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Italian Heritage Festival 2025



Photo Courtesy the Italian Heritage Festival.

The Italian Heritage Festival is set to return Friday, July 25 - July 27 for their 50th Anniversary! Pictured: The annual Grape Stomping, 2024.

One of Western New York's most beloved summer traditions, the Galbani Italian Heritage Festival of Buffalo, returns to Hertel Avenue from Friday, July 25 through Sunday, July 27, 2025, proudly celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Stretching from Delaware to Lovering, the three-day festival will once again transform North

Buffalo into a vibrant celebration of Italian culture, cuisine, and community.

This year's milestone event features a diverse mix of returning favorites and new vendors offering authentic Italian food, beverages, gifts, and merchandise. Families and foodies alike will find something to enjoy with enhanced seating in both the Piazza Famiglia, sponsored by Foxy Delivery, and

the Aperol Spritz Piazza.

Children's activities presented in partnership with our partners at the Centro Culturale Italiano include:

Annual grape stomping contest

Face painting (fee applies)

Macaroni necklace-making

Italian Passport scavenger hunt

The Sicilian Puppet Show and more

Don't miss the St. Anthony's Fair. *Continued on page six.*

Buffalo Zoo Welcomes New Female Tiger



Ash, The Buffalo Zoo's new female tiger.

The Buffalo Zoo is excited to announce the arrival of Ash, a female Amur tiger who comes to Buffalo on a Species Survival Plan recommendation from the Association of Zoos and

Aquariums.

Ash is just under 2 years old and arrived from the Toledo Zoo where she was born on July 20, 2023. She was named Ash through a naming con-

test, and has a sister at the Toledo Zoo named Ember.

Ash arrives in Buffalo on a breeding recommendation, with the goal that she will eventually breed with our male Amur tiger, 1-year-old Sungari, who came to the Zoo earlier this year. The hope is that the two will form a strong bond and eventually contribute to the continued genetic diversity of the species.

"We are incredibly excited to welcome Ash to Buffalo," said Lisa Smith, President and CEO of the Buffalo Zoo. "Much like when Sungari arrived earlier this year, Ash represents *Continued on page six.*

Say Yes Buffalo Starts Summer Camp For 11th Year

Say Yes Buffalo and the Buffalo Public Schools (BPS), in partnership with the City of Buffalo, Erie County and other community partners are proud to announce the opening day of in-person, free summer camps for Buffalo Public School students in grades pre-Kindergarten to six. This year's camp session runs till August 15, 2025 with 1,759 students are taking part at 31 locations around the city.

Camp activities are a blend of evidenced-based literacy and math programming and enrichment activities, including physical activity and social-emotional learning. Healthy meals are served each day. Summer camp students will also have the opportunity to take part in Mobile Health Clinics, where they will have access to primary care services; racial eq-

uity programming for 5th - 6th grade students led by Say Yes Buffalo's Breaking Barriers Boys and Men of Color Initiative; and participation in Mayor Scanlon's Reading Rules Summer Reading Challenge.

Summer camps will also continue to have improved behavioral health supports including healing circles and social-emotional skill groups to help students, as well as psychiatric/behavioral consultations through UBMD and group counseling at select sites.

Major funding for summer camp comes from Buffalo Public Schools, the Cullen Foundation, Erie County, and the City of Buffalo. Additional funding comes from the Garman Foundation, National Grid, Erie County Legislator *Continued on page six.*

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Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



July, 1992. AUTO CLUB POSTER CONTEST AWARDS TWO AREA STUDENTS...John Feroletto displays his prize-winning poster and Kathleen Diina holds her U.S. Savings Bond certificate as art teacher Mrs. Maureen Johnson, center, congratulates her two students at St. Rose of Lima School.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JULY 10TH



Partly Cloudy
High 82°
Low 66°

FRIDAY, JULY 11TH



Partly Cloudy
High 85°
Low 67°

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH



Mostly Cloudy
High 88°
Low 73°

SUNDAY, JULY 13TH



Partly Cloudy
High 83°
Low 68°

MONDAY, JULY 14TH



Mostly Sunny
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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

