

Happy Labor Day!



This Labor Day is Monday, September 1, 2025.

Labor Day in 2025 falls on Monday, September 1, as it is always celebrated on the first Monday of September. This federal holiday honors the contributions of workers and traditionally marks the unofficial end of the summer season. The following events will be taking place over this Labor Day.



The 2025 Buffalo Labor Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, September 1, 2025, with the parade beginning at 11:00 a.m. and the celebration concluding around 2:00 p.m. at Warren Spahn Way. The event begins with a gathering at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Dorrance Avenue and McKinley Parkway, where marchers are encouraged to park at

Cazenovia Park and take a shuttle. The parade route is a little over a mile long, and UUP will be walking, holding banners, and passing out candy throughout the route. FREE Cookout immediately following the Parade in Cazenovia Park! The Slow Roll Buffalo Labor Day Ride will be at Eugene V Debs Hall. *Continued on page five.*

Just Buffalo Literary Center Gears Up For Its 2025-26 BABEL season

Just Buffalo Literary Center announced the 2025-26 season of its BABEL author series, featuring Colm Tóibín on Oct. 16, 2025; Hernan Diaz on Nov. 20, 2025; Tara Westover on March 26, 2026; and Imani Perry on April 23, 2026. Season subscriptions for the series, which takes place at Kleinhans Music Hall, are now available for purchase at justbuffalo.org.

Colm Tóibín is the author of eleven novels, including Long Island, an Oprah's Book Club Pick; The Magician, winner of the Rathbones Folio Prize; The Master, winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize; Brooklyn, which was adapted



into an Oscar-nominated film; and Nora Webster; as well as two story collections and several books of criticism. Shortlisted three times for the Booker Prize, Tóibín is the Irene and Sidney B. Silverman Professor of the Humanities at Columbia University and was named the 2022-2024 Laureate for Irish Fiction by the Arts Council of Ireland. Hernan Diaz is the Pulitzer Prize-winning and New York Times bestselling author of two novels published in thirty-seven languages. He is the recipient of the John Updike award from the American Academy of Arts & Letters, given to "a writer whose contributions

to American literature have demonstrated consistent excellence." Trust, his second novel, received the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and was a New York Times Bestseller. Longlisted for the Booker Prize, it was named one of the 10 Best Books of the Year by The New York Times, The Washington Post, NPR, and Time magazine, and it was one of The New Yorker's 12 Essential Reads of the Year. One of Barack Obama's Favorite Books of 2022, Trust is currently being developed as a limited series for HBO, and it has been named one of the New York Times's Best 100 Books of the 21st Century. In 2018, Tara Westover *Continued on page six.*

3rd Annual Bills Tailgate Party At Blessed Sacrament Church

On Sunday, September 14, 2025, the Parish Pastoral Council of Blessed Sacrament Church, will host the 3rd Annual Bills Tailgate Party, Mass, and Family Picnic for friends and members of the Downtown Family of Parishes. This event, celebrating the return of the school year and the end of summer, will feature a community Mass at 10:30 AM celebrated in the church. At 11:30 AM, immediately following Mass, a Family Picnic will occur. FREE hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. We ask those who attend to bring their own sides and BYOB. During the Family Picnic a wide array of games and ac-

tivities will be held for kids of all ages, including facepainting. At 1:00 PM, we'll tailgate in the Catholic Academy of West Buffalo's parking lot for the BILLS vs JETS game. You're encouraged to bring your favorite tailgating regalia...special food, treats, BYOB, tents and chairs! We will keep the grills cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers through the first quarter of the game. Adding to the festivities will be our special Tailgate Tents featuring a BILLS-Themed Basket Raffle and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets can be purchased for the 50/50 and the Bills-Themed Basket Raffle using cash and Venmo.

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



September, 1993. GRAND OPENING GALA... Joseph Forsizi, owner of Sardina's Italian Family Restaurant at 2835 Delaware Ave., helps serve guests Sunday during the grand opening celebration of his restaurant's new banquet facility.

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SPORTS
By Bill Snyder

An Amazing Season



These 24 twelve year old players went to Cooperstown last week to see the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame.

This week's column comes straight from the heart.

We have watched over 1,300 boys and girls play Baseball and Softball again in Shoshone Park since Opening Day back in early May. Over 100 teams played on eight diamonds in this tiny Park off of Hertel Avenue near Main Street and at McCarthy Park nearby. Whether your son or daughter, nephew or cousin played House, Travel or T-Ball for the first time or the tenth time, chances are they had a good time. They learned how to play the game, hit a baseball or softball and round the bases, hoping for a win.

