3100 Our File No.:01-101377-F00 30



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Notice of Formation of EXTENT LLC, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/01/2025. 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 55 REBECCA PARK; BUFFALO, NY 14207. Any lawful purpose. 30

NOTICE OF FORMATION Name of LLC: MJS Home Auto LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: January 24, 2025. Erie County. 2300 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207 The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process to: 2300 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207. United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228, designated as agent for service of process. Any lawful purpose permitted for LLCs under the NY Limited Liability Company Law. 28

Notice of Formation of (Luminaire Coffee, LLC), LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on (4/30/2025). 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 (3517 Lynnbrook Dr Austin, TX 78748). Any lawful purpose. 31

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 #: 805635/2025 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff, vs MARC A. NICOMETI, JR. 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, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, CHIEF CLERK OF THE CITY COURT OF BUFFALO, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS 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: 107 Le Havre Drive Cheektowaga, NY 14227 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 Marc A. Nicometi, Jr., Nicole Casillo Defendants in this Action. The forego-

ing 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 Twelfth day of June, 2025 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 foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Marc A. Nicometi, Jr. and Nicole Casillo dated the August 15, 2016, to secure the sum of \$75,000.00 and recorded at Book 13776, Page 5555 in the Office of the Erie County Clerk on August 15, 2016. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed May 2, 2023 and recorded on May 11, 2023, in the Office of the Erie County Clerk at Book 14090, Page 2849. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 11, 2024 and recorded on October 16, 2024, in the Office of the Erie County Clerk at Book 14141, Page 1425. The property in question is described as follows: 107 Le Havre Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14227 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT, YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS

AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a

fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE 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 18, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williams-ville, 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. 86250 30

Notice of Formation of Basement Ghoul's LLC, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on (05/30/2025). 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 16 Hedwig Ave Buffalo NY 1421. Any lawful purpose. 32

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Puzzle on page three.

1. Moe's Tavern. 2. Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Michael. 3. A Starbucks coffee cup. 4. The big toe. 5. Circumference. 6. Jack Russell Terrier. 7. Four. 8. Three (California, Oregon, and Washington). 9. Rust. 10. George H.W. Bush.

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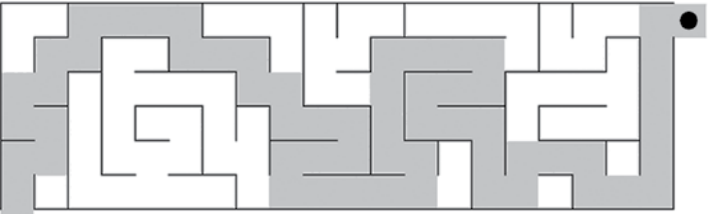
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