Cowboy UP



The Rookie Boys Rangers team in the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League clinched first place in their Division last week by defeating the Mariners in a special game, 9-7 before the Playoffs could start. Pictured on Home plate on Diamond #1 with their winning trophies are Front row l-r are Sawyer Capuana, Ari Fuerst, Gavin Quick, Alex Williams, Hunter Farah, Dinero Davenport. Second row: Connor Morenzi, Demetrius Zimmerman-White, Greyson DiPalma, Austin Lee, Dominic Haspett and Ed Berdych. Coaches are James Capuana, Lee Barnett, Jeff DiPalma and Jimmy Farah.

In last week's Rocket, we wrote about the young Rookie Boys Twins team just learning how to win. But, another team in the same Division, the Rangers, have put together a terrific regular season against 13 other teams.

Last Wednesday, Diamond one was the setting for an important game needed to decide who would clinch first place. Both the Rangers and the 6-7 year old Mariners finished the Regular season with identical records and both teams were ready. The Mariners were on a six game winning streak, going back to early June with players like Jack

Hassinger, Luke Capolupo, Henry Fisher and Sawyer Vitrano leading the way. But every team had to face the Rangers this season and the team with the "T" on their caps made winning against them harder.

In just their second year in the Park, the team from Texas brushed off a terrible season last year and with a new coach, Lee Barnett, the Rangers matched the Mariners with nine wins led by Dinero Davenport, Demetrius Zimmerman-White, Greyson DiPalma and Sawyer Capuana. A new season meant another chance to prove themselves against tough teams like the Defend-

ing Champ Royals and Orioles. Teams like the Red Sox, White Sox, Astros and Yankees fell victim to the Cowboy way, when Barnett would place a "cowboy hat" on a player whom he felt was key to victory.

Now the team is ready for the Playoffs with a match-up against the winner of a Blue Jays and Orioles game that will be played the day the Buffalo Rocket hits the streets. This past Monday night, Playoffs began in eight Divisions of house baseball and softball so all results will be forthcoming. No team has been eliminated as of yet but some games scheduled for Saturday, could end a teams season with another loss. The Mariners will play the Athletics and the Royals will play the Guardians.

The Double AA Girls Playoffs begin Thursday night with two games. The Tigers will meet the Bears and the Razorbacks will face the Bonnies. If a team loses, they will enter another bracket where they hope to meet their opponent again for a rematch and possible Championship. With just four teams in this Division, seven games are all that's needed to determine a new Champion. It's been an exciting season so far.

In Rookie Girls, the first place Rebels play the Wolfpack. The Devils will play the Ravens. The Shamrocks will play the Comets and the Diamonds will play the Angels. These games are all determined on how each team finished in the Standings. The order of finish were Rebels, Devils, Shamrocks, Diamonds, Angels, Comets, Ravens and Wolfpack.

With the July 4th holiday behind us, the play on all six diamonds of the Don Morris Fields of Shoshone Park should be just as hot as the weather. Every Team makes the Playoffs!

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

Gunman Barricades Self In Apartment With Drug Stash

North Buffalo
July 7, 2025
Hertel Avenue - Defendant did get into an altercation with the victim (mother) while trying to take phone from victim. During altercation defendant and victim were fighting over phone, victim did get punched in the nose, causing nosebleed.

July 6, 2025
Amherst Street - Defendant did take 2-12 packs of Steel Reserve and 3 Hurricane Beers and did conceal them in his bag and proceeded past all points of purchase without payment. Total was \$27.83. Defendant does have 3 outstanding buffalo warrants.

July 5, 2025
Hertel Avenue - The defendant was observed by the complainant on security camera inside the grocery store concealing \$176.13 of merchandise into a reusable bag and passing all points of purchase making no attempt to pay for said items. The complainant detained the defendant in the vestibule and recovered all stolen merchandise. Officer released the defendant on an appearance ticket and advised defendant of his court date. Complainant states this is an ongoing issue with the same male.