But now it's over, the seasons have ended and champions were crowned in nine different Division of House Baseball or Softball that held us all in complete rapture for three months while life continued for the adults, working downtown and not anywhere near Shoshone Park. Another great, successful season for North Buffalo in a place where most consider their second home.

Here's a quick replay of House team winners in all Divisions. In Rookie Boys, the Division was broken into two separate Playoff Brackets due to the numbers registered to play. We previously wrote about the Twins winning the Championship in the Yellow Brack-

et over the Angels. In the Green Bracket, the Royals won their second Championship in a row after last season with a 8-6 victory over the Rangers in a very hard fought series that needed an additional game after the Rangers beat the Royals two days earlier, 12-2. Both teams had tremendously successful seasons, winning four playoff games after nine wins during the regular season. It was truly a joy to watch these six and seven year old boys fight for a championship.

As we reported last week, the Double AA Phillies defeated the Mets in the Championship game, 11-5 and New York State Senator April Baskin helped hand out the winning trophies and medallions to both teams afterward. In Double AA Girls, the Tigers defeated the Bonnies, 11-10 in a hard fought game that had to be moved to another diamond for the last inning in a 10-10 tie because of darkness. Four bright light towers in each corner of the diamond helped end a terrific season for the Bonnies in their efforts to defeat the defending champ Tigers for the Double AA trophy. Another great season for both teams.

In Triple AAA Boys, the Orioles defeated the Yankees, 12-8 in the second game, played two nights lat-

er after losing to the Yanks, 6-5. The Orioles led the Division all season long, setting the pace while teams like the A's and Mariners were not that far behind. The Yankees however became a force in the Playoffs, winning three of their last four games to give the Orioles a harder than expected victory. Credit the coaching on both sides of the diamond for an amazing season.

In Major Boys, the Giants ended the regular season undefeated with a 12-0 mark against seven other teams. Against teams like the Dodgers, Mets, Phillies or Padres, the Giants brought their bats with them every game and scored victories every week since early May.

In the Playoffs, the team faced a very competitive Braves team in round three after two victories over the Reds and Cardinals. The Atlanta team gave the Giants their first loss in the post-season, 5-4 and then took the Championship of the Division with a 6-5 victory four nights later. It was an amazing season for both teams.

"It was great experience," said Alex Felver of the North Buffalo Blaze 12U Green team after he and 11 of his teammates returned home from All-Star Village near Oneonta, New York and the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. "I had a really good time with my friends and teammates, playing Baseball not far from the Hall Of Fame."

These are the words that 24 twelve year old Boys are saying this week after the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League got to see and experience one of the finest Baseball trips made available to them every year in Cooperstown, New York. This year, two teams of 12 year old Boys got to play against some other talented teams across the Nation. The boys are Lucas Adamczyk-Turkovich, Maddox Beale, Christian Cipolla, Connor Gunnarson, Brody Huard, Jack Kleeh, Brody Large, Vince Martin, Jace Petti and Brady Roberts.

The 12U Yellow Blaze team are Bennett Armstrong, Colin Bussiere, Sebastian Fyda, Elijah Hiliard, Patrick Lea-Kelly, Joseph LoTempio, Michael McCabe, George Rhoney, Dominic Sabia, Will Schoepflin, Cole Schrader and Colin Poppenberg.

Vince Martin won a competition against 81 other boys from across the Country for speed, running around the bases in just 12 seconds. Brady Roberts hit a Grand Slam Homerun in one game.

"I would like to thank our coaches," said Felver. "Noah Huard and Jacob Lea-Kelly are amazing."



The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

Man Steals Over \$5000 Worth Of Plants From Elber’s Garden

North Buffalo
August 25, 2025
Delaware Avenue - Defendant did enter Target on above date and location at approximately 0943 hours. While inside the defendant did load up a cart worth \$187.98 of clothing. Defendant paid for a pack of socks and a pack of earrings but failed to pay for remaining items then did pass all points of purchase. Defendant stopped by Asset Protection.

August 24, 2025
Main Street - While at Elber’s Garden Center (2918 Main Street) pursuant to a common scheme to deprive another of property consisting of retail goods/merchandise of trees, shrubberys, and plants. Defendant did on six separate occasions enter without permission onto property which is fenced and enclosed to exclude intruders and did take without permission and without any attempt of rendering payment merchandise in total approximate value of \$5000.00.