July 5, 2025
Delaware Avenue - Defendant did display a small black handgun to victim and did push muzzle of gun into her stomach while telling her, "You are going to buy weed from me," then got into New York registered vehicle, 2020 Black Chevy Equinox. Vehicle located at 146 Victoria Avenue and permission to search premises obtained. (1) 9mm black S&W semi auto with serial number in left of back left bedroom. Positive ID by victim on show up.

July 3, 2025
Delaware Avenue - Defendant did conceal multiple clothing items and health/beauty items in her purse and continued past all points of purchase without payment. All items recovered by employee (complainant). Total amount \$189.35.

West Side
July 6, 2025
Elmwood Avenue - During a domestic dispute female got upset that male was allowed to go into the apartment to get belongings. Female was told numerous times that she could not enter the home. Female did push past officers and then did get physical before being forced to the ground which she still resisted when handcuffed.

July 3, 2025
Bird Avenue - While barricaded in lower apartment defendant did unlawfully possess one Ruger Max 9 handgun, 9mm with serial number, loaded with 10 9mm rounds in the maga-

zine and 1 in the chamber. Upon defendant's exit from the residence defendant was found to be in possession of approximately 14 grams of a white powdery substance in a knotted plastic baggie, presumed to be cocaine, located in defendant's right front pants pocket by detective. Firearm and narcotics recovered and submitted by detective.

July 8, 2025
Humboldt Parkway - Patrol did observe New York registered vehicle, Black 2012 Ford Escape, east-bound on East Ferry at a high rate of speed. Vehicles speed was locked at 51 mph in a 30 mph zone. Traffic stop occurred at Humboldt Parkway. Where defendant did produce a NYS ID card. Check of defendant's license did show status of revoked. Officer did recover 1.75 grams of white rock substance from defendant's right cargo pocket. 1 scale and sandwich bags recovered in the center of vehicles' console. Patrol officer did submit all narcotics and evidence to CPS lab.

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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: BRITISH SECURITY SERVICE

18-wheeler

B-52

Figure 8

Omega-3

24/7

Catch-22

Fortune 500

Top 10

3 Musketeers

Cloud 9

Indy 500

Vitamin B12

4th of July

Dow 30

Nasdaq 100

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Answers on page seven.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Bump into

5 Small batteries

8 Gush

12 Jai —

13 Wall St. deal

14 Abhor

15 Fish story

16 X, at times

17 "— the picture!"

18 Chevy model

20 Rhine feeder

22 Kindergarten follower

26 Defy authority

29 Make lace

30 PBS funder

31 Grand Ole —

32 Doubtfire or Miniver

33 Dele undoer

34 Corp. boss

35 "Give — break!"

36 Main ideas

37 Renewed energy

40 "Trust Exercise" author Susan

41 Verdi works

45 Tactic

47 Coffee vessel

49 Crimson Tide, briefly

50 Anger

51 French pronoun

52 Mellowed

53 Kimono ties

54 Briny expanse

55 Scarce

DOWN

1 Polite query

2 Biblical kingdom

3 Lawman Wyatt

4 "30 Rock" creator

5 Wedding setting

6 Prez on a penny

7 Piano compositions

8 Bake eggs

9 Christmas shows

10 Arles summer

11 Drenched

19 Like Abner

21 Literary rep

23 Milkshake insert

24 Bug spray ingredient

25 Diner grub

26 Mythical birds

27 Duel tool

28 Veggie with florets

32 T-shirt sizes

33 Courtroom huddle

35 6 on a phone

36 Econ. measure

38 "But of course!"

39 Ancient Greek region

42 Sitarist's music

43 From the U.S.

44 "Maureen" singer

45 Expert

46 Ad- — (improvise)

48 Shad product

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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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Can My Wife Claim Her SS Now and Get Half my SS Benefit Later? - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: My wife will reach her full Social Security benefit at 66.5 years of age which is just under 2 years away for her now. If she were to begin to get her monthly check now (i.e. early), would that prevent her from being eligible for the spousal benefit to receive half of what I am currently drawing?

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

Signed: Curious Husband

Dear Curious: If your wife claims her own SS retirement benefit now (e.g., at 64.5 years), and you are already collecting your own SS benefit, then she will be automatically deemed

to be filing for her spousal benefit immediately when she claims her own benefit (she does not have the option to defer claiming her spousal benefit until later). This is a change made by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, which requires all those first claiming SS to file for ALL benefits they are eligible for when they claim. What that would mean is that your wife's benefit now, including her spousal boost from you, would be actuarially reduced by the number of months early she claimed. Her own SS retirement benefit would be permanently reduced by about 15%, and her "spousal boost" (the additional amount

she would get as your spouse) would be reduced by about 19%, yielding a combined benefit which is roughly 42% of your full retirement age (FRA) SS benefit.

The only way your wife can get half (50%) of your FRA benefit entitlement is by waiting until her own full retirement age (66 years and 10 months) to claim. Note too that your wife's spousal benefit will be based

on your FRA entitlement, so if you claimed earlier or later than your own full retirement age, her spousal benefit will still be based on your FRA entitlement.

Also, your wife should be aware that anyone who claims early is subject to Social Security's "earnings test," which limits how much can be earned while collecting early benefits. Thus, if your wife is working, she will be restricted on how much she can earn before Social Security takes away some of her benefits. FYI, the earnings

limit changes annually, but for 2025 it is \$23,420 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit. And, FYI, the earnings limit goes up a lot during the year FRA is attained, and the earnings test no longer applies once full retirement age is reached.

I hope this answers your question, but if you have need additional information, please feel free to contact us directly at SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org, or call us at 1.888.750.2622.

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Michael P. Kearns

Erie County Clerk

Guest Columnist

Buyer Beware: If You Are Shopping For A New Or Used Car

Learn About the Vehicle Before Spending Your Hard-earned Money for the Purchase.

Every year, hundreds of people buy and sell vehicles. The process of purchasing a car has changed significantly; consumers are now more informed and focus on factors such as reliability, suitability for their needs, and the appropriate price for the vehicle. However, car dealers have the upper hand when it comes to buying a vehicle, especially in a traditional dealership setting. While private sellers can sometimes offer better prices, dealerships often provide more support, warranties, and financing options.

Prospective car shoppers should always do their research beforehand. Key considerations include your budget, your needs, your wants, and the quality of the vehicle you intend to purchase. Before spending your hard-earned money, it's essential to understand the vehicle you plan to buy and learn about the dealer selling it.

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Pop Quiz

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1) What is a female goat called?

2. What is the name of the town in "Gilmore Girls"?

3) How many states does the Appalachian Trail cross?

4) Which actress voices the character Jessie in "Toy Story 2"?

5) What is believed to have caused President Zachary Taylor's death?

6) What is the most abundant protein in the human body?

7) How many sides does a hexagon have?

8) Serial killer Hannibal Lecter first appears in which novel?

9) What are planets outside our solar system called?

10) Who was the first women inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame?

Answers on page seven.


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Large Cheese and One Item Pizza with Triple Wings (30) and 2 Bleu Cheese.

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Family Pak.....78.75

Large Cheese and One Item Pizza with Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese.

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Party Pak.....89.00

Sheet Pizza or (2) Large Pizzas with Cheese & One Item with Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)

Personal Specialty Pak.....99.80

Personal Specialty Pizza with Five (5) Wings and 1 Bleu Cheese.

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Small Specialty Pak.....33.90

Medium Specialty Pizza with Single Wings (10) and 1 Bleu Cheese.

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Mini Specialty Pak.....50.50

Large Specialty Pizza with Double Wings (20) and 1 Bleu Cheese.