August 24, 2025
Amherst Street - Complainant reports that defendant did enter 601 Amherst Street and did take without permission \$85.00 worth of merchandise passing all points of purchase. Defendant does have an active trespass order.

August 23, 2025
Hertel Avenue - While at Dash’s Market (1770 Hertel Avenue) at approximately 1230 hours, defendant did enter and remain unlawfully having previously trespassed with intent to commit a crime. Therein, defendant did take without permission by passing all points of purchase without rendering payment food items totaling approximate value of \$131.95.

August 21, 2025
Delaware Avenue - Defendant did conceal \$403.89 worth of merchandise and passed all points of purchase before being apprehended by Asset Protection.

Riverside
August 26, 2025
Ultman Street -Victim did respond to 53 Ultman Street which is owned by his father to mark the driveway

cut to left upper leg causing bleeding. Witness wrote statement that defendant did stab victim in the leg with a pair of scissors.

August 25, 2025
Austin Street - Victim reports defendant menaced her with a black handgun during intercourse making her fear for her life. Permission to search victims residence obtained by patrol officer recovered one black Taurus PTO with serial number, a bag of a white powdery substance, and two 9mm live rounds recovered from residence inside black sweatshirt. Patrol officer recovered one bag of a white powdery substance and what is believed to be heroin from residence. Firearms and narcotics submitted to 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: ABUNDANT CITY BIRD

And roll	Climber	Hudson	Springs
Bands	Concert	Of Gibraltar	The boat
Bottom	Formation	Quarry	Walls
Candy	Garden	Solid	

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Answers on page seven.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Poke

4 Sneaky chuckle

7 Niagara sight

12 Dos preceder

13 X-ray's cousin

14 "— Gold" (Fonda film)

15 Rx writers

16 Salad dressing order

18 7, on older phones

19 Capital of South Korea

20 Salty waters

22 Soon-to-be grads

23 Desist

27 Drench

29 "Constant Craving" singer

31 Places in the heart

34 Indian yogurt dish

35 Wards off

37 However

38 Corridor

39 Expert

41 Foundered

45 "Peachy!"

47 Cravat

48 Tangential topic

52 Eggs

53 Zodiac ram

54 Khan title

DOWN

1 Checker moves

2 Tennis great

3 — nova

4 Med. plan options

5 Papa Hemingway

6 — -miss

7 Tank filler

8 Gore and Green

9 Floral necklace

10 Guided

11 Compass dir.

17 Corn cover

21 Marble cake pattern

23 Bed boards

24 — chi

25 Toronto's prov.

26 Links org.

28 Have lunch

30 Actress Joanne

31 Sound of relief

32 FDR project

33 Seminary subj.

36 Tools with teeth

37 Whale variety

40 Activist Chavez

42 Coral island

43 Skin care brand

44 "Endymion" poet

45 Spanish ayes

46 Pencil filler

48 Utter

49 Glass of public radio

50 Cacophony

51 Still, in verse

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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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I'm In Poor Health And Need To Know My Social Security Options - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: I plan to stop working very soon. My health is not good. I am 66 years old, born in June 1959, so my full retirement age is 66 years and 10 months. My wife passed away in March 2024, and she was collecting SS benefits when she died. I have no dependent children. In general, what benefits am I entitled to? **Signed: Unhealthy and Struggling**

Dear Unhealthy and Struggling: Sorry to hear that your health is failing, and that you will need to stop working soon. But do not fear – Social Security will be there for you. Here is some info to help you decide your next possible steps:

Since you will not reach your full retirement age until next year (in April

2026), your earnings limit from working for this year is \$23,400 (or \$1950/month). The earnings limit will apply only if you decide to claim Social Security early (this year). If you decide to take Social Security this year, your earnings from before you take SS won't count, but your monthly earnings for the remaining months of this year will be subject to the 2025 monthly limit (\$1950). If your monthly earnings exceed that amount, you won't be entitled to SS benefits for that month, unless your total earnings for 2025 are less than \$23,400). If you don't exceed the annual limit, your 2025 Social Security benefits won't be affected by your work earnings.