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Thirty Specialty Pak.....60.75

Large Specialty Pizza with Triple Wings (30) and 2 Bleu Cheese.

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Family Specialty Pak.....82.25

Large Specialty Pizza with a Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese.

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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 or call 716-681-5494.



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 count-

less 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.



Italian Heritage Festival 2025

Continued from page one. ny Procession on Friday at 6:00 PM, starting at Lovering and Hertel, followed by Opening Ceremonies at the Pellicano's Marketplace Entertainment Stage.

Other highlights include:

Live culinary demos with celebrity Chef Marco Sciortino at the Galbani Cucina Cooking Stage

Classic Italian cocktails and favorites at the Aperol Spritz Piazza

Meet Miss Italian Festival and her Court

VIP table seating available at the Pellicano's Marketplace Entertainment Stage. Join us for a week-end of food, family, music, and tradition as we celebrate 50 years of Italian pride in Buffalo!

Viva l'Italia!

Say Yes Buffalo Starts Summer Camp For 11th Year

Continued from page one. Mike Kooshoian, State Senator Sean Ryan, and the Children's Foundation of Erie County.

Of the 31 sites across the city, 27 will be operating a seven (7) hour day model, with the remaining four operating a four (4) hour day model, with increased social-emotional supports available at each location.

This program remains in heavy demand by families in

Buffalo. In the first 24 hours of open registration, we received 1,500 applications. Over 3,400 applications were processed by the Say Yes Buffalo Extended Learning Time team, with 1,100 children on a waiting list.

Launched in 2012, the Say Yes Buffalo partnership is a community collaboration dedicated to strengthening the city's public school system and increasing high school and postsecondary gradua-

tion rates. Comprised of the Buffalo Public School District, City of Buffalo, Erie County, the Buffalo Teachers Federation, the District Parent Coordinating Council and more than one-hundred other funders and community-based organizations is made possible by the collaboration and generosity of Western New York individuals, families, businesses, and organizations. More information at SayYesBuffalo.org.

Buffalo Zoo Welcomes New Female Tiger

Continued from page one. a significant step in our conservation work, and the potential for a future breeding success is something we're all looking forward to."

Keepers describe Ash as sweet, chatty and curious. She can be a bit shy, but she

certainly has her bolder moments as well. She also has a fun quirk: she seems to love falling asleep upside down on her back!

Amur tigers, also known as Siberian tigers, are listed as endangered in the wild by the IUCN Red List. It

was estimated in 2022 that around 350 remain in the species' native habitat, the forests of the Russian Far East and northeast China. The Amur tiger is the only tiger subspecies that has adapted to live in cold, northern climates.

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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 Com-

plaint 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

SURROGATE'S COURT, ERIE COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Indepen-

dent TO: LAKEISHA J. LONG; DAVID LONG; and to LATOYA JORDAN, if she be living, and if she be dead to her heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, if any such there be, all of whom and all of whose names, ages, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the Petitioner(s) and cannot after due diligence used be ascertained and HON. LETITIA JAMES - Attorney General of the State of New York. A petition having been duly filed by LINDA LONG JORDAN, who is domiciled at 43 Texas Street, Buffalo, New York 14221. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Erie County, at 92 Franklin St. 2nd Fl. Buffalo, New York 14202, on August 12, 2025 at 09:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why the account of LINDA LONG JORDAN, a summary of which has been served herewith, as Executor of the estate of DAVID JORDAN, JR., should not be judicially settled. Further relief sought (if any): Payment of attorney fee(s) in the sum of \$2,500.00 be permitted; reimbursement of paid disbursements by Restaino Reddien,

LLP in the sum of \$846.00 be permitted Dated: June 17, 2025 HON. Acea M. Mosey, Surrogate /s/ LINDA M. WIEDRICK, Chief Clerk /s/ NEIL E. REDDIEN, Attorney for Estate Restaino Reddien, LLP - (716) 235-5885 6928 Williams Road, Suite 4, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 nreddien@restainoreddien.com NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. 31

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