Next year, the year you

attain your full retirement age (FRA), your earnings limit will be much higher (about 2.5 times more, or something more than about \$63,000). If your 2026 earnings up through March do not exceed that limit, then you can claim your SS benefits a bit earlier in 2026 (before your FRA), and your benefits won't be affected, except that your monthly benefit amount will be permanently reduced by .556% for each month you claim before your FRA. For example, if you were to claim for your SS to start in January 2026, you would get 98.3% of your FRA amount. So, provided your work earnings won't exceed about \$63,000 between January and March 2026, you could claim effective January 2026 without worrying about Social Security's earnings test. So, depending upon your health, you could claim SS to start in January 2026, likely without worry about the earnings test, and would get about 98.3% of your FRA benefit. Or, health permitting, you could wait to claim SS starting in April 2026 to get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. Point is, you just need to be careful not to exceed Social Security's earnings tests prior to reaching your full retirement age, or SS will take away some of your benefits. They "take away" by withholding future monthly payments as long as needed to recover what you owe. Worse case penalty for exceeding the 2026 monthly limit would be no benefits for any month you exceed about \$5300, or a penalty of \$1 for every \$3 over the limit if you exceed the 2026 annual limit before your FRA.

You do, however, have another option as your wife's surviving spouse: You can claim your benefit as a surviving spouse prior to claiming your own SS retirement amount. But the earnings test described above (if you claim before your FRA) would also apply to your survivor benefits. So, again, your plans for working enter this decision. If you decide to stop working this year, you could, for example, decide to claim your survivor benefit this year and collect that until you reach your FRA in April 2026 when you would get 100% of your personal SS retirement amount. In fact, you might even decide to collect your survivor benefit longer, allowing your own SS benefit to grow until you are 70, at which time you would get about 25% more than your FRA amount. Indeed, if your survivor benefit is higher than your personal age 70 amount, you can just continue to claim the higher amount.

I suggest that when you decide that you must

stop working full time, you contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to discuss whether it is best to claim your survivor benefit from your wife first and delay claiming your own until a later time (to get a higher amount). You can make an appointment to discuss your options with SS over the phone, before deciding when (and what) to claim. And, of course, if you have any further questions, we are always here to assist you with your decision.

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Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) What canal connects the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea?
2. Which of Disney's animated princess movies was the first to get a live-action version?
- 3) What is a male duck called?
- 4) In which famous museum does a murder take place in the novel "The Da Vinci Code"?
- 5) What part of the plant is responsible for photosynthesis?
- 6) When did the animated TV sitcom "The Flintstones" debut?
- 7) Which city is known for the saying, "Where young people go to retire"?
- 8) Which Southeast Asian fruit has such a strong smell that it's banned on public transportation?
- 9) Which star is the brightest in the night sky?
- 10) How many meters are in a kilometer?

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Niagara Frontier Doll Club 38th Annual Doll Show & Sale On October 19th



The 37th Niagara Frontier Doll Club Doll Show, 2024. The event will feature a wide variety of antique and collectibles dolls, bears and miniatures that will appeal to enthusiasts and collectors of all ages.

The Niagara Frontier Doll Club's 38th annual Doll Show & Sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 in the Buffalo Airport Hotel, 4600 Genesee St. at Holtz Road, Cheektowaga. The hotel will also offer food and beverage service for show attendees at its Wingnutz Buffalo location (wingnutz-buffalo.com).

Admission to the event, featuring antique and collectible dolls, bears, miniatures and related items, is just \$5 (cash) per person, with children under 12 admitted free. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Stella Niagara Women's Respite Program (WRP) and Sister Johnice's Response to Love Center.

The WRP was founded in 1989 to provide respite to single mothers with low income. The program has since expanded to include retreats for all mothers with low income, grandmothers raising grandchildren, women with cancer and alumnae of previous retreats.

At the Response to Love Center, located at 130 Kosciuszko St. in Buffalo, the focus is on the holistic treatment of poverty — loving care of the economically deprived, the spiritually poor, the emotionally battered, the isolated, the wounded and the broken.

The Niagara Frontier Doll Club is a member of the United Federation of Doll Clubs. For more informa-

tion on the organization or the upcoming event, please contact Joan Ratzel at (716) 634-4272 or KDM310@hotmail.com. You can also follow on Facebook for frequent updates at www.facebook.com/NFDCAnnualDollShow.

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tember 1st, meet at 6, ride at 6:30pm, 483 Peckham St, Buffalo, NY 14206.

Slow Roll Buffalo Monday Night Community Rides connect communities through guided rides for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, with a slow pace and volunteer squad that keeps riders safe and social. Each ride features a different host site and unique route

around the city, including stops to regroup and meet neighborhood stakeholders before returning to the starting point for an after-party with food, drinks, music, and fellowship.

This event is free.

For more information and other events taking place in Buffalo please visit stepoutbuffalo.com/guide-to-stepping-out-over-labor-day-weekend-in-wny.

Point Of The Meadow Shelter Reopens In Delaware Park

The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy (BOPC) is excited to announce the official opening of the Point of the Meadow Shelter in Delaware Park (meadow side). Located along Delaware Park Ring Road (off the Nottingham Terrace exit of Route 198), the newly renovated shelter features new windows and doors, toilets, sinks, partitions in both men's and women's restrooms, new exterior concrete at each restroom entrance, repaired exterior masonry bricks, an upgraded electrical system and stronger basement support beams. From start to finish, the total project cost came to \$894,500.

"We are eager for all Delaware Park users to enjoy this newly renovated building! As caretakers of your Olmsted landscapes, we are committed to enhancing your park experience and creating a safe and joyful environment for you and your loved ones. Restoring and re-activating a building such as the Point of the Meadow Shelter is long-time coming, and I want to thank our funders for aligning with our mission and to my hardworking team who work behind-the-scenes tirelessly every day, all year round," said Catie Stephenson, Executive Director.

Restoration of this park building was identified as a priority capital project in BOPC's current Five Year Plan. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and increased costs over the years, additional fundraising became necessary, and this project was inevitably delayed ever since it closed for the park season in the fourth quarter of 2019.

With generous funding from the Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee and the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, construction began in the fall of 2024 and was completed in the summer of 2025. The Point of the Meadow Shelter is scheduled to open every day in the park season, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"The Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee is excited to see the Point of the Meadow Shelter now open for public access. We hope that by investing in park projects such as these, residents and visitors who visit Delaware Park will be able to benefit from the upgrades and improvements. Enhancing parkland to provide more resources for people to connect with nature, especially within the Niagara River Greenway, is crucial to our mission and plan," said Daniel Castle, Chair of the Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee and Commissioner of the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning.



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North Buffalo Dental.....1600 Hertel Avenue

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Delaware Apartments.....1217 Delaware Avenue

Dibble Hardware.....262 West Ferry Street

Elmwood Square Apts.....505 Elmwood Avenue

Fast Stop Food Mart.....326 Military Road

Frontier Liquor & Beverage Ctr.....121 Grant Street

First Niagara Bank.....Elmwood at West Utica

M&T Bank.....130 Grant Street

Military Coin Laundry.....1134 Military Road

Santasiero's Restaurant.....1329 Niagara Street

Timon Towers.....1015 Delaware Avenue

Trinity Tower Apartments.....33 Linwood Avenue

West Market.....1032 West Avenue

West Side Community Center.....Vermont at Fargo

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AmVets.....25 Review Place

Black Rock Pharmacy.....431 Tonawanda Street

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Buffalo Wine & Liquors.....2067 Niagara Street

D District Police Station.....669 Hertel Avenue

Doyle's Deli.....1981 Niagara Street

Faso Restaurant.....2126 Niagara Street

Fast Stop Food Mart.....236 Military Road

First Niagara Bank.....2141 Elmwood Avenue

First Niagara.....201 Amherst Street

Hearts Thrift Shop.....890 Tonawanda Street

House of Sandwich.....800 Tonawanda Street

M&T Bank.....788 Tonawanda Street

Niagara Deli Pizzeria.....2043 Niagara Street

Nickel City Bottle Return.....2209 Niagara Street

Northwest Buffalo Community Ctr.....155 Lawn Avenue

Pat's Pizzeria.....544 Ontario Street

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Continued from page one. published her memoir, Educated, which explores her struggle to reconcile her desire for education and autonomy with her desire to be loyal to her family. Educated was an instant commercial and critical success, debuting at #1 on the New York Times bestseller list and remaining on the list for more than two years. The New York Times named Educated one of the 10 Best Books of 2018, and the American Booksellers Association voted it the Nonfiction Book of the Year. TIME Magazine named Westover one of the 100 most influential people of 2018 and she was awarded the 2021 National Humanities Medal by President Biden. Westover holds a PhD in intellectual history from Trinity

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SUPREME COURT STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERIE CITIZENS BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- GREGORY SPIKES; John Roe and Jane Roe, said names being fictitious and unknown to Plaintiffs, the persons or parties intended being all known and unknown heirs-at-law and next-of-kin of Jacqueline L. Lee a/k/a Jacqueline L. Spikes, deceased, late of the City of Buffalo, County of Erie, and State of New York; SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS LLC; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; and AUDREY SPIKES Defendants. SUMMONS WITH NOTICE Index No. 816980/2024 TO: John Roe and Jane Roe, said names being fictitious and unknown to Plaintiffs, the persons or parties intended being all known and unknown heirs-at-law and next-of-kin of Jacqueline L. Lee a/k/a Jacqueline L. Spikes, deceased, late of the City of Buffalo, County of Erie, and State of New York: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorneys an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if the summons is not personally served upon you within the State of New York. The United States, if designated a defendant on this action, may appear or answer within sixty (60) days of service. In case of your failure to answer, judgment

will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. The basis of the venue designated is that the mortgaged property is located in Erie County. TO: John Roe and Jane Roe, said names being fictitious and unknown to Plaintiffs, the persons or parties intended being all known and unknown heirs-at-law and next-of-kin of Jacqueline L. Lee a/k/a Jacqueline L. Spikes, deceased, late of the City of Buffalo, County of Erie, and State of New York: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. John J. Delmonte, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 16th day of July, 2025, and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of Erie County. This is an action for foreclosure of a mortgage made by Charter One Bank, F.S.B., successor by merger to Citizens Bank, N.A. to Jacqueline L. Lee a/k/a Jacqueline

L. Spikes in the original amount of \$24,400.00 with interest, dated June 23, 2000, recorded June 23, 2000 in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Book 12885 at page 9886. The relief sought is the foreclosure of the mortgage lien and the public sale of the mortgaged premises and in case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you extinguishing any interest or judgment lien you may have in the mortgaged premises. The premises indexed in this action are described and commonly known as 332 W. Delavan Avenue, City of Buffalo, County of Erie, State of New York (SBL#: 88.84-1-4). A copy of the full legal description can be obtained by contacting counsel below. Dated: 7/25/2025 COOPER ERVING & SAVAGE LLP Albany, New York BY: Matthew E. Minniefield, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Suite 501 Albany, New York 12211 (518) 449-3900 36



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INDEX NO.: 815542/2024 Date Filed: 06/ 17 /2025 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE MORTGAGED PREMISES: 386 DuShane Drive Buffalo, NY 14223 a/k/a 386 DuShane Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14223 SBL #: 66.60-3-18 Plaintiff designates ERIE County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate. STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF ERIE Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank & Trust Company, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Public Administrator of Erie County, as Administrator of The Estate of Stanislaw S. Kanfold, deceased; Thomas Turnbaugh, as Heir to The Estate of Stanislaw S. Kanfold, deceased; Lacie Marie Rosario, as Heir to The Estate of Stanislaw S. Kanfold, deceased; Unknown Heirs of Stanislaw S. Kanfold, Any and All Unknown heirs of Stanislaw S. Kanfold, all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue Service; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein, TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: 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 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 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 Amended Complaint. 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

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. THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$ 145,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Erie on December 31, 2018 , in Book 13883, Page 1029 covering premises known as 386 DuShane Drive, Buffalo, NY 14223 a/k/a 386 DuShane Drive Tonawanda, NY 14223, SBL #: 66.60-3-18 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. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises. TO the Unknown heirs of Stanislaw S. Kanfold, all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Amended Order of the Hon. Michael A. Siragusa J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Erie dated and filed August 11, 2025. Dated: August 19, 2025 /s/ Deborah M. Gallo Deborah M. Gallo, Esq. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840 New York, New York 10170 Phone: 347.286.7409 Fax: 347-286-7414 Attorneys for Plaintiff, Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank & Trust Company, N.A., 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. 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 Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov. 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. 38

Notice of Formation of Grandpa Roscoe's LLC LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/21/2025 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 80 Brewster St Depew NY 14043. Any lawful purpose. 36

Notice of Formation of (Holly A. Massett, LLC), LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on (06/24/2025). 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 (155 Montbleu drive Getzville NY 14068). Any lawful purpose. 35

Notice of Formation of Broadstone LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on June 8th, 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 (155 Montbleu drive Getzville NY 14068). Any lawful purpose. 37